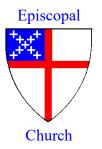
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The Rev. Julie E. Calhoun-Bryant, Priest-in-Charge

June 7, 2023

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite collects from Morning Prayer is the Collect for Guidance:

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We live in God's sight. However, that we live every moment in God's sight frightens some people. They don't like the idea that God's sees and knows EVERY thought and deed and/or they don't like the lack of privacy from God. But - we do more than simply live in God's sight. In God "we live and move and have our being". As the branch receives life and nourishment by being connected to the tree, so we receive life, grace, and joy from being connected to God. We are not just being observed by God, we are invited to share in the life of God, and when God sees us or hears us doing/thinking things we shouldn't, God does so with love and with forgiveness for the asking. It gets even better. God never looks away, so God never misses the moment when we need God most. As Psalm 121 says, "He who watches over you will not fall asleep."

God never falls asleep or looks away - but we do! We are literally incapable of keeping God foremost in our mind and heart every waking moment. This is where the second part of the collect comes in. We ask God to send us the Holy Spirit so that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget God. Much of the time we all behave as if we were little gods, in charge of our own life and in control of our destiny. Christians are not: we belong to Christ. "We have been bought with a price," as St. Paul writes, a steep price. We who are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God, who claim this free gift of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, are called upon to respond with a love and joy of our own. Look to God in Jesus Christ; ask the Holy Spirit to guide and govern you. Live with the awareness of God's presence and you will see God's hand at work.

Mother Julie+



Emmanuel Vestry meets Wednesday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.



With 2-3 checks still out, the preliminary total raised is **\$3055!** Many thanks to Grace Joseph and Jan Bookhout for coordinating such a successful event, to all who set up and worked, and to all who attended. A special thank you to Wendy Wickenden and Jermaine Covington for providing so many baked goods for the bake sale. The money is going to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA.



Mother Julie's Schedule

Mother Julie will be on sabbatical from St. Alban's from June 5 - July 4. Father Gerry Beritela will celebrate Holy Eucharist on the four Sundays. She will continue to be at Emmanuel on Saturday evenings and Wednesdays, though she will be on retreat June 27-30. She is in her 17th year at St. Alban's, but only in her 2nd year at Emmanuel.

She will be on vacation from both parishes July 5 - August 4. At St. Alban's Morning Prayer will be led by Lay Leader Steve Pekich. At Emmanuel Evening Prayer will be led by Lay Leaders Barbara Crane, Lois McEwan, and Deborah McGavin.

Emmanuel Members Please Take Note

The Holy Eucharist and BBQ at Pamela Trendell's house on June 17 has been rescheduled for August 12 due to her knee injury.

Lisa will be in the office from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Friday, June 16 instead of on Thursday, June 15.

Hots Dogs in the Kingdom: June 22, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Emmanuel



In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour * 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist
Sunday	St. Alban's	* 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour
Wednesday	Emmanuel	* 2:00 p.m.: Bible Study

* also on Zoom

Zoom Schedule & Codes

<u>Saturday</u>

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: 812 9701 3112 & 381729

<u>Sunday</u>

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: 826 9515 6305 & 446765

<u>Tuesday</u>

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: 817 4372 7305 & 891158

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**

<u>Use your telephone for Zoom</u>	<u>Sunday at 9:30 a.m.</u>	Other Events		
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That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.				