



The Emmanuel Envoy

May 2018

The Best Things in Life...

So, you might have heard the news that, on April 30th, our family got a dog. Our new dog is a black lab puppy. She was ten weeks old when we picked her up. We named her Haste Leia. Her middle name is the name of a Star Wars character. The kids felt that it was important to have a Star Wars nod in the dog's name. The dog's first name comes to us straight from Bethlehem, where there is a church called "Shepherd's Fields" that commemorates the shepherd's role in the Christmas story. In that church there are four murals and in each of those murals there is a dog. The final mural shows the shepherds and the dog at the manger in Bethlehem and there is a scripture quote from Luke 2 that says, "And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger." Britton has seen those murals in person many times and he always said that, since they went "with haste" and since the dog is in every scene, the dog must be Haste. He has wanted to name a dog Haste for as long as I have known him. That is how Haste got her name.

Haste is a sweet dog, but, oh my goodness, this is a lot of work. I **know** that I wasn't prepared for how much work it is to have a puppy in the house. The first week that we had her, she spent most of her time whining and nothing seemed to entertain or comfort her. She had her days and nights mixed up and would bark and want to play at night, rather than during the day like a civilized dog. (Week two is going better.) I am looking back with fondness to my days of having babies who wore diapers. Haste can't wear diapers and her house training is still pretty hit or miss. We haven't been able to let her near any rugs or soft furniture, in case of an accident. She's another thing, living being, personality, for our family to adjust to, and make room for. She's both a joy and a challenge. I grew up with dogs, but back then my parents did most of the heavy lifting of raising the dogs, night waking and house breaking and setting rules and boundaries so that our dogs would be reasonably pleasant companions. Because I grew up with dogs and because Haste is a sweet dog, I know that this hard work is and will be worth it, but that doesn't mean that it's not an almost overwhelming challenge at times.

That's the thing about life. The things in life that are the most important, the most wonderful, the most meaningful, and the most life giving, often require us to give up something, to make some sacrifice, to shape our lives in new ways, to make room for something new. That is certainly true about faith. Having a meaningful, close, powerful relationship with God takes time and discipline. Having a warm, welcoming, faithful, mutually nurturing and community-oriented church takes participation and commitment. Bringing Jesus' healing power and love into the world in life changing ways, takes sacrifice, imagination, and effort.

With Pentecost approaching, we, as individuals and as a community of faith, are invited and called to see how the Holy Spirit might be moving in our lives and in our world to bring new life to us, our church, and our communities. The work that the Holy Spirit might be calling us to will probably not be easy. The transforming power of the gospel might cause us to change in ways that are challenging and that take hard work and commitment. But when the work we are called to do is in service of the life changing gospel, when the work we are called to do is God's work, we know, that no matter how challenging it is, because it is God's work, it will be worth it!

In Christ,
Pastor Amanda

Prayer Concerns List

Daniel Carow	Jack Gradijan
Bernie Byrnes	Betty Dickson
Helen Hultman	Hans & Ursula Dimpel
Heather Crisafulli	Chelsea & Isabella
Tom Ellard	Paula & Ken Hilston
Nick	Aidan Siera
Jan	Heather Crisafulli
Lennon Family	Grace
Bobby Reeves	Lorraine Lee
Warren Spencer	Susan Tomasello
Paul Dullea	Kevin Donovan
Juno Higgins-Blazes	Rebecca Hendrickson

Remembering Our Shut-ins

Ingrid Bamber and Richard Spencer

Those in the Armed Forces

Christopher Rando

Thank You Notes



A big Emmanuel thank you goes to Vik Benson and his brother Al Benson for forging and installing the new wrought iron railings in the sanctuary. Their donation is a welcome addition to our communing at the altar rail.

Dear Friends at Emmanuel,

What a lovely surprise – the Easter basket. I was not going to open it *until* Easter, but the goodies were too tempting!

I opened the basket and seeing the children's handmade and handwritten cards...it was a very emotional moment.

Thank you all again for your thoughtfulness. See you in church.

Sincerely,
Ann-Marie Blomquist

Dear Emmanuel,

Thanks so much for the lovely Easter basket and visit from you all.

Love to you all.
Elsa Delaplace

Dear Emmanuel,

Thank you so much for my care package! I really appreciate all the thoughts sent my way. Hoping these last three weeks will go by smoothly, and the snacks and materials I received will definitely help with that. Thanks again, and see you in May!

Sincerely,
Bethany Nikolassy

To my Emmanuel family,

Thank you for your many prayers, your good wishes, and all the support I have received. I am most grateful.

Sincerely
Bernie Byrnes

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your donation of 400 books to More Than Words! Your support enables More Than Words to continue to empower youth who are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless or out of school to take charge of their lives by taking charge of a business.

We would love to get you more involved! Please reply and let me know if you are interested in learning about any of these opportunities:

- Coordinate a book drive at your business, place of worship or in your community
- Host a site visit at your place of employment
- Run a workshop on a particular skill related to financial literacy, education, communication, employment skills, etc.
- Come by for a youth led tour of our business to learn more about our model and mission
- Consider making a financial donation to help move more youth to outcomes

From all of us again, we would like to thank you for your contribution.

Regards,
Shaun Newell
Director of Operations, More Than Words

Summer Worship Schedule



We will begin our Summer Worship Schedule on **May 27th**.

Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour Fellowship at 10:30

We will return to our "regular" Worship Schedule once again on **September 9th**

Worship at 8:45 a.m.
Coffee Hour Fellowship and Sunday School Rally Day at 10:00
Worship at 11:15 a.m.

Geraniums for Pentecost

Pentecost is May 20th, and we'll decorate the sanctuary with red geraniums. To sponsor one (or more), it's \$15 for each 8" pot, please use the envelope in your pew to place your order and to designate it in memory/honor of a loved one. You can take your geranium home after the service to enjoy throughout the summer. Envelopes are in the pews! **Last day to order: May 13.**



Leadership Compass



Greetings from the Forward Leadership Team. You are invited to a fun activity to learn more about how you work in a group and more about how others function in a group too.

Sunday June 10
10:45 a.m. to
12:00 p.m.

This is something that the Forward team did in a seminar and it helped us to learn more about our own styles and more about each other too! On **June 10th**, we'll be sharing coffee hour with the congregation and we'll have the opportunity to try the Leadership Compass, a fun, interactive way of learning your personal style and learning how to work with and appreciate people who bring other styles to the table. This knowledge can help you thrive in many interactions: church, friendships, marriage, work, and volunteer settings!

As we move forward together, we invite you to learn more the gifts we all bring to the table as we work, worship, share, and serve together

Book Group



The Book Group will be meeting on Friday evening **June 15 at 7 p.m.** This month's book is *"The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie"* by C. Alan Bradley, (a mystery). At this meeting we'll also choose 2 titles to read over July and August, although we won't meet until September. We'll discuss those books at that time.

Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, **June 17th**, we will be honoring those members and friends of Emmanuel Lutheran Church who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school during the worship service and at a reception afterward. If you are graduating please sign up on the list outside Pastor Amanda's office.



ELC Grants and Camperships

Educational Grant applications and Camp Calumet summer campership applications are available in church hallway. Please complete application and return to the church office no later than **June 15th**. Thank you.



Notice of June Congregational Meeting



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our June Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **June 24th**. It will be held at **10:30 a.m.** in Kask Hall – after our one worship service. Additional parking is available within walking distance of Emmanuel at the Winslow Medical office building on Chapel Street.

Game Night...

May 19th from 6pm – 9 pm in Kask Hall. All are welcome. Bring your favorite game and snack or dessert to share. Signup sheet in church hallway. For more information, please contact Nancy Gorton: fingernails@comcast.net Thank you.

Rummage Sale Thank You

I would like to offer many thanks to all the people who helped with the rummage sale. The proceeds will go to camperships and other items not covered by the church budget.

The benefits of the sale extend far beyond the funds we take in. There is the service to the community, allowing those with tight budgets to find clothing and household goods, which they otherwise couldn't afford. Items not sold we donated to the Community Service Day at the First Congregational Church in Norwood and to Savers who supports the Epilepsy Foundation. All the books, DVDs and CDs go to a wonderful charity, More Than Words.

Thanks to Caryl Ott, Homer Everhard, my sister, Linda Stipkovich (who supplied the wonderful lunches), Ruth Rinker, Evie Sundquist, Joan Carlson, Sally Alborghetti, Greta Carlson, Julie Ackley and Bob, Pastor Amanda, Peg Flood, Martha Everhard, Helen Rezendes, Ruth and Larry Sundberg, Kendra Lassen, Leslie Daskam, Martha Russell, Darlene Conti, Helene Bier, Phyllis Kivi (thanks for the wonderful soup), Karen Swan, Martha Burk, Gerry and Rebecca Canelli, Vik Benson, Ann Frerichs, Cindy and Wayne Zafft, Britton Warner, Judie Aliano, Chris Gradijan and anyone that I've missed. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies to eat. Thanks to our wonderful office staff, Diane Bragg and Alice Wuschke, who published announcements and made signage. More thanks to Helene Bier for handling publicity.

These people moved tables, set signs in place, sorted through mountains of boxes and bags, arranged, rearranged, folded and refolded, checked people out, cooked our meals and snacks, arranged our huge white elephant tables,

carted items to cars for our customers, chatted with customers, bagged and boxed unsold items, brought the leftovers to Savers and the Congregational Church, swept the floors, put the tables and signs away and so on and so on. Even though everyone worked very hard, there was genuine fellowship and good time had by all.

Thanks for cleaning out your houses and all the contributions. (The next rummage sale is October 24-27.)

Thanks and blessings to all of you,
Arlene Cegelis

Collection for Guardian Center (formerly Lutheran Home in Brockton)

Pastor Ken Hilston, who frequently leads worship covering Pastor Amanda's vacations, is the chaplain at The Guardian Center (formerly the Lutheran Home of Brockton. They are in need of a number of items. If there are any you could donate—there is a basket outside the church offices where you might drop them. The residents there would be most appreciative. (Items do not have to be brand new)

You may call the Activity Department 1-508-587-6556 with any questions.

Baby clothes – for folding

Magazines:

Automobile type, Sports – Sports Illustrated,

Any family type magazines, Good

Housekeeping, Family Circle, Opera

Pencils – Pens - Markers

Adult coloring books/pages

Old pocketbooks, gloves

Older Music CD's: Frank Sinatra,

Neil Diamond, Sammy Davis, Jr., Bob Dylan,

BB King, Patti LaBelle, Elvis, Carpenters, etc.

Birthday Wrapping Paper

Greeting cards: birthday, get well, sympathy, etc.

2018 Calendars - as well as older calendars for crafts

Hand Cream – Lotions Kleenex Hair Accessories

THANK YOU



The Chateau Restaurant of Norwood presents:

The Chateau Sponsored Fundraiser

On **Wednesday May 23, 2018**, bring the fundraiser ticket below and enjoy lunch, dinner or order take-out from The Chateau Restaurant of Norwood. When paying your check, give the waitperson your ticket. The ticket will be attached to your check. The Chateau Restaurant will contribute 20% of the total bill to:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

Wednesday~ May 23, 2018

We are providing a community outlet to local non-profit groups for fundraising. This is a great way to raise money for important community organizations that are often not financially supported to the extent of what is needed to succeed.

WEDNESDAY 5/23/18

TIME: 11:30AM-CLOSE

SPONSORED FUNDRAISER

20% OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

**THE CHATEAU RESTAURANT - ITALIAN FAMILY DINING
404 PROVIDENCE HIGHWAY - NORWOOD, MA 02062**

**TAKE OUT ORDERS INCLUDED * TO ORDER CALL 781-762-5335
ONLY ONE TICKET PER GROUP NEEDED * DOES NOT APPLY TO DELIVERY ORDERS**

Tickets are not to be distributed in the restaurant or on restaurant property. Thank you