



## Director of Formation Ministries



Dr. Shannon Vance has joined the staff as Emmanuel's new Formation Minister. Shannon was born in Columbus, Ohio, where her father was a graduate student at The Ohio State University. He received a PH.D. in psychology and went on to a career in academia. When Shannon was twelve her father won a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Egypt giving Shannon an opportunity to live there. She says this changed her entire outlook on life, particularly experiencing a culture with another religion. It was also there she saw extreme poverty for the first time.

Shannon graduated valedictorian from Happy Valley High School which is near Milligan College. She majored in World History at ETSU before going to Michigan State University to study West African History, earning both her Master of Arts and PH.D. degrees. Along the way she received fellowships to study in Africa.

She returned to this area to accept a faculty position at King College. The Buechner Institute introduced Shannon to

a range of Christian philosophers and writers. When Dr. Dale Brown, who had directed the Institute from its inception, died tragically, Shannon assumed the duties of the Buechner Institute, continuing the work as the King Institute for Faith and Culture. Under her leadership the Institute brought a range of speakers including theologians, poets, memoirists, and historians. A number of these lectures have been at Emmanuel.

Shannon has regularly attended the Wednesday Eucharist at Emmanuel and participated in the Adult Catechesis Group. She was confirmed when the bishop was at Emmanuel in September.

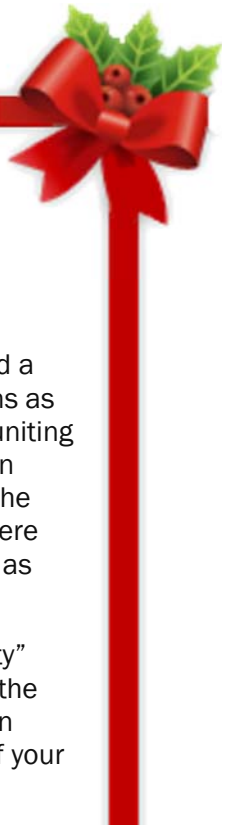
Shannon is excited to join the staff at Emmanuel. Her vision is to help us grow our relationship with Christ in a more guided way, in order to deepen our faith and to live in joy, experiencing the fruits of our spiritual lives in a more tangible way.

Shannon will be commissioned for this ministry on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Join us for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner Monday, December 25 • 4–6:00 p.m.

*From Sharon Kyser, co-chair of the Christmas Dinner*—We speak often of community and communion. I did a quick Google search for “Communion” and found this little tidbit on Wikipedia: “The bond uniting Christians as individuals and groups with each other and with Jesus is described as communion.” I like that—the bond uniting us and Jesus. Perhaps there is no time of year when community and communion are more celebrated than Christmas. 2017 will be the 37<sup>th</sup> year that Emmanuel brings together “Community” and “Communion” in the annual Christmas dinner. An event like this takes lots of planning, and lots of willing hearts and hands. There are many ways to participate in the Christmas Dinner—from waiting tables, to handing out children's gifts, as well as set up before hand and clean up during and after.

Sign-up sheets are available in the parish hall. Come experience firsthand the incredible joy of “Community” and “Communion” in harmony. Oh, and if harmony is your calling, we can always use more voices around the piano. If you have any questions about the dinner or where your hands and feet are needed, talk to Sharon Kyser or Fred Knickerbocker, or any of the wonderful folks that have served with us before. Share some of your Christmas spirit with us; you'll be glad you did.



# Parish Life: Activities, Events, News

## December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Staff meetings are every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.		1	2 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist
3 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	4	5 6 p.m. Social Club	6 Meals on Wheels 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 4 p.m. Oakmont 6 p.m. Young Adults	7 10 a.m. Lectionary Study	8	9 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist
10 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation. 2 p.m. Brookdale	11	12	13 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 4 p.m. Oakmont 5:30 p.m. Finance 6 p.m. Young Adults 7 p.m. Choir	14 10 a.m. Lectionary Study	15	16 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist
17 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	18 Last day to submit 2017 reimbursements January Messenger Deadline	19	20 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6 p.m. Young Adults 7 p.m. Choir	21 10 am Lectionary Study	22	23 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist
24 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation 2 p.m. Brookdale 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist 10 p.m. Holy Eucharist	25 4-6:00 p.m. Christmas Dinner  <b>Parish Office Closed for Christmas</b>	26	27 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6 p.m. Young Adults 7 p.m. Choir	28 10 am Lectionary Study	29 6 p.m. Christmas Concert	30 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist
31 8 & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Faith Formation	1 <b>Parish Office Closed for New Year's Day</b>	2	3 Meals on Wheels 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 4 p.m. Oakmont 6 p.m. Young Adults	4 10 am Lectionary Study	5	6 5 p.m. The Feast of the Epiphany (Church) Youth-Snow Tubing

## Lay Minister Schedule & Propers

### Sunday, December 10–The Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1–11; Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13; 2 Peter 3:8–15a;  
Mark 1:1–8  
8:00 a.m. Lector..... TBD  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Chris Yoder  
Intercessor..... Bob Hardee  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers.....Chris Yoder and TBD  
Ushers..... Jade and Justin Carson  
Acolytes.....Hagan, Blaine, Ford, Graham

### Sunday, December 24–The Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16; Canticle 3 or Canticle 15 or  
Psalm 89:1–4, 19–26; Romans 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38

### Sunday, December 24–Christmas Eve 5:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Isaiah 52:7–10; Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1–12; John 1:1–14

*If you are available to serve as a lector, intercessor, Eucharistic minister, or usher during our December 24 services, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.*

### Sunday, December 17–The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11; Psalm 126 or Canticle 15;  
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28  
8:00 a.m. Lector ..... Dave Zochowski  
10:30 a.m. Lector..... Mary Beth Rainero  
Intercessor..... Sharon Kyser  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers ...Fred Knickerbocker and Jeremy M<sup>c</sup>Laughlin  
Ushers ..... Nell and Dan Bieger  
Acolytes..... Tucker, Josie, Judson, Lola

### Sunday, December 31–The First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10–62:3; Psalm 147 or 147:13–21;  
Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7; John 1:1–18  
8:00 a.m. Lector ..... TBD  
10:30 a.m. Lector..... Tom Hairston  
Intercessor..... Janet Jayne  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers .....Tom Hairston and Walt Bressler  
Ushers ..... TBD  
Acolytes..... TBD

### Sunday, January 7–The First Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 1:1–5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1–7; Mark 1:4–11  
8:00 a.m. Lector ..... Frank Goodpasture III  
10:30 a.m. Lector .....Paul Pratt  
Intercessor ..... Walt Bressler  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers ..... Walt Bressler and Tom Rogers  
Ushers ..... TBD  
Acolytes ..... TBD

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## DECEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Mary Curtin, Rachel Morgan, Joyce Rodgers, Christina Zochowski
- 6 Martha Litton
- 7 Mary Beth Rainero
- 10 Lint Ellington
- 11 Robyn Kealey, Ez Powers, Mayne Versteegen
- 12 Julie Hairston-Murdock
- 13 Melissa Taverner
- 15 Thelma Blair, Bob Bruce
- 16 Chad Couch
- 22 Loretta Trayer
- 24 Mary Armstrong, Doris Hagey, Audra Jones, Elizabeth Oakley
- 25 Kira Adams
- 30 Robert Rodgers, Matt Wood, Isaac Harris
- 31 Mike Johnston

### DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Gwen and Archie Hubbard
- 10 Audrey and Sarfraz Zaidi
- 16 Stephanie and Chris Yoder
- 20 Bettie and Jim Hite, Barbara Sue and Joe Kurre
- 23 Viki and David Bettis
- 31 Tina and Ed Hitt, Shauna Nefos and Michael Webb

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Paul Anderson, Ruby Barber, Diane Bedwell, Shelby, Doug, Carol Biegler, Henry Brewer, Steve Brickley, Eda Brink, Barbara Bunn, Cindy, Charlie Callahan, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Horace Crenshaw, Willie Crumley, Ivy Daniels, Alva, Paul Fennick, Bertha Holloman, Devin Williams Hancock, Tom Hurt, Michael Johnston, Joe Kurre, Donald McCathy, Amber McLeroy, Kristi Malone, Ann Martin-Thomas, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, George Miller, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Nona Morgan, Rachel Morgan, Maggie Nefos, Laura Pearson, Jud Powers, Jan Ransom, Sharon Reed, Rick Rimer, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Kathy Story, Mary Jo Thomas, Audrey Zaidi, and Jeanne

## Stewardship

Among all of the busy holiday season activities, December is when many folks consider end-of-year gifts to various, worthy charities. Here are a few ways in which you can provide added financial support to Emmanuel as you think about end-of-year charitable gifts:

- Make final 2017 pledge payments
- Special gift in memory of loved ones
- Gifts of thanksgiving for personal blessings or to honor someone special
- Gifts to the Mary Landrum Music Fund
- Contributions to the Endowment Fund

REMINDER: Don't forget to complete and turn in your 2018 pledge.

*Emmanuel's Stewardship Committee*

## Vestry Minutes

The October 23, 2017 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:30, beginning with a prayer.

Members present: Barbara Sue Kurre, Greg Oakley, Barbara Walling, Michael Webb, Audrey Zaidi, Jade Carson, Tom Hairston, Richard Wolfe  
Members absent: Sharon Kyser, Jeremy McLaughlin, Tom Rogers

The minutes of the September 18, 2017 Vestry meeting were unanimously approved.

### Rector's Report

- Overall attendance for September: Sunday/Saturday - 118; Wednesdays - 11; Brookdale - 8; Oakmont - 11
- Daughters of the King chapter is up and running at Emmanuel. Linda Rector is managing the prayer lists and the group is taking on the ministry of Welcome Bags for first time visitors to Emmanuel.
- The Diocesan assessment (Voluntary Proportional Giving) for 2018 was distributed.
- The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017 between the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Bagels and fruit will be provided.
- A service technician evaluated the oven and reported it was in good working order. His

advice was not to replace it but to allow more time for the oven to pre-heat. The cost of the call was \$90.00. We have an estimate for a replacement at \$4,200. The vestry agreed not to replace the stove and to advise cooks to allow more time for pre-heating.

- The Soup Kitchen has been covered by Emmanuel for the month of October. Thank you to everyone who has worked this ministry.
- A spaghetti dinner is being planned for Thursday, November 16, 2017. Spike Tickle and Mike Riley will do the cooking and donations will be accepted for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

### Senior Warden Report

- In her absence, Fr. Joe reported that Sharon Kyser and Fred Knickerbocker have begun preparations for the annual Christmas dinner.

### Junior Warden Report (reported by Fr. Joe)

- We are still waiting on an estimate to build the closet for vestments. Hopefully we will have it this week.
- New handles have been installed on the bell tower doors, and the new thermostats have been installed.

### Treasurer's Report

- Greg gave us a draft of the 2018 budget compared to the last three years. This is still a work in progress. There will be a called Finance meeting to finalize the budget before the annual meeting.

### New Business

- Tom Hairston asked about the timing of sending the pledge letter. In the past it has been passed out at the annual meeting. Anyone not in attendance would then receive it in the mail the following week. It was decided that this would be the most efficient way to do it.
- Michael Webb asked about the possibility of a "Christmas Shopping Night" with child-care provided by the church. November 30<sup>th</sup> was discussed as a possible date. Child care providers will have to be finalized for this to happen.
- A work session for both the outgoing and incoming vestry will be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will start at 9:00 AM.
- The next Vestry meeting will be Monday, November 20 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34p.m.



**DECEMBER 2017**  
**MESSENGER**

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**MESSENGER**

*The deadline to submit information for the January 2018 Messenger is December 18. Please be prompt.*

**Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany at Emmanuel**

December 3

The First Sunday of Advent  
*Christ will come again!*

December 10

The Second Sunday of Advent  
*The Message of Isaiah and John the Baptist: Prepare!*

December 17

The Third Sunday of Advent  
*Annual Brunch at Nine-Thirty and the Children's Pageant at Ten-Thirty*

December 24

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
*The Angel Gabriel Visits St. Mary*

Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Children's Time with Father Joe  
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eucharist  
10:00 p.m. Christmas Carols and Eucharist

Christmas Day

4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Dinner in the Parish Hall

January 6

5:00 p.m. The Feast of the Epiphany (Church)

Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Rite I  
10:30 a.m. Rite II  
Holy Eucharist

**SUNDAY**

**FAITH FORMATION**  
9:15 a.m. Catechesis  
of the Good Shepherd

Youth Formation

9:30 a.m.  
Adult Formation

**WEDNESDAY**

12:15 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist &  
Prayers for Healing  
Bledsoe Chapel

6:00 p.m.  
Young Adult Formation

Choir  
7:00 p.m.

**BIBLE STUDY**

10 a.m.  
Thursday

**SATURDAY  
SERVICE**

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist