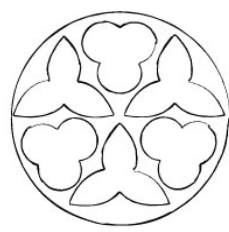


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Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 12

Chris Thacker celebrates 8 years of service to Emmanuel
Deadline to sign up for the Pizza and King Cake party

Saturday, February 14

7:45 **Float Riders arrive at church to load throws onto Mardi Gras float - EBC Parking Lot**

10:00 **Mardi Gras Parade Watching Party - in front of Sanctuary**

after parade **Pizza and King Cake - FLC**

Sunday, February 15

9:00 Breakfast

9:30 Bible Study

10:50 Worship - *Kate Murphy is guest preacher*

Noon **Deacons Meeting and Lunch - Weems Hall**
No Youth Choir or Life
No Emmanuel Ringers

Mon., Feb. 16 and Tues., Feb. 17

Public and Day School Closed - Mardi Gras Holiday

Wednesday, February 18

Noon **Mid Day Ash Wednesday Service - Bolton Chapel**

5:00 Supper - Weems Hall

5:15 Nursery (*Birth - 2 years old*) - Room 129, Preschool Wing

6:00 **Intergenerational Ash Wednesday Service - Weems Hall**

No Music and Missions or Youth Activities; FLC is closed.

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday of Lent

Monday, February 23

Day School registration opens to the general public

Wednesday, February 25

Business & Prayer Meeting - 5:45, Weems Hall

Children's Committee - 5:45, Room 106A

Thursday, February 26

H2O Homeless Outreach - 10:00 - Noon, EBC Parking Lot

Mission of the Month: February



Paper Products for Hope House and Friendship House

paper towels * napkins * toilet paper

Drop off point is the Mission Corner in Weems Hall

Pizza & Pysanky Eggs

**Sunday, March 1, 2015
Bolton Art Gallery, FLC**

Noon to 2:30 p.m.
3rd Grade through adults

\$15 covers Pizza & Supplies

Enrollment is limited - the deadline is Thursday, February 26.
RSVP by calling the church office at 442-7773.

Bring clothing suitable for art activities!

Supplies Needed

We need embellishments for the project that members will do during the Intergenerational Service next Wednesday, February 18. If you have any of the following items that you can donate to Emmanuel please drop them off in the church office before Tuesday, February 17. All items should be small (less than 1 inch). If you have any questions call the church office at 442-7773.

seashells (broken or whole), screws, washers or nails, buttons, puzzle pieces, old keys, pea gravel

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MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras 2015

****Parade Float Riders****

**Saturday, February 14
7:45**

Arrive at church no later than 7:45 with your beads/throws to load onto the bus before the bus leaves church to line up in the parade.

****Parade Watching Party****

**Saturday, February 14
10:00**

in front of EBC Sanctuary

Parade Watching Party - Church members of all ages are invited to a Children's Mardi Gras Parade Watching Party. Parade watching is free, but the Pizza and King Cake lunch is \$2 for children 11 & under, \$4 for ages 12 to adult, or \$12 family max. **RSVP to the church office by Thursday, February 12, if you and your family plan to stay after the parade for pizza and king cake.**

ACTIVITIES

Pysanky and Pizza

Sunday, March 1

Noon

**FLC Large Art Gallery
(3rd grade - adult)**

It's that time of year to create beautiful Pysanky eggs. The cost is \$15 per person and covers lunch and all supplies. RSVP to the church office by Thursday, February 26. Space is limited and spots are first come, first serve.

GRATITUDE

Dear Emmanuel Family,

You surrounded us with your prayers, delicious meals, beautiful cards and notes, memorials, and best of all, your presence and comfort.

We're grateful for all of this and for every one of you.

*Frances and Nippy Blair
Ginny and Bob Butler*

Thank you to everyone who came out Sunday to support our Youth. By donating a dessert, buying a meal or bidding like crazy for the yummy desserts, you have shown the youth that they are important to you. The money raised will help pay for Camp in Jacksonville, FL and LABASYC.

Again, thank you for investing in our youth.

Elizabeth Walker

LENT 2015

Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, February 18

**Mid Day Service
Noon in Bolton Chapel**

**Intergenerational Service
6:00 in Weems Hall**

For the Intergenerational Service nursery is provided for children ages birth - 2 years in the Preschool wing. Children 3 years - 12th grade will attend and participate in the Intergenerational Service so there are no Music and Missions or Youth activities on this evening. The FLC is closed.

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WORSHIP

Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching

Since 2007 Baptist Women in Ministry has encouraged Baptist churches to participate in the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This emphasis allows our congregations to celebrate the gifts and callings of women in the work of God's Kingdom.

Given our history, we gratefully join more than 200 Baptist churches in celebrating the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching this year. On this Sunday, we are pleased to welcome Kate Murphy as our preacher for the morning service. Kate has faithfully served as a deacon of Emmanuel since 2011. She also served for two-and-a-half years as the Coordinator for our Youth Ministry. We recognize Kate's gifts in ministry, particularly her intentional crafting of language for worship, and we look forward to hearing a word from the Lord on February 15.

MISSIONS

Mission of the Month: February

Paper Products for Hope House and Friendship House

During the month of February Emmanuel is receiving donations of napkins, paper towels and toilet paper for Hope House and Friendship House. Drop off point is the Mission Corner in Weems Hall.

H2O Homeless Outreach

Thursday, February 26

10:00 - Noon

EBC Parking Lot

LIBRARY NOTES

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Note: *All the Light We Cannot See*, a 2014 National Book Award Finalist, will soon be available to be checked out in the EBC Library.

In Paris, 1934, lives a young girl, who is blind, and her remarkable father, a curator at the Paris Museum of Natural History. At the same time a brilliant orphaned boy lives in a small German mining town. Their lives could not be more different, yet they are connected, through the miracle of sound. Through the next ten years of the Nazi regime of terror - the turmoil and loss of French occupation - the inhumane training of the best and brightest in a Hitler Youth Camp - their lives are forever changed. Then in 1944, sound again brings a brief convergence of their lives that restores our belief that there is good in the world and it can survive in the face of horror. The last faint connection of their lives in 2014 is poignant and life affirming.

The book gives detailed insight into the lives of ordinary people during the Nazi occupation of France and the brutal and ruthless training of German youth for the battlefields of World War II.

Review by Daphne Robinson

DAY SCHOOL

Registration for 2015 - 2016

Early Registration is Open

Regular Registration begins Feb. 23

Day School early registration for the 2015 - 2016 school year is open for current Day School students and children and grandchildren of Emmanuel members. Regular registration opens to the general public on Monday, February 23.