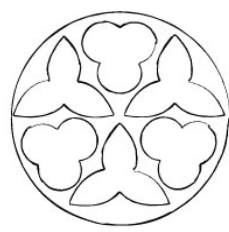




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Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 7

2:00 - 4:00 **Youth prep food and decorate for Valentine's Banquet - Weems Hall**

Sunday, February 8

9:00 Breakfast
9:30 Bible Study
10:50 Worship
Noon **Youth Fundraiser: Valentine's Banquet and Dessert Auction - Weems Hall**
3:00 **Dancing on the Keys Benefit Concert - St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**
4:30 Youth Choir - *Choir Room*
5:15 Youth Life - *Weems Hall*
6:15 Emmanuel Ringers - *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, February 10

10:00 **Esther Bible Study - Room 111**

Wednesday, February 11

5:00 Supper - *Weems Hall*
5:15 Kiddie Corral open (*Birth - 2 years*) - *FLC*
5:30 Early Room (*3, 4 & 5 yr olds*) - *Preschool Wing Rm 124*
5:45 **Prayer Meeting**
5:45 Mission Friends & Preschool Choir - *Preschool Wing*
5:45 Music Makers - *3rd Floor*
5:45 Young Musicians - *2nd Floor*
5:45 Youth Rec and Activities - *FLC*
5:15 **Finance Committee - Room 106A**
6:30 G.A.s & R.A.s - *2nd Floor*
6:30 Youth Element - *Youth Room*
7:00 Sanctuary Choir
7:15 Children & Youth dismiss (*FLC Open for grades 1-6*)
7:30 FLC Closed (*except to children whose parents are in choir or committee meetings*)

Looking Ahead

Thursday, February 12

Chris Thacker celebrates 8 years of service to Emmanuel

Deadline to sign up for Pizza and King Cake Party

Saturday, February 14

Parade Watching Party, 10:00 - *in front of the Emmanuel Sanctuary along Jackson Street*

Pizza and King Cake Party - *immediately following the parade in the Family Life Center*

Martha Stearns Marshall

Month of Preaching

Martha Stearns Marshall was a prophetic, pastoral voice of the 18th century in America. She and her husband, Daniel, were Separate Baptists. They were both eloquent preachers who moved to Sandy Creek, North Carolina, where they started a congregation with a commitment to the earnest proclamation of God's truth. In their church, the Marshalls encouraged both men and women to pray and preach according to the Spirit's leadership.

Since 2007 Baptist Women in Ministry, a partner organization of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, 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. It also presents an opportunity to invite into the pulpit a woman who has never had the opportunity to preach.

Emmanuel is no stranger to female voices in the pulpit. In recent years, our own Rev. Susan Cauley has preached masterfully on numerous occasions. We've also enjoyed the preaching of Dr. Rosanne Osborne, ordained by Emmanuel and now serving as pastor of Beulah United Methodist Church in Marthaville.

Given our history, we gratefully join more than 200 Baptist churches in celebrating the Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching this year. On February 15, 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 as part of our ministerial staff 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.

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YOUTH FUNDRAISER



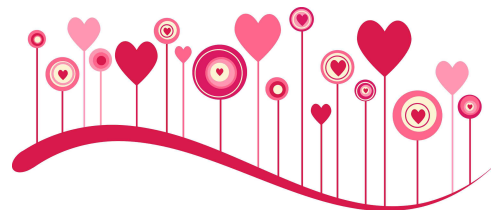
Desserts Needed

Youth Dessert Auction Fundraiser

Sunday, February 8

immediately following the Youth Valentine's Banquet Fundraiser

Homebaked goodies go on the auction block to help raise money for youth summer camp. Please contact Greg Carroll, Elizabeth Walker or the church office if you would like to donate a dessert for the youth to auction.



Valentine's Sweetheart Banquet and Dessert Auction Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, February 8

Noon in Weems Hall

Join us for a meal served by the youth of Emmanuel then stay for the Dessert Auction and bid for your favorite sweet.

Please contact Elizabeth Walker, Greg Carroll or the church office if you would like to donate a dessert for the youth to auction.

DAY SCHOOL

Registration for 2015 - 2016
Early Registration begins Feb. 2
Regular Registration begins Feb. 23

Day School early registration for the 2015 - 2016 school year opens on Monday, February 2, for current Day School students and children and grandchildren of Emmanuel members. Remember - all Day School openings are first come, first serve. Regular registration opens to the general public on Monday, February 23.

INFO UPDATE

Temporary Address

Ida Sampson is staying with her son, Joel, while she receives treatment for breast cancer. You can send her a note or card at the following address:

Ida Sampson
c/o Joel Sampson
229 E. Washington St.
Quincy, FL 32351

GRATITUDE

With Gratitude . . .

We express heartfelt thanks to all who spoke kind words and shared memories during prayer meeting last Wednesday. We were touched by your stories, both the tender and the hilarious. Serving alongside the Emmanuel family for these 25 years is a rare privilege, one for which we are deeply grateful.

With love and appreciation,
Jerry and Susan

YOUTH

Valentine's Banquet
Decorating and Food Prep
Saturday, February 7

2:00 - 4:00 in Weems Hall

All hands on deck to prepare for the Valentine's Banquet on Sunday, February 8.

Banquet and Dessert Auction

For the banquet on Sunday wear comfortable clothing and shoes in any combination of black, white and red. The youth will dismiss from worship service early to be waiting to serve as everyone comes in. Plan to stay until the end of the event to help clean up.

MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras 2015
Alexandria Children's
Mardi Gras Parade
Saturday, February 14

Ride the Float - Due to limited float space, children who participate in Wednesday/Sunday activities will have first priority. **RSVP by Friday, February 6 - ALL children riding the Emmanuel Mardi Gras float must have a medical release form on file.** Bring your own throws (beads and/or candy) and wear your Krewe of Emmanuel t-shirt. Adults needed to chaperone as float riders or walkers.

Parade Watching Party - Church members of all ages are invited to a Children's Mardi Gras Parade Watching Party. We'll meet in front of the Sanctuary on Saturday, February 14, to watch the parade, then stick around for pizza and king cake. Parade watching is free, but 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.**

MUSIC

Dancing On the Keys
Sunday, February 8

3:00

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Come and hear pianist Dr. Charles Jones (music faculty at Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts) provide music by Mozart, Liszt and Nazareth.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 students and are available from Red River Music, Nugent Music and Audio or Susan Cauley.

All proceeds from this concert will benefit the Dan Hill Memorial Scholarships. Dan was a brilliantly talented pianist who had a strong following here at Emmanuel. These scholarships will be given in Dan's memory to deserving college music majors. See Susan Cauley for tickets or to make a donation if you are unable to attend.

LENT

Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday, February 18

Mid Day Service

Noon

Bolton Chapel

Intergenerational Service

6:00

Weems Hall

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

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.

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 Wednesday, February 25. Space is limited and spots are first come, first serve.