



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Appreciative Inquiry with Helen Daley

On point with continuing the work through our Strategic Plan for Emmanuel, we are excited to be hosting an evening of Appreciative Inquiry, led by Helen Daley, on May 17th at 7:00 pm.

Appreciative Inquiry (AI) emphasizes inquiry into strengths of an organization. It offers a positive, strengths-based approach to organizational development and change management. It is meant to be engaging, fun and an energizing adventure to assist organizations to move forward and expand in a variety of ways. AI is primarily an organizational development method which focuses on increasing what an organization does well rather than on eliminating what it does badly. Through an inquiry which appreciates the positive and engages all levels of an organization, it seeks to renew, develop and build on this—particularly in organizations facing change or growth. To learn more about AI, visit www.appreciativeinquiry.case.edu.

We invite you to join us and become a voice in the continued effort to make Emmanuel a better place for all. Please email info@emmanuelwr.org for more information.



Helen Daley is a member of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham where she has served as Vestry member as well as Jr. and Sr. Warden. She currently serves this Diocese as a Business Consultant, Congregational Coach and a Priest-in-Charge consultant. In addition, Helen serves on the Washington National Cathedral Massachusetts Executive Committee and has served in the past on the Executive Committees for both Ohio and Michigan. She also leads Appreciative Inquiry, Mutual Ministry Reviews and Vestry Retreats, as well as "Welcoming: Practical Tips" programs to help parishes develop individual welcoming ministries.



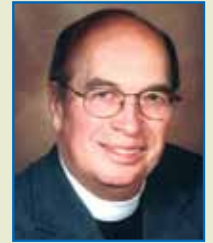
*Pictured left to right:
Father Robert Edson,
Jane Casamajor,
Allison Griggs, Janine
Hollon, Megan Roman,
Frank Busconi and
Ed Fleming*

Congratulations to our Class of 2012

On April 28, 2012, Emmanuel had a large presence of parishioners being Confirmed or Received at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, with Bishop Tom Shaw officiating. Those Confirmed were Frank Busconi, Jane Casamajor, Allison Griggs and Janine Hollon, with Ed Fleming and Megan Roman being Received. Please take a moment to congratulate them on this next step in their spiritual journey.

a message from

Father Robert



A race worth running

After the initial shock and awe of the discovery of the empty tomb, the disciples at first were quiet, but then had to go and tell others what they found. The other disciples couldn't believe such incredible news and ran to see for themselves. What they found was an empty tomb and what they saw later was the risen Christ who talked and ate with them. He was the same, yet different.

With the Boston marathon having been run, I am reminded of how Saint Paul compares living the Christian life with running a race.

In a race all compete but only one receives the prize. We must run in such a way that we may win.

1 Corinthians 9:24

Since we are surrounded with so great a cloud of witnesses...

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Emmanuel Church is growing because of your commitment and involvement. I would encourage each of you to persevere in faith as you offer your gifts in the service of Christ. Living out our Christian faith requires maximum effort of keeping our focus on representing Christ wherever we are. We must give our utmost effort because nothing less than our very best will do.



Janine and Allison at the Peace Wall in Belfast.

Janine and Allison have been parishioners at Emmanuel since March of 2011. Janine is currently finishing her Master's in Urban and Regional Public Policy at Northeastern University and Allison is an Associate Computational Biologist at the Broad Institute.

What religious tradition were you brought up in?

Janine was raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, while Allison was raised in the United Church of Christ.

What first drew you to Emmanuel?

When we were married, we decided to have a secular wedding and explore our religious beliefs together. About a year ago, we decided it was time to recommit to our faith, and we chose the Episcopal church as a compromise between our Catholic and Protestant backgrounds. First and foremost, we wanted to be seen as a couple interested in strengthening our relationship with God. Emmanuel stood out amongst the regional Episcopal parishes as a congregation united by faith that was eager to include us in its worship.

What keeps you coming back?

We recently vacationed in Europe, and one of our stops was in Belfast, Northern Ireland. A quote painted on a wall read "A nation that keeps one eye on the past is wise. A nation that keeps two eyes on the past is blind." We feel that Emmanuel is wise, helping us to keep the tradition and history of our faith relevant to the events of our everyday lives. Being active members of this parish grounds and guides us as we strive to move through our lives with honesty, morality, and integrity.

What do you think Emmanuel has to offer the community?

Emmanuel offers a place to experience God's love and forgiveness. Ideally, our congregation reflects that in its day to day interaction with the community.

What would you say to someone considering joining Emmanuel or looking for a new place of worship?

We welcome anyone who is interested in pursuing, reclaiming or continuing their Christian faith in an environment that draws on tradition to interpret our present.

Empty Cross, Empty Tomb

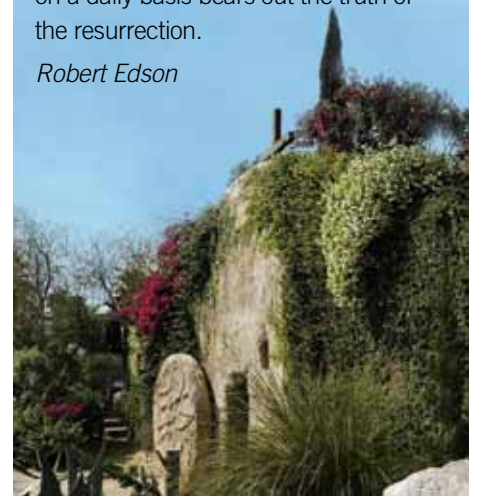
The Easter season brings with it the sense of renewal of the earth, reminding us of the need for renewal of our spiritual lives as well.

The mockery of Jesus' trial and the shame of his ordeal on the cross are overshadowed by the glory of his resurrection. The humiliation of Good Friday is turned into the triumph of Easter. As Christians, we are a people of both the empty cross and the empty tomb.

To walk with Christ on his journey from suffering to triumph is what gives meaning to Christian living. It is he who walks with us and shares our burdens and rejoices in our victories. His victory is our victory as we draw strength from his example of courage in living a life of authenticity and wholeness.

The story doesn't end with Christ's death on the cross any more than it ends with his triumph on the Day of Resurrection. The story continues in us as we live out his mission in the world. Christianity is a way of living because applying our faith on a daily basis bears out the truth of the resurrection.

Robert Edson



Please Recycle at Emmanuel!



Use the **BLUE** Recycle bins in the hallway, kitchen, and parish hall!

Acceptable Materials for Recycling

- Newspaper (with inserts)
- Magazines/Catalogues
- Junk mail
- White & colored paper bags
- Telephone books
- Flattened food boxes
- Paperback books
- Milk and juice cartons
- Juice/soy milk boxes

- Flattened cardboard boxes
- Pizza boxes
- Glass bottles/jars
- Tin and aluminum cans foil, and pie plates (lids and labels ok)
- All plastic containers
- NEW! cardboard/spiral cans (potato chip, coffee, nut cans)
- NEW! rigid plastics (laundry baskets, buckets, toys, etc.)

Unacceptable Materials for Recycling

- Styrofoam
- plastic bags
- motor oil, chemical containers
- ceramics or dishes
- light bulbs, window glass, mirrors
- yard waste
- food waste
- televisions
- computer monitors

EXPLORING OUR HISTORY

The Good Shepherd finds a new place at Emmanuel

Some of you may have noticed the triptych painting now hanging in the children's corner of the church. Recently framed, The Good Shepherd was painted by Sears Gallagher, a well known Boston artist who gave the painting to Emmanuel Church in 1939. It previously hung as the front piece of the Children's Altar but was removed when that altar was temporarily used as Emmanuel's "low" altar until last year.

Sears Gallagher was born in 1869 in South Boston. He married the former Charlotte Dodge, a parishioner at Emmanuel Church, in 1895 and became a life-long member of the parish. The Gallaghers built a home at 307 LaGrange Street and both of their children, Bradford Dodge Gallagher (b. 1904) and



Katharine Sears Gallagher (b. 1906) were baptized and confirmed at Emmanuel Church.

Sears Gallagher became a famous watercolor and oil painter, illustrator, and etcher. A number of his paintings are currently held by the Spanierman Art Gallery in New York City.

Gallagher died in 1955. His funeral was conducted at Emmanuel Church and he is buried at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Brookline.

Emmanuel Memories by Edward Barrett

As one of the "senior" parishioners of The Parish of Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury, I thought it might be interesting to document my personal experiences and observations of over the years beginning about 1940. Now this is not meant to be a precise history of Emmanuel, but merely a series of snapshots or vignettes as seen first through the eyes of a very young child, progressing through teenager and young adult years, all stored in an imprecise seventy five year old memory. The faces of the men and women who nurtured my life in the Church are clear to me even today, unfortunately the names of many have slipped away. But I like to think they are guiding me still as I assemble and present this series of precious memories.

I was born in Brookline, and baptized in venerable St. Paul's Episcopal Church in January, 1937—my mother's church. I remember her telling me that I giggled as the minister (she never used the word "priest"), the Rev. Lichtenberger, made the sign of the cross on my forehead. In 1938 we moved to 215 Park Street in West Roxbury, one long block away from Emmanuel. I don't know for sure, but I believe it was my mother's decision for us to attend Emmanuel.



My very first recollection of being at Emmanuel was probably in 1940 when the Rev. Paul Schultz was the rector. I clearly recall being on the lower level, just inside the double door where there was a piano. It was surrounded by probably a dozen Sunday School children singing hymns led by Mr. Ray Brown. Mr. Brown was a real estate developer (something I learned later) who, with his wife, graciously dedicated untold hours to the children of Emmanuel Church. He was to become a major influence in my church life. I can still recall from my first few years Mr. Brown's rich, melodious voice leading the children in singing: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, *Jesus Calls Us from the Tumult* and the stirring *Onward, Christian Soldiers*.

But on that very first day, because Mr. Brown wore a black cassock and directed the simple service in the children's chapel, I was in awe of him. After Sunday School I ran up the stairs and proclaimed to my parents, "There's another Mr. Schultz down there!"

The photo is of the Rev. Paul Schultz, welcoming children in 1941.



CONSCIENTIOUSNESS

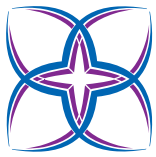
Of all the valuable qualities and traits I learned, one I especially value is the quality of conscientiousness. Knowing and doing the right thing and having a reputation for dependability, wholeness and integrity is a mark for which everyone should strive.

Those who can't be relied upon are seldom able to get themselves together. Too often they have little or no remorse over their lack of responsibility and sadly have not absorbed the fundamental difference between right and wrong, good and evil, truth and falsehood. The world desperately needs people with reliability, dependability and conscientiousness.

The world needs those who want to do the right thing for the right reason and are willing to take responsibility for their mistakes. We need people with a good conscience who can be trusted and counted on to follow through with their intentions. To be known for reliability and dependability is a quality of infinite value. We are better off for reliable people who can be counted on to follow through. The world would be much worse off without them.

Robert Edson





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EMMANUEL EVENTS

BAPTISM OF STUART CHABAN-GRIFFITH May 6 at 10:00 am, Reception to follow

CHURCH AND YARD CLEAN UP May 12 at 9:00 am

We need everyone to show up and pitch in to make this a success! We are getting a dumpster for the trash and will be cleaning out the parish hall and offices. We will also be cleaning the yard and getting the flower beds ready for planting. Save the date!

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY May 17 at 7:00 pm

EMMANUEL'S ANNUAL YARD AND BAKE SALE June 9 at 10:00 am



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Help us help others. Please be generous and bring a weekly donation of food for the Roslindale Food Bank.

Join us each Sunday!

Sunday School at 9:45 am
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am

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