

The Emmanuel Envoy

June - July 2019

Words cannot express how grateful we are to all of the people of Emmanuel for the beautiful work that has been done on Sunshine Sanctuary (aka the Parsonage) this spring and summer. When we moved into Sunshine Sanctuary, we were so impressed with how it had been maintained. The floors were shining, the walls were freshly painted, there were working and, in some cases, new, appliances, the wiring had been updated, and it was clean. It was the first place that we had ever moved into that we didn't have to clean before we moved in!

It fit our family beautifully and we have been very happy there from the time that we moved in. As you might know, our only concern about the house was that it only had one full bathroom, which, we worried might become a challenge as our children grew older. When I had my call vote, you graciously committed to putting a new full bathroom into the parsonage as soon as the money was saved for that endeavor.

Of course, we are grateful to everyone in the congregation, whose faithful stewardship made these renovations possible. We are grateful to the finance team and church council who never let the goal of putting the new bathroom into the parsonage slip away from the priorities of the church as they were managing the budget. We are grateful for everyone who is involved in the property management who helped plan for this project. But we are especially grateful to Joy Peter who managed this project from beginning to end, who sought out bids, met with contractors, supervised the project, guarded every penny of the church's money, gave so much of her time, mental and physical energy, and creativity, shopped for all of the accessories for the project, kept track of who was coming when and what was needed for them, and made on the ground, in the moment decisions that made the project turn out even better than we could have hoped. This is probably an incomplete list of all that Joy did to make this project a success, but you get the idea.

Now that all has been said and done, we have a new master bathroom, a new multi-use room where the breezeway used to be, an asbestos free basement, and soon, we will have a new wall in the basement that help us to meet the requirements for egress in that space in case of a fire. Some of those projects required additional funds, as they were beyond the scope of the original, but in terms of the original bathroom and breezeway project that was approved by the congregation at the January 2019 congregational meeting, I am thrilled, amazed, and, again, grateful to day that the project came in \$21.72 under budget!

Now, we would like to invite you to come and see what has been done at Sunshine Sanctuary. I know that it's a little strange to invite people to come see your bathroom, but that's what we're doing. On Sunday, September 1, Britton and the kids and I will be hosting coffee hour at Sunshine Sanctuary and anyone who would like to is welcome to come and see the renovations. I hope that you will be able to come!

Have I mentioned that we are grateful?

In Christ,

Pastor Amanda

Prayer Concerns List

Bernie Byrnes	Susan Tomasello
Jeff Pitman	Tony Nikolassy
Sue Becker	Fred Mueller
Lyndsay Boysen	Jody Gebhardt
Robert Flynn	Patrick Donovan
Christopher Upton	Larry Coffin
Heather Crisafulli	Jack Gradijan
Jovanni Sanchez-Colon	Christine Howard
Tom Ellard	Joan Bussow
John A. Grant	Emma White
George Haras	Rick Martin
Jody Spillane	Ruth McHugh
Gordon Sheek	Pat Sheek

Remembering Our Homebound members

Ingrid Bamber and Richard Spencer

Confirmation Sunday

The Rite of Confirmation was celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, June 9th. The following members of our confirmation class affirmed their baptism and take on their adult role in Church:

Scott Alberg + Madison Clark + Blake Luciano +
Sophie Ritz + Stephanie Sol



Thank You Notes

Mutual Ministry Team @ Emmanuel,

Thank you very much for the card and gift card for Staff appreciation. It's a pleasure to work here at Emmanuel and I'm glad to be here with Diane and Pastor Amanda.

Alice Wunschke

Dear Emmanuel Lutheran Church,

I would like to thank all those that worked on The Over 80's Luncheon. From the adorable center pieces, to the servers who made sure we got enough to eat, to the beautiful entertainment and good fellowship and not to forget Pastor Amanda who always brings a smile to our faces. It was lovely. We were even encouraged to take home a little "doggie bag" if we so desired.

Thank you,
Greta Carlson

Dear People of Emmanuel,

Thank you very much for the generous scholarship to help me in my academic career. I know that as I move forward in my life as an adult, God will stay by my side.

Sincerely

Will Donovan

Worship in the Park

Sunday, AUGUST 25th @ 9:30am

Then, fun and games and a barbecue lunch.

Bring your own lawn chairs and your favorite salad to feed 8 to 10.

Hope you can join us!



Emmanuel Book Group



The group is in recess over the summer and will start again in September. Helen Rezendes is the group leader, and you may contact her with book suggestions

for the group, or for more information at:

Hlrwwd@aol.com.

We Need Sunday School Teachers!

The Sunday School is in need of 2 teachers for the 1st/2nd Grade. No teaching experience is required. The curriculum is easy to understand and lays out the lesson plan for each week. The schedule is flexible. If you are interested, please contact Janice McHugh at 617-543-5406 or by email at buster718@msn.com.

To Keep in Touch...

Dorothea Atallah Hanes as moved closer to some of her family in Florida. She wanted her ELC family to have her new address:

522 Miller Creek Road
Crystal River, FL 34428

Matthew 25 Fund

**“TRULY I TELL YOU,
WHATEVER
YOU DID FOR
ONE OF THE LEAST OF
THESE BROTHERS
AND SISTERS OF MINE,
YOU DID FOR ME.”**
MATTHEW 25:40

Jesus said, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a

stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

In 2019, we have helped many people with money and gift cards from our Matthew 25 Fund, the fund that Pastor Amanda uses to assist those in our congregation and community who find themselves with emergency financial needs for things like food, medicine, rent, car repairs, utilities, etc.

At this point our Matthew 25 fund is running very low and we are hoping for some donations to it so that we can continue to help people in need in our congregation and community. If you are able to contribute to this fund, please either put cash or a check (made out to Emmanuel with “Matthew 25 Fund” in the memo line) into one of the Matthew 25 Fund envelopes that are located in the pews. You can put your donation for Matthew 25 Fund in the regular offering plate or you can turn it in to the office. We are also accepting gift cards to grocery stores, gas stations, and pharmacies if you would prefer to donate those.

Graduates 2019

All of Emmanuel extends their congratulations to the young men and women who have recently graduated from various colleges, universities, and area high schools. We wish you nothing but the best in

all of your future endeavors. May God watch over you and guide you in the choices you make throughout the rest of your lives.

Sean Adamson, who graduated from St. Michael's College with a bachelor's degree.

Niklas Avelar, who graduated from Norfolk County Agricultural High School.

Meredith Bragg, who graduated from Johnson & Wales University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Service Management.

Nicole Crisafulli, who graduated from Dedham High School.

Eric Donovan, who graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's degree in Marketing and Economics.

Lauren Hunter, Vik Benson's granddaughter, who graduated from high school in Upton, MA.

Laura Navalta, who graduates from St. Andrews University, with a Master of Arts degree.

Cameron Rogers, who graduated from Lesley University with a Master of Arts degree.

Ian Wright, who graduated from the University of Texas-Austin, with a Master of Arts degree in architecture.

Ben Weidenaar, Sharon and Jeff Weidenaar's son, who graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a Master of Arts degree.

Cullen Weidenaar, Sharon and Jeff Weidenaar's son, who graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.



♪ Notes from Gabby ♪

As many of you know, Emmanuel Lutheran Church has generously granted me a sabbatical for July and August this year. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity! I've had some frequently asked questions since people found out I'll be "out of the office" for the summer, and here are my answers:

When does your sabbatical start?

July 7th will be my first Sunday away.

Are you excited about your sabbatical?

Absolutely!

What are your plans for the summer?

- One of the things I really look forward to is the chance to take some weekend trips with my family! Since we live in a really great region for summer excursions, I am working on a "to-visit" list.
- I'm also working on a "to-practice" list. One of my goals is to work in a disciplined way on some piano pieces that have been too daunting to even think about with everything else going on. I'm looking at you, *Jeux d'eau* by Ravel!
- In addition to working on some concrete musical goals, I plan to carve out a good chunk of time for playing, listening, and recording for my own enjoyment.

In general, I look forward to doing more than a little bit of relaxing and recharging over the summer! Since I do still have to show up at my full-time Monday through Friday job, I'm trying to keep the specific goals reasonable and attainable. Anything I manage to accomplish in addition to the plans I've mentioned will be icing on the cake!

What will we be doing for music this summer?

Pastor Amanda has graciously arranged substitutes for the weeks I'll be away, and a wonderful committee of enthusiastic people has been working diligently on choosing appropriate music for the summer worship services.

Will we have Hymns from the Hat?

We will be taking a break from Hymns from the Hat this summer, but the hat will return next year!

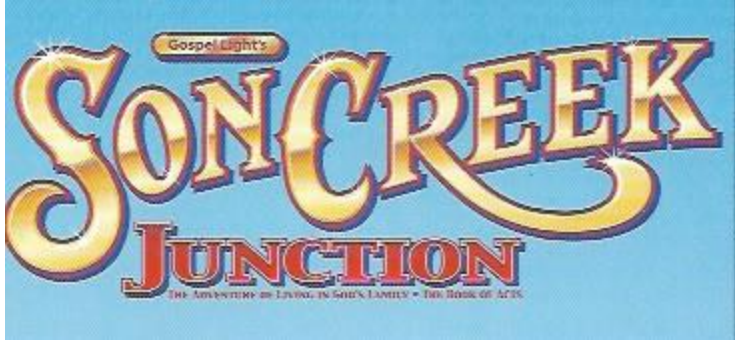
You're coming back, right? When?

I'm certainly going to enjoy having a string of weekends off, but yes, of course I'm coming back! I will be out through Labor Day weekend, and then will plan music for Rally Day. Choir will resume at 7:30 pm on Thursday, 9/5 (please join us!), and I'll be back in worship on September 8th.

Thanks to all of you who have been so encouraging and supportive, and especially to those who have taken on extra work to make this happen for me. I wish you all a fun and restful summer, and will see you in September!



Gabrielle Heath
Minister of Music



Vacation Bible School at First Congregational!

Our friends at First Congregational have invited our children to experience VBS (at the church member rate!) Read on for details!

Sign up now for this summer 's Vacation Bible School at the **First Congregational Church** in Norwood. This year's program will focus on one of the most adventurous periods in history - the exciting days of the Old West! Join us for the sights and sounds of the fictional town of SonCreek Junction, a growing mining town in the 1800's set in the heart of gold country. Throughout the week children will discover five nuggets of truth for growing as God's children. Based on the book of Acts, they will learn Start up, Listen up, Open up, Look up and Speak up in the family of God. Each day through active games, arts and crafts, Bible stories, song and snacks, they will have fun discovering God's love for them and learning what they can do as they grow as His children.

Vacation Bible School is for children age 3 (by July 1) through those entering 5th grade. It will be held **July 22 through July 26**. Monday through Thursday from **9 a.m. to 12** and **9-11:30** on Friday when we have an outdoor celebration and family picnic.

The First Congregational Church is located at 100 Winter Street in Norwood. The cost for non-church members is \$40 per child for the week and \$35 for Church members (**also extended to the families at The Emmanuel Lutheran Church.**) Families are invited to join us on Thursday, July 25, at 7 p.m. for a slide show presentation of what the children have learned during the week.

For more information or to register, please contact us via email at vbs1736fcc@gmail.com.

Registration Form – follows

**First Congregational Church
100 Winter Street Norwood, MA 02062
Vacation Bible School – Registration Form 2019**

FAMILY NAME: _____ DATE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ TOWN: _____
 HOME #: _____ MOBILE: _____
 NAMES OF PARENTS: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 NAME OF CAREGIVER OR EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ (other than above)
 RELATIONSHIP: _____ PHONE: _____

Child's First Name	School Grade next Fall and Date of Birth	Allergies?	Additional Information

***Registration Fee:**

NON-CHURCH MEMBERS: \$40.00 per child, \$100.00 Family cap
 FCC Norwood and **Emmanuel Lutheran CHURCH MEMBERS:** \$35.00 per child, \$80.00 Family cap
 ___ CASH or ___ CHECK # _____ check payable to: **First Congregational Church in Norwood**

Note: Scholarships available. Registration fees are due at time of sign up. Registration is not complete until payment is made. Registration fee is non-refundable except as noted.

Optional: When would you like to help? (circle one or more): M Tu W Th F
 We need parent volunteers to do many tasks, especially helping be a parent leader for the classes!
 We will contact you via email approx. 2 weeks prior to VBS

_____ **(Initial)** I give permission to release photographs taken while participating in VBS at FCC Norwood for print and web materials specifically for FCC Norwood.

Please note that all adult volunteers have been through CORI prior to participating in VBS. All parent volunteers will be run through the CORI system. If you will be a parent volunteer please bring your license that day in order to process the CORI form.