

Never pass a chance to be in a parade!

**4th of July Parade Float
In Celebration of Emmanuel's 170th Anniversary**

Float decorating begins on Thursday, July 3rd at 9 a.m. on Hocking Avenue, Grass Valley. Come as soon as you can! Directions: From Emmanuel drive to Chapel Street (Catholic Church). Turn right. Turn left onto Brighton Street. Pass the fire station to Hocking Avenue, turn left. Wear sun screen and wear a hat! We finish when the float is decorated.



Please join other Emmanuel members and ride the float or walk with it. We want to celebrate the history of our historical Episcopal church with others in our communities, and demonstrate our pride in celebrating our 170 Year Anniversary. Wear red, white, or blue or a combination of those colors to share your patriotic spirit. Come find the float on East Main Street in front of City Hall, across from the Chamber of Commerce, by 9 a.m. on Friday, July 4th. The parade begins at 10:00. It ends at Minnie Park next to the fire station on Brighton Street.

**ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD
FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Sunday, July 6th, 10 a.m.
Frank Buck Hall**

★ ★ ★ All ladies are invited to bring tasty treats for the 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Hour on July 6th.

★ Since it's the Sunday following Independence Day, think red, white, blue, and stars! Treats, savory and sweet, along with bright fruit and veggies, all make a tempting table for parishioners and visitors to enjoy.

Reflections about Prayer

In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for divine protection. . . Our prayers were heard, and they were graciously answered. Have we now forgotten this powerful friend? Or do we no longer need his assistance?

I have lived a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: "that God governs the affairs of man." And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" - Ben Franklin to the Constitutional Congress 1787

**THE MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST MEETING
Saturday, July 19**

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, July 19th at 8:30 a.m. All men of Emmanuel Church are welcome. Please come for donuts and coffee and enjoy great fellowship.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Spence Strickley at 530-205-0937 or via email at srstric14@gmail.com

ANNUAL HOT DOGS & SING-A-LONG!



Sunday, July 20th, 5:00 p.m. on the church lawn.

Hot dogs, chips, lemonade @ \$5 provided by The New York Hot Dog Company, Coco's Lazy Dog ice cream for dessert.

Bring a lawn chair and join the singing.

This event is free and the public is welcome.

The event is hosted by Music @ Emmanuel.

Donations are gratefully accepted to help fund future music events.

MAY 2025 FINANCES

Actual May Revenue	27,772.97
Budgeted May Revenue	35,730.00
Actual May Expenses	31,941.53
Budgeted May Expenses	35,730.00
May Net	(4,168.56)
2025 Total Revenue	171,452.02
2025 Total Expenses	176,352.61
2025 Year-To-Date Net	(4,900.59)

National Day of Prayer

In 1952 both Houses of Congress called upon the President to set aside a day each year as National Day of Prayer.

Prayer has indeed been a vital force in the growth and development of this Nation. It would certainly be appropriate if. . . the People of this country were to united in a day of prayer each year . . . reaffirming in a dramatic manner the deep religious conviction which has prevailed throughout the history of the United States.

- Judiciary Committee's Report

JULY BIRTHDAYS



02 Joe Stehmeyer	13 Elisa Beatie Taylor
07 Zorba Taylor	19 Rosie Tappero
09 Clara Kellermann	20 Joesph Lipscomb
09 Sharon Mackie	27 Tara Kellermann
10 Francis Grethel	27 Fran Thomas
10 Alex deCristina	27 Charlotte Stehmeyer
10 Bobby deCristina	31 Cody Murphy
12 Joanna Moore	31 Tyler Murphy



If you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion and would like to include your Emmanuel family, you are invited to bring your favorite cake, cupcakes, or other special delight to follow the service you attend.

2025 VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAIRE

The 2025 St Catherine's Victorian Christmas Faire, with the theme of "Tress Aglow", will be held on November 7th and 8th at 10 a.m. both days. The fair is open to the public and families are very welcome.

We are accepting new and old items (in good condition of course). All jewelry donations need to be dropped off by October 1st so items can be cleaned and packaged. All other donations need to be at Buck Hall by October 20th.

To help with decorating we are looking for artificial trees of all sizes, from 2 to 6 feet, all colors and shapes, with lights are preferred.

If you would like to make a donation to the fair, please contact Gloryanne Bryant via email: gloryanneb@sbclglobal.net Thank you, Gloryanne Bryant, Chair/Coordinator

MEXICO MISSION TRIP 2025



This year the mission trip to Mexico will be from July 26 through August 1. Everyone is welcome to participate in this life-changing opportunity. Please speak with Fr. Seth if you would like to become involved.

If you would like to brighten the lives of the children, you can make a donation of Bible related story books, coloring books with colored pencils or crayons, or other small items that children would enjoy. There are upwards of 50 – 60 children. Oriental Trading Company is a great source and can be found Online. Ask Fr. Seth for more suggestions.

Watch for announcements on Saturday's News from Emmanuel Episcopal Church online or in the Sunday bulletin for an upcoming meeting.



Lord, remind us today that You have shown us what is good in what You require of us; to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. We ask that, as a people, we may humble ourselves before You and seek Your will for our lives, the lives of those around this table, and those across our nation as we celebrate America's Birthday! AMEN

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
No turning back, no turning back
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
The world behind me, the cross before me
No turning back, no turning back
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back
No turning back
No turning back

Song by Cedar mont Kids

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TIME

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR is a time enjoyed by all parishioners. There is a coffee hour after the 8:00 o'clock service and a coffee hour after the 10:00 o'clock service in Buck Hall with lots of goodies to enjoy. If you would like to participate, there is a list of group leaders and their phone numbers on the bulletin board in Buck Hall. Just give them a call. Or, if you are interested in starting your own group, please call Adrienne Ybarrondo at (530) 913-1773 for the 8:00 a.m. service and Linda Gearheart at (530) 913-9466 for the 10:00 a.m. service. Thank you.



*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom. – 2 Corinthians 3:17*

*The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.
Thomas Jefferson*

SPONSOR THE ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers

Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up that you would like to celebrate by donating to the flowers which grace the altar on Sundays? Our flower ministry is committed to presenting beautiful bouquets each Sunday and they are funded by the donations which we make to sponsor flowers for each Sunday.

If you would like to sign up to have a loved one or a special event remembered in the church bulletin made visible with flowers, the sign-up sheet is on the wall in Buck Hall. Choose your special date. The suggested donation is \$35 but you are welcome to offer more if you like, although the additional money does not make a larger bouquet but goes to fill any empty days. Contact the church office (530-273-7876) with any questions or to sign up remotely. Thank you! The Flower Guild

EMMANUEL HEALING SERVICE

Emmanuel offers a service of Healing each Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 on Zoom
Thursday mornings in Buck Hall at 11:00 a.m.

MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERING

All men of Emmanuel are welcome to meet with the group Online on Thursday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth. For more information speak to Fr. Seth.

WHO WAS FRANK BUCK AND WHY IS OUR PARISH HALL NAMED AFTER HIM?

Frank Buck was born in Truro, Nova Scotia in 1891 and moved to British Columbia with his parents. He attended Magill University and the Anglican Theological College in Vancouver. He was ordained a Priest in 1914. He served as a missionary in the Yukon Territory and joined the Yukon Expeditionary Force of the Canadian Army during WWI and won the Military Cross while serving in the infantry. He served in Europe as a chaplain until 1918. When he returned home, he married and resumed his missionary work.

He began his career as an educator in northern Canada after completing his graduate work at the

University of British Columbia. He became a teacher of Latin, English and history, and served as a high school principal. When he migrated to New Zealand he served as a Parish Rector.

He returned to the military during WWII serving with New Zealand forces in England during the Battle of Britain. He later served in Egypt and belonged to the Commonwealth Expeditionary Force in Greece. He was given a medical discharge in 1944 after obtaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. He returned home and within two months he arrived in Grass Valley.

The Rev. Frank Buck provided vitality and enthusiasm to our parish. During his first year, attendance doubled and during his tenure it tripled. He began to research Emmanuel's history and led services, when in 1945 Emmanuel celebrated its 90th Anniversary celebration. At the Peace Conference in San Francisco, he preached on the prospect for peace and the vestry published and distributed his sermon. Within a short time, the church was free of debt and the salary of the rector increased to \$175 per month.

Services at Emmanuel increased to three each Sunday, as more and more people were attracted to Emmanuel and attended services. Rev. Buck helped to organize The Men's Club, and he spoke regularly before local organizations. He was highly regarded and popular in the community.

With all his frantic activity, his health began to suffer. After a short vacation, thinking his health was rejuvenated, he returned to his hectic routine. In August he began a new project. Extensive improvements to the parish hall began with plans to expand the kitchen and excavate beneath the hall to create more classroom space. The impression that his health was restored was short lived. He abruptly died of a heart attack in October of 1951 at the age of 59.

The following month The Rev. Karl Markgraf was called as the new Rector of Emmanuel. He presided over the Annual Meeting the following January. He expressed admiration for the work Rev. Buck had undertaken at Emmanuel. He suggested that the congregation present at the meeting rename the parish hall after Rev. Frank Buck. His request was unanimously adopted. The parish hall was renamed the Frank Buck Memorial Hall. - From Sesquicentennial notes and Crosses in a Gold Field, by Gage McKinney



*One flag, one land,
one heart, one hand,
One nation, evermore!*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes