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FROM THE RECTOR

So, Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: *“Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.* Acts 17:22-23

In a few short weeks, just over a dozen folks from Emmanuel and Trinity will be flying to Athens to begin our pilgrimage to trace the missionary journeys of Saint Paul. On that pilgrimage we will see various places that are mentioned in the Book of Acts and the Epistles of Paul. Ephesus, Corinth, and Thessalonica will all be stops on our pilgrimage. I find myself most excited about the visit to Athens because it was there that we see the clearest presentation of the hope of Christ to a Gentile group.

Athens was the birthplace of democracy and prioritized learning. This caused the city to constantly be filled with new ideas. It was this openness that Paul used as a tool to connect with the people of Athens. Now, it is important to note that Paul had been personally struggling with the polytheism of Greece. In particular, he had been troubled by the proliferation of gods on display in Athens (Acts 17:16). Fortunately, he was able to lay aside his personal challenges with the Athenian idolatry and focus on finding a connection with their culture instead of a wedge issue. That connection came from the most unlikely place, their idolatry and polytheism. It turns out that Paul, during his walks through the city, had stumbled upon an altar dedicated *“To the unknown god.”* Paul used this altar as an open door to introduce the God of the Bible to the Athenians.

I am very much looking forward to standing on the Areopagus and reading this story and imagining how it was in the time of Paul. But, the true life of this passage is not in the reliving of it in memory, but in living it out in our day. We live in a world that is curious for new knowledge and understandings. We have a chance to be like Paul in our world today, through the Holy Spirit helping people to see Jesus, perhaps for the first time. May the Lord give us eyes to see the open doors that He has provided for us to enter into conversation with others, and may we have the grace to do it gently so that Jesus might have the glory.

In Christ, *Seth*

*O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
and strength to follow on the path you set before us;
through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

CELEBRATE EMMANUEL'S 170 YEARS WITH A CHURCH COOKBOOK



In celebration of Emmanuel's 170-year history, we are collecting your favorite recipes for a new church cookbook. Bring your best-loved recipes – *lots of recipes* – and place them in the basket in the foyer of Buck Hall, or email them (pdf) to Millie at themadhouse86@gmail.com as soon as possible. Add your name to the recipe.

The deadline for recipes is Sunday, June 29. Because it is an Emmanuel Cookbook, it should be well represented by our members. I have several recipes, but not enough to represent a parish cookbook.

If you have questions, please phone Millie at 530-265-3112 or email themadhouse86@gmail.com. Thank you!

LiNC OPPORTUNITIES MULTIPLY



Love In Nevada County (LiNC) was started years ago to encourage Christians in our region to work together to make Nevada County a more beautiful place. At the last LiNC meeting the leadership noted that, "In Nevada County there is one church and many congregations." Likewise, **May 3 is LiNC's one spring day of service with many opportunities to serve our community!** Some involve manual labor in local parks and camps, but there are new opportunities at places like Assisted Living Centers, and the Interfaith Food Ministry.

To get more information and to sign up go to the LiNC website: linc-nevadacounth.com. You do not need to create an account to RSVP for a project. Just follow the link, choose the project you would like to join, fill in your name, email address, home congregation, and how many adults and kiddos for whom you are RSVPing and save. It's that simple! – Cathy Edger, Junior Warden

EMMANUEL WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

All the retreat spaces are filled, but if you would like to be placed on the waiting list, please contact Carol Fegte at 530-432-0659 or Deacon Karen Hoida at 714-501-2763.

WHAT ARE THE MAY BIRTH FLOWERS?

Lily-of-the-valley, with its small, dainty, bell-shaped white flowers, is a perennial groundcover that spreads aggressively given the right conditions. These flowers represent sweetness and purity. This flower is

mentioned numerous times in the bible and has also been associated with Christ's second coming.

Hawthorn is a flowering shrub in the rose family with flowers that bloom in May in small white, red, or pink clusters. Small berries, called haws, sprout after the flowers. The hawthorn is a longstanding symbol of hope.

Mothers' Day, Sunday May 11th



It's Mother's Day and the guild's turn to provide treats at the 10 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Hour.

All ladies have this opportunity to provide tasty bites for a pretty table in celebration of our mothers. Perhaps bring something your mother has made or enjoyed eating?

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD
Tuesday, May 13th, at 11 a.m.
Frank Buck Hall

All ladies are invited to the Victorian Faire meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 13th in Frank Buck Hall. Come to share ideas and help plan for another successful fair to be held the first full weekend in November. If you have suggestions for a theme, or if you have new or old items in good condition to donate, please let Gloryanne Bryant know by sending her an email at gloryanneb@sbcglobal.net.

Then stay or come for the Guild meeting beginning at noon. We'll be hearing about Emmanuel's Mexico Mission Trip, one of the Guild's outreaches. Since the day is close to Cinco de Mayo, Debby Sullivan will be treating us to homemade Chili Verde for lunch!

Call Carey at 530/277-5970 or send an email to jimdaly@comcast.net to say you'll be there.

INTERFAITH FOOD MINISTRY



May Will be the Matching \$\$ Drive for Interfaith Food Ministry. In the past this fund drive has been in March. This year it has been moved to

May, and rumor has it that, because of generous donors, the amount to be matched is \$95,000! That means every dollar you give in May will be matched - doubling your impact!

Your generosity has always been a lifeline for our neighbors facing food insecurity and together we can make May a month of hope, nourishment, and generosity. Please continue your generosity to this wonderful local charity. Questions? Ask Carol Fegte (530) 432-0659

**VISITATION TO BRET HARTE
RETIREMENT INN**

For the past few months an Emmanuel parishioner has visited the Bret Harte Retirement Inn to share Emmanuel's video stream during the 10 o'clock service. We take a Home Communion Kit, which contains consecrated hosts and wine, to share communion with the residents who come down to the lobby to participate in the service. It would be great to create a team so the responsibility can be shared for this enriching and rewarding ministry.

If you would be willing to join us, we would love your help. Please contact Carol Fegte for further details at 530-432-0659 or speak to her at church.

MARCH 2025 FINANCES

Actual March Revenue	34,083.48
Budgeted March Revenue	35,730.00
Actual March Expenses	34,314.01
Budgeted March Expenses	35,730.00
March Net	(230.53)
2025 Total Revenue	105,015.62
2025 Total Expenses	105,095.85
2025 Year-To-Date Net	(80.23)

MAY BIRTHDAYS



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| 06 Robert Walker | 15 Debra Wicks |
| 06 Robert Ybarrondo | 15 Sharon Perrin |
| 06 Sandra Spargo | 18 Jack Beatie |
| 09 Al Lehmkuhl | 18 Emma Freitas-Hale |
| 10 Ed Wicks | 20 Betty Jane Comegys |
| 12 Mary Ferris | 20 Ken Cooper |
| 13 Carol Fegte | 26 Ryan Beatie |

Save the date!

Sunday, June 1st - 3:00 p.m. Buck Hall
Thom Greathouse presents
"A Musical Cabaret"
with Food, Fellowship, and Fun
Join in Singing your old favorites!



Sponsored by Music at Emmanuel
The event is free and the public is welcome!
Donations are gratefully accepted
to help fund future events.

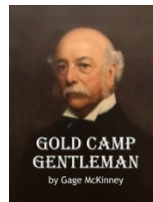
**FELLOWSHIP COFFEE HOUR
FOLLOWING CHURCH SERVICES**



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

**GAGE MCKINNEY,
A PRESENTATION OF HIS NEW BOOK**

On Thursday, June 5th at 5:00 p.m. in Frank Buck Hall, Gage will speak about his new book, *Gold Camp Gentleman: A Life of James D. Hague*. Mr. Hague owned Grass Valley's North Star mine and worshipped at Emmanuel Church.



In the age of railroads, Mr. Hague lived a bi-coastal life, dividing his time between New York and Grass Valley. He uncovered a bonanza and created livelihoods for generations of local families. He was also a devout Christian with scientific interests. In this talk, Gage will especially explore Mr. Hague's spiritual life. Please come to hear Gage and learn about the connection with Emmanuel's history. His book will be on sale with a book signing following the presentation.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SEE
THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHURCHES**

On Saturday, June 7th at 3 p.m. in Buck Hall you are invited to learn about the world's greatest churches. The great churches of Christianity represent some of the world's most stunning masterpieces of architecture and art. Take a guided tour of the churches considered some of the most outstanding, and memorable in the world. We'll explore the origins of church architecture and view photos of many great examples of churches around the world.

The Presenter is Dr. Kenneth Moore, who has served as pastor of churches in California and Montana with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He was the administrator of Cotner College in Nebraska and served as Regional Minister of the Christian Church there. He has degrees from Pacific School of Religion and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

Lots to learn and enjoy! Guests are welcome. Beverages will be served. – Carolyn Feuille

*Choose a charity in your community
and support it generously with your time and money.*

MEXICO MISSION TRIP, 2025



This year the mission trip to Mexico will be 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.

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.

Answers to the 170th Questions from the March newsletter

The Rev. Henry O. G. Smeathman became Rector of Emmanuel in 1858. He left in July 1859. He met his untimely death at the hands of hostile Indians at Surprise Valley, Nevada, and was deeply lamented by his numerous friends, who cherished his memory.



A two-story parsonage (not the rectory) was built in the fall of 1867 at a cost of \$675 causing a new liability. Fr. Chapin (March 1866 – February 1869) and his family were the first occupants of the parsonage.

The Rev. Powell and Mrs. Powell arrived at Emmanuel and Trinity in October 1878. It is unknown how many of their thirteen children were living at home at the time. While here Mrs. Powell passed away in 1880 and in 1884 Rev. Powell passed away. Both churches remained without a Rector for six months and the number of parishioners decreased. The economy was in decline once more and Bishop Wingfield reported that the congregation “is quite feeble financially and numerically (43 parishioners) and is not likely to regain strength, which once it enjoyed when mining interests were so prosperous

in Grass Valley.” Services were suspended and Emmanuel’s doors remained closed from July 1884 to November 1885.

In 1878 Bishop Wingfield consecrated Emmanuel Church. In the Episcopal tradition, consecrating a church means dedicating it to sacred use, typically following a service presided over by the bishop.

In 1897, the interior of the sanctuary and the chancel were remodeled to accommodate the installation of choir stalls for the first vested choir.

From 1895 to 1898 The Rev. Van Deerlin served our church. During the next few years, the economy was prospering and many improvements were realized including a new furnace, a gravel walkway, a new woodshed, the church was painted, and much-needed repairs were attained. St. Catherine’s, St. Agnes, and St. Margaret’s guilds helped supply the necessary monies to help finance these upgrades. The guilds began to put aside ten percent of their earnings for outreach, and under Rev. Van Deerlin’s direction, they sponsored the Good Shepherd Episcopal Mission in Colfax.

On April 27, 1905, one hundred fifty people celebrated Emmanuel’s Golden Jubilee (50-year anniversary) with a special service and reception provided by St. Catherine’s Guild. Decorations were ribbons and white lilacs, music was plentiful, speeches abundant, and old-time members provided reminiscences of Emmanuel’s early years. Financed by funds received from the Golden Jubilee a new retaining wall and concrete walkway (at the cost of \$300) were added across the front near the street improving the property.

In 1943 The Rev. Norton (January 1942- June 1943) started the oil furnace in the church to warm the building for a Christening. Thanks to the prompt response of the Grass Valley Volunteer Fire Department the fire that resulted in a faulty flue was quickly extinguished. Temporarily, church services moved to the parish hall while the roof was repaired and the extensive water damage to the interior of the building was repaired.

The following Rectors served both Emmanuel and Trinity at the same time and the church closes doors.

April 1855-April 1856	Rev. William Hill
July 1856-February 1868	Rev. Edmund Cooper
May 1858-August 1859	Rev. Henry Smeathman
November 1860-January 1862	Rev. John Chittenden
November 1869-February 1869	Rev. Densmore Chapin
November 1869-December 1875	Rev. Augustus Anderson
July 1876-June 1878	Rev. R.E. Pidsley
October 1878-July 1884	Rev. William Powell
November 1885-June 1886	Rev. W. Lynd
October 1886-December 1888	Rev. Lewis
May 1889-September 1893	Rev. H. Wilcox
February 1894-December 1894	Rev. W. Reilly
August 1912-July 1920	Rev. Dr. Bert Foster
February 1921-September 1924	Rev. Herbert Harris

October 1924-May 1927 Rev. T. D. Reynolds
October 1927-June 1930 Rev. W.C. Pearson
September 1930-January 1940 Rev. Charles Washburn
- From Notes of the Sesquicentennial Committee

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day in the United States has a history all its own - and it's more complicated than greeting cards might lead you to believe. There were repeated efforts to establish a Mother's Day holiday and conflicting ideas about what it should stand for and how it should be observed. From a call for women to improve global policymaking and seek peace to a day to honor women's work and role in the family, the history of the holiday reveals multiple insights into how mothers shape the world.

Julia Ward Howe, best known as the author of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," was an abolitionist, a women's rights advocate, and a peace activist. In 1870, horrified by the death and destruction she had witnessed during the Civil War and concerned by the Franco-Prussian war unfolding abroad, Howe issued what has come to be known as her "Mother's Day Proclamation," originally called an "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world." In it, Howe urged the creation of an international body of women who could find ways to avoid war and bloodshed: "I earnestly ask that a general congress of women, without limit of nationality, may be appointed... to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace."

When that didn't happen, Howe sought to establish an annual Mother's Day for Peace, to be celebrated in June. That did happen in a few places, for a while.

The version of Mother's Day celebrated today is more directly rooted in the work of Ann Jarvis and her daughter, Anna Jarvis, who established the holiday to honor her mother. Frustratingly for the younger Jarvis, most people don't celebrate it today the way she intended.

Each woman and all of these events have contributed to the present occasion now celebrated on the second Sunday in May.

The cause of world peace was the impetus for Julia Ward Howe's establishment, over a century ago, of a special day for mothers. Following unsuccessful efforts to pull together an international pacifist conference after the Franco-Prussian War, Howe began to think of a global appeal to women. "While the war was still in progress," she wrote, she keenly felt the "cruel and unnecessary character of the contest." She believed, as any woman might, that it could have been settled without bloodshed. And, she wondered, "Why do not the mothers of mankind interfere in these matters to prevent the waste of that human life of which they alone bear and know the cost?" Howe's version of Mother's Day, which served as an occasion for advocating peace, was held successfully in Boston and elsewhere for several years, but eventually lost popularity and disappeared from public notice in the years preceding World War I.

For Ann Jarvis, also known as "Mother Jarvis," community improvement by mothers was only a beginning. Throughout the Civil War she organized women's brigades, asking her workers to do all they could without regard for which side their men had chosen. And, in 1868, she took the initiative to heal the bitter rifts between her Confederate and Union neighbors.

The younger Anna Jarvis was only twelve years old in 1878 when she listened to her mother teach a Sunday school lesson on mothers in the Bible. "I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial Mother's Day," the senior Jarvis said. "There are many days for men, but none for mothers."

Following her mother's death, Anna Jarvis embarked on a remarkable campaign. She poured out a constant stream of letters to men of prominence — President William Taft and former President Theodore Roosevelt among them — and enlisted considerable help from Philadelphia merchant John Wannamaker.

By May of 1907, a Mother's Day service had been arranged on the second Sunday in May at the Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia, where Mother Jarvis had taught. That same day a special service was held at the Wannamaker Auditorium in Philadelphia, which could seat no more than a third of the 15,000 people who showed up.

The custom spread to churches in 45 states and in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Mexico and Canada. The Governor of West Virginia proclaimed Mother's Day in 1912; Pennsylvania's governor in 1913 did the same. The following year saw the Congressional Resolution, which was promptly signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

Mother's Day has endured. It serves now, as it originally did, to recognize the contributions of women. Mother's Day, like the job of "mothering," is varied and diverse. Perhaps that's only appropriate for a day honoring the multiple ways women find to nurture their families, and the ways in which so many have nurtured their communities, their countries, and the larger world.



The white carnation became the official flower of the holiday shortly after Jarvis' own mother died. On May 10, 1908 — three years after that loss — Jarvis sent 500 white carnations to Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in her mother's honor for that first Mother's Day celebration, according to [Time](#).

Jarvis compared that flower's shape and life cycle to a mother's love. "The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying," she said in a 1927 interview, cited in *National Geographic*.

So, if you're buying flowers for mom this year, consider the white carnation — but also pause to consider the holiday's uncommercial origins. After all, it's not about flowers, or cards, or gift cards, or jewelry — it's all about love. — From nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org