

EMMANUEL'S MESSENGER, OCTOBER 2025

**Emmanuel's Mission Statement:
To Know Christ and to Make Him Known**

FROM THE RECTOR

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

I just came home from two weeks of serving as the chaplain at the Episcopal chapel at Fallen Leaf Lake. The daily pattern of opening and closing the chapel for the community and visitors, the conversations with strangers, and the beauty of the surroundings make it a delightful place to be. But for me, the ability to walk out the door and be on a trail in Desolation Wilderness is the biggest draw. There in the mountains, you can go almost anywhere, surrounded by magnificent scenery.

Interestingly, on these hikes, I find that I often run into people who, as fellow pilgrims on the trail, are interested in sharing the journey. For instance, one of the hikes that one of my daughters and I did was to climb up Mt. Tallac. Once we were at the top, we met a young couple from Switzerland. They were looking to hike down a different way than they had gone up, so we invited them to join us. The result of this was deep conversations and making new friends from across the world. Sharing the journey opened us up to connections that we were not anticipating and made the journey special.

We are on a journey together as Christians at Emmanuel. We have a destination ahead in glory with our God. The journey of this life takes us through many different regions and situations. There is beauty, danger, joy, and times that we must simply endure. As fellow pilgrims on the trail, we can and should commit to support one another, to lend a hand when one stumbles, or to offer encouragement when we go through hard times. To “rejoice with those who are rejoicing, and to weep with those who weep” as Paul encourages us in Romans. To be good companions on the journey.

I am happy to be on this journey with you. I am thankful to share the trail of faith with people of such spiritual depth and gracious love. I am ultimately thankful to our God who has assured us that even when we stumble on the trail that He will get us to the end. “Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Thanks be to God

In Christ, *Seth*



NEW CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY WITH UPDATED ROSTER



Have you signed up for your picture date for the new Pictorial Directory? The dates for pictures to be taken by a professional photographer are Wednesday, October 8 and Thursday, October 9. There are only a few remaining time slots available. They are evening hours.

You will receive a pictorial directory, an 8 x 10-inch photo, and the option of purchasing quality photos of you and your family to keep for yourself or to give to family and friends as gifts.

Please make an appointment with Millie following the Sunday services, or on the church website (www.emmanuelgv.org), or through the Saturday Weekly News from Emmanuel.

There are several families who have not signed up! Please do so as soon as possible. If you need further information, contact Millie at 530-265-3112 or email her at themadhouse86@gmail.com.

DR. JAN KRAYBILL PRESENTS FAITH ALIVE! Sunday, October 5th

Due to popular demand, Dr. Jan Kraybill will return for her fourth community organ concert at Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Grass Valley, on Sunday, October 5th at 3 p.m. The free concert's theme is Faith Alive! in celebration of Emmanuel's 170th anniversary.



Dr. Kraybill is a grammy-nominated artist, whose talent is admired as a concert organist, pianist and harpsichordist. Moreover, she is a dynamic speaker, educator, consultant and an enthusiastic cheerleader for the power of

music to change lives for the better.

One of her program highlights will be, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," by composer John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). The hymn was named after the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325, during which time church leaders began to formulate the doctrine of the Trinity under Emperor Constantine I. In addition, Dr. Kraybill will perform works of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). The works include, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure," an exquisite and meditative setting of Jesus, very familiar to Bach's congregations.

Dr. Kraybill has performed in North America, Europe, Australia, Russia, South Korea and Tahiti.

While maintaining a very active concert schedule, she holds two positions in Missouri. She is the organ conservator at the Kauffman Center for the Performing

Arts in Kansas City and organist-in-residence at the international headquarters of Community of Christ in Independence. She also serves as organist at Village at the Antioch Presbyterian Church in Overland Park, Kansas.

Her hobbies include antiquing, lace-making and riding her Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Following the concert is a reception with appetizers at Buck Hall, 235 South Church Street, Grass Valley. Donations are gratefully accepted to help support Music at Emmanuel events. – Sandra Spargo

EMMANUEL U

**Beginning on Sunday, September 28
and ending on Sunday, November 16th**

Emmanuel U exists to bring the university to the church, to provide a way of engaging subjects of importance to the congregation through the tools of rigorous teaching and analysis. Emmanuel U aims to challenge, but also to uphold—by committing to an Emmanuel U class, the layman will encounter the gifts, skills, and tools of the academy designed to meet them where they are at, in order to support them in their thinking and spiritual lives.

Emmanuel U's inaugural class will be on the theology of prayer, Theology of Prayer 101: The Meeting Place Between God and Us.

Presented by Katherine A. Schuessler the 6-week course will run on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. beginning on September 28th. Class will break for two consecutive weeks (October 19th and October 26th), and will conclude on November 16th.

This class is donation based with a suggested donation for the entire series of \$50

THE MEN'S CLUB

Breakfast Meeting, Saturday, October 11th

Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 11th 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, please feel free to contact Spence Strickley at 530-205-0937 or srstric14@gmail.com.

*Become the kind of person
who brightens a room
just by entering it.*

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD MEETING

Tuesday, October 14th



All ladies are invited to the Victorian Christmas Faire meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 14th in Frank Buck Hall. Final planning will take place for the fair to be held November 7th, 8th, and 9th. Only a little over a month remains before the **BIG EVENT**.

If you have jewelry to donate, please drop it off by October 1st. All other donations are due by October 20th. Feel free to contact Gloryanne Bryant at gloryanneb@sbcglobal.net with comments or questions.

To make contributions to the Edible's Table, please bring your items wrapped so those making a purchase can see what they are buying. Items need to arrive on Thursday morning, November 6th.

The Guild Meeting

The Guild's business meeting will be at noon. Save the date so you'll be there for budget, nonprofit, and Peace Window discussions.

Autumn is a beautiful season with colorful leaves, apples, and pumpkins, and so there will be something special at the meeting as well. Call Carey Daly at 530/277-5970 or send an email to jimdaly@comcast.net with any questions or to RSVP.



EMMANUEL VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come and start your holiday shopping!

Dates: November 7th - 8th
and Sunday the 9th between services.

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy the Cafe: Yummy Luncheon
Open until 3 p.m. on the 7th and 8th

Lots of Homemade items to purchase: Homemade jams, jellies, Baked Goods, Jewelry, Soft Goods, (Scarfs hats, Baby Blankets, Quilts), PLUS Themed Gift Baskets, Toys, Ornaments and Holiday Decorations, Stocking Stuffers and MORE!

The Christmas Faire benefits Emmanuel Church and Community Outreach: Hospitality House, Interfaith Food Ministry, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Booth Family House, Bright Futures for Youth, Habitat for Humanity, Community Beyond Violence, Helping Hands Nurturing Center, Foothills Compassionate Care, Welcome Home Vets, KARE Crisis Nursery.

If you would like to volunteer or make a donation, please contact Gloryanne Bryant via email: gloryanneb@sbcglobal.net Sign Up Sheets are posted in Frank Buck Hall on the bulletin board where you can sign up to volunteer your time and talents.

INTERFAITH FOOD MINISTRY NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Interfaith Food Ministry is reviving the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser that used to be at Paulette's Kitchen. This year, it will be hosted by Grace Lutheran Church. This is a tasty fundraiser for IFM. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday, October 17.

We need volunteers as preparers and servers, but most of all we need customers to come and eat!

THANKSGIVING FROZEN MEALS

Thanksgiving Frozen Meals Preparation and Assembly—Volunteer dates and times to be determined.

We are working with Melinda who owns the Prep Kitchen located near the Alta Sierra & Hwy 49 signal, <https://prep-kitchen.com/> They will cook the turkey, but we need volunteers to help prepare and assemble the meals into containers to be labeled and frozen. Lots of assembly line work and washing dishes! Dates to be determined

MONEY!!

No, we haven't had Federal funds rescinded, but we run on public donations. Money is our really best type of donation, because IFM has excellent buying power—probably 25-30% that of a normal person. *Please donate!*

Volunteer times for The Spaghetti Dinner and the Thanksgiving prep have not been published yet, but if you call Carol Fegte, or speak to her at church, she will put you on a list and call when the volunteer times are set. Carol Fegte (530) 432-0659

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

Tuesday Night Dinners



Here are the upcoming dates when we will serve the Tuesday night dinner for homeless people at Trinity Episcopal Church, Nevada City – October 14 and

October 28.

If you would like to be on the email thread to get notifications of "our" weeks to serve, please contact Scott Scirpo at sscirpo@twins.com.

Stewardship 2026

170 YEARS

CELEBRATING OUR RICH HISTORY

Stewardship Sunday will be on October 26th. Our theme this year is 170 Years – Celebrating our Rich History. You will be receiving a letter with more details later this month.

Spence Strickley Al Lehmkuhl
2026 Stewardship Co-chairs

AUGUST 2025 FINANCES

Actual August Revenue	32,343.14
Budgeted August Revenue	35,730.00
Actual August Expenses	35,341.13
Budgeted August Expenses	35,730.00
August Net	(2,997.00)
2025 Total Revenue	269,584.25
2025 Total Expenses	276,307.29
2025 Year-to-date	(6,723.04)

put them in the offering plate on Sunday marked Wreaths Across America on the Memo Line, or give them to Sally Knutson. I have "Save the date" cards with an address or QR code means of donating directly to WAA.

Thank you again for participating in this tribute to our men and women who served in the Armed Forces. For more information, please see or call Sally Knutson at 530-478-0192.

CHILDRENS GRACE

Johnny Appleseed Grace

Oh, the Lord is good to me
and, so I thank the Lord,
for giving me the things I need
the sun, the rain, and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me.



(The Johnny Appleseed grace, which begins "The Lord is good to me," originated in Disney's 1948 animated film Melody Time. The song, formally titled "The Lord is Good to Me," was created by Kim Gannon and Walter Kent for the Disney segment, "The Legend of Johnny Appleseed". The grace was featured in the film as a song sung by Johnny Appleseed himself, expressing his gratitude to God for the things he needs, such as the sun, the rain, and the apple seed. Because of its thankful message, the song became popular for use as a sung grace before meals, especially in homes, schools, and at camps.)

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship Hour has a new leader - Pam Hall. Pam is enthusiastic about this new adventure. She will do a fantastic job. Nothing is changing. Thanks to all the Group Leaders and their team for doing such a yummy job week after week. I will stay involved as a Group 1 Leader. You can reach Pam at pkhall1257@gmail.com or by phone 530-305-0569.

Many thanks to the 8:00 a.m. group, Toni, Adrienne, and Chris, for assisting the 10 o'clock group, and to everyone else that has been involved along the way. Linda Gearheart

ATTENTION SPD MARKET SHOPPERS

If you would like to participate in the Community Card program that pays Emmanuel Church 3% for most purchases, just fill out a short form and hand it to the cashier at one of the SPD markets. They will provide you with a Community Card. All you have to do is have the cashier scan the card each time you shop at the Grass Valley or Nevada City SPD Market. You may also just give them your phone number when you are checking out that should be in their records. You don't have to have your card with you.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Steve Hoss	20 Lindsey Robinson White
03 Tessie Hoehn	25 Gloryanne Bryant
05 Joseph Welborne	25 Andrew Ribner
09 Melissa Fowlkes	28 Orlo Steele
12 Ken Buchanan	29 Marnie Ratkovsky
13 Allison Sprader	30 Sierra Tonn
20 Julie Carrara	

Birthday Prayer

Book of Common Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

It is October and time to start thinking about plans for the holidays. The Captain John Oldham Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution has been sponsoring the Wreath Ceremony at St. Patrick's Cemetery since 2008.

This year's ceremony will be on Saturday, December 13th at noon. With your help, we placed 1672 wreaths in three cemeteries last year. Our goal this year is 2025 wreaths to celebrate the birthday of our country.

Wreaths are still only \$17.00 each. The purchase of each wreath entitles you to add one name of a veteran to be remembered in our program. If you purchase 10 wreaths, your name or your business will be listed in our program.

Please make checks payable to: Wreaths Across America. Leave them with Debbie in the church office,

The forms are available at the Connect Center table in Buck Hall or you can get a form from the SPD Market cashier. Here is the link to SPD Market for additional information: www.spdmarket.com.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Spence Strickley 530-205-0937 or srstric14@gmail.com

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 Pam Hall at 530-305-0569 for the 10:00 a.m. service. Thank you.



If you are celebrating a birthday, wedding anniversary, or other special event that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners, you are welcome to bring a cake, cupcakes, or other item to share at the Fellowship hour following the service that you attend.



SPONSOR THE ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar Flowers
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.

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 Frank Buck Hall. Choose your special date. The suggested donation is \$35 but you are welcome to offer more if you like. The additional money does not make a larger bouquet, but it helps 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

WHO WAS JOHN CHAPMAN?

On a family farm in Nova, Ohio, grows a very special apple tree; by some claims, the 175-year-old tree is the last physical evidence of John Chapman, a prolific nurseryman who, throughout the early 1800s planted acres upon acres of apple orchards along America's

western frontier, which at that time, was anything on the other side of Pennsylvania. Today, Chapman is known by another name, Johnny Applesseed, and his story has been imbued with the saccharine tint of a fairytale. If we think of Johnny Applesseed as a barefoot wanderer whose apples were uniform, crimson orbs, it's thanks in large part to the popularity of a segment in the 1948 Disney feature, *Melody Time*, which depicts Johnny Applesseed in Cinderella fashion, surrounded by blue songbirds and a jolly guardian angel. But this contemporary notion is flawed, tainted by our modern perception of the apple as a sweet, edible fruit. The apples that Chapman brought to the frontier were completely distinct from the apples available at any modern grocery store or farmers market, and they weren't primarily used for eating – they were used to make America's beverage-of-choice at the time, hard apple cider.

"Up until Prohibition, an apple grown in America was far less likely to be eaten than to wind up in a barrel of cider," writes Michael Pollan in *The Botany of Desire*. "In rural areas cider took the place of not only wine and beer, but of coffee and tea, juice and even water."

It was into this apple-laden world that John Chapman was born, on September 26, 1774, in Leominster, Massachusetts. Much of his early years have been lost to history, but in the early 1800s, Chapman reappears, this time on the western edge of Pennsylvania, near the country's rapidly expanding Western frontier. At the turn of the 19th century, speculators and private companies were buying up huge swathes of land in the Northwest Territory, waiting for settlers to arrive. Starting in 1792, the Ohio Company of Associates made a deal with potential settlers: anyone willing to form a permanent homestead on the wilderness beyond Ohio's first permanent settlement would be granted 100 acres of land. To prove their homesteads to be permanent, settlers were required to plant 50 apple trees and 20 peach trees in three years, since an average apple tree took roughly ten years to bear fruit.

Ever the savvy businessman, Chapman realized that if he could do the difficult work of planting these orchards, he could turn them around for profit to incoming frontiersmen. Wandering from Pennsylvania to Illinois, Chapman would advance just ahead of settlers, cultivating orchards that he would sell them when they arrived, and then head to more undeveloped land. Like the caricature that has survived to modern day, Chapman really did tote a bag full of apple seeds. As a member of the Swedenborgian Church, whose belief system explicitly forbade grafting, (which they believed caused plants to suffer), Chapman planted all of his orchards from seed, meaning his apples were, for the most part, unfit for eating.

It wasn't that Chapman, or the frontier settlers, didn't have the knowledge necessary for grafting, but like New Englanders, they found that their effort was better

spent planting apples for drinking, not for eating. Apple cider provided those on the frontier with a safe stable source of drink, and in a time and place where water could be full of dangerous bacteria, cider could be imbibed without worry. Cider was a huge part of frontier life, which Howard Means, author of *Johnny Appleseed: The Man, the Myth, the American Story*, describes as “being lived through an alcoholic haze.” Transplanted New Englanders on the frontier drank a reported 10.52 ounces of hard cider per day (for comparison, the average American today drinks 20 ounces of water a day). “Hard cider,” Means writes, “was as much a part of the dining table as meat or bread.”

John Chapman died in 1845, and many of his orchards and apple varieties didn’t survive much longer. During Prohibition, apple trees that produced sour, bitter apples used for cider were often chopped down by FBI agents, effectively erasing cider, along with Chapman’s true history, from American life. “Apple growers were forced to celebrate the fruit not for its intoxicating values, but for its nutritional benefits,” Means writes, “it’s ability, taken once a day to keep the doctor away. . .” In a way, this aphorism, so benign by modern standards, was nothing less than an attack on a typically American libation. Today, America’s cider market is seeing a modest, but marked, resurgence as the fastest growing alcoholic beverage in America. Chapman, however, remains frozen in the realm of Disney, destined to wander in America’s collective memory with a sack full of perfectly edible, gleaming apples.

But not all of the apples that came from Chapman’s orchards were destined to be forgotten. Wandering the modern Supermarket we have Chapman to thank for varieties like the delicious, the golden delicious, and more. His penchant toward propagation by seed, Pollan argues, lent itself to creating the great, and perhaps more importantly, hardy American apple. Had Chapman and the settlers opted for grafting, the uniformity of the apple product would have lent to a staid and relatively boring harvest. “It was the seeds, and the cider, that give the apple the opportunity to discover by trial and error, the precise combination of traits required to prosper in the New World,” he writes. “From Chapman’s vast planting of nameless cider apple seeds came some of the great American cultivars of the 19th century.” From Smithsonian Magazine

And more about John Chapman. . . John Chapman’s dream was to produce so many apples that no one would ever go hungry. Although legend paints a picture of Johnny as a dreamy wanderer, planting apple seeds throughout the countryside, research reveals him to be a careful, organized businessman, who over a period of nearly fifty years, bought and sold tracts of land and developed thousands of productive apple trees.

His adventures began in 1792, when John was eighteen years old. He and his eleven-year-old half-

brother, Nathaniel, headed west, following the steady stream of immigrants. In his early twenties, John began traveling alone, which is how he spent the rest of his life. Nathaniel stayed behind to farm with their father, who had also immigrated west. John continued moving west to Pennsylvania. From there he traveled into the Ohio Valley country and later, Indiana. He kept ahead of the settlements and each year planted apple seeds farther west. He created numerous nurseries by carefully selecting the perfect planting spot.

He always carried a leather bag filled with apple seeds he collected for free from cider mills. Legend says he was constantly planting them in open places in the forests, along the roadways and by the streams. However, research suggests he created numerous nurseries by carefully selecting the perfect planting spot, fencing it in with fallen trees and logs, bushes and vines, sowing the seeds and returning at regular intervals to repair the fence, tend the ground and sell the trees. He soon was known as the “apple seed man” and later he became known only as “Johnny Appleseed.”

Over the years, his frequent visits to the settlements were looked forward to, and no cabin door was ever closed to him. To the men and women, he was a news carrier; to the children he was a friend. He was also very religious and preached to people along the way. His favorite book was his Bible.



It is said he traded apple trees for settlers cast-off clothing. He is described as a man of medium height, blue eyes, light brown hair, slender, wiry and alert. Folklore has also described him as “funny looking” because of the way he dressed. He was known to give the better clothing to people he felt needed it more than he. This could be why legend says he wore only coffee sacks with holes cut out for his arms as clothing. He rarely wore shoes, even during the cold of winter. It is said he could walk over the ice and snow barefooted and that the skin was so thick on his feet that even a rattlesnake couldn’t bite through it. Another legend says he wore a mush pot on his head as a hat. This is unlikely since pots of the time were made of heavy copper or iron. He rarely sought shelter in a house, since he preferred to sleep on bare ground in the open forest with his feet to a small fire.

In 1842 he made his last trip back to Ohio after spending 50 years walking throughout the countryside. While there he moved into the home of Nathaniel, the half-brother with whom he began his remarkable journey. On March 18, 1845 he died of pneumonia at the age of seventy-one. Legend says that it was the only time he was sick in his whole life. No one knows for sure where his is buried. – From Washington Apples

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