



# EMMANUEL NEWS

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## Remembering Glenn+

By Alison Derby

Greetings to all of our dear friends at Emmanuel, in the name of our risen Lord and Savior. Never have those words been more meaningful to me than in the last days and weeks, since the untimely death of my dear husband Glenn.

This morning I have been reflecting on what I could possibly tell you all that would adequately express what you have come to mean to us during our sojourn in Alexandria. The last time we were there, Glenn happened to look in the service book and discovered that our first Sunday with you was July 2, 2010. Three years. How fitting that it would be the number three, which represents the Trinity and the number of days between Jesus' death and resurrection. In His rising from the dead, He gave us new life.

Which is the message I want to share with you. When we entered Emmanuel that Sunday in July 2010, it was the first time that Glenn had been on the altar in an Episcopal church since a very painful parting of the ways from our church here in 2006. We were in the last stages of healing then, and your open arms completed the cycle for us.

New life.

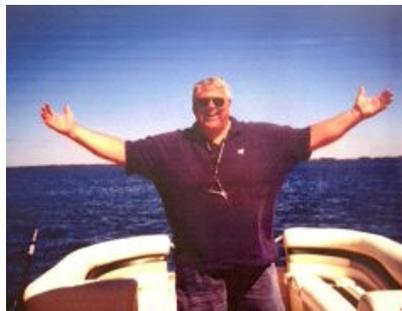
Since that time, and because of the confidence you gave us through your love, we were able to reconcile with those left at St. Paul's. It felt right and natural to have his memorial service there.

New life.

Glenn has been born to new life-one that is free of all the limitations his earthly body placed on him. The physical limitations you all watched him struggle with most Sunday mornings. I am left behind to struggle through life without him, but I know that it will include doing God's work with Emmanuel. I will find the next path.

New life.

The last act of service that Glenn performed was helping me paint the bathroom in the narthex. I felt we needed to show visitors who might come to the concerts that we lovingly take care of our place of worship. He did comment, "Why are we doing



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Betty Wolf	('15)

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Rev. Tom Sinning, Deacon  
Laird Barber  
Alternate: Mary Sinning

this? We don't even paint our OWN bathroom." I include this because to know Glenn was to laugh. I sent him happily off to Ace that day to buy wall spackle. He came back with spackle, furnace filters-which were the wrong size for the 29th time- an oriole feeder and 2 new stories of people he talked to in the store, both of whom he told about Emmanuel and invited them to worship.

New life.

He was SO excited to be your mentor in the Total Ministry journey. It gave him direction for his gifts again, and we spent the week before converting our third bedroom into a study and office for his work. He will remain on the path with you in spirit.

New life.

Several weeks ago, you heard Glenn preach about being a welcoming and inclusive parish, and challenged us to make Emmanuel a place where the stranger is made to feel important. On the way home, I told him that he was "preaching to the choir" because certainly Emmanuel is that church. He said, "Yes, but we all need to hear it, again and again." Indeed.

I smile to myself when I think of how G+ never knew how to end his sermon. In typical fashion, he just kept talking until he ran out of words. You were all so patient with him when he went on and on. He always used to ask me how long he talked, and whether I thought it was too long, etc. I always assured him that it was just right, because how could I crush the spirit that was trying to share the Good News with the people he had come to love?

Thank you Wendy for asking me to write this. And thank you to everyone of you who made his last three years of being a priest on this earth, meaningful and loving.

It was a new life.

I will see you soon.

Until then, know that I hold you in my prayers and in my heart.



## Senior Warden Report

Karen Reicks

### Father Glenn

Emmanuel lost a good friend on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Father Glenn Derby was a kind, gentle man with a great sense of humor who became a true member of our parish. He was genuinely concerned about everyone at Emmanuel and about the growth of our church. He will be greatly missed. Please pray for Glenn and Alison and their families.

### Roof Repairs

If you happen to drive by the church in the next couple of weeks, you will see the gutters being repaired. The ice this winter did damage to the gutters, gutter covers, and downspouts. There will also be ice clips added to the roof to prevent future damage.

### Tree Damage

This past year we had a couple of trees go down – one over the winter and one in the last storm. The trees have been removed and the stumps will be removed within a few weeks.

## Could June have been more active?

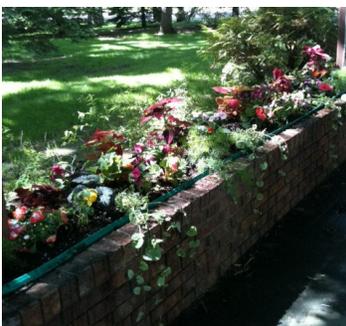
**We celebrated** Connor Doebbert's high school graduation. He sang the offertory solo during church services, followed by a



reception downstairs.



**We planted flowers**

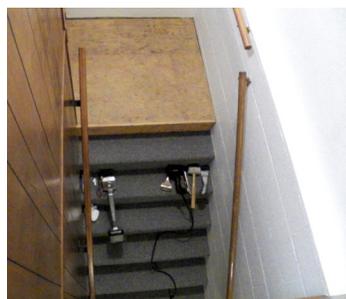


**The organ got tuned...**would you believe what is involved? Allen Moe had to climb a ladder to get to the organ pipes.



Allen with his son, who holds the keys while Allen tunes above.

**We replaced the carpet** on the stairs from the narthex to the undercroft,



and had the carpet shampooed in preparation for the Stephen Marq concert.



**We celebrated Leona Sinning's 90th Birthday**



With sons Tom and Richard and daughter Janice.

**We dealt with storm damage...**



**...and graffiti**



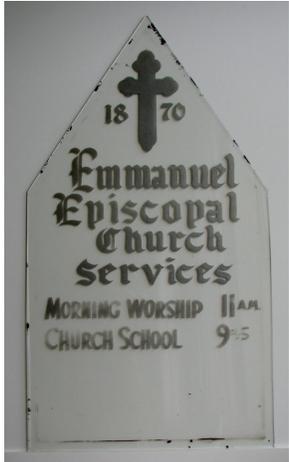
If you recognize this tagging, please let Sr. Warden Karen Reicks know.

**Emmanuel** is an active and vital parish. If you have a gift you would like to share, let any member of the vestry know about it.

### Missing something?

There has always been a sign in the narthex above the visitor register. It has been replaced by the tract rack, so it is more accessible.

The sign is very old, but the 1870 date seems to be when the first church was built.



Beneath this glass portion is a black background that looks as though it was the original sign at one time.



It took a lot of effort to read the sign, but we were able to make out the following:

1870  
Emmanuel  
Episcopal  
Church  
Rev. R Mooney  
Services  
June July August 11 AM  
Other Months 7:30 PM  
Communion 9:15 AM  
First Sunday of Month  
Church School 10 AM

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
*Summer Concert Series*

2013



### Mikko Cowdery

Songfest of Hymns and Gospel Music  
Sunday, July 21st at 4:00 p.m.



Our first concert, **Stephen Marq**, June 23rd. Photos by Verlie Sinning.



A very special **thank you** to all of you who worked to make it happen!

The sign is being restored by Merlin Peterson, director of the Pope County Historical Society, and an artisan. The frame was in bad shape. Do any of you have any information about the sign, or about Rev. R Mooney, whose first name we believe to be Roderick.

July, 2013  
Hymn of the Month

#625 "Ye Holy Angels Bright"

Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); The Rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862)  
Hymn Tune: Darwall's 148th, John Darwall (1731-1789); harmonized by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Upon selecting this hymn for the month of July at our monthly Friends of Music Committee meeting, we did acknowledge that the melody is one that is most likely familiar to many. However, none of us could recall singing this particular hymn to which the tune Darwall's 148th is assigned. We were pleased with the words and therefore agreed that we'd like to add it to our "hymn bank".

The text of this hymn was composed by Richard Baxter and is based on the 148th Psalm. Baxter was a Puritan minister who was well known for his dedication to his congregation. He faithfully visited the homes of his people and educated them as to the truth of Scripture. He was considered to be a sort of renegade by the established Church due to his leanings toward Amyraldian theology. I found Amyraldianism to be a complicated as well as a rather harsh belief system. In short, what I gleaned from my research is that this theology was an offshoot of early Calvinism. It taught that Christ died for all people and therefore all people were "save-able". However, whether or not an individual was actually saved depended upon the correctness of their faith. In addition, a small number of certain individuals were given the grace to believe "correctly" and were therefore unconditionally saved. Even though he subscribed to these beliefs, his dedication to his flock touched many and the hymn was eventually embraced by the Church.

This is a general praise selection and is included as part of "The Church Triumphant" section of our 1982 Hymnal. Psalm 148 on

which this hymn is based lists those who should praise God: The angels, saints at rest in heaven, the saints on earth, and most importantly, the souls of those of us who sing the hymn.

The tune Darwall's 148th was composed by John Darwall, clergyman, composer, and poet. After finishing grammar school at the age of 14 he went on to attend Brasenose College at the Oxford University, England. Following his education, he was appointed as curate of St. Matthew's Parish in Walsall and later became a vicar. He was married to published poet Mary Whateley. Together they ran a printing press and she wrote songs for her husband's congregation. Darwall, who was an accomplished amateur musician, is best remembered for the hymn tune featured in this article which was composed for the inauguration of a new organ at his church in 1773.

Sources: <http://cliftonr.wordpress.com/2011/06/14/tuesday-hymns-you-holy-angels-bright/> [http://www.reformationtheology.com/2006/11/the\\_amyraldian\\_view\\_undone.php](http://www.reformationtheology.com/2006/11/the_amyraldian_view_undone.php) <http://www3.shropshire-cc.gov.uk/darwallj.htm>



Thanks to Belvin Doebbert who shot this photo right after the concert.

## Lectionary Readings for June:

July 7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

[2 Kings 5:1-14](#)

[Psalm 30](#)

[Galatians 6:\(1-6\), 7-16](#)

[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

July 14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

[Amos 7:7-17](#)

[Psalm 82](#)

[Colossians 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

July 21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

[Amos 8:1-12](#)

[Psalm 52](#)

[Colossians 1:15-28](#)

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

July 28 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

[Hosea 1:2-10](#)

[Psalm 85](#)

[Colossians 2:6-15, \(16-19\)](#)

[Luke 11:1-13](#)



Western depiction of the Pentecost, painted by [Jean II Restout](#), 1732

Alternative interpretations suggest that "the house" mentioned was in fact the House of God, Herod's Temple. There were Judeans from all over the world in the Temple proper. These people saw and heard the people whom received the gift of spiritual birth of holy spirit. The location the Upper Room did not allow women. Therefore, The Temple proper among all the people present is the location of the out pouring of holy spirit. Acts Chapter 2.

According to legend, King Arthur always gathered all his knights at the round table for a feast and a quest on Pentecost.

**Pentecost**...the loooooong green season actually began on May 19 this year and the day is also called Whitsunday. The Sunday following is always Trinity Sunday, and in the Anglican tradition is considered the first Sunday after Pentecost.

The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. Present were about one hundred twenty followers of Christ (Acts 1:15), including his core group of twelve Disciples (Acts 1:13, 26), his mother Mary and various other women disciples (Acts 1:14). Their reception of Baptism in the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room is recounted in Acts 2:1–6.

Traditional interpretation holds that the Descent of the Holy Spirit took place in the Upper Room, or Cenacle, while celebrating the day of Pentecost (Shavuot). The Upper Room was first mentioned in Luke 22:12-13. This Upper Room was to be the location of the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Communion. The next mention of an Upper Room is in Acts 1:13-14, the continuation of the Luke narrative, authored by the same biblical writer. Here the disciples and women wait and they gave themselves up to constant prayer.

Acts 2:1–2, *"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."* "They" refers to the disciples, though some think it includes the women. The "place" referring to the same Upper Room where these persons had "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication".

# Emmanuel Episcopal Church

## Important Dates

7/4 Independence Day  
 7/18 Vestry Meeting 5 p.m.  
 7/21 Mikko Cowdery songfest

## Birthdays

Ann Hultstrand  
 Randy Runge

## Anniversaries

Charles & Jana Preble:  
 50 years!  
 Jason & Verlie Sinning  
 1 year!



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July 7	Morning Prayer
Celebrant	The Rev. Tom Sinning
Organist	Virginia Hegre
Lector 1	Mark Reicks
Lector 2	Karen Reicks
Altar/Intrcsr	Edith Kelly
Usher	Sheila Stanton
Coffee	Karen & Mark Reicks

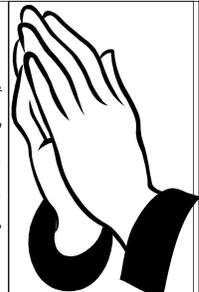
July 21	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	
Organist	Margaret Kalina
Lector 1	JoEllen Doebbert
Lector 2	Belvin Doebbert
Altar/Intrcsr	Mary Sinning
Usher	Tim Johnson
Coffee	Tim Johnson/Chris Mattson

July 14	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Preble
Organist	Diane Alveshere
Lector 1	Edith Kelly
Lector 2	Wendy Zander
Altar/Intrcsr	Karen Reicks
Usher	Karen Reicks
Coffee	Don Krueger/Edith Kelly

July 28	Holy Eucharist
Celebrant	The Rev. Charles Preble
Organist	Virginia Hegre
Lector 1	Mark Reicks
Lector 2	Laird Barber
Altar/intrcsr	Edith Kelly
Usher	Mark & Karen Reicks
Coffee	Sheila Stanton

## Remember in Your Prayers: (please use as a prayer list):

Bishop Brian Prior - All clergy serving Emmanuel - Rev. Don Hultstrand – Rev. Glenn Derby - Alison Derby and all of their families - Linnae—John & Cleone Sherman - Pat Weinmann - Doug & Buzzi Rollins – Bill & Josie Heegaard - Mike & Lana Ennis - Riley - Donna's brother Ken – Linnae's sister Linda – Bette Wolf - Mission Project 2013 - Emmanuel's Organ Project - Military personnel, especially Andy - The Food Shelf - Peace in the world - The future of the Episcopal Church - Our friends in Rwanda - The people of Ziwa and the Rift Valley



Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
presents  
*Christian Zamora*  
in recital  
Sunday, August 4th at 4:00 p.m.



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