

EMMANUELIGHT

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Messy Church
Saturday,
June 19, 2010



4:30—6 p.m.

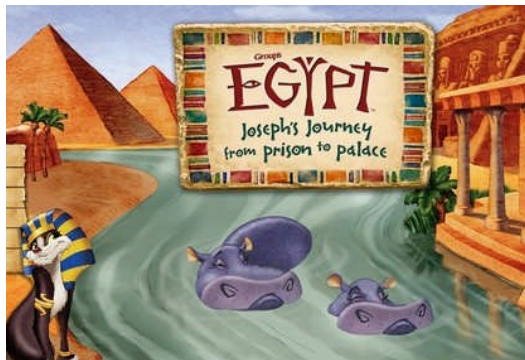
"The Kingdom of Heaven is like Hidden Treasure!"

Calling all parents and children for a fun evening!

Crafts Games, music and a Barbeque!!

GET READY TO TRANSPORT BACK IN TIME AND HISTORY TO ANCIENT EGYPT!

This year's Vacation Bible Camp is "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace". With your help, it is going to be lots of fun!



As we begin to look ahead to this year's Vacation Bible Camp (Aug. 16-20) there are several things that come to mind. The purpose behind the Vacation Bible Camp, like any outreach, can be lost or forgotten after several years. A tremendous amount of work, and time, goes into every Vacation Bible Camp. What is the reason? The reason is simple and found in Jesus' very words: "He said to them, **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these"**. And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. (Mark 10:14-16)

It is clear from Scripture, that to Jesus, children are precious. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to follow and imitate Jesus.

Our attitude toward serving children ought to be the same as Jesus our Master, and Teacher. This is why the people of Emmanuel Church dedicate one week each summer, and many hours beforehand, to prepare an outreach of excellence. It is clear to me that Emmanuel has been doing a great job with this outreach as to date registration is already over two thirds full for this year's camp. To reach out to children in our community through our Vacation Bible Camp in part, it fulfils one mandate of our Master!

The wonderful thing about being involved in mission to children is they have so much to learn, and they can teach us something wonderful about the simplicity of faith. It is therefore, my joy, my hope, and my prayer, that you will join

the Vacation Bible Camp Team to reach out with the Gospel!

Each year the Vacation Bible Camp needs 20-30 committed volunteers. Your contribution could be leading a lesson, helping with a craft, decorating the church, baking cookies and so on. Together we can help children to hear the Gospel, which you and I know and love, possibly for the first time. I encourage you to consider how you can be involved.

This year we will be forming teams to tackle individual areas.

Please sign up for one of the teams downstairs during coffee hour: Music, Crafts, Bible Story, Science Center, Recreation Games, Snacks, Group Leader Team, Set Builder Team, and General Help. Please join me in prayer in the coming months, that God will supply all that is needed, and prepare the hearts of the children to receive His word!

Captain Jonathan
Springthorpe

TREASURER'S UPDATE

ALL FIGURES ARE YEAR TO DATE AS OF MAY 30TH, 2010

		2010 Actual	2010 Budget	Difference	2009 Actual
Income	Donations	57,000	67,075	(10,075)	51,751
	Interest	78	100	(22)	197
	Building Use	5,500	5,500		5,500
	Internally restricted funds received	2,590	3,000	(410)	2,823
	Subtotal budgeted income	65,168	75,675	(10,507)	60,270
	Diocesan Grants				10,000
Total Income		65,168	75,675	(10,507)	70,270

Expenditures	Budgeted expenses	75,036	87,881	(12,845)	71,222
	Internally restricted funds used	3,464	3,000	464	1,650
	Diocesan Grants	3,100	3,100		
Total Expenses		81,599	93,981	(12,381)	72,872

Difference between Income and Expenses		(16,431)	(18,306)	1,874	(2,602)
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Non-Budgeted Items	Donation
Easter Offering	1,500
Mission Breakfast - SAMS	245

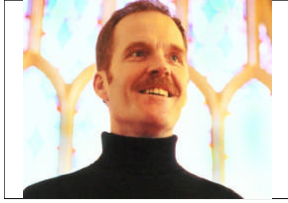
1. Expenditures exceed donations by over \$10,000.
2. If you would be interested in helping to count the weekly offering (about once a month), could you please speak with Cathy, Sheila or Peter Robinson.
3. Emmanuel participates in a pre-authorized giving program. If you would like to make a monthly donation to the church automatically, please ask Sheila or Cathy for a form. Withdrawals are made from bank accounts around the 20th of the month.

**THANK YOU FROM SAMS**

Please extend our thanks to the members of your parish for their gift towards the work in Latin America that is occurring through the South American Missionary Society in Canada. We invite you to visit our website at:

www.samscanada.ca for updates, information about opportunities abroad, photos, and much more.

We are grateful for your partnership and commitment to SAMS Canada. Please keep our mission partners, projects and work done at the home office in Canada in your prayers.



Dr. Peter Robinson

PETER'S EPISTLE

On Pentecost Sunday we celebrated the extraordinary gift of the Holy Spirit: tongues of fire, the sound of rushing wind and suddenly the followers of Jesus were able to speak in languages that they hadn't learned before (Acts 2). As spectacular as this event was it was not unexpected. Peter reminds the people that the prophet Joel had spoken of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit hundreds of years earlier. And Jesus during the last supper spoke extensively about the person of the Holy Spirit and what the Spirit was going to do. So why is it that we so often get completely confused about what the Spirit has come to do?

It has become popular recently to speak of a spirit who teaches us new things, even things that contradict what God has taught us in the past. This 'new spirit' is not the one that Jesus is speaking about. Jesus is speaking about the Holy Spirit whose primary role as our teacher is to help us understand what Jesus has already taught us. A recent example of how we replace the Holy Spirit with a 'new spirit' is seen in a recent letter to TEC (the Episcopal Church) from the Presiding Bishop of TEC (PB) who is anxious to undermine the recent Pentecost Letter by the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

The PB uses the bible to affirm her own prejudices. That is clear from the very first line of her letter when she argues that '*Pentecost is most fundamentally a continuing gift of the Spirit, rather than a limitation of quenching of the Spirit.*' Of course what she says is partially true but as the letter goes on it becomes apparent that her definition of someone

quenching the Spirit is when anyone disagrees with her particular interpretation of what the Spirit should do. (In this instance that include the Archbishop of Canterbury.)

In her letter she refers to the story of Pentecost and the way that the Spirit enables the followers of Jesus to speak different languages. Her suggestion is that this is a sign of the diversity which the Spirit enables. In other words, we can all speak in different voices but we can still live with each other. Or to put that more bluntly, we can misunderstand one another, disagree with one another, be confused by one another but we can still live with one another or put up with one another. That interpretation clearly serves the purposes of the Presiding Bishop but does it have anything to do with what the story of Pentecost teaches us?

Pentecost is the reversal of the Old Testament story of Babel. In the Story of Babel the people are trying to build a tower to the heavens, trying to find their own way to God. They foiled by God's intervention. God knows the best way to stop them is to make it impossible for them to communicate with one another. So he gives them many different languages. Not surprisingly the tower project fails and the people all go their own way. After all if they cannot understand one another how can they possibly work together let alone live with one another?

When we arrive at Pentecost we see something quite different. Through the Holy Spirit God makes it possible for us to communicate with one another and to understand one another. This gift of communication enables us to be united, to be reconciled with one another in the same way that Christ has reconciled us to God. In other words the passage is teaching us the exact opposite mes-

sage from what the PB would like us to believe. Her very interesting and innovative interpretation demonstrates how easy it is for us to try and make the Bible say what we want to say if we take a text out of context or ignore the wider story of God and what he is doing in the world.

The PB also refers to one of the readings from John 16:12, 13. Once again the PB is innovative in her interpretation. Her suggestion is that the Spirit's has come to lead us into new truths and new ideas. She would have us understand that this means that the Spirit will at times contradict what we have heard from God before. While vs 13 does refer to the Spirit teaching us about things 'that are to come' and 'things that the followers cannot yet bear', the focus of the verse is to affirm that everything the Spirit speaks is completely coherent with what both Jesus and the Father have already said. This becomes very clear in vs 14, 15 where Jesus is insistent that what the Holy Spirit teaches us is absolutely coherent with what he and his Father have already taught us.

We have the opportunity to pray for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. (June 3-10) It seems as though our church is poised to move either in the direction of Babel or the direction of Pentecost - to either experience a complete breakdown of communication or to allow the Spirit to teach us how to understand one another. This is particularly true as we consider the covenant with the global Anglican Church. Let us pray against a 'new spirit' and instead pray that the Holy Spirit will be at work in a way that reflects and resonates with the Father and the Son.

June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1pm Bridge	2 10:30 a.m. Service At Leisure World	3	4 4:30—6pm Jr. Youth 7-8:30 Sr. Youth	5
6 10am BAS HC	7	8 1pm Bridge	9 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	10	11	12
13 10am BAS HC	14	15 1pm Bridge	16 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	17 6 pm Garden Party at Michael White's	18 4:30—6pm Jr. Youth 7-8:30 Sr. Youth	19 4.30 to 6 pm Messy Church
20 10am BAS HC Healing Service	21	22 1pm Bridge	23 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	24	25	26
27 10am BAS HC Food Bank Sunday	28	29 1 pm Bridge	30 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)			

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 10am BAS HC	5	6 1pm Bridge	7 10:30 a.m. Service At Leisure World	8	9	10
11 10am BAS HC	12	13 1pm Bridge	14 10am Study, Communion & Healing Prayer (C.E. Bldg.)	15	16	17
18 10am BAS HC	19	20 1pm Bridge	21	22	23	24
25 10am BAS HC Food Bank Sunday	26	27 1pm Bridge	28	29	30	31

THE EMMANUELIGHTS

Wendy, Cynthia, Sylvia, Rinske, Joan, Irene, Don, Leah, Anmarie and Bruce - sang, clapped and danced their way through another performance at York Central Hospital on Palm Sunday.

It would warm your heart to watch the patients delight in the music. One in particular, Ted Dobbs, (Ev's husband) was beaming with joy - singing and clapping! To see his eyes light up made every effort by so many very worthwhile. Another whom I know was beaming from ear to ear (someone known to Irene who is considerably disabled) was clapping along with the music.

The one lasting memory most of these patients have is music. I am so fortunate and proud to have a very small part in this ministry.

The next event is taking place Sunday, June 6th at 2 p.m. Bruce has put together a program with lots of old favourites, both sacred and secular. Come and join us as guests or, better still, join the singing group.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, especially Bruce Douville who directs the music. **Ernie Rogers**

EMMANUEL'S SPRING GARDEN PARTY JOIN THE CELEBRATION

You are all invited to
**Emmanuel's Spring Garden
Party**

at 6.00 p.m.

on Thursday June 17, 2010

285 Lennox Avenue, Richmond Hill
L4C 2A4.

To encourage attendance by younger families, we will be providing a special menu featuring hot dogs and chicken fingers for the younger set at 6 pm. For those of greater maturity, a spread of grilled Chicken Tandoori, a selection of the finest European and British sausages and Chef Patrick Burroughs' famed grilled Chicken Supremaximo will be provided for your delectation a little later in the evening.

Offerings of salads or desserts would be appreciated.

RSVP 905.508.1150 and leave a message with the White House Catering Dept. or email to mwhite@rickettsharris.com.

**Prayers for Healing
Sunday June 20th**



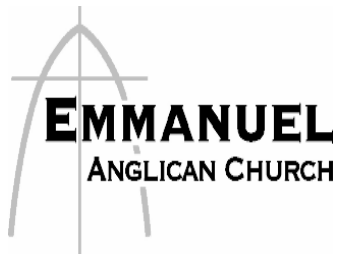
During our Sunday morning Communion service we will be offering a time of prayers and anointing for healing.

Emmanuel has enjoyed an emphasis on the place of healing in the Christian life through its involvement with the Order of Saint Luke and our Wednesday morning communion service. It is a great privilege for us to uphold one another in prayer and we invite anyone who would like to receive prayer

The Explorers in June!

The kids won't want to miss this exciting adventure!

They "Blastoff" on June 6th as they listen to the conclusion of the Exodus story and learn how Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land. On June 13th - Drama Week - be on the lookout for some spies during the church service and music playing outside as the children pretend to spy on the people of Jericho and march around the city walls. During Challenge Week (June 20th) they will explore the importance of being faithful and obedient to God as depicted in the story and how it applies to their lives today. On Technology week (June 27th) they have the option of watching a Veggie Tale movie "Josh and the Big Wall" or playing on the Computer with the "Exodus" program. It's going to be lots of fun!!!



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MISSION MATTERS

A NOTE FROM MURRAY & ANN O'COIN



We are looking forward to a path that is leading us from the hands of the Church Army. It has helped turn our dream of Dancing Waters at Tyendinaga into those of Sanctuary Ministries, a mission in downtown Toronto which seeks to be a safe place for those who have no home. Toronto has a very large Mohawk population and many of them have a good relationship with Sanctuary Ministries which understands well the issues facing natives across this country.

We are deeply grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from the Church Army and Emmanuel Church and invite you to continue walking this path with us.

SUMMER FOOD BANK CONTRIBUTIONS


The Richmond Hill Food Bank would like to thank the parish of Emmanuel Anglican Church for its generous contributions over the past year.

As you are no doubt aware, there are no more Food Drives until Thanksgiving. The food bank depends on steady contributions like yours to fill the need throughout the summer. Your **June** and **July** contributions are very important because they are needed to make up the difference between the contributions, which tend to slacken during the summer, and the need, which is constant.. Hunger does not take a summer vacation.

Thank you for your continued support.
On behalf of the Food Bank,

Henry Crane

Youth Event— Friday, June 18th!
The young people have been meeting every other Friday
Calling all youth— Youth from 8 to 12 meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m.
Those 13-18 meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Come and bring a friend! Everyone is welcome!



Prayer is important to us!
For prayer requests that come up during the week, we have a group of people who are happy to pray for different issues or needs in your life.
To contact the Prayer Chain, please call Sue Merry (416-781-8336 or Phyllis Wallace (905-884-9832).

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Deadline for Notices and articles for the July/Aug 2010 issue is Sunday, June 27.
They can be sent to Sheila Craig at the Church Office.