



EMMANUEL NEWS

WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Help support our Sunday worship! We are looking for Ushers, Eucharist Ministers, and Lectors/Intercessors. If you've always wanted to get more involved, this is a great way to start, and training is available. If you are available, please reach out to Julene Levin for more information.

GODLY PLAY

First & Third Sundays

Join us for Godly Play on the first and third Sundays each month.



Upcoming dates are May 4, 18, and June 1, 15. Contact Kaylee Fedele or Christine Kenyon if you have any questions..



ONE PLOT LEFT! JOIN THE P-PATCH COMMUNITY



There is currently only one 8ft x 12ft garden plot available for the 2025 growing season. The Pea Patch provides a quiet spot to grow food and



flowers, connect with the community, and improved physical and mental health. Contact Leslie Moore [at 206-794-2582](tel:206-794-2582) lkmoore314@gmail.com or for details.

SUNDAY | MAY 4 | 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE BELL

EMMANUEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FROM OUR INTERIM RECTOR, FR. PATRICK RAYMOND

Fierce Conversations

"Our work, our relationships, and our lives succeed or fail one conversation at a time."
Susan Scott

Dear people of Emmanuel,

A decade ago in my home diocese (Chicago), our bishop urged everyone to take part in workshops based on Susan Scott's 2004 book *Fierce Conversations: Achieving Success at Work & in Life, One Conversation at a Time*. I'm not sure if or how our diocese as a whole benefited, but I do believe that taking part affirmed and refined aspects of my own ministry and relationships.



Scott argues that the quality of our lives is inseparable from the quality of our conversations. She suggests that avoiding difficult conversations that should take place depletes energy and undermines trust. She urges interrogating reality and drilling down to unearth all contributing influences in a given situation. She plays with the image of a beach ball: the

different-colored stripes represent the voices, views and interests of all stakeholders in a conversation. No one 'stripe' is the whole ball. How can we account for, listen to and benefit from all points of view?

Scott's ideas come to mind now as we anticipate parish conversations planned for the coming two Sundays at 9am in the narthex. These will not be gatherings at which everything that should be said will be said. We won't resolve or reach agreement about our stories of Emmanuel's past or the parish's future. But what if we do get an inkling of our readiness to 'interrogate reality'? What if, as we 'toss the beach ball around the room,' we sense an atmosphere of exploration and hope more than one of avoidance and mistrust? Imagine coming away with more smiles than wincing. Imagine prayerfully looking forward to further, positively fierce conversations in months to come.

The Rev. Patrick Raymond
Interim Rector

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SAVE THE DATE! CONVENE 2025

Saturday | May 31 | 8:30AM-4:00PM | Everett



Connect, Learn and Convene with episcopal churches throughout Western Washington for a day of workshops and fellowship. All are invited to attend. Childcare and lunch provided. **This is a free event.** Reserve your spot <https://ecww.org/convene/>

CONVENE 2025 WORKSHOP REQUEST

For Convene, the diocese is **seeking workshop leaders**. We are blessed to have so many people and congregations with so much to offer in our diocese! This is an opportunity to honor and share this abundance of gifts with one another in this bi-annual “by the people, for the people” event.

If you, or someone you know would be a fantastic workshop leader, contact Matt Koski at mkoski@ecww.org or go to ecww.org for more information.

CCD SUMMER ‘YEAR B’ -

REGISTRATION IS OPEN 2025

June 8-13 | Dumas Bay Center | Federal Way



Registration for the 2025 week-long ‘Year B’ Session is open! To learn more about the College for Congregational Development, visit <https://www.cdcollege.org>. You can register for CCD at <https://tinyurl.com/2ccj8xwd>.

VESTRY NOTE

Emmanuel Property Team Update



The Vestry’s Property Team—Leslie Moore, Michael Spencer, and Carlos Obando—has been hard at work alongside our dedicated Emmanuel Fix-It volunteers and property manager Julene Levin to care for and improve our campus. Together, they’re making meaningful progress on both current updates and long-term planning initiatives.

Recent Maintenance Highlights:

- **Major Maintenance:** We’ve refreshed the Christian Education (CE) Building and Sanctuary with new paint—enhancing both their beauty and long-term preservation.
- **Operations & Grounds:** From lawn care to fine gardening, we continue to meet the needs of our tenants while keeping our grounds welcoming and well-managed.
- **Efficiency Upgrades:** Energy and cost savings are already showing thanks to new lighting installations and water metering systems.



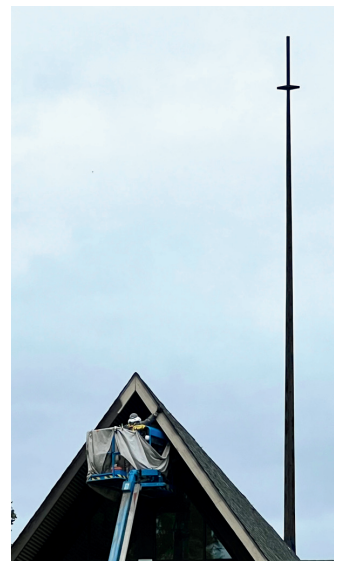
Fix-It Team Projects: Our amazing volunteers have been busy! Highlights include:

- Restoring the building bell
- Repairing utility systems
- Addressing drainage issues
- Replacing deteriorated posts along the Parish Hall walkway

Looking Ahead: We’re now undertaking a comprehensive evaluation of what it costs to operate each building individually. This analysis will guide future budgets and capital planning, helping ensure our resources are used efficiently and sustainably.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please reach out to me or any member of the Property Team. Thank you for your continued support and care for Emmanuel!

Leslie Moore





Reminder: The Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman, recently appointed Diocese of Olympia Canon to the Ordinary, will celebrate and preach at both Eucharists on **May 11**, and will share in a give-and-take **conversation with parishioners at 9am** in the narthex. Please plan to take part.

Hey! It's Emmanuelite Pat Angell! She's at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, in New York City, sharing a moment with the Rt. Rev. Matthew Heyd, 17th Bishop of New York.



This week's Bible Study will take place on **Tuesday, May 6**, in the parish library starting at 10:00am. The Bible passage and prep materials may be read in the May 1 issue of the eBell, or you may call Julene Levin in the office for a copy.

Guests and newcomers are always welcome!

My sermon from this past Sunday, April 27, may be read in the May 1 issue of the eBell, or contact Julene Levin for a copy..

IT'S A BAPTISM!

If you would like to see more photos of the Fedele Baptism, contact Jon or Kaylee Fedele.



SAVE THE DATE!
**SONG OF SEATTLE...
A JOURNEY OF JOY**
Saturday | June 7 |
2PM-4PM | Emmanuel

Take a musical journey and hop aboard an extraordinary afternoon of a cappella harmony, **Saturday, June 7, 2PM-4PM** at Emmanuel. Song of Seattle is a creative women's a cappella chorus with a musical theater flair, singing timeless and contemporary arrangements. Tickets can be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/44dabkau>

TECH HELP FOR SENIORS
Mondays & Saturdays | MI Library



Tech experts from the Mercer Island High School Coding Club will make technology more accessible and enhance daily conveniences for older adults. These drop-in sessions are held **Mondays at 3:15PM and Saturdays at 3:00PM** at the Mercer Island Library (4400 88th Avenue SE) - no registration required!



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

SUPPORT GROUP FOR SENIORS
Mondays & Saturdays | MICEC

The Senior Support Group is a free support group for spouses and partners of those with dementia. Group meetings will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:30AM to noon at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center. **The next meeting is May 28.**

ASK THE VESTRY

Do you have any questions for the Vestry? It's now easier and more efficient than ever. Anytime you have a question or concern, even praise, about anything Emmanuel-related, simply send an email to AskVestry@EmmanuelMI.org to engage with each Vestry member.



EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST

To add a name to the prayer list, use the form on the website or email julene@emmanuelmi.org. Names will be listed for 3 weeks unless requested otherwise. New entries will be bolded and marked by an asterisk (*).

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS (5/4-5/10)

LeeAnne Peccie, David Beatty

THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR SUFFERING IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT

Allan Affleck, Azizi Amundsen, Bob & Pat Baxter, Susan Bell, Ed Dobbryn, Joel Jorgensen, Emmett Maloof, Jose Luis Obando, Philip Palmer, Alonzo Pruitt, Steve Shelton, Jean Smith, Lee Stiles, Sue Stiles, Julie Wiegand, Janine Wylie

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

and those who mourn

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ~ MAY 4, 2025

8:00AM SERVICE

Preacher / Celebrant The Rev. Patrick Raymond
Assistant
Ushers
Vestry of the Day Sandy Maloof
Hospitality Lead Pat Angell and Mark Hall

10:00AM SERVICE

Preacher / Celebrant The Rev. Patrick Raymond
Eucharistic Minister Debbie Wiegand
Ushers Hugh Threlkeld
Lector / Intercessor Nick Bohlinger
Altar Guild Barb Shephard, Vyvienne Stumbles
Flowers Becky McKanna
Musician Fred McIlroy
Vestry of the Day Sandy Maloof
Technology Michael Spencer
Hospitality Lead Sandy Maloof, Margaret Philbrick, Jane Smith
Godly Play Teacher Christine Kenyon
Godly Play Assistant Stacy Dimmich

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS May 11, 2025

Acts 9:36-43 | Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30 | Psalm 23



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JON FEDELE - *Vestry Member, Strategy & Clerk*

SANDY MALOOF - *Vestry Member, Parish Life*

LESLIE MOORE - *Vestry Member, Property*

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