



THE BELL

EMMANUEL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR, THE REV. PATRICK RAYMOND

Emmanuel Day School

“Jesus put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said, ‘Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me, and far more than me—God who sent me.’” – Mark 9:36–37 (The Message)

“Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me.” Fred Rogers



Dear people of Emmanuel,

I was blessed to be present for and witness the Emmanuel Day School graduation and end-of-school-year celebration last Friday, June 12. The kids were predictably undulating and enthusiastic, soaking in the attention of beaming parents and grandparents. The devoted preschool teachers seemed grateful for the visible fruits of another year, on joyful display in the brief ceremony.

Although no longer a formal ministry or day-to-day responsibility of the parish, the Emmanuel Day School continues to be an important feature of and partner on Emmanuel’s campus. Amber Hughes, the Director for about a decade now, is a good-spirited, intelligent leader. She and her board proactively proposed a plan to step up and step in when we learned about a year ago that Patti’s Place, the separate program for younger children that had also occupied a part of our education wing for forty years, would be winding down. The Day School board is now also wondering about adding a summer program in 2027.

All of this may seem distant from the participation and interests of most Emmanuel members. But parents on Mercer Island – some of whom may be your neighbors or family members – can choose from a dozen or so preschool options for their young children. Any of you may have an opportunity to commend ‘EDS’ if you see an opportunity. Any of you may be at the church and have an opportunity to say thanks to Amber or one of the teachers. (Did you know that Emmanuelite Marcia Palk is one of those faithful teachers?!) And of course I invite you to pray for the well-being of all the preschool children, parents and teachers.



The Rev. Patrick Raymond
Interim Rector

PS You can view the Emmanuel Day School website at <https://emmanueldayschool.org>.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer, page 829



AROUND THE DIOCESE



SEATTLE PRIDE PARADE
Saturday | June 28

Join the Diocese of Olympia and fellow Episcopalians for Seattle Pride on **June 28!** Choose to march in the **parade** from **11:30AM–3:30PM** or

volunteer at the Diocese booth at Seattle Center from 10:30AM–5PM. Whether walking, welcoming visitors, sharing stickers, or offering glitter blessings, you'll help share God's love and celebrate inclusion in our community. Free and open to all.

COLLEGE FOR CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2026–2027



The College for Congregational Development (CCD) is a two-year leadership training program that began in the Diocese of Olympia and now serves dioceses nationwide. It equips lay and clergy leaders with practical skills in leadership, facilitation, and teamwork, grounded in Episcopal tradition and congregational development practices.

Choose your format:

Summer Sessions | Sacred Waters Center Hood Canal

- Year A: 6/21–6/26
- Year B: 8/16–8/21

Five-Saturday Option | 8:30AM–4PM | Diocesan House | Seattle
9/19 | 10/17 | 11/21 | 1/9 | 2/6

Tuition includes training, materials, and (for summer sessions) room and board. Learn more or register: cdcollege.org

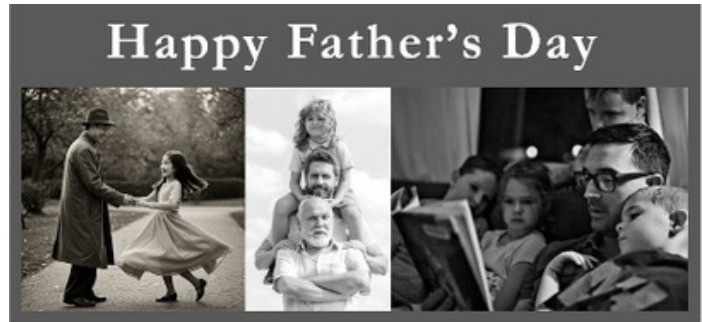
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE UPDATE



Update on Search. Emmanuel's Search and Transition Team is currently in communication with a promising Priest-in-Charge candidate. Discussions with the candidate, the vestry, and the bishop are ongoing. Please pray for the team as they move forward to complete a successful search.

ALSO FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Happy Father's Day! At at our 9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist I will give us all a chance during the Prayers of the People to name aloud or remember silently and to give thanks for our dads.



Pray with me for our neighbors at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Bellevue (on Factoria Blvd. across from the mall), and for their soon to retire rector, the Rev. Beverly Moore-Tasy, whose last Eucharist with the congregation was this past Sunday, June 14. St. Margaret's hosted a Juneteenth Celebration this past Saturday, June 20, at which Bishop LaBelle presided.



Bible Study continues throughout the summer, and will continue, by acclamation of the 'regulars', in August (after my final time with the group, July 21. Join us Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. A link to the reading for next Tuesday, June 23, may be found in the June 18 eBell, or contact Julene in the office.

EMMANUEL HAPPENINGS



TODAY! SUMMER SOLSTICE WALK

Sunday | June 21

Summer Solstice occurs today **Sunday, June 21**.Join in celebrating the solstice (meaning sun stands still) by *walking our Emmanuel Labyrinth*

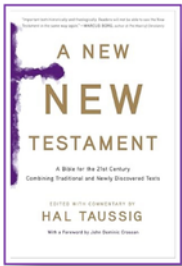
on Sunday. Walking this "long path," we can attune to the cycles of the cosmos, and celebrate the triumph of light. See you on the path!



WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday | 10AM | library & zoom

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BOOK STUDY GROUP

2nd and 4th Tuesdays | 7PM | library & Zoom

Join us to learn about newly discovered or re-examined ancient writings that shed new light on the foundations of Christianity in the book, *A NEW NEW TESTAMENT*, by Hal Taussig. Margaret Morency is leading this group.

Join us next Tuesday, June 23 at 7PM!

CALENDAR

SUNDAY | JUNE 21**9AM | Worship**MONDAY | JUNE 22*YTN Summer Camps begin | ED wing/PH*TUESDAY | JUNE 23**10AM | Bible Study | library****7PM | Book Study | library**THURSDAY | JUNE 25

7:30PM | AA Meeting | library

SUNDAY | JUNE 28**9AM | Worship****11:30AM | Search & Transition | library**MONDAY | JUNE 29**6PM | Boy Scout Troop 457 | narthex**TUESDAY | JUNE 30**10AM | Bible Study | library**THURSDAY | JULY 2**8:30AM | Mindfulness | narthex/nave****7:30PM | AA Meeting | library**SUNDAY | JULY 5**9AM | Worship****11:30AM | Search & Transition | library**

MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

Sunday | June 28 | 2PM-4PM | Island Books

Celebrate the vibrant literary community of the Pacific Northwest at the next Island Books Local Author Festival! Meet local authors, discover new books, and explore a wide range of genres, including fiction, fantasy, thriller, memoir, nonfiction, self-help, and children's literature. Whether you're looking for your next great read or hoping to connect with authors from our region, there's something for every reader.

Featured authors include:

- M.K. Abben – *The Beast and the Bough*
- K'ai Roberts Fu – *12 Mis-Steps*
- James Gottesman – *The Remarkable Rachel Romain*
- T.C. Kennedy – *Doors and Windows*
- Sophia Kouidou-Giles – *Circle of Peace*
- Nancy Lee – *Reducing Gun Deaths and Injuries*
- Allison McKenzie – *The Unexpected Hostage*
- Ronit Plank – *When She Comes Back*
- Azalea Sharma – *Dawn After Dusk*



ISLAND BOOKS
Mercer Island, Washington

Come browse, meet the authors, and add a few new titles to your summer reading list!



EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST



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

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAY (JUNE 21-JUNE 27)

John Carpenter, Sandy Maloof, Luke Carpenter, Leslie Threlkeld

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

Anne Affleck, Bob Baxter, Susan Bell, ***Bill Brueggemann**, Ed Dobbyn, Kris Dobbyn, Catherine Fedele, Sally Godwin, Karen Harvey, Maretta Holden, Taylor Howem, Joel Jorgensen, Russ & Diana Noble, Katie Osborne, Kay Richards, Kate Spear, Betsy Ward,
Julie Wiegand

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eliot Abramson, Kent Brennecke, James Ruedlinger and those who mourn

LITURGICAL MINISTERS ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

9:00AM SERVICE

CELEBRANT/PREACHER	The Rev. Patrick Raymond
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Debbie Wiegand
LECTOR/INTERCESSOR	Debbie Wiegand
USHERS	Sandy Maloof, Hugh Threlkeld
ALTAR GUILD	Debbie Wiegand, Polly Ogden
FLOWERS	Eugenie Ihle
MUSICIAN	Fred McIlroy
VESTRY OF THE DAY	Stacy Dimmich
TECHNOLOGY	
HOSPITALITY	Bryce Bogar, Margaret Morency

NEXT WEEKS READINGS

June 28, 2026

JEREMIAH 28:5-9 | PSALM 89:1-4,15-18

ROMANS 6:12-23 | MATTHEW 10:40-42



Emmanuel Church

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**PARISH
LEADERSHIP**

CLERGY & STAFF

REV. PATRICK RAYMOND - *Interim Rector*
REV. MARILYN CORNWELL - *Assisting Priest*
FRED MCILROY - *Music Director*
JULENE LEVIN - *Office Administrator*
JOHN PRITCHARD - *Bookkeeper*

VESTRY

MICHAEL SPENCER - *Sr. Warden & Property*
PAT ANGELL - *Vestry Member & Treasurer*
JANET BELL - *Vestry Member, Property*
STACY DIMMICH - *Vestry, Parish Life/Outreach*
NATHAN IHLE - *Vestry Member*
SANDY MALOOF - *Vestry, Parish Life/Outreach*
LESLIE MOORE - *Jr. Warden, Property*
MARCIA PALK - *Jr. Warden, Parish Life/Outreach*
SUE STILES - *Vestry Member*
JON FEDELE - *Vestry Clerk*

Email the Vestry at:

AskVestry@EmmanuelMI.org