



# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"Reflecting the Light of Christ from Generation to Generation"*

## Reflections

*Serving the Sandhills of North Carolina, The Episcopal Day School and Penick Village*

### From the Rector

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you know, a series of congregational discernment sessions was held early last month. From those sessions, the Vestry identified several themes that will become our guiding principles as we now begin the process of developing a congregational strategic plan.

As of this writing, the Vestry is assembling an ad hoc strategic planning committee that will work over the coming weeks to develop a five-year plan. When they have completed their work, the committee will present a preliminary draft to the Vestry for review. The Vestry will then present the plan to the congregation, probably in the late spring, for further input. The plan will then be revised as appropriate and re-presented to the Vestry for final approval, hopefully by mid-year.

This entire process is a work of the Holy Spirit, and I ask your prayers for everyone involved in this process, that they will be faithful and skillful in their work, to the glory of God.

Also, many of you may know that I will be taking a 12-week sabbatical from late July through late October. I will spend six weeks living and studying in India, participating in

a four-week residential yoga teacher training program. The curriculum includes the philosophy of the eight limbs of yoga (universal morality, personal observances, body postures, breathing exercises, control of



*The Reverend John G. Tampa*

the senses, cultivation of inner perceptual awareness, devotion, and communion with God), anatomy and physiology, diet and nutrition, teaching techniques, and ethical guidelines. Julie will join me for two weeks at the end of the program for travel and study of the Christian church in India's diverse spiritual context.

I then plan to travel to Costa Rica for four weeks to participate with Bishop Hector Monterroso and his staff in the development and implementation of a diocesan

strategic plan. As you know, the Diocese of North Carolina has shared a companion relationship with the Diocese of Costa Rica for many years, and Emmanuel Church has a direct companion relationship with Santiago Parish in Estrada, Costa Rica.

I am thankful for this opportunity to travel, study, pray and reflect upon my vocation as a Christian priest in this beautiful and diverse world in which people of all faiths seek to worship and serve God and God's people.

Faithfully,  
John Tampa

On Wednesday, February 22, 2012 there will be two Ash Wednesday Services with Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes. The morning service will be held at 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon service will be held at 6:00 p.m.



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## Outreach Thank You's

Many of you know that 2011 was a very busy year for Family Promise. We saw a record 27 families, including 53 children, and provided 2,541 nights of shelter. 15 of the families secured permanent housing, two moved to transitional housing, two moved in with family or friends and eight left us without a forwarding address! Thank you for all the support and time you gave to this mission this past year and for the help you will give in the coming year. Thank You!

Susan Bellew  
Executive Director  
Family Promise

Dear friends,

We are very grateful for the \$1045 Alternative Christmas Gift from the members of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

As I write, a student is using the Rosetta Stone at the computer next to me. She is an employee of a local business which supports her efforts to improve her English skills. With assistance from her tutors, she was able to pass a critical inspection test this past December, which allowed her to advance at work. She is clearly a motivated person, who is benefiting from the kind of generosity you have extended to our students through your Christmas gifts.

We also continue to appreciate the many ways in which you support our mission—including the use of your facilities, the engagement of some of your members as tutors, and your participation in the Bee. Our ability to serve our stu-

dents is dependent on gifts of energy, dollars, encouragement, and prayers. Thank you for being among those who make regular offerings—in all these ways—throughout the year.

Susan Sherard  
Executive Director  
MC Literacy Council

Dear Members,

Your gift to Penick Village gives peace to someone who needs it. You have made it possible for Jeff, our CEO, to tell someone, "You are safe. This is your home"—regardless of their financial circumstances. Thank you.

You have helped to lift the burden from the shoulders of someone who did their part and now needs our help. Please know what a difference you are making in people's lives.

Thank you so much for your commitment to and support of our ministry. We are truly grateful.

Lari Powell Hatley  
Director of Development  
Penick Village Foundation

More thank you notes from additional community organizations such as the Coalition and Friend to Friend can be found on the bulletin board right outside Marie Turner's office. Please take a moment to stop by and read them!

Submitted by the  
The Rev. Amy J. Huacani

## From the Associate Rector

*“The Church is the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.”*

98th Archbishop of Canterbury  
William Temple

These words have stayed with me since I heard them last week at the congregational discernment sessions here. Archbishop Temple was echoing Jesus whose life was about the “other.” Someone wisely once told me that one’s greatest challenge in life is learning to live with the other—namely every other person who is not like one’s self! How true. Archbishop Temple knew this, which makes his words all the more poignant.

In particular, Jesus’ life was patterned after serving others. Day in and day out, he served through his welcome, care, listening ear, healing, and love for all. His life was a holy pattern that arose as an outpouring of his deep, abiding relationship with God. Jesus knew and witnessed the other patterns all around him and today, those same patterns long to be copied. There’s the ‘I’ pattern. Me, myself, and I. There are also the success and wealth patterns, as well as countless more. And as the patterns compete to be copied in an individual’s life, Jesus invites each to listen deeply for God’s pattern embodied in the words of Micah “to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with God”. This is The Pattern above all other patterns. In following this pattern, all the other ones fall by the wayside. It is a lifelong journey to hold onto Jesus’ pattern in this way.

And what shape is Jesus’ pattern? I imagine Jesus’ pattern to be in the shape of a cross where

one daily goes in towards the center—towards God for strength, wisdom, love, and nourishment, so one can serve others. I imagine there are other holy patterns too. Perhaps a bright light, which certainly is echoed in this Epiphany season.

Inside this newsletter you’ll find some opportunities for God’s people at Emmanuel to pattern their lives after Jesus by who they are. The thank you notes reflect the holy patterns created in days past too. I remember when I first arrived here and how I quickly learned through casual conversations of folks sharing humbly of how they are giving of themselves week in and week out at local organizations. Put simply, serving God is as much a part of some peoples’ daily lives as eating lunch. And, it’s in the relationships developed in encountering the “other” that one’s holy pattern with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit at the center of life is witnessed.

And sometimes one finds that their patterns overlap with another’s pattern, which is always a beautiful thing to witness as each person’s gifts shine in serving together as the body of Christ. I was mindful of this in particular this past December as so many gave so generously to others through the Alternative Christmas event. In all, \$11,245 was given to twelve partner organizations in Moore County that are currently in partnership with Emmanuel through the Community Outreach Commission. Thank you! Because of your generosity, God’s abundance will be shared with so many in ways that we cannot begin to imagine.

A team of eleven will also travel from Emmanuel to Costa Rica February 25-March 3 for a week to grow in faith, hope, and love with the people of God there. Pattern-making will happen as we continue construction on the community center building in Estrada, working towards completion of it, and play with the children who live nearby. We hope to write a blog during our trip, so please watch the weekly E-mmanuel for that.

The words of Ephesians 3:20-21 come to mind these days. “Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.”

This is an exciting time in the life of Emmanuel as daily we look to Jesus to live out in us as our lifelong pattern. May our day in and day out lives reflect this holy, everlasting gift.

Grace and peace

The Rev. Amy J. Huacani

The Casserole  
Ministry will meet  
Monday, February 6th  
at 10:00 a.m. in the  
Parish Hall kitchen. All  
cooks are invited to  
join us! If you enjoy  
cooking, this ministry  
is for you.



## Come Spend the Day with Phyllis Tickle

### Saturday, March 3, 2012

### 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**P**hyllis Tickle is the founding editor of the Religion Department of *Publishers Weekly* and remained with this publication until her retirement in 2004. She is also the author of over 25 books. Phyllis served as the Dean of the Memphis College of Art before entering full time into publishing and writing. In 1996 she received the Mays Award, one of the book industry's most prestigious awards for lifetime achievement in writing and publishing. She was specifically recognized for her work in gaining mainstream media coverage of religion publishing. In 2004, she received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from the Berkley School of Divinity at Yale University. Phyllis will be with us on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the phenomenon of the emergent church - how it applies to us as Episcopalians.

Two of Phyllis' published titles are: *The Great Emergence, How Christianity is Changing and Why* and *The Words of Jesus, A Gospel of Sayings of Our Lord*. She is also the author of the notable and popular,

*The Divine Hours* series of manuals for observing the fixed-hour prayer. She has just published a new video/workbook discussion series, *Embracing Emergence Christianity ~ Phyllis Tickle on the Church's Next Rummage Sale*.

A short summary of Emergent Christianity: "Coming up out of all the shifts and turmoil of our times in just the same way that Protestantism arose 500 years ago out of the upheavals of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Emergence is characterized by its de-institutionalized nature, its rejection of hierarchy and favored status, its belief in narrative theology over propositional or doctrinal theology, its belief that the Kingdom of God is here and now, its concern for the communal over the individual, and its understanding of social justice as being Godly work, not a civil or moral concern."

If you would like hear more, please plan on joining us to welcome, enjoy and learn from this amazing woman. This is an opportunity that should not be missed.

The tentative schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Registration and coffee, etc.  
 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Discussion with Phyllis Tickle  
 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Discussion with Phyllis Tickle  
 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Break  
 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Book Signing

**The cost, including lunch, will be \$50.00.** Please call Laurie Holden at (910)692-3171 ext. 233 or email [lholden@emmanuel-parish.org](mailto:lholden@emmanuel-parish.org) to reserve your spot.

*"Phyllis Tickle offers a creative and provocative overview of multiple social and cultural changes in our era, their relation to previous major paradigm shifts, and their particular impact on North American Christianity. This is an immensely important contribution to the current conversation about new and emerging forms of Christianity in a post-modern environment."*—The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

### Children of the 80's Group Game Night Drop In

(Wii, basketball and ping pong)

Let's gather and play games! Here are the details:

**Who:** Everyone who was a child in the 80's and their families! (Children too!)

**Where:** Leigh and Tom Velevis' home: 112 James Creek Rd. Southern Pines, NC 28387

**When:** Saturday, February 18th 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**What to bring:** We'll have a potluck. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Hot dogs, mac and cheese, juice and drinks will be provided for the kids.

BYOB.

**Questions:** Contact Leigh Velevis at 692-6975 or [leighv@nc.rr.com](mailto:leighv@nc.rr.com)

Submitted by the Rev. Amy J. Huacani



## EDS Search Committee

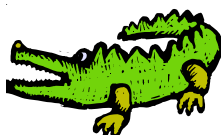
The search committee met on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to finalize the EDS profile and job posting for a new head of school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who participated in the Town Hall meetings held last week. Your feedback was invaluable and will be included as we update our school profile. We felt that the sessions were well attended with a variety of participants including parents, faculty, board and church members. Thank you so much.

We anticipate that the profile will be ready by Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and will be sent to the board for proofing. Our expectation is that

both the profile and the job posting will be ready by January 18<sup>th</sup>. **We will then begin to accept formal applications.** If you care to check out the new profile you may do so after January 18<sup>th</sup> by logging onto the EDS website.

Our next search committee meeting is scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup>. You will receive another update after that meeting.

Donna Carter,  
Chairman: EDS Board of Trustees



## EDS Yard Sale

The Episcopal Day School Student Council is sponsoring a huge yard sale on March 17, 2012. The sale will take place on the field beside Indiana Avenue. The proceeds will go directly to the classroom budgets at EDS up to \$50 per classroom. Additional monies will go toward campus beautification and Penick outreach. **We are in need of donations!** Please place your unwanted goods on the front porch facing May Street of the fourth grade cottage. The physical address is 335 May Street. Items not sold will go to the EEC Thrift Shop and/or the Sandhills Coalition. Thank you in advance for your support in this student council fundraiser.

Cricket Crickmore

## Musical Events at Emmanuel Church

This spring, several musical opportunities are available to parishioners and the public alike for reflection, prayer, and praise, or to simply experience God's beauty through music. The Bach's Lunch series will continue with four planned concerts:

All concerts begin at noon on Fridays. Please bring a friend and a brown bag lunch to enjoy!

**January 27<sup>th</sup> - Jazz in January** - featuring Kyle Savage, piano & Jerry Mashburn, bass

**February 24<sup>th</sup> - Twenty Fingers, Two Friends** - featuring Lydia Gill and Homer Ferguson, piano

**March 30<sup>th</sup> - The Trumpet and Pipes** - featuring Dr. Edward Bach, trumpet & Johnny Bradburn, organ

**April 27<sup>th</sup> - The Beauty of the Violin** - featuring Amanda Ferguson, violin & Homer Ferguson, organ

The season begins with the jazz

stylings of Kyle Savage and Jerry Mashburn. In February, Dr. Ferguson and Lydia Gill will join forces at the piano and will present piano duet works by Debussy and Bizet. The March concert will be a special highlight of the season as it will feature the professor of trumpet from the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Dr. Edward Bach, and organist emeritus of Emmanuel Church, Mr. Johnny Bradburn. It is an event you will not want to miss! The spring series will end with husband and wife duo Amanda & Homer Ferguson in a violin and organ delight.

Choral Evensong will also occur three times this season on the following dates and times:

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** - 5:00 p.m.

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** - 5:30 p.m. (A Palustris Festival Event)

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** - 5:00 p.m.

A sherry reception is held in the Parish Hall foyer following Evensong. Please take this opportunity to experience the church's most beautiful, and truly Anglican/Episcopal, service of evening prayer and music.

Dr. Homer A. Ferguson III

### Blankets in Fe-Brrr-uary

The Sandhills Coalition for Human Care is in great need of blankets for its clients. Please help the Coalition provide warmth for those less fortunate than we by filling the bins in the narthex and Parish Hall foyer with blankets during the month of February.



## From the Desk of the Choirmaster

For the last few months my monthly submissions have been about the history of Emmanuel Church. Our founders were a diverse group of believers who combined, created a tapestry of individuals committed to growing the church, spreading the Gospel, supporting the outreach ministries of the Episcopal Church, and fighting against oppression in our society since the 1890s.

As I was taking a break from preparing this month's article, I came across this incredibly moving story posted on a blog from St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh. As your organist, I battle daily with a compromised pipe organ which prohibits me to express fully to God my thanks and praise. His beauty, which can be revealed in music, is hidden by failing mechanics and poor craftsmanship. It is a struggle. When I read this article, I had to share her story. I hope you will take the time to read about an experience that can only be had with a fine instrument.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012 -  
Pulling out the Stops

Let me start off by saying I am not an overtly religious person. Being a cradle Episcopalian, I am not at all comfortable talking about God to people I don't know. But I pray every day, I go to church every week, and I understand that God does work in my life all the time. Even when I don't ask Him to. And even when I least deserve it.

I've said before on this blog that I work at my church. And I love my job. It allows me to do everything I have learned in 30 years as a writer and even to learn a few things I

didn't know before. And I love the people I work with.

People who don't work for churches might think that in every day there are moments when God is just about everywhere as you work. That may be true for some, but a lot of the time, I've found a day's makeup to be much like I imagine that of the secular office world — things like yelling at the office copier for not printing things right (ours is apparently post-menopausal) or not understanding how the phone system works. Or having people stop by asking you to do things that aren't in your job description, or e-mail about all the typos you make during a given week. (That would be a lot).

Sometimes, though, you do find God moments, and not necessarily when you're sitting in the pews on Sunday trying to listen really hard to the message and not think about the mess you left on your desk just down the hall or the work you have to get started on the next day when you come back to work.((

One thing that probably doesn't happen much in the secular world is having organ music waft down the hallways. Real live organ music, not some recorded stuff, emitting from thousands of pipes that are just getting used to their voices. And it's loud and sweet and moving and oh, so, like you think God's voice would sound like, if you could actually hear it.

A God moment happened this week, and it began with music. My boss heard it first and wandered down the hall toward the church as if drawn by the pied piper, and I

followed. We've recently installed a new organ in our nave, (well, I lifted nary a pipe) and it is not unusual for us to hear our organist, Kevin, practicing for Sunday. But this, well, this was different.

Once inside the almost empty church, I chuckled as the theme from Star Wars shouted from the pipes. Then my eyes moved toward a small cluster of women gathered in the pews. One sat in a wheelchair, and as I drew closer, I recognized her as one of our parishioners whose body is waging a battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. I last saw her two years ago when she came to have her picture taken for the church directory. Dressed in a sweater as blue as a bachelor's button, she was beautiful, and I her told so. She tried to speak, but had clearly lost her voice, and I asked if she had laryngitis. She wrote on a pad and handed it to me, explaining that the disease was talking now.

Today, she can no longer walk, though she can grip the pad and as she sat next to the pew, she wrote down the music she wanted to hear Kevin play for her own private concert. I sat in a pew across the aisle and listened, as Kevin played "Silent Night" and "Amazing Grace" — in ways I'd never heard them in all my years of listening. I pulled out the prayer book and said a few silent prayers for another parishioner and friend in the hospital. (And a couple for myself.)

And then Kevin said: Now I'm going to pull out all the stops.

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## From the Desk of the Choirmaster (continued from page 6)

From the moment he played the first notes of Bach's "Toccatina in D minor" (having no real classical music knowledge, I know it as the organ music from Phantom of the Opera) the change in the room was palpable.

I watched Kevin play, wishing I was sitting behind him so I could see the movement of his fingers and arms as he worked at the console, pulling out stops and playing keys and pedals, giving his new console a real workout. Then suddenly I felt the music wrap itself around me, and I just closed my eyes, hearing each organ note, not only with my ears but within me, transported, as he played, to somewhere I had not visited before.

And he played on. And on, notes I had never heard, like a new parent coaxing this infant instrument to speak up, and clearly.

When I did open my eyes, they were drawn upward, toward the pipes themselves, their powerful notes blending as they shouted, whispered, shouted again. I have not yet found the adjectives to adequately describe what I heard. But it was beautiful.

Finally I looked at the clutch of women gathered around their chair-bound friend, and they were weeping.

Kevin played more softly then, and my boss and I slipped quietly out and back to the work at hand, but the moment hasn't left me. Kevin's playing was meant as a gift for a woman who can rarely, if she ever will again, hear music played in the church she loves. Yes, the gift was hers, but all of us present received it, too.



For the past few years I have reported on the progress as our new organ was being built. And in August last year, when the first pipes began to arrive, I started taking pictures—hundreds of them—to record this historic moment in the life of our parish. I've climbed up in the pipe chamber, learned that pipes are made of wood and steel and range in size from the height and breadth of a fledgling oak to some the size of a golf pencil. They are round and square. And the keys that make them work are crafted of polished bone and rosewood. I've listened as the organ builders refined the voice of each of those thousands of pipes to fit our space.

But in that moment, I came to understand just how an organ is so much more than a collection of pipes and wood. It's a breathing thing.

I've written and rewritten that last sentence a dozen times now. It just sounds so over-the-top, clichéd to call a musical instrument a living thing. Well, it was an over-the-top moment for me. It felt to me like God's voice got down from the lofty place we often put it and sat in the pew with me. And with the woman in the wheelchair. I don't know how she feels about her disease, but I can imagine how I would feel. I would want to roar as loudly as those pipes, saying 'can't you hear me? I am angry!', and then I would probably cry softly for a little while.

If you think about it real hard, maybe what happened on Monday of this week, was that our new organ gave God a voice to speak to a woman who won't ever have a voice again and He said I am angry too. And I am crying with you. But despite all, there is still great beauty in the world. And she — we — all understood what He was saying.

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Dr. Homer A. Ferguson III

## Emmanuel Youth Group

The Emmanuel Youth Group meets most Sunday evenings. Junior High begins at 5:00 p.m. and Senior High at 6:00 p.m. Both groups join together for fellowship over dinner at 6:00 p.m. We are desperately looking for adult volunteers to help cook/serve dinner each Sunday night. You do not need to have a child in Youth Group to help out. Also, you can partner up with another family to make it easier to serve our approximately 50 youth. If you are interested in helping, please contact Melissa Hall @ [melihall2@gmail.com](mailto:melihall2@gmail.com). Currently, we do not have any families signed up for future meetings.



### Ski Trip

The Senior High ski trip will be February 3-5 at Beech Mountain Resort.

### Pancake Supper

The Emmanuel Youth Group will host the annual Pancake Supper on February 21st from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall! Donations will be accepted and will go directly towards the

Youth Group Mission Fund. Please come out for a great night of flapjacks and fun!

### Junior High Retreat

Hold the date! The Junior High Retreat is in Atlanta on March 9 - 11. Sign up with Joseph by February 13th.

## Youth Group Dates

**Jan. 29** - Youth Group will meet in the Parish Hall (Junior High 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Senior High 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

**Feb. 3 - 5** - Senior High Ski Trip.

**Feb. 5** - Only the Junior High Youth Group will meet in the Parish Hall tonight 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Feb. 12** - Youth Group will meet in the Parish Hall (Junior High 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Senior High 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

**Feb. 13** - Last day to sign up for Junior High Retreat in Atlanta.

**Feb. 19** - Youth Group will meet in the Parish Hall (Junior High 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Senior High 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

**Feb. 21** - Annual Pancake Supper

**Feb. 26** - Youth Group will meet in the Parish Hall (Junior High 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Senior High 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

## Thrift Shop

One can hardly pass the Thrift Shop on East Broad Street without being drawn to the attractive seasonal window display created by our talented chairman Dawn Harris, assisted by her mother Susie Roeder. And then one can hardly continue without stopping in to browse through the varied offerings to find just the bargain he or she has been looking for.

It's a very friendly place manned totally by volunteers who are just waiting to help in any way needed. We love to ooh and aah over someone's perfect find and we'll also contribute to decision making, if asked, even with a thumbs down. Above all, we want our customers to leave happy and return often.

We enjoy getting to know everyone and sometimes have storewide conversations if an interesting or particularly funny subject pops up. Often, there will be groups from out of town shopping together and critiquing each other's choices with great hilarity. The most fun is to have the young couples from Fort Bragg come in to shop for their new homes here.

Since all of our merchandise is donated and all workers are volunteers, we have little expense, leaving almost all proceeds for Moore County charities. Many of our things are like new, especially children's clothes that are so cute and so quickly out grown. We always need new workers to sell on Tuesday,

Thursday and Saturday and/or to sort and price on Monday and Wednesday mornings. And, of course, donations are always appreciated any of those days.

Come in to see us and find a treasure. Perhaps you'll stay to join in the fun.

Lyn Glynn



## Looking Ahead: February 2012

Friday, February 3rd – 5th  
Senior High Youth Group Ski Trip

Saturday, February 11th  
Valentine's Dinner & Dance (PH)  
6:00 -9:00 p.m

Sunday, February 12th  
Evensong - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 18th  
Children of the 80's  
Wii Game Night (Leigh & Tom  
Velevis' Home) 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 20th  
EDS & Church Office Closed  
(Presidents Day)

Tuesday, February 21st  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
(PH) 5:00 p.m

Wednesday, February 22nd  
9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday  
Service with Imposition of Ashes  
  
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday  
Service with Imposition of Ashes

Friday, February 24th  
Bach's Lunch—Noon

Saturday, February 25th - March  
3rd Costa Rica Mission Trip

Wednesday, February 29th  
Embodied Prayer (PH)—A 5 week  
series led by Diana Turner-Forte  
11:00 a.m.



## EMMANUEL'S GREEN SPACE

It all started last Sunday in Fresh Market after church. I had stopped on my way home to buy some salad greens and then went to the check out. I got in line behind a gentleman who had just two items. I thought this is going to be a quick line—not so!

The cashier took his money and reached for a plastic bag for his purchases, but he barked at her, "You've got to stop using plastic bags."

I just didn't want to get involved in that conversation right then, but I did think that he should take his complaint to the Board Room, not to the cashier who is not responsible for company policy and was just doing her job. But he couldn't stop there—"Do you know what the biggest island in the world is called?" he demanded. She shook her head.

"It's Trash Island. Haven't you ever heard of it?" She said she had, that it was in the Pacific somewhere. He added triumphantly, "And it's made up entirely of plastic bags!" And thus, having had the last word, and I am sure feeling victorious, he picked up his purchases and left.

Knowing that the deadline for the environmental column was not far off, I started looking up stuff. I, too, had known that at least one Trash Island existed, but very little else about it. The first article I read came from Geography.about.com—good information written in lay language, which is always an advantage, but it was short on science. For an in-depth look at the extent of the problem and its true nature, I went to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) site. It made excellent reading, and I have copies of both articles on my computer and will be happy to send them to you.

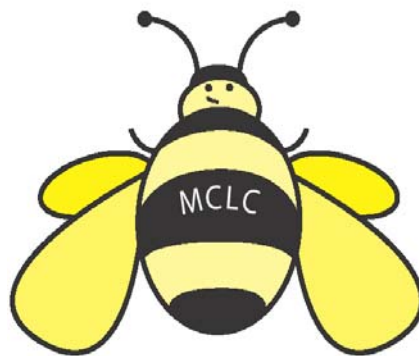
Basically, the name "Trash Island" is something of a misnomer. Yes, there are concentrations of garbage floating in our oceans, the result of currents, winds and human waste, a large part of which is composed of infinitesimal pieces of plastic. But islands they are not. That gives the impression of something more solid, not nebulous and as ill-defined as these vast areas of ever-growing human refuse have become.

Regardless of the exact size, composition and locations of these garbage patches, man-made litter does not belong in our oceans or waterways. And be it ever so insignificant compared with the enormity of the problem, WE MUST TOTE OUR TOTES TO THE GROCERY STORE!

Note to me: That means you too!

Jacqueline Stewart

*"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein."*



Spelling Bee for Literacy  
**February 16, 2012**  
 Owens Auditorium SCC

The following **Episcopal** team will grace the stage:  
 The Rev. Bob Brown, The Rev. Amy Huacani and Bishop Michael Curry  
*God Squad Returns*

Every team thrives with the support of its fans. Tickets assure fans of a seat, but seating is open. We want to make sure that team fans can sit together at the Bee. Tickets (\$10 donation for adults \$5 for children) went on sale January 15. Any group associated with a team can buy a block of 10 or more tickets by February 13th with the assurance that these seats will be reserved together.

For block tickets contact Dana (dana@sarvismanagement.com) or Nita (b2n@nc.rr.com).

Individual ticket sales locations are:

Carthage: The Old Buggy Inn

Pinehurst: Given Book Shop

Seven Lakes: Sandhills Winery

Southern Pines: The Country Bookshop and Sarvis Management (beside Read Moore center)

Remember, on the night of the Big Buzz, patrons can place their tickets in the *Keep the Hive Alive* honeypot for the team of their choice and enhance that teams chance to win the *Keep the Hive Alive Award*. You dont want to miss the fun of seeing our Priests and Bishop in costume and spelling and you support adult literacy at the same time! A honey of a deal.

Submitted by the Rev. Amy Huacani

The Knitters' Guild will meet on  
 Thursday, February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. in the church library.  
 New members are always welcome, so if you knit or crochet  
 please consider joining this ministry.



## “Be not afraid”

I have just received an amazing Christmas gift. It’s Monday morning here at Read Moore Center, where we teach adults how to read. Annie, who came to us reading at primary school level two and a half years ago, walked in today and said she had a present for me. She pulled out her phone, tapped her finger on the screen and began to read, “Be not afraid.”

She was reading from Matthew’s gospel, where an angel reassures Joseph that, despite reality not being what he thought it was, he and Mary and the child to be born were right on track.

As Annie read the daily meditation attached to the scripture, she gave voice to words of high school level difficulty, and she delivered a message whose meaning would

have been lost to her in the past.

“I wanted to give you something,” she explained to me, “something that would show you that your work is not in vain.”

What she meant, of course, is that she wanted to show me how far she has progressed. Two years ago, she would never have approached me with ease and confidence. Nor would she have whipped out a phone or recognized the words and meanings of a positive thinking meditation that she now receives via e-mail every day, to help reverse her life-long negative image of herself.

I rejoice in her progress, and in all of the tutoring and donating and meeting and planning that has gone into her success.

But more than that, I want to pass along the message that was surely delivered so that it could be shared: Our work is not in vain, and we have no reason to be afraid - of what the future will be; of whether or not there will be federal funding; of what will happen with our Hispanic neighbors; of whether there will be 22 teams at the Bee; or how in the world this world will ever be right - for all people.

I am grateful to be in this corner of the world, where messages like these arrive on a fairly frequent basis. I need them as badly as our students need to learn how to read and write. Maybe you do, too.

Susan Sherard  
Executive Director, Moore  
County Literacy Council

## February Birthdays

02 Bob Dahlberg  
02 Tom Hollinshed  
02 London Gessner  
02 Devon Gessner  
02 Ava Moore  
02 Graham Moore  
03 Teeny Thompson  
03 Marjorie Davis  
07 Debbie Masotti  
07 Jay Hirst  
08 Laura Patterson  
09 Doris Lanning  
09 Sam Franklin  
10 Yvonne Hansen  
10 Teresa Faulkner  
10 McGowan Sams  
11 Fran Partain  
11 David Johnson  
12 Mary O’Malley  
12 Mary Lou Vaughan  
13 Doug Gill

15 Carolyn Harding  
16 Sheila Hopkins  
16 Victoria Rounds  
18 Buck Bradshaw  
18 Blake Schrein  
19 Jennifer Wallace  
20 Anne Shore  
20 Katherine Archibald  
20 Miranda Welch  
21 Claire Crahan  
21 Davis Lincicome  
21 Spencer Lincicome  
22 Patricia Rosenthal  
22 Lucie Saylor  
22 Claire Healy  
22 William Dunahay  
23 Jane Fellows  
23 Bob Bahner  
23 Sam Packard  
24 Richard Turner  
24 Jesse Morse

24 Sophia Denardo  
24 Teresa Griffin  
24 Kate Goodman  
24 Emily Lusa  
24 Nathan Martin  
25 Sallie Daughtrey  
25 Catherine Hoffman  
25 Kenneth Huggins  
26 Bud Mathews  
26 Rick Palmer  
27 Patricia Patullo  
27 Dale Smithson  
28 Cherry Barney  
28 MaryLee Schulte  
28 Laura Kem



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**SHROVE TUESDAY**

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Sponsored by the Emmanuel Youth Group

When: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to the church office (692-3171)  
or online (<http://www.emmanuel-parish.org/rsvp.html>) by Friday, February 17, 2012.