

EMMANUEL CHURCH

ANNUAL PARISH REPORT 2001

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REPORT FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

The parish is full of life. As usual, our ideas outstrip our resources. I wouldn't have it any other way. Would you? When you read this annual report, you will see the extent of what is going on in the many ministries supported by the parish.

I want to call attention to two things: Emmanuel's Mission Statement adopted by the Vestry in August, and the revamped commission structure that helps us keep track of what is going on around here as we work to live up to the mission we have set.

The goal:

Emmanuel Episcopal Church strives to honor God by nurturing the spirit and ministering to God's people wherever they may be.

The Commission Structure:

There are seven commissions. All of Emmanuel's ministries fall under one of the seven.

Education
Worship
Parish Life
Pastoral Care
Extended Ministries
Resources
Emmanuel
Episcopal Day School

For the most part, the names are self explanatory, and this Annual Report will help you locate where your favorite ministry fits into the mix. An up-to-date organization chart is available in the church office. All this structure allows you to participate in the life of the church. You can find out who is leading what, and how you can become involved. Honor. Nurture. Minister.

Robert Wood

Senior Warden

EDUCATION COMMISSION
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS

Sunday Morning Offerings - Spring 2001

Spring 2001 brought new enthusiasm to our Sunday morning Adult programs. The Rev. Peter Courtney has been a valuable addition to the Rector's Forum, some mornings attracting as many as 75 people. *The Rector's Forum* offerings for Spring 2001 included the Confirmation Class, which finished in January, reflections on Friedman's Fables, and Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy which used the texts and music from the Brahms's Requiem.

OT101 - in the fall of 2000 25 people committed to this exploration of the themes of the Old Testament led by Jim Wahlers and Blue Wood.

Contemporary Christian Living: Listening for God: Theology in Contemporary Literature using vol. 2, led by the Rev. Gene Britton and Janice Rusk. Wrestling with Angels: Living with Humans, led by Sara Baker and Tom Camp.

Special Events: The Downtown Lenten Luncheon Series - Emmanuel was host to the annual Lenten series. In addition to Emmanuel, participating congregations are First A.M.E., First Baptist, First Christian, First Presbyterian, and First United Methodist.

Sunday Morning Offerings - Fall 2001

The Rector's Forum: Come Let Us Sing, led by The Rev. Peter Courtney and Debbie Henson. Wael Dukmak was a special guest for all adult classes in the wake of the World Trade Center Bombings.

NT101 - we began a 15 week study of the New Testament using "Discovering the Bible" by Kerygma. In addition to our study we are intentionally providing time and opportunity to pray and support one another as we 25 people are enrolled for this class led by Mo. Mandy Brady, and Andy and Heidi Simmonds.

Special Events: An Invitation to Understand Islam - the downtown congregations sponsored an evening conversation with Wael Dukmak. It was held on Nov. 5th at the Masters Auditorium at the Georgia Continuing Education Center, and was well attended.

Midweek Offerings:

DOCC (Disciples of Christ in Community) is a new offering for Emmanuel this fall. A combination of worship, reflection and conversation make this an excellent opportunity to explore the intersection of faith and life. DOCC meets on Monday evenings, led by the Rev. Peter Courtney and facilitated by Frank Ferrar, Lee Gaby, Steve Hall, David Kidd, Adelaide Probst and Stewart Richardson.

EFM (Education for Ministry) - Two groups continue to meet on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. EFM is a program administered by the University of the South at Sewanee which

explores the Old and New Testament, church history and theology. Betsy and George Turner facilitate the Tuesday group, and Jim McGown facilitates the Wednesday group.

Natural Spirituality continues to offer classes and lead conversation about discerning God's voice in our dreams. This fall there are two classes, one during the evening and a new venture during the day. Leaders of Natural Spirituality include Joyce Hudson, Agnes Parker, and Heidi Simmonds.

Young Adult Foyers - This fall 36 adults, born between 1965 and 1977 are meeting monthly for food, fun and fellowship. This is a much needed opportunity for younger folks to get to know other members of the Emmanuel community.

Worship

Worship continues to be a work in progress as the staff and people of Emmanuel seek ways to keep our ancient liturgies bringing forth new aspects of the Spirit in our community. Below are some highlights of the past year.

Holy Week: The Maundy Thursday Liturgy and the Easter Vigil were held in the Common Room this year. Each of the liturgies provided a powerful opportunity to remember and experience anew the passion of our Lord and the wonder and joy of our new life shared through the power of the Resurrection.

Stations of the Cross - a special Stations of the Cross was held on Good Friday. The evening allowed people of all ages to participate in the Way of our Lord's Suffering. Over 70 people were in attendance. The story of the passion was shared in stories, song, prayer and activities. The evening was staffed by Mo. Mandy Brady, Linda Dodson, Sarah Fisher, Sherry Gaby, Vince Howard, Cindy McAlister, Sarah Norton, Janet Robertson, Andy Simmonds, Heidi Simmonds, and Betsy Turner.

Children in Church Committee - over the summer a committee of eight people met weekly to discuss ways to include our younger members more fully in the life of our worship.

Encourage and train youngsters to read.

Include children in the presentation of the offerings. Children's Chapel and Children's Liturgy representatives present their offerings of food and money with the grown-up ushers at 9 o'clock.

Have families with children greet folks as they come into church, with the children handing out the lectionary crayon packets to other kids.

Children's Sermon. Every 2nd Sunday there will be a children's sermon at the 9 o'clock,

beginning with our fall schedule September 9th.

Encouraging young people to usher with their fathers. A letter went out to the ushers encouraging them to enlist their young ones to "help" pass out bulletins and pass the plates. Several ushers take advantage of this opportunity. The children really enjoy it!

There is a **Children's Eucharist** during months with a 5th Sunday. All Children's Chapel and Children's Liturgy kids are invited to bring their families to this very special eucharist designed for our younger members held in the Children's Chapel (in the Christian Connection).

The committee will continue to meet quarterly to reflect on how we are doing. The members of the committee are Paul Anderson, Mo. Mandy Brady, Linda Dodson, Carol Downs, Sarah Fisher, Lee Gaby, Cindy McAlister and Norma Pylant.

All Souls Eucharist - 45 people were present for our second annual All Soul's Eucharist on November 2nd to celebrate the lives of those whom we love but see no longer. Special invitations were sent to those members of the Emmanuel community who have lost a loved one in the past calendar year. Agnes Parker and Jerry Pope organized the service and the luncheon which followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo. Mandy Brady+

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Christian Education.

At the 9 AM service:

For very young children, the nursery is open for children, from infants to age 2. Three professionals who love working with young children run our nursery.

Children's Chapel: 3-5 year olds can attend Children's Chapel during the service. Children's Chapel had a makeover this year! It's been moved upstairs to the Christian Connection. An open space with bright colors and paintings now awaits our youngest worshipers. The children's service includes songs, prayers and a story. They take up an offering, which goes to help children in Haiti. They also take a collection of canned goods for the local food bank. A child presents this offering at the 9 AM service with the adult ushers.

Children's Liturgy: 1st graders through 4th graders are welcome in Children's Liturgy, which is held in the parlor. In Liturgy, they read "The Sunday Paper Junior" which is a cartoon style, lectionary based, newspaper that highlights the message in the Gospel. It encourages thought and

discussion. Children from Liturgy and Chapel join their parents in church at the Peace.

Christian Education Hour:

The nursery is open for infants through age 2.

This year's curriculum for the 3-4 year olds is again Group's Hands On Bible Curriculum. This is an interactive curriculum that is based on the idea that children learn 10% by listening and 90% by doing. Children are treated to a weekly puppet show with Whisker's the mouse, simple crafts and a Bible Story. Weekly lessons build on each other, so that children have several weeks to absorb the material.

The Kindergarten through the 5th grade will be using a new curriculum, The Whole People of God. This lectionary-based curriculum uses a wide variety of resources, and is created to help children understand both Bible stories and the traditions of the church.

New this year is the implementation of the Journey to Adulthood program. Journey to Adulthood is a program of spiritual formation for youth. We have two groups using this program. They are the Rite 13 group (6-7th grade) and the J2A group (8-10th grade). Groups meet both in the morning during the Christian Education hour and in the evening during the EYC time. Each group has a set of leaders that have made a two-year commitment to work with the youth. With this program, youth are confirmed at the end of their 10th grade year, after 4 years of spiritual formation.

The 11th-12th graders meet in the youth house. They too are using a new curriculum, DOCC 16/20. This program is an offshoot of the DOCC currently being done at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. DOCC 16/20 is designed for 16-20 year olds. It encourages community, Bible study & discussion.

We have a fantastic group of teachers this year. Many are new to teaching Sunday School, while others are returning teachers. All of them seem to be doing a great job of teaching. Children are engaged and look joyful! Our children are being given a wide pool of resources to learn from as they grow in their faith and spirituality.

Other offerings for Children's Christian Education:

Children's Sermons: Every 2nd Sunday of the month at the 9 AM service, in the place of the traditional sermon, the preacher of the day is presenting a children's sermon. The preacher is sitting on the steps and invites children to come forward and hear the good news.

Children's Eucharist: In months that have 5 Sundays, on the 5th Sunday, we now have a children's Eucharist. The service is for children in Children's Chapel and Children's Liturgy and

their families. It meets in the Children's Chapel and includes a homily and Eucharist.

Children's Packets: At the entrances to the church are crayon packs with a coloring page. The coloring page is lectionary based. The EPA (Emmanuel Parents Association) provides these packets.

Everyone's Welcome at the Table: This year we ended the "first communion" class that had been the norm in the 1st grade class, as the Church now teaches that all baptized people are welcome to receive. To help teach this, we held a multi-age class. Father Courtney met with parents while Mother Mandy spent time with children. Father Courtney answered questions about when children should begin to receive communion and Mother Mandy helped children learn how to receive the bread and wine. We had children from age 3 and up present with us. This class will be offered again.

Vacation Bible School: Beach Trek 2001 was a wet and wild good time! We had a great VBS with Jackie Anderson & Katherine McKinney serving as co-directors with Sarah Fisher. Jackie & Katherine have volunteered to run the program again next summer, so look forward to yet another great time!

Christmas Pageant: Planning for the annual Christmas pageant is underway! Emmanuel children and youth tell the Christmas story. Traditionally, it is one of the highlights of the year and includes the entire congregation singing Christmas hymns throughout the pageant.

Saturday with Sarah: This event was designed to give children an opportunity to make gifts for their parents and families, taking the emphasis off of spending during the holidays and putting it instead on spending time together. Children and adults had a good time. We hope to make this an annual event.

Operation Christmas Child: Cathy Cofer and Sherry Turnipseed are overseeing Operation Christmas Child, an outreach ministry to children around the world. Sunday School classes gather shoe boxes and fill them with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. They are then sent to children who need them in many parts of the world. Children participating in this project are directly involved in the ministry and begin to understand the importance of outreach.

Emmanuel Parents Association (EPA): The EPA was formed to help parents stay informed and to provide opportunities for parents to help in children's ministry. The EPA serves primarily as a phone/email tree. Requests for help with projects often come down through the EPA phone line and information about happenings are heard this way as well.

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): The EYC continues to be an important outreach in the spiritual formation of our youth. EYC is split into 3 distinct, age appropriate groups. The groups are:

1. **Rite 13, 6-7 grades** (the SPAMers) led by Vince Howard, Katherine McKinney &

Jessica Kappler

2. **J2A, 8-10th grades** led by Berkeley Boone, Erin Carol, Laura Cofer & Terri Tillman
3. **11-12 grades (Sr. High)** led by Duncan Krause and Robin Bewley

Additional leadership includes: Father Courtney and Mother Mandy both help in planning and are often present for special functions, such as retreats. In addition, Mother Mandy is present with the EYC at least once a month. Sarah Fisher is present weekly and rotates between the groups.

While the groups come together to eat, programming is separate and age appropriate.

Parents of Youth: The Parents of Youth group (POY) meets monthly and is led by Wren Howard. POY covers topics and issues facing youth and parents.

Both Children's Christian Education and EYC continue to grow and change. They are wonderful ministries to children and youth, led by fun, spirit-filled, creative, talented people.

Sarah K. Fisher

Director of Christian Formation with Children and Youth

NATURAL SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM

Begun in 1991, this program provides parishioners with an effective context for spiritual inner work, with a focus on dream work. Following St. Paul, the natural spirituality framework recognizes Christ as the healing, guiding, and teaching Spirit that resides at the heart of unfolding life, both within us as individuals and in the physical world around us.

The Natural Spirituality Program has two parts: an introductory Study Group and an ongoing Journey Group. The Study Group is offered once or twice a year. This class, which meets once a week for 8 weeks, presents the basic spiritual tools of Jungian psychology. The second part of the program, the Journey Group, is made up of those graduates of the Study Group who wish to put theory into practice in company with others. The members of the Journey Group help each other understand their dreams and meaningful life events as sources of healing and guidance on their individual journeys with God. This group meets all year. There are currently around 200 who have taken the seminars (Study Groups) at Emmanuel in the last ten years.

In 2001 there were two introductory Study Groups, meeting concurrently and attended by 24 participants.

In the past year, the members of the Journey Group wrote and produced Emmanuel's Advent and Lent meditation booklets, based on the daily lectionary. For the longer Lenten booklet, they solicited help with the writing from other spirituality groups in the parish. 1000 copies of each booklet were printed for distribution to the parish and beyond. And, for Advent 2001, the Natural Spirituality Groups at Emmanuel and St. Gregory the Great have joined to produce the meditation booklet.

2001 also saw the continuing spread of our pilot Natural Spirituality Program to other churches. There are now thirteen programs underway, and more in the planning stages in: Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, and even in Paris, France. Therefore, Emmanuel's Natural Spirituality Program has published for the first time this year a newsletter named "The Rose" in order to connect these far flung groups and to share their experiences. The Rose is being subsidized by donations.

SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Spiritual Autobiography is a group coordinated by America Abbott that meets every other Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:00 pm to share autobiographical stories with one another. Those who participate in the on going group find that this discipline fills a spiritual need that nothing else can.

An introductory autobiography class will be offered when a minimum of eight persons commit themselves to meeting for two hours each week for eight weeks. During these sessions, we come to know one another very well, and for that reason we agree that the stories we share must remain confidential. The course plan follows one set down by Dan Wakefield in his book, *The Story of Your Life*. Harold Kushner, author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, said that Wakefield's book "introduces us to a wonderful technique for making religion relevant."

If interested, please contact the Church office to sign up. We are ecumenical and welcome both men and women.

America Abbott



WORSHIP COMMISSION



ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is made up of 65 wonderful ladies of Emmanuel Church. These ladies go about their duties quietly and efficiently serving all the altar needs of the church. Each member serves for one calendar month each year taking care of all the services that occur during that time period – regular services, weddings, funerals and other special services. From time to time as needed, extra volunteers are recruited.

The Altar Guild Manual is presently being revised and updated as of the date of this writing. The manual includes all new instructions for setting up for Sunday services and all new pictures. Altar Guild members will find it very helpful and user friendly. Once the Sunday portion is complete we will begin to work on the other services included in the book. Our goal is to have a completed book by mid 2002.

Brass polishing is scheduled before both major feast days. All parishioners are encouraged and welcome to come. See The Tower or the bulletin for the specific date.

Subcommittees of the Altar Guild include the Flower Committee and the Wedding Committee. The flower committee has twenty-four faithful and talented members that work monthly shifts corresponding with those of the Guild. This committee is chaired by Jenny Broadnax. Flowers for regular services are funded by memorial donations as well as several bequests. There is a flower calendar just outside of the parish office for parishioners to sign if they wish to place flowers in the church. The calendar for each new year is put up in January and you are welcome to sign up at any time.

The Wedding Committee is chaired by Joann Yates. This committee handles all the weddings that occur at Emmanuel. The wedding handbook has been updated as of this year and is a very useful information tool for all brides. Joanne and her committee are very dedicated to serving the needs of both Emmanuel and the brides. Wedding flowers are provided by the bride and groom, but are always arranged by the Flower Committee.

For more information on the Altar Guild or to volunteer, please contact Debra Lassiter,

Post Office Box 6073 Athens, Georgia 30604 or by calling 706-769-5698. New members are always welcome.

To all of you that have served this year – a big thank you. You have made my first year as chairman very enjoyable and I look forward to working with you again in 2002. You are the best!

Debra Lassiter

Altar Guild Chairman

BAPTISMAL BANNER COMMITTEE

The Baptismal Banner Committee creates the banners given to each newly baptized person at Emmanuel. Our first banners were presented at the baptisms on December 27, 1998.

Members of our committee: Betty Ahearn, Ann Bretscher, Sherry Gaby, Jean Hunnicutt, Patti Jones, Cindy McAlister, Darris Plumb, Gene Weeks, and JoAnn Yates.

Our committee meets the first Thursday of each month. We cut, sew, and glue in order to assemble banners that are presented to those being baptized. We presented 33 banners in 1999 and 23 banners as of November 19, 2000, and 16 banners from November 2000 to November 2001.

We hope the banner will be hung in the home of the newly baptized person and remind them and their family of when they were sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. We are self supporting and our time is on a volunteer basis.

MUSIC

The music program of Emmanuel offers a graded choir program for ages four through adults. We currently have four choirs: Family, Parish, Junior, and Children. The choirs provide music for the 9:00 and 11:15 services and combine for Easter, Christmas, and

other special services. Each choir holds a weekly rehearsal. Anyone who likes to sing is welcome. No audition is required.

The Family and Parish Choirs are in the process of ordering new choir robes to replace our 25 year old vestments.

Deborah Henson

USHERS

Close to one hundred Emmanuelites now serve as ushers. **To each of them is offered our gratitude and appreciation.** At each Sunday service and at special services throughout the year, ushers act as Emmanuel's "unofficial" greeters. They see that all have service bulletins, help with the collection of offering and getting it to the bank, provide assistance during communion, and secure the church after a service. They also stand ready to offer special needs assistance during the services, be it directions to the various parts of our church facilities or information about church programs. Ushers also provide our visitors with a warm welcome and an invitation to return. Ushers come together a couple of times a year for fellowship, usually once in the fall and again in the spring. Anyone desiring to serve as an usher need only call the church office. A follow up call will be made to answer questions. New ushers will become part of a team and then included in the next scheduling rotation. Scheduling typically occurs three times a year for the periods-September through December, January through May and June through August. Teams generally consist of 4-5 individuals.

All are cordially invited and welcome to serve. Please call the church office at 543-1294 or Chuck Galis at 546-7800 with questions.

WEDDING COMMITTEE

The members of the Wedding Committee meet with the bride to plan details of the wedding ceremony/sacrament. We assist the priest in directing the rehearsal, and we assist with the mechanics of the wedding on the day of the ceremony.

Committee Members are Patti Curtis, Jean Hunnicutt, Ann Joye McLeod, Gene Weeks and JoAnn Yates.

In the year 2001 our committee will have assisted our priests with thirteen services of the Celebration of Blessing of a Marriage. Our job description is to meet with each bride several times to make certain there will be an organized, and relaxed rehearsal. We communicate with the Flower and Altar Guilds and with Leslie De Haseth when acolytes are needed. Arriving about one hour before the ceremony, the director ensures that the wedding goes smoothly before, during and after the ceremony.

This is our volunteer commitment to assist our priests and our parish in making weddings at Emmanuel an important and meaningful sacrament.

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

For the majority of the 2001 year, Parish Life included all programs which serve the larger community of our church. The four sub-headings under parish life included: education and programs, fellowship and service, pastoral care and worship. The vestry has redesigned the organization of our church work. Parish Life is now one of seven commissions with a much more narrow scope. It includes: communication, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Foyers, Holy Cookers, Super'Lites, Office Volunteers, Receptions, Sunday Refreshments and Vestry Nominating.

This has been a busy year for our parish! Peter joined us for our annual parish meeting last December. Debra Lassiter and Betty Ahearn organized a delicious brunch for us! On January 14th, the Bishop came to Emmanuel to celebrate confirmations. This was a wonderful day as we confirmed an outstanding group, and welcomed all with a reception.

Lane Norton and Cathy

Cofer have accepted the huge job of being responsible for receptions. They have done an outstanding job!

Emmanuel hosted the Lenten Series this year, which is rotated among the downtown

churches. The six services and luncheons were a tremendous success! Community participants made comments such as, "Southern hospitality at it's best, delicious meals, gracious and this was the most inviting Lenten Series that I have attended." Betty Ahearn spearheaded the luncheons with her usual style and grace! Thanks to all of those who helped make this project a success! Many people served multiple roles: baking cakes, arranging flowers, cooking, serving and last but not least, washing and ironing table linens. We served 100-120 people each week.

May was very busy! We hosted the Northeast Georgia Clericus luncheon, had a Christian Education reception, provided a luncheon for graduating high school seniors and Janice Rusk organized a reception for the visiting Cricks'. During the summer months Carol Winthrop organized our lemonade refreshments every Sunday morning. Thanks to the families who participated (Sherry Gaby and family, and Frances Gibson and family and others)!

Everyone seemed glad to get back to the Wednesday night supper ritual this fall! Betty Ahearn has taken over Holy Cookers as she gave up receptions. Peggy Allen coordinated and organized our first consignment sale. This was a tremendous success and lots of fun for those who participated! Cindy and Rustin Mcalister organized foyer groups who are currently meeting. What a wonderful opportunity to get to know parishioners in our homes!

Emmanuel has hosted blood drives throughout the years. Betty Ahearn has been responsible for these for a long time and has now passed on this duty to Jillian Ball. Our regularly scheduled blood drive on September 17th was so well attended, that people had to be turned away. It was good to see so many local people reaching out to do whatever possible to support our country in a time of crisis!

As we plan for another parish meeting, we are also celebrating Peter and Debby's first year with us. What a wonderful, productive year it has been! The activities noted above are just a few of the activities that have been going on at Emmanuel this year. Also, the people mentioned are only a very few of those who have made tremendous contributions of time, talent, creativity and energy! The Parish Life Committee has worked diligently

over the past year to serve and promote programs for all parishioners. We look forward to bigger and better things in the years to come!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Galis, Chairman

THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion. The Brotherhood was formed to reach out and minister to men following the example of Andrew in bringing his brother Peter to meet Jesus when he learned He was the Christ. The purposes of the Brotherhood are to draw men and boys nearer to God and to serve the church to the best of our abilities, and to study the Bible and other proper books on Christianity in order to deepen our knowledge of our relationship to God and our fellow man. The Brotherhood is a study and service organization.

FOYERS

The French word "foyer" means a hearth or fireside, suggesting a small group, relaxed and open to one another. Groups of eight to ten people are formed, and each Foyer meets in the homes of members once a month for a simple meal and relaxed conversation. New friends are made of those who may have been just names or faces in the congregation. The Foyers are regrouped twice a year, in September and January.

HOLY COOKERS

Approximately forty-five great Episcopalians prepare the Wednesday evening family dinners. This is no small task for these dedicated volunteers. After they have established a menu and analyzed the cost to keep the price affordable for all our parishioners, the hard work begins. Purchasing, loading, unloading, chopping, mixing, cooking, heating, chilling, lifting and even more comprise the dinner preparation chores. Always, there is a great deal of conversation and camaraderie, which makes it a pretty pleasant time for all.

The teams are developing some marvelous skills and are willing and cooperative in getting the dinner prepared. Our parish owes this selfless group a special amount of gratitude. They are truly remarkable!

SUPER'LITES

January was party time with our annual Epiphany Party at the home of Baba Dupree. February we had lunch in the Common Room and our speaker was Father Courtney. During lent we participated in the Lenten Luncheons in the Common Room. June we had a grand barbecue at Jean and Balfour Hunnicutts. Currently we are looking for a new chairman.

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION PASTORAL CARE

One of Emmanuel's strengths is the way the community rallies when a member of our family is in times of distress or illness. In a parish the size of Emmanuel there is much that needs to be done, as well as many willing and capable hands to share in the work. There are several ministries in the parish which assist the clergy in meeting the needs of the members of the Emmanuel family. These ministries include Agape Meals (Gayla Nickerson & Jody Vrana), Card Ministry (Office Volunteers), Charioteers, Daughters of the King (Kay Hoyt & Anne Brightwell), Newcomers, Stephen Ministry (Krista Gridley & Diane Wahlers), and Tracts (Janet Williamson).

Many thanks to the leaders and members of these ministries for being willing to serve as partners with the clergy of this parish as we seek to bring God's presence to those who are ill, homebound, or in distress, and for their hard work and dedication which make this partnership a reality.

Cindy McAlister

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Founded in 1885 as an outgrowth of a women's bible study class, The Order of the Daughters of the King is focused on "prayer, service and the spread of Christ's kingdom, especially among women and girls." There are approximately 18,000 members in the US, more in Province IV (the Southeast) than any other. About 6 to 8 new chapters are instituted each year in this diocese. There are more than 1,000 Daughters in Uganda, and chapters in Brazil, Cuba, Guatemala and Haiti.

Nationally the Order meets triennially before General Convention to pray for the Church and the convention's decisions. The Provincial assembly meets every October at Kanuga.

The Atlanta Diocesan Assembly has been the largest in the country. Each year it sponsors a general meeting in February, a retreat at Camp Mikell in April, and several quiet days around the diocese. This year there were three: one at St. Catharine's, Marietta, in March, another at Grace-Calvary in Clarkesville in August, and a third at St. Mark's, LaGrange, in November.

Daughters individually endeavor to live their lives from a stance of prayer and praise, strengthened by their community. The sponsored events are designed to help us grow spiritually as we journey, and are always open to everyone.

Kay Hoyt

STEPHEN MINISTRY

The Stephen Ministry program at Emmanuel provides confidential pastoral care on a one-to-one basis for people going through difficult transitional times in their lives. Our care receivers are often members of Emmanuel, but we frequently serve people who are outside our church community. Referrals for care come from many sources: members of Emmanuel, clergy, friends, community professionals and Stephen Ministers themselves. Stephen Ministry services are offered at no charge.

We currently have 15 active Stephen Ministers. They give a minimum of two years service, meeting twice a month for peer supervision and continuing education. When assigned a care receiver, they meet weekly with that person. The Stephen Leaders, Krista Gridley and Pat Hall, are responsible for placing referrals, ongoing group supervision, continuing education opportunities, training new Stephen Ministers and maintaining a close relationship with our clergy regarding the ministry.

We are especially pleased that Mo. Mandy Brady was able to attend the intensive weeklong Stephen Ministry Leaders' Training in Seattle, Washington this summer. Mo. Mandy is currently serving as pastor and advisor for the Stephen Ministers and is a great source of support for both leaders and members.

Two new Stephen Ministers, Frances Speights and Pat Oliffe, were commissioned in August during the 10:00 service. Their 50-hour training included a wide variety of topics regarding care giving, focusing on both listening skills and specific situations. Some of the training was utilized with the current supervision group to maintain skills, and provide opportunities for discussion and reflection. Continuing education is an important component of our ministry. The overarching topic for this year has been healing. Education programs have been opened to interested members of the congregation and community and are publicized in the newsletter.

Stephen Ministers participate in pastoral care in other ways as needed. Many members of our Stephen Ministry group have been assisting the clergy by doing hospital visits each Saturday and on some holidays. Our volunteers for this ministry received specific training regarding such visits. Each Saturday, the local hospitals are checked for Episcopalian patients. Each person is visited and the Stephen Minister then reports to the clergy. Any special needs or concerns shared by the patient are relayed and access to the clergy member on call is available if an immediate need is recognized. Stephen Ministers also maintain the tract rack in the narthex, providing pamphlets that address a variety of topics such as stress, life changes, grief, and illness. We are looking for another location for the Care Notes formerly located in the alcove near the office.

EXTENDED MINISTRIES COMMISSION

Emmanuel Episcopal Church strives to honor God by nurturing the spirit and ministering to God's people wherever they may be.

Our mission statement urges us to minister to God's people wherever they may be. We help individual people, groups, and causes here in Athens and throughout the world. Our parish accomplishes this with the help of many dedicated individuals and groups. The Extended Ministries Commission is composed of two committees, one ministry, and the Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia.

The Outreach Committee allocates the pledge and contribution income designated for outreach.

The Williams-Rhodes Screening Committee allocates the income derived from the Williams Trust and the Rhodes Trust. Both trusts are part of the Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc.

The Thrift House allocates the profit derived from the sale of clothing and other goods in their shop.

These three groups give gifts of money to charitable organizations in the Athens area and to missions in foreign lands. Many parishioners also give time and talent to some of the same ministries. Many opportunities are available for those interested in volunteering time and effort to a great cause.

There are other ways the parish reaches out to the community: The *Cobb House* is leased at no cost to the Pope Street Association which administers the majority of the local recovery programs for people with alcohol problems. The *Outreach Building* next door to the church houses the Thrift House, Potters House and a soon to be named third tenant. The *Emmanuel Episcopal Day School* offers accredited pre-school education in a Christian environment; their operations are partially subsidized by our parish.

The Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia is part of Emmanuel. Sean Ferrell has written a report on Center activities that is included elsewhere in this Annual Report.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Early in the year the Vestry requested a commitment of committee funds for the renovation of space on our property to house a community outreach program. Believing strongly in the value to the parish of just such a presence on our campus, we set aside 20% (\$9,000) of our 2001 budget allocation of \$44,995. We happily report that Community Connection, one of our area's most widely reaching and highly respected helping organizations, is scheduled to take occupancy of the space adjacent to the Thrift House the week after Christmas.

The gospel call to care for "the least of these" is the focus we seek to maintain. In response, grants in 2001 have gone to:

1. Rural Outreach Center \$6000

Emergency support to help bridge funding gap for organization serving low income people in three largely rural counties – Oglethorpe, Madison, and Elbert

2. Overcomers Ministry \$ 500

Provide print materials for this eight year old service to people suffering from addictions

3. Camp Mikell \$ 500

Help fund pilot program to send counselors to Emmaus House for training in working with inner city children in a

special camp setting

4. Northeast Georgia Council, Girl Scouts of America \$ 2000

Support program for providing Girl Scouting to girls

5-17 in public housing and other low income areas

5. American Red Cross, East Georgia Chapter \$ 300

Sponsorship of volunteer appreciation event

6. The Ark \$ 9000

Collaborate with other churches in providing emergency

Assistance with basic needs to those who can verify eligibility

7. Haiti Pilgrimage \$ 1500

Travel expense for Mandy Brady and Jane Kidd to

represent Emmanuel on ecumenical trip to the school

at Limonade, the school under construction at Terrier

Rouge, and the Church of the Holy Spirit at Cap Haitien

8. Our Daily Bread \$ 2500

Now feeding an average of 125 persons a day, Our Daily

Bread has outgrown its quarters at Oconee Street

Methodist Church. Needs are to double space, make all

facilities wheelchair accessible, and renovate storage and

clean-up area

9. Nancy's House \$ 1500

Help make up deficit created by change in federal funding

cutting off vouchers for child care the day a family leaves

a homeless shelter

10. Garden Springs Coalition \$ 3000

Participate with other local churches and service providers

in helping residents of Garden Springs Trailer Park

(150 men, women, and children now under eviction order)

preserve their community in present location or at another site

Other undertakings this year include sponsorship of the September Red Cross blood drive. Emmanuelites were very responsive ~ 60 pints of blood were collected in contrast to the 30 pints of the last blood drive ~ and a number of donors had to be directed to other sites.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served in the Common Room for the third year to those who come to us and will be delivered to those who cannot. The indomitable Lena Watkins ~ instigator, organizer, and cook extraordinaire ~ who brought us this new avenue of service ~ will again direct us. Volunteers from inside and outside the parish will provide assistance in preparation, set up, hosting, and delivery.

Inquiries about the Bloomfield Fund (for "the sick and crippled children of Clarke County") are increasing as awareness spreads. In addition to the \$2000 deposited annually with The Ark, referrals have come largely through the Student Support Services Office of the Clarke County School District.

I am personally indebted to the members of the committee for their thoughtful participation this year: Gillian Ball, June Ball, Jane Bowen, Mandy Brady, Mary Compton, Ann Darby, Carol Downs, LaGrange DuPree, Charlotte Leedy, Janice Rusk, and Gene Weeks. Thanks also go to the Rector, the Senior Warden, the Vestry, and most especially to Melissa Fulcher and Karen Holland, who have been unfailingly patient and helpful.

Barbara Coplin, Chair

EMMANUEL THRIFT HOUSE

The Thrift House ended its fourth year of operations at its new location near the church on September 30, 2001.

Sales for the year were \$54,341.80 and expenses were \$23,899.59. Distributions made according to the votes of the Thrift House volunteers at their two semi-annual meetings amounted to \$38,800.00. Community agencies, our missionaries in other lands, and Emmanuel Church projects were among the recipients of Thrift House grants.

Seventy-two volunteer workers, mostly parishioners, both men and women, are involved in the work of the Thrift House. Sorting donations, pricing and hanging items in the store, straightening and decorating, or manning the store to cover 3 hours shifts the twenty-one hours the store is open for business is taken care of by these dedicated workers. In addition, many serve by being substitute sales clerks, willing to come in and cover a shift so that the store is always staffed. Telephone callers, the scheduling chairman, the publicity chairman and the regular officers of the Thrift House all do their jobs to keep the organization happy and productive.

Presently the Thrift House is looking for someone to fill the chairman position that was vacated last spring. Janet Griffith, as Vice-President is filling in until a new chairman can be found. Secretary, Susan Hodgson and Treasurer, Nancy Jacobson are doing an excellent job on the executive end. The Stock committee and the Pricing Committee do a fantastic job of taking care of their duties and managing any related situations that arise.

There are tremendous opportunities for even greater outreach through the Thrift House, especially since the shop has a permanent home in a great location for the workers and the customers. The biggest problem Thrift House is facing now is that many of the workers have been at it for a long time and the success of the shop has increased the workload. These folks must have some relief. Without additional help, we will have to cut back on the shop hours rather than increasing them!

Work with the Thrift House is fun and a great way to get to know people. New volunteers are always welcome and the opportunities to help are varied enough to fit almost anyone's schedule. The monetary results of the efforts are evident when the profits are disbursed; the personal satisfaction is experienced through the community that is built among the workers and with the customers.

Janet Griffith

Vice-Chairman

Thrift House Financial Statement

October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001

Income ~ Sales \$54,341.80

Expenses

Rent 12,000.00

Cleaning & window washing 1,987.15

Bell South ~ telephone 915.03

Georgia Power ~ electricity 2,016.38

Georgia Natural Gas 930.39

Athens-Clarke County ~ trash removal 39.00

Potter's House - TH share of water & sewer 107.89

Misc supplies, postage and office expense 567.39

Advertising - Banner-Herald and Flagpole 1,310.22

Piedmont Cleaning - carpet cleaning 250.00

Garment racks, store fixtures, & keys 215.32

Georgia sales tax 3,438.62

Athens-Clarke County business license 50.00

Fire extinguisher service 20.00

Paid Tuesday worker 52.20

Total Expenses \$23,899.59

Profit - Twelve Months (October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001)
\$30,442.21

Transferred In - from Savings, Returned, and Other \$ 6,219.29

Cash in Checking Account, October 1, 2000 \$15,578.25

Available for Distribution \$52,239.75

Less Distributions of October 2000 & April 2001 General Meetings

The Ark 2,000.00

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank 2,000.00

Athens Area Homeless Shelter 1,500.00

ACCA – Home delivered meals 3,000.00

The Rev. Pere Bruno in Dominican Republic 2,000.00

Rt. Rev. Samson O. Babalola 3,500.00

Quad State Children's Theater 1,100.00

East Georgia Chapter – American Red Cross 1,000.00

Children's Medical Services 1,600.00

East Georgia Chapter – Nancy Travis House 500.00

Athens-Clarke County Library Fund 500.00

Nurses Clinic for Homeless 1,200.00

Athens Tutorial 1,200.00

Project Safe 2,000.00

Open Heart Center, Inc. 500.00

Athens Humane Society 500.00

Bethlehem Ministry 2,000.00

Emmanuel Church – St. Francis Guild 1,200.00

Emmanuel Church – Parlor Renovation 9,000.00

Emmanuel Church – Oconee Hills Cemetery (later returned) 1,000.00

Emmanuel Church – Equator Trip Delegate Fund 1,500.00

Total Distributions \$38,800.00

Cash in Checking Account on September 30, 2001 \$13,439.75

Cash in Savings - All Unrestricted \$ 1,220.91

WILLIAMS-RHODES SCREENING

The membership of the WR Committee, their 'type of representation' and their terms are:

Scott Shaw Chair 2002

Meredith Kahlstorf Parish 2003

Cathi Shinn Parish 2003

Jack Coplin Parish 2001

Gloria Kibbe Sams Parish 2001

Duncan Krause Vestry 2003

Janet Griffith Thrift House 2001

Gillian Ball Outreach 2001

During the period October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001, 31 applications were approved to receive grants totaling \$108,303. The recipients were:

ACC Heritage Foundation

ACCA - Meals on Wheels

Aids Coalition

Athens Area Emergency Food Bank

Athens Area Homeless Shelter

Athens Justice Project

Athens Regional Attention Home

Athens Tutorial Program

Camp Mikell

Christwalk Ministries

Emmanuel Church Outreach Property

EYC- Emmanuel

Girl Scouts of NE Georgia

Haiti - School at Cap Haitien

Haiti - School at Terrier Rouge

Haiti- School at Limonade

Joyce Ervin Open Heart Center

NE Georgia Homeless Coalition

Quad-State Children's Theatre Co

Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

Rural Outreach Center

SANE

Stonehenge Youth Association

The Ark

The ReDistribution Alternative

The Work of Our Hands

YMCA

YWCO

In addition \$7,736 was provided to the rector's discretionary fund and \$38,680 went to funding Emmanuel's building and maintenance.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FROM THE EPISCOPAL CENTER

The Episcopal Center continues to thrive and grow. There is much involved in the life of the Episcopal Center. Ministry at the center looks like this:

Weekly Eucharist

We have Holy Eucharist at 5 PM on Wednesdays when school is in session. Over the course of my two years, we've had many guests preside and preach. Our weekly Wednesday Eucharist continues to be our best attended offering.

A disclaimer: It's hard for me to describe involvement at the center without using numbers to be descriptive.

We've been bursting at the seams in terms of numbers at the Episcopal Center. During Fall 2001, we have averaged 48, and have seen well over 60 students several times this semester. Our high attendance of the year was August 29, 2001, when our guest was the Rev. Canon Gray Temple, Jr.

During the Spring of 2001, students continued to pour in. While numbers backed off some from Fall 2000 semester (which is normal trend in campus ministry), we did see an average Wednesday attendance of 41. Ash Wednesday was our highest attended service of Spring semester and the year at 95. For the last two years, I have held Wednesday services during the summer academic terms. In the Summer of 2001, we saw 12

to 22 students attending...up from Summer 2000's 7-14.

Some highlights include:

- In January 2001, the Rt. Rev. Robert Tharp visited Emmanuel and confirmed, and "reaffirmed" 14 students. ~
- The Rev. Canon Gray Temple, Jr. was our guest preacher on August 29, 2001
- The Rev. Dann Brown was our guest preacher on October 17, 2001.
- Mr. Patrick Skutch, Mr. Tim Burger, and Miss Marclair Partee, all postulants from Emmanuel Parish and the UGA chaplaincy have all had opportunities to preach over the last year.
- The Rev. Peter Courtney joined us as special guest preacher on January 14, 2001, and presented a program on Alcohol use and abuse.
- In 2001, the Revs. Peter Courtney, Porter Taylor, Gene Britton, and Mandy Brady have been guest presiders and preachers at services.

My hope is that we will continue to have guest preachers once per month over the course of the remainder of the year.

Preparation for Weekly Eucharist

Students regularly participate in our worship life. We have a regular rotation of acolytes, lay readers, and oblationers. Three students serve as our Altar guild. They set up for services, do linens, polish brass and furniture, and they do an excellent job at it all. Five or six students provide music for worship. I meet with them weekly to select music.

Weekly meals

Following our Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist, we serve a meal. We provide the meal without cost for students. My wife, Kiezza Smith Ferrell, has been instrumental in preparing food for us. We served for 30 or more most of the year. Students regularly help prepare and clean up meals. This year, Emmanuel parishioners Susan Galis and Rustin McAlister have worked to put together a group of Emmanuelites that cook one meal a month to relieve Kiezza. We both appreciate their efforts greatly.

Christian Ed

Students participate in Christian Education (in spite of the fact that we don't call it that).

Confirmation classes... Bishop Alexander will visit the Episcopal Center at UGA on January 23, 2002, and in preparation, Confirmation Classes began in October.

Currently, fifteen students are participating. The course focused on the Sacraments and gave students a basic understanding of the Episcopal Church.

Book studies... In the Spring Semester of 2001, I offered two Christian Ed opportunities. The first was a study of the saints using Sam Portaro's "Brightest and Best" and LFF. Five students participated. I also offered a book study on "Virtual Faith" by Tom Beaudoin - a book about the spirituality of Gen X. Six students participated. In the Fall semester, I have provided a book study on L. William Countryman's "Living on the Border of the Holy." Six participate in that reading group. Postulant Tim Burger has provided a reading group during the Fall of 2001 on the topic of Philosophy of Religion. Six also participated in this study.

Grad Students Fellowship

About eight to ten grad students participate in the life of the center. We gather once a month to share a meal and time together.

Pastoral Care of Students

Students spend lots of time at the center. Lots of pastoral care time is spent just by hanging out and talking with students in the center. One of the ways I get to know students and take time to be with them is by regularly taking them to lunch. Over the last two years I heard several confessions, and I met often with students with specific pastoral needs. Occasionally, a student will wind up in the hospital and I will visit them there.

Vocational Discernment

As in the Spring of 2000, I used spring break and 2001 to take students to seminaries. I

took four students (Mariclaire Partee, Patrick Skutch, Bonny Roach, and Tim Burger) on a voyage during spring break 2001, which included a visit to General (New York), and Sewanee. My hope is to offer this seminary journey to all of the students participating in the DYVE process in the Spring of 2002.

One of my diocesan responsibilities includes the Discerning Young Vocations Experience (DYVE) - the process for discerning a vocation to priesthood for college students in this diocese. This process includes a Friday evening and Saturday group discernment process. I serve on a leadership team of four persons including the Revs. Nancy Baxter, Lori Lowe, and Brian Sullivan. During the 2000-2001 school year, we had four students participating in this program from the UGA chaplaincy. Three of them were recommended by the DYVE process and by the COM. Mr. Patrick Skutch, Miss Mariclaire Partee, and Mr. Tim Burger were all made postulants by Bishop Alexander, meaning they have been approved for seminary. (Parenthetically, we have had many more students participating than the other diocesan college chaplaincies.)

Currently, one student from the chaplaincy is participating - Mr. Joe Greene, who is also a regular at Emmanuel. Many of our students have expressed interest in participating in this program in the future.

Chaplain's on Campus Involvement

I was regularly involved on campus over the last two years. I spent time at the Tate Center with students several times. I had lunch with students on campus several times, and I have been an active participant in the Campus Ministry Association.

Chaplain's Involvement at Emmanuel

I have preached roughly once a month, attended weekly staff meetings, and I have presided at Eucharist almost weekly. I help weekly with hospital visits. I have helped with Baptismal preparation for families of infants. I offered premarital preparation and Weddings for many couples.

One of the major ways I've been involved at Emmanuel is through the Acolyte ministry.

I've frequently met with two Emmanuel parishioners and we've trained acolytes, and I wrote a customary. I am excited about my continuing role in this ministry.

Student Involvement at Emmanuel

Students have been progressively more involved at Emmanuel. Approximately 25-50 students attend services at Emmanuel regularly. Emmanuel appointed a spot on the vestry for a student involved at the Episcopal Center in the Fall of 1999. Currently, it is a non-voting position. Leigh Preston, a sophomore from Dunwoody served as the Vestry Representative for the last year and a half. Leigh has been in Oxford during the Fall semester of 2001, and other students have attended meetings in her place. Leigh will continue her post as Vestry rep when she returns in January 2002.

Continuing Ed.

In the Summer of 2001, I attended the Episcopal Society for Ministry in Higher Education's Chaplain's Conference and Chaplain's Continuing Ed seminar. The Very Rev. James Lemler and Dr. Patricia Enos presented seminars on ministry in higher ed and many others presented workshops.

Emmanuel's Involvement with the Center

Parishioners at Emmanuel are beginning to perceive the Episcopal Center as an outreach to students at the University. One way that Emmanuel parishioners have been involved at the center is through our annual cookout. Many parishioners brought grills and food to our annual fall cookout in 2001. Over 60 students attended the event and almost half of those students were there for the first time. Last Fall, Frances Speights began volunteering her time on a weekly basis at the Episcopal Center, offering her secretarial skills. As I mentioned previously, Emmanuel parishioners Susan Galis and Rustin McAlister have worked to put together a group of Emmanuelites that cook one meal a month to relieve Kiejha.

Reconstruction of Facilities

During the Fall of 1999, I met with Chuck Galis and Bob Wood (senior warden at Emmanuel) several times to talk about restructuring our facilities. They encouraged me to dream about what we would desire design wise for a new Episcopal Center. As a result of that, I talked with students, my wife (in particular regard to the kitchen and dining facilities), Newell Graham, Gene Britton, Mandy Brady, and with Rev. Bob Googe (Presbyterian Center), Fr. Jack McDowell (Catholic Center), and Philip Schlossberg (Campus Center for Jewish Life). I also toured each of their respective facilities in regard to design, wants, and needs for the new center. In the winter of 2001, we approached the Standing Committee, and they allocated funds so that we could develop a site plan with Surber, Barber, Choate, and Hertlein. We met with Rusty Barber (president of the company and member of St. Bartholomew's, Atlanta) and his staff several times and they came back to us with some rough designs and then finally presented plans in July of 2001. The Standing Committee and the Bishop enthusiastically received the plans we presented which call for the renovation of Hodgson House and the Chapel as well as the construction of a building to connect the two of them. At this point, we are considering funding sources.

In summary, so much has happened over the last year that I am quite sure that I am leaving things out. After my first two calendar years I am happy to say I've had successes and failings and many opportunities for growth. I appreciate your continuing prayers and support on our road ahead.

The Rev. Sean D. Ferrell, Chaplain

Episcopal Center at the University of Georgia

RESOURCES COMMISSION ARCHITECTURAL AND MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Architecture:

1. Renovation of the Church Parlor was a major undertaking and included selection of a new color for painting walls and trim, selection of fabric for a new window

treatment, and improved lighting as a result of installation of new ceiling fixtures. Tудie Roberts served as a consultant to the committee. With work remaining to be accomplished for the full refurbishment of this important room, as funds will allow, the committee recommends that an art conservator be hired to clean and assess the condition of the paintings (and the frames) as they are major aesthetic and cultural elements of the Parlor furnishings.

In addition to the renovation of the parlor, the Committee assisted in the refurbishment of the Rector's Office and the installation of new lighting and repainting of the office hallway.

2. As a part of the conservation and restoration of the Emmanuel Window over the high altar, an alternate painted "window," installed as a substitute for the Emmanuel Window while it was away for repair, was created through the efforts of the following: Charles Beaumont, Ann Brightwell, Ann Darby, Carol Downs, Janet Robertson, and Catherine Ross, with Peggy Allen as coordinator of the effort.

Gifts:

Stone for the construction of the new terrace located adjacent to the Bell Tower, was contributed by Patti and Jack Curtis, in memory of their mothers and the money for the labor necessary to lay the stone was donated by the Emmanuel Thrift House.

1. A Sculpture, entitled "Madonna and Child," by William Thompson, was given by Norman and Peg Wood in memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald Creagh and was placed on the terrace adjacent to the Bell Tower.
2. The Architecture/Gifts/Memorials Committee contributed \$3,000 for new choir robes, at the request of the Senior Warden.

Memorials:

1. The committee contracted to have stones on All Saints Terrace inscribed with the

names of the following as a result of memorial gifts: Ballew, Dearing, Downs, Gossett, Hewitt-Jones, Roberts, Sligh, and Vincent.

Recommendations:

1. The Committee has submitted recommendations to the Vestry for approval of uniform operational procedures: (a) Procedures for Acceptance of Gifts, and (b) Procedures for the Administration of Gifts.
2. At the request of the Senior Warden, and in consideration of the concern with the safety and use of the lectern steps in the sanctuary, the Committee has investigated the matter and made recommendation for a new step platform which it believes will improve the stability of the step as well as the safety and the peace of mind of those who make use of it.
3. The new terrace adjacent to the Bell Tower should be given a name, possibly as a memorial.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Committee Members:

Peggy Allen, Robert Gibson, Ann Scoggins, Allen Stovall, and Robert Wood

John C. Waters, Chairman

EMMANUEL PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc. was granted a charter in the Superior Court of Clarke County, Georgia on April 21, 1944. The Endowment Fund grew from contributions from parishioners and reached the total of \$25,000.00 in 1948. About 1965 the Vestry directed that various small funds and bequests be transferred to the

Endowment Fund and administered by the Board of Trustees as Special Funds within the Endowment Fund. In 1980 the Endowment Fund as Trustee received distribution in trust from the estates of Mrs. Elizabeth VonderLieth Williams and Mrs. Mildred VonderLieth Rhodes. These trusts provide that the income from the trusts be used for the general purpose of the Endowment Fund, that is, distributed to Emmanuel Church and spent as directed by the Vestry. By the provisions of the Trusts, and by law, none of the principal of the Endowment Fund, the Williams Trust, the Rhodes Trust or the Special Funds (except the Joelson Fund) can ever be spent. All of the income, and only the income, is available for distribution to the Church to be spent at the direction of the Vestry.

The charter provides that the affairs of Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc., be conducted by a Board of Trustees composed of six members of Emmanuel Church, at least half of whom are or have been members of the Vestry, and the Rector, who is ex-officio Trustee. Trustees are appointed by the Vestry for four year terms. Trustees currently serving for the year 2001 are: James A. Bowers, Jr., John F. Coplin, Robert E. Gibson, B. Amrey Harden, Norman J. Wood, and Robert M. Wood.

The Trustees of Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc., make the investment decisions for the funds. They are advised by a portfolio manager from Sun Trust Bank and by the Atlanta money management firm of A. Montag and Associates. Sun Trust Bank also performs the duties of agent and treasurer. In that capacity, the Bank holds all securities and funds and provides a detailed accounting to the Trustees quarterly. The firm of Rice and Giles, CPAs, performs an annual review and prepares the annual Internal Revenue information return.

At the present time the Endowment Fund is administered as four (4) funds:

1. The General Fund is composed of the original contributions, additional contributions, and the growth of the investment of those funds.
2. The Williams Trust is the trust fund established under the will of Mrs. Williams.
3. The Rhodes Trust is the trust established under the will of Mrs. Rhodes.
4. The Special Funds, composed of miscellaneous trust funds given and bequeathed

to the Church over the years.

The investments of the Endowment Funds are composed of savings accounts, certificates of deposit, government bonds, government agency bonds, corporate bonds, common stocks, preferred stocks, and, in special situations, stock and bond funds. The value of the investments changes daily as the stock and bond markets change.

Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund is managed with the objective of providing the maximum amount of income to the Church, consistent with safety of capital and preservation of purchasing power by growth of principal. The normal asset allocation is 70% equities, 25% fixed income, and 5% cash. The asset allocation can vary from the normal dependent on opportunities available to the Trustees. The Trustees have regularly scheduled quarterly meetings with the investment advisors. In between scheduled meetings, the Board may have called meetings or conference call meetings.

The charter states that the purposes of Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc., are:

The balances of The Endowment Fund as of September 30, 2001, are:

General Fund \$ 806,240.36

Rhodes Trust \$ 1,278,638.47

Williams Trust \$ 3,943,554.49

Special Funds \$ 977,403.98

Total Endowment Fund \$ 7,005,837.30

The following are distributions to Emmanuel Church for the period October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001:

General Fund \$ 22,401.69

(distributed to the Church as budgeted income)

Rhodes Trust \$ 35,243.29

Williams Trust \$119,415.85 \$154,659.14

(distributed by the Vestry upon

recommendation of the Williams

Rhodes Screening committee.)

Special Funds (see schedule below) \$ 31,900.91

Total Distributions \$208,961.74

Balances of Special Funds

Altar Guild Fund

Cella Mae Finlay McLeroy \$ 526.94

Clifford L. McLeroy \$ 263.08

Mildred Rhodes for McLeroy \$2,106.72

Mildred V. Rhodes \$5,256.50

Elizabeth V. Williams \$5,256.50

St. Martha's Chapter \$2,280.01

Leighton M. Ballew \$4,929.28 \$ 20,619.03

VonderLieth and McLeroy Memorial Rooms \$ 15,767.50

Rhodes Education of a Priest \$ 72,399.86

Emma Long-Rector's Discretionary Fund \$ 559.79

Jenny Smith Fund-For the Poor of Athens \$ 7,370.60

Leighton M. Ballew Fund \$ 240,244.39

(discretion of Vestry, especially

outreach and Haitian Scholarships)

Edith W. Joelson Fund \$ 125,113.68

(for needy people wherever located)

Mildred Lyles Dearing Fund \$ 288,013.37

(discretion of the Vestry)

James Lester Sexton Music Fund \$ 11,195.86

James C. Bloomfield Memorial Fund \$ 151,703.84

(for sick and crippled children)

Sexton Cemetery Fund \$ 44,416.06

(see note)

Total Special Funds \$ 977,403.98

Note: Sexton Cemetery Fund is administered by Emmanuel Parish Endowment Fund, Inc. under special trust arrangement with the Estate of Mrs. Margaret Branch Sexton. The fund is available for maintenance of Sexton cemetery lots in Savannah, Georgia. Income to this fund accumulates, is added to principal, and spent as needed for maintenance.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

The Facilities and Maintenance Committee is responsible for the major maintenance and repairs of all church properties and the equipment in them. The office staff usually handles routine maintenance. The buildings and grounds used by the Parish include the Church proper, offices, Parlor, Parish House, Christian Connection, Youth and Meeting Houses (two white cottages on Pope street), and Music building. In addition, other buildings owned by the Parish and used for Outreach include the Cobb House and the Outreach building (which houses the Emmanuel Thrift House, The Potter's House and a vacant space). The Athens Realtors lease the building on Prince Avenue from the church.

Major maintenance and repair items for 2001:

Church, Offices and Parlor

- The Emmanuel Window repair was completed and re-installed.
- Redesigned and installed new HVAC system for the offices and Parlor.
- With a committee of women from the church, renovated the offices and Parlor with new ceiling, carpeting, lighting and paint. Plantation shutters were placed in the Parlor.
- Installed new key/lock system.
- Installed new phone system and equipment.
- Placed signs on office doors.

Parish House

- Replaced booster hot water heater for dishwasher in kitchen.
- Installed new drainage system outside Common Room.
- Reconfigured Children's Chapel and several classrooms.

Christian Connection

- No major changes.

Music Building

- No major changes

Youth and Meeting Houses

- In process of evaluating space requirements and renovation possibilities for these spaces.

Outreach Building

- Installed new outside end wall.
- Prepared floor plan drawings for new tenant and in process of implementation.

Realty Building

- No major changes.

Cobb House

- Hired a firm to help evaluate use of this space and to itemize structural items for renovation. This firm would provide project supervision if renovation is approved.

GUILD OF SAINT FRANCIS

Founded in 1972, this small group of gardeners have developed a large portion of Emmanuel's grounds.

Completion of the blue stone terrace has been this year's project. Shrubs and perennials have been planted and ground cover nurtured under the old water oak. Dr. and Mrs. Norman Wood have given the Parish a magnificent piece of statuary rendered by Dr. William Thompson. Mary and baby Jesus are mounted on marble in the rear center of the area. The Parish architectural committee will install a pair of teak benches this spring. The guild members will provide large pots, flower laden. We anticipate this area will become an area of great pleasure and rest in the years to come.

Our support comes from interested, caring Parishioners, spring and fall plant sales, the Thrift House and memorial gifts. We truly need your financial gifts and appreciate your continuing concern.

Peggy Allen

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship effort for this year began with a survey of the vestry in order to identify the most effective aspects of stewardship in previous years. The survey was followed by a series of five meetings, two in the spring and three in the fall, in which parishioners were invited to discuss stewardship. A compilation of the survey and of ideas and thoughts generated at the meetings will be included in the stewardship records for this year. Articles on stewardship appeared in the Tower.

The calling teams were activated once again with each vestry member putting together a team of about four parishioners to contact members of Emmanuel who had not made a pledge by the October 28 deadline. As of that date, we had received only 146 pledges and a total amount pledged of \$309,001.

This year, the pledge card had two printed sides, one for a financial pledge and the other for pledges of time and talent to the various committees and organizations of Emmanuel. Our goal for the financial side of pledges was a minimum of 300 pledges. In the letter mailed to the parish, the vestry asked for parishners to consider an increase of at least \$250 and additionally to consider joining the vestry in tithing or in moving toward tithing. The vestry and Father Courtney together pledged nearly \$80,000.

The goal for the time and talent side is for everyone who pledges the gifts of their time and talents to be called or contacted by the vestry member in charge of the area(s) indicated. Father Courtney and the staff will help with this.

During the first three Sundays in October, members of the vestry spoke during each service, sharing their thoughts about stewardship with the congregation; the clergy

delivered sermons on the theme of stewardship; and a stewardship thermometer was placed in the sanctuary. The calling teams were activated during the first week of November.

As of the date of this report, November 21, we have received 222 pledges for a total of \$432,034 pledged. Pledges of time and talent will be compiled later this month and given to the appropriate vestry members.

The 2002 pledges received to date can be broken down into the following categories:

EMMANUEL CHURCH

2002 ANNUAL PLEDGE BREAKDOWN ANALYSIS

Number Total Per

Annual Pledge Range of Units Pledge Range

\$ 1.00 to \$ 499.99 44 \$ 12,285.00

\$ 500.00 to \$ 999.99 39 \$ 25,492.00

\$ 1,000.00 to \$ 1,499.99 33 \$ 39,000.00

\$ 1,500.00 to \$ 1,999.99 28 \$ 46,420.00

\$ 2,000.00 to \$ 2,499.99 17 \$ 37,060.00

\$ 2,500.00 to \$ 2,999.99 10 \$ 26,900.00

\$ 3,000.00 to \$ 3,499.99 11 \$ 33,816.00

\$ 3,500.00 to \$ 3,999.99 4 \$ 14,740.00

\$ 4,000.00 to \$ 4,499.99 8 \$ 33,800.00

\$ 4,500.00 to \$ 4,999.99 5 \$ 24,000.00

\$ 5,000.00 to \$ 5,999.99 14 \$ 73,221.00

\$ 6,000.00 to \$ 6,999.99 5 \$ 31,100.00

\$ 7,000.00 to \$ 7,999.99 2 \$ 14,200.00

\$ 8,000.00 and over 2 \$ 20,000.00

Totals 222 \$432,034.00

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL COMMISSION

Emmanuel Episcopal Church is exceptionally lucky to have such a wonderful school and education ministry for children. We are the only church preschool in the Athens area accredited by the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). The school is currently involved in the mandatory review process for future accreditation. Our outstanding director is Cindy Sullivan, who has been involved with the school for the past two years. We have a low teacher-student ratio, small class sizes, highly qualified teachers who love and nurture the children, an outstanding early childhood curriculum, a schedule that allows the children to share lunch together, music class, and Wednesday Chapel. The NAEYC commends EEDS for a "high level of compliance" from a list of ten criteria including "warm and positive" interaction between students and staff and a meaningful curriculum that engages children "actively in the learning process."

EEDS was founded in 1982 and the Vestry approved a two-class preschool program for the 1982-83 school year. The school has grown to eight classes of 85 students for the 2001-2002 academic year. This school year the children sent classroom supplies to our sister school in Haiti via Mother Mandy. Throughout the school year we have a pizza fundraiser and the children collect coins to send scholarship money for the children in Haiti.

We appreciate the EEDS staff, children, parents, Commission members, and all those in

the Emmanuel community who work to fulfill this ministry.

Tania Bachman, Cindy Sullivan

EEDS Commission Chair, Director