



EMMANUEL CHURCH

*We are a dynamic faith community committed to sharing God's love.
Our mission is to equip people to live as disciples of Jesus.*

The Rev'd Dr. Anita Schell-Lambert, Rector

October 18, 2010

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

The best of what Emmanuel Church is as a faith community was present at yesterday's installation of our 18th Rector. Anita's new ministry with us marks the beginning of an exciting and extraordinary time for our parish family. We have turned the page on the challenges of the past and can now look ahead to the promise that the future always holds.

We ask that you consider making a "Pledge of Thanksgiving" to lend a hand in 2011. Each of us has been blessed in so many different ways. Our gifts are plentiful, even in these ever busy and economically difficult times. These gifts are our God given wealth and allow us all, in our own way and collectively, "to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share..." [1 Timothy 6:19]

The thoughtful and telling feedback received at the Vestry's recent "Hopes & Dreams" meetings has helped to focus and prioritize the work ahead. Of paramount significance is our need to reduce our reliance on income from the church's modest endowment. For too long, out of necessity, we have paid day to day expenses with monies from the principal of our savings. We have reached a turning point in our history and left unchanged, our use of our savings will completely wipe out our unrestricted endowment in six (6) short years.

Seeking increased pledge support from parishioners is one constructive and necessary way that will help to secure our financial future and further the mission of Emmanuel. To accomplish this we have established a goal of raising \$200,000 in pledges for 2011.

To offer you some context, it costs us \$1,004.38 a day to offer everything that is Emmanuel Church as we know it. Your support will continue to play a crucial role in maintaining all the ministries that Emmanuel offers including outreach, pastoral care, worship, music, and the ongoing preservation of our historic buildings.

Please consider a "Forward Step" of approximately twelve (12) percent of your 2010 pledge to support Emmanuel's 2011 Stewardship Appeal. If the requested amount does not fit your particular circumstance, please know that a gift at any level is needed and appreciated. You may make your "Pledge of Thanksgiving" using the enclosed pledge form. The Appeal concludes on November 24th.

The Stewardship Pledge Form allows you also to consider which talents you might consider sharing with our Emmanuel and broader family in outreach.

Emmanuel provides each of us with so much and an equal amount, if not more, to those who are less fortunate. Help ensure that we continue to be the dynamic faith community that we are by making your "Pledge of Thanksgiving" today. Thank you for considering Emmanuel in your giving priorities.

Your Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs,

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Emmanuel Church
 Stewardship Pledge for 2011
Together We Grow in Christ

Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasures: In thanksgiving for the gifts, talents, and treasures which God has given me, and in celebration of my membership in the community of Emmanuel Church, I pledge my time, talent, and treasures in 2011 in the following ways:

Worship (training will be provided)

<input type="checkbox"/> Acolyte	<input type="checkbox"/> Eucharistic Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Choristers (Youth)
<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Guild	<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Bells Ringer
<input type="checkbox"/> Lector		

Christian Education

<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Bible School	<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group

Service

<input type="checkbox"/> Choir Mother/Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Emmanuel Music & Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Usher
<input type="checkbox"/> Flower Guild (St Fiacre)	<input type="checkbox"/> E-pistle	<input type="checkbox"/> Vestry Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Greeter	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Web Page

Pastoral Care

<input type="checkbox"/> Delivering Flowers after Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Care Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Sick & Homebound

Fellowship

<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Girls Friendly Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Parish Picnic
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Night Pot Luck Meal	<input type="checkbox"/> History & Archives	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday Sewing Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fireside	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Group	

Outreach

<input type="checkbox"/> CROP – Walk for World Hunger	<input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/> New Orleans Outreach (or other need)	<input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Soup's On	

Talent to Share – I have the following experience/skills

<input type="checkbox"/> Bake	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer - Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Musician
<input type="checkbox"/> Cake Decorating	<input type="checkbox"/> Write Well	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising
<input type="checkbox"/> CPR Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> Calligraphy	<input type="checkbox"/> Finance
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance Instructor	<input type="checkbox"/> Artist – Drawing/Painting	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer – Teach Basics	<input type="checkbox"/> Yoga	

Treasure:

My Monetary Pledge for 2011** is _____ per: week month quarter year

I would like pledge envelopes

Please provide me with information on setting up automatic bank payments

****A Forward Step:** Find your present offering for 2010 below and, if possible, give the suggested offering or more to help us to grow our programs and maintain our beautiful church. A Forward Step in pledging will make a significant difference.

Present Weekly Offering	Suggested Weekly Offering	Present Weekly Offering	Suggested Weekly Offering
\$5.00	\$6.00	\$35.00	\$39.50
\$6.00	\$7.00	\$36.00	\$40.75
\$7.00	\$8.00	\$37.00	\$41.75
\$8.00	\$9.00	\$39.00	\$43.00
\$9.00	\$10.00	\$40.00	\$44.00
\$10.00	\$11.50	\$41.00	\$45.00
\$11.00	\$12.50	\$42.00	\$47.50
\$12.00	\$13.75	\$43.00	\$48.50
\$13.00	\$14.75	\$44.00	\$50.00
\$14.00	\$16.00	\$45.00	\$51.00
\$15.00	\$17.00	\$46.00	\$52.00
\$16.00	\$18.00	\$47.00	\$53.00
\$17.00	\$19.25	\$48.00	\$54.00
\$18.00	\$20.50	\$49.00	\$55.00
\$19.00	\$21.50	\$50.00	\$56..50
\$20.00	\$22.75	\$55.00	\$62.00
\$21.00	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$68.00
\$22.00	\$25.00	\$65.00	\$73.00
\$23.00	\$26.00	\$70.00	\$79.00
\$24.00	\$27.00	\$75.00	\$84.00
\$25.00	\$28.50	\$80.00	\$90.00
\$26.00	\$29.50	\$85.00	\$96.00
\$27.00	\$30.50	\$90.00	\$102.00
\$28.00	\$31.50	\$95.00	\$107.00
\$29.00	\$32.75	\$100.00	\$115.00
\$30.00	\$34.00	\$110.00	\$124.00
\$31.00	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$135.00
\$32.00	\$36.00	\$130.00	\$146.00
\$33.00	\$37.50	\$140.00	\$157.00
\$34.00	\$38.50	\$150.00	\$168.00

Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Update Your Telephone Number: _____

Thank you for returning this form. It is another way of serving our church. Just as you plant a seed in faith that it will grow, consider a Forward Step in the knowledge that it will grow in the work of our Lord.