



Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
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Dear Friends,

We just celebrated the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and I was moved by the legacy of the saints at our beloved Emmanuel Church. Despite the difficulties we face in life, we can choose a life of holiness, the life of the saints, by walking with Christ and staying close to Him. St. Paul writes to the saints in Colossae:

**In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. *Colossians 1:3-5***

The Gospel is Good News! We celebrate eternal life in Christ and are united with all the saints, past and present. Again, I am moved by the legacy of the saints at our beloved Emmanuel Church. For about 200 years, Emmanuel *and* Zion Churches have baptized the newborn, confirmed young people, and married couples. The saints of our church, many our own parents and grandparents, have ministered to the sick and suffering and celebrated the lives of our loved ones when they have gone to their eternal Glory. We have worshipped God and loved and served our neighbors in acts of charity.

All of this is possible because the saints have shared their **Time**, **Talent**, and **Treasure** with the people of the church.

### ***Share Your Time – Everyone is Welcome at Jesus' Table***

Please join us for prayers, fellowship, Sunday School, and Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 9:30 AM at Emmanuel Church. Services are also available online and we often have Bible Study on Mondays. Go to: <https://emmanueladams.org/> for more information. All are welcome!

### ***Share your Talent***

It is time for our **2022 Stewardship Campaign**, and I encourage you to pray and seek God's guidance. **God, how can use my talents to love and serve You and the church today?**

As a newcomer to Adams and Emmanuel Church, it was obvious to me from the start that this is a loving and generous community. People here love one another and their church. Buildings, grounds, and the daily work, worship, and life of the church are in excellent shape. The saints of Emmanuel Church have been excellent **Stewards**, sharing **Time & Talent** in many ways.

Praying for the sick and suffering • Maintaining Buildings & Grounds at Emmanuel Church and St. Luke's Chapel • Charitable outreach – Christmas Stockings, Christmas Angels & Shoeboxes for children in need • Church cleaners • Sunday School • Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Home Visitors • Altar Guild • Lectors & Intercessors • Ushers & Acolytes • Music Ministry & Choir • Treasurer, Memorial Fund, and Sunday Collection Counters • Hosting Online Sunday Services • Bible Study Groups • Community Dinners • Vestry Members & Wardens • Hosting meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous • Raising funds and goods for the Rohde Center and the South Jeff Backpack Program • Sharing worship services and Vacation Bible School with the other churches in our community

## ***Share your Treasure***

The saints have also made this possible by sharing their ***Treasure*** over many years. And so, I ask you today, to consider making a pledge or donation for the coming year so we can make a budget to continue our fellowship, worshipping God and serving our neighbors. Donations can be mailed to Emmanuel Church, PO Box 29, Adams, NY 13605. Or complete the enclosed pledge card and return it to the offering plate in care of the Recording Treasurer, or mail it to Recording Treasurer, Emmanuel Church, PO Box 29, Adams, NY, 13605. Thank you and God bless you.

I was a newcomer in 2021. In 1981, our Warden, John McFadden was a newcomer. And he has the following to say about Emmanuel Church:

When Shirley and I first attended Emmanuel Episcopal Church in 1981, we were new to the Adams area. We had a few good friends here but did not know many people in the community.

That changed rather dramatically once we came to Emmanuel. We were instantly welcomed into a loving church family. We felt supported and loved — by God and His people at this extraordinary parish. We became a part of something very inspiring and beautiful. Emmanuel became our church home and still is.

Emmanuel means “God with us.” We have felt His presence here in so many ways.

How do you feel connected to Emmanuel? What is your faith story? How has God impacted your life through your association with the parish?

Let us all contribute to the well-being of Emmanuel Church by offering what we can — our presence, participation, our ***Time, Talent, and Treasure.***

I am grateful to God for our parish, and I hope you are, too. Let us prayerfully consider how we can be faithful stewards of our beloved church in the coming year 2023. Let us all advance God’s kingdom the best we know how.

Blessings,

Rev. Jon F. Lavelle, Priest in Charge

John B. McFadden, Warden