



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Epiphany 2, January 16, 2022 10:00a

Lessons: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1st Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

From Linnea+

I want to highlight two amazing opportunities this week!

- The Climate Witness Project, to which we belong as a parish, is sponsoring an event with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe this Tuesday evening, Jan 18, from 7p to 8:30 p. Dr. Hayhoe is discussing her book, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. This free event is held on Zoom. You can register here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-huddle-talking-hope-and-healing-on-climate-change-tickets-208166681147> Dr. Hayhoe is a prominent climate scientist at Texas Tech and a Christian believer. Her TED talk about talking about climate change has had 3.5 million views. Please see the "Looking Ahead" feature* and "Stewardship of Place Box"*** in this newsletter about a follow-up possibility.
- Dr. N.T. Wright, Tom Wright, is a Church of England priest and highly-respected New Testament scholar, one of "our own." He is the featured speaker on the Friday, Jan 21 January Series docket.

Also, it's not too soon to think about our Lenten studies. Ash Wednesday is March 2. My two ideas right now involve creative work with the Stations of the Cross or a time of theological reflection with a variety of clips from thoughtful secular movies. I'd be interested in feedback on these two ideas and other ideas as well.

Prayers this week:

Prayers for healing: Kelli, James, Jason, Jodie, Skip, Teri, Rob, Philip, Eric, Amy, Kathie, Jesse, Rita, Caitlin, Steve, Jeanne, Martha, Betsy, Ruthie, Rachael, Christina, Tina, Justin, Robin, Joyce, Karen, and Mark P; prayers for the healing of the earth, that countries and individuals will follow through with their commitments to reducing emissions that cause climate change.

Prayers for the departed: for Kya and for all who have died from Covid-19 around the world this week

Prayers for comfort and courage: for all who have experienced loss

This Week

Today, Sunday, January 16

Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist live streamed at 10:00a,

www.hastingsemmanuel.org or later at <https://www.facebook.com/hastingsemmanuel/> Please mask throughout the service. There will be no coffee hour. The Vestry will hold a short meeting after the Liturgy, in the undercroft.

Monday, January 17

Antony of Egypt, Monastic, 356

January Series, Latasha Morrison, topic: *Be*

the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation

Note to those who have participated in RCRE: This is the

person Stephanie talked about last summer!

Pray for our region and for the world in the midst of pandemic

Tuesday, January 18

The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle

January Series, Max Stossel, topic: "We've

Been Sneaking into Your Brain: The True Impact of Social Media"

Centering Prayer, 6:30p, in the Parish House

Wednesday, January 19

Wulfstan of Worcester, Bishop, 1095

January Series, Adm. James Stavridis, topic:

Geopolitical Security Concerns in a Technologically Transformed World

Pray for the Diocese, our own parish

and breakfast guests.

Thursday, January 20 *Fabian, Bishop and Martyr of Rome, 250*
Making Peace with Stories

January Series, Colum McCann, topic:
Pray for the Church around the world

Friday, January 21 *Agnes, Martyr of Rome, 304*
Galatians in Three Dimensions

January Series, **N.T. WRIGHT**, topic:
Pray for our country, for Racial Justice and Reconciliation

Saturday, January 22 *Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa and Martyr, 304* **Pray for Episcopal Relief and Development**

LESSONS NEXT SUNDAY: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

SERVERS NEXT SUNDAY: Lay Eucharistic Minister: Marty B; Lector/Intercessor: Kathy W; Acolyte: Zach F; Ushers: Jim and Sheryl L-B; Altar Guild: Georgette S; Videographers: John H, Matt P, Rich F; Tellers: Jan T, Georgette S

Looking ahead:

- **Emmanuel Church Annual Meeting, January 23, gathering at 8:45a, beginning PROMPTLY!!! at 9:00a (Snow date January 30)**
- I have been promising some educational opportunities in January.
 - Calvin College January Series at the Hastings Public Library, weekdays from January 10-18, 12:30-1:30 and available each evening at <https://calvin.edu/january-series/speakers/>
 - ***Care of Creation book study of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy, distinguished professor at Texas Tech University, and Christian believer**
 - RCRE (Roundtable Companions for Racial Equity) Book Club at the Hastings Public Library
 - RCRE Workshop, "Effective Conversations among Differing Viewpoints" or "How to talk so people will listen and listen so people will talk," with Dr. Laura Cochrane and Dr. Sara Moslener from CMU – being rescheduled in late Feb/early March

Stewardship of Body and Spirit: The **Omicron variant** is presenting a troubling profile of infection rates wherever it appears. It has been identified in Kent County and elsewhere in Michigan. For the time being, the Community Breakfast as well as Sunday Coffee Hour have been put on hold. Linnea and the Vestry are determining additional limits re singing and spacing until the impact of Omicron becomes clearer.

COVID ACTION PLAN cards are in a basket on the Welcome Table, with information re rapid testing and treatment.

Stewardship of Place, Environment, and Creation Care:

- 1) ****Ordinary people often feel at a loss when faced with the enormity of Climate Change and its impact on our planet, from intense weather events to destruction of habitat bringing about both extinction of species and the proximity to humans of wild creatures which may become responsible for new pandemic-like diseases. What can I do? What hope is there? Where is God?** The Creation Care Committee would like to invite the parish to a Book Study of Dr. Hayhoe's book, *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Care for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*. This would be a meaningful follow-up to Dr. Hayhoe's free presentation this week Tuesday on Zoom 7-8:30p, highlighted in my opening paragraph.
- 2) With the money earned from CE Home Energy Audits, we plan to purchase a battery powered snow blower that can use the same battery pack as our new lawn mower.

Stewardship of Finance: Thank you for your commitment to God for God's work through Emmanuel Church. The Treasurer is working on a budget in preparation for the Annual Meeting. If it were presented today, the budget would show a deficit; if you plan to pledge but have not done so yet, please call Jim B asap. 574-370-6510.

Stewardship of Relationship and Community: Help is needed to pick up parishioners who don't drive. Please sign up for this rich and vital **Rides Ministry**. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside Linnea's office.