

THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 26, 2009

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "***It is I; do not be afraid.***" Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

John 6:1-21



Loaves and Fishes by expressionist painter Nicole Maynard. She says, "Optimism is present, but there is an underlying toughness, backbone that keeps these images from being overly romantic, offering credibility to redemption. They are objects embodying sensual and spiritual experience, icons of renewal." See more of her religious art at <http://religion.nicolemaynard.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS & STUFF

Our summer concert was very well attended last Sunday...more than 75 people! Thanks to all who helped Rosmarie make the event a success.

Our friends at St. Andrew's in Northford are having an ice cream social on Wednesday, July 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Our friends at St. James's, Higganum are having a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, August 1 from 5-7.

We'll be helping out at St. Vincent dePaul's in Middletown on Sunday, August 2. We aren't feeding 5,000...just desserts for about 150 people. If you can bake or buy some desserts, let Leslie know on Sunday. You can bring your goodies to church on Sunday, August 2. Also, please consider helping to serve that day. It only takes about 2 hours and it's a fun time with folk from the other Cluster churches.

Must be that time of year... St. Paul's in Westbrook is also having a Chicken BBQ on August 14 from 5-7 p.m.

A town meeting to meet the candidates for diocesan bishop has been scheduled for Central Connecticut State University, Friday, October 2 at 7 p.m.

The Annual Diocesan Convention, including the election of the 15th bishop of the diocese, will take place at Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, October 23-24.



Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford is planning a bus trip to New York City on October 4 for the Feast of

St. Francis (blessing of the animals) at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. A fun event for children, animal lovers and their furry friends, the service includes a special Mass and a procession of animals to the altar ... often including elephants and camels! Afterwards there is a fair on the lawn outside, with a blessing of pets by clergy alongside numerous stalls selling handicrafts and food. The cost of the bus will be \$35. There are some spots available so if you're interested, please let Leslie know by August 2.

READING & ALTAR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Date	Server/Prayers	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Greeter	Altar Guild
2	Laurie	Jonathan	Karen	Suzanne	Marilyn
9	Deb	Garnett	Ernst	Garnett	Marilyn
16	Marilyn	Suzanne	Dale	Dave	Marilyn
23	Darcey	Laurie	Justin	Suzanne	Marilyn
30	Jean	Dave	Rosemarie	Garnett	Marilyn

Please let Jean or Garnett know if you're unable serve on these dates.
And thanks for your ministries!