

## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT 2019

When I reflect on my five years as Senior Warden and member of the Vestry, I am so grateful for our Emmanuel community; for the clergy, staff and leaders we have, and for all the people who serve God here at Emmanuel in ways that are too numerous to begin to list.

Trying to name all of the good things that have happened in 2018 is impossible, but here are the highlights (in no particular order) from my perspective:

- Our 150th anniversary celebration - what a wonderful event and opportunity to come together as a congregation at one time!
- Compilation and publication of our Ministries Catalogue
- Initiation of Pay Pal as a way to contribute to Emmanuel and and thank you to our anonymous matching funds donor
- Launch of Reading Camp with financial support from diocese and us
- Mutual Ministry Review to assess what is going well, what needs attention, and dreams for Emmanuel
- Initiation of our fourth service on Saturday evenings
- Reincarnation of the old-fashioned church picnic
- Untangling of our Centenary and General accounts

Certain things have resonated with me as Senior Warden. First and foremost is our sense of belonging that brings and keeps us Emmanuel. Yes, we have challenges in maintaining a 150 year old building and garnering pledge support for meeting our budget. And, yet we serve our community with our Thrift Shop that gives as well as sells and our food ministry that provides nourishment without question to the homeless among us. So keeping the bills paid are just details. Because we are in this together, together we can figure it out.

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