

# EMMANUEL

## MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Emmanuel is an established downtown parish of about 180 households in the thriving micro-urban setting of Champaign-Urbana, a university town two hours south of Chicago. Part of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield, we gather long-term “townie” families, university faculty and grad students, and a wide variety of others around the presence of the living Christ expressed in a full, traditional liturgy schedule (2 Sunday Masses, daily MP+EP or Mass), excellent music (including 1662 BCP Evensongs), a recent focus on neighborhood ministry, a re-envisioned outreach program in partnership with local ministry empty tomb, and the beginnings of an effort to equip laity as disciples. You may have seen us profiled by the Episcopal News Service for our work with RIP Medical Debt to clear over \$4 million in past due medical debt for Illinois families. Our liturgical style is unfussy Anglo-Catholic (the altar faces East); but in the pews, piety, theology and politics cover a wide range. The Rector is in her sixth year here; in addition to the, Curate, there is a part-time Deacon; a retired priest is involved occasionally. The potential here is great, but development has been slow.

**Position:** Curate/Assistant Rector. **Search Reopened:** We seek a recent seminary graduate, ideally a newly ordained priest or transitional deacon for what is intended to be a 3-year full-time position beginning Summer 2020 that may be extended on mutual agreement.

**Responsibilities:** Working as a team with the Rector and Deacon, the Curate will gain wide exposure to all areas of parish ministry, including but not limited to sacramental life, preaching, pastoral care and visitation, administration, and outreach. Although we understand that the position and person will develop with time, we especially seek someone who would find joy and be able to exercise creativity in

- Building commitment to the parish community, as well as to the Christian faith, among our solid number of Millennial parishioners, working with and raising up under-40 leaders in all areas of parish life while finding ways to help older parishioners and the parish system listen seriously to their input (primary leadership role)
- Building up family/intergenerational ministries via motivating parents as primary disciplers of their own families, creating effective opportunities for a mix of ages to practice distinctively Christian thinking and living, and working with existing lay volunteers or recruiting/equipping new ones (primary leadership role)
- Supporting formation of laity to take deeper ownership of the parish and of themselves as fully invested and competent disciples of Christ (collaborative role)
- Helping extend the beginnings we’ve made of missional presence and engagement with our revitalized downtown through noticing and fostering new opportunities, on- or off-site, for mission and partnerships with local businesses, events, nonprofits – as well as helping laity notice and foster them. (collaborative role)

Apart from these areas of focus, the curate’s own areas of particular giftedness, or particular desire to learn more, can be highlighted. The ideal candidate will also display several of the following:

- A contagious confidence and delight in Jesus Christ, the Sacraments, the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and Christianity as set forth in the classical Creeds
- An ability to take all of the above very seriously while taking yourself relatively lightly

- A proactive enthusiasm for expressing your pastoral calling through showing up and serving in all aspects of the ordinary life of a fairly typical Episcopal church
- Unconflicted submission to the BCP liturgy as given, and willingness to take part in the public Daily Office
- A dependence on prayer
- Oral, written, and critical thinking skills commensurate with our academic community setting
- A mentality of mission and an ability to think theologically
- Enthusiasm for personal stewardship, including disciplined financial generosity as well as a plan for physical, psychological, and spiritual health that gives the ability to remain differentiated, energetic, and resilient in the face of daily ups and downs
- An eye for every chance to invite someone one step further in commitment to Jesus Christ

Compensation

TCC of \$60,000

Pension payments

100% full family health benefits paid

Travel allowance

Continuing education allowance

This position is open until filled. Please submit to the Rector, The Rev. Beth Maynard, [bmaynard@gmail.com](mailto:bmaynard@gmail.com):

A letter of interest

Resume

OTM portfolio including references

links to/media files of/texts of 2 sermons