



Dear Friends,

We are writing to invite you to join us for "Centennial Shabbat" on **May 3-4, 2019**. This special Shabbat celebration honors The Emanuel's 100th birthday. At **6:00 p.m.**, Minha/Maariv will convene in the Chapel as usual. At **8:00 p.m.**, we will offer a special late Friday evening service in the style of the "Old Emanuel." Hazzan Sanford Cohn and the Emanuel Adult Choir will lead the congregation in familiar melodies of years past. Keynote Speaker Arlene Neiditz will look back on our past and reflect on the important times and events of our Emanuel history and the deeper meaning of congregational life.

Following the service, everyone is invited to an Oneg Shabbat in the Silverman Auditorium, sponsored and prepared by The Emanuel Sisterhood, with delicious sweets and treats served in traditional fashion. We envision this evening in the spirit of a "Homecoming Weekend," as a time for Emanuel members and former members and friends to gather, share memories and stories and celebrate our proud heritage from generation to generation.

Shabbat morning, the celebration continues with the weekly Sabbath service, involving many congregants, former congregants and friends. We will offer everyone who attends a chance to join in one of the group aliyot to the Torah. Rabbi Small and Emanuel President, Elysa Graber-Lipperman will speak on "Our Emanuel Family, Past, Present and Future." Following the service, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a Centennial Shabbat Kiddush Lunch, sponsored and prepared by The Emanuel Brotherhood.

We hope you will save the date and tell your friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, express gratitude and share the joy of community in our *kehillah*! RSVP to hylajean1938@gmail.com or eysmith@comcast.net or to the office at 860-236-1275 (appreciated but not required). We thank our committee chairs, Susan Goldberg, Faith Helene, Toby Sidrane, Hyla Sklar, and Elaine Smith, for their efforts in planning this special Shabbat and look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

Rabbi David J. Small

Elysa Graber-Lipperman, President