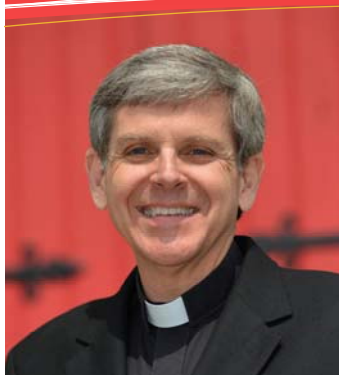




MESSENGER



From The Rector

Pentecost is my liturgical anniversary. I'm not sure there is such a thing as a liturgical anniversary but it was on the Feast of Pentecost last June that I presided at the Sunday Eucharists for the first time as you rector. After what I think of as a long courtship, the vestry, bishop and I agreed that God was calling us to

continue God's work at Emmanuel together. I was impressed on our first Sunday together with the enthusiasm of the congregation, the fine musical offerings of the choir and organist, the beautiful reception and, curiously, of the way everyone cooperated for the parish family portrait. I noticed how everyone present went to the steps of the bell tower in front of the red doors and smiled for the camera. I have that picture framed in my study.

A year later we are still a congregation of happy, optimistic Christians! At our April vestry meeting, we decided to have another congregational photograph made this Pentecost so plan

now to be here and to wear red. The reason for Pentecost is to remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the world. That was the beginning of the Church.

We were a happy, optimistic congregation last Pentecost because it was a new day in the life of the parish. Now, almost a year later let's remember what the Holy Spirit does: *when God our savior's kindness and love appeared, he saved us because of his mercy, not because of righteous things we had done. He did it through the washing of new birth and the renewing of the Holy Spirit which God poured out upon us generously through Jesus Christ our savior.* (See Titus 3)

The Holy Spirit makes all things new. So we have every reason to be more than optimistic. We can be *hopeful* and confident because this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

See you Sunday if not before.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Celebrates Easter



Calendar of Events

Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Women's Retreat (Jubilee House)

Thursday, May 14, TBD
Ascension Day Service

Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.
Celtic Concert

Sunday, May 24 after 10:30 a.m. service
Sandwiches and Sundaes

Monday, May 25
Parish Office Closed (Memorial Day)

Sunday, July 12 after 10:30 a.m. service
Church picnic-Please bring a picnic side dish to share

Sunday, August 30
Rally Day

Friday, September 18-Sunday, September 20
Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion Weekend

Sunday, October 18 after 10:30 a.m. service
Sandwiches and Sundaes

Sunday, November 1
All Saints "Feast on the Feast" Brunch

Sunday, November 8, 9:45 a.m.
Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 20, 9:45 a.m.
Christmas Pageant & Brunch

MAY 2015

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jon Harden 2 Spike Tickle
 4 Ann Christ 6 Kate Monahan, Lamont Tidwell
 7 John Byers Jr, William King 8 Jo Anne Hairston, Doug Harmon 10 Jim Woodrum 11 Peter Combs, Susan Early 13 Johnny Fuller 14 Tracey Harmon 15 Kathy Dunagan 20 Julie Slagle 21 Amelia Knickerbocker 23 Ed Hitt 25 David Bieger, Parker Cannon, Rachel Taverner 27 Pierce Elliott, Susan McLean, Linda Riley 29 Tyler Pearson 31 Steve Green, Meredith Kirkpatrick

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3 Paige & John Terry
 4 Arnell & John Byers
 8 Candie & Chris Horner
 16 Julie & Jon Slagle
 17 Janet & Larry Jayne
 25 Nell & Dan Bieger
 26 Anita & Joseph Makres
 30 Lisa & Steve Martin

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alva, Jerry Allen, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Annie Jackson, Michael Johnston, John T. Kelly, Ronan King, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Tineke Marburg, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Mildred Murphy, Kitty Pitini, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Rosemary, Katy Sikorski, Susan, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Sarah Young, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, and the families in Family Promise

Deacon's Word



The Rev. Preston Mitchell

Christ is risen, the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! We continue our Easter celebration into this month as we joyfully articulate our faith that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. The importance of this reminder at the Eucharist is that we serve a risen Lord who is active in our lives, the life of our community, the life of our nation, and the life of the world.

Christianity is the only major religion that makes the proclamation that God took a human form and lived a human life. In that human life he experienced death, something that all of us will experience. Death, though,

did not conquer Jesus, nor will death conquer us, for we believe that while we rest in peace we will rise in glory when Christ returns. Thus the reason for the Easter vestments and the Paschal candle at our funerals.

At our nursing home service in Big Stone Gap today we were able to celebrate the Easter season with our faithful group. One of the songs we sang was "He Lives", a Methodist hymn written in 1932 by the Rev. Alan Ackley. The emphasis of the song is that we serve..., we serve a risen Lord. You probably know the refrain, "He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me, and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, he lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know he lives, he lives within my heart." Christ has risen and Christ lives in our lives today. For that we can cry out this season Alleluia.

Safeguarding God's Children

Sunday, May 3, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Safeguarding God's Children training at St. Thomas, Abingdon. All are invited to learn about how to prevent sexual abuse of children and youth, particularly parents and grandparents. Please attend if you would like to volunteer with activities such as Children's Chapel, Nursery, or youth ministries!

Memorials

Mike Blair

*Dr. & Mrs. Larry Jayne, Jr.
 Mary Catherine McGarvey
 Mr. & Mrs. Challen Walling*

Peggy Rogers

Dr. & Mrs. Larry Jayne, Jr.

Honorariums

**The ministries of
 The Rev. Joe Dunagan
 And The Rev. Kathy Dunagan**
Dr. & Mrs. Larry Jayne, Jr.

**The music ministry of
 Stephanie Yoder
 and the Emmanuel Choir**
Dr. & Mrs. Larry Jayne, Jr.



Celtic Concert

Rebecca Catalano will be performing a Celtic Concert at Emmanuel on **Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.** This concert will celebrate contemporary and

traditional Celtic music with some Broadway fun on the side. Rebecca received her AA in Music Education from Catawba Valley Community College where she was a proud member of the show choir Singular Sensations, and student of Michael Kirby for three consecutive years. After her graduation she went on to receive her BFA from Virginia Intermont College where she was blessed to appear onstage as many characters including Jo March (Little Women the Musical), Peppermint Patty (Snoopy!!! The Musical), Meg (Leading Ladies), and Claire (Neil Simon's Rumors). Rebecca rejoined Singular Sensations for a year in 2012 and won the North Carolina NATS Musical Theatre Competition that year. She took the stage with them once more in 2013 as Laurey Williams in Oklahoma! Rebecca has enjoyed the opportunity to perform in Italy, Ireland, Brazil, and California and loves the challenge of learning to sing in new languages. Currently working as a private dance coach, professional vocalist, and choreographer, Rebecca hopes to record an album in the near future and still plans to one day see her name in lights.

Vestry Minutes

The March 16, 2015 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:21 p.m. with prayer.

Members present: Dan Bieger, Frank Goodpasture III, Fred Knickerbocker, Jeremy McLaughlin, Doug Mitchell, Denise Rowe, Barbara Walling, Father Joe Dunagan, and Deacon Preston Mitchell.

Members absent: Barbara Sue Kurre, Greg Oakley, David Taverner, Debbie Tidwell, and Zane Myers.

The February 2015 minutes were reviewed.

◆ Rector's Report

- We are awaiting the 2nd invoice from one of the two companies hired to remove snow in February 2015. Once we receive the invoice, we will contract with one of the companies for service.
- Bishop will be here Wednesday, April 1 and will have lunch with the retired clergy from the Abingdon convocation at our facility.
- King College history class was delayed for their meeting with Fr. Joe. They will be here Tuesday, March 17, 2015.
- A women's retreat will be hosted by Ladies of the Evening at the Jubilee House Retreat Center on May 2, 2015.
- Susan Early has resigned as nursery coordinator. Fr. Joe has requested the Sr. Warden's assistance scheduling coverage in the nursery until an employee is hired.
- Brian and Shawna Knickerbocker's children, Callie and Holston Knickerbocker, as well as Jamie Heath will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.
- Fr Joe requested that Vestry be present for as many Holy Week services as possible.
- Fr. Joe has spoken with several new attendee's and one couple has made the commitment to become members of the parish. There have been 14 total new college students in recent months. Fr. Joe has asked that the Vestry become aware of the new faces in the parish and make them feel welcome.
- Fine Arts Committee has suggested that there might be a better place for the Madonna that is currently in the back of the Nave. Fr. Joe suggested also moving the baptismal font to a more liturgically central place.

◆ Deacon's Report – Deacon Preston Mitchell

- We will be offering Eucharist at Grand Court on the second and fourth Sunday's at 2pm. Deacon Preston is working with Stephanie Yoder to coordinate an a Capella group to come and sing one Sunday. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- In the first quarter of 2015, on behalf of Emmanuel, Deacon Preston participated in six Sunday services and made 27 pastoral visits to people in their home and six visits to people in the hospital.
- Over \$400 was donated by Emmanuel parishioners to the food drive in February along with 300 non-perishable food items.
- Several upcoming outreach events were discussed. See attachment.

◆ Senior Warden Report - Denise Rowe

- The first Supper Club of 2015 was held at the Zaidi's on March 15.
- Due to Susan Early's resignation, nursery volunteers have been coordinated through the 2nd Sunday of April, 2015. Denise Rowe is working with Fr. Joe to recruit a new employee for the position of Nursery Coordinator.

◆ Junior Warden Report – Jeremy McLaughlin

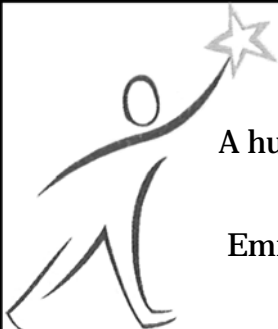
- As light bulbs burnout in the Parish Hall light fixtures, they are being replaced with long lasting, energy efficient LED bulbs.
- The Building and Grounds Committee has yet to meet, but, they are keeping abreast of items that need attention. Allen Rushing has continued to oversee landscaping.

◆ Treasurer's Report

- Bob Bruce reported that the cash flow statement is the accounting of the income converted into net cash flow. Details regarding the statements were discussed. Financials are attached.
- Remaining funds in Highlands Bank will be transferred to TriSummit and the Highlands Union Bank Account will be closed. However, TriSummit is only guaranteed up to \$250,000 necessitating the need to find another bank to take our funds over and above that amount.
- Vestry members requested they continue receiving the same reports as presented during this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m. with a prayer by Deacon Preston.

Budget		March Attendance		April Attendance	
	Year to Date	March 1	134	April 4 (Easter Vigil)	50
Income	\$100,525.41	March 8	115	April 5 (Easter Sunday)	182
Expenses	\$83,815.69	March 15	102	April 12	78
Difference	\$16,709.72	March 22	77	April 19	109
		March 29	113	April 26	120



Thank You

A huge "thank you" to everyone who helped make this our BEST Family Promise Host Week ever!

Emmanuel is truly blessed to be able to share generously with those in need in our community through the good works of our parishioners.



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Return Service Requested

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The deadline to submit information for the June 2015 Messenger is May 15. Please be prompt.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 a.m. Rite I
10:30 a.m. Rite II
(with choir)

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

9:15 a.m. Catechesis
9:15 a.m. Rector's
Forum (Library)

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:15 p.m.
Holy Eucharist &
Laying on of Hands
Bledsoe Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday,
7 p.m. Adult Choir

BIBLE STUDY

10 a.m. Thursday
2nd Floor
Conf. Room



Sunday, May 3–Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 22:24–30; 1 John 4:7–21;
John 15:1–8*

8:00 a.m. Lector John Harty
10:30 a.m. Lector Chris Yoderr
Ushers Lisa and Doug Mitchell
Acolytes Gabrielle Tidwell, Kira Adams,
Lola Spires

Sunday, May 17–Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9–13;
John 17:6–19*

8:00 a.m. Lector David Taverner
10:30 a.m. Lector Jeremy McLaughlin
Intercessor Greg Oakley
Eucharistic Ministers Tom Hairston and
Tom Rogers
Ushers Frank Goodpasture III and Zane Myers
Acolytes Judson Rainero, Rowan Sullivan

Sunday, May 31–Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1–8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12–17; John 3:1–7

8:00 a.m. Lector TBD
10:30 a.m. Lector Sue Prill
Intercessor Seth Allen
Eucharistic Ministers Walt Bressler and
David Taverner
Ushers Sandra and Allen Rushing
Acolytes Kira Adams, Jack Tickle, Lola Spires

Sunday, May 10–Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44–48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17

8:00 a.m. Lector Frank Goodpasture III
10:30 a.m. Lector Bob Hardee
Intercessor Barbara Bunn
Eucharistic Ministers ... Walt Bressler and Sue Prill
Ushers TBD
Acolytes .. Daniel Bieger, David Bieger, Jack Tickle

Sunday, May 24–Pentecost Sunday

*Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 104:25–35, 37 Acts 2:–11;
John 7:37–39a*

8:00 a.m. Lector Fred Knickerbocker
10:30 a.m. Lector Janet Jayne
Ushers Melissa and David Taverner
Acolytes Gabrielle Tidwell, Briana Hardee,
Olivia Hardee