

From The Rector

I have on my desk a list of things I've learned about parish ministry. I should add to that list what someone told me about what happens in church during the summer. He said, "The summer slump begins in the pulpit." I always think of

that this time of year and resolve to see the verdant months of Ordinary Time as an opportunity for growth rather than a spiritual hiatus.

Think about it. The scripture lessons for the Sundays following Pentecost include sequential readings from the Old Testament. This year we will hear some great Biblical stories about colorful and complicated kings. We will overhear the pastoral counsel St. Paul offered Christians in Corinth and Ephesus. Listening to two-thousand year old letters to congregations will amaze us with their relevance. The gospel readings this summer are taken from Mark, the oldest and

briefest of the four gospels. Summer is a great time to listen for God's word to us through the scriptures!

Even though we are away some Sundays, any trip can include a bit of a spiritual pilgrimage! My first Communion at Emmanuel was when we were visiting Bristol several years ago. Chances are good that wherever you go there will be an Episcopal church with people who will say to you, "Welcome home!" Summer is a great time to add the spiritual discipline of making your Communion every week wherever your travels take you. You will likely meet some nice people, see some beautiful churches, and bring back great ideas for ministry here at home.

Have a great summer. Enjoy the long days and warm nights. And, especially during the summer, I'll...

...see you Sunday if not before!

June Supper Club

Join us at Fern Valley Farm **Sunday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.** This month, the Jayne's are hosting and providing barbecue (pulled pork and chicken), buns, and dessert. Attendee's are asked to bring baked beans, cole slaw, sliced tomatoes, etc. Please email janet@iljayne.com to confirm. We'll start at 6:00 with the usual merriment, and then picnic supper at around 6:45 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 21, 6:00 p.m.
Supper Club (Steele's Creek Park, Civitan Shelter)

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

Friday, July 17, 7:00 p.m.
Celtic Concert (Nave)

Sunday, August 30
Rally Day

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

Friday, December 25, 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
34th Annual Community Christmas Dinner

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

Sunday, December 20, during the 10:30 a.m. service
Christmas Pageant

JUNE 2015

BIRTHDAYS

4 Debbie Tidwell 5 Sue Prill
6 Anne Fleming 9 Eddy Carr
10 Dave Zochowski
11 Winifred Campbell, Nate Mitchell 13 Stephanie Yoder
14 Paul Giesey 16 Walt Bressler, Judson Rainero.
Milly Rainero 17 Doug Mitchell 18 Jim McGlothlin
20 Frank Goodpasture IV
21 Sharon Kyser 22 Don Hudson, Jack Tickle III
29 Lawrence Jones
30 Lisa Martin, Julia Rainero, Audrey Zaidi

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Margaret & Greg Roberts
4 Debbie & Lamont Tidwell
6 Lisa & Spike Tickle
15 Jackie & John Ed Fuller
19 Barbara & Challen Walling
25 Martha & Pete Litton
26 Marge & Prent Hallenbeck

PRAYER REQUESTS

Joseph Addington, Jerry Allen, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Anina Haqq, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Tom Hurt, Annie Jackson, Michael Johnston, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Tineke Marburg, Tyler McElyea, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Rachael Morgan, Mildred Murphy, George O'Leary, Kitty Pitini, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Rosemary, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Jody Talbert, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Sarah Young, Carla Vaughn, Vicki Ward

Deacon's Word



The Rev. Preston Mitchell

Matthew 25:35-36-For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Years ago I heard a man say that he was a "Matthew 25 Christian", meaning that this verse above all others is how and why he chose to follow Christ, and how he attempts to follow Him. That has always resonated with me and when I decided to pursue holy orders in the form of the diaconate this was the verse that I kept in my heart and in my mind. I feel very fortunate to work on the Wise County Food Bank Board of Managers and to volunteer there once a week. I am also pleased to see the good work that the Bristol Food Pantry does to those who are hungry.

For many years Emmanuel has held monthly meals with folks from the area, what became known as the Social Club. Whereas the meals began as a way to serve those from mental health, it has become a meal for anyone who wants to share a meal and the fellowship that goes with it. The women at St. Elizabeth's Guild for years hosted this event, and created a warm, loving, nourishing environment for the people, many of them elderly, to come to Emmanuel. I began attending the Social Club last spring and began to listen to the stories and take prayer requests for the people. Father Joe invites them to come and worship with us if

they want a place to worship on Wednesday and Sunday.

After years of faithful service to the Social Club, St. Elizabeth's Guild declined to host the meal in April and beyond. I have agreed to organize the meal, and I need the help of the congregation. Brian Knickerbocker has cooked the last two meals and we have had people volunteer to help set-up, serve, and clean-up. Mary Armstrong has spent hours in this role these past two months. We have fed over forty people the last two months and enjoyed rousing BINGO games. I need, however, to better organize the event. If I could have two people to help set-up and help Brian in the kitchen from 4:30-6:00, and two people to come at 6:00 to help serve and clean-up, my wife Patty and I along with Brian should be able to handle to evening. In fact that is all we need, I know that sometimes with a large number of people trying to help, people get in each other's way. We don't want that. But what we do want is for people to come and share the fellowship of a meal and games with our neighbors. I have a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for volunteers and for those who want to come and eat. Please come and help us welcome our neighbors so they are not strangers.

I also want to remind folks that Emmanuel is providing supper and fellowship for a group from All Saints Church in Richmond who are traveling to Grace House on the Mountain to work for a week with our neighbors in the Sandy Ridge neighborhood. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for us to travel to Grace House on Sunday July 5.



Celtic Concert

Rebecca Catalano will be performing a Celtic Concert at Emmanuel on **Friday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m.**, celebrating

contemporary and traditional Celtic music with some Broadway fun on the side. Proceeds from this concert will go toward PolioPlus, a fund dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide through Rotary International.

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

bleamed 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 April 20, 2015 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:13 p.m.

Members present: Dan Bieger, Fred Knickerbocker, Barbara Sue Kurre, Jeremy McLaughlin, Doug Mitchell, Greg Oakley, Denise Rowe, David Taverner, Debbie Tidwell, Barbara Walling, and Father Joe Dunagan.

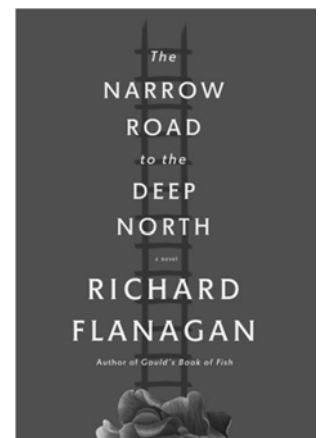
Members absent: Frank Goodpasture III, Zane Myers.

- ◆ March 2015 Minutes accepted as presented.
- ◆ Rector's Report
 - The Women's retreat will be Saturday, May 2 at Jubilee House Retreat Center. Fr. Joe expressed his gratitude to the ladies of LoE for their hard work and commitment to the event.
 - Fr. Joe will be out for vacation and continuing education. He will also be at Sewanee for several yet to be determined dates in June. Fr. Craig Wylie will supply the Sunday's Fr. Joe is away.
 - Julia Rainero and Ann Christ met with Fr. Joe have planned several Parish Life activities:
 - May 24th Pentecost Sunday Sandwiches and Sundaes (periodically we will have these events following the principle Eucharist specifically to welcome newer folks)
 - June TBD Kids' Day
 - July 12th Church Picnic—participants will be asked to bring a picnic side dish
 - August 30th Rally Day, Ruth King and Nell Bieger have offered to host
 - September Rhythm and Roots – Bill Marburg may provide entertainment
 - October 4th Creeper Trail
 - October 18th Sandwiches and Sundaes
 - November 1st All Saints "Feast on the Feast" Brunch
 - December 20th Brunch and Pageant
 - Effective April 20, 2015, Zane Myers has resigned from the Vestry. Fr. Joe requested assistance for recommendations of parishioners to fill the remainder of Zane's term.
- ◆ Wardens' Reports/Remarks
 - Senior Warden Report
 - Denise Rowe is working on a schedule for Supper Club hosts. Carl and Elliott Moore have volunteered for October 2015.
 - A potential nursery employee is being interviewed. Until the process is complete, Denise will continue staffing volunteers.
 - Junior Warden Report
 - Light bulbs need to be replaced in locations that are quite high and difficult to reach.
 - Thermostats have been reprogrammed to reasonable temperatures.

- ◆ Committee Reports
- ◆ Old Business
 - Holy Week and Easter weekend were very well attended services. The Easter Vigil included the baptisms of Jamie Heath and Cher Marshall as well as Brian and Shawna Knickerbocker's children Callie and Holston Knickerbocker. Many thanks to Stephanie Yoder and the choir.
 - Spaghetti Dinner was a great success. \$1,234 was raised to fund the acolytes trip to the National Acolyte Festival in October.
 - Social Club was a huge success in April, despite the change of date. Chef Brian Knickerbocker did an excellent job and his assistance was greatly appreciated.
- ◆ New Business
 - 2014 Parochial Report was presented to the Vestry for approval. Parochial Report was approved unanimously.
 - Fr. Joe would like to get a parish photo every Pentecost.
 - Jeremy McLaughlin is researching the feasibility of a digital parish directory to be made available on the church website.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report
 - Bob Bruce presented the minutes of the Finance Committee.
 - Motion from the committee that the Vestry approve \$1,500 for the appraisal of the stained glass windows. Motion approved unanimously.
 - Memorial contributions: If a bereaved family designates a specific fund, the donations will go to that fund. If a family does not designate a specific fund, contributions go into the general fund. However if donors request their contribution go into a specific fund, that overrides the families wishes.
 - Remaining funds at Highlands Union bank will be moved within the next month into TriSummit.
 - Finance reports are attached.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Emmanuel's Book Club
will meet
Wednesday, June 24
at **11:00 a.m.**
to discuss
*The Narrow Raad to the
Deep North*
by Richard Flanagan.

Participants are expected
to have read the book so
order yours and join us.





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MESSENGER

The deadline to submit information for the July 2015 Messenger is June 17. Please be prompt.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 a.m. Rite I
10:30 a.m. Rite II

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

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

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Resumes in Sept.

BIBLE STUDY

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



Sunday, June 7–Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4–20; 11:14–15; Psalm 138;
2 Corinthians 5:4–13; Mark 3:20–35

8:00 a.m. Lector..... Seth Allen
10:30 a.m. Lector Walt Bressler
Eucharistic Minister Walt Bressler
Ushers.....Jan Rainero and Ruth King

Sunday, June 21–Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 17:1a–23, 32–49; Psalm 9:9–20;
2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:26–34

8:00 a.m. Lector..... Frank Goodpasture III
10:30 a.m. Lector Barbara Bunn
Intercessor..... Mary Beth Rainero
Eucharistic Ministers... Tom Rogers and Chris Yoder
Ushers..... TBD

Sunday, July 5–Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2–
10; Mark 6:1–13

8:00 a.m. Lector..... David Taverner
10:30 a.m. Lector Seth Allen
Eucharistic Minister Harriett Harty
Ushers..... Chris Yoder and TBD

Sunday, June 14–Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 15:34–16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6–17;
Mark 4:26–34

8:00 a.m. Lector..... Fred Knickerbocker
10:30 a.m. Lector Ashley McLaughlin
Intercessor..... David Taverner
Eucharistic Ministers Harriett Harty
David Taverner
Ushers..... Sandra and Allen Rushing

Sunday, June 28–Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuels 1:1, 7–27; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7–15;
Mark 5:21–43

8:00 a.m. Lector..... John Harty
10:30 a.m. Lector Greg Oakley
Eucharistic Minister Tom Hairston
Ushers..... Ann and Charlie Christ