



## From The Rector

Sometimes an invitation to talk doesn't really mean that we are going to have a conversation. There was a comedienne whose shtick was built on the question, "Can we talk?" The joke was that she was about to tell us something. She had something juicy to tell us,

usually something derogatory about a celebrity. Or what about when someone wants to break up and starts by saying, "We need to talk."

The key element in a conversation is listening. At the heart of the relationship between God and God's people is the demand to listen: *Hear, O Israel...* When asked what the first commandment was, implying the greatest, Jesus said, "Hear, O Israel, the Lord you God is one." The divine-human conversation beings with listening.

Emmanuel's Annual Meeting will be November 13 at 9:30 a.m. We will elect four new vestry members. The Nominating Committee worked to include in its four nominations persons who are canonically eligible, who represent newer members of the congregation as well as long time members, and who will bring to the vestry special interests and gifts. We will also ask you to pledge your financial support for Emmanuel in 2017.

The work of Christ's Church continues. The ancient imperative to "hear this, there is only one true God," is as urgent as ever. I believe that God is speaking to Emmanuel, inviting us to join in the mission of the Holy Spirit in our time. Let us pray for patience and faith to listen together, to be part of the most important conversation there is. Let us enter with humility and great joy the conversation between God and God's beloved.

See you Sunday if not before.

## Vestry Nominees

The By-Laws of Emmanuel and Canons of the Diocese and of the Episcopal Church provide for the election of lay Christians who actively participate in the life of the church through spiritual devotion and stewardship to serve on the Vestry. Vestries function as a board but they do much more. The vestry is first and foremost a group of Christians who are called to this ministry. Each year one third of the vestry rotate off and four new members are elected at the annual parish meeting. The vestry discussed the importance of placing in nomination names of people representative of different ages, interests, talents, and time since coming to Emmanuel. These four were chosen with that in mind. *Additional persons may be nominated.*

**Tom Rogers** has been an active member of Emmanuel since his youth. He and Beth are in the chancel choir. Tom has served on the vestry before, including as a warden. Tom agreed to serve out the unexpired term of a vestry member who was unable to serve any longer.

**Jade Carson** is relatively new to the Emmanuel family. Her husband, Justin, grew up at Emmanuel. Jade served in the Air Force before she and Justin, with their daughter Savannah, moved to Bristol two years ago. Jade has been very active with the younger adults.

**Richard Wolf, Ph. D.** was received into The Episcopal Church two years ago and has faithfully made his Communion, often at the eight o'clock Eucharist. Richard climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and wrote a book about the experience entitled *Climbing Kilimanjaro at Seventy*.

**Tom Hairston** is a lifelong member of Emmanuel who has served on the vestry before and has great interest in exploring ways to ensure the ministries of Emmanuel will not be limited because of expenses associated with the building.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, November 13, beginning at 9:15a.m. in the Parish Hall. The Vestry will provide bagels, fruit and drinks.

Our Church Vestry is comprised of twelve confirmed church members, each serving a three-year term. Four members rotate off and four new members are elected each year.

Those eligible to vote in the election are confirmed communicants or adult baptized members belonging to the parish, who for three months preceding have been regular worshipers in the parish and regular contributors to its financial support by pledge, subscription, or some other method by which they shall be known to the treasurer.

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## Boys Home Christmas Sponsorship

Annually, Emmanuel sponsors boys at Christmas. So far we have collected \$300. If you would like to help with this project, please submit a check made payable to Emmanuel with a note in the memo line for "Boys Home Christmas Sponsorship". Donations must be submitted by Sunday, November 6.

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## King Institute—Biblical Archeology in Israel

Sunday, November 13 6:00 p.m. King Student Center Complex



Oded Lipschits is professor of Jewish History in the Biblical period at Tel Aviv University, where he founded the International MA and PhD Program in Ancient Israel Studies within the Department of Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures. He also serves as the director of the Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology. Lipschits has been the director of the Ramat-Rahel Archaeological Project since 2004, and since 2010, he has been the director of the Lautenschläger Azekah Expedition. He has authored numerous books and papers. His book *The Fall and Rise of Jerusalem: Judah Under Babylonian Rule* is one of the world's most popular sources on the Biblical period.



Manfred Oeming has been a professor at the University of Heidelberg in Germany for 20 years, serving for the last decade as the university's Dean of the Faculty of Theology. He is considered an authority in the areas of exegesis of the Hebrew Bible, Biblical archaeology, and hermeneutics. A noted scholar and lecturer, Oeming has taught Old Testament theology and Biblical archaeology in Mainz, Osnabrück, and Heidelberg, and has written and edited numerous books and articles.

*The King Student Center Complex is located across from the chapel on the Oval.*



## Reminder to Meals on Wheels Drivers

Meals on Wheels will be

**Wednesday, November 2 and  
Wednesday December 7**

*Thank you all for your ministry in our community.*

Contact Sandra Rushing for more information.

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, November 27, the First Sunday in Advent, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd invites everyone to join them in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. to make Advent wreathes for homes.



There's been a baby boom at Emmanuel and LOE is throwing a Nursery Shower! The Nursery is in need of more cribs, sheets, changing tables, toys and supplies to meet the growing demand for their services during Church events.

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, November 13, we'll announce the details and post a Wish List of the most needed items. We're asking parishioners to use the list like a gift registry - sign up for the item(s) you can bring. NOTE: All items must be NEW. For safety's sake we can't accept used items.

Cash contributions are also welcome. If you can't attend the shower you can make a cash contribution in the offertory plate. Please indicate "Nursery Shower" on the memo line of your check.

On Sunday, December 4, LOE will host a shower in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service. Parishioners can bring their gifts and join us for cake and coffee. Please join us in supporting this important ministry.



## Wednesday Young Adult Formation

Everyone is welcome Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. for Bible Study and Fellowship in the Parish Hall.

Childcare is provided. Feel free to bring your dinner and eat in the Parish Hall prior to Bible study.

# Youth: Activities, Events, News



## The Director of Formation Ministries

There is a game, a team building activity, called the “Magic Levitating Stick.” Anyone who’s worked a summer camp or done an outdoor adventure program with their co-workers has probably played it. The rules are simple. Everyone stands around a simple stick, maybe six feet long.

Everyone must maintain contact with the bottom of the stick. Usually people use their index finger. The objective is even simpler: put the stick on the ground. Inevitably the collective desire to exert *some* force on the stick, enough to stay in contact, results in the magic stick rising even higher, seemingly levitating against the will of the team.

Now there are lots of lessons that team-building facilitators will extoll after this exercise: communication, working toward a common goal, etc. But I rather like the illustration of our untrained tendencies to power our youth ministry. Many hands can do some heavy lifting! As Emmanuel sets the roots for a sustainable ministry, we’ll need ministers to host events, provide food, design flyers, mentor students, and coordinators just to make sure all these things happen. Practicalities aside, for the discipleship of our kids, the more fingers on the stick just making

contact, the more people in the church family that make it known that they care, the more fully they will know that they are a precious child of God (as we all are) and a vital member of this part of the Body of Christ.

Finally, as we wrap up this season of ordinary time and look towards Advent, with it’s wreaths and candles, it is perhaps it’s an opportune time to look at the spiritual disciplines we practice as individuals or households. I’m especially excited about the energy around the new book *Inwardly Digest*, which does a great job explaining in plain speak how to use the Book of Common Prayer at home on your own or with family. Our Wednesday night young adult group will be reading through this resource in book club style on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the conference room, and of course it’s open to all. Consider for instance what it may look like to adopt the practice of doing daily Morning or Evening Prayer at home. Especially for those for whom unstructured prayer is difficult, this could be a healthy addition to your spiritual life. For other ideas, I highly commend to you a resource from Virginia Theological Seminary, [buildfaith.org/home-practices](http://buildfaith.org/home-practices). It’s chock full of ideas for families of all types on how to bridge the gap between Sunday church and the rest of the week.

Peace,  
John Simpson



## Upcoming Dates

- ◆ November 12—Fall Youth Event, St. John’s Wytheville
- ◆ November 13—5pm, Place TBD
- ◆ November 27—5pm at church, Advent Extravaganza
- ◆ December 11—5pm, Place TBD
- ◆ December 27-Jan. 1—Winterlight @ Kanuga

# Vestry News

The September 19, 2016 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Members present: Maggie Green, Fred Knickerbocker, Barbara Sue Kurre, Sharon Kyser, Jeremy McLaughlin, Doug Mitchell, Tom Rogers, Debbie Tidwell, Barbara Walling, and Michael Webb

Members absent: Greg Oakley, Audrey Zaidi

Minutes of the August 2016 Vestry meeting were approved.

Rector's Report.

- The service music for Sunday, September 18 at the 10:30 service (Bristol Rhythm and Roots weekend) were well received. It was suggested that the band be retained for the 2017 Rhythm and Roots weekend and widely publicized.
- Parking lots need attention, especially the Cumberland St parking lot. There is a need for new signage and installation of poles with a chain to block off access to the lots for special events.
- August Average Attendance: Sunday-91 (includes Saturday), Wednesday-19, Brookdale-6
- Fr. Joe will be out of the Parish from after liturgy Sunday, September 25 through Sunday, October 2. Fr. Tom Day will be celebrant on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2. Fr. Joe will attend Diocesan Executive Board on Saturday, October 8, and an overnight meeting on October 19.
- There is a convocational meeting Sunday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas in Abingdon. Fr. Joe would like to see more members of Emmanuel attend convocational meetings and accept nomination for diocesan offices.
- St Francis' Day activities - Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- On Friday, October 28, 7:00 Polio Plus Benefit Concert benefiting Polio Plus showcasing the talents of Rebecca Catalano and Chris and Stephanie Yoder. This is a great cause and a way of inviting the wider community to participate in Emmanuel activities.
- The Chrismon tree will be delivered the week of December 12 and will be decorated December 15.
- On Christmas morning there will no eight o'clock Eucharist. Christmas Eve services will again be at 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. (music at ten o'clock, process at ten thirty).
- Emmanuel will host three King Institute for Faith and Culture lectures: Monday, October 3, Monday, February 27, and Monday, April 10. All three will be at 7:00 p.m. in the nave.
- King University English History and Theatre Benefit will use the Kitchen and Parish Hall again in November. The exact date is yet to be determined.
- October 15, a parishioner will use the Parish Hall for a baby shower.
- Fr. Joe stressed the importance of children's formation activities on Sundays when Catechesis of the Good Shephard is not available.

Director of Formation Ministries Report.

- John Simpson, Fred Knickerbocker, Michael Webb, and Debbie Tidwell will take a group of acolytes to the National Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC Thursday, October 6-Saturday, October 8.

- Sunday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m. the Oakley family is hosting a back yard barbeque and bonfire as a kick off event for the youth program. Youth and parents have been invited.
- Young adults is having a lectionary study on Wednesday evenings with childcare being provided.
- Additional nursery staff is being hired to assist with the Wednesday evening lectionary study as well as Wednesday evening during choir.

Wardens' Reports/Remarks

- Senior Warden Report: The Senior Warden and Fred Knickerbocker will co-chair the Christmas Dinner. They will meet with Kristie Faylor regarding timeline and volunteers.

Junior Warden Report

- Repainting of the red doors is in progress.
- The repairs on the stained glass window is in progress. It should take a few more weeks to complete.
- The lamp above the James St. entrance is not functional.
- Relocation plans for the nursery continue. Research will be done regarding square footage and attempt to implement a best use for all available spaces.

Treasurer's Report

- Fr. Joe presented the August 2016 financials.
- Tom Rogers moved to communicate to the parish the need for funds to assist paying for the replacement of the chair lift. Second by Debbie Tidwell. Motion passed unanimously.
- Tom Hairston is an approved diocesan trainer for stewardship programming.

Committee Reports

- Social Club fed 87 people during the August gather. That is up from the 50 served monthly during the first quarter.
- The Nominating Committee has four potential candidates for the Vestry election November 13, 2016. Those elected on November 13 will serve 2017-2019.

Old Business

- Fr. Joe reported on ways Emmanuel Cares has been able to help people in our community.

New Business

- New Vestry orientation will be Saturday, December 3 at Emmanuel.
- Jeremy McLaughlin has been approached by several people asking that changing tables be placed in the restrooms.
- There is a need for additional restroom facilities. Stalls could be added to some of the current bathrooms. This should be considered in the 2017 budget
- Michael Webb expressed a need to purchase a portable audio system rather than renting one. He and Tom Rogers will research the cost and bring it to the next Vestry meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

# Parish Calendar

**NOVEMBER**

**2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>8. &amp; 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation</p>		<p>1 6:00pm Social Club</p> <p>7:00 p.m. All Saints' Evensong</p>	<p>2 Meals on Wheels</p> <p>12:15pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>3 10:00am Lectionary Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel</p> <p>Set clocks BACK one hour before bed</p>
<p>6 All Saints' Day Observed</p> <p>8. &amp; 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation</p>	7	8	<p>9 12:15pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>10 10:00am Lectionary Study</p>	<p>11 December Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>12 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel</p>
<p>13 8. &amp; 10:30am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15 am Parish Meeting</p>	14	15	<p>16 12:15pm Holy Eucharist</p> <p>5:15pm Finance Committee</p>	<p>17 10:00am Lectionary Study</p>	18	<p>19 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel</p>
<p>20 8. &amp; 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation</p>	21	22	<p>23 12:15pm Holy Eucharist</p> <p>Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving</p>	<p>24 Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving</p>	<p>25 Parish Office Closed Thanksgiving</p>	<p>26 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel</p>
<p>27 First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8. &amp; 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation</p>	28	29	<p>30 12:15pm Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>1 10:00am Lectionary Study</p>	2	<p>3 Vestry Retreat</p> <p>5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel</p>

# Birthdays, Anniversaries & Prayers

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Richard Barnes, Diane Bedwell, Carol Biegler, Walt Bressler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Alva, Emma, Alan Kurre Elliott, Paul Fennick, Ham Fuller, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, David Haynes, Will Haynes, Tom Hurt, Margaret Hutson, Michael Johnston, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Gordon McLarty, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, George Miller, Frank Molteni, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Jack Presnell, Tony Morrell, Gerry Muncie, Jan Ransom, Rick Rimer, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Mary Jo Thomas

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Hilary Hurst
- 10 Caroline Sullins
- 11 David Taverner  
Kim Heath  
Nancy Wood
- 12 Emily Kirkpatrick
- 14 Jenna Fuller  
Jud Powers
- 15 David Haynes  
Frank Goodpasture, V
- 16 Elayna Makres  
Fred Knickerbocker
- 17 Jackie Fuller  
Ronnie Gentry  
Zane Myers
- 18 Lilley Sullivan  
Rene Rodgers
- 21 Ann Oakley
- 23 John Simpson
- 25 Richard Horner
- 26 Victoria Zaidi
- 27 Carolyn Haynes
- 30 Fran Combs

## Lay Minister Schedule & Propers

### Sunday, November 6–25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:1–3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11–23; Luke 6:20–31

8:00 am Lector ..... Fred Knickerbocker  
 10:30 am Lector ..... Mary Beth Rainero  
 Intercessor ..... Jeremy McLaughlin  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Chris Yoder  
 Acolytes ..... David, Grace, Lana, Lola, Hagan, Adilyn  
 Ushers ..... Shawna and Brian Knickerbocker

### Sunday November 13–26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25; Canticle 9; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 ; Luke 21:5-19

8:00 am Lector ..... Frank Goodpasture III  
 10:30 am Lector ..... Bob Hardee  
 Intercessor ..... Tom Hairston  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Tom Hairston  
 Acolytes ..... Jack, Elayna, Mayne, Millie, Judson, Amelia  
 Ushers ..... Gena and Ross Spires

### Sunday, November 20–The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Canticle 16; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

8:00 am Lector ..... David Taverner  
 10:30 am Lector ..... Sharon Kyser  
 Intercessor ..... Barbara Simpson  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Harriett Harty  
 Acolytes ..... Tucker, Grace, Adilyn, Kira, Hagan, Lana  
 Ushers ..... Tina and Ed Hitt

### Sunday, November 27–First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

8:00 am Lector ..... Dave Zochowski  
 10:30 am Lector ..... Fred Knickerbocker  
 Intercessor ..... Debbie Tidwell  
 Eucharistic Minister ..... Daniel Shew  
 Acolytes ..... Daniel, Lola, Millie, Elayna, Judson, Mayne  
 Ushers ..... Shauna Nefos-Webb and Michael Webb

## NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Valerie & Dave Zochowski
- 13 Edie & Jason Cannon
- 20 Harriett & John Harty
- 23 Jade & Justin Carson
- 29 Elliott & Carl Moore



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**MESSENGER**

*The deadline to submit information for the December 2016 Messenger is November 14. Please be prompt.*

Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
8:00 a.m. Rite I  
10:30 a.m. Rite II  
Holy Eucharist

**SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION**  
9:15 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd  
Youth Formation  
9:30 a.m.  
Adult Forum (Library)

**WEDNESDAY**  
12:15 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist & Prayers for Healing  
Bledsoe Chapel

6:00 p.m.  
Young Adult Formation

7:00 p.m.  
Choir

**BIBLE STUDY**  
10 a.m.  
Thursday

**SATURDAY SERVICE**  
5:00 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist

**ADULT FORMATION**  
Sundays 9:30 a.m.

**Adult Sunday School—Parish Library**  
*The World of Biblical Israel*

**Adult Catechesis—Conference Room**

*Inwardly Digest*, an exploration of the spiritual disciplines of the Book of Common Prayer.

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for details.

