



MESSENGER



From The Rector

Lent has always been a season of preparation in the Church. It is when candidates prepare for the baptism and first communion at Easter. Preparing others for the sacraments renews the entire faith community. As the old spiritual says, "I love to tell the story...for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest."



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 10. There will be two opportunities to participate in liturgies with imposition of ashes, the usual 12:15 Eucharist in the Chapel and again at seven in the church.

This year Emmanuel has been given a wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually by considering prayerfully who our neighbors are and how we can help each other to be closer to the One who calls us to love one another as Christ loves us. In Elizabethan English this sort of sacrificial and sacramental love was called *charity*. That came to be thought of as something those who have do for those who

have not. In fact, the love of God which we share is always mutual. We know it is truly sharing the love of God when we receive much more than we give because the giving and the receiving are measured in spiritual terms.

I invite you to observe a holy Lent. Especially those who desire to be confirmed at Pentecost or to be baptized or to renew the baptismal covenant at the Easter Vigil should plan to be present each Wednesday during Lent. We will begin with a simple Lenten supper at six o'clock. The program will follow at six-thirty and we will be finished by seven-fifteen. Each Wednesday I've invited a speaker to tell us about ministry *with the poor*, about how building relationships with our neighbors who happen to need assistance can feed us spiritually.

Those who desire to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at Pentecost, or to rededicate themselves to ministry, are invited to participate in a class each Sunday during the season of Easter beginning at 9:30.

See you Sunday if not before!



SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 9, 5:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Bring your appetite and be ready to celebrate Mardi Gras style!

Donations will benefit the acolyte program.

Emmanuel Lenten Texts

As hard as it is to believe, our Lenten season of repentance and preparation for Easter is right around the corner! The first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is February 10.

We invite you make your Lenten journey in daily steps, in part by joining Emmanuel's new Lenten Text series. Sign up to get 140 characters each day of thought- and prayer-provoking inspiration, each made from someone in our Emmanuel family.

The subscription is voluntary (you can opt out at any time) and one-way (no one else can reply with a message to the group). To subscribe, simply send @lentext to 81010. You can also go to remind.com/join/lentext. Texts begin Ash Wednesday and end Easter Sunday!



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Sunday, February 28

12:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Calling all Catechists, Vestry members, nursery helpers, anyone who spends time with children, at church or anywhere. This three-hour training teaches us how to look for signs of child sexual abuse, and to make sure Emmanuel is a safe place for all God's children. Anyone in regular supervision of young people at Emmanuel must have this training every two years. Contact John Simpson with questions: emmanuelforma@gmail.com.

Lunch provided. Cost is free. RSVP by February 21st!



Beginning Wednesday February 17

6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Make our Wednesday Lenten Suppers a part of your spiritual discipline this season. Our focus this five-week series will be poverty, and how Jesus calls us to minister with, not 'to' or 'for', the poor. New speakers will join us from the community and the diocese each week.

Interested in providing soup? Contact Kristie Fayer at emmanuelbristol@gmail.com.



Family Night

Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 pm.

It's time for another Family Night! There will be music and activities for the kids. Come join the fun, have a good meal and great fellowship.

Please bring a covered dish meal to share.

King University Institute for Faith and Culture

Professor Amy-Jill Levine who teaches New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University is the next Institute for Faith and Culture lecturer. She will speak at the Bristol Public Library on **Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.** and at King's Memorial Chapel on **Friday, February 19 at 9:15a.m.**

The Adult Sunday School class at Emmanuel is currently utilizing Dr. Levine's lecture series "Great Figures of the New Testament" in the library every **Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

On **Monday, February 29** King will host Martin Weiss, Holocaust survivor and spokesman for the Holocaust Memorial Museum. He will speak at Memorial Chapel at **9:15 a.m.**

On **Tuesday, March 1** Emmanuel will welcome the Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics (Preaching) Luke Powery. Dean Powery's lecture will be at Emmanuel at **7:00 p.m.**



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BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Greg Oakley, Ed Powers, Nat Powers
- 4 Holston Knickerbocker
- 7 Carol Biegler, Lynn Powers
- 8 Brian Knickerbocker
- 9 Dean Tillison
- 11 Alethia Haynes, Hannah Rosenbalm
- 12 Daniel Bieger
- 13 Jane Bachman
- 14 Aly Fuller
- 17 Briana Hardee
- 18 Hagan Oakley
- 20 Allen Rushing
- 24 Marshall Simpson
- 25 Chris Horner
- 26 Ronan King, Carl Moore, John Tickle
- 27 Steve Martin
- 28 Edie Cannon, June Hallums, Larry Kiser, Lana Lavinder
- 29 Fran McGlothlin

WEDDING

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Beth & Tom Rogers
- 12 Ann & John Tickle
- 14 James & Jamie Heath
- 16 Sallie & Tom Hurt
- 19 Chris & Larry Kuhnert
- 20 Liz & Leno Rainero
- 28 Janice & Larry Kiser

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Carol Biegler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Teresa Burkholder, Winifred Campbell, , Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Mark Dollar, Alva, Emma, Danny Freeman, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Will King, Joe Kurre, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Jim McGlothlin, Jill Mendilijan, Claire Miller, Helen Moore, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Ron Morgan, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Ben Sage, Madison Sage, Randy Sage, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Julian Van Winkle, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, Josh Yoder, the families in Family Promise, Will, and all who serve in the military, and their families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00 p.m. Candlemas	3 Meals on Wheels 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 5:15 p.m. Finance Comm. 7:00 p.m. Chancel choir	4 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:00 p.m. Eucharist 6:45 p.m. YAF	5	6
7 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Faith formation Adult-(Library) Youth-(Conf. Room) Ages 3-12 Atria	8	9 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	10 12:15 p.m.-Bledsoe Ash Wednesday Service 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee 7:00 p.m. -Nave Ash Wednesday Service	11 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:00 p.m. Eucharist 6:45 p.m. YAF	12	13
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21 8. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Faith formation Adult-(Library) Youth-(Conf. Room) Ages 3-12 Atria 12:00 Safeguarding Training 6:00 p.m. Parish Family Night	22	23	24 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Chancel choir	25 10:00 a.m. Lectionary Study 6:00 p.m. Eucharist 6:45 p.m. YAF	26 Happening #9 St. John's, Roanoke	27 Happening #9 St. John's, Roanoke
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Haiti Collaborative

The Haiti Collaborative is a ministry begun in Staunton, Waynesboro, Blue Grass, Arrington, and Lynchburg and now spreading to the Abingdon Convocation. On **March 6** Father Roger Bowen will be at Emmanuel and that afternoon at **two o'clock** he will speak at St. Thomas, Abingdon, about opportunities to support and participate in the collaborative.

This ministry involves traveling to Haiti to meet our Episcopal sisters and brothers from the Diocese of Haiti (the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church). A trip is being planned for **June 3-9**. First time ambassadors are especially welcome on this mission.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Basil T. Harter
Given by
Dr. & Mrs. Fred Greear

Carla Vaughn
Given by
Melissa & David Taverner

HONORARIUM GIFT

Denise Rowe
Given by
Melissa & David Taverner

