

From The Rector

A colleague recently took the time to write a lengthy email explaining to me how “the cultural support the church has enjoyed for the last century or so is crumbling.” That isn’t news to anyone who has been paying attention. There was a time not so long ago when we

could assume that if someone was intended to be an Episcopalian (or a Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, etc.) that she or he would either be born one or marry one. That is the cultural element my friend referenced which was manifest in the fact that most people were members and attended a church. The so-called *mainline denominations* flourished.

Something much bigger than the demise of denominations is happening. The marriage of the Church and western culture that is marked by the baptism of Constantine in the fourth century may well be over. Constantine’s baptism didn’t mean everyone in the Roman Empire was suddenly Christian but it was a moment that is worth thinking about. The emperor’s baptism meant that baptism was not counter-cultural.

Leap forward to nineteenth and twentieth century Anglicans who had no problem baptizing babies with a few drops of water in a private *ceremony* followed by a lavish reception. Initiation, let alone conversion, simply wasn’t a concern because, of course, the baby would be a member of and

attend church. At least until he or she was confirmed as an adolescent.

Before restaurants, stores, and movie theaters started opening on Sundays, theologians were busy learning from the early Church. That is, they were listening to pre-Constantinian faithful disciples who believed in the resurrection and who received the Holy Spirit at their baptisms. What we discovered is that the first Christians did not *enjoy cultural support* so much as they experienced the joy of their salvation.

I believe the proper response to the cultural shift is to listen to the great cloud of witnesses who have always understood something the western Church forgot. We must convert our children. We must make disciples. More accurately, we must get out of the way and let the Holy Spirit create in us, in our children, and in the people who come to us seeking a spiritual home, new hearts.

I believe the proper response to the cultural shift has been right under our noses, in our pew racks, for forty years. The Book of Common Prayer contains the language of and rites for initiation into a congregation of Christians who believe in the resurrection and are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism. These are the Christians who come to church, to the Lord’s Table week after week, not because it is culturally expected but because it is such a great joy.

See you Sunday if not before.

Jerry Goodpasture Plaza

Thursday, September 1 at 11:00 a.m. the City of Bristol Tennessee will dedicate the Jerry Goodpasture Plaza. This is a diminutive but unique park with sculptures that are musical instruments. The park is located on the corner of 8th and Shelby Streets, next to Beaver Creek, behind Macados and Pointer Brand Mfg.

Jerry was a long time parishioner of Emmanuel as well as dedicated community volunteer. She passed away in 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer.



Parish Calendar & Prayer Requests

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Leno Rainero
- 3 Lynn Kirksey
- 4 George Bunn, Mimi Sullivan
- 5 John Rainero
- 6 Veronica Taylor
- 9 Tom Hurt
- 10 Laura Fuller
- 11 Jack Aaron
- 12 Maryjane Luffman
- 13 Diana Fuller
- 14 Brady Harmon
- 15 Frank Goodpasture III
- 16 Arnell Byers, Ashley McLaughlin, Challen Walling
- 19 Elaine Coleman Harriett Harty
- 21 Ruth King
- 22 Barbara Bunn
- 23 Bryan Young, Valerie Zochowski
- 24 Sandra Rushing
- 27 Jenny Lawson
- 30 Sallie Hurt
- 30 Lou Phetteplace

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Cathy & Rick Armstrong
- 5 Jan & Leno Rainero
- 9 Alethia & David Haynes
- 15 Sandra & Allen Rushing
- 17 Lark & Brad Adams
- 22 Judith & Craig Wylie
- 23 Hollie & Matt Lavinder
- 23 Tammy & Bob Hardee
- 27 Melissa & David Taverner
- 28 Claire & George Miller
- 30 Julia & John Rainero
- 31 Elaine & Ron Coleman

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jan & Bob Bruce
- 4 Becca & Ed Powers Lynn & Jud Powers
- 8 Eddy & Austin Carr
- 11 Ann & Greg Oakley
- 12 Tracey & Doug Harmon
- 20 Mimi & Brian Sullivan Karen & Dean Tillison
- 22 Hilary & Ron Hurst
- 27 Moseley & Cody Snyder
- 28 Fran & Peter Combs Susan & Nick McLean

Due to an error in the August *Messenger* both August and September Anniversaries are being printed in this edition.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Clarice Abney, Nancy Lee Bailey, Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Richard Barnes, Diane Bedwell, Carol Biegler, Walt Bressler, Sue Brickey, Faye Buckles, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Alva, Emma, Paul Fennick, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, David Haynes, Hazel, Tom Hurt, Margaret Hutson, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Joe Kurre, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Gordon McLarty, Conrad McNeer, Jim McGlothlin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, George Miller, Frank Molteni, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Tony Morrell, Gerry Muncie, Jan Ransom, Sam Repass, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Will Haynes, Alan Kurre Elliott

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| 28 8. & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation | 29 | 30 | 31 12:15pm Holy Eucharist | 1 10:00am Lectionary Study | 2 | 3 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel |
| 4 8. & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation | 5 Parish Office Closed Labor Day | 6 6:00pm Social Club | 7 Meals on Wheels 12:15pm Holy Eucharist | 8 10:00am Lectionary Study | 9 | 10 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel |
| 11 8. & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation | 12 | 13 | 14 12:15pm Holy Eucharist 5:15pm Finance Committee | 15 10:00am Lectionary Study | 16 October Messenger Deadline Rhythm and Roots Weekend | 17 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel Rhythm and Roots Weekend |
| 18 8. & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation Rhythm and Roots Weekend | 19 5:15pm Vestry | 20 | 21 12:15pm Holy Eucharist | 22 10:00am Lectionary Study | 23 | 24 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel |
| 25 8. & 10:30am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation 5:00 pm Youth parents meeting @Oakley's | 26 | 27 | 28 12:15pm Holy Eucharist | 29 10:00am Lectionary Study | 30 | 1 5:00pm Holy Eucharist Bledsoe Chapel |

Parish Life: Activities, Events, News

You are invited to become a part of our choral ministry.

Emmanuel Choir is always seeking to expand and welcome new singers high school age and up. Come check us out! Join us for just a rehearsal or two to see if you are interested; we are very inviting and have loads of fun! You are welcome to commit for just a season, like Advent or Lent. This is a great way to become an important part of our ministry for just a part of the year.

Our weekly rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We are hoping to provide childcare and are currently working on a way to do so. On Sunday morning we gather to rehearse at 10:00 a.m. before the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

For further information, contact Stephanie Yoder.



Sullins Academy Alumni Social

50 years ago, Sullins Academy began right here at Emmanuel Episcopal Church as the Episcopal Day School. We are doing some fun things to celebrate this exciting year. On the Saturday of Rhythm and Roots, September 17, we will be having an alumni social at the church. We know so many of you have been involved with Sullins in the past. You are all welcome to join us. We will be meeting in the side parking lot from 2 to 4 PM. Come by and say hello to old friends and new. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, contact Julia Rainero at 423-340-0941.



October is Soup Kitchen Month for Emmanuel. We help package the meals that are distributed to residents of Bristol, VA. The meals are prepared and packaged at the old Sullins College (United Company) building on Glenway Avenue. The Soup Kitchen recommends there be two volunteers per day. Work lasts less than 90 minutes starting at 9:15 a.m. weekdays. A sign-up sheet is available on the red information station in the Parish Hall, or you may call the Parish Office to sign up.

September 2016 Lay Minister Schedule and Propers

Sunday, September 4–16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1–11; Psalm 139:1-5, 12–17; Philemon 1–21;
 Luke 14:25–33
 8:00 am LectorFred Knickerbocker
 10:30 am Lector Ashley McLaughlin
 Intercessor Tom Hairston
 Eucharistic Ministers Daniel Shew and Chris Yoder
 Ushers Ruth King and TBD

Sunday September 18–18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1; Psalm 79:1–9; 1 Timothy 2:1–7;
 Luke 16:1–13
 8:00 am Lector Dave Zochowski
 10:30 am Lector Debbie Tidwell
 Intercessor Fred Knickerbocker
 Eucharistic Minister Jeremy McLaughlin
 Ushers Nell and Dan Bieger

Sunday, September 11–17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28; Psalm 14; 1 Timothy 1:12–17;
 Luke 15:1–10
 8:00 am Lector David Taverner
 10:30 am Lector Michael Webb
 Intercessor TBD
 Eucharistic Minister TBD
 Ushers Lisa and Doug Mitchell

Sunday, September 25–19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 ;1
 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31
 8:00 am Lector Frank Goodpasture
 10:30 am Lector Jeremy McLaughlin
 Intercessor Daniel Shew
 Eucharistic Minister Fred Knickerbocker
 Ushers Shawna Nefos-Webb and Michael Webb

Youth: Activities, Events, News



From the Director of Formation Ministries

I read books a bit like someone sampling a buffet line of hors d'oeuvres. Pick up an item that looks exciting and savor it, but only as long as it takes something else to grab my attention. As you can imagine, I end up feeling like most people do after a good buffet: sated, but lacking a sense of accomplishment. Christian formation authors tend to frontload their best ideas anyway, so one experiences diminishing returns the further into a book one gets. So it was that I came to pick up "The Godbearing Life: The Art of Soul Tending for Youth Ministry" by Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster. I'd like to share a bit from the first chapter, which I am enjoying reading for the second time now.

Recall the story of Paul and Timothy from Acts, chapter 16. Timothy, who was likely a teen when he meets Paul, is already a disciple and well-liked by those in his town. Paul wanted him to join him in mission, and had him circumcised so he'd have credibility with the Jews to whom they'd be bringing the Good News. Timothy's mother was Jewish, so Timothy was considered Jewish as well.

As Dean and Foster point out, this is probably the first instance of youth ministry in the Bible. And what is striking about it? Many things! First of all, youth ministry happened without so much as a ski trip or slice of pizza, which qualifies it as a miracle. More

deeply, however, and instructive for us is that "Paul does not consider Timothy an object of mission to be won and counted." He has a mission and ministry in mind for Timothy, and invites and equips him to participate in it. Timothy is an agent of mission.

More than lock-ins and trips to Dollywood, youth discipleship requires relationship, relationship that invites youth to participate in the core mission of the Body of Christ that they are growing into. The broader Church and we at Emmanuel are rediscovering this approach to youth ministry. "When we tend to our relationships with young people, we impart the gospel in a way that prepares them for ministry. God needs their prophetic voices in the church, in the culture and in the families they call their own." Our and our youth's baptismal covenant - and the Confirmation of it - is hollow absent the context of mission. We need them, not to join the rolls, but to join the ranks.

There's movement afoot toward creating a sustainable youth ministry with this ethos at heart. With many thanks to Ann Oakley for spearheading it, we have a team of parents - and soon youth - to set a vision for ongoing youth discipleship here at Emmanuel. The most prominent actionable item on our horizon is a Youth and Parents Social, Sunday evening September 25th at the Oakleys' home. It'll be a chance for parents and youth - separately - to socialize and enjoy one another's company. Then together, we'll do some brainstorming and thinking out loud about what we envision youth discipleship can look like at Emmanuel, and the part each of us would like to play in it.

Details will go out to youth and parents via email. If you don't think you're on my email radar send me a line at emmanuelforma@gmail.com.

Peace, John Simpson



October 6-8th

Cost: \$50, but assistance available, just ask
Two days in D.C! * Lots of sightseeing!
Acolyting, worship and exploring in the
highest cathedral in the U.S.

National Acolyte Festival

Depart: Friday morning, Oct. 6th

Return: Saturday evening, Oct. 8th

Sightseeing in D.C. Friday

Acolyte Festival Saturday

MEALS AND ADMISSIONS INCLUDED!

Q. Do I have to be an acolyte to go?

A. No! (but we'll train you if you'd like to learn!)



Vestry News

The July 18, 2016 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:18 p.m.

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

Opening Prayer

Minutes of the June 2016 Vestry meeting were approved.

Rector's Report

- Fr. Joe will be out of the parish next week and will inter Lamont Tidwell's ashes in Dothen.
- Attendance in June: Average Sunday (includes Saturday vigil) 96; Brookdale 6; Wednesday 11.
- Fr. Joe has been approached to be part of the board of directors for Healing Hands. Fr. Joe is reviewing their by-laws and minutes thus far from 2016 prior to making a decision.
- Fr. Joe will close on his new home and preparing it for the move this week.
- Christmas Dinner is in need of coordinators.
- The Cumberland Street parking lot is in disrepair and needs attention as well as new signage.
- Attendance in the nursery is growing requiring a need to accommodate for additional space and staff.
- The Rally Day/Parish Picnic will be hosted by Michael Webb and Shauna Nefos-Webb near Feather's Chapel Rd.

Director of Formation Ministries Report

- Bradford Youth Exchange will be here August 3,4 5. Audrey Zaidi and Nell Bieger will host events and 3 families will house youth.
- National Acolyte Festival will be October 7 and 8. Planning is in process.
- Youth Catechesis will resume in the next few weeks and need adults to volunteer.

Senior Warden Report

- Rally Day/Parish Picnic will be Sunday, August 28 at Michael Webb and Shauna Nefos-Webb's home. Emmanuel will provide drinks and the main entrée (John Rainero volunteered to make bbq) and ask parishioners to provide sides and desserts.
- November 11-13 there is an opportunity to participate in a conference at Kanuga. If the parish wishes to participate, a commitment and \$250 deposit must be in by August 1. More information will be requested and an email vote will take place.

- Discernment committee or "local reflection group" for John Simpson will need to consist of four to seven members. Those interested in participating need to contact the Senior Warden or Fr. Joe.

- Major Carrigan will be with Vestry August 15.

- Vestry retreat August 20.

Junior Warden Report

- Tom Rogers contracted with a vendor and the outside painting was completed the week of July 11.
- July 27, another vendor will repair the large red doors at the bell tower entrance and paint all exterior doors the same red. Jeremy McLaughlin made a motion to amend the previous motion from \$2,350 for the aforementioned repairs to \$2,500. Motion approved unanimously.
- The janitorial staff noticed bag worms forming on the bushes. Tom Rogers contracted an individual who has eliminated the worms.
- Wright Lawn service will be contacted to attain the quote for weeding the grounds.
- Several small plants have died and will be replaced.

Treasurer's Report

- Greg Oakley reviewed the May and June 2016 financial statements.
- The chair lift will need to be replaced. The initial quote is \$35,000. We are awaiting an additional quote from another vendor. The finance committee recommends allocating up to \$35,000 to replace the chair lift. Approved unanimously.
- The lift will be purchased with money from the general fund. The finance committee recommends soliciting funds from the parish to replenish the cost of the chair lift. Approved unanimously.

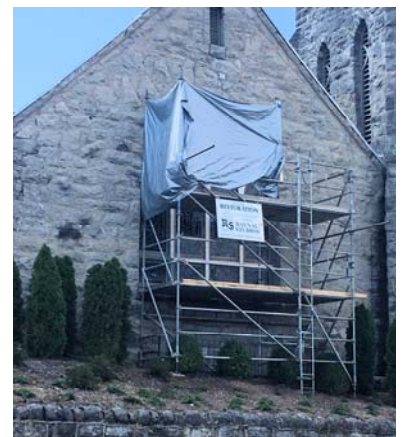
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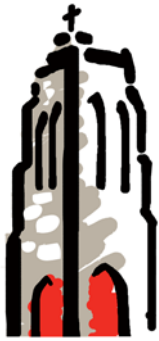
- Michael Webb discussed the details of online giving with Paypal and made a motion to move forward with Paypal as an online option. Second by Sharon Kyser. Approved unanimously.
- Michael Webb also requested a committee be formed regarding planned giving. Initially Michael Webb, Sharon Kyser, Doug Mitchell, and Tom Hairston will begin a planned giving initiative.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Evangelists Window

Repairs to the Evangelists Window began this past week. The first step is installation of scaffolding. The windows were all inspected and appraised last year. Over time the lead and wood naturally deteriorate. The vestry, in consultation with the Endowment Committee, Fine Arts Committee, and Finance Committee, voted to begin restoration with the Evangelists Window this year. This window is the most valuable and, with its eastern exposure, has the most damage.





SEPTEMBER 2016
MESSENGER

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September 2016

MESSENGER

The deadline to submit information for the October 2016 Messenger is September 16. Please be prompt.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

9:15 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (Resumes in the Fall)

Youth Formation

9:30 a.m.
Adult Forum (Library)

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

CHOIR

Wednesday's 7:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

10 a.m.
Thursday

SATURDAY SERVICE

5:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist



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.

SOCIAL CLUB
Tuesday, September 6
6:00p.m.



Join us for an evening of great food, bingo and prizes, and fellowship.

2016 Social Club Dates
October 4, November 1, December 6



Reminder to Meals on Wheels Drivers
Meals on Wheels will be **Wednesday, September 7**
Thank you all for your ministry in our community.

2016 Meals on Wheels Dates
October 5, November 2, December 7