



From The Rector

Friends was a television series that ran from 1994 until 2004 about six young adults living in New York City. The show was set mostly in their apartments or a coffee shop called *Central Perk*. One of the characters

was the ditzy musician and masseuse Phoebe. Well into the show's run Phoebe is standing on the sidewalk outside the coffee shop and, even though she is a regular customer and performs her music there, she notices the sign, *Central Perk*, and says aloud to herself, "Oh, I get it."

Most of us got the pun the first time we saw the show. It was a coffee shop in New York called Central Perk. But it took Phoebe a little longer.

As Anglicans we value the importance of allowing ourselves as much time as it takes to *get it*. There is a Latin phrase, *lex orandi, lex credendi* meaning "the law of praying is the law of believing" which is to say that prayer leads to belief. Liturgy leads to theology. The point is that we gather with the familiar common prayers of our faith week after week and even though they are very familiar to us, often we will realize something that was there all along we had not noticed.

For example, our first prayer most weeks is the Collect for Purity: *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Christians have been praying these words for over a thousand years. Archbishop Cramner in preparing the English Book of Common Prayer in the middle of the sixteenth century translated the prayer from Latin and it has been part of Anglican life ever since. But it was only recently when many of us read James K. A. Smith's book and heard him lecture that I really *got it*. Think about "the thoughts of our hearts," not our heads! Faith isn't about what we figure out but the habits that form who we are. Faith comes from the heart, not the head.

As we approach Lent, join me in a new commitment to be present each week to pray, to listen to the scriptures, and to receive Communion. It is in the discipline of daily and weekly prayer that we receive from the Holy Spirit insights into the faith that save us and changes the world for the better.

See you Sunday if not before.

Lent and Easter at Emmanuel

Ash Wednesday Eucharist
Wednesday, March 1
12:15 p.m.—Bledsoe Chapel
7:00 p.m.—Church

Sundays—Holy Eucharist
Rite I—8:00 a.m.
Rite II—10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays during Lent
March 8—April 5
Lenten Series
Supper 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, April 12, 12:15 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 14, 12:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16
Holy Eucharist
Rite I—8:00 a.m.
Rite II—10:30 a.m.

Formation: Activities, Events, News

The Director of Formation Ministries



I got quite a surprise the other day, a recollection of the past that left me scratching my head and marveling at the lasting significance of a fleeting, forgettable moment of being present with another. Any youth minister will tell you - and this

applies also to educators, mentors, and anyone doing formation - that one of the delayed gratifications of our work is hearing how we affected someone's life. More theologically accurate perhaps is to say that the Spirit used a seed that we planted to grow a strong, lasting faith, to reveal God's self more fully, and help them discover more clearly whom God created them to be. With some kids you invest a lot and don't hear from them again. With others, a little can go a long way, with God's help.

A reminder of this came recently when I learned that a student I'd worked with several years ago, now a lay minister and preacher, sent me a sermon she'd given that mentioned me. To skip to the point - and demonstrate how little the Spirit can work with sometimes - my memorable

quote eight years ago, my contribution to this woman's formation and last week's sermon was no more than: "Huh. Maybe."

Now, I told you that story to tell you this one. Emmanuel's young people are being formed into disciples of Jesus, and they need your help to do that. Just as Paul says the Body of Christ has many parts, so too does youth ministry. Consider the gifts you have - you have them, I promise - and how they may help plant a seed. We need Sunday morning leaders, mission trip coordinators, outreach idea people, graphic designers, fundraiser planners just to name a few. The Youth Discipleship Team meets once a month to hash out ideas, and with many hands it'll be light work. Maybe there's one annual youth event that you love or would like to champion. That's enormously helpful. Consider being a regular, somehow. Sunday morning or Sunday evening leaders, or both!

If you're curious, talk to John Simpson or Ann Oakley. You can find out more without making a commitment. Consider Walt Whitman: "A powerful play goes on, and you may contribute a verse." Your verse may be "Huh. Maybe." That'll work.

Youth News

submitted by Elizabeth Oakley

Putting food in boxes wasn't exactly any of our first choices of what to do with our day off, but it was a rewarding experience nonetheless. After a few tutorials and mishaps, we were sorting and boxing like pros. (Aside from the occasional squabble about what category syrup fell into.) it's was interesting to see how much work needed to be done after the food was donated.



The already filled boxes stacked around us towered over even the adults, visual proof of how much teamwork and dedication it takes to keep the food pantry running. We stacked only a fraction of the boxes we could see, but adding to the number still brought a sense of satisfaction. It truly felt like we helped out the community that day.

Valentine's Dinner

benefiting

The Mary Landrum Fund

Friday, February 10, 6:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Join us for a Valentine's Dinner in the Parish Hall on Friday, February 10, 2017. The dinner will begin with hors d'œuvres at 6:00 p.m. Music of all varieties, particularly love songs, sacred and secular, serious and comedic, will be performed throughout the evening by musicians from within Emmanuel's congregation. All donations will go toward the Mary Landrum Fund, which supports Emmanuel's music ministry. Guest musicians, including instrumentalist and vocalists are paid through this fund. Your support of this fund helps us to provide exceptional music during our worship services all year long. To R.S.V.P., please contact Stephanie Yoder.

What is the Mary Landrum Fund?

The Mary Landrum Fund supplements budgeted funding for Emmanuel's music ministries. The parish budget covers funding to pay our organist/choir director, buy music, and cover the costs of maintaining the church's organ and pianos. The Mary Landrum Fund was established to provide an added source of funding for guest musicians, such as instrumentalists and vocalists, to enhance worship services or special parish events. The fund was established to honor Mary Fisher Landrum upon her retirement in 2001 after faithfully serving as Emmanuel's organist and choir director for 33 years. The fund is sustained through special gifts and designated, beyond-pledge giving.

Who was Mary Fisher Landrum?

Mary Landrum is fondly remembered by long time parishioners as Emmanuel's talented organist and choir director from 1968 to 2001. Ever smiling, Mary always had a joke or funny story to tell at the start of choir rehearsals. Extremely knowledgeable in hymnology, Mary frequently shared stories about the inspiration for hymns, insight into a hymn's history, or even her personal friendships with contemporary composers. A Biblical scholar, as well as gifted musician, Mary carefully coordinated each Sunday's hymns and anthems with the lectionary; preludes and postludes were selected from the classic organ repertoire.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mary was a graduate of Vassar College and earned a Master's degree in organ from the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester where she studied with some of the country's most

prominent organists of the time. She moved to Bristol in 1964 with her husband Graham, long-time English professor at King College. In Bristol, Mary initially taught at Sullins College. From 1976 to 1999, she taught music theory, church music history, music appreciation, organ, piano and harpsichord at King College where she also served as college organist. In addition, Mary served for two years as director of the annual Sewanee Province Church Music Conference, a prestigious summer conference for church musicians held on the campus of the University of the South.

Mary was widely known and actively involved within the community and beyond. She was an officer of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the local and state levels. She was active in the National Federation of Music Clubs, and she served a term as president of the Historical Society of Washington County, Virginia. Many church and civic organizations enjoyed Mary's wit and wisdom as she was frequently called upon for her especially memorable slide presentations. Her program that she titled "Good Night, Sweet Effie" featured her extensive slide collection of various tombstones; "Beautiful Bristol" was her slide presentation on unique architectural details found in Bristol, Tennessee and Virginia.

Mary Landrum fostered a tradition of exceptional music at Emmanuel. That tradition continues to flourish through the talent and leadership of Stephanie Yoder. To further enhance worship, continued financial support of the Mary Landrum Fund provides the means for engaging guest musicians.

Parish Life: Activities, Events, News



Tuesday, February 28, 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.

SHROVE TUESDAY

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 March 1.

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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*Standard text message rates apply.



Beginning Wednesday March 8
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 Faylor at emmanuelbristol@gmail.com.



March 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. We still have many dates open. 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.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Prayers

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Richard Barnes, Diane Bedwell, Carol Biegler, Walt Bressler, Henry Brewer, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Lisa Campbell, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Helyn Dougherty, Alva, Emma, Lint Ellington, Paul Fennick, Dee Flanagan, Ham Fuller, Ann Gillenwater, Jeanne Greene, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, David Haynes, Will Haynes, Tom Hurt, Margaret Hutson, Michael Johnston, Janice Kostner, Joe Kurre, Seth Lambert, James Lange Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Donald McCathy, Gordon McLarty, Ashley McLaughlin, Isaac McLaughlin, Jeremy McLaughlin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Hank Miller, George Miller, Frank Molteni, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Tony Morrell, Gerry Muncie, Laura Pearson, Jack Presnell, Renea Ramey, Jan Ransom, Rick Rimer, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Emma Russell, Felicity Russell, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Bill Smith, Mary Jo Thomas, Bryan Young

Lay Minister Schedule & Propers

Sunday, February 5–The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1–12; Psalm 112:1–10; 1 Corinthians 2:1–16; Matthew 5:13–20

8:00 am Lector.....John Simpson
10:30 am Lector Tom Rogers
Intercessor..... Michael Webb
Lay Eucharistic Minister.....Harriett Harty
Acolytes..... Jack, Mayne, Millie, Judson, and Amelia
Ushers..... Jade and Justin Carson

Sunday February 12–The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 119:1–8; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9; Matthew 5:21–37

8:00 am Lector..... Fred Knickerbocker
10:30 am LectorJanet Jayne
Intercessor..... Barbara Simpson
Lay Eucharistic Minister.....Tom Hairston
Acolytes.....Tucker, Grace, Adilyn, Kira, Hagan, and Lana
Ushers..... Ann and Greg Oakley

Sunday, February 19–The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119:33–40; 1 Corinthians 3:10–11,16–23; Matthew 5:38–48

8:00 am Lector.....John Simpson
10:30 am Lector Walt Bressler
Intercessor..... Bob Hardee
Lay Eucharistic Minister.....Walt Bressler
Acolytes..... Hagan, Lola, Millie, Judson, and Mayne
Ushers..... Brad Adams and Jon Harden

Sunday, February 26–The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12–18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

8:00 am Lector..... Dave Zochowski
10:30 am Lector Jeremy McLaughlin
Intercessor..... Sharon Kyser
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Tom Rogers
Acolytes..... David, Grace, Lana, Lola, Hagan, and Adilyn
Ushers.....Peggy and Richard Horner

Sunday, March 5–The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12–19; Matthew 4:1–11

8:00 am Lector.....John Simpson
10:30 am Lector Ashley McLaughlin
Intercessor..... TBD
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Chris Yoder
Acolytes..... David, Grace, Lana, Lola, Hagan, Adilyn
Ushers..... Nell and Dan Bieger

FEBRUARY 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
- 12 Daniel Bieger
Gena Spires
- 13 Jane Bachman
- 14 Aly Fuller
- 17 Briana Hardee
- 18 Hagan Oakley
- 20 Allen Rushing
- 24 Marhsall Simpson
- 25 Chris Horner
- 26 Ronan King, Carl Moore
John Tickle
- 27 Steve Martin
- 28 June Hallums
Larry Kiser
Lana Lavinder
- 29 Fran McGlothlin

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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

February 2017 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation		10 am Staff Meeting	1 Meals on Wheels 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm Young Adults 7 pm Choir	2 10 am Lectionary Study 7 pm Candlemas	3	4 5 pm Holy Eucharist
5 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation	6	7 10 am Staff Meeting	8 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm Young Adults 7 pm Choir	9 10 am Lectionary Study	10 6 pm Valentine's Dinner	11 5 pm Holy Eucharist
12 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation	13	14 10 am Staff Meeting	15 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 5:15 pm Finance Committee 6 pm Young Adults 7 pm Choir	16 10 am Lectionary Study	17 February Messenger Deadline	18 5 pm Holy Eucharist
19 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation 2 pm Convocation meetings	20	21 10 am Staff Meeting	22 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist 6 pm Young Adults 7 pm Choir	23 10 am Lectionary Study	24	25 5 pm Holy Eucharist
26 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation	27	28 10 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	1 12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Bledsoe Chapel) 6 pm Young Adults 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Church)	2 10 am Lectionary Study	3	4 5 pm Holy Eucharist

Vestry News

The November 21, 2016 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

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

Opening Prayer

Minutes of the October 2016 Vestry meeting were approved.

Rector's Report

- October attendance was: Sunday's 95, Wednesday's 11, Brookdale 6.
- Emmanuel has two delegates per Diocesan Canons eligible for council in January 2017. Greg Oakley made a motion to elect the following as delegates for council: Jeremy McLaughlin for a two year term, Michael Webb for a three year term, and Sharon Kyser and Jan Bruce be elected as alternates for a one year term. Second by: Debbie Tidwell. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fr. Joe will out of the parish from Wednesday, November 23 through Saturday, November 25. He will return for Saturday Eucharist.
- The chair lift will be installed and functional by Thursday, December 1.
- Brian Knickerbocker is working on the food order for the Christmas Dinner. Sharon Kyser will be interviewed on the television on November 29 to promote the dinner. Fred Knickerbocker is looking for chair people for each of the teams that work the day of the Christmas Dinner.

Director of Formation Ministries Report

- Renovations of the youth room have begun.
- Attendance of Youth Group is a bit low, but it is a newly organized group. John Simpson's biggest goal is to have a curriculum in place so volunteers may easily assist with the program.
- Considering a mission trip in late May when school ends.
- The young adults are meeting regularly on Wednesday evenings.
- Updating the website.

Senior Warden Report

- The vestry workshop will be Saturday, December 3, 8:00 a.m. – noon and will be facilitated by Dr. Tom Day. This workshop will be open to any parishioners who wish to attend.
- Brian Knickerbocker is working on the order for Christmas Dinner. Sharon Kyser will record a radio spot on November 28 to promote the dinner. Fred Knickerbocker would like to find individuals to chair the various groups that will be volunteering. We have coordinated with Haven of Rest for the left-over food the after the dinner.
- The National Fund for Sacred Places is a grant program in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. While there are a lot of restrictions for

applying for grants, including that the property must have architectural, cultural or historic value and be eligible for registry with the National Register of Historic Places, Sharon Kyser is going to provide more research and bring back a recommendation to the Vestry.

Junior Warden Report

- The Evangelist's stained glass window has been repair is complete.
- New Nest thermostats are here, but, the wiring to make them compatible with the current systems is going to cost \$800. Jeremy McLaughlin made a motion to use \$500 to have the wiring updated. Second by Maggie Green. Motion approved unanimously.
- A bat has been sighted. Roger's Wildlife will be contacted to inspect the issue.
- A rope has been pulled from a bell in the bell tower. Leonard's Roofing has inspected the issue and it will be repaired the week of November 28.
- The oven in the kitchen was cleaned and the pilot light was reignited.

Treasurer's Report

- Greg Oakley on behalf of the Finance Committee recommends we pledge the suggested Diocesan VPG in the amount of \$35,187 for 2017. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 2017 Stewardship – Fr. Joe requested that Vestry members speak during announcements throughout the year regarding stewardship. A calendar has been set up for Vestry members to sign up. Michael Webb and Jeremy McLaughlin will work with Fr. Joe and Greg Oakley to formulate a stewardship letter. The letter will be mailed by December 1.
- The Mary Landrum is depleted and needs to be promoted so the quality of our music continues.

Committee Reports

- Barbara Walling discussed current issues at Bristol Faith in Action. There have been significant personnel changes in the past year that have caused some strife, but, they are working toward reorganization.
- Barbara requested that Emmanuel have a personal care kit drive in February to benefit BFIA.

Old Business

New Business

- Barbara Walling provided an article from the Bristol Herald Courier regarding parking in downtown area. Our secondary parking lot is full Monday through Saturday and it would likely increase once the new hotel opens downtown.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



FEBRUARY 2017
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MESSENGER

The deadline to submit information for the March 2017 Messenger is February 17. 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 Formation

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

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.



Reminder to Meals on Wheels Drivers

Meals on Wheels is the first Wednesday each month

March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, and December 6

*Thank you all for your ministry in our community.
Contact Sandra Rushing for more information.*

