



To the People of Emmanuel

From Tom Hairston

After I retired in 2014, one of the things I really wanted to do was increase my service to our church. By serving on the finance and endowment committees, I saw an opportunity to help Emmanuel enhance its long term future. To this end, a few months back a committee of myself, Michael Webb, Tom Rogers and Loretta Trayer was formed to consider how best to approach stewardship at Emmanuel. In our deliberations, both as a committee and with the input of others, we have considered the meaning of stewardship and defined its components, its scope, and our vision for it. We concluded that stewardship is more than our annual pledge drive, although that is certainly an important component. We intend to go about our task intentionally, holistically and continuously. We determined that our mission is “to increase the participation of the congregation of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, through worship (liturgy), personal service (ministry) and financial support, both in giving for the annual operating budget and planned giving for the endowment.”

By increasing participation in worship, we mean making continual efforts to encourage us all to attend church more often and by doing so become better stewards of the word. The liturgy of our church is rich; even after all the times I have attended services I find new and deeper meanings to the words I have spoken and listened to for many decades.

Increasing our involvement in the Emmanuel’s various ministries energizes us collectively and helps us fulfill our commitment to each other and to our community. We have many great ministries and we intend to keep everyone informed on their purpose and goals. By doing so we intend to inform, and hopefully inspire, everyone to actively participate. As a committee we also think that there are gaps and opportunities for new ministries. We also want to encourage any of us who sees a need or

calling to become creative and “plug the holes” with new ideas that will expand and enhance our service to others and ourselves.

Each fall, we have our annual pledge drive, which funds all the things we do. We will do our best to conduct a timely and informative campaign which makes the case for the recurring costs at Emmanuel, how we fund our ministries and how we build our annual budget.

For a church Emmanuel’s size, the endowment is significantly underfunded. At its current level, the yearly return is not large enough to make any substantive contribution to our current needs. We would like it to be large enough to make, for example, a meaningful contribution in keeping our historic building in good shape, so as not to be a burden on future congregations. In thinking about Emmanuel’s future, we need to continue to grow our endowment fund.

You will see regular information in *The Messenger*, *The Pew*, on the website, by announcements in church, at least one brochure and by “snail mail.” Look for a reception kickoff sometime this summer and, starting in the fall, personal visits.

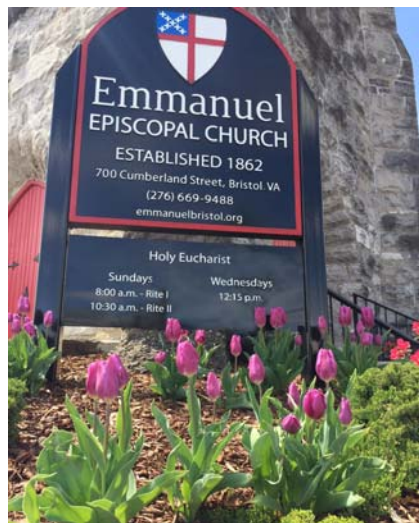
Finally, remember The Parable of the Talents. To paraphrase: A man went on a journey and gave each of his servants a substantial sum of money to keep for him. Two of his servants invested the money and made substantial profit for their master. The third simply hid the money and the master was greatly displeased and banished him. Let us all be like the two servants to whom the master said in Matthew chapter 25 verse 21:

Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!

Special Stewardship Edition

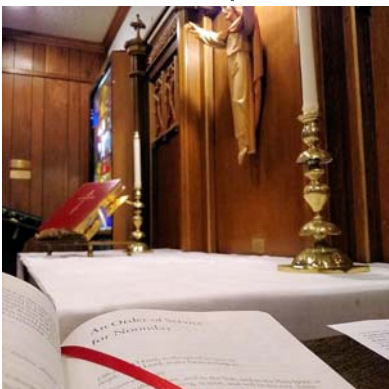
Stewardship

Stewardship can be defined as the responsible oversight and protection of something considered to be worth caring for and preserving. Sharing the Good News of the Gospel as Emmanuel Church is worthy of good stewardship. We, as members of Emmanuel, are its present stewards who have responsibility for the care and growth of its ministries and church facilities so that they remain strong and relevant for future generations. The Stewardship Committee is working to enhance the understanding that stewardship is much more than signing a pledge card each year. The committee believes that stewardship should be manifested through commitment to continuous involvement in the life of the parish through regular attendance and participation in worship, through service in the church's various ministries, and by providing for the church through regular financial support and long term giving plans.



How Can I Be a Good Steward of Emmanuel Church through Worship and Christian Formation?

• Attend Worship Services



- Sunday Eucharist – Rite I at 8:00 am
- Sunday Eucharist – Rite II, Choral Service at 10:30 am
- Saturday Eucharist – 5:00 pm in the Bledsoe Chapel
- Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service – 12:15 pm in the Bledsoe Chapel

- Additional services in Holy Week and other Feast Days

• Participate in Christian Formation and Education

- Adult Catechesis
- Ages 3-12: Catechesis of the Good Shephard
- Summer Enrichment for Emmanuel Kids (SEEK)
- Youth: Journey To Adulthood
- Adult Formation Classes
- King Institute Lectures hosted at Emmanuel

• Offer your talents as a Lay Liturgical Minister



- Lector – Good readers with strong voices read scriptures
- Intercessor – Lead the Prayers of the People
- Eucharistic Minister – Assist the priest with distribution of Holy Communion
- Acolyte Leader – Instructs and guide acolytes
- Acolyte – Process the cross, gospel book, and torches as well as assist

the priest during services

- Choir, Cantors, and Instrumentalists
- Ushers and Greeters – Ensure everyone arriving for worship is welcomed and receive the offerings

How Can I Be a Good Steward of Emmanuel Church through Service?

Participate in New or Needed Ministries such as:

- Daughters of the King—a new ministry focused on intercessory prayer
- Pastoral Care Team—visit, call, or write the sick
- Welcome and Hospitality—help assure new people are welcomed and incorporated
- Kitchen Guild—ensure the kitchen is kept well organized

Or Offer to Assist with Established Ministries including:

- Christian Formation Leaders (Catechesis of the Good Shephard, Youth, SEEK, Adult)
- Nursery Helpers (Support to supplement paid nursery staff)
- Building and Grounds Maintenance
- Altar Guild
- Ladies of Emmanuel
- Meals on Wheels
- Social Club
- Soup Kitchen



Stewardship

How Can I Be a Good Steward of Emmanuel Church through Financial Support?

• Regular Financial Gifts to the General Operations Budget

Funds from the General Operations Budget cover clergy and staff salaries, utilities expenses, repair and maintenance of the church building and its furnishings, educational program ministries, leader training and supplies, liturgical supplies (Eucharistic bread and wine, candles, vestments), diocesan pledge, outreach ministries (Meals on Wheels, Social Club, Christmas Dinner, Bristol Faith in Action, etc.)

○ Opportunities for Supporting the General Operations Budget:

- Pledged Giving – An Annual Pledge Drive is traditionally initiated each November in conjunction with the Annual Parish Meeting; however, pledges of commitment to support the church through regular giving are welcomed and encouraged year round.
- All monetary gifts may be placed in alms basins during worship or mailed to the church office.
- On-line Giving – Secure, on-line donations to Emmanuel may be made at <http://emmanuelbristol.org/giving>.



supplemental instrumentalists and vocalists for Feast Days and other special occasions.

- ◇ *The Flower Fund* – Flowers placed on the altar may be designated to honor a special birthday, anniversary, or memorial through gifts to this fund.

• Gifts to the Endowment Fund

Emmanuel's Endowment Fund is comprised of long term, invested capital. A portion of the investment income is made available each year for use in church building maintenance and outreach ministry in accordance with the endowment charter. One third of the investment income is reinvested each year as well. The Endowment Fund is generally supported through estate gifts, planned giving, or beyond pledge gifts to Emmanuel.

○ Special Gifts:

- Unrestricted Donations given in memory of loved ones are appreciated, and monetary gifts of special thanksgivings are welcomed.
- Contributions to several special funds are appreciated:
 - ◇ *Mary Landrum Fund* – A fund established in memory of Emmanuel's former, long-time organist/choir director. This fund underwrites



Parish Life: Activities, Events, News



By the time this reaches mail boxes of both the real and virtual kind, the Simpsons will have just a month left in Bristol. So let me take the opportunity to initiate the farewell by saying something about why we came, where we're going, and what's happened in the interim.

While it is rarely true that God allows our plans to play out unaltered, in at least the broad strokes that has happened with my time here at Emmanuel. Father Joe and I began talking about me coming here in the fall of 2015. At that point I was a youth minister in Roanoke. Father Joe's vision was that I could take youth formation in particular under my wing while gaining experience doing all aspects of the parish ministry. All the while, the people of Emmanuel could help me flesh out my calling to ordained ministry. As is often the case in mission and ministry, I feel I've gotten more than I've given. And if any good has been done during my time here it is thanks to God that the Holy Spirit has been moving among us. Yet, I am extremely proud of the ways in which Emmanuel has grown during my time here. And I'm confident that growth will continue when I'm long in to my seminary education.

Two communities that I have most enjoyed ministering with are the youth and young families. A small group of middle and high schoolers have made Sunday morning formation a priority and habit in their lives, and a dedicated group of adults have committed to walking through that with them. We've also made a habit out of doing outreach and service, and gathering in one another's homes. There is a wonderful group led by Ann Oakley who'll make sure we as a church (which may mean you!) continue to foster these rhythms of life in our young people.

And I've taken a great deal of joy in the dedicated, fun group of young-ish adults and families that have taken to

gathering on Wednesday evenings and proudly call ourselves "Happy Our." We began by gathering around scripture, and that beginning I believe has fostered a culture of sincerity, care, and intentionality in the group. Several people have, when asked, said that what this group has done for them is to give them the comfort and confidence to accept greater responsibility and leadership in other ministries in the church. I can think of nothing more satisfying to my ears.

With regard to my discernment, I'd like to thank again the wonderful members of my Local Reflection Group: Sharon Kyser, Ann Oakley, Maggie Green, Father Joe, and Bob Miller, who joined us from Blacksburg. This group prayerfully and thoughtfully listened to me articulate my call. They questioned and encouraged me over our six meetings in ways that prepared me for the next phases of the discernment process. After several more interviews and overnights in Roanoke with the diocese's Commission on Ministry, the bishop granted me postulancy, clearing the way for seminary on a track for ordination to the priesthood. In August we'll be moving to Sewanee, The School of Theology at the University of the South, just northeast of Chattanooga. God willing, after three years of theological education and spiritual formation, Bishop Bourlakas will ordain me a deacon, and six months later, a priest.

I'm deeply grateful to all of the members of the Emmanuel family for their welcome, their invitation to belong, their trust, and their embrace of me and my family. We are excited about seminary life and the formation and community we'll have their, but we leave behind a community that has already shown us what it means to be abundantly formed and sustained in community. I look forward to using this month to say thank-you and goodbye. It is important to say these things, and requires intention, and doesn't always come easy to me. But what a gift it is to be able to say them unfettered by regret, with gratitude and joy.



Emmanuel preparing for the 17th Annual Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion

This year Emmanuel will have a lottery to determine parking for Rhythm and Roots and it is open ONLY to parishioners.

One entry per person for one parking space.

If you would like to enter your name, please email or call Kristie Faylor in the Parish Office.

The drawing will be **August 1**.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Prayers

Lay Minister Schedule & Propers

Sunday, July 2–Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

8:00 am LectorTBD
10:30 am Lector Mary Beth Rainero
IntercessorTom Rogers
Lay Eucharistic MinisterTom Rogers
Ushers Mary Armstrong and Barbara Walling

Sunday, July 9–Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45: 11-18; or Song of Solomon 2:8-13;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

8:00 am Lector John Simpson
10:30 am Lector Barbara Simpson
Intercessor Tom Hairston
Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Hairston
Ushers Monica and Daniel Shew

Sunday, July 16–Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

8:00 am Lector Dave Zochowski
10:30 am Lector Janet Jayne
Intercessor Mary Beth Rainero
Lay Eucharistic Minister Chris Yoder
Ushers Lisa and Doug Mitchell

Sunday, July 23–Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23; or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 ;
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

8:00 am Lector John Simpson
10:30 am LectorTom Rogers
Intercessor Sharon Kyser
Lay Eucharistic MinisterDaniel Shew
Ushers Peggy and Richard Horner

Sunday, July 30–Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; or Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

8:00 am LectorFred Knickerbocker
10:30 am LectorBob Hardee
Intercessor Jeremy McLaughlin
Lay Eucharistic Minister Jeremy McLaughlin
Ushers Tina and Ed Hitt

Sunday, August 6–The Transfiguration Rally Day

Exodus 34:29-35; 2 Peter 1:13-21; Luke 9:28-36; Psalm 99 or 99:5-9

Sunday, August 13–Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

8:00 am Lector Dave Zochowski
10:30 am Lector Sharon Kyser
Intercessor Janet Jayne
Lay Eucharistic Minister Walt Bressler
Ushers Cher and Bryan Young

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Beth Rogers
- 5 Brad Adams
- 6 Ross Spires
- 7 Riley Sullivan
- 8 Monica Shew
- 9 Tina Hitt
- 10 Olivia Hardee
Alistair Zaidi
- 11 Ann Martin-Thomas
Jacob Slagle
- 12 Ellison Conrad
- 13 Brian Sullivan
- 14 Jordan Armstrong,
Janet Jayne
- 15 Raeleigh Frazier
Laura Lavinder
Glenn Moore, Jon Slagle
- 21 Nell Bieger
Candie Horner
Janice Kiser
- 23 Susan Tanner
Chelsa Taylor
Gabrielle Tidwell
- 24 Craig Wylie
- 25 Sharon Eisenhart
Margaret Kearfott
Mary Glen Tidwell
- 27 Tom Rogers
- 30 Marj Hallenbeck
Elliott Moore
- 31 Callie Knickerbocker

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Ann and Charlie Christ
- 7 Susan and Fred
Knickerbocker
- 10 Kim and Jeff Heath
Ashley and Jeremy
McLaughlin
- 17 Peggy and Richard Horner
- 18 Sharon and Heather
Eisenhart
- 24 Maggie and Steve Green
- 28 Mary Beth and Charlie Joe
Rainero

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ruby Barber, Diane Bedwell, Carol Biegler, Henry Brewer, Sue Brickey, Eda Brink, Barbara Bunn, Lisa Campbell, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Horace Crenshaw, Willie Crumley, Ivy Daniels, Alva, Emma, Helyn Dougherty, Dee Flanagan, Frank, Doris Hagey, Annette, Bertha Holloman, Devin Williams Hancock, Tom Hurt, Joe Kurre, Donald McCathy, Amber McLeroy, Kristi Malone, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, George Miller, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Laura Pearson, Jack Presnell, Renea Ramey, Sharon Reed, Rick Rimer, Ann Roberts, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Emma Russell, Felicity Russell, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Mary Jo Thomas, and Audrey Zaidi

July 2017 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 5 pm Holy Eucharist
2 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation 9:30 am S.E.E.K.	3	4 Parish Office Closed for Independence Day NO SOCIAL CLUB	5 Meals on Wheels 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist	6 10 am Lectionary Study	7	8 5 pm Holy Eucharist
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Congratulations

Sharon Kyser graduated from Gonzaga University with a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, Servant Leader concentration.



Carter Spires graduated from Tennessee High School. Carter will attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



Brother Jim Woodrum

We give thanks for the ministry of Brother Jim Woodrum, Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). Brother Jim made his Profession of Life Vows in July. For more information about SSJE see their website: <http://www.ssje.org/>

Vestry News

The May 15, 2017 Vestry meeting was called to order at 5:30 and began with prayer.

Members present were: Jade Carson, Maggie Green, Barbara Sue Kurre, Jeremy McLaughlin, Tom Rogers, Barbara Walling, Michael Webb, and Richard Wolfe.

Minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting were approved.

Rector's Report

- Attendance for April: Maundy Thursday, 40; Good Friday, 42; Stations of the Cross, 31; Easter Vigil, 50; Easter Sunday, 216. Average attendance on Sundays in April excluding Easter: 114; Wednesdays, 10; Brookdale, 8.
- The audio equipment arrived in time for the Ladies of Emmanuel dinner. It is being stored in the closet nearest the Parish Hall.
- Rivers Way will be utilizing the Parish Hall during July to serve lunch to a small group of adults who will be at the library for activities in the mornings and go to the YMCA in the afternoons.
- The President of the Convocation requested we publicize two convocational events. First, is a workday at the diocesan Boys Home in Covington on Saturday, May 20. This has been in the Messenger and Pew but there has been no interest likely due to the distance and people have so much going happening on Saturdays. The second is serving Sunday supper to a group visiting Grace House for a week during the summer. This also has not generated any interest.
- The parish will provide the protein, chicken fingers from Food City, at the Pentecost covered dish dinner following the parish family portrait on the Bell Tower steps after the 10:30 Eucharist.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will not meet for several weeks starting May 27. Until they start back in August, there will be Sunday school for children. (John had more to say in his report.)
- A meeting was held on May 7 about the need to expand the nursery. The group included vestry members, parents, and representatives from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. As a result of that meeting, Greg Oakley had a contractor look into creating an opening between John's office and the room currently used for storing vestments and dossals. It was determined to be very feasible.
- There is a need for additional catechists both because we have more children and so that catechists will not have to miss the Liturgy of the Word so often. Expenses for training additional catechists will be brought to the Finance Committee.

Director of Formation Ministries Report

- S.E.E.K. (Summer Enrichment for Emmanuel Kids) will begin on Sunday, May 28 at 9:30 a.m. John Simpson and Sherry Hopkins will lead this program. Children will have planned activities, music with Stephanie, and time with Fr. Joe. Additional adults are needed to assist. Please see John if you are willing to assist.
- Youth will be working on some outreach programs this summer. While trying to accommodate end of the school year schedules, they will meet once a week for a few weeks at the end of May rather than every day for a week.
- John Simpson, Ann Oakley, and our youth have been looking at Sunday school programs for next fall. They have decided to utilize *Journey to Adulthood* (J2A). The material has been purchased and training will be scheduled for the leaders.

Senior Warden Report

- In Sharon's absence, Fr. Joe let us know about Sharon's new job. She will be working farther away in the opposite direction and may not be able to attend Monday meetings. We felt we could work it out with conference calls until the end of her term.

Junior Warden Report

- The statue of Christ in the Columbarium will be repaired and replaced.
- Jeremy will look into the problem with the dehumidifier in Atrium III
- Tom Rogers said the air conditioner in the kitchen is not working. He is going to call Tony Conway to see about getting it inspected and possibly replacing the thermostat.
- Tom Rogers also has a contractor, Dave Odum, who is going to give a quote on finishing the repair to the red doors. Jeremy said there was still \$1100 set aside for this work, so no additional action was needed by the Vestry at this time.

Treasurer's Report

- February financials looked good, partly due to pledges being paid ahead of time.
- Parking lot repairs – we have two estimates and are waiting for a third one before we make a final decision.
- Nursery construction – We will need to paint and put a door and a window between the two rooms to make this a functional nursery. We have had a contractor look at it and the work can be done. Tom Rogers has a contractor coming tomorrow to give us an estimate on the work. The finance committee had asked for funds of \$3500. After Michael Webb pointed out that the two hallway doors into those rooms would have to be replaced with doors with windows or Dutch doors, the vestry amended the original amount, not to exceed \$4000.00 for the work that needs to be done. Passed unanimously.
- Repairs/Replacement to the statue of Christ in the Columbarium – A quote of \$750 was presented for approval from Appalachian Ironworks, Inc.

New business

- Jade Carson mentioned the Women's Dinner held on May 4. 34 women attended. The food and fellowship was wonderful and we had requests to repeat it again next year.
- Shawna Knickerbocker has volunteered to head a new ministry to welcome visitors and new members. She and Fr. Joe will meet soon to discuss the expectations for this ministry.
- The Rev. Kathy Dunagan is working on folk music for the Sunday of Bristol Rhythm and Roots Reunion Weekend.
- Barbara Walling brought up the issue of parking for the Rhythm and Roots weekend. Barbara Sue Kurre made a motion that members of the church let Kristie know if they are interested in weekend parking with a suggested donation of \$100. A deadline will be set for August 1, 2017. Barbara Walling will then determine if there are more requests than parking places. If so, a drawing will be held for the spaces. This will ensure that all members, old and new, will have equal access to our parking lots.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



JULY 2017

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MESSENGER

The deadline to submit information for the August 2017 Messenger is July 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 Formation

WEDNESDAY

12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist &
Prayers for Healing
Bledsoe Chapel

6:00 p.m.

Young Adult Formation

Choir

Resumes in September



BIBLE STUDY

10 a.m.

Thursday

SATURDAY

SERVICE

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

The last words of the Gospel according to St. Matthew describe how, after the resurrection, Jesus instructed his followers to meet him at a sacred place where believers and doubters alike heard the commission to make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And to teach them to be obedient always remembering that God is with us.

Adult Catechesis

Who? Anyone interested in learning more about the faith, preparing for Confirmation, wanting to baptize a child or recently having baptized one, desiring to be received into The Episcopal Church, or who wants to renew his or her commitment to life in Christ.

**Groups are being formed now in anticipation of
September 10th Confirmations
Contact Father Joe or the Church Office for more information**