



The PEW

Parish Events Weekly

March 7-March 14, 2014

The *PEW* is emailed each Friday to all parishioners with a valid email address in the Parish Office. If you have any items you would like included in the update, please submit them to emmanuelbristol@gmail.com before noon each Thursday. Copies of the *PEW* are available at all three red "information stations" throughout the church.

This Sunday at Emmanuel

March 9, 2014

The First Sunday in Lent

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Craig R. Wylie

8:00 am

Lector: Frank Goodpasture III

10:30 am

Lector: Lucinda Taylor

Intercessor: Janet Jayne

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hairston
and Tom Rogers

Ushers: Diana and Johnny Fuller

Upcoming Events

Day Light Saving Time

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

Lent at Emmanuel

During this holy season of Lent, we will have many weekly opportunities to worship. Along with our weekly Sunday services at 8 am and 10:30 am, and Wednesday's at 12:15 pm, we will also gather on Sunday mornings in the Parish Library at 9:15 am for Adult Faith Formation led by Fred Knickerbocker. Our topic will be *Embracing a Life of Meaning* with Kathleen Norris. Evening Prayer will be celebrated every Wednesday at 5:30 pm followed by a potluck supper in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm, and

Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Craig at 6:40 pm featuring Embracing Emergence Christianity with Phyllis Tickle. If you have a need for child care, please contact the Parish Office by Noon on Wednesday.

Soup Kitchen

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 has had an increase in the number of lunches served; therefore they recommend there be three volunteers per day. Work lasts less than 90 minutes starting at 8:30 am weekdays. We still need people for March 10, 13, 17, 21, 24, 27, 28, and 31. If you are able to assist on one of these days, please call the Parish Office to sign up. For general information about this program, please speak with Melissa Taverner. Emmanuel's next Soup Kitchen month will be in October.

Miscellaneous Notices

Prayer Requests

The Ministry of Intercessory Prayer at Emmanuel Church is carried out daily

by a number of parishioners. Requests for intercessory prayers are made either directly to Fr. Craig, Preston or through the Parish Administrator, Kristie Faylor. If a prayer request is to be remembered in public worship, the Christian (first) name is used. The specifics of the prayer request are never made public.

Prayer Requests

For our parish and families: Audrey, Barbara, Carla, Mike, Robert, Mike, Gayle, Emily, Joyce, Deirdre, Betty, Lamont, Carol, Jill, Brennan, and Families in the Family Promise program

For friends of our parish: Margaret, Tammy, Ann, Janet, Sharon Hatcher, and Families in the Family Promise program

Birthdays

March 9: Josie Tickle
March 11: Austin Carr
March 13: Carla Vaughn

NOTES OF INTEREST

Parish Office

You may contact the Parish Office by calling (276) 669-9488 or emailing emmanuelbristol@gmail.com. Office hours are Monday–Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Emmanuel Nursery

The Emmanuel Nursery will be open 9:00 am to noon each Sunday. We ask that there be no new checks-ins after 11:15 am. If no children are checked in prior to 11:15 am, the nursery will close.

Altar Flowers

Do you need a way to recognize a birthday, or anniversary? Would you like to give a memorial, recognize a special occasion, or give thanks to

God for His blessings? Why not do so by sponsoring altar flowers? The cost is \$50 per Sunday and after Sunday services you may share the flowers with a friend, a sick or shut-in parishioner, or enjoy them in your home. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall on the red information station. For more information, contact Ann Martin-Thomas (423) 878-5522.

Pastoral Support

If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact the Rev. Dr. Craig R. Wylie by calling the Parish Office.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is in need of several substitute drivers the first Wednesday of each month. If you are willing to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

Attention Kroger Shoppers

Remember to keep using your Kroger cards. Emmanuel gets 5% of all sales back and it assists the Ladies of the Evening to continue furnishing and decorating the Parish Hall. See Jan Bruce, Tina Hitt, Linda Riley, or any other member of LOE if you want a card and more detailed information.

This Week in Church History

James Theodore Holly - *Bishop of Haiti, and of the Dominican Republic, 1911*

James Theodore Augustus Holly was born a free African American in Washington, D.C., on October 3, 1829. Baptized and confirmed in the Roman Catholic Church, he later became an Episcopalian. Holly was ordained deacon at St. Matthew's Church in Detroit, on June 17, 1855, and ordained a priest by the bishop of Connecticut on January 2, 1856. He was appointed rector of St. Luke's, New Haven. In the same year he founded the Protestant Episcopal Society for Promoting the Extension of the Church among Colored People, an antecedent of the Union of Black Episcopalians. He became a friend of Frederick Douglass, and the two men worked together on many programs.

In 1861, Holly resigned as rector of St. Luke's to lead a group of African Americans settling in Haiti. Although his wife, his mother, and two of his children died during the first year, along with other settlers, Holly stayed on with two small sons, proclaiming that just "as the last surviving apostle of Jesus was in tribulation ... on the forlorn isle of Patmos, so, by His Divine Providence, [Christ] had brought this tribulation upon me for a similar end in this isle in the Caribbean sea." He welcomed the opportunity to speak of God's love to a people who needed to hear it.

On November 8, 1874, James Theodore Holly was ordained the first bishop of Haiti at Grace Church, New York City. This made him the first Black man to be raised to the office of bishop in the Episcopal Church, and only the second Black bishop of any major denomination. In 1878, Bishop Holly attended the Lambeth Conference, the first Black to do so, and he preached at Westminster Abbey on St. James' Day of that year. In the course of his ministry, he doubled the size of his diocese, and established medical clinics where none had been before.

Bishop Holly served the Diocese of Haiti until his death on March 13, 1911. He had charge of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic as well, from 1897 until he died. He is buried on the grounds of St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince.

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Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Craig R. Wylie
Priest in Residence

Stephanie Yoder
Organist
Choir Director

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am
10:30 am

FAITH FORMATION

9:15 am Catechesis
9:15 am J2A
Adult Forums

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:15 pm
Holy Eucharist
Christ the King Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesdays

6:30 pm *Viva Voce!* Youth choir
7:30 pm Adult choir

BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays 10:00 am
2nd Floor Conference Room

VESTRY

2012-2014

Brad Adams, *Secretary*
Tina Hitt
Julia Rainero
Allen Rushing, Jr. *Warden*

2013-2015

Mike Blair
Frank Goodpasture, III
Denise Rowe
David Taverner,
Sr. Warden

2014-2016

Fred Knickerbocker
Doug Mitchell
Zane Myers
Debbie Tidwell

RECTOR DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Mike Blair
Ed Hitt, *Chairman*
Janet Jayne

Matt Lavinder
Greg Oakley
Julia Rainero

Beth Rogers
Melissa Taverner
Loretta Trayer

Prayer for the Rector Discernment Committee

Look graciously upon this your congregation, helping us in our discernment process for the calling of a Rector for Emmanuel Parish. We pray that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MarchEmmanuel's Soup Kitchen Month
Saturday, March 8 Time change!
Sunday, March 9 First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 9, 9:30 amLenten Study for Adults (Parish Library)
Wednesday, March 12, 5:30 pmEvening Prayer (Bledsoe Chapel)
Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 pmLenten Potluck Supper
Wednesday, March 12, 6:40 pmLenten Study for Adults II (Parish Library)
Sunday, March 23, 5:00 pm Evensong