

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

November 28–December 5, 2014

This Sunday at Emmanuel

November 30, 2014—The First Sunday of Advent

8:00—*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*—Lector: Walt Bressler

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*—Lector: Seth Allen

Intercessor and Eucharistic Minister: Tom Hairston

Ushers: Harriett and John Harty Acolytes: TBD

From the Rector

This Sunday is the first in the season of Advent and the first in the lectionary cycle. The lectionary is the assigned readings we hear every Sunday and feast day. There are also assigned readings every weekday. The Sunday readings for the past twelve months have been Year A of the three year calendar so this Sunday begins Year B. You have noticed the gospel lessons during Year A have been primarily from Matthew with occasional readings from John. Year B will feature the Gospel According to Mark, again with occasional readings from John. Year C, as you would imagine, will feature Luke with occasional readings from John.

The writings in the New Testament fall into four broad categories: the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke (known as the synoptic gospels because they can be *seen together*, that is they share themes and sources); the Gospel of John and materials influenced by John; the epistles or letters principally attributed to Paul; and the Revelation and other *apocalyptic* writings which are visions of the end time.

I encourage you to read the lessons for the following Sunday early in the week. I welcome your thoughts about what the scriptures for the next week say to you or what questions they bring to your mind. A sermon should be part of a dialogue in which the preacher and the congregation prayerfully listen and respond to God's word.

See you Sunday if not before!

Stewardship 2015

As of Friday, November 30 we have received 40 pledges in the amount of \$80,100 or approximately 26.6% of our \$335,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider your pledge to Emmanuel in support our parish. We are requesting pledges be returned as soon as possible to allow Vestry time to start planning early for 2015. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

The Ordination of Katherine Kelly Dunagan

On Saturday, **December 13** at **3:00 pm** Katherine Kelly Dunagan will be ordained into the sacred order of priests. Your prayers and presence are requested. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Poinsettia Memorials

Poinsettias will be available this Christmas for those who wish to purchase them in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office with your information and donation no later than **December 16**.

Children's Pageant and Breakfast

We will once again celebrate an annual tradition with a delicious breakfast in the Parish Hall prepared by church members at **9 am** on **Sunday, December 21**. Afterwards, please stay for the Children's Pageant during the **10:30 am service**. All children are invited to participate.. If anyone is interested in helping out with the breakfast or pageant, please contact Julia Rainero at jp_rainero@gmail.com or 423-340-0941.

Greening the Church

The Annual Greening of the Church will take place **Sunday, December 21** after the **10:30 am** service in preparation of our Christmas festivities. If you have any live greenery you would like to share, please leave it in the alley behind the kitchen any time prior to Sunday. Hope you can join us!

33rd Annual Christmas Dinner

Plans are well under way for the 33rd Annual Community Christmas Dinner on **Thursday, December 25**. The Dinner will begin at **4:00 pm**. and last until **7:00 pm**. Volunteers are needed as kitchen workers, servers, cleanup crews, greeters, and individuals to run the elevator.

We are asking all parishioners to assist with the following:
Provide non-perishable desserts of pastries, pies, cakes, or cookies on **Sunday, December 21** and leave them in the Bledsoe Chapel.
Decorate the Parish Hall and Christmas tree in the Library on Sunday, **December 21** after the **10:30 am service**
Provide non-glass ornaments for the Christmas Tree in the Library
Provide gifts for children age 12 and under
Provide financial assistance if appropriate

Miscellaneous Notices

From Deacon Preston

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with the outreach project for Bristol Faith in Action (BFIA) by donating personal care items. Our goal is to fill 100 bags that will be distributed to needy individuals at BFIA. We are off to a good start, but, still have many more personal care bags to be filled. If you have not done so, please stop by the Parish Hall, pick

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up an empty bag and fill it with the contents listed. Simply return the bag(s) the church and they will be taken to BFIA the first week of December. Thank you again for helping us care for the needy in our community.

T-Shirts Available

Emmanuel t-shirts are available for \$10 each in the Parish Hall or by coming by the office during the week. If you are interested in an Emmanuel sweatshirt for the colder months, please contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Requests

Alva, Mike Blair, Thelma Blair, Barbara Bunn, Arnell Byers, Winifred Campbell, Robert Dickert, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Ann Holler, Emily Hubbard, Michael Johnston, John T. Kelly, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Louise Medley, Jill Mendilijan, Mildred Murphy, Elaine Parker, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Peggy Rogers, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, the families in Family Promise.

Birthdays

Nov. 30 Fran Combs
Dec. 2 Denise Rowe
Dec. 3 Mary Curtin, Joyce Rodgers,
Christina Zochowski
Dec. 5 Louise Medley
Dec. 6 Martha Litton

Wedding Anniversaries

Dec. 5 Mr. and Mrs. Archie
Hubbard

Parish Office

If you need to reach the rector whenever the office is closed, call him directly on his cell phone. 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.

Nursery

The Emmanuel Nursery will be open 9:00 am to noon each Sunday. We ask that there be no new checks-ins after 10:45 am. If no children are checked in prior to 10:45 am, the nursery will close.

Rector's Discretionary Fund

All loose plate offerings collected on the Second Sunday of each month will be designated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. If you would like to support this fund at another time during the month, please write a check with a notation in the memo field, "Rector's Discretionary Fund".

Pastoral Support

If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact the rector directly or by calling the Parish Office.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Kroger is changing their rewards program. If you currently use the "old" program with Emmanuel receiving benefits, please contact the parish office for directions for enrollment in the new program.

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The Rev. Joe K. Dunagan, D. Min.
Rector

The Rev. Preston Mitchell
Deacon

Stephanie Yoder
Organist & Choir Director

Kristie Faylor
Parish Administrator

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am Rite I
10:30 am Rite II

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

9:15 am Catechesis
9:15 am Adult Study

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:15 pm—Bledsoe Chapel
Holy Eucharist with
Prayers for Healing

MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am Bledsoe Chapel

CHOIR

Wednesday
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE STUDY

10:00 am, Thursday
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

Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 3 Meals on Wheels
Friday, December 5 Social Club
Sunday, December 7, 5:00 pm Advent Evensong
Wednesday, December 10, 5:00 pm Finance Committee
Friday, December 12, 10:00 am Decorating of the Chrismon Tree
Saturday, December 13, 3:00 pm Ordination of Kathy Kelly Dunagan
Monday, December 15 Deadline to submit Poinsettia Memorials
Monday, December 15, 5:15 pm Vestry
Sunday, December 21, 9:00 am Children's Pageant Breakfast (Parish Hall)
Sunday, December 21 during 10:30 am service Children's Pageant
Sunday, December 21 after 10:30 am service Greening of the Church
Tuesday, December 23–Friday, December 26 Parish Office Closed
for Christmas

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 Monday.