

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

December 5–December 12, 2014

This Sunday at Emmanuel

December 7, 2014—The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00—*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*—Lector: John Harty

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

Eucharistic Ministers: David Taverner and TBD

Ushers: Ann and Greg Oakley Acolytes: Jack Tickle, Judson Rainero, Rowan Sullivan

From the Rector

Bishop Nicholas of Myra lived in the fourth century. Historians do not know much about Nicholas other than that he suffered for his faith and was martyred under the regime of Emperor Diocletian. He may have attended the Council of Nicaea in 325. If so, he was among those early priests who gave us the language with which to speak of our faith in One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Nicholas was remembered as a saint from the time of Emperor Justinian in the sixth century but became immensely popular in the Western Church after his body was moved to Bari, Italy, in the eleventh century. There are nearly four hundred church named for St. Nicholas in England.

Nicholas is traditionally known as the patron of sailors but is much more recognized as the patron of children. His name was brought to America by Dutch colonist in New York who told the story of Nicholas bringing gifts to children. It is easy enough to imagine how his name, St. Nicholas, became Santa Claus in the early years of our nation's history.

His feast day is December 6th. The following collect is assigned to that day: Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant, we pray, that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

See you Sunday if not before!

Stewardship 2015

As of Friday, December 5 we have received 55 pledges in the amount of \$128,700 or approximately 38.4% 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 Kathy 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 jjrainero@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

96th Annual Council

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia will convene the 96th Annual Council January 23–25, 2015 at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA. Early bird online discount registration for clergy and lay delegates, alternates, and visitors attending all of Council is \$145 until midnight on January 15. All who register after January 15 must register on-site and the cost is \$170. If you do not wish to attend all of Council, but wish to participate in Mission Workshops on Saturday, please register online. There is no charge, but pre-registration ensures your space and materials. To register, please visit <http://www.dioswva.org/governance/annual-council.html>.

The Diocese has a block of rooms reserved until January 5, or until they are full. Rooms may be reserved online at hotelroanoke.com or by calling 540-985-5900. Use convention code EPD for the discounted rate.

Youth at Council (Y@C)

Y@C check-in is at Hotel Roanoke and begins at 5:00 pm at the Hokie Wall. Adults at Council, Y@C, and Children at Council will have a buffet dinner at 6:30 pm at Hotel Roanoke (hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ).

After dinner (approximately 7:30 pm) Y@C will be bused to St John's to begin our weekend of fun, singing, group talks, worship, etc. (and of course very little sleep, LOL).

Registration is now open for Y@C. Please visit <http://youth.dioswva.org/Youth%20Events/youth-at-council.html>. The cost is \$100 per participant.

Miscellaneous Notices

St. Nicholas Day Appeal

Each year, responses to the St. Nicholas Day Appeal make it possible for our diocese to make substantial financial grants to a variety of ministries and missions. Last year the appeal raised \$20,000 for grants to the new cathedral in Haiti and the Jackson Feild Homes. This year, funds will be used locally to support housing for homeless women at Grace Episcopal Church in Radford and to renovate the kitchen at Grace House on the Mountain, where 2,800 meals are served to mission workers annually. Bishop Bourlakas invites you to participate in the success of this appeal as you are able. Simply place your donation in the offering plate with a notation for the St. Nicholas Day Appeal.

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. If you have not yet, please return the bag(s) to the church and they will be taken to BFIA. Thank you again for helping us care for the needy in our community.

Bristol Food Pantry Fundraiser

King University's Music Department will offer their annual Christmas concert at First Presbyterian Church on **Friday, December 12 at 8:00 pm**. The concert is open to the public who are asked to bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation for the Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry has also received a matching gift so any donation you make to the Food Pantry this month will be matched up to \$5,000.

T-Shirts Available

Emmanuel t-shirts are available for \$10 each in the Parish Hall or by coming by the office during the week.

Prayer Requests

Alva, Mike Blair, Thelma Blair, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Robert Dickert, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Annie Jackson, Michael Johnston, John T. Kelly, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Louise

Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Mildred Murphy, Elaine Parker, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, and the families in Family Promise.

December Birthdays

- 7 Mary Beth Rainero
- 10 Lint Ellington
- 11 Robyn Kealey, Ez Powers
- 12 Julie Hairston-Murdock
- 13 Melissa Taverner, Mary Lou Day

December Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Billie and Tyler Pearson
- 10 Audrey and Sarfraz Zaidi

NOTES OF INTEREST

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.

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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

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 the Rev. Canon
Kathy Kelly Dunagan
Monday, December 15, 5:15 pm Vestry
Tuesday, December 16 Deadline to submit Poinsettia Memorials
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
Decorating the Parish Hall for the Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 22–Friday, December 26 Parish Office Closed for Christmas
Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist
Wednesday, December 24, 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

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.