



The PEW

Parish Events Weekly

January 24–31, 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

January 26, 2014

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Craig R. Wylie

8:00 am

Lector: TBD

10:30 am

Lector: Fred Knickerbocker

Intercessor: Tom Hairston

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom

Hairston and Fred Knickerbocker

Ushers: Harriett and John Harty

Upcoming Events

Stewardship 2014

As of January 24, we have received 81 pledges totaling \$188,610. Thank you!

We've had a great 2013 and are looking forward to an even better 2014. Your gifts of financial support have allowed us to sustain our ministry programs at Emmanuel, maintain our beautiful church and grounds, and will allow the Vestry to proceed with confidence in a search for a new rector.

Thank you for your on-going support of Emmanuel this year through prayer, by volunteering your time, and through your financial support for our exciting future.

Yours in Christ,

The Stewardship Committee

Jane Bachman, Ann Christ, Elaine Griffin, Fred Knickerbocker, Lucinda Taylor, Julia Rainero, Beth Rogers, Allen Rushing, David Taverner

Emmanuel Rector Search Update

In November the Committee completed all of the requirements to be able to start receiving candidates for our Rector's position. The Committee agreed to receive candidates through January 15, 2014. To date, Emmanuel has had 21 persons apply for the job. In the last search, the church did a "short" search and received a total of five candidates from the Diocesan office. The Vestry asked the Discernment Committee to do a "long" search this time, and that they ultimately want to have a minimum of three qualified candidates to interview and choose from.

Currently, the Committee is going through the letters, resumes, and ministry portfolio responses from each candidate. The review process is time consuming and requires all of the Committee to be present, as much as possible, so as to give each candidate a fair and thorough opportunity to be judged. The candidates are all rated, and those ultimately selected in the top category will be "vetted" as carefully as possible. They will also receive follow up questions and some will be interviewed on "Skype". As the process gets nearer to the final candidates the Committee may have them come to Emmanuel to be interviewed in person, and for them to see and ask questions about our church itself.

The Committee has been asked for deadlines and possible dates for completion which we simply are not able to do at this point. It goes without

saying that no member of the Committee wants this very important responsibility to last one day longer than necessary. However, now is not the time to speed up the process just to get it done. The Committee has been actively working together since last April and, as when we began, the goal remains to find the very best person we can to lead Emmanuel in the future. We, as always, continue to ask for your patience, understanding, and, most importantly, your prayers for our success.

Adult Forum Sunday, 9:30 am – Epiphany and the Kingdom of God at Emmanuel

Join Fr. Craig in the continuing discussion: the season of Epiphany; Jesus' words as he began his ministry; and the community here at Emmanuel. What does the Epiphany season actually mean for us 2,000 years after the Wise Men's appearance to Mary and Joseph? What are we to make of Jesus' own description of his ministry? What are the signs that we at Emmanuel are currently living in God's kingdom? Discussion time is 9:30 am in the Parish Library, this Sunday.

95th Annual Council

The 95th Annual Diocesan Council begins tonight, Friday, January 24-Sunday January 26 at the Hotel Roanoke. You'll find the link to Council materials and information about Saturday@Council workshops, at <http://dioswva.org/governance/annual-council.html>. You can register on site and remember that Saturday@Council is free. If you have questions about Council please contact Kate Garcia, kgarcia@dioswva.org; 540-342- 6797; 800-346-7982.

**Family Promise Host Week
February 16-23**

Emmanuel's next host week for the Family Promise program is February 16-23. Committee members are already contacting church members to find volunteers for the various tasks. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall in the

Parish Hall, so feel free to add your name in any of the blank spaces! If you prefer, you may call committee members about specific tasks. For instance, if you want to spend the night, call Jane Bachman at (423) 968-7678. If you want to bring dinner or serve as an evening host, call Linda Riley at (276) 669-3267. If you would like to help set-up or take-down, call Bob Hardee at (276) 628-9097. If you have general questions, call Elaine Griffin at (276) 466-4436. Let's make Emmanuel's February host week a welcoming and comfortable experience for the guest families.

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 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: Barbara, Carla, Mike, Bill, Robert, Mike, Gayle, Emily, Joyce, Deirdre, Betty, Lamont, Carol, Jill, Brennan, and Families in the Family Promise program

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

Birthdays

January 27: Lee Vaughn
January 28: Ron Hurst
January 29: John Harty, Lee Wampler

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. If you are willing to assist, please contact the Parish Office.

This Week in Church History – January 29

Andrei Rublev–Monk and Iconographer, 1430

Generally acknowledged as Russia's greatest iconographer, Andrei Rublev was born around 1365 near Moscow. While very young he entered the monastery of The Holy Trinity and in 1405, with the blessing of his abbot, he transferred to the Spaso-Andronikov monastery where he received the tonsure and studied iconography with Theophanes the Greek and the monk Daniel.

Among his most revered works are those in the Dormition Cathedral in Vladimir.

The icon (image in Greek) is central to Orthodox spirituality. It finds its place in liturgy and in personal devotion. An icon is two-dimensional and despite being an image of someone, it is not a physical portrait. Western art, especially since the Renaissance, has sought to represent figures or events so that the viewer might better imagine them. A western crucifix seeks to enable us to imagine what Golgotha was like. Icons have a different purpose. Icons seek to provide immediate access to the spiritual and the divine unmediated by the human, historical imagination.

For Andrei, writing an icon was a spiritual exercise. It involved the ritual of preparing the surface, applying the painted and precious metal background and then creating the image, first outlining it in red. Throughout he would repeatedly say the Jesus Prayer (Lord Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me). He was creating a window into the Divine which he knew was always before him but which was invisible to the human eye. He knew he was able to create such an image of God because he himself was made in the image of God. His object was to be totally focused on receiving God's love and loving in return. He died peacefully in 1430.

As Jesus was the icon of God, so each one of us is also. Ascetic practice aims at freeing that image from sinful distraction and claiming it more and more. To venerate an icon is to find some of the ineffable beauty that is God, that is manifest in Christ and the saints, and is also in each one of us.

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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

Saturday, January 18 Vestry Retreat
Sunday, January 19, 8:00 am and 10:30 am ... Commissioning of the Vestry
Friday, January 24—Sunday, January 26 95th Annual Diocesan Council
Wednesday, January 22, 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, January 29, 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist
Sunday, February 16—Sunday, February 23..... Family Promise Host Week