

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

July 18–July 25, 2014

This Sunday at Emmanuel

July 20, 2014—The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00—*Holy Eucharist, Rite I* *Lector:* Fred Knickerbocker

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Lector: Frank Goodpasture III *Intercessor:* David Taverner

Eucharistic Ministers: David Taverner and Frank Goodpasture III

Ushers: Fran and Peter Combs

From the Rector

Last Sunday I mentioned a book that we own but I got the title wrong. It is *Soul Survivor* by Philip Yancy rather than “Soul Friend” as I said. With the subtitle is it, *Soul Survivor: How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church*.

The point here is not only to correct for the record the title of Yancy’s book and to commend the book to you. It is to say a bit more about last Sunday’s lesson from Matthew, the parable of the sower. I have read that soil wasn’t prepared for planting the way modern farmers and gardeners do. Seed were scattered first and then the soil may have been tended. So when some of the seeds landed on the path, birds ate them. The seeds that landed in weeds were choked out. The seeds that landed in rocky soil sprouted quickly enough but, with no good soils to put in roots, they withered in the hot sun. When Jesus said in the parable that some seed fell on good soil and produced a great harvest, I wondered what we can do to increase the likelihood that the seeds of faith will produce mature Christians strong enough to face the challenges of their lives. What can we do to prepare the spiritual soil for the next generation of Christians?

See you Sunday if not before.

Supper Club

Join hosts Margaret and Greg Roberts for Supper Club on Sunday, July 20 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please call Margaret and Greg to coordinate your dish, 423-968-4748. Everyone is invited!

Supper Club is sponsored by parishioners at their home or the Parish Hall of Emmanuel and is typically the third Sunday of the month. Hosts provide the main dish and attendee's bring sides and desserts. If you would like more information, or would like to host, please contact Zane Myers, 916-752-0035.

Family Promise Host Week — August 17-24

Emmanuel's next host week for the Family Promise program is August 17-24. It takes many volunteers to make the week a success, so please consider volunteering. 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! Or, if you prefer, you may call committee members about specific tasks. For instance, if you want to spend the night, call Elaine Griffin at (276) 466-4436. If you would like to organize a recreational activity, contact Nell Bieger at (423) 989-3679. If you would like 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. Let's make Emmanuel's August host week a welcoming and comfortable experience for the guest families.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

Altar Guild Wants and Needs You!

WHY? To serve God and His Church

WHERE? At the altar

WHEN? Saturday and Sunday mornings and special holy days of observance

If you're interested in a rewarding avenue of service in the church, Altar Guild is for you!

If you want additional fellowship with your church family, Altar Guild is for you!

If you're willing to serve on Saturday and Sunday mornings approximately six-to-seven times a year, Altar Guild is for you!

If you are out of town for extended periods of time or your work schedule is such that you haven't wanted to commit, Altar Guild is STILL for you!

You may choose to work in the months that you are in Bristol or in those when your work schedule is lighter.

There are four Altar Guild (AG) groups; each serves one month every trimester. The terms of service are January/May/September (JMS); February/June/October (FJO); March/July/November (MJN); and April/August/December (AAD). The group chairmen are Beth Rogers, Harriett Harty, Sandra Rushing, and Barbara Sue Kurre, respectively. Monthly schedules are prepared by each group chairman after consulting with its members. The sacristy, the "headquarters" of the Guild, is located between the

kitchen and nave.

Altar Guild tasks include readying the altar for and taking down after each service and caring for the Communion vessels and linens. The silver vessels are washed and dried after each service and polished only as needed. However, since the brass altar rail and alms basins are handled so much during each service, thus becoming covered with fingerprints, they are polished every week. Winifred Campbell, using her expert skill in needlework which she learned in her native England, mends the linens when necessary. In doing so, she has given a longer life to purificators, corporals, lavabo towels, and fair linens.

Additionally, the Altar Guild is responsible for decorating the church during the two major church seasons: Easter and Christmas. Quite often other parishioners help in these tasks. The dossals are changed by the Dossaliers, a term coined by the General Chairman; Ed Hitt and John Harty serve in that capacity. The changing is always done before the beginning of the season for which that particular dossal hangs and prior to the Altar Guild members setting up for the following holy day.

There is an altar guild manual, compiled in 1993 by the current general chairman during the tenure of the Rev. George S. Bunn III; it was revised in 2000. Copies of both manuals were given to the members at those times. The later one is available in the sacristy. Hopefully, when funds allow, the manual can

be updated, if needed, and reprinted, thus giving each new member her/his own manual. The AG does NOT discriminate on the basis of gender!

If you're interested in joining the Altar Guild, you may contact one of the group chairmen: Beth Rogers, 423-652-7429; Harriett Harty, 423-764-2248 (F/J/O); Sandra Rushing, 423-764-0012 (M/J/N); Barbara Sue Kurre, 423-968-5540 (A,A,D).

In all that is done to enhance the reverence, beauty, and traditional correctness of the worship of the Creator and His Son, let it not be forgotten that God never forgets a labor of love and always forgives a mistake!

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Bible Study Update

This Thursday at 10:00, we will continue our study of The Revelation. In every age, people have felt certain that the book of Revelation described events in their time. As nations arm themselves for war, we think of Armageddon. As evil rulers grow in power, we look for the antichrist. As the powers of darkness threaten to overwhelm us, we cry "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amid the uncertainties of our age, Revelation assures us of the ultimate triumph of God. We have begun a study of the book of Revelation, 14 studies. Please join us on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the conference room.

Prayer Requests

For our parish and families: Louise Medley, Winifred Campbell, Barbara Bunn, Carla Vaughn, Mike Blair, Gayle Mallin, Emily Hubbard, Joyce Rodgers, Deirdre Grogan, Lamont Tidwell, Jill Mendiljian, Brennan Hodges, Robert Rodgers, and Margaret Rogers

For friends of our parish: Ann Holler, Tracy Stark, Kathy Frey, Emma, Sharon Hatcher, Thomas Jones, Nikki Guest Thomas, Chris Mallin, Sharon Slaughter, David Short, and families in the Family Promise program

Birthdays

July 21: Janice Kiser, Candie Horner, Nell Bieger

July 23: Susan Tanner, Gabrielle Tidwell

July 25: Margaret Kearfott, Mary Glen Tidwell

Wedding Anniversaries

July 24: Maggie and Steve Green

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 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".

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 rector directly or 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.

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Parish Administrator

Dale Stark
Sexton

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**
(Resumes in the Fall)
9:15 am Catechesis

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

CHOIR
(Resumes in the Fall)
Wednesdays
7:30 pm Adult choir

BIBLE STUDY
10:00 am, Thursdays
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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, July 21, 5:15 pm Vestry
Wednesday, August 6, 5:00 pm Finance Committee
Sunday, August 17—Sunday, August 24 Family Promise Host Week
Monday, August 18, 5:15 pm Vestry

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.