

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

July 25–August 1, 2014

This Sunday at Emmanuel

July 27, 2014—The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Lector: Harriett Harty

Intercessor: Barbara Bunn

Eucharistic Ministers: Harriett Harty and The Rev. Preston Mitchell

Ushers: Margaret and Greg Roberts

From the Rector

Remember Pilgrim's Progress? It is a seventeenth century allegory of the central character, Christian's, journey from City of Destruction to the Celestial City We don't use the word pilgrim very often. We are much more likely to take a vacation than a pilgrimage. A pilgrim journeys not for amusement or to escape temporarily our everyday responsibilities. Rather a pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place, what the Celts call a thin place between heaven and earth. Visiting such a place has to do with opening ourselves to God's presence in our lives.

The story of Jacob fleeing the wrath of his brother Esau, last Sunday's lesson from Genesis, left me thinking about journeys and pilgrimages. Jacob, true to his character, had tricked his older twin brother out of his birthright. The story is set three thousand years ago in what is now the area that includes Iraq. The mores and customs of our time are very different but it is still a great story. It has humor and is filled with the very human emotions of rival siblings. The story of Jacob's Ladder is about a dream Jacob had after running away from home and his brother's wrath. In the dream, Jacob saw a portal between heaven and earth with angels, God's messengers, ascending and descending. Jacob awoke and realized that he was at a holy place.

Sometimes we realize God is with us when we are on the run. Sometimes we realize God is with us when we intentionally go to a holy place. Either way it is good to stop, rest, and know that God is with us. We are not alone.

See you Sunday if not before.

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.

Fall Programs

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Adult Faith Formation will resume on Sunday, August 17. Watch the *PEW* and the *Messenger* for more information.

Supper Club

Join hosts Beth and Tom Rogers for Supper Club on Sunday, August 17 at 6:00 pm at their home 1720 Holston Dr., Bristol, TN. Please call Beth and Tom to coordinate your dish, 423-652-7429. 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 attendees 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.

Parking Fundraiser – We need your help!

Emmanuel's Family Promise committee will be holding a parking fundraiser Thursday, August 21, from 10 am to 6 or 7 pm for Food City Family Race Night, the big event downtown during Bristol's fall NASCAR race week. We need your help! We need a few people to work in 2-hour shifts—two people per shift. A canopy tent, water, and snacks will be provided for your comfort. Just bring your chair. It is a fun day—you meet people from all over! If interested, please contact Elaine Griffin at (276) 466-4436 or email her at tdg3@bvu.net.

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!

*The Altar Guild does NOT discriminate on the basis of gender!

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.

**Part-Time Position -
Receptionist/Office Asst.
St. Anne Catholic Church
Bristol, VA**

Receptionist/clerical duties, computer work, other office duties. Approx. 19 hours per week. If interested, call or email St. Anne's for a job description & application: 276-669-8200 ext. 0 or stannes@stannes-bristol.org.

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 Roberts

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, Michael Johnston, Ann Gillenwater, Chuck Serafim and families in the Family Promise program

Birthdays

July 27: Tom Rogers

July 30: Marj Hallenbeck, Elliott Moore

July 31: Callie Knickerbocker

August 1: Jon Harden

Wedding Anniversaries

July 28; Charlie Joe and Mary Beth Rainero

August 1: Cathy and Rick Armstrong

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 check-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.

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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Rector

The Rev. Preston Mitchell
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Stephanie Yoder
Organist & Choir Director

Kristie Faylor
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 8/17/14)
9:15 am Catechesis
9:30 am Adult Study

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

Wednesday, August 6, 5:00 pm Finance Committee
Sunday, August 17 Catechesis and Adult Faith Formation resume
Sunday, August 17—Sunday, August 24 Family Promise Host Week
Sunday, August 17, 6:00 pm Supper Club (Beth and Tom Rogers)
Monday, August 18, 5:15 pm Vestry
Thursday, August 21 Food City Family Race Night
Sunday, September 14 Rally Day
Thursday, September 19—Sunday, September 21 Bristol Rhythm & Roots
Saturday, September 27 King/Snyder Wedding

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.