

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *The PEW* Parish Events Weekly

October 3–October 10, 2014

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### This Sunday at Emmanuel

October 5, 2014—The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 22

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

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*—Lector: David Taverner

Intercessor: Jerry Medley

*Eucharistic Ministers:* The Rev. Preston Mitchell and David Taverner

*Ushers:* Susan and Fred Knickerbocker

*Acolytes:* Gabrielle Tidwell, Kira Adams, Judson Rainero

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### From the Rector

*Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.*

I admit that I have never thought much about that verse near the end of Mark's gospel. Mark doesn't say that we should proclaim the good news of Christ to all people or nations but to all *creation*. St. Francis took those words literally. He is said to have preached the good news to people, for sure. That isn't surprising. But he also preached to animals telling them they were beloved of God. That is a bit surprising but sweet. It is more than surprising that he also preached to rocks!

Occasionally someone will ask me if our pets go to heaven. The Bible doesn't say one way or the other but St. Francis gives us a wonderful perspective on this. He took as his mission to proclaim the good news to all creatures. He called all God's creatures his brothers and sisters, hence *Brother Son and Sister Moon*. He is said to have entered into a contract with a wolf who had been terrorizing the people of a nearby town.

I'm glad for the witness of Francis to respect and give thanks for all God's creatures, not just pets and not only the animate.

See you Sunday if not before.

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday School Schedule**

Join us Sundays in the Parish Library at 9:15 am for adult faith formation. Following is the schedule of topics and lecturers.

† **October 12<sup>th</sup>** *Professor Shannon Vance Harris, Ph. D.*

† **October 19<sup>th</sup>** *To be announced*

† **October 26<sup>th</sup>** *Donnie Wheatley, Executive Director, Boys Home*

### **Creeper Trail Bike Ride**

Please join us for a bike ride on The Creeper Trail, **Sunday, October 12**. We will meet at Blue Blaze bike shop in Damascus by **1:00 pm**. From there, those of us who need to rent a bike will do so, and we will all take the **1:30 pm** shuttle to White Top. The bike ride is mostly downhill and takes around three hours, depending on how fast you ride. We will end up back in Damascus at the bike shop where all of our cars will be parked. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall or you can call Julia Rainero to RSVP at 423-340-0941. It is VERY important that we have a headcount by Monday, October 6 in order to reserve our bicycles and shuttle ride!

### **Kroger Rewards Program**

The Kroger Rewards Program has changed. Please call the Parish Office for details.

## Miscellaneous Notices

### **Prayer Requests**

Mike Blair, Arnell Byers, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Brennan Hodges, Ann Holler, Emily Hubbard, Michael Johnston, Thomas Jones, John T. Kelly, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Elaine Parker, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Tony Snyder, Tracy Stark, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Carla Vaughn, Emma, the families in Family Promise.

### *Birthdays*

October 7 Joseph Slagle  
October 8 Frank Winston  
October 10 Patty Mitchell  
October 11 Will King

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

September 28: Susan and Nick McLean  
October 9 Joy and Guy Briggs, Baja and Ellison Conrad

## **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.

### **Emmanuel's 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.

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The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, D. Min.  
*Bishop*

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

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The Rev. Preston Mitchell  
*Deacon*

Stephanie Yoder  
*Organist & Choir Director*

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Kristie Faylor  
*Parish Administrator*

Dale Stark  
*Sexton*

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## 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

### CHOIR

Wednesdays  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### BIBLE STUDY

10:00 am, Thursdays  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

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## 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*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sunday, October 5, 2:30 pm* ..... Abingdon Convocation at St. Thomas  
*Sunday, October 12 after 10:30 am service*..... Creeper Trail Bike Ride  
*Wednesday, October 8, 5:00 pm* ..... Finance Committee  
*Monday, October 20, 5:15 pm* ..... Vestry  
*Sunday, November 2*..... All Saints Sunday  
*Sunday, November 2–Sunday, November 9*..... Family Promise Host Week  
*Wednesday, November 5*..... Meals on Wheels  
*Sunday, November 9, 9:30 am* ..... Annual Meeting (Parish Hall)  
*Wednesday, November 12, 5:00 pm* ..... Finance Committee  
*Monday, November 17, 5:15 pm* ..... Vestry  
*Wednesday, November 26–Friday, November 28* ..... Parish Office Closed  
for Thanksgiving

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.