

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW Parish Events Weekly

October 10–October 17, 2014

This Sunday at Emmanuel

October 12, 2014—The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Proper 23

8:00—*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*—Lector: Frank Goodpasture III

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*—Lector: Tom Rogers

Intercessor: Zane Myers

Eucharistic Ministers: Harriett Harty and Tom Rogers

Ushers: Melissa and David Taverner

Acolytes: Olivia Hardee, Briana Hardee, Rowan Sullivan

From the Rector

The Episcopal Church welcomes all Christians into our fellowship. One can attend, participate and receive Communion without formally joining Emmanuel or becoming an Episcopalian. We recognize *one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.* (Ephesians 4: 5-6) Nonetheless, it is with great joy that we receive new people formally into our congregation through confirmation and reception.

If you have been baptized in the name of the Trinity and have made an adult witness to your faith through participation in the life of a congregation or have been confirmed in another faith tradition, you may be *received* into the Episcopal Church. If you have been baptized, perhaps as a baby or a child, but have not been confirmed or the equivalent, you would be a candidate for confirmation by our bishop. Finally, if you have not been baptized, it would be our great joy as a community to renew our baptismal covenant as you enter yours.

Actually, however one becomes an Episcopalian it is through the baptismal covenant. The bishop will say, “Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ (through reception, confirmation or baptism) and renew our own baptismal covenant.” (Book of Common Prayer, page 303)

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This is an important day in an individual's life. I remember well the day an Episcopal bishop by the imposition of his hands received me into the Episcopal Church. It is also an important day for Emmanuel. So part of the preparation for baptism, reception or confirmation will be private conversations with me and part will be very public through the liturgy when our bishop is here next. We are anticipating a visit by Bishop Bourlakas relatively soon.

All who call Emmanuel their spiritual home should consider carefully preparing for the bishop's visit and the renewal of our baptismal vows as we move forward together in ministry.

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 12th** *Professor Shannon Vance Harris, Ph. D.*

† **October 19th** *To be announced*

† **October 26th** *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.

Bristol Faith in Action

As you are ordering Christmas gifts and decorations, please use www.smile.amazon.com to help Bristol Faith in Action. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support. Simply go to www.smile.amazon.com, and in the field "pick your own charitable organization" type "Bristol Faith in Action." It's that simple and BFIA will receive a donation from Amazon.com. It's EASY, costs NOTHING, and will help BFIA continue to assist those in need in our community.

Miscellaneous Notices

Prayer Requests

Mike Blair, Thelma Blair, Dale Brown, Barbara Bunn, Arnell Byers, Winifred Campbell, Robert Dickert, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Brennan Hodges, Ann Holler, Emily Hubbard, Michael Johnston, John T. Kelly, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Mildred Murphy, 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 16 Corey Lavinder
October 17 Jim Hite, Reilly Vaughn

Wedding Anniversaries

October 12 Diana and Johnny
Fuller

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

The Rev. Preston Mitchell
Deacon

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

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
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, October 12 after 10:30 am service..... Creeper Trail Bike Ride
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
Sunday, November 30, 5:00 pm..... Advent Evensong
Wednesday, December 3..... Meals on Wheels

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.