

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## **The PEW** **Parish Events Weekly**

**November 21–November 28, 2014**

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### **This Sunday at Emmanuel**

November 23, 2014—The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King—Proper 29

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

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*—Lector: Jeremy McLaughlin

Intercessor: Ashley McLaughlin      *Eucharistic Minister*: Tom Rogers

*Ushers*: Margaret and Greg Roberts      *Acolytes*: TBD

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### **From the Rector**

Happy Thanksgiving! Strictly speaking, Thanksgiving is not just a Christian holiday. For the faithful, thanksgiving is a way of life. The center of our lives together is the Eucharistic prayer. The word *Eucharist* means thanksgiving, literally *good gifts*. We bring to the Lord's Table our offerings from God's good creation, bread and wine, and remember God's mighty acts in history. Each Sunday the priest says to the people, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." And the people respond, "It is right to give God thanks and praise."

It is right to remember and give thanks. Christian thanksgiving is not only about counting the things we have and saying thank you (although that is not a bad exercise). We are called to give thanks continually but remembering our baptisms, remembering all the great things God has done from the creation of a good universe to God's continuing grace that is sufficient to redeem that creation.

I know sometimes it is more difficult than others to be thankful. There is much pain in our world and even in our own lives. The starting place for thanksgiving for believers is an acknowledgement of God. This is reflected in Job's words when calamity fell upon him for no apparent reason. Having lost everything Job's simple prayer was, "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

To bless the name of God is the beginning of a life of thanks. It is not about understanding. It is about believing and remembering and hoping. That is why the last words of the people as we end our weekly feast is, "Thanks be to God!"

See you Sunday if not before!

## **Stewardship 2015**

On November 9 during our parish meeting, we kicked-off the Stewardship campaign for 2015 and we are grateful to everyone who has already pledged. As of Friday, November 21 we have received 31 pledges in the amount of \$73,460 or 21.9% of our \$335,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider your pledge to Emmanuel to support our parish. We are requesting pledges be returned as soon as possible to allow Vestry time to start planning early for 2015. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

### **From Deacon Preston**

Thank you to everyone who has assisted with the outreach project for Bristol Faith in Action (BFIA) by donating personal care items. Our goal is to fill 100 bags that will be distributed to needy individuals at BFIA. We are off to a good start, but, still have many more personal care bags to be filled. If you have not done so, please stop by the Parish Hall, pick up an empty bag and fill it with the contents listed. Simply return the bag(s) to the church and they will be taken to BFIA the first week of December. Thank you again for helping us care for the needy in our community.

### **Poinsettia Memorials**

Poinsettias will be available this Christmas for those who wish to purchase them in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office with your information and donation no later than **December 16**.

## **2014 Christmas Dinner**

If you are interested in volunteering for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner, please contact the Parish Office.

## Miscellaneous Notices

### **T-Shirts Available**

Emmanuel t-shirts are available for \$10 each in the Parish Hall or by coming by the office during the week. If you are interested in an Emmanuel sweatshirt for the colder months, please contact the Parish Office.

### **Prayer Requests**

Alva, Mike Blair, Thelma Blair, Barbara Bunn, Arnell Byers, Winifred Campbell, Robert Dickert, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Bill Hagey, Sharon Hatcher, 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, Peggy Rogers, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Tony Snyder, Tracy Stark, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, the families in Family Promise.

### *Birthdays*

25 Richard Horner  
27 Carolyn Haynes

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

29 Elliott and Carl Moore

## 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](mailto:emmanuelbristol@gmail.com). Office hours are Monday–Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

### 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.

### Kroger Community Rewards Program

Kroger is changing their rewards program. If you currently use the "old" program with Emmanuel receiving benefits, please contact the parish office for directions for enrollment in the new program.

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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*

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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

### MORNING PRAYER

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:00 am Bledsoe Chapel

### CHOIR

Wednesday  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### BIBLE STUDY

10:00 am, Thursday  
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

Wednesday, November 26—Friday, November 28 .....Parish Office Closed  
for Thanksgiving  
Wednesday, December 3.....Meals on Wheels  
Saturday, December 5.....St Nicholas' Feast Day  
Sunday, December 7, 5:00 pm .....Advent Evensong  
Wednesday, December 10, 5:00 pm .....Finance Committee  
Friday, December 12, 10:00 am.....Decorating of the Chrismon Tree  
Saturday, December 13, 3:00 pm .....Ordination of  
the Rev. Canon Kathy Kelly Dunagan  
Sunday, December 14 .....Bishop's Visit  
Sunday, December 21 during 10:30 am service.....Christmas Pageant

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.