

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

January 30–February 6, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel

February 1, 2015—The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*—Lector & Lay Eucharistic Minister: David Taverner

Ushers: Denise Rowe and Judy Mitchell Acolytes: David and Daniel Bieger

From the Rector

This Sunday I've asked those who attended Diocesan Council last weekend to offer a forum during the Sunday School hour to reflect on their experience. I will say here and you may hear more about it Sunday morning that the highlight of the weekend for me was the Friday evening Eucharist at St. Andrew's Church in Roanoke.

Council typically meets at the Hotel Roanoke (and it is already booked for the next couple of years). In the past the opening Eucharist of Council has been at St. John's Church which is several blocks from the hotel. This year it was at St. Andrew's which is significantly closer. Why have we not met there before? Because St. Andrew's is a parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese. I do not know how it happened that a Roman congregation hosted the Episcopal Council but I am pleased they did. Adding to the ecumenical experience, our bishop invited the Bishop of the Lutheran Synod of Virginia to vest and participate in the liturgy.

When Jesus prayed for the Church, he prayed that we would be one even as he and the Father are one. It is a sad reality that we are so divided that we routinely refer to Christ's Church in terms of *denominations*, a concept we first encountered as children when we learned that fractions have numerators and *denominators*. The church has never been more fractured but at least that one evening we gathered around the Lord's Table, prayed the Lord's Prayer, and received the Lord's body and blood in a spirit of unity.

See you Sunday if not before!

From the Deacon

We extended our collection for the Bristol Food Pantry an additional week. This **Sunday, February 1** will be the final weekend to bring your donations. If you remember, please bring any of the following items: canned fruit, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cold cereal (except corn flakes), spaghetti noodles, and spaghetti sauce. These items will be gathered and taken to the Food Pantry the first week of February.

Upcoming Events

Spaghetti Dinner

Join us on **Shrove Tuesday (February 17)** at **6:00 pm** in the Parish Hall for a spaghetti dinner. More details will be announced in future editions of the *PEW*. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Family Promise Training

Sharon Hicks, Director of Family Promise of Bristol will be conducting a training session on **Monday, February 9** at **6:00pm** at **Redeemer Lutheran Church**. Training is for all new volunteers from each participating church, or anyone who would like to be re-trained. The address for Redeemer is 674 Island Road, Bristol, VA 24201.

Miscellaneous Notices

T-Shirts Available

Emmanuel t-shirts are available for \$10 each in the Parish Office during the week. If you are interested in an Emmanuel sweatshirt for the colder months, please contact the Parish Office. If we have enough interest in sweatshirts, we'll place an order.

Prayer Requests

Alva, Jerry Allen, Stan Anderson, Thelma Blair, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Robert Dickert, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Annie Jackson, Michael Johnston, John T. Kelly, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Mildred Murphy, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Rosemary, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, and the families in Family Promise.

February Birthdays

3 Greg Oakley, Ed Powers,
Nat Powers
7 Carol Biegler
7 Lynn Powers

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.

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.

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.

Needlepoint Kneelers

There are 15 needlepoint kneelers available for memorials. If you would like to have one of the kneelers designated in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Anne Fleming (423-652-7674).and she will show you the kneelers available. The cost is \$150 per kneeler.

Pastoral Support

If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact the rector directly or by calling the Parish Office.

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Bishop

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

The Rev. Dr. Craig R. Wylie
Assisting Priest

The Rev. Preston Mitchell
Deacon

Stephanie Yoder
Organist & Choir Director

Kristie Faylor
Parish Administrator

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

Wednesday
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE STUDY

10:00 am, Thursday
2nd Floor Conference Room

VESTRY

2013-2015
Dan Bieger
Frank Goodpasture, III
Denise Rowe, Sr. *Warden*
David Taverner

2014-2016
Fred Knickerbocker
Doug Mitchell
Zane Myers
Debbie Tidwell

Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

2015-2017
Barbara Sue Kurre, *Secretary*
Jeremy McLaughlin,
Jr. Warden
Greg Oakley
Barbara Walling

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 4 Meals on Wheels
Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 pm Finance Committee
Monday, February 16, 5:00 pm Vestry
Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, February 18, 12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Bledsoe Chapel)
Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, February 25, 1:00 pm Fine Arts Committee
Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 pm Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Wednesday, March 4 Meals on Wheels
Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 pm Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Thursday, March 5, 6:00 pm Social Club
Wednesday, March 11, 5:00 pm Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 pm Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Monday, March 16, 5:00 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.