

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

February 13–February 20, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel

February 15, 2015—The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00—*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*—Lector: Seth Allen

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

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Rogers and Tom Hairston

Ushers: Fran and Peter Combs

Acolytes: Gabrielle Tidwell, Judson Rainero, Lola Spires

Undesignated cash offerings received today go to the Deacon's Discretionary Fund

From the Rector

What does it mean to observe a *holy Lent*? February 18th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The Ash Wednesday liturgy begins: *I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.*

The primary Lenten emphasis tends to be about our personal piety but it is also a time when the community prepares to welcome new converts into the congregation. Traditionally candidates for baptism are presented on the first Sunday in Lent. The congregation holds these candidates in our prayers as they discern God's call to ministry and initiation into the body of Christ through their baptisms during the Easter Vigil.

At Council the bishop pointed out that the diocese has buried substantially more people than we have baptized. And, a significant number of those baptisms were babies. The good news is the Good News! We have a great spiritual treasure to share with people who are seeking to follow Christ and be part of a congregation where what we pray forms what we believe, where our differences end at the chancel rail where we who have followed Christ in baptism are nourished by the Holy Spirit at Christ's Table.

See you Sunday if not before!

Upcoming Events

Adult Sunday School

A study of the great cathedrals is a lesson in architecture, church history and Western Spirituality. The Adult Sunday School meets in the library for an informative lecture and discussion. The video starts promptly at **9:30 a.m.** to allow time for discussion afterward so get your coffee and donuts and join us.

Buechner Lecture at King Holocaust Survivor Shares His Story Monday, **February 16, 9:15 a.m.**

King University welcomes Martin Weiss to Memorial Chapel. Mr. Weiss is a survivor of Auschwitz, the Nazi concentration camp where most of his family died before the camp was liberated in 1945. Mr. Weiss immigrated to the United States, served in the United States Army, and had a career as a grocer.

Bristol is fortunate to have the Buechner Institute at King and this lecture is a particularly important opportunity to hear this story from someone who lived through it.

Mr. Weiss will also speak at Emory and Henry College Monday evening at **7:00** in the Van Dyke Commons.

Spaghetti Dinner

Join us on **Shrove Tuesday (February 17)** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for a spaghetti dinner complete with salad, bread, tiramisu, brownies, and adult and kid beverages. Please RSVP to the Parish Office to let us know if you will attend. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Donations received will help fund the 2015 trip to the National Acolyte Festival in October.

Ash Wednesday

As we begin the season of lent, please join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services, **February 18** at **12:15 p.m.** or **7:00 p.m.**. The 12:15 p.m. service will be in the Bledsoe Chapel and the 7:00 p.m. service will be in the Nave.

Altar Guild Brunch

On Saturday, **February 21, 9:00 a.m.** in the Parish Hall there will be a brunch and training session for Altar Guild members. Food will be provided. Please RSVP to the Parish Office and let us know if you will attend. We hope to see everyone there!

Wednesday Evening Lenten Potluck

During the season of Lent, please join us on **Wednesday evenings** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for a potluck dinner and discussion of *Personal Devotion and Common Prayer*. Please bring simple Lenten appropriate dish to share. Drinks will be provided. Our last dinner will be March 25.

Soup Kitchen

March is Soup Kitchen Month for Emmanuel. We help package the meals that are distributed to residents of Bristol, VA. The meals are prepared and packaged at the old Sullins College (United Company) building on Glenway Avenue. The Soup Kitchen recommends there be two volunteers per day. Work lasts less than 90 minutes starting at 8:30 a.m. weekdays. A sign-up sheet is available on the red information station in the Parish Hall, or you may call the Parish Office to sign up. For general information about this program, please speak with Melissa Taverner. Emmanuel's

next Soup Kitchen month will be in October.

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

- 17 Briana Hardee
- 18 Hagan Oakley
- 20 Allen Rushing, Elaine Griffin

Wedding Anniversaries

- 19 Larry and Christine Kuhnert

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 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

Nursery

The Emmanuel Nursery will be open 9:00 a.m. to noon each Sunday. We ask that there be no new checks-ins after 10:45 a.m.. If no children are checked in prior to 10:45 a.m., 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. Please note that flowers are NOT available during Lent. For more information, contact Ann Martin-Thomas (423) 878-5522.

Needlepoint Kneelers

Needlepoint kneelers are available for memorials. If you would like to have one of the kneelers designated in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Fleming (423-652-7674) and she will show you the kneelers that are available. A donation of \$150 per kneeler is appreciated

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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The Rev. Preston Mitchell
Deacon

Stephanie Yoder
Organist & Choir Director

Kristie Faylor
Parish Administrator

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m..

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:30 a.m. Rite II

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

9:15 a.m. Catechesis
9:15 a.m. Adult Study

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:15 p.m.—Bledsoe Chapel
Holy Eucharist with
Prayers for Healing

CHOIR

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., 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

2015-2017

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

Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, February 10, 10:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth Guild
Monday, February 16, 5:00 p.m. Vestry
Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner
Wednesday, February 18, 12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
(Bledsoe Chapel)
Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)
Saturday, February 21, 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild Brunch
Wednesday, February 25, 1:00 p.m. Fine Arts Committee
Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Tuesday, March 3, 4:30 p.m. LoE (Conference Room)
Wednesday, March 4 Meals on Wheels
Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m. Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Thursday, March 5, 6:00 p.m. Social Club

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.