

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

February 20–February 27, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel

February 22, 2015—The First Sunday in Lent

8:00—*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*—Lector: Dave Zochowski

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*—Lector & Eucharistic Minister: Chris Yoder

Ushers: Lee Wampler and Barbara Walling

Acolytes: David Bieger, Daniel Bieger, and Rowan Sullivan

From the Rector

For a moment the bird feeder in our front yard hosted a woodpecker, a cardinal, and a dove. Cardinals, wrens and finches frequent the feeder. Woodpeckers don't seem very comfortable on the feeder but they show up occasionally. I don't remember seeing a dove on the feeder before. They usually glean nourishment from among the seeds on the ground beneath the feeder. But there they were, all together, the showy cardinal, precarious woodpecker and out-of-place dove.

Naturally I thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Actually, I thought first of the Church. The various birds reminded me of my congregation, of any congregation. I'll let the metaphor speak for itself. As different as the birds are in appearance and temperament, they come together for nourishment. That's why I thought of Bonhoeffer, specifically, of his book, *Life Together*. In it he wrote, "It is by the grace of God that a congregation is permitted to gather visibly in this world to share God's word and sacrament."

Our gathering is itself a witness. What brings people who are so different together? Bonhoeffer said it was grace, the free and unmerited gift of God, our Host at the Table of spiritual nourishment. He also said, "The more genuine and the deeper our community becomes, the more will everything else between us recede, the more clearly and purely will Jesus Christ and His work become the one and only thing that is vital between us."

Lent is a time of personal reflection and discipline but something very important is lost if we only practice our Lenten disciplines in solitude. Let us observe a Holy Lent. Together.

See you Sunday if not before.

From the Canon Missioner

Friends, I recommend this internet ministry (<http://www.lentmadness.org>) for your use during this holy season of Lent. Just go to this web site daily or you can choose to sign up for a daily email, Facebook or twitter reminder. Lent Madness is an offering of Forward Movement, widely known as the publishers of Forward Day by Day and other resources to support spiritual growth and vitality. It is fun and informative with a daily vote (just for fun) for one of two saints of the day. The winner goes on to vie for the Golden Halo awarded during Holy Week. Each day you can read a brief history of each saint and make your vote. The writing by "celebrity bloggers" is witty and wise. There are also many other resources on the Lent Madness web site for further learning and spiritual formation. So print out a bracket poster, order a mug or just tune in. It's O.K. to have some fun during Lent! And may the best saint win! - *Canon Kathy*

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.

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.

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

- 22 Madilyn Pereira
- 25 Chris Horner
- 26 Carl Moore, John Tickle
Ronan King
- 27 Steve Martin
- 28 June Hallums, Larry Kiser
Lana Lavinder, Edie Cannon
- 29 Fran McGlothlin

February Wedding Anniversaries

- 28 Janice and Larry Kiser

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 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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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 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

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
Wednesday, March 11, 5:00 p.m. Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Monday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. Vestry
Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner
Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 1 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.