

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

**March 20–March 27, 2015**

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**This Sunday at Emmanuel–March 22, 2015–The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*8:00–Holy Eucharist, Rite I–Lector: John Harty*

*10:30–Holy Eucharist, Rite II–Lector: Barbara Bunn*

*Intercessor & Lay Eucharistic Minister: Tom Rogers*

*Ushers: Margaret and Greg Roberts Acolytes: Olivia & Briana Hardee, Lola Spires*

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### **From the Rector**

When we lived in another city I had occasion to work with a pastor from the community I had never met in person. We set up a lunch meeting. The logistical challenge when we finally meet someone we've only talked with over the phone or exchanged emails is how to recognize each other. I told him I would be wearing a conservative suit and a clerical collar. He said he would be wearing jeans, a t-shirt and that he had tattoos. I stood out more than he did!

When we sat down at our table he started the conversation directly. "I just have one question for you," he said. "Do you believe in the physical resurrection?" It was an excellent question.

Methodist Bishop Will Willimon is the most recent lecturer at King University's Buechner Institute. In his lecture he talked about a conversation he had with another bishop about that very question. How can an educated person believe in the resurrection? We put our faith in what we can dissect, analyze and logically explain.

Or do we?

Christians are an eclectic crowd. We always have been. Read about the early church in the Biblical book of Acts. The only thing we have in common is our personal experience of the resurrection. That's it. We don't dissect it, analyze it or logically explain it. We are witnesses to the resurrection. Therefore we don't have to speculate what Jesus would do. He lives. After the resurrection he returned to the one he called Father and, as promised, sent the Holy Spirit to be among us so that we would never have to be alone. We never have to speculate about what Jesus would do. We serve a risen Savior. When we face a difficult decision we can humbly ask for direction and trust that if what we do is consistent with God's will, it will be blessed. If we lack humility and fail to discern God's will, our actions can still be redeemed by God. God's grace is amazing!

So when my new friend asked if I believed in the physical resurrection I answered without hesitation, "Is there any other kind?"

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.

### **Wednesday Evening Lenten Potluck**

Join us **Wednesday evening, March 25** at **6:00 pm** for our last Lenten potluck dinner and discussion of *Personal Devotion and Common Prayer*. Please bring simple Lenten appropriate dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

### **Grand Court**

Emmanuel is offering Holy Eucharist at Grand Court at **2:00 p.m.** on the **second** and **fourth Sundays** of the month. The first service was held on March 8 with seven people in attendance. It would be very welcoming and pastoral if we could have several parishioners come and join the clergy in worshiping with the good folks at Grand Court. Make plans to come and worship on **Sunday** afternoon **March 22** at **2:00 p.m.**

### **Holy Week Schedule**

#### *Palm Sunday*

March 29, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

#### *Holy Wednesday*

April 1, 12:15 p.m.

#### *Maundy Thursday*

April 2, 7:00 p.m.

#### *Good Friday*

April 3, 12:00 p.m.

#### *The Great Vigil of Easter*

April 4, 7:30 p.m.

#### *Easter Sunday*

April 5, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Join us **Thursday, April 9** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for a spaghetti dinner complete with salad, bread, tiramisù, 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.

### **Women's Retreat-Save the Date**

The Ladies of the Evening are planning a Women's Retreat for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon. Watch the *PEW* and *Messenger* for more information.

## Miscellaneous Notices

### **Nursery**

We are currently looking for a nursery worker, but, we are relying on personal recommendations rather than advertising. If you know of someone who is responsible and loves children, please speak with the rector. Meanwhile, thank you to all who share in this ministry by attending the nursery during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist.

### **AED (automated external defibrillator)**

In the event of a cardiac emergency an AED is mounted on the wall in the chair lift alcove (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, just outside the Nave).

### **Prayer Requests**

Alva, Jerry Allen, Stan Anderson, Thelma Blair, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, 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, Kitty Pitini, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Rosemary, Katy Sikorski, Susan Worley Simpson, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, and the families in Family Promise.

### **March Birthdays**

Judith Wylie  
Larry Jayne  
Eloise Kirkpatrick  
Prent Hallenbeck  
Lark Adams  
Barbara Walling

## 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 a.m. to 5:00 p.m..

### Supper Club

Thank you to the Zaidi's for hosting the March 2015 Supper Club. Supper Club is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month (except November and December) with locations and cuisine varying. If you are interested in hosting Supper Club, please contact Senior Warden, Denise Rowe (423-652-2324) or [ny.citigirl@yahoo.com](mailto:ny.citigirl@yahoo.com). Please consider joining us for Supper Club. The more the merrier!

### 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

Please be aware of the potential damage caused to our beautiful kneelers when used as foot rests. 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.

Easter lilies will be available again this Easter for those who wish to purchase them in honor or memory of loved ones. Please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office with your donation by March 31.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor   In Memory  
*Please circle one*

From: \_\_\_\_\_

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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. Craig R. Wylie, D. Min.  
*Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Preston Mitchell  
*Deacon*

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Stephanie Yoder  
*Organist & Choir Director*

Kristie Faylor  
*Parish Administrator*

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## 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

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## 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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner  
Sunday, March 29 ..... Palm Sunday  
Wednesday, April 1 ..... Meals on Wheels  
Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. .... Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday, April 3, 12:00 p.m. .... Good Friday Service  
Friday, April 3 ..... Parish Office Closed for Good Friday  
Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m. .... The Great Vigil of Easter  
Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. .... Social Club  
Wednesday, April 8, 5:00 p.m. .... Finance Committee  
Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m. .... Spaghetti Dinner  
Saturday, May 2 ..... Women's Retreat (Jubilee House)

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.