

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW Parish Events Weekly

May 1–May 8, 2015, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel–May 3, 2015 The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00—Holy Eucharist, Rite I—Lector: John Harty

10:30—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Lector: Chris Yoder

Eucharistic Minister: David Taverner Ushers: Jan & Bob Bruce

Acolytes: Gabrielle Tidwell, Kira Adams, Lola Spires

From the Rector

This Sunday's first lesson is a reading from The Acts of the Apostles in which we hear how Philip was inspired to go south to the road between Jerusalem and Gaza. The Bible says an angel of the Lord told Philip to "get up and go" so he "got up and went." It says that! "So he got up and went." He found himself running alongside the chariot of an Ethiopian official who was reading what we refer to as the Old Testament, specifically Isaiah's prophesy about the suffering servant. Philip struck up a conversation and the Ethiopian invited him to ride along in his chariot. They talked about Isaiah and how his prophesy was fulfilled in Jesus. After a while they came to a body of water and the Ethiopian asked what was to keep him from being baptized. This is an amazing story filled with spontaneity, inspiration, and risks.

Remember the movie *The Blues Brothers*? My favorite part of that movie is the great scene in which Aretha Franklin sings, "You better think what you're trying to do to me" in a diner. Remember how Joliet Jake and Elwood Blues kept telling people they were on a mission from God?

We've been talking a lot about mission lately. We are being asked to rethink mission. We are not so much *on a mission from God* as we are being swept up into *the mission of God*. It is God's mission to reconcile, to transform a hurting world into a faithful family looking forward to the homecoming of the beloved.

Philip was inspired to get up and go so he got up and went. God's messenger has inspired generations to join the missional work of Christ's reconciliation of creation. It still starts with one person getting up and going, often to someone who looks different and sees differently, and starting a conversation that leads to a conversion!

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.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us on **Thursday mornings** at **10:00 a.m.** for Bible study in the Conference Room.

Safeguarding God's Children

Sunday, May 3, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Safeguarding God's Children training at [St. Thomas, Abingdon](#). All are invited to learn about how to prevent sexual abuse of children and youth, particularly parents and grandparents. Please attend if you would like to volunteer with activities such as Children's Chapel, Nursery, or youth ministries!

Celtic Concert

Rebecca Catalano will be performing a Celtic Concert at Emmanuel on **Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.** This concert will celebrate contemporary and traditional Celtic music with some Broadway fun on the side.

Episcopal Relief and Development – Nepal Earthquake Response Fund

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck Nepal on the morning of April 25, causing severe damage and loss of life across the small nation. ERD will help meet urgent needs such as food, clean water and shelter, as well as support for assessment and search and rescue teams in the initial phase of the disaster. Following the initial relief phase, this fund will continue to support longer-term recovery efforts

with local partners. To donate online, please visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/NepalRelief>.

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The spring gathering of UTO will be **Sunday, May 24**. Blue UTO boxes are available in the Parish Hall. Please return them on **May 24** to be included in the offering during the services.

Save the Date

The Boys Home will have a convocational work day on Saturday, June 20. More information to come.

Miscellaneous Notices

Nursery

We are still looking for a nursery worker. 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 Eucharist.

AED (automated external defibrillator)

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

Prayer Requests

Alva, Jerry Allen, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Annie Jackson, Michael Johnston, John T. Kelly, Ronan King, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Tineke Marburg, Tyler McElyea, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Carl Moore, Mildred Murphy, Kitty Pitini, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Rosemary, Katy Sikorski, Susan, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Sarah Young, Carla Vaughn, Vicky

Ward, Frank Winston,, and the families in Family Promise.

May Birthdays

- 4 Ann Christ
- 6 Lamont Tidwell
- 7 John Byers Jr, William King
- 8 Jo Anne Hairston, Doug Harmon

May Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Paige and John Terry
- 4 Arnell and John Byers
- 8 Candie and Chris Horner

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.

Supper Club

Supper Club is the 3rd 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. 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.

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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
Debbie Tidwell

Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

2015-2017

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.....Ascension Day Service
Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.....Celtic Concert
Sunday, May 24 after 10:30 a.m. service Sandwiches and Sundaes
Monday, May 25..... Parish Office Closed (Memorial Day)
Sunday, July 12 after 10:30 a.m. serviceChurch picnic
Please bring a picnic side dish
Sunday, August 30.....Rally Day
Friday, September 18–Sunday, September 20.....Bristol Rhythm and Roots
Reunion Weekend
Sunday, October 18 after 10:30 a.m. service Sandwiches and Sundaes
Sunday, November 1.....All Saints “Feast on the Feast” Brunch
Sunday, November 8, 9:45 a.m..... Annual Meeting
Sunday, December 20, 9:45 a.m.Christmas Pageant Brunch
Sunday, December 20 during 10:30 a.m. serviceChristmas 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.