

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

August 28–September 5, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel–August 30, 2015
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost–RALLY DAY

8:00 a.m.—*Eucharist in the Nave*

10:00 a.m.—*Gathering at Ruth Kings* 10:30 a.m. *Eucharist*
11:30 a.m. *Lunch*

From the Rector

The word religion has come up several time today. In the lectionary study we talked about the lesson from James: *If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.* I hadn't really thought about the connection between an unbridled tongue and self-deception, or the connection between those qualities and worthless religion! Later a student asked me what religion means to me. I told her religion is the discipline for my spirituality.

Then I realized that discipline is a negative word for a teenager so I told her that I wasn't using discipline as a synonym for punishment. I meant it was the structure for my spirituality. Then I realized that structure might not be a very positive thing for a teenager, either. So then we tried the word *rules* but that was worse than structure and discipline!

So how do we describe our religion in a way that is positive? James helps us if we take his advice to heart. Religion that is worthless gives us license to say what we think regardless of the hurt it might cause. Worthless religion allows us to deceive ourselves. Like discipline and structure and rules, the very word religion is too often seen as negative, or at least heavy and burdensome. James says that religion that is positive is *unstained by the world*. It is in the imposition of religion on others, the unbridled tongue judging and demanding, that the culture defiles religion. So maybe that is the key. Because we freely accept and value the structure of Anglican spirituality and the discipline of the Church, it is a source of great joy. Maybe spiritual maturity, as opposed to material prosperity, comes not with gaining but with giving. Maybe spiritual maturity and pure religion are less about controlling the affairs of others and more about self-control, starting with what we say.

See you Sunday if not before!

Upcoming Events

Supper Club

Our next Supper Club will be **Sunday, September 13, 6:00 p.m.** and will be hosted by Tom and Beth Rogers in the Parish Hall. Contact Beth or Tom before September 11 to coordinate your dish, 423-652-7429. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday Morning Lectionary Study

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

Sunday Afternoon Service

Join us at Brookdale Assisted Living (formerly Grand Court) for Holy Eucharist **Sunday afternoon September 13, at two o'clock.**

Miscellaneous Notices

Large Print Copies of the BCP

Large print copies of the Book of Common Prayer are available in the back of the church. Ask the usher's for assistance.

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

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Teresa Burkholder, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Alva, Emma, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Anina Haqq, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Tom Hurt, Tonia Johnson, James Johnson, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Dan Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Debbie Ring, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Sharon Slaughter, Cody Snyder, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Carla Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, and the families in Family Promise

August Birthdays

31 Archie Hubbard

September Birthdays

2 Leno Rainero II

3 Jackie Fuller

4 George Bunn, Mimi Sullivan

5 John Rainero II

August Wedding Anniversaries

30 Julia and John Rainero

31 Elaine and Ronald Coleman

September Wedding Anniversaries

3 Jan and Bob Bruce

4 Lynn and Jud Powers, Becca and Ed 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 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 am. If no children are checked in prior to 10:45 a.m., the nursery will close.

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

Catechesis resumes in Sept.
9:15 a.m. Adult Study

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

CHOIR

Wednesday
Choir (resumes in Sept.)

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

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

Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. Supper Club—Parish Hall
Hosted by the Rogers

Friday, September 18—Sunday, September 20..... Rhythm and Roots
Reunion Weekend

Saturday, October 3..... St. Francis Day Pet Blessing

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

Wednesday, November 25—Friday, November 27 Parish Office Closed
for Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 12 Decorating of the Chrismon Tree

Sunday, December 20, 9:45 a.m. Christmas Pageant Brunch

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.