

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

**September 4–September 11, 2015**

**This Sunday at Emmanuel–September 6, 2015**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 a.m.—*LEM*: Seth Allen

10:30 a.m.—*LEM*: Walt Bressler; *Intercessor*: Daniel Shew

*Usher*: Bob Rhea

### From the Rector

Several of you have commented on last Sunday's sermon in which I mentioned the work of Ira Byock whom I met when I helped with an event at which he spoke. He talked about his book, *The Four Things That Matter Most*. In it he tells anecdotes from his work in end-of-life care. His book gives an excellent lexicon for describing good religion (though that was not his purpose). I thought of it when we discussed the lectionary at the Thursday morning Bible study. Last week's second lesson included the words from James, "If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless." The opposite of worthless religion is spiritual discipline which encourages these four statements from Byock's book: *Please forgive me; I forgive you; thank you; I love you; and Good-bye* or its original meaning, *God be with you*.

I pointed out that these sentiments are imbedded in the liturgy of Holy Eucharist. Each time we gather for the sacramental meal we pray as our Lord taught us saying, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." The Eucharistic prayer is the Great Thanksgiving and begins with the priest saying to the people, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," and the people respond, "It is right to give God thanks and praise." The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. The Bible and the liturgies of the Church are the record of God's love for creation which we believe will culminate in judgment and reconciliation. And, finally, the entire liturgy and the presider's blessing in particular are ways of saying "God be with you."

We live in a fallen world too often characterized by great violence which reflects both a fascination with death and a denial of it. Yet the practice of

our religion, the discipline of our sacramental life as a congregation of Christians, hardly denies evil or its antecedent violence. After all, we lift high the cross and raise the Blessed Sacrament in veneration of the crucified and risen Lord.

Before describing the qualities of good religion, James asserts that every generous act of giving, every perfect gift, is from God. The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace. By the grace of God through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we are able to speak the words that bring peace and unity thus preparing every day for life in a fallen world and new life in God's reconciled new creation.

See you Sunday if not before!

### Upcoming Events

#### **Labor Day**

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, September 7** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

#### **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.

#### **Thursday Eucharist and Young Adult Formation**

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.** for Holy Eucharist in the Bledsoe Chapel.

Young Adult Formation will meet in the Parish Hall after Eucharist.

#### **Sunday Afternoon Service**

Join us at Brookdale Assisted Living (formerly Grand Court) for Holy Eucharist **Sunday afternoon September 13** and **Sunday September 27** 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, just outside the Nave).

#### **Prayer Requests**

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Teresa Burkholder, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Helyn Dougherty, Alva, Emma, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Anina Haqq, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Emily Hubbard, Tom Hurt, Tonia Johnson, James Johnson, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Preston Mitchell, Dan Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Debbie Ring, Joyce Rodgers, Robert

Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Carla Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, and the families in Family Promise

### *September Birthdays*

- 6 Veronica Taylor
- 7 Lucinda Schneider
- 8 Anna Rush
- 11 Jack Aaron
- 12 Maryjane Luffman
- 13 Diana Fuller

### *September Wedding Anniversaries*

- 8 Eddy and Austin Carr
- 9 Jackie and Eric Everett
- 11 Ann and Greg Oakley
- 12 Jo Anne and Tom Hairston

### 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 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. 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.

Loretta Trayer has begun a project for new needlepoint kneelers for the choir. If you would like to assist with the project, please contact Loretta (423-646-5554).

#### **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 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

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  
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  
Debbie Tidwell

2015-2017

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

Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

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## 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.