

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW

Parish Events Weekly

November 13–November 20, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel–November 15, 2015

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.—*Lector:* Fred Knickerbocker

10:30 a.m.—*Lector:* Bob Hardee *Intercessor:* Seth Allen

Eucharistic Ministers: Seth Allen & Tom Rogers

Acolytes: Olivia Hardee, Rowan Sullivan, Hagan Oakley, Tucker Couch

Ushers: Michael Webb & Shauna Nefos-Webb

From the Rector

There is a country church I always notice when I travel along a particular stretch of interstate in Tennessee. In front of their building they have placed a huge sign, easily read from the highway, which quotes Psalm 127, “Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it.” Stewardship of Emmanuel’s finances is important because when we manage the financial resources well, we can focus on things spiritual.

We can all be thankful for the excellent stewardship of Emmanuel’s finances. Our Junior Warden has carefully monitored and improved the lighting, heating, and air conditioning resulting in significant savings on our utility bills. The Fine Arts Committee under the leadership of Loretta Trayer has had all Emmanuel’s art, stained glass, needlepoint, antiques, and woodwork assessed and appraised to ensure we are adequately insured and that plans are in place to repair and maintain them. The Endowment Committee has received significant donations to the building endowment this year. Our goal is to grow the endowment so that maintaining the building is never a distraction from the spiritual wellbeing of future generations at Emmanuel. The treasurer, Bob Bruce, has put processes in place to ensure our financial transactions are transparent and safe, as well as securing the services of an outside accountant to review our finances.

The Finance Committee has carefully reviewed Emmanuel’s expenses and your offerings and will present their proposed 2016 budget to the vestry Monday evening. The proposed budget reflects Emmanuel’s value of spiritual formation. It also reflects their confidence in the more than seventy families and individuals who pledged in 2015 and those new to the congregation who will join in pledging in 2016.

Emmanuel is first and always a house of prayer and a place of spiritual growth. It is a house built with hands dedicated to the ministry of leading people toward *the house not made with hands*. Please join Kathy and me in prayerfully making your 2016 financial pledge to Emmanuel.

See you Sunday if not before.

Vestry Elections

At our Annual Parish Meeting ,this past Sunday, five new vestry members were elected. In January 2016, Maggie Green, Sharon Kyser, Michael Webb and Audrey Zaidi will being three year terms and Tom Rogers will serve one year of an uncompleted term.

Upcoming Events

King Institute Lecture Series

Monday, November 16

Guy Consolmagno will speak at **9:15 a.m.** at **King Chapel** and **7:00 p.m.** at **St. Anne's on Monday, November 16**. He is an astronomer with the Vatican Observatory and author of numerous books including *Turn Left at Orion* and hosts the BBC radio show, *A Brief History of the End of Everything*.

Bristol Faith in Action

This November we are again putting together personal care kits in five gallon zip lock bags. The church will provide the bags with a list of the items to be collected. The items are:

- 1 14.5 ounce Shampoo
- 1 Bar Soap
- 1 6 ounce Toothpaste
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Wash cloth
- 1 Deodorant
- 1 Razor
- 1 Shaving cream (men)
- 1 Lotion

You can pick up your bags in the parish hall. We will be collecting the bags throughout November. Thank you for this effort in bringing help to those in need in the name of Christ.

Boys Home Christmas Sponsorship

Christmas will soon be here. The boys at Boys Home will need sponsors to provide gifts for them. If you would like to help with this project, please submit a check made payable to Emmanuel with a note in the memo line for "Boys Home Christmas Sponsorship." Donations must be submitted by **Sunday , November 15**. Thank you, in advance, for your contributions,

Greening of the Church

The annual greening of the Church will take place **Sunday, December 22** after the **10:30** Eucharist in preparation of our Christmas festivities. If you have any live greenery you would like to share, please leave it in the alley behind the kitchen any time prior to Sunday. Hope you can join us!

35th Annual Christmas dinner

Preparations for the 35th Annual Christmas Dinner are well underway! We anticipate another large turnout this year, and we need your help. For many of you, this is an annual tradition, and we look forward to your support again this year. For others, this may be your first experience with our Christmas Dinner, and we hope it leaves the same kind of positive lasting impression on you as it has on many others over the years.

The Emmanuel Christmas Day Dinner will be Friday, **December 25**, from **4:00 p.m.** until **7:00 p.m.** We ask all parishioners to provide the following prior to the dinner:

- Desserts that do not require refrigeration
- UNWRAPPED Gifts for children ages 0-12.

We have numerous other assignments. You are welcome to participate in one or more of these activities, which may take place before, during, or after the dinner on Christmas Day. To sign up, please contact the Parish Office 276-669-9488 or emmanuelbristol@gmail.com.

Thursday Morning Lectionary Study

Join us on **Thursday mornings** at **10:00 a.m.** for Lectionary 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 followed by dinner and formation in the Parish Hall.

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild picks or purchases and arranges flowers each Sunday for the Altar. If arranging flowers is a talent you can share, consider becoming a part of this important ministry. Speak to Jane Bachman for more information.

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, Helyn Dougherty, Alva, Emma, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Anina Haqq, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Tonia Johnson, James Johnson, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Dan Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Carla Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, and the families in Family Promise

Prayers for Military Personnel

Will Haynes

Birthdays

- 11 Nancy Wood
- 15 David Haynes
- 16 Fred Knickerbocker,
Elayna Makres, Ginny Rogers
- 17 Jackie Fuller, Ronnie Gentry,
Zane Myers
- 18 René Rodgers, Lilley Sullivan
- 21 Ann Oakley

Wedding Anniversaries

- 20 John and Harriett Harty

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 9:30 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

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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Rector

The Rev. Craig R. Wylie, D. Min.
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

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

7:00 p.m.
Wednesday

BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., Thursday
2nd Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

6:00 p.m. Bledsoe Chapel
YAF

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

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
Sunday, December 20 during the 10:30 a.m. service Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 20 after the 10:30 a.m. service..... Greening of the church
Thursday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, December 24, 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 25, 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. 34th Annual
Community Christmas Dinner
Tuesday, January 5..... Epiphany
Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31..... 97th Annual Diocesan Council

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.