

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW

Parish Events Weekly

November 20–November 27, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel—November 22, 2015

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m.—*Lector:* John Harty

10:30 a.m.—*Lector:* Tom Hairston *Intercessor:* Michael Webb

Eucharistic Minister: Tom Hairston

Acolytes: Kira Adams, Judson Rainero, Rowan Sullivan, David Bieger, Lola

Spires, Olivia Hardee *Ushers:* Jan and Bob Bruce

**We welcome to the 10:30 Eucharist, Peter Morison,
playing trumpet, oboe, and violin.**

From the Rector

Maybe we should just call it Thanksgiving. At the heart of the faith experience of those who believe as we do is the gathering we call Eucharist. Variations on this gathering are known by many names. It is called the Mass or a Service of Holy Communion. Whatever it is called, when Christians gather to praise God and seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to hear God's word and remember God's mighty acts in history and in our lives, it is Thanksgiving. So maybe we should just call it that.

Eucharist literally means *good gifts*. In the sixteenth century an English writer used the word thanksgiving in writing about the "Supper of the Lord". In the United States it came to be associated with the harvest at a time when survival depended on the ability to gather and preserve enough food for the winter. More recently Thanksgiving is the first holiday of the holiday season.

I'm not really suggesting we change what we call our gatherings from Eucharist to Thanksgiving but I do suggest it would be a good devotional practice to be intentional about gratitude. Whether we are just being courteous or are deep in prayer, recognizing the good gifts we receive and expressing gratitude will change our lives.

Kathy and I are deeply grateful for all the good gifts we have received since coming to Emmanuel. However you observe the Thanksgiving holiday, we pray it will be safe and joyful.

May our gathering every Sunday for the thanksgiving feast keep the joy of the holiday in our lives throughout the year.

See you Sunday if not before!

Upcoming Events

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.

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.

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.

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, Mark Dollar, Helyn Dougherty, Alva, Emma, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Jim McGlothlin, Mariana McLaughlin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, and the families in Family Promise

Prayers for the Deceased

Carla Vaughn

Prayers for Military Personnel

Will Haynes

Birthdays

25 Richard Horner
27 Carolyn Haynes

Wedding Anniversaries

23 Jade and Justin
Carson

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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The Rev. Joe K. Dunagan, D. Min.
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
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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

2016-2018

Maggie Green
Sharon Kyser
Michael Webb
Audrey Zaidi

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
Tuesday, December 22–Friday, December 25 Parish Office closed
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
Monday December 28..... Last day to submit 2015 reimbursements or pledge offerings
Monday, December 28–Thursday, December 31, 7:00 a.m.–3:00 pm Parish Office open
Friday, January 1 Parish Office closed
Tuesday, January 5..... Epiphany

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.