

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *The PEW*

### Parish Events Weekly

November 27–December 4, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel—November 29, 2015

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.—*Lector*: David Taverner

10:30 a.m.—*Lector*: Greg Oakley     *Intercessor*: Mary Beth Rainero

*Eucharistic Ministers*: Sue Prill & Chris Yoder

*Acolytes*: Hagan Oakley, David Bieger, Lana Lavinder, Judson Rainero

*Ushers*: Monica and Daniel Shew

**We welcome to the 10:30 Eucharist, Donald Sorah, trumpeter and Elizabeth Paxton, vocalist.**

#### From the Rector

The holidays are upon us again. Sometimes it feels they are actually on us, weighing us down. There is so much to do and, even though the days are exactly the same length as they always are, twenty-four hours, daylight is a precious commodity. When it's dark, my instinct is to go home where there is light and warmth and the comfort of companionship. But there are still things to do: errands to run, shopping, visits to make, parties to attend.

The frenetic pace can be exhilarating when we become part of the energy of other busy people in busy preparation. On the other hand, it can all be too much, especially when we are grieving or when our expectations are unrealistic.

Christians have always taken respite in our gatherings. The Biblical word typically translated into English as *church* could be translated *gathering* or *called out*. Think of it this way, when the people of God gather to hear the word of the Lord, to pray, and to receive sacramental grace, we are called out of the busyness of life.

Last Sunday's musical offerings were superb. Stephanie and the choir have planned beautiful music for Advent and Christmas Eve. The lovely English blue Advent paraments have been brought out as they are for just four Sundays every year. Soon the greenery will be added. On Christmas Eve the festival white paraments will replace the blue and our old building will seem to dance in the candle light of the nativity.

Come to church. It isn't one more thing to do in an already too busy month. It is respite from all that.

See you Sunday if not before!

## Upcoming Events

### **Funeral & Memorial for Carla Vaughn**

The funeral for Carla Vaughn will be **Monday, November 30 at 11:30 a.m.** at Christ Church, 1412 Providence Rd., Charlotte, NC. There will be a memorial service at Emmanuel at a later date.

### **King Institute for Faith and Culture**

King Institute for Faith and Culture presents Michael Card, noted Christian singer-songwriter, musician, author, and radio host. Mr. Card "invites readers and listeners to grasp the meaning of Biblical texts with all the heart and mind." Monday, November 30 at 9:15 a.m. in the King Chapel and in concert at 7:00 p.m. at the Train Station.

### **Luncheon to Welcome John Simpson and Family**

On **Sunday, December 6**, we will welcome John, Barbara, Marshall, and Virginia Simpson to Emmanuel. John will join the staff as Director of Formation Ministries effective December 1. He will be commissioned for this ministry during the 10:30 Eucharist December 6 and there will be a soup luncheon for them afterward in the Parish Hall.

### **Greening of the Church**

The annual greening of the Church will take place **Sunday, December 20** 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!

### **35<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas dinner**

Preparations for the 35<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 (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, Mark Dollar, Helyn Dougherty, Alva, Emma, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Jim McGlothlin, Mariana McLaughlin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Helen Moore, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, and the families in Family Promise

## **Prayers for Military Personnel**

Will Haynes

## **Birthdays**

*November*

30 Fran Combs

*December*

2 Denise Rowe

3 Joyce Rodgers

3 Mary Curtin

3 Christina Zochowski

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

*November*

29 Elliott and Carl Moore

*December*

5 Gwen and Archie Hubbard

## 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 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*

John Simpson  
*Dir. of Formation Ministries*

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

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday

### BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

### THURSDAY EUCHARIST

6:00 p.m. Bledsoe Chapel  
**YAF**

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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*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. .... Vestry Retreat (Jubilee House)  
Sunday December 6 after the 10:30 Eucharist ..... Welcome lunch for John Simpson  
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. .... 34<sup>th</sup> 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 p.m. .... 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.