

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

December 4–December 11, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel—December 6 2015 The Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.—*Lector:* Seth Allen

10:30 a.m.—*Lector:* Janet Jayne *Intercessor:* Tom Rogers

Eucharistic Ministers: Walt Bressler & Tom Rogers

Acolytes: Tucker, Lilley, Lola, Jack, Judson & Rowan

Ushers: Ann and Greg Oakley

From the Rector

Beginning last Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent, we moved into the third year of the three year ecumenical lectionary known as the Revised Common Lectionary. During a time of great ecumenical momentum in the mid-twentieth century, this guide to the weekly Bible readings began to be used by Episcopalians, Romans, and Lutherans, along with many pastors from other faith communities. When coupled with the daily readings in the two year lectionary cycle which are particularly appropriate for individual and small groups, especially when read devotionally in the context of the daily offices, the Revised Common Lectionary guides us through much of the Bible.

The lectionary is divided into three cycles, each taking a year and beginning with Advent. The first, known as Year A, features readings from the Gospel of Matthew. The second, which we completed two Sundays ago, focused on the Gospel of Mark. The cycle which began last Sunday and continues for twelve months will have Gospel lessons primarily from Luke. The Gospel of John is interspersed into all three years. Along with the gospel readings, each Sunday has three other lessons assigned from scripture. Typically the first is from the Old Testament, the second from the New Testament, and a psalm or canticle.

Sunday worship has two parts. We begin with the liturgy of the Word during which the lectionary readings are heard and the sermon preached. We print the lessons in the service leaflet but you are encouraged to read the lessons in advance and listen to them as they are read on Sundays. I recommend the website lectionarypage.net for quick access to the lessons every week. We listen to the scriptures and the priest's interpretation of the lessons before we join in one of the creeds which encapsulates the biblical story in Trinitarian language. The second part of the liturgy is the liturgy of the Font and the Table.

At the heart of Christian devotional life is the weekly assembly of the baptized and those who are seeking to a closer relationship with God through baptism. Join me in the weekly exploration of God's Word for God's people. It's just not the same without you.

See you Sunday if not before!

Memorial service for Carla Vaughn

The memorial service for Carla Vaughn will be **Saturday, December 5** at **5:00 p.m.** at Emmanuel. The family will receive friends in the Parish Hall after the service.

Upcoming Events

Luncheon to Welcome John Simpson and Family

On **Sunday, December 6**, we will welcome John, Barbara, Marshall, and Virginia Simpson to Emmanuel. John recently joined the staff as Director of Formation Ministries. 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!

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 Dinner will be Friday, **December 25**, from **4:00 p.m.** until **6:00 p.m.** We ask all parishioners to provide the following prior to the dinner:

- Desserts that do not require refrigeration
- UNWRAPPED Childrens gifts ages 0-12.
- Shatter proof ornaments (keepsake type)

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 Senior Warden, Denise Rowe.

97th Annual Council

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia will convene the 97th Annual Council January 29–31, 2016 at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA. Online registration is now open through January 18. If you do not wish to attend all of Council, but wish to participate in Mission Workshops on Saturday, please register online. To register, please visit <http://www.dioswva.org/governance/annual-council.html>.

Youth at Council (Y@C)

Y@C is available for 6th -12th graders and will be at St. John's in Roanoke Friday evening January 29 through Saturday afternoon January 30. For more information please visit youth.dioswva.org, or contact the Rev. Canon Conner Gwin cgwin@dioswva.org.

Miscellaneous Notices

Emmanuel Christmas Ornaments

Emmanuel Christmas ornaments are available for \$10 each in the Parish Office.

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, Carol Biegler, 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, Joe Kurre, 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, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, the families in Family Promise, and for Will Haynes and all those serving in the military.

Birthdays

- 6 Martha Litton
- 7 Mary Beth Rainero
- 10 Lint Ellington
- 11 Ez Powers, Robyn Kealey
- 12 Julie Hairston-Murdock

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 Audrey and Sarfraz Zaidi

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.

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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Poinsettia Memorials

Poinsettias will be available again this Christmas for those who wish to purchase them in honor or memory of loved ones. Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your donation no later than December 16.

Name		
	In Honor	In Memory
	<i>Please circle one</i>	
From:		
Contribution:	Check # _____	Amount \$ _____

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Bishop

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

John Simpson
Dir. of Formation Ministries

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

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.–6:00 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 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.