

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *The PEW* Parish Events Weekly

**December 31, 2015–January 8, 2016**

**This Sunday at Emmanuel–January 3, 2016, The Second Sunday after Christmas**

8:00 a.m.—*Lector:* Seth Allen/John Simpson

10:30 a.m.—*Lector:* Jeremy McLaughlin; *Intercessor:* Ashley McLaughlin  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* John Simpson and Walt Bressler

*Have a Blessed New Year*

### Upcoming Events

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Dinner. From donations of gifts, to desserts, to giving of your time, it wouldn't have been possible without all of you who ministered to our community on Christmas!

We would also like to thank those who donated funds in December for the annual Boys Home Christmas sponsorship. Thanks to the generosity of the parishes in our diocese, the Boys Home was able to furnish Christmas gifts for their residents.

#### **“Undecorating”**

Following the postlude of the 10:30 service on **Sunday, January 3**, we will “undecorate” the church; taking down the Crismon tree and removing the live greenery. Anyone who has a few minutes of time (children included!) is qualified to assist with this task. As always, “a few good men” will be needed to wrangle the tree out the door and to the street. Also following the 10:30 service on Sunday, please take memorial poinsettias with you to keep at home or donate to folks who may enjoy one. Thank you in advance for your help.

#### **Feast of the Epiphany**

We will mark the Feast of Epiphany on **Wednesday, January 6**, with Evening Prayers in the chapel at **6:15 p.m.**

#### **Young Adults Meeting**

“Are you interested in Sunday school tailored for young adults and young families at Emmanuel? Join us on **Sunday, January 10** at **9:30 a.m.** in the Parish Hall to discuss this opportunity for 2016! We will discuss the format and topics that we could explore during the year. This group is geared toward both young adults and young

families. We are excited to study scripture and get to know one another better. Nursery assistance will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Michael Webb at 423-202-0606 or mcwebb1061@gmail.com.”

I would also like to reach out personally to some individuals and couples about this group. Would you all mind to send me names and contact info for individuals and couples that you believe would be a good fit for this study group? I will personally contact them and invite them to the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Any thoughts you have about this group would be greatly appreciated. If you have any question or need anything please let me know.

Thank you, Michael Webb.

### **Acolyte Training**

**January 17, 12:00 -2:00 p.m.** (after the 10:30 Eucharist)

LUNCH PROVIDED! If service at the altar is one of your gifts to Emmanuel, please join us! Let's celebrate what we do together and start the year off on the same page. Never quite sure what to do in a certain moment of worship? Bring your questions and ideas. RSVP to Debbie Tidwell at lessofdeb@charter.net

### **Youth Confirmation**

On **May 15**, Pentecost Sunday, our bishop, Rt. Rev. Mark Bourlakas, will make his episcopal visit to us. On this day, anyone who is "ready and has been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith" can be confirmed. Confirmation is an affirmation of the vows made on an infant's behalf at baptism. It is NOT initiation into the church (that's baptism), any sort of graduation or completion, or a sign you'd like to serve on Vestry. It IS, among other things, a

recognition of formation that has happened and will continue, and a commissioning into deeper ministry in the Church.

Preparation will be fun, conversational, experiential and liturgical. It should be a priority for one's spring schedule. Holy Week (starting March 20) will factor heavily into the process. If you are a young person interested in intentional preparation for this sacrament, please contact John Simpson at EmmanuelForma@gmail.com by **January 17**.

### **97<sup>th</sup> Annual Council**

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia will convene the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Council **January 29–31, 2016** at Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA. Online registration is available through January 18. To register, please visit <http://www.dioswva.org/governance/annual-council.html>.

### **Youth at Council (Y@C)**

Y@C is available for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders and will be at St. John's in Roanoke Friday evening **January 29** through Sunday morning **January 31**. For more information please contact John Simpson, emmanuelforma@gmail.com.

### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 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, Julian Van Winkle, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, and the families in Family Promise, Will Haynes, and all who serve in the military, and their families.

## **Birthdays**

- 4 Tom Hairston
- 5 Dan Bieger
- 8 Susan Knickerbocker

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

- 6 Linda and Mike Riley

## 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.  
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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

9:15 a.m.  
Catechesis (Atrium)  
Youth (Conference Room)  
Adult (Library)

### 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—6:45 p.m.

## VESTRY

### 2014–2016

Fred Knickerbocker  
Doug Mitchell  
Tom Rogers  
Debbie Tidwell

### 2015–2017

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

### 2016–2018

Maggie Green, *Secretary*  
Sharon Kyser, Sr. *Warden*  
Michael Webb  
Audrey Zaidi

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sunday, January 3 after 10:30 a.m. Eucharist*.....“Undercorating” the church  
*Wednesday, January 6, 6:15 p.m.*.....Feast of the Epiphany (Bledsoe Chapel)  
*Sunday, January 17 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.*.....Acolyte Training  
*Sunday, January 17, 3:00 p.m.*.....Abingdon Convocation at Emmanuel  
*Monday, January 18, 5:15 p.m.*.....Vestry  
*Sunday, January 24*.....Attendance Sunday  
*Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31*.....97<sup>th</sup> Annual Council  
*Sunday, May 15 during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist*.....Youth Confirmation  
*Wednesday, February 10, 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.*.....Ash Wednesday Service  
*Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.*.....Maundy Thursday Service  
*Friday, March 25, 7:00 p.m.*.....Good Friday Service  
*Saturday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.*.....The Great Vigil of Easter

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.