

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW Parish Events Weekly

January 8–January 15, 2016

This Sunday at Emmanuel–January 10, 2016, The Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 a.m.—*Lector*: Seth Allen

10:30 a.m.—*Lector*: Walt Bressler; *Intercessor*: John Simpson

Eucharistic Ministers: John Simpson and Walt Bressler

Acolytes: Jack, Lana, Lola, David, Kira, and Judson

Ushers: Jan and Bob Bruce

From the Rector

Is Emmanuel right for you? That's not a question I had given a lot of thought to since I can't imagine why anyone would not want to be a part of what God is doing at Emmanuel. Then I read another Episcopal community's answer to the same question. Their response was, "Yes, if you seek..." Among the qualities they listed were *a faithful, diverse, and welcoming community*. I thought that was nice. Then they listed *the daily practice of the baptismal covenant and forming a lifelong discipline of worship, prayer, and spiritual growth grounded in the Anglican tradition*.

Isn't that at the heart of what an Episcopal church should be? Sure we should be welcoming and diverse but within the diversity we find our common identity in the daily practice of the baptismal covenant and we experience individually the joy of our salvation in the forming of lifelong spiritual disciplines.

This Sunday, the first after the Feast of Epiphany, is when we remember the baptism of our Lord. When we follow Jesus into the baptismal waters we follow him into a way of life. We become new people. When there is a conflict between the higher calling of following Jesus and the demands placed on us by the secular, our deepest desire is always spiritual. It is always the way of the cross, of ministry.

If you are baptized, remind yourself of that every day. What does it mean to be baptized and to live in a spiritual community of people who have been baptized? If we all spend the next several weeks seriously meditating on that question, imagine how exciting and wonderful the Easter Vigil will be!

See you Sunday if not before!

Upcoming Events

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 10th 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 24, 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.

Confirmation Preparation

In the Episcopal Church one of the sacramental duties of a bishop is the confirmation of mature Christians. Bishop Bourlakas is scheduled to be at Emmanuel on the Feast of Pentecost, **May 15**, when he will confirm those who

are "ready and have been duly prepared to make a mature public affirmation of their faith."

Those who should consider confirmation preparation include young people who were baptized as infants or who have not been baptized and believe they are now ready to affirm the baptismal covenant and vows made on their behalf as babies or desire to be baptized now. Our Formation Minister is planning confirmation preparation for youth that will be fun, conversational, experiential, and liturgical. Participants will commit to making this a priority for their spring schedules. Holy Week begins on March 20th and will factor heavily into the process. Young people who are interested in intentional preparation for this sacrament should contact John Simpson (emmanuelforma@gmail.com) by **January 17**.

Adults who have not been baptized or who were baptized but have never been confirmed or received as Episcopalians should speak with Father Joe about their preparation for confirmation (or reception into the Episcopal Church). Adults who desire a deeper spiritual life should also speak with Father Joe about preparation for renewal of the Baptismal Covenant.

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 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 5th -12th 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 (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, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Helen Moore, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Cody Snyder, 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

11 Rowan Sullivan
12 Tommy Curtin, Morgan Armstrong
14 John Ed Fuller
16 Adrienne Hess, Emma Jones

Wedding Anniversaries

12 Doris and Bill Hagey

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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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
2nd 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 17, 3:00 p.m. Abingdon Convocation at Emmanuel
Sunday, January 24 Attendance Sunday
Sunday, January 24 12:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Acolyte Training
Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31 97th Annual Council
Wednesday, February 10, 12:15 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Sunday, March 6 Roger Bowen—Haitian ministries
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
Sunday, May 15 during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Confirmation

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.