

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

January 15–January 22, 2016

This Sunday at Emmanuel–January 17, 2016,

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:00 a.m.—*Lector:* David Taverner

10:30 a.m.—*Lector:* Bob Hardee; *Intercessor;* Chris Yoder

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Yoder and John Simpson

Acolytes: Olivia, Lilley, Rowan, Hagan, Kira, and Tucker

Ushers: Shauna Nefos-Webb and Michael Webb

From the Rector

Last Sunday, the first after Epiphany, was the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. That is one of the feast days when it is traditional to baptize new Christians. The others include Pentecost, All Saints Day, and, most appropriately, the Easter Vigil. Someone asked me later what the difference is between a baptism and a christening.

Both words come to the English sounding very nearly the way they did in Greek. Baptize comes from a Greek word meaning to immerse or wash. So the sacrament of baptism is the water bath in which we are immersed, or at least washed, when we become Christians. Christen is derived from the same word from which we get Christ, Christian, and chrism. Christ, or Messiah, means the anointed one and chrism is the oil with which we are anointed when we are marked as Christ own.

The lesson from Acts on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord tells how Samaritan people believed and were baptized but did not receive the Holy Spirit until the apostles laid hands on them. Without the work of the Spirit, the sacraments are mere ritual. We heard this year Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus in which he says that as Jesus was praying the Spirit descended on him.

All these things are part of the baptismal liturgy. The candidates (or parents and god-parents if the candidate is too young) take their vows, the congregation prays for them, and the priest administers the sacrament of baptism and anoints the Christians with oil that has been blessed by the bishop.

So baptize and christen are really interchangeable, though we usually think of christening a baby and baptizing adults. As the secular culture and cultural Christianity are more and more differentiated, we will see many more adult baptisms. The Book of Common Prayer already assumes adult baptism as normative. It is imperative that we who witness and participate in the initiation of new Christians take very seriously the work of the Holy Spirit in and through the sacraments and our own ministries of formation.

See you Sunday if not before.

Upcoming Events

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 lesssofdeb@charter.net

Family Night

Join us **Sunday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for Family Night. Come and enjoy a fun evening of music and activities for children and youth. Please bring a covered to dish to share.

Lay Minister Training

On **Tuesday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m.** there will be a training for lay readers and lay Eucharistic ministers. If you are currently part of these ministries, or would like to be, please attending this training session.

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

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, Nancy Bourke, 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, Will King, John Kennerly, 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

17 Matt Lavinder
19 Jane Copenhaver, Chris Yoder
20 Maggie Green
21 George Miller, Lisa Tickle
23 Moseley Snyder

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.

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

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)
Young Adult (Parish Hall)
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
Sunday, January 24, 6:00 p.m. Family Night
Tuesday, January 26, 5:30 p.m. Lay Minister Training
Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31 97th Annual Council
Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. *Candlemas*
Tuesday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
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.