

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *The PEW*

### Parish Events Weekly

February 19–February 26, 2016

This Sunday at Emmanuel–February 21, 2016

The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.—*LEM*: Fred Knickerbocker

10:30 a.m.—*Lector*: Janet Jayne; *Intercessor* & Eucharistic Minister: Tom Rogers

*Acolytes*: Daniel, Josie, Milly, Rowan, Lilley, and Adilyn

*Ushers*: Ann and Greg Oakley

#### From the Rector

Jesus told a story about the kingdom in which he described a jeweler who found a pearl of such beauty that he sold his entire inventory in order to purchase that one gem. Can you imagine anything that you loved so much because of its beauty that you would give everything to have it?

We tend to compartmentalize our faith. We pray regularly that God's kingdom would come even though we don't give kingdoms much thought any more. After all, the point of the American Revolution was that we would not be part of a kingdom! Yet that is the metaphor for the ultimate event in history when we will all come to finally love God with all our hearts and love each other as we love ourselves.

This Lent we are exploring together as a spiritual family the connection between our lives, our ministries, and the sacraments. We are all ministers because we all serve something. We are motivated by the love of some pearl. It is a worthy Lenten discipline to take stock of what motivates us to service. What are we working toward?

We are specifically thinking this Lent about the poor. The Bible speaks of the poor as those who are marginalized due to their lack of wealth, land, and possessions but it also speaks of the poor metaphorically as all of us when we consider our relationship with God. So to be invited to be part of the Kingdom of God—perhaps God's family is a better way of thinking about it—is an amazing thing. Do we love God that much? Do we love God and our neighbor enough to invest everything we have into God's family business?

See you Sunday if not before.

#### Upcoming Events

**Safeguarding God's Children –TODAY Sunday, February 21, 12:00 p.m.**

Calling all Catechists, Vestry members, nursery helpers, anyone who spends time with children, at church or anywhere. This three-hour training teaches us how to look for signs of child sexual abuse, and to make sure Emmanuel is a safe place for all God's children. Anyone in regular supervision of young people at Emmanuel must have this training every two years. Lunch provided. Cost is free.

## Family Night

Join us **TONIGHT Sunday, February 21** 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 dish to share.

## King Institute for Faith & Culture

On **Monday, February 29** King will host Martin Weiss, Holocaust survivor and spokesman for the Holocaust Memorial Museum. He will speak at Memorial Chapel at **9:15 a.m.**

On **Tuesday, March 1** Emmanuel will welcome the Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics (Preaching) Luke Powery. Dean Powery's lecture will be at Emmanuel at **7:00 p.m.**

## Haiti Collaborative

**The Haiti Collaborative** is a ministry begun in Staunton, Waynesboro, Blue Grass, Arrington, and Lynchburg and now spreading to the Abingdon Convocation. On **March 6** Father Roger Bowen will be at Emmanuel and that afternoon at **two o'clock** he will speak at St. Thomas, Abingdon, about opportunities to support and participate in the collaborative.

This ministry involves traveling to Haiti to meet our Episcopal sisters and brothers from the Diocese of Haiti (the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church). A trip is being planned for **June 3-9**. First time ambassadors are especially welcome on this mission.

## Soup Kitchen

March is Soup Kitchen Month for Emmanuel. We help package the meals that are distributed to residents of Bristol, VA. The meals are prepared and packaged at the old Sullins College (United Company) building on Glenway Avenue. The Soup Kitchen recommends there be two volunteers per day. Work lasts less than 90 minutes starting at 9:15 a.m. weekdays. A sign-up sheet is available on the red information station in the Parish Hall, or you may call the Parish Office to sign up.

## Social Club, Tuesday, March 1

The first Social Club of 2016 will be held at Emmanuel's Parish Hall at **6:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 1**. Social Club is the first Tuesday of each month and includes supper and bingo for area residents. Church volunteers are needed to help serve, cook and clean. Doug Mitchell will be coordinating volunteer efforts this year and can be reached at [423-483-1172](tel:423-483-1172) or [dmitchell8257@gmail.com](mailto:dmitchell8257@gmail.com). There will be meetings of those interested in helping after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on Sunday, February 21. Sign up to help for one month or several months as we "love our neighbor" with this unique Emmanuel event.

## Confirmation Preparation

In the Episcopal Church one of the sacramental duties of a bishop is the confirmation of mature Christians. Bishop Bourlakis 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 20 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](mailto:emmanuelforma@gmail.com)).

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.

## Miscellaneous Notices

### **Brass Polish**

A shipment of Wenol brass polish has arrived. If anyone is interested in purchasing, please contact Tina Hitt at 276-669-3014 (home), 276-791-0112 (cell), or email [thehitts@bvu.net](mailto:thehitts@bvu.net). The 4 oz tubes are \$7.50 each and the 39 oz cans are \$30.00 each. This wholesale price includes shipping.

### **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, Richard Barnes, Carol Biegler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Teresa Burkholder, Winifred Campbell, Pat Conroy, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Mark Dollar, Alva, Emma, Danny Freeman, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Will King, Joe Kurre, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Jim McGlothlin, Jill Mendiljjan, Claire Miller, Helen Moore, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Ron Morgan, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Ben Sage, Madison Sage, Randy Sage, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Julian Van Winkle, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, Josh Yoder, the families in Family Promise and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for all who serve in the military, and their families.

### **Birthdays**

- 24 Marshall Simpson
- 25 Chris Horner
- 26 Ronan King, Carl Moore,  
John Tickle
- 27 Steve Martin

## 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](mailto: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) as soon as possible as we only have seven 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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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

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

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:00 p.m. Lenten Program  
7:15 p.m. Choir

### BIBLE STUDY

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

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## 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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 21, 12:00 p.m. .... Safeguarding God's Children  
Sunday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. .... Family Night  
Wednesday, February 24, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Thursday, February 26–Sunday, February 29 ..... Happening #9 (Roanoke)  
Monday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. .... Social Club  
Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Sunday, March 6 ..... Fr. Roger Bowen—Haitian ministries  
Sunday, March 6, 2:00 p.m. .... Fr. Roger Bowen—Haitian ministries (St. Thomas)  
Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Wednesday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. .... Finance Committee  
Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
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.