

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW Parish Events Weekly

April 8–April 15, 2016

This Sunday at Emmanuel–April 10, 2016
The Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 am–*LEM*: David Taverner

10:30 am–*Lector*: Bob Hardee
Intercessor & Eucharistic Minister: Tom Hairston
Acolytes: David, Milly, Lola, Rowan, Amelia, & Kira
Ushers: Cher Marshall & Barbara Simpson

From the Rector

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children (sons and daughters) of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. (1 John 3:1-3)

On behalf of my wife and her family, thank you for your prayerful support since her father's death. John T. Kelly lived a long and full life. Most of it in Bristol and with his wife, Kitty. He was born here but grew up in Richlands. He served in World War II. After the war, he graduated from Emory and Henry College and went to dental school where he met Kathy's mother. I asked him one time why he became a dentist. He said because he liked people and was good with his hands.

The scriptures talk a lot about family. Jesus taught us to pray to our Father whose name is too holy to utter. "See what love the Father has given us," says the New Testament epistle First John, "that we should be called the sons and daughters of God; and that is what we are." The scripture does not endorse paternalism (or anything else that ends with *ism*). Rather, I think, praying to God our Father is a way to express intimacy and remind Christians that we are first spiritual sisters and brothers.

Kathy and I are very blessed to be part of a spiritual family whose home is Emmanuel. Just as Kathy's family graciously accepted me, we are called as a spiritual family to accept those who come into our spiritual home as sisters and brothers in Christ because, as the Bible says clearly, that is who they are.

See you Sunday if not before.

Upcoming Events

King Institute for Faith and Culture

On **Monday, April 11**, King University Institute for Faith and Culture presents James K.A. Smith. Professor Smith teaches philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he holds the Gary and Henrietta Byker Chair in Applied Reformed Theology and Worldview. The first lecture will be at the King University Memorial Chapel at 9:15 a.m. and the second presentation will be at **Emmanuel** at **7:00 p.m.**

Grounds Day

Please join us on **Saturday, April 23** at **9:00 a.m.** to work on the gardens around our church. We have purchased 100 junipers to plant in the flower beds and need lots of people (with shovels) to help put them in the ground! If digging holes isn't your thing, there are plenty of other beautification tasks (weeding, mulching, etc.) to do. **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!**

Sign up in the Parish Hall or speak to the Junior Warden so we make sure we have enough to eat!

Feast of the Ascension

Please join us on **Thursday, May 5** at **7:00 p.m.** for Holy Eucharist as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension.

Women's Retreat

The Abingdon Convocation is sponsoring a women's retreat, "One Word" **Saturday, May 14** at St. Thomas Church in Abingdon at **10:00 a.m.** Author Martha Bourlakas will present her "One Word" workshop. Copies of her new book *Love Feast, Together at the Table* will be available. Cost is \$20 per person and includes lunch. Contact Jan Bruce for reservations janwbruce@mac.com or 423-989-3240.

Youth 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."

Young people who should consider confirmation preparation include those who believe they ready to affirm the baptismal covenant and vows made on their behalf as babies or desire to be baptized and confirmed. 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).

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.

Saturday Eucharist

There will be no summer slump at Emmanuel. In addition to services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays and Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. we will offer a Saturday Eucharist starting **Saturday, May 21**.

Miscellaneous Notices

Coffee Hour

If you enjoy a good cup of coffee and a tasty doughnut during coffee hour on Sunday, please consider assisting with this ministry. We have a few faithful parishioners who make sure we have doughnuts each week, but, we need more help if we are to continue this ministry. Doughnuts are picked up on

Saturday at Blackbird Bakery and brought to Emmanuel for Coffee Hour on Sunday. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

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@bvuu.net. The 4 oz tubes are \$7.50 each and the 39 oz cans are \$30.00 each. This wholesale price includes shipping.

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, Richard Barnes, Carol Biegler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Mark Dollar, Alva, Emma, Danny Freeman, 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, Ron Morgan, Tony Morrell, Jan Ransom, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, Donnie Wheatley, Bob Wick, Josh Yoder, the families in Family Promise, Healing Hands patients and staff, Will Haynes and all those serving in the military

Birthdays

11 Amelia Jarrard, Anne Neese, Jordan Taverner
15 Lisa Mitchell
16 Justin Carson

Anniversaries

11 Fran and Jim McGlothlin

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) 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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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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

7:00 p.m. Choir

BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., Thursday
2nd Floor Conference Room

THURSDAY EVENING

6:00 p.m. Bledsoe Chapel
YAF after Eucharist

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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Sunday, May 15 during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist..... Confirmation
Saturday, May 21.....Grace House workday with Boys' Home
Saturday, May 21 (Time TBA)..... Saturday Eucharist
Monday, May 30 Parish Office closed (Memorial Day)

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.