

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *The PEW* Parish Events Weekly

April 15–April 22, 2016

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This Sunday at Emmanuel–April 17, 2016  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am–*LEM*: Dave Zochowski

10:30 am–*Lector*: Janet Jayne

*Intercessor*: Shawna Nefos-Webb    *Eucharistic Minister*: Walt Bressler

*Acolytes*: Olivia, Adilyn, Mayne, Hagan, Lilley, and Grace

*Ushers*: Jan Rainero and Harriett Harty

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### From the Rector

Sometimes we have to say good-bye. I guess that is part of the reality of a growing and welcoming congregation. Very soon after I arrived at Emmanuel, a young man walked in the James Street door, made his Communion at the Wednesday noon healing Eucharist, and talked with me about his new position at King and his spiritual life. I knew Seth Allen would be at home at Emmanuel and, sure enough, he has been faithful ever since. He even assisted at the Altar as a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Seth has accepted a new position in another city as might be expected of a bright, young academic. We are thankful for his time among us and hope he will come back often.

As spiritual sisters and brothers in our baptisms living in a time when people relocate for professional and family reasons, we should be aware that "good-bye" is really a benediction, a contraction for "God be with you." We should also remember what Dr. Jamie Smith reminded us of in his lecture Monday evening: our spiritual lives are really always a quest.

Whether you have lived in Bristol all your life and always will, or are one of too many whose quest brings you to Emmanuel only for a season, when we share the holy meal, we share eternity. Church transcends the times and places we inhabit, as it always has, and gives us rest and nourishment for the next leg of our quest, our pilgrimage, whether that takes us back to the office on Monday or to a whole new chapter in our lives. God be with you.

See you Sunday if not before.

## Upcoming Events

### **Author Visit at St. Anne**

St. Anne Catholic School invites the community to join the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Judith Rosenfeld Author Program. This year Sarah Weeks, award-winning author of over 50 books for children and young adults, is the featured author. She will speak at 6:00 p.m., for free, on Sunday, May 1 in the great room. If you would like to come to the author dinner 5:00 pm, the cost is \$15.00 per person. Please Pre-register for the dinner by April 22 at [www.stannelibrary.com](http://www.stannelibrary.com). Contact Angie Bush at [abush@stanneschoolbristol.org](mailto:abush@stanneschoolbristol.org) or [276-669-0048](tel:276-669-0048) for more information.

### **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!

### **Prizes needed for May 3 Social Club**

The Social Club is a mission of the church which provides dinner, fellowship and fun for our neighbors the first Tuesday of each month. Prizes for our after-dinner bingo game are needed for our May 3 event. Prizes can range from jewelry, to food, to sunglasses, to puzzles, to books or whatever your imagination can come up with. Prizes can be dropped off at the church office. For more information contact Doug Mitchell [423-483-1172](tel:423-483-1172) or [dmitchell8257@gmail.com](mailto:dmitchell8257@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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](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.

### **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 28, 5:00 p.m..**

## 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.

### **Prayer Requests**

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Richard Barnes, Carol Biegler, Sue Brickley, 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**

17 Molly Wurmser

### **Anniversaries**

20 Sue & Jim Prill

23 Joyce & Robert Rodgers

## 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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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

7:00 p.m. Choir

### BIBLE STUDY

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

### THURSDAY EVENING

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

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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

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Thursday, May 5, 7:00 p.m. .... Feast of the Ascension  
Saturday, May 14, 10:00 a.m. .... Women's Retreat (St. Thomas, Abingdon)  
Sunday, May 15 during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist..... Confirmation  
Saturday, May 21..... Grace House workday with Boys' Home  
Saturday, May 21, 5:00 p.m. .... Saturday Eucharist  
Monday, May 30 ..... Parish Office closed for Memorial Day  
Monday, July 4..... Closed for Independence 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.