

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW Parish Events Weekly

April 29–May 6, 2016

This Sunday at Emmanuel–May 1, 2016
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am–*LEM*: Fred Knickerbocker

10:30 am–*Lector and Eucharistic Minister*: Tom Rogers
Intercessor: Jeremy McLaughlin
Acolytes: Daniel, Milly, Mayne, Rowan, Lana, and Grace
Ushers: Frank Goodpasture III and Debbie Tidwell

From the Rector

May 7 is World labyrinth Day. Emmanuel has a beautiful labyrinth across James Street from the bell tower. From time to time I see people walking it. These are usually people who happen by, read the sign, and decide to give it a try. The interesting thing about a labyrinth is that it is not a maze. There is no attempt to get you lost. It is designed to guide you to the center and back out again, a journey that takes you to where you started.

So what is the point? It can be simply to relax or reflect as you walk. For Christians, it can be similar to a rosary when we repeat prayers and add the element of movement to our devotions.

Labyrinths don't really take us anywhere. We end up where we started. But that is always been the point of spiritual pilgrimages—to bring us back home. We travel to some holy place like a cathedral or shrine or, for us more individualist Americans, to a place of personal interest. Then we go home. We get back to work. The difference between a vacation and a pilgrimage is a spiritual element. Your journey has been spiritual not because it takes you to a new place but because you return a new person.

Think of our labyrinth as a metaphorical pilgrimage back to the place where we were born spiritually, our baptisms. If we don't just walk the labyrinth but pray the labyrinth, it can be a wonderful devotional aid helping us to prepare for the glorious feast of Pentecost!

See you Sunday if not before.

Upcoming Events

Social Club This Tuesday, May 3

Dinner for this mission of the church which serves our neighbors begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you can't join us, you can support the event by donating a prize to be awarded during the after-dinner bingo game. Volunteers to help serve are welcome as are parishioners who would like to enjoy dinner with this group. 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

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 are ready to affirm the baptismal covenant and vows made on their behalf as babies or desire to be baptized and confirmed. 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.

Pentecost Sunday Parish Activities

Once again we ask all parishioners to wear red to church on Pentecost Sunday for our annual Parish Family Portrait to be taken immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist.

After the portrait, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a covered dish celebration for those who have been confirmed, received, or renewed their baptismal vows. Emmanuel is providing the main dish and we ask all attending to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Fill out the form on the print version of the *PEW* to let us know what you will bring and place it in the alms basin during offertory. We are also in need of individuals to assist with set up and clean up for the event. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

Supper Club

Adults are invited to the home of Beth and Tom Rogers for Supper Club on Sunday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. (1720 Holston Dr., Bristol, TN). Please call Beth and Tom to coordinate your dish, 423-652-7429.

Supper Club is hosted by Emmanuel parishioners at their homes or the Parish Hall at Emmanuel and is usually the third Sunday of the month. Hosts provide the main dish and attendees bring appetizers, sides and desserts. If you would like more information, or would like to host, please contact Denise Rowe ny.citigirl@yahoo.com.

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

Clarice Abney, Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Richard Barnes, Carol Biegler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Robert Dickert, 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, Will Haynes and all those serving in the military.

Birthdays

- 1 Jon Harden
- 2 Spike Tickle
- 4 Ann Christ
- 7 John Byers. William King

Anniversaries

- 3 Paige and John Terry
- 4 Arnell and John Byers

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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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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 28, 5:00 p.m. Saturday Eucharist
Monday, May 30 Parish Office closed for Memorial Day
Monday, July 4 Parish Office closed for Independence Day

PENTECOST COVERED DISH

Sunday, May 15 after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Family Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Side or dessert you will bring: _____

Available to assist with set up or clean up? Yes or No (*please circle*)

Please tear off and place in alms basin.