

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW Parish Events Weekly

December 16–December 23, 2016

*Holy Eucharist will be celebrated
Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*



Children's Pageant

We will once again celebrate an annual tradition with a delicious breakfast prepared by church members at **9:00 am** on **Sunday, December 18**. Afterwards, please stay for the Children's Pageant during the **10:30 am service**. All children are invited to participate. If anyone is interested in helping with the breakfast please contact Spike Tickle or Mike Riley.

Greening of the Church

The annual greening of the Church will take place **Sunday, December 18** after the 10:30 Eucharist in preparation of our Christmas festivities. If you have any live greenery you would like to share, please leave it in the alley behind the kitchen any time prior to Sunday. Hope you can join us!

Christmas Eve

Make plans to join us **Saturday, December 24** for our Christmas Services at 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. We will have children's gathering at 4 p.m. prior to our first Eucharist.

2016 Christmas Dinner

All I want for Christmas...is some cheerful volunteers!

We are just two weeks away from celebrating the birth of our Savior. What better way can there be to celebrate than to spend Christmas afternoon in fellowship and service? Sunday, December 25, Emmanuel will host the 36th annual Christmas Community Dinner, and we are looking for volunteers. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall. Choose your post and your time, and come be part of this incredible event. For more information, please see Sharon Kyser or Fred Knickerbocker.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Each year, children aged 0 to 12 years that attend the Christmas Community Dinner receive a gift. If you can, please bring a new, unwrapped toy or other appropriate gift

for a child so that none will go away empty handed. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please mark your check for the Christmas gift fund and we will take care of the shopping. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

CALLING ALL PASTRY CHEFS!

If you would like to contribute a dessert for the Christmas Dinner, we will be collecting desserts in the upstairs conference room. We ask that only items that do not require refrigeration be placed on the conference room table prior to the Christmas dinner.

Adult and Young Adult Faith Formation

The adults will view a series on *Life in Ancient Israel* in the library. The Younger Adults will discuss *Inwardly Digest* in the Conference Room. Both groups will begin at **9:30 a.m.** with coffee and doughnuts available at 9:00 a.m.

Online Giving

Emmanuel now has online giving that can be accessed through our website at <http://emmanuelbristol.org/giving>. Generosity is an important part of our growth as Christians. We believe that in giving we receive. In particular, it is through giving we receive the promises of the gospel. There are many ways to give, big or small, and whether you want to make a pledge for ongoing contributions or a one-time gift. Whatever you chose to give, we welcome you to join Emmanuel in our transformative work.

Prayer Requests

Angie Alpern, Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Richard Barnes, Diane Bedwell, Carol Biegler, Walt Bressler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Lisa Campbell, Winifred Campbell, Ben Crenshaw, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Helyn Dougherty, Alva, Emma, Lint Ellington, Alan Kurre Elliott, Paul Fennick, Ham Fuller, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, David Haynes, Will Haynes, Tom Hurt, Margaret Hutson, Michael Johnston, Janice Kostner, Chris Mallin, Gayle

Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Gordon McLarty, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Hank Miller, George Miller, Frank Molteni, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Jack Presnell, Tony Morrell, Gerry Muncie, Renea Ramey, Jan Ransom, Rick Rimer, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Bill Smith, Mary Jo Thomas, and Bryan Young

Birthdays

- 22 Loretta Trayer
- 24 Mary Armstrong, Doris Hagey
Audra Jones, Elizabeth Oakley

Wedding Anniversaries

- 20 Bettie & Jim Hite
Barbara Sue & Joe Kurre

NOTES OF INTEREST

Parish Office

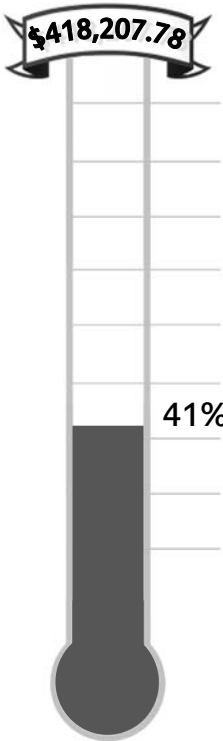
If you need to reach the rector whenever the office is closed, call him directly on his cell phone. You may contact the Parish Office by calling (276) 669-9488 or emailing emmanuelbristol@gmail.com. Office hours are Monday–Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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 11:00 a.m. If no children are checked in prior to 11:00 a.m., the nursery will close.

Pastoral Support

If you are in need of pastoral support, please contact the rector directly or by calling the Parish Office.



2017 Stewardship Update

as of Friday, December 16
we have received

57 pledges totaling **\$172,730**
of our needed
\$418,207.78

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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.

SATURDAY SERVICE

Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Holy Eucharist
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)
Adult (Library)

CHOIR

Wednesday
7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Holy Eucharist with
Prayers for Healing
12:15 p.m.—Bledsoe Chapel

BIBLE STUDY

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

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, December 20, 6:15 p.m. Journey's End (Downtown Bristol)
Saturday, December 24, 4:00 p.m. Children's gathering
Saturday, December 24, 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 25, 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (No 8:00 a.m. service)
Sunday, December 25, 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m. . Annual Community Christmas Dinner
Thursday, December 29, 3:00 p.m. Deadline to submit 2016 contributions
Friday, January 6, 7:00 p.m. Epiphany
Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 p.m. Candlemas
Friday, February 10, 6:00 p.m. Valentine's Dinner
Monday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. King Lecture Series—Theodora Klayman (Nave)
Monday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. King Lecture Series—Norman Wirzba (Nave)

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.