

## From The Rector

The connection between Easter and Baptism is important. In the Epistle to the Romans Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by

baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin." Very early in the Church the tradition began of baptizing new Christians during the night before Easter. Remember the new day began for them at sundown. When they went to the tomb on Easter morning, it was empty. Jesus rose during the night. So we are buried with him in baptism and rise with him during the night of *Easter Eve* into new life as the body of Christ, the Church.

At the beginning of Lent I asked the congregation to acknowledge, pray for, and support Jamie Heath as an adult

candidate for Holy Baptism. We will, God willing, baptize him at the Vigil. The idea behind our Wednesday Lenten program this year was to model an approach for preparing adult candidates for baptism through the witness of the community rather than teaching classes about doctrine. In other words, we want to incorporate new Christians into our mutual love of Christ and of each other. It is foundational to experience the faith. Then practice ministry. Then spend a lifetime learning about doctrine. The former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has written, "All Christian doctrine is directly or indirectly a reflection on Easter." We will also, God willing, baptize the Knickerbocker babies for the same reason. They are part of the congregation and will be ministers as they grow in grace and spend their lives learning and growing, never knowing what it would be like not to be a part of the household of God.

So when you see the font and touch the water, remember your baptism and pray for inspiration to lead your life as one who has been raised with Christ into new life. Remember also our responsibility to be kind and caring toward each other as Jesus instructed us when he said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

See you Sunday if not before.

## Calendar of Events

### Holy Week Schedule

*Holy Wednesday*  
April 1, 12:15 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday*  
April 2, 7:00 p.m.

*Good Friday*  
April 3, 12:00 p.m.

*The Great Vigil of Easter*  
April 4, 7:30 p.m.

*Easter Sunday*  
April 5, 8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

*Wednesday, April 1*  
Meals on Wheels

*Friday, April 3*  
Parish Office Closed Good Friday

*Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.*  
Social Club

*Wednesday, April 8, 5:00 p.m.*  
Finance Committee

*Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.*  
Spaghetti Dinner

*Sunday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.*  
Abingdon Convocation

*Sunday, April 19–Sunday, April 26*  
Family Promise Host Week

*Monday, April 20, 5:15 p.m.*  
Vestry

*Saturday, May 2*  
Women's Retreat  
(Jubilee Retreat Center)

*Wednesday, May 6*  
Meals on Wheels

*Wednesday, May 13, 5:00 p.m.*  
Finance Committee

*Monday, May 18, 5:15 p.m.*  
Vestry

*Sunday, May 24*  
Sandwiches & Sundaes

*Monday, May 25*  
Parish Office Closed  
(Memorial Day)

*July 12*  
Church Picnic (potluck)

*August 30*  
Rally Day

# Parish Life: Activities, Events, News

APRIL 2015

## BIRTHDAYS

4 Kitty Pitini 5 Bill Marburg  
6 Sharon Penny 8 Rick Armstrong, III, Anne Stuart, Anne Tickle 9 Susan McCall  
11 Amelia Jarrard, Anne Neese, Jordan Taverner  
15 Lisa Mitchell 16 Molly Wurmser 20 Nat Copenhaver 22 Marilyn Nelson 28 Jason Cannon, Bob Hardee, Tineke Marburg, Jeremy McLaughlin 30 Cooper Harmon

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

4 Veronica & Jack Taylor  
11 Fran & Jim McGlothlin  
17 Carolyn & Kerry Haynes  
20 Sue & Jim Prill  
23 Joyce & Robert Rodgers  
28 Nancy & Matt Wood

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Alva, Jerry Allen, Thelma Blair, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Robert Dickert, Emma, Kathy Frey, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Deirdre Grogan, Sharon Hatcher, Emily Hubbard, Annie Jackson, Michael Johnston, John T. Kelly, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Louise Medley, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Mildred Murphy, Kitty Pitini, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Rosemary, Katy Sikorski, Rachel, Susan Worley Simpson Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Sarah Young, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, and the families in Family Promise

## MEMORIALS

### Mike Blair

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marburg  
Mrs. Sharon Penny  
Dr. & Mrs. Matt Wood

### Mary Landrum

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marburg

### Peggy Rogers

Mrs. Thelma Blair  
Gayle Mallin  
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Marburg

## Deacon's Word



The Rev. Preston Mitchell

I have always found Palm Sunday to be a paradoxical worship service in our faith/tradition. On the one hand, we enter the service waving palms announcing the presence of Jesus as he enters

Jerusalem, and twenty minutes later we are reading the passion of Christ and his death. We go from festive to somber, all in less than half of an hour.

I think that we are too quick to dismiss Palm Sunday and move to Good Friday. Marcus Borg, the renowned theologian who recently passed away, wrote *The Last Week* in 2006 based on Mark's gospel that offers what many theologians and historians believe is the real story of Holy Week.

Roughly two thousand years ago, Palm Sunday was the beginning of the week of Passover, the most sacred week of the Jewish year. Two processions entered Jerusalem that Sunday. From the east, Jesus approaches the city at the end of his journey from Galilee riding on a donkey, an animal symbolizing the

common people.

It is a prearranged procession, for Jesus tells two of the disciples where to go to get a young donkey for him to ride. As he rides into the city, there are those ahead of him" spreading their cloaks and palms on the road shouting Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." (Mark 11:8-9).

Sometime on the same day to the west was a different procession, an imperial one demonstrating the power of Rome. It was standard practice for the Roman governor of Judea, in this case Pontius Pilate, to travel some sixty miles from his palace in Caesarea to Jerusalem for the major Jewish festivals. They came not out of respect for the Jewish subjects, but to be there with additional troops in case of trouble. After all, the Passover celebrated the Jewish people's liberation from an earlier empire.

So on this Palm Sunday we have the peasant procession entering the city from the east and from the west enters the royal procession with its might and power. What we know of Holy Week plays itself out against this backdrop. The same question, the same alternative, faces those who would be faithful to Jesus today. Which procession are we in? Which procession do we want to be in?

## Family Promise Host Week April 19-26

Emmanuel's next host week for the Family Promise program is **April 19-26**. It takes many volunteers to make the week a success, so please consider volunteering. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall in the Parish Hall, so feel free to add your name in any of the blank spaces! If you prefer, you may call committee

members about specific tasks. For instance, if you want to spend the night or have general questions, call Elaine Griffin (276-466-4436). If you would like to organize a recreational activity, contact Nell Bieger (423-989-3679). If you would like to bring dinner or serve as an evening host, call Linda Riley (276-669-3267). If you would like to help set-up or take-down, call Bob Hardee (276-628-9097). Let's make Emmanuel's next host week a welcoming and comfortable experience for the guest families.

## Lay Minister Schedule

### Sunday, April 5-Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 1118:1-2, 14-24;  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-18

8:00 a.m. Lector..... Seth Allen  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... David Taverner  
LEM ..... David Taverner  
Ushers..... Susan & Fred Knickerbocker

### Sunday, April 19-Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7;  
Luke 24:36b-48

8:00 a.m. Lector..... Seth Allen  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Tom Rogers  
Intercessor..... Janet Jayne  
LEMs ..... David Taverner & Tom Rogers  
Ushers..... Linda & Mike Riley

### Sunday, April 12-Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2;  
John 20:19-31

8:00 a.m. Lector ..... Harriett Harty  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Walt Bressler  
Intercessor ..... Frank Goodpasture III  
LEMs..... Walt Bressler & Chris Yoder  
Ushers ..... TBD

### Sunday, April 26-Easter Sunday

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24;  
John 10:11-18

8:00 a.m. Lector ..... Dave Zochowski  
10:30 a.m. Lector ..... Mary Beth Rainero  
Intercessor ..... Sue Prill  
LEMs..... Tom Hairston & Sue Prill  
Ushers ..... Brad Adams a&Jon Harden

# Vestry Minutes

The February 23, 2015 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:16 p.m. The original date of the meeting was February 16, but, was rescheduled due to snow.

Members present: Dan Bieger, Frank Goodpasture III, Fred Knickerbocker, Jeremy McLaughlin, Doug Mitchell, Greg Oakley, Denise Rowe, and Barbara Walling.

Members absent: Barbara Sue Kurre, Zane Myers, David Taverner, and Debbie Tidwell.

The meeting began in the Parish Library with a viewing of the training video for the new AED (automated external defibrillator). The AED will be mounted at the handicap elevator mid-level (just outside nave).

◆ **The January 2015 minutes were reviewed.**

◆ **Rector's Report**

- After action review of weather related issues the week of February 15, 2015
- If Fr. Joe is able to safely get to church, all functions will proceed as normally scheduled. However, the primary concern is the safety of parishioners and caution should always be exercised during inclement weather.
- Staff will work proactively to secure a contract with a snow removal service for any future snow related weather issues.
- Fr. Joe is now the Dean of the Abingdon Convocation.
- In conjunction with a weekly potluck dinner, Wednesdays in Lent will be a time for reflection and Fr. Joe will be guiding and counseling those who wish to be admitted as candidates for baptism or renewal of baptismal vows.
- The Easter Vigil will include the adult baptism of Jamie Heath.
- A medieval history class from King College will be here on Thursday, February 26 to tour the building and speak with Fr. Joe about the conical liturgy and church architecture.
- We've had an increase in college students at services on Sunday.
- Dan Bieger was welcomed as he comes to Vestry to complete Mike Blair's term.
- Fr. Joe will be out of the parish for continuing education at Duke University the first week of March. Canon Kathy will cover.
- The Adult Sunday School topic, Cathedrals, has been well attended.

- Ed and Becca Powers have volunteered as youth leaders. They will be contacting the parents of the youth in the parish.
- The Spaghetti Dinner has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 9. The proceeds raised will assist funding the fall trip to the National Acolyte Festival in October.
- The duties of Jr. Warden are overwhelming, therefore, a Buildings and Grounds Committee is being formed. Jeremy McLaughlin has spoken to Tom Rogers and Allen Rushing and they are willing to assist. Richard Horner, George Miller, and Jack Taylor were also suggested for the committee. Tina Hitt was suggested for interior design guidance.

◆ **Junior Warden Report**

- Jeremy McLaughlin reported that he is currently working to incorporate a Building and Grounds Committee. Once formed, individuals will be appointed to oversee specific sections of the church and report to the committee with any concerns or actions plans. (See above for details regarding members.)

◆ **Committee Reports**

- Denise Rowe has assumed the responsibility of coordinating Supper Club. The events will continue to be the third Sunday at 6:00 p.m. monthly, and the destination will change at the discretion of the host(s). Audrey Zaidi will host the next supper on Sunday, March 15, 6:00 p.m. at her home.
- Barbara Walling reported that the bereavement committee met with Fr. Joe, who is currently drafting a customary for funerals. Committee members include Ruth King, Barbara Walling, Anne Fleming, and Peggy Horner.
- It was suggested that a wedding customary also be completed in the near future.

◆ **New Business**

- Doug Mitchell reported that one of Deacon Preston Mitchell's outreach projects is the food bank in Wise County that bank suffered a roof collapse during the snow. Not only was food lost, but a majority of their documents as well.

◆ **Treasurer's Report**

- The cash flow statement was reviewed. Several members requested a more detailed view of the finances be provided at future meetings.

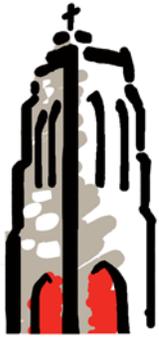
◆ **The Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.**

## February Operating Budget

	Month to Date	Year to Date
Income	\$16,180.03	\$74,668.97
Expenses	\$27,810.68	\$59,075.95
Difference	(\$11,630.65)	\$15,613.02

## Average February Attendance

February 1	115
February 8	99
February 15	86
February 22	71



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**MESSENGER**

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**MESSENGER**

*The deadline to submit information for the May 2015 Messenger is April 17. Please be prompt.*

Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

8 a.m. Rite I  
10:30 a.m. Rite II  
(with choir)

**SUNDAY  
FAITH FORMATION**

9:15 a.m. Catechesis  
9:15 a.m. Rector's  
Forum (Library)

**WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**

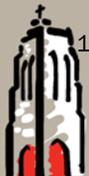
12:15 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist &  
Laying on of Hands  
Bledsoe Chapel

**CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Wednesday,  
7 p.m. Adult Choir

**BIBLE STUDY**

10 a.m. Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Conf. Room



# Women's Retreat

## Contemplative Prayer & Meditation

Jubilee House  
Retreat Center  
Abingdon, Virginia

### SAVE THE DATE

*May 2, 2015*

More info coming soon!