



From The Rector

In my first article for the Messenger after being called to Emmanuel, I quoted Psalm 22: 25, "I will fulfill my vows in the presence of the congregation." That is obviously true for a rector but it is also true for the laity. We are all called to the ministry,

serving Christ as integral parts of God's mission to reconcile the world. Nowhere is that more evident than in the Easter Vigil. I mention that because Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18th. We will gather for the solemn liturgy that includes the imposition of ashes, remembering that we are dust and to dust we return.

That is a sobering but important thought. The Bible describes our creation as God forming the Adam from the

earth and breathing life into him. With God's holy breath, human life began. At our baptisms, we receive the same holy breath and our spiritual lives begin. We are still dust but we are also living in the spiritual reality of the resurrection.

The Church has for too long tried to explain that. We cannot explain the mystery that is at the heart of our salvation. Rather, we are witnesses to what is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

My prayer is that we will join together at Emmanuel and invite the larger community to join with us in a Holy Lent. It will be a time of spiritual reflection and openness to what God is calling us to do and who God is calling us to be, both as individual ministers and as a congregation of servants.

See you Sunday if not before.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 4
Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, February 11, 5:00 pm
Finance Committee

Monday, February 16, 5:00 pm
Vestry

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 pm
Shrove Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, February 18, 12:15 pm
Ash Wednesday Service (Bledsoe Chapel)

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm
Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, February 25, 1:00 pm
Fine Arts Committee

Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 pm
Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, March 4
Meals on Wheels

Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 pm
Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner

Thursday, March 5, 6:00 pm
Social Club

Wednesday, March 11, 5:00 pm
Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 pm
Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner

Monday, March 16, 5:00 pm
Vestry

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 pm
Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 pm
Lenten Series and Potluck Dinner

Sunday, March 29
Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 1
Meals on Wheels

Thursday, April 2, TBA
Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3, 12:00 pm
Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3, TBA
Good Friday Service

Friday, April 3
Parish Office Closed for Good Friday

Saturday, April 4 TBA
The Great Vigil of Easter

FEBRUARY 2015

BIRTHDAYS

3 Hagan Oakley, Ed Powers, Nat Powers 7 Carol Biegler, Lynn Powers 8 Brian Knickerbocker 9 John Tickle 10 Margaret Roberts 11 Alethia Haynes, Hannah Rosenbalm 12 Daniel Bieger 13 Jane Bachman 14 Aly Fuller, Maija Barrett 17 Briana Hardee 18 Hagan Oakley 20 Allen Rushing, Elaine Griffin 22 Madilyn Pereira 25 Chris Horner 26 Carl Moore, John Tickle, Ronan King 27 Steve Martin 28 June Hallums, Larry Kiser, Lana Lavinder, Edie Cannon 29 Fran McGlothlin

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9 Beth & Tom Rogers
12 Ann & John Tickle
19 Larry & Christine Kuhnert
28 Janice and Larry Kiser

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alva, Thelma Blair, Barbara Bunn, Winifred Campbell, 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, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Katy Sikorski, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, and the families in Family Promise

Deacon's Word



The Rev. Preston Mitchell

I wish to start this month's column with a paragraph which I use as a preface for every quarterly report I make to the vestry at Emmanuel. It is taken from a generic draft of a deacon's letter of agreement from diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

*It is appropriate, therefore to expect the deacon's ministry in any parish to focus on servant hood in the parish and in calling the parish to be aware of the needs of people in the **community**. The deacon has a unique role to remind God's people of the Baptismal Covenant's call to "seek and serve Christ in all person, loving your neighbor as yourself" and to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." (Book of Common Prayer p. 305). The focus on a **community's** social needs should be considered to be a normative role of the deacon.*

It is a good discipline to type that out every so often as a reminder of what role I am called to play in the life of the Church. It seems to me that the deacon's role is to link the church with the needs of the **community**.

As I write this column the 96th Annual Council of the diocese is one day away. When you read this, council will be over and there may or there may not be any discernible shift in how the church does its work. What I am fairly certain of is that the clergy, delegates, and other attendees will have heard the word missional and how we are to become more missional.

The Abingdon Convocation has held five conversations around this theme in the last month. I have been a part of four of these conversations and have listened as over one hundred Episcopalians have weighed on in three questions 1) What is God known for? 2) What is the congregation known for? and 3) What

practical things can your congregation do to be known for the same things God is known for? Whereas each church had its own opinion on the three questions, two points resonated with me as I drove home from the last meeting. The first is that whereas the first two questions were easy to answer and each church could point to good work, good programs that they operate, the third question is one that I think churches will continue to wrestle with if they are indeed seeking to serve the God of mission. The second point is that continuing to develop **community** is essential to serving this God of mission.

To deliberately seek to engage ourselves with **community** we need to look no further than the life of Jesus, who taught loving neighbor as one's self. And who is this neighbor? It is not only those in our own church **community**/family, but it is the Samaritan, the other. While we never want to lose sight of our responsibility to our church family and their needs, to be followers of Christ means we seek out those that are in need. For it is only through embracing the least of us that we can become what God intends each of us to be.

Soup Kitchen

March is Soup Kitchen Month for Emmanuel. We help package the meals that are distributed to residents of Bristol, VA. The meals are prepared and packaged at the old Sullins College (United Company) building on Glenway Avenue. The Soup Kitchen recommends there be two volunteers per day. Work lasts less than 90 minutes starting at 8:30 am weekdays. A sign-up sheet is available on the red information station in the Parish Hall, or you may call the Parish Office to sign up. For general information about this program, please speak with Melissa Taverner. Emmanuel's next Soup Kitchen month will be in October.

Memorials

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Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Cotter
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Brenda & John Fincher
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John Kahwaty & Cheryl Sexton
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McElroy, Hodges & Caldwell
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Linda & Jim Rainero
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Craig & Randy Sigmond
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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am Rite I
10:30 am Rite II
(with choir)

MORNING PRAYER

9 am
Tues, Wed, Thurs
Bledsoe Chapel

SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

9:15 am Catechesis
9:15 am Rector's
Forum (Library)

WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

12:15 pm
Holy Eucharist &
Laying on of Hands
Bledsoe Chapel

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday,
7 pm Adult Choir

BIBLE STUDY

10 am Thursday
2nd Floor
Conf. Room

Sunday, February 8

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-12, 21c;
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

8:00 am Lector.....Harriett Harty
10:30 am Lector Ashley McLaughlin
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Walt Bressler
Ushers..... Nell and Dan Bieger
Acolytes.....Kira Adams and Jack Tickle

Wednesday, April 18

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Psalm 103, 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 5:1-6, 16-21

12:15 pm..... Bledsoe Chapel
7:00 pm Lector (Sanctuary)..... TBD
Intercessor:..... TBD
Lay Eucharistic Ministers..... TBD
Acolytes..... TBD

Sunday, March 1

The Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-15; Psalm 22:22-30;
Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

8:00 am Lector..... Frank Goodpasture III
10:30 am Lector Bob Hardee
Intercessor..... Sue Prill
Lay Eucharistic Ministers..... Seth Allen and Sue Prill
Ushers..... Ann and Greg Oakley
Acolytes..... Olivia Hardee and Briana Hardee

Sunday, February 15

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

2Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6;
Mark 9:2-9

8:00 am LectorSeth Allen
10:30 am LectorTom Rogers
Intercessor Tom Hairston
Lay Eucharistic Ministers . Tom Hairston and Tom Rogers
Ushers Fran and Peter Combs
Acolytes Gabrielle Tidwell, Judson Rainero, Lola Spires

Sunday, February 22

The First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-9; 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:9-15

8:00 am LectorDave Zochowski
10:30 am Lector Chris Yoder
Lay Eucharistic Minister Chris Yoder
UshersLee Wampler and Barbara Walling
AcolytesDavid Bieger, Daniel Bieger, Rowan Sullivan

March 8

The Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22

8:00 am Lector Fred Knickerbocker
10:30 am Lector Janet Jayne
Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Hairston
Ushers Brad Adams and Jon Harden
Acolytes Kira Adams and Jack Tickle