

From The Rector

June will begin with a major feast, Pentecost. Across the world, Christians break out the seldom used red vestments and remember how the Holy Spirit

breathed life into gathered Christians after the Ascension. At Emmanuel we observe Pentecost with a parish family picture on the Bell Tower Steps and then enjoy a covered dish lunch in the parish hall. The following Sunday is Trinity Sunday and, appropriately, we will baptize a new Christian in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Sometimes what we call something can be unfortunate. June 18th begins several months of Ordinary Time. I looked up synonyms for "ordinary" and found words like average, run-of-the-mill, typical, unremarkable, colorless, humdrum, unmemorable, pedestrian, prosaic, uninteresting, uneventful, dull, boring, and bland. Clearly none of those words describe the activities at Emmanuel during the Sundays after Pentecost!

Ordinary, in the way the Church uses it here, is a form of the word *order*. The Sundays in Ordinary Time are ordered or numbered. They differ from the Sundays

that relate to feasts. The great feasts of the Church include Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, and Pentecost. On those Sundays and the Sundays leading up to them, we hear and study scripture readings related to great events. During Ordinary Time the focus is on the persons and narratives in the Bible.

During the summer there are lots of things to distract us from our baptismal vows to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers," but I encourage everyone to be faithful disciples. If you are traveling, worship with Christians wherever you find yourself on Sundays. When you are home, remember that Emmanuel has four Eucharistic services every week: Wednesdays at 12:15 in the chapel; Saturdays at 5:00 in the chapel; and Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 in the church. We also have Sunday School at 9:30 and nursery.

There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time at Emmanuel! The summer will be filled with prayer, study, and ministry opportunities.

See you Sunday if not before.

St. Paul was likely not thinking of a church nursery when he wrote, "We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed!" Nonetheless, Emmanuel recognizes that a safe and comfortable nursery is essential and that we have outgrown our old nursery. Therefore the vestry has approved a plan to move the nursery to two rooms across the hall from the newly refurbished conference room. An opening will be made in the wall joining the two rooms allowing nursery workers to see and speak with each other while keeping infants and toddlers safely separated.

Formation News

Frequently Asked Questions: Becoming Episcopalian

How do I become a member of Emmanuel?

Episcopalians believe there is one Church. In the words of the Creed, “We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church” and “we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.” For that reason, if someone has been baptized and regularly receives Communion at Emmanuel, he or she is a “communicant” and is a part of our spiritual family. This is how many people come to the Episcopal Church. However, if Emmanuel is the place where you receive spiritual nourishment for ministry, you will want to be *received* into the Episcopal Church.

What does it mean to be received instead of confirmed?

Confirmation is essentially a mature affirmation of the baptismal faith. An adult who has been baptized and has made a mature affirmation of his or her faith in Christ in another tradition of the Church may be received into the Episcopal Church. Either way, this is a profoundly spiritual moment after a time of intentional preparation.

What if I have been baptized but never made a mature affirmation of faith?

The Church has through the centuries recognized that baptism is the beginning of our Christian spiritual journey and at some point after baptism, Christians are confirmed in the faith. Most Christians recognize Confirmation as a sacrament or at least a sacramental act. That means that Confirmation is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. Traditionally, Confirmation has been associated with adolescence but we are seeing more and more young adults who want a deeper spiritual life being confirmed.

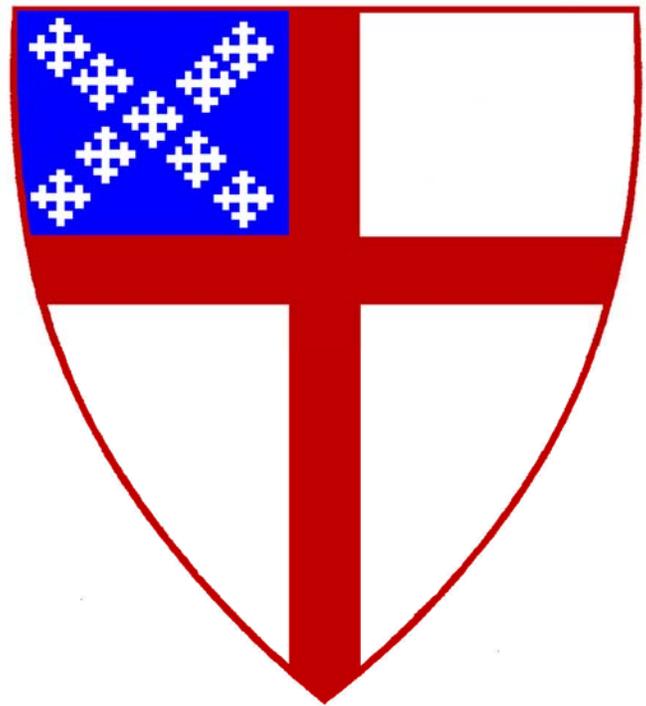
Can I be baptized again?

There is no need to be baptized a second time. Baptism is a sacrament. It is the work of the Holy Spirit and is full initiation into the Church. However, if one is uncertain whether he or she was ever baptized or if it was done improperly, conditional baptisms are available. In these cases the priest or bishop baptizes with water saying, in effect, if you were not already baptized, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. If you are not certain you were baptized or worry that it was somehow invalid, you should speak with Father Joe.

When can I be baptized, received, or confirmed? How do I prepare?

Baptisms are traditionally done on certain feast days, especially the Easter Vigil but also Pentecost, All Saints’ Day, and The Baptism of Our Lord. Exceptions are made at the discretion of the rector in emergencies or to accommodate families who cannot be together on one of those days. This is especially true when parents who want to raise their children in the Church and attend regularly have family who do live great distances away.

Preparation for any of the rites of Christian initiation is called catechesis. That comes from the Greek word meaning instruction. Catechesis is much more than just learning about our faith. At Emmanuel our children have a wonderful opportunity to experience what it means to be Christians in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. For young people and adults, we offer Adult Catechesis which is a group of mature people who want a deeper spiritual life with the possibility of either being confirmed, received, or reaffirming their baptismal vows. Parents and sponsors or godparents of children being baptized should also participate in adult catechesis.



The Director of Formation Ministries



This month I'd like to introduce you to something that I and the several other youth ministers at Emmanuel are very excited about. The Journey to Adulthood curriculum will I hope be the blueprint for how we raise up

disciples in their middle school and high school years. J2A asks a lot of both our young people and our ministers, but I think the experience will be well worth it.

There are three sections of the Journey to Adulthood program: Rite 13, J2A and YAC. Each section of the program lasts for two years and that two-year grouping of teens will stay together until they graduate from high school. This stability of group dynamics helps create safe, sacred space where the group members can learn to trust themselves and each other as they grow in faith.



The first two years of the program is called RITE 13, a name that comes from a liturgical rite of passage we celebrate with young people around their 13th birthday. This rite is a way for the entire congregation to celebrate the unique gifts and abilities of its young teens. The two years of Rite 13 focus on recognizing the gifts God has given us, celebrating our creative potential, and learning to interact as a community of faith.

The second segment is J2A, an acronym for JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD, also the name of the entire program, but the reason for this is that the bulk of the work gets done in these two years, building on the foundation of the Rite 13

experience. During these years, teens learn and practice six basic skills of adulthood: active listening, negotiation, assertion, research & information management, partnership and leadership. The end of the second year of J2A is marked by the group designing and going on a Holy Pilgrimage.

The last two years of the Journey to Adulthood program are referred to as YAC, which stands for YOUNG ADULTS IN CHURCH. YAC students are encouraged to accept more adult responsibilities and to contribute their time, talent and treasure in ways that support the ongoing work of the church. Teens write a personal credo of beliefs and rely on their trusted group of peers as they explore their faith more deeply and struggle with the details of transitioning from teenager to young adult in today's world.

The Journey to Adulthood experience incorporates much learning and laughter, but it takes our young people seriously and gives them real work to do. The program is based on the key concept that our maturing bodies are gifts from God, but Adulthood must be earned. It encourages teens to explore the four areas of Self, Spirituality, Sexuality and Society, and learn to connect their faith to all areas of life. The program uses the collective wisdom of adults in our church to beckon young people into responsible, faithful adulthood. It calls the entire congregation into a deeper relationship with their young people and it calls each one of us – whatever our age – to think about the gifts we have been given. When we find ways to use our gifts to be God's presence in the world, we can ALL be changed in very powerful ways.

Parish Life: Activities, Events, News



Reminder to Meals on Wheels Drivers

Meals on Wheels is the first Wednesday each month

**June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4,
November 1, and December 6**

*Thank you all for your ministry in our community.
Contact Sandra Rushing for more information.*

SOCIAL CLUB

Tuesday, June 6, 6:00p.m.

Join us for an evening of great food,
bingo and prizes, and fellowship.

2017 Social Club Dates

**August 1 September 5 October 3
November 7 December 5**



Emmanuel is already preparing for the
17th Annual Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion.

This year Emmanuel will have a lottery to determine
parking for Rhythm and Roots and it is open
ONLY to parishioners.

One entry per person for one parking space.

If you would like to enter your name,
please email or call Kristie Faylor in the Parish Office.

The drawing will be **August 1**. More information will be
given during announcements on Sunday mornings.

S.E.E.K

Summer Enrichment
for
Emmanuel Kids

Formation for ages 4–12
will continue
all summer long
through
S.E.E.K.

Music, Bible Stories, and More

**9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
every Sunday**

Drop-off and pick-up will be in the hallway
outside the nursery and Atrium II.

Memorials

Mary Louise Day

Given by
The Crutchfield Family

The Rev. Ham Fuller

Given by
Lee Wampler

Leslie Moseley Glass

Given by
Lee Wampler

Isaac McLaughlin

Given by
Linda and Mike Riley

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Prayers

Lay Minister Schedule & Propers

Sunday, June 4–Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13;
or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23; or John 7:37-39

8:00 am LectorFred Knickerbocker
10:30 am Lector.....Michael Webb
IntercessorDebbie Tidwell
Lay Eucharistic MinisterDaniel Shew
Acolytes Jack, Amelia, Tucker, Adilyn
Ushers Linda and Mike Riley

Sunday, June 11–Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2); 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

8:00 am Lector Frank Goodpasture III
10:30 am Lector.....Janet Jayne
Intercessor Ashley McLaughlin
Lay Eucharistic Minister Walt Bressler
Acolytes Hagan, Daniel, Lola, Kira, Bree
Ushers Lark and Brad Adams

Sunday, June 18–Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Psalm 116:1, 10-17; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23);
or Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

8:00 am Lector Dave Zochowski
10:30 am Lector.....Fred Knickerbocker
Intercessor Tom Rogers
Lay Eucharistic MinisterHarriett Harty
Acolytes David, Lana, Sosie, Blaine, Graham
Ushers Ann and Greg Oakley

Sunday, June 25–Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39;
or Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

8:00 am Lector John Simpson
10:30 am Lector..... Walt Bressler
Intercessor Mary Beth Rainero
Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Hariston
Acolytes Jack, Mayne, Millie, Judson, Amelia
Ushers Linda and Mike Riley

Sunday, July 2–Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42;
or Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4,15-18; Romans 6:12-23;Matthew 10:40-42

8:00 am Lector Frank Goodpasture III
10:30 am Lector..... Mary Beth Rainero
Intercessor Tom Rogers
Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Rogers
Acolytes Tucker, Grace, Adilyn, Blaine, Hagan, Graham
Ushers Barbara Walling and Mary Armstrong

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Debbie Tidwell
4 Sue Prill
6 Anne Fleming
9 Eddy Carr
10 Dave Zochowski
11 Winifred Campbell
Nate Mitchell
13 Stephanie Yoder
14 Paul Giesey
16 Walt Bressler
Judson Rainero
Milly Rainero
17 Doug Mitchell
18 Jim McGlothlin
20 Frank Goodpasture IV
21 Viki Bettis
Sharon Kyser
22 Jack Tickle
23 Rachel Shillito
29 Lawrence Jones
30 Lisa Martin
Julia Rainero
Audrey Zaidi

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6 Lisa & Spike Tickle
15 Jackie & John Ed Fuller
19 Barbara & Challen Walling
25 Martha & Pete Litton
26 Marj & Prent Hallenbeck

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ruby Barber, Diane Bedwell,
Carol Biegler, Henry Brewer, Sue
Brickey, Eda Brink, Barbara
Bunn, Lisa Campbell, Winifred
Campbell, Ben Crenshaw,
Horace Crenshaw, Sharon
Cross, Willie Crumley, Ivy
Daniels, Alva, Emma, Helyn
Dougherty, Dee Flanagan,
Frank, Doris Hagey, Annette,
Bertha Holloman, Devin
Williams Hancock, Tom Hurt,
Joe Kurre, Donald McCathy,
Amber McLeroy, Kristi Malone,
Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller,
George Miller, Dan Morgan,
Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan,
Laura Pearson, Jack Presnell,
Renea Ramey, Sharon Reed,
Rick Rimer, Ann Roberts, Jim
Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert
Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Emma
Russell, Felicity Russell, Norma
Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Mary
Jo Thomas, and Brayden

June 2017 Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Pentecost Sunday Parish portrait after 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Covered dish in the Parish Hall after the portrait			1	2	3 5 pm Holy Eucharist
4 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation 9:30 am S.E.E.K.	5	6 6:00 pm Social Club	7 Meals on Wheels 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist	8 10 am Lectionary Study	9	10 5 pm Holy Eucharist
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2 8 & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 am Faith Formation 9:30 am S.E.E.K.	3	4 Parish Office Closed for Independence Day NO SOCIAL CLUB	5 Meals on Wheels 9:30 am Staff Meeting 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist	6	7	8 5 pm Holy Eucharist

Congratulations



Chad Couch graduated from Tennessee High School. Chad will attend King University.

Alex Fayler graduated from Virginia High School. Alex will attend Virginia Tech.

Aly Fuller who graduated from Virginia High School. Aly will attend Virginia Tech.

Briana Hardee graduated from Abingdon High School. Briana will attend James Madison University.

Sadie Harden graduated from Apex High School in North Carolina. Sadie will attend Davidson College.

Charlotte and Sarah Vaughn graduated from high school in North Carolina.

The Rev. **Kathy Dunagan** graduated from the Advanced Degree Program of the School of Theology at Sewanee with the degree Doctor of Ministry.

Robyn Kealey graduated from King University with a master's degree in nursing.

Clay Riley Morrell graduated with an MFA from Hollins University.

Vestry News

The April 24, 2017 Vestry meeting of Emmanuel Episcopal Church was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Members present: Jade Carson, Maggie Green Tom Hairston, Barbara Sue Kurre, Sharon Kyser, Jeremy McLaughlin, Greg Oakley, Tom Rogers, Barbara Walling, Michael Webb, Richard Wolfe, and Audrey Zaidi

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 Vestry meeting were unanimously approved.

Rector's Report

- March attendance: Sundays 87; Wednesdays 10; Ash Wednesday 87; Brookdale 5.
- We have not been able to find locally a portable sound system. Michael Webb agreed to help find a suitable system.
- Rally Day Parish Picnic is tentatively planned for Sunday, August 6.
- A draft May Messenger was distributed to the Vestry help proofread.
- Pentecost Feast is June 4. The vestry agreed that following the annual Pentecost Parish Family Photo we should have a meal in the parish hall featuring ministry opportunities and opportunities for getting acquainted with newer communicants. Jeremy McLaughlin made a motion that Emmanuel provide a main dish and ask participants to bring covered dish side items. Second by Sharon Kyser. Motion passed unanimously.
- Fr. Joe will be out of the parish for Commission on Ministry and Executive Board two days early in May and for his wife's graduation from the Advanced Degree Program at Sewanee.

Director of Formation Ministries Report

- Shawna and Brian Knickerbocker, Cher Marshall, and Ann Oakley are leaders in Emmanuel's youth ministry.
- Episcopal Outreach Camp is scheduled for the week of May 22. Young people will visit and volunteer at various local ministries such as Bristol Faith in Action, the Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club, and Healing Hands.
- S.E.E.K. (Summer Enrichment for Emmanuel Kids) will offer formation for children each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. during the summer. Children will attend the 10:30 Eucharist.

Wardens' Reports/Remarks

Senior Warden Report

- The Advisory Group for the formation staff position have been meeting and working on a job description and qualifications.

Junior Warden Report

- Jeremy McLaughlin made a motion to purchase security cameras for \$1,750 (\$750 for the cameras, \$1,000 for the electrician to install). Images would be accessible via a private website. Second by Sharon Kyser. Motion approved unanimously.
- Jeremy McLaughlin provided graphics detailing the number of children participating in Catechesis and those needing care in the nursery. The graphics are attached to the minutes. On Easter Sunday, there were eight children in the nursery (with three care givers), and one family that did not use the nursery because it was too crowded. After discussion, the vestry agreed to call a meeting of stakeholders including catechists, parents of babies, vestry members, and youth leaders to make study space utilization and make a recommendation for reallocating available space to maximize safety and effectiveness.

Treasurer's Report

- There was no finance meeting in April.
- The treasurer reported we have a substantial pledge to help offset the cost of resurfacing the Cumberland Street Parking Lot. He is working to get bids from three contractors, one of whom has informally said the cost will be approximately \$25,000. Once bids are obtained, the Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the vestry.
- Greg Oakley made a motion that a sign advising "Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parking Only" be placed in parking lots. Second by Maggie Green. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- There is an issue with the sound system in the church. Kristie Fayler contacted KD Forsha via text message to have him come and inspect the system.
- Tom Hairston presented a stewardship report which is attached to the minutes.
- Barbara Walling brought up Rhythm and Roots parking, suggesting we should decide soon how to best offer opportunities to take advantage of Emmanuel's parking. We want to be sure newer communicants have equal opportunity.



JUNE 2017
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Return Service Requested

MESSENGER

The deadline to submit information for the July 2017 Messenger is June 16. Please be prompt.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Rite I
10:30 a.m. Rite II
Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION

9:15 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Youth Formation

9:30 a.m.
Adult Formation

WEDNESDAY

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

6:00 p.m.
Young Adult Formation

7:00 p.m.
Choir (resumes in 8/9)

BIBLE STUDY

10 a.m.
Thursday

SATURDAY SERVICE

5:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

The Feast of Pentecost

Sunday, June 4, 2017

We will have our Fourth Annual Parish Family Portrait after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on Pentecost Sunday. Please wear red.

After the portrait, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a covered dish meal.

Emmanuel will provide the main dish. We ask that parishioners bring a side dish or dessert to share.

