

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## **The PEW** **Parish Events Weekly**

January 16–January 23, 2015

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### **This Sunday at Emmanuel**

January 18, 2015—The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00—*Holy Eucharist, Rite I*—Lector: Fred Knickerbocker

10:30—*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*—Lector: Seth Allen

Intercessor: Tom Hairston    Eucharistic Ministers: Seth Allen and Tom Hairston

Ushers: Harriett and John Harty    Acolytes: TBD

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#### **From the Rector**

There is an expression I learned in the Army, “Lead, follow, or get out of the way!” In a graduate course on human resource management our professor taught us to lead based on whether an individual was *willing and able*, *willing but unable*, *unwilling but able*, *unwilling and unable*. There are times when I have assessed that my leadership is not particularly needed because the people around me know what they are doing. All I need to do in such instances is say thank you and stay out of the way. At other times there is willingness but individuals have not been taught how to accomplish a task. That calls for more active leadership, in that situation as a teacher. Someone who is able but unwilling needs a leader to motivate him or her.

These are good leadership tools but only if we remember that Jesus teaches us to lead as servants. That involves listening and it involves being present. As the Church lives out our mission to serve the kingdom of God, leadership means remembering the baptismal covenant, loving God and our neighbor, and serving something beyond our immediate gratification or even our own immediate needs.

Your 2015 vestry meets this weekend for a time of formation, organization and initial planning for the year and beyond. Next weekend the Diocesan Council meets in Roanoke. Pray for the leaders of this parish who are serving on the Vestry this year and for the leaders of the diocese who are delegates to Council. Give thanks for their willingness and ability. Pray that they will be ministers, seeking to serve rather than to be served, listening and being present as decisions are made. And, pray that God would call new leaders for the sake of God’s mission for us.

See you Sunday if not before!

## **From the Deacon**

The next two Sunday's we will collect food for the Bristol Food Pantry. If you remember, please bring any of the following items: canned fruit, canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, cold cereal (except corn flakes), spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce. These items will be gathered and taken to the Food Pantry the first week of February.

The loose plate offering January 18 is designated to the deacon's discretionary fund. This money will be designated for the Bristol Food Pantry.

## **Stewardship 2015**

As of Friday, January 16, we have received 82 pledges in the amount of \$284,240 or approximately 84.4% of our \$335,000 goal. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider your pledge to Emmanuel in support our parish. We are requesting pledges be returned as soon as possible to allow Vestry time to start planning early for 2015. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

### **Buechner Institute\_Dr. William H. Turner speaking at Bristol Public Library**

On Monday, January 19, 2015, King University and the Buechner Institute will welcome author William H. Turner as a speaker in the 2014-15 Buechner Institute Lecture Series. Turner will start his day by speaking in King University's Memorial Chapel at 9:15 am, in Bristol, Tenn. He will also speak on "The Disneyfication of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.," at the Bristol Public Library in Bristol, Tenn., at 7 pm the same evening. The event is co-sponsored by the Bristol Herald Courier and Virginia Highlands Community College.

For nearly three decades, Turner has contributed to the understanding of race and American culture through his teaching, publications, lectures, newspaper editorials, media consulting, and mentoring. He co-edited the path-breaking textbook "Blacks in Appalachia," published by the University Press of Kentucky in 1984. The focus of

the textbook rests on studies of black communities, white and black relationships, and political issues in the coal mining industry. It also includes a section on oral accounts of black experiences and an analysis of black Appalachian demography.

Turner was also a research assistant to "Roots" author Alex Haley for a decade and served both as dean of Art & Sciences and as interim president of Kentucky State University. The Appalachian Studies Association honored him for a lifetime of service to the Appalachian region. Until 2012, Turner served as distinguished professor of Appalachian Studies and regional ambassador at Berea College. At present, Turner is a research professor at Prairie View A&M University in Texas.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.buechnerinstitute.org](http://www.buechnerinstitute.org) or contact Dr. Shannon Harris at [svharris@king.edu](mailto:svharris@king.edu) or 423-652-4836. All are welcome.

### **The Missional Church**

The Rev. Kathy Dunagan and the Rev. Preston Mitchell will be leading a discussion on the role of the missional church in the Episcopal Church in Southwestern Virginia. Being "missional" is the assertion that mission is the primary reality of the church. This is the idea conveyed in the slogan, "it is not the church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a church in the world." We are asked to plunge into this idea of being missional. The discussion Wednesday January 21 is a beginning conversation on how we see the idea of being missional at Emmanuel.

### **Family Promise Host Week —January 25-February 1**

Emmanuel's next host week for the Family Promise program is January 25-February 1, 2015. It takes many people 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! Or, 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.

### Miscellaneous Notices

#### **T-Shirts Available**

Emmanuel t-shirts are available for \$10 each in the Parish Hall or by coming by the office during the week. If you are interested in an Emmanuel sweatshirt for the colder months, please contact the Parish Office.

#### **Prayer Requests**

Stan Anderson, 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, Elaine Parker, 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.

#### *January Birthdays*

- 19 Jane Copenhaver
- 19 Chris Yoder
- 20 Maggie Green
- 21 George Miller
- 21 Lisa Tickle
- 23 Moseley Snyder

## **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 am to 5:00 pm.

### **Nursery**

The Emmanuel Nursery will be open 9:00 am to noon each Sunday. We ask that there be no new checks-ins after 10:45 am. If no children are checked in prior to 10:45 am, 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. For more information, contact Ann Martin-Thomas (423) 878-5522.

### **Kneelers**

There are 15 needlepoint kneelers available for memorials. If you would like to have one of the kneelers designated in memory or honor of a loved one, please speak contact Ann Fleming (423-652-7674).and she will show you the kneelers that are available. The cost is \$150 per kneeler.

### **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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The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, D. Min.  
*Bishop*

The Rev. Joe K. Dunagan, D. Min.  
*Rector*

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The Rev. Preston Mitchell  
*Deacon*

Stephanie Yoder  
*Organist & Choir Director*

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Kristie Faylor  
*Parish Administrator*

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am Rite I  
10:30 am Rite II

### SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

9:15 am Catechesis  
9:15 am Adult Study

### WEDNESDAY SERVICE

12:15 pm—Bledsoe Chapel  
Holy Eucharist with  
Prayers for Healing

### CHOIR

Wednesday  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### BIBLE STUDY

10:00 am, Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

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## VESTRY

2013-2015  
Frank Goodpasture III  
Denise Rowe  
David Taverner

2014-2016  
Fred Knickerbocker  
Doug Mitchell  
Zane Myers  
Debbie Tidwell

2015-2017  
Barbara Sue Kurre  
Jeremy McLaughlin  
Greg Oakley  
Barbara Walling

Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 - 7:30 pm..... Mission Education Group Meeting  
Friday, January 23–Sunday, January 25..... 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Council (Hotel Roanoke)  
Sunday, January 25–Sunday, February 1..... Family Promise Host Week  
Wednesday, February 19, 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm..... Ash Wednesday services

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.