

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The PEW **Parish Events Weekly**

April 17–April 24, 2015

This Sunday at Emmanuel—April 19, 2015 The Third Sunday of Easter

8:00—Holy Eucharist, Rite I—Lector: Seth Allen

10:30—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—LEM: Tom Rogers

Intercessor & Eucharistic Minister: David Taverner

Ushers: Nell Bieger and Fred Knickerbocker Acolyte: Kira Adams

From the Rector

I recently noticed a prayer in the Book of Common Prayer that I did not remember: *Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

I looked it up and found this prayer was adapted from one in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer which was adapted from one published in the Scottish Book of 1912. We don't know the original author of the prayer but it reflects how the Church has provided a prayer for "those who speak where many listen and write what many read" for more than a century. Perhaps this prayer was offered when King George VI made the speech which was the subject of the movie reassuring his nation at the start of World War II.

It is hard for us to imagine a time when there were only a few who spoke what many would hear or wrote what many would read. Electronic communication means that anyone can gain an audience. It is a good time to offer this prayer. When we send an email or post something on Facebook or other social media, we could pause first and offer this prayer asking ourselves if what we are saying is "to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Rotary Club has the following test: *Is it the Truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

We don't always stop to think about the impact of what we say or write. If we took time to ask those four questions and to pray for guidance before sending email and entering posts, the world would be quieter and in the quiet we could hear whispered truth. Remember Elijah who heard the voice of God in a *sound of sheer silence* (I Kings 19).

Ours are among the voices God can use to speak God's truth in our time if we prayerfully consider what we say and listen for the Holy Spirit before turning our words loose on the world.

See you Sunday if not before.

Upcoming Events

Adult Sunday School

A study of the great cathedrals is a lesson in architecture, church history and Western Spirituality. The Adult Sunday School meets in the library for an informative lecture and discussion. The video starts promptly at **9:30 a.m.** to allow time for discussion afterward so get your coffee and donuts and join us.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10:00 for Bible study in the Conference Room.

Abingdon Convocation

The Abingdon Convocation will meet **Sunday, April 19** at **3:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas Church, 124 East Main Street in Abingdon. Note the time change!

Family Promise Host Week—April 19-26

Emmanuel will host the Family Promise program this week **April 19-26**. There are still volunteer positions available on the 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. Please contact Linda Riley for general information, or to bring dinner or serve as an evening host. If you would like to organize a recreational activity, contact Nell Bieger 423-989-3679. If you would like to help set-up or take-down, call Bob Hardee 276-628-9097. Let's make Emmanuel's April host week a welcoming and comfortable experience for the guest families.

Women's Retreat—Weaving Meditation into Our Daily Life

The Ladies of the Evening invites all ladies to a Women's Retreat for **Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.** at the Jubilee House Retreat Center in Abingdon. Kathy Dunagan will lead a full day of presentations, discussions,

activities and quiet time for reflection. The focus will be on Worship, Expectation, Absolution, Vision, and Exclamation. We will end the day with a Eucharist service.

You are encouraged to bring your friends of any faith. Lunch is included. There is no charge for this event, but donations would be appreciated.

To make your reservation, please call Linda Riley (276-669-3267) before April 22. Hope to see you there!

Spring Youth Event (SYE)

SYE is May 1-3, 2015 at Phoebe Needles in Callaway, VA and is open to all current 5th-8th graders. Bet 'ya didn't know that each one of the main characters in *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* represents one of the seven deadly sins. Come take a journey with us down the Chocolate River as we explore this in a middle-school friendly environment. There'll be games, food, a cool t-shirt, skits, large and small group talks, friendships formed, really good food, creative worship experiences, and live contemporary Christian music.

The cost is \$90 and the deadline to register is Friday April 24, 2015. Here is the link for the application. <https://alliance.wufoo.com/forms/spring-youth-event-may-1st3rd-2015/>

United Thank Offering (UTO)
The spring gathering of UTO will be **Sunday, May 24**. Blue UTO boxes are available in the Parish Hall. Please return them on **May 24** to be included in the offering during the services.

Miscellaneous Notices

Nursery

We are currently looking for a nursery worker, but, we are relying on personal recommendations rather than advertising. If you know of someone who is responsible and loves children, please speak with the rector. Meanwhile, thank you to all who share in this ministry by attending the nursery during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist.

AED (automated external defibrillator)

In the event of a cardiac emergency an AED is mounted on the wall in the chair lift alcove (2nd floor, just outside the Nave).

Prayer Requests

Alva, Jerry Allen, 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, Susan Worley Simpson, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Nikki Guest Thomas, Lamont Tidwell, Sarah Young, Carla Vaughn, Frank Winston, the families in Family Promise

April Birthdays

22 Marilyn Nelson

April Wedding Anniversaries

20 Sue and Jim Prill

23 Joyce and Robert Rodgers

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.

Supper Club

Supper Club is the 3rd Sunday of each month (except November and December) with locations and cuisine varying. If you are interested in hosting Supper Club, please contact Senior Warden, Denise Rowe (423-652-2324) or ny.citigirl@yahoo.com. Please consider joining us for Supper Club. The more the merrier!

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. Please note that flowers are NOT available during Lent. For more information, contact Ann Martin-Thomas (423-878-5522).

Needlepoint Kneelers

Please be aware of the potential damage caused to our beautiful kneelers when used as foot rests. If you would like to have one of the kneelers designated in memory or honor of a loved one, please contact Ann Fleming (423-652-7674) and she will show you the kneelers that are available. A donation of \$150 per kneeler is appreciated.

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 Rev. Preston Mitchell
Deacon

Stephanie Yoder
Organist & Choir Director

Kristie Faylor
Parish Administrator

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m..

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORMATION

9:15 a.m. Catechesis
9:15 a.m. Adult Study

WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

CHOIR

Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

BIBLE STUDY

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

VESTRY

2013-2015

Dan Bieger
Frank Goodpasture, III
Denise Rowe, Sr. Warden
David Taverner

2014-2016

Fred Knickerbocker
Doug Mitchell
Zane Myers
Debbie Tidwell

2015-2017

Barbara Sue Kurre, Secretary
Jeremy McLaughlin,
Jr. Warden
Greg Oakley
Barbara Walling

Bob Bruce, Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 19, 3:00 p.m. Abingdon Convocation (St. Thomas, Abingdon)
Monday, April 20, 5:00 p.m. Vestry
Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Women's Retreat (Jubilee House)
Thursday, May 14, TBD Ascension Day Service
Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. Celtic Concert

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.