

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *The PEW* Parish Events Weekly

**October 23–October 30, 2015**

**This Sunday at Emmanuel–October 25, 2015**

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 a.m.—*Lector:* Dave Zochowski

10:30 a.m.—*LEM:* Tom Rogers    *Ushers:* Maggie Green & Denise Rowe

### From the Rector

The annual Parish Meeting will be in November. At that meeting five new vestry members will be elected. I want to take this moment to say a heartfelt thank you to the current vestry. Our meetings have been, as you would expect, productive and civil. Everyone listens to each other and when there are important decisions to be made, the group has come to consensus after hearing all sides. The vestry's first responsibility is to take seriously our mutual baptismal covenant. It is from that spiritual starting point that we make decisions. That means that we are confident that if we do God's will, our decisions will be blessed and, even if we get something wrong, there is nothing we offer to God that can't be redeemed!

Last month a group of parents of teenagers asked the vestry to do something to ensure there was a ministry at Emmanuel focused on our youth. The vestry took that concern very seriously. The group concluded we needed an additional staff person to focus on youth. I called a special meeting of the vestry the following week at which the decision was made to authorize funding for a Director of Formation Ministries. This person's first responsibility will be to facilitate youth ministry at Emmanuel. Additionally, he or she will assist the rector with younger adult ministries, communication, liturgy, and pastoral care.

This decision reflects the vestry's understanding that Emmanuel's challenges are our opportunities. Our single biggest challenge is, as it has always been for the Church, to make disciples. It is in spiritual formation that we find individual meaning, purpose, and peace. It is in incorporating new disciples into the Church that we grow.

So join me in saying thank you to the vestry for their collective ministry to Emmanuel, the Episcopal Church, and the one Church which is the Body of Christ in the world. Join me, as well, in a prayer of thanksgiving for them and in praying God's will as you elect five new members that the good work begun

will continue in 2016 and beyond. And remember that those who are born spiritually through our baptism grow through the spiritual nourishment of hearing God's Word read and proclaimed and returning to the Feast each Lord's Day. That's why I always say,

I'll see you Sunday if not before.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Vestry Nominations**

The Nominating Committee of Emmanuel is accepting nominations for candidates for the 2016 Vestry. Canon Bylaws require candidates for the vestry to be adult confirmed communicants of the Parish; regular worshipers in the parish the year preceding the election; and regular contributors to the Parish by pledge, subscription or some other method by which they are known to the Treasurer.

If you would like to nominate someone to serve on the Vestry, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Dan Bieger, Frank Goodpasture III, Denise Rowe, and David Taverner.

#### **All Saints Day**

Join in the festivities as our community celebrates the Feast of All Saints, November first, which falls on Sunday this year. If you have a name or names you would like included in the prayers for the departed that day, please contact the church office, or fill out one of the cards at the end of each pew drop it in the collection plate.

#### **United Thank Offering (UTO)**

The fall gathering of UTO will be **Sunday, November 8**. Blue UTO boxes are available in the Parish Hall. Please return them on

**November 8** to be included in the offering during the services.

#### **Thursday Morning Lectionary Study**

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

#### **Thursday Eucharist and YAF**

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Thursday evenings** at **6:00 p.m.** for Holy Eucharist in the Bledsoe Chapel followed by dinner and formation in the Parish Hall.

#### Miscellaneous Notices

##### **Large Print Copies of the BCP**

Large print copies of the Book of Common Prayer are available in the back of the church. Ask the usher's for assistance.

##### **AED (automated external defibrillator)**

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

##### **Prayer Requests**

Jim Barber, Ruby Barber, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Teresa Burkholder, Winifred Campbell, Ivy Daniels, Helyn Dougherty, Alva, Emma, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Anina Haqq, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Tonia Johnson, James Johnson, Michael Johnston, Elder Jones, Bill Keith, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Jill Mendiljian, Claire Miller, Preston Mitchell, Dan Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Carla Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, and the families in Family Promise

## **For the Deceased**

Elder Jones

## **Prayers for Military Personnel**

Will Haynes

### *October Birthdays*

**28** Charlie Christ, Hollie Lavinder

**29** Cher Marshall

**31** Barbara Sue Kurre  
Preston Mitchell

### *October Anniversaries*

**31** Tineke and Bill Marburg

### 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.

#### **Nursery**

The Emmanuel Nursery will be open 9:30 a.m. to noon each Sunday. We ask that there be no new checks-ins after 10:45 a.m. If no children are checked in prior to 10:45 a.m., the nursery will close.

#### **Supper Club**

Supper Club is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas, D. Min.  
*Bishop*

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

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The Rev. Craig R. Wylie, D. Min.  
*Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Preston Mitchell  
*Deacon*

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Stephanie Yoder  
*Organist & Choir Director*

Kristie Faylor  
*Parish Administrator*

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## 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

Catechesis resumes in Sept.  
9:15 a.m. Adult Study

### WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

### CHOIR

7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday

### BIBLE STUDY

10:00 a.m., Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

### THURSDAY EUCHARIST

6:00 p.m. Bledsoe Chapel  
**YAF**

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## VESTRY

2013-2015

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

2014-2016

Fred Knickerbocker  
Doug Mitchell  
Debbie Tidwell

2015-2017

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

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Bob Bruce, *Treasurer*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sunday, November 1* ..... All Saints "Feast on the Feast" Brunch  
*Sunday, November 8* ..... Collection for United Thank Offering  
*Sunday, November 8, 9:45 a.m.* ..... Annual Meeting  
*Wednesday, November 25–Friday, November 27* ..... Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
*Saturday, December 12* ..... Decorating of the Chrismon Tree  
*Sunday, December 20, 9:45 a.m.* ..... Pageant Brunch  
*Sunday, December 20 during the 10:30 a.m. service* ..... Children's Pageant  
*Thursday, December 22–Friday, December 25* ..... Parish Office Closed for Christmas  
*Thursday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.* ..... Christmas Eve Service  
*Thursday, December 24, 10:00 p.m.* ..... Christmas Eve Service  
*Friday, December 25, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.* ..... 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Dinner  
*Tuesday, January 5* ..... Epiphany  
*Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31* ..... Annual Diocesan Council

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.