

# EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## *The PEW*

### Parish Events Weekly

February 12–February 19, 2016

This Sunday at Emmanuel–February 14, 2016

The First Sunday in Lent

8:00 a.m.—*LEM*: John Simpson

10:30 a.m.—*Lector*: Sharon Kyser; *Intercessor & Eucharistic Minister*: Sue Prill

*Acolytes*: Olivia, Lana, Mayne, Hagan, Grace, and Kira

*Ushers*: Monica and Daniel Shew

#### From the Rector

I am very excited to become acquainted with the work of Professor K. A. Smith who will be at Emmanuel on April 11 as part of the King Institute for Faith and Culture lectures. I'm enjoying Dr. Smith's book, *Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation*. In the introduction he writes about two very different approaches to education: informative and formative. He rightly explains that much Christian education represents an understanding of persons created by the Enlightenment more than a holistic, biblical vision of humanity. In other words, we are more apt to disseminate Christian ideas than we are to work for the formation of a peculiar people.

Lent is a great dramatic reenactment of the essence of our faith which we began with Ash Wednesday. It will conclude with Pentecost when we begin again focusing on the ministries of the Church. During Lent we will emphasize the connection between the sacraments and ministry, especially ministry *with* the poor. The point of liturgy and Christian rituals is to act out the story of God's mighty acts in human history and to provide a space and time for the Holy Spirit to create in us new hearts, to form and reform us in the image of God.

The Church's mission is not our own. It is to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be a part of God's mission to reconcile creation and Creator. We can attempt to indoctrinate people and convince them to join our way of seeing the world but that is not what Paul implored the Church to do. He said that we are to work together with Christ. To do otherwise is to accept the grace of God in vain, to make the words and rites empty of meaning. Then he says, "We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found in our ministry." (II Corinthians 5: 20ff) Paul was warning us not to provide services just to create a captive audience of people we can attempt to convince to see our way of thinking. Rather, we enter the holy fellowship of the Trinity to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven.

I invite you to observe a holy lent. Let us join each other in reimagining what it means to love God and our neighbor. As Smith puts says, "It is a matter of being the kind of person who *loves* rightly." Especially during Lent we appreciate his observation that "before we express moral principles, we receive forgiveness."

See you Sunday if not before.

## Upcoming Events

### **King University Institute/Faith & Culture**

Professor Amy-Jill Levine who teaches New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University is the next Institute for Faith and Culture lecturer. She will speak at the Bristol Public Library on **Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 p.m.** and at King's Memorial Chapel on **Friday, February 19 at 9:15a.m.**

The Adult Sunday School class at Emmanuel is currently utilizing Dr. Levine's lecture series "Great Figures of the New Testament" in the library every **Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

On **Monday, February 29** King will host Martin Weiss, Holocaust survivor and spokesman for the Holocaust Memorial Museum. He will speak at Memorial Chapel at **9:15 a.m.**

On **Tuesday, March 1** Emmanuel will welcome the Dean of Duke University Chapel and Professor of Homiletics (Preaching) Luke Powery. Dean Powery's lecture will be at Emmanuel at **7:00 p.m.**

### **Safeguarding God's Children Sunday, February 21, 12:00 p.m.**

Calling all Catechists, Vestry members, nursery helpers, anyone who spends time with children, at church or anywhere. This three-hour training teaches us how to look for signs of child sexual abuse, and to make sure Emmanuel is a safe place for all God's children. Anyone in regular supervision of young people at Emmanuel must have this training every two years. Contact John Simpson with questions: [emmanuelforma@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelforma@gmail.com).

Lunch provided. Cost is free. RSVP by February 17.

### **Family Night**

Join us **Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for Family Night. Come and enjoy a fun evening of music and activities for children and youth. Please bring a covered to dish to share.

### **Haiti Collaborative**

**The Haiti Collaborative** is a ministry begun in Staunton, Waynesboro, Blue

Grass, Arrington, and Lynchburg and now spreading to the Abingdon Convocation. On **March 6** Father Roger Bowen will be at Emmanuel and that afternoon at **two o'clock** he will speak at St. Thomas, Abingdon, about opportunities to support and participate in the collaborative.

This ministry involves traveling to Haiti to meet our Episcopal sisters and brothers from the Diocese of Haiti (the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church). A trip is being planned for **June 3-9**. First time ambassadors are especially welcome on this mission.

### **Confirmation Preparation**

In the Episcopal Church one of the sacramental duties of a bishop is the confirmation of mature Christians. Bishop Bourlakas is scheduled to be at Emmanuel on the Feast of Pentecost, **May 15**, when he will confirm those who are "ready and have been duly prepared to make a mature public affirmation of their faith."

Those who should consider confirmation preparation include young people who were baptized as infants or who have not been baptized and believe they are now ready to affirm the baptismal covenant and vows made on their behalf as babies or desire to be baptized now. Our Formation Minister is planning confirmation preparation for youth that will be fun, conversational, experiential, and liturgical. Participants will commit to making this a priority for their spring schedules. Holy Week begins on March 20 and will factor heavily into the process. Young people who are interested in intentional preparation for this sacrament should contact John Simpson ([emmanuelforma@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelforma@gmail.com)).

Adults who have not been baptized or who were baptized but have never been confirmed or received as Episcopalians should speak with Father Joe about their preparation for confirmation (or reception into the Episcopal Church). Adults who desire a deeper spiritual life should also speak with Father Joe about preparation for renewal of the Baptismal Covenant.

## 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, Richard Barnes, Carol Biegler, Sue Brickey, Barbara Bunn, Teresa Burkholder, Winifred Campbell, Pat Conroy, Sharon Cross, Ivy Daniels, Mark Dollar, Alva, Emma, Danny Freeman, Ann Gillenwater, Annette, Sharon Hatcher, James Heath, Tom Hurt, Michael Johnston, Bill Keith, Will King, Joe Kurre, Chris Mallin, Gayle Mallin, Ann Martin-Thomas, Jim McGlothlin, Jill Mendiljjan, Claire Miller, Helen Moore, Dan Morgan, Mark Morgan, Rachael Morgan, Ron Morgan, Jim Rodgers, Joyce Rodgers, Robert Rodgers, Denise Rowe, Ben Sage, Madison Sage, Randy Sage, Norma Shew, Sharon Slaughter, Anna Stuart, Julian Van Winkle, Sarah Vaughn, Charlotte Vaughn, Reilly Vaughn, Josh Yoder, the families in Family Promise and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for all who serve in the military, and their families.

### **Birthdays**

- 14 Aly Fuller
- 17 Briana Hardee
- 18 Hagan Oakley
- 20 Allen Rushing

### **Anniversaries**

- 9 Beth & Tom Rogers
- 12 Ann & John Tickle
- 14 James & Jamie Heath
- 16 Sallie & Tom Hurt
- 19 Chris & Larry Kuhnert
- 20 Liz & Leno Rainero

## 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](mailto: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.

### **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.

### **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. Joe K. Dunagan, D. Min.  
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*Organist & Choir Director*

John Simpson  
*Dir. of Formation Ministries*

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 (Atrium)  
Youth (Conference Room)  
Young Adult (Parish Hall)  
Adult (Library)

### WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

6:00 p.m. Lenten Program  
7:15 p.m. Choir

### BIBLE STUDY

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

### THURSDAY EUCHARIST

6:00 p.m. Bledsoe Chapel  
YAF—6:45 p.m.

## VESTRY

### 2014–2016

Fred Knickerbocker  
Doug Mitchell  
Tom Rogers  
Debbie Tidwell

### 2015–2017

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

### 2016–2018

Maggie Green, *Secretary*  
Sharon Kyser, Sr. *Warden*  
Michael Webb  
Audrey Zaidi

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 15, 5:00 p.m. .... Vestry  
Wednesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Sunday, February 21, 12:00 p.m. .... Safeguarding God's Children  
Sunday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. .... Family Night  
Wednesday, February 24, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Thursday, February 26–Sunday, February 29 ..... Happening #9 (Roanoke)  
Monday, March 1, 6:00 p.m. .... Social Club  
Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Sunday, March 6 ..... Fr. Roger Bowen—Haitian ministries  
Sunday, March 6, 2:00 p.m. .... Fr. Roger Bowen—Haitian ministries (St. Thomas)  
Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Wednesday, March 16, 5:00 p.m. .... Finance Committee  
Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 p.m. .... Lenten Soup Supper  
Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. .... Maundy Thursday Service

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.