

April 3, 2025



Piedmont Episcopal Church

The Rev. Becki Casey
Priest-in-Charge

April 6, 2025 - 11 a.m. Worship
Service

Wherever you are on your spiritual
journey, you
can find a home here.
Our doors and hearts are wide open!

Readings for Sunday, April 6, 2025

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
Psalm 126

Lay Servers - April 6, 2025

Vestry Person.....	Molly Sanford
Usher.....	Dona Hutchinson
Acolyte.....	Molly Sanford
Children's Church.....	Sharon Hicks
Lector.....	Briarley Rogers
Intercessor.....	Sue Brown
LEM.....	Joe Parker
Altar Care.....	Vickie Parker
Fellowship.....	Potluck

WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study with Rev. Brad Jackson

Wednesday

4 p.m. Bible Study with Norris John

5:30 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Dinner

6 - 7 p.m. Lenten Bible Study and Discussion with Rev. Becki

7 p.m. Choir Practice with Rev. Brad Jackson

Friday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer with Bill Birkhofer

9:45 a.m. Understanding the Bible - Rev. Becki

Vestry meeting Sunday, April 6th - after worship service

Lenten Group Study

Are you looking for encouragement to support your Lenten practices? This year we are exploring our understanding of and experiences with the Holy Spirit. Each week during Lent we will gather for a potluck dinner at Piedmont Church's Parish House on Wednesday evening for a short Bible study, and then discussion. Dinner will begin at 5:30PM. At 6PM we will begin the study. Come, and bring your friends!



Minister's Musings

Christ our Passover

On Sunday, many of us will be participating in a Passover Seder (celebration meal) led by Rabbi Rose Jacob. The Jewish Passover meal is generally understood to have been what the disciples shared with Jesus during The Last

Supper. Christians now celebrate Maundy Thursday, on this final night of Jesus' life, to celebrate the institution of The Lord's Supper, The Eucharist. But there is much to be learned from the ancient Jewish festival which began on the night of the Hebrew people's exodus from slavery in Egypt.

The details of The Passover seder, as practiced among Jews today, have changed over the years just as all holidays alter over time. However, the primary symbols and significance remain tied to Moses' admonitions in the Torah.

In Scripture, leaven (yeast) is often a symbol for sin because of its invasiveness. As Christians observe Lent to purify themselves in preparation for Easter, Passover begins with The Feast of Unleavened Bread where Jews cleanse their homes of all forms of leavening. During Passover, the only type of bread Jews eat is matzah, flatbread without yeast. Through The Eucharist, Christians now see Jesus' body as the sinless Bread of Heaven that was broken for us, sustaining us through his life and into the next.

Wine is the second most significant symbol of Passover. Jews will drink five cups of wine during their seder (I told you it was a celebration!). The wine represents the blood from the slain lambs. Hebrews painted lamb blood on their doorposts to signal the angel of death to pass over their homes, protecting them from the plague of the death of all firstborn sons in Egypt. Christians recognize wine as the blood of the New Covenant, marking the sacrifice of God's son, so wrath towards sin will now pass over us. Just as the Hebrews escaped death through shed blood, we now experience new and unending life through Jesus' shed blood.

The Passover is also a celebration of the Hebrew people's freedom from slavery in Egypt. Christians celebrate The Great Thanksgiving each week, through partaking in communion, to demonstrate our joy in having been freed from slavery to sin.

Honoring the Jewish feast of Passover is a powerful way for Christians to connect with our own faith. Observant Jews are relentless in the way they cleanse their homes of all products containing leavening agents. As we enter the final weeks of Lent, may we be as uncompromising in cleansing our lives from the insidiousness of anything keeping us from pure love for God and others. Indeed, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us...therefore, let us keep the feast!

-Rev. Becki



Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: **Mac Barber, Bernadette Blanding, Mike Cashman, David Cronk, Janice Edwards, Joanie Edwards, Jill F., Alfred Goossens, Vera Griffin, Brad and Lydia Hansen, Ginger Hawkins, Zoe Hubbard, Shelby Jean Hull, Kim, Ryan Mahanes, Aaron Milligan, Carol Nowak, Carolyn O'Brien, Chris Palumbo, Robert, Michael Rider, Pat Roberts, Steve Sanford, Ann Skidmore, Sarah, Carolyn Stanley, Joe Stanley, Kathryn Thomas, Robert Ulrich and Sylvia Vior.**

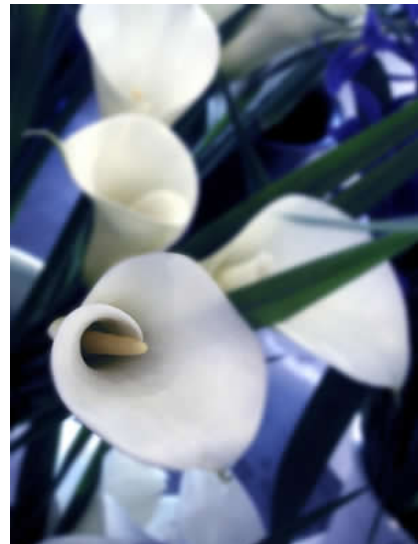
***If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Rev. Becki Casey @ beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com by Wednesday to ensure that it gets into the bulletin and weekly messenger.**

Cycle of Prayer

Please join us in praying for our larger Church communities. This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we lift up Iglesia Anglicana de Chile. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Christ Church Alexandria, St. Mark's Richmond, St. Paul's in King George, and The Fork Church in Doswell.

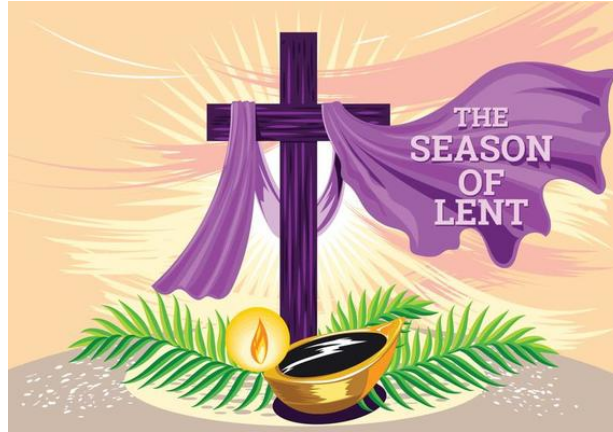
Easter Lilies

It's time to order Easter Lilies for our altar, for Easter Sunday! Order forms will be available this Sunday. Cash payments can be placed in the offering, marked with your name "for Easter lilies". Checks can be made out to Piedmont Church with a notation in the memo "for Easter Lilies". If you would like to honor someone, please put the name in the comment section of the order form and return forms to Vickie Parker. Thank you to those that have placed an order. **Orders can be placed through Palm Sunday!**



The Passion Readings and Easter Brunch Sign up

Thanks to all who have signed up to participate in services during the month of April. There are two other sign-ups for April still to come! On Palm Sunday, we will be reading the passion gospel as a narrative and will need several lectors to take assigned parts. Also, on Easter Sunday we will have a brunch at 10am before our 11 am worship and there will be a sign-up to assist in planning.



Upcoming Schedule of Events

March 12 - April 9th -- 6-7PM Wednesdays - Bible Study and discussion between potluck and choir

April 6th - 4:30PM Seder Meal and Teaching at Beth Car Baptist with Madison Ministerial Association

April 13th- Palm Sunday

April 17th - Maundy Thursday Joint service at Grace 7PM

April 18th - Noon Good Friday Liturgy at Grace, 6-7PM Stations of the Cross at Piedmont

April 19th - 6PM-6AM Easter Vigil

April 20th Easter Sunday - 7AM Sunrise Service at the Winslow Barn in Stanardsville, 9AM Easter Service at Grace, 10AM Potluck breakfast at Piedmont, 11AM Easter Service at Piedmont and egg hunt

Instructional Passover Seder

On Sunday, April 6th, at 4:30PM, at Beth Car Baptist Church, in Madison, the Madison Ministerial Association is hosting an instructional Passover Seder. Rabi Rose Jacob will be leading us through the components and stories of the Passover festival. The Passover meal will be provided. All are invited at no cost. However, to ensure the preparation of the proper amount of food, RSVPs are requested. Please let Becki know if you hope to attend.

Spiritual Resilience Working Group of the Creation Care Committee

April 9 WEBINAR:

BEING PREPARED: SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE IN TIME OF DISASTER

With increasing extreme weather events, how can we prepare and respond with spiritual support? What does discipleship look like in such a time? The Spiritual Resilience Working Group of the Creation Care Committee invites you to a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Caroline Mitchell, Senior Program Manager, Disaster Spiritual Care for the American Red Cross, National Headquarters. Responsible for training and directing the Red Cross' 500 interfaith chaplains, she coordinates response to a major disaster—both natural and man-made—every thirteen days. Caroline has over 15 years of field experience in public safety, law enforcement, fire, EMS and emergency management, and graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2023. She was ordained on Feb. 1 of this year and serves as assisting clergy at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, McLean, Va.

Please join us at 4 PM, Wed., April 9, for this hour-long conversation. Given the unpredictable nature of Caroline's job, May 7 will be the substitute date should she be called away in April. Register at

<creationcare@episcopalvirginia.org> to receive the zoom link.

-Rev. Kathryn Thomas, Deacon

Annual Review of Piedmont and Grace Church Covenant

The covenant created between Piedmont and Grace Church, in April 2024, is due for review. Copies of the covenant have been placed on the bulletin boards in the sanctuary and the parish house. If anyone would like to review it, please feel free to pick up a copy. Any questions can be directed to Rev. Becki or any member of the vestry. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

STAGEWORKS OF CULPEPER
IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

*The Importance of
Being Earnest*

by Oscar Wilde



at

The State Theater
April 11th, 12th, & 13th
7:00 pm Friday & Saturday
2:00 pm Matinee on Sunday



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MESA - Madison Emergency Services Association

Thank you to everyone for your generous weekly donations to MESA. The Madison community donations collected in March were able to serve 527 households, totaling 1,294 individuals.

Their current needs this week are listed below:

- Cold cereal
- Condiments
- Eggs
- Dish soap
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Cleaning Supplies

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