

February 27, 2025



## Piedmont Episcopal Church

The Rev. Becki Casey  
Priest-in-Charge

March 2, 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, March 2, 2025

Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Corinthians 3:12- 4:2  
Luke 9:28-36, (37- 43a)  
Psalm 99

### Lay Servers - March 2, 2025

Vestry Person.....Jim Landolt  
Usher.....Dona Hutchinson  
Acolyte.....Molly Sanford  
Lector.....Jack Cotten  
Intercessor.....Jim Landolt

LEM.....Susan Bagby  
Altar Care.....Beppy White  
Fellowship.....Potluck

## WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

### Tuesday

**7:30 a.m.** Men's Bible Study

### Wednesday

**4 p.m.** Bible Study with Norris John

**5:30 p.m.** Potluck Fellowship Dinner

**6:30 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

**Piedmont Grief Support Group Meeting for March 4th has been CANCELLED. Next meeting at Piedmont will be held April 1st.**

### Minister's Musings

#### 40 Days

In case you haven't yet looked at this week's church calendar, there is a LOT on it. Four out of seven days provide opportunities to gather for both celebration and prayer. Most weeks we see each other half that often. Perhaps it feels like far too much peopling for you, too much church, or too much scheduling to want to participate. It might be. Or it might be the perfect way to enter the upcoming Lenten season, focused and intentionally looking ahead to the cross and Easter morning.

Since the earliest days, Christians have purposed to fast (refrain from food) during the days approaching Easter. Eventually the fasting, became associated with the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness. The forty-days were significant for new believers who were making their preparation for baptism. According to The Episcopal Church, "the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited 'to

the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word' (BCP, p. 265)."

We, in today's Western World, most of us take very few things as seriously as our forebearers approached their religious observances. There is both benefit and danger to scrupulosity and an over-attachment to religious practice. Merely doing more things does not accomplish God's will for us. God desires our hearts and our attention because God knows that it is through that relationship we are equipped to live the life we were created and called to live.

My goal for our worshiping communities to gather, fellowship, and pray at the beginning of Lent is to start our Lenten season off in a way that positions us best for lifechanging encounters with God. We may not all want our lives changed. Some of us might prefer if our lives did NOT change. But I believe God is always inviting us closer. It was the disciple's closeness with Jesus that changed the world.

May we be a people so compelled by our faith, that we position ourselves to hear The Spirit's call, and strengthen ourselves in God's presence to follow that call. May we be a people whose experiences of God change the world.

-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**, **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](mailto: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 The Anglican Church of Burundi. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Anne's in Reston and St. Stephen's in Catlett.

## **Help Needed for Children's Summer "Camp" a Ministerial Association Cooperative at Madison Presbyterian Church**

If you would be interested in helping join efforts with other Madison churches to help provide a three-day, youth, summer "camp", here is an excellent opportunity. The dates will be June 17-19 or 24-26 from 9AM to 11:30AM. The camp will offer Crafts, Music, Snack, Outdoor Playtime and a Sack Lunch to take home.

Needed:

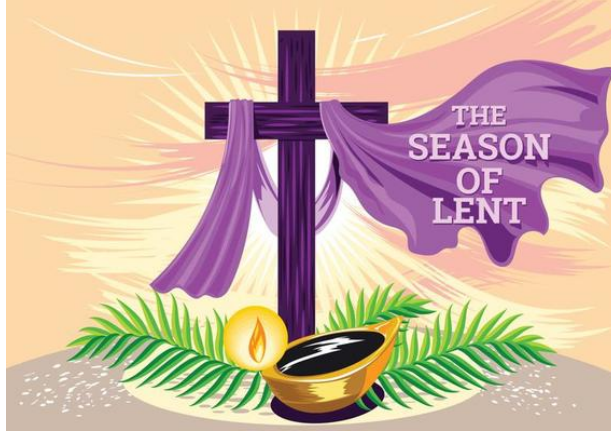
- 2 other "performers" for two of the days to portray a Bible Character (Karen will be Miriam)
- Adults on site to help
- supplies
- snacks
- sack lunches

If you are interested, please contact Karen at [Pastorkaren@madisonpresbyterian.com](mailto:Pastorkaren@madisonpresbyterian.com) or 540-414-3193.

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

**Please join us March 4th at 5:30 p.m. at  
Piedmont Parish House. Don't forget to  
bring your palms from last year!  
See you there!**





## Upcoming Schedule of Events

- March 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Burning of Palms - **BRING your palms** from last year to Shrove Tuesday Supper
- March 5<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes (No Potluck)
- March 12-April 9<sup>th</sup> 6-7PM Wednesday weekly Max Lucado, *Help is Here*, video and discussion between potluck and choir.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> 9AM-12:30PM Graves Mill Lent Retreat, joint with Grace
- March 15<sup>th</sup> 10AM-1PM Grace Church ECW Women's Lenten retreat and luncheon
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> Culpeper Region Small Church Conference, time and place TBD
- April 6<sup>th</sup> 4:30PM Seder Meal and Teaching at Beth Car Baptist with Madison Ministerial Association
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday 5:30PM Stripping of the Altar at Piedmont and then joint service at Grace 7PM
- April 18<sup>th</sup> Noon Good Friday Liturgy at Grace, 6-7PM Stations of the Cross at Piedmont
- April 19<sup>th</sup> 6PM-6AM Easter Vigil April 20<sup>th</sup> 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

## Lent Resources

Our church communities are offering many gatherings and formative experiences during Lent. If you would like a daily or weekly study or prayer resource to help frame your spiritual practice this year, here are some additional offerings.

- Try [here](#), from Episcopal Relief and Development.
  - Try [here](#) for an amazon link to a great book resource.
  - Saint George in Jerusalem is offering weekly videos. Access them [here](#).
- Sign up for the Lenten Creation Care Power and Light Calendar [here](#).

**Study the Constitution!**

The group meeting to Study the Constitution has extended their meetings for two more sessions. They will be a meeting Saturday, March 1st and 8th at the Piedmont Parish House at 11 am.

### **Madison Ministerial Association**

Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Madison United Methodist Church, Rev. Liz Petry.  
Senior lunch and Bingo. 10:30 a.m. White chicken chili and vegetarian soup.

### **Shrine Mont's Centennial**

This week marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Shrine Mont, the home of the Cathedral church of The Diocese of Virginia and Shrine Mont camps. Shrine Mont is open year-round and hosts amazing youth camps during the summer. I have been a summer camp chaplain for years and it is one of my favorite places. If you have never been to camp, click [here](#) to check out the camps they are offering this summer. If you are interested in learning more about the history of Shrine Mont, click [here](#). Please be praying with us in thanksgiving for the legacy of Shrine Mont as well as its continued ministry into the future.



## **Creation Care Committee Open House (Via Zoom)**

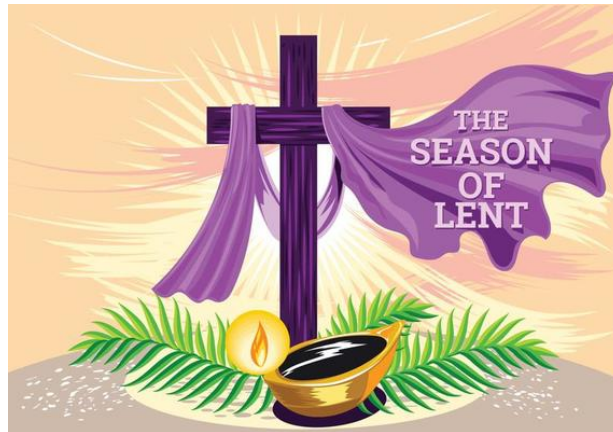
**March 18 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

The Diocese of Virginia's Creation Care Committee (CCC) was established by Bishop Peter Lee several decades ago as a way to bring awareness to parishes of God's gift of creation. During the subsequent years, our world has changed. While the CCC continues to celebrate God's gift of creation, it also encourages both parishes and individuals to increase energy efficiency of their



properties, reclaim and restore the native habitat around them, and consider spiritual resilience in a climate-changed time. Our work unifies us because of our common faith. We offer worship resources, educational experiences, and safe places for discussion—always focusing on loving Jesus, embodying justice, and trying to serve as disciples. The CCC meets monthly and has two working groups: Habitat Restoration and Spiritual Resilience. We invite you to join us on March 18, 7 PM. Click [here](#) for more information. Register by March 15 by emailing [creationcare@episcopalvirginia.org](mailto:creationcare@episcopalvirginia.org)

<https://episcopalvirginia.org/event/creation-care-committee-open-house-zoom/>



# March 8, 2025

## Lent Retreat Graves Mill

### Preparing Our Hearts

Christians have a long tradition of honoring the 40-day season of Lent in preparation for Easter. Historically this period was marked by reflection, prayer, fasting, confession, and almsgiving. In modern life, it can be challenging to carve out the time to honor Lent in a meaningful way. God is always calling to our hearts, but we often feel that pull distantly through the endless pressure of our schedules. If your soul feels a craving to connect more deeply with God and others, if you desire to pause the busyness of life and make space to hear the voice of God, or if you feel drawn into something you may not even be able to name, then this retreat is for you. Join us and explore what God's Spirit is stirring.

\*Led by the Rev. Becki Casey and the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

\*Brunch style snacks and finger foods gratefully accepted!

Graves Mill Chapel  
104 Bluff Mountain Rd  
Madison, VA

9am - 12:30 pm

Sponsored by:

Gaves Mill Chapel  
Piedmont Episcopal Church - Madison  
Grace Episcopal Church - Standardsville



### Save the Date!

On Saturday, March 15th, the women of Grace, Stanardsville and the women of Piedmont, Madison are invited to attend a morning of Lenten Lessons followed by Lunch. We will gather in the Grace Church Sanctuary at 10 am. The Rev. Becki Casey will start the morning with prayer, scripture, and meditation, regarding

The Purpose of Lent. The morning will also include art, journaling, sharing, and quiet reflection. We will then enjoy some fellowship during our soup and salad lunch. I hope you will be able to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Becki or Jeannie Palin.

### Parish Directory Update for 2025

Thank you to everyone that responded to the email regarding our parish directory. Your changes have been received and noted. It's still not too late to let me know! Karen is still looking to collect photos for our "Snap Shot Directory" and will be available to take a picture this Sunday!

### Children's Ministry

During our weekly Sunday morning worship service, Carolyn Stanley leads our children in Bible study and lessons. In accordance with our Episcopal SAFE Church requirements, we will need someone to assist Carolyn. This position will be listed on our monthly lay servers schedule.



Thank you to Eve Bargmann for assisting Carolyn and the children the past several months.



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