

October 11, 2024

Sunday October 13, 2024

October SCHEDULE for Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer

Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

October 13 - Holy Eucharist

October 20 - Morning Prayer

October 27 - Holy Eucharist

Readings for October 13, 2024

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

Lay Servers - October 13, 2024

Vestry Person.....Joe Parker
Usher.....Colt Puryear
Acolyte.....Molly Sanford
Lector.....Joe Parker
Intercessor.....Dave Bagby
LEM.....Norris John
Altar Care.....Dona Hutchinson
Fellowship.....Dona Hutchinson/Sharon Hicks

WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study in the Sun room

Wednesday

4 p.m. Bible Study with Norris John

5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice - Brad Jackson

Friday

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

Sermons and Newsletters

If you missed church on Sunday and are curious about the sermon or if you lost the newsletter in your junk mail folder, both items are available on the website. You can find us online at

<http://www.piedmontepiscopalchurch.org>

Sermons are listed under the "Worship" tab or click [here](#). Newsletters are listed under the "News" tab or click [here](#).

Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: Malcolm **(Mac)** Barber, **Bernadette** Blanding, **Caitlin** Bomar, **David Cronk**, **Janice** Edwards, **Joanie** Edwards, **Vera** Griffin, **Brad and Lydia** Hanson, **Ginger** Hawkins, **Zoe** Hubbard, **Shelby Jean** Hull, **Kim**, **Marilyn** Myers, **Carolyn** O'Brien, **Chris** Palumbo, **Robert**, **Pat** Roberts, **Ann** Skidmore, **Sarah**, **Carolyn** Stanley and **Joe** Stanley, **Kathryn** Thomas and **Robert** Ulrich

***If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Rev. Deacon 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 The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we lift up Calvary in Front Royal, Lynwood Parish in Port Republic and Elkton, St. James in Leesburg, and St Paul's in Ivy.

Praying Together on Election Day

Our national presidential election is one month away. As the time draws near, our country risks the harm caused by increased fear and division. But the love of Jesus and the protection of God is nonpartisan. The greatest tool to remind us of God's presence, to push back our worries, and to join our hearts together regardless of our political differences, is prayer. On November 5th, the church sanctuary will be open from 3-7pm.

The Rev. Becki will be available to lead prayers or host others in silence. Please come pray with us! If you would like to host a portion of this prayer time, please let Becki know.

Election Night Virtual Prayers

On the night of the election, from 8-10 pm, the diocese is hosting an online prayer session. It will be hosted by newly ordained Bishop Elect Sean Rowe, and he will offer an opening reflection, and then others will lead a variety of prayers and time of silent reflection. Registration is available free online at this [link](#).

"MINISTER'S MUSINGS"

Yom Kippur, Deacon Philip, Helene, and Milton

The stories coming out of North Carolina from Hurricane Helene are fearsome in an Old Testament, Biblical, type of way. By the time you read this, no doubt, Milton's next wave will be adding stories from Florida to the cacophony of pain, loss, and the sheer terror left in the wake of natural disaster. We ask, "Why, oh Lord?" And we reach for a response; anything we can do to help.

This year, Friday October 11th marks the holiest day of the year for the Jewish community, Yom Kippur, The Day of Atonement. Biblically, this was the day when Israel commemorated God's forgiveness of sins through many ceremonially sacrificed animals, ritual cleansing, and the experiential renewal of the people's covenantal relationship with God. In modern times it has become a day of fasting, repentance, and the healing of broken relationships. It is a day that celebrates peace with God and among mankind.

Interestingly, this year, the day coincides with the feast day of Deacon Philip, The Evangelist. Philip was known for an embrace of the gospel that extended beyond the boundary lines that existed in his religiously Jewish world. The book of Acts recounts his ministry to Samaritans and his baptism of an Ethiopian man on the road to Gaza. His understanding and expression of the love of Christ existed beyond every human wall.

In a time of war and environmental catastrophe, we are all laid bare. We feel powerless and afraid. But it is also at these times when human people reach out to one another in profound ways. Social boundaries that once divided people with immovable force are destroyed with the same speed and power that washed entire communities away.

Each of us are seeking a response. Some are rushing to give money, some muscle and sweat, many are praying, others are organizing and mobilizing people and resources. The reality is that the clean-up and rebuilding of the lives and communities impacted by these storms will extend far into the future. My prayer is that we live in a way that celebrates God's loving reconciliation in a boundary crossing way, every single day for our whole lives, in all the places and ways we are called to serve the suffering.

-Rev. Becki

Collect:

O God, our times are in your hand. In the midst of uncertainty lead us by your never-failing grace as we seek to be agents of healing and hope. Walk with us through difficult times; watch over us in danger; and give to us a spirit of love and compassion for those who suffer and mourn. And finally remind us that you have promised never to leave us so that even in the valley of the shadow of death your love may be felt, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

– The Rev. Lyndon Harris, from the [Episcopal Diocese of New York disaster preparedness plan](#)

Piedmont Episcopal Church's chapter of **Daughters of the King** is inviting all parishioners and everyone in Madison County and surrounding counties to an hour of prayer and reflection for peace and unity. **Quiet Hour** will take place on Saturday **October 26, 2024**, starting at **9 AM** at Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church Street, Madison, Va 22727.



Parish House Deck Repairs

Most of you know that the parish house's deck, which has served us so well for many years, has finally given up the ghost. To ensure the safety of our congregants, it must be restored. The project has been budgeted to cost about \$20,000. The vestry has been able to utilize some surplus funds from our time without a priest and move some funds from the budget towards this project. While that is depleting what has been held in reserve, those reserves are intended for such a time as this. Consequently, we are currently within roughly \$5000 of our goal. Being so close to our goal has provided the ability to start the process of securing contractors. However, we still need help getting the final amount secured. The vestry would like to thank everyone who has already generously contributed to this project in both financial assistance and in prayer! Let's keep pressing towards the completion of our final goal!

There will be an update this Sunday October 13, 2024, after worship service. Our Vestry will be sharing exciting news on this

project. IF you are unable to attend this Sunday, follow up right here next week - for ALL The DETAILS!!



Thank you to all who have selected Sundays and donated flowers for the altar. There are still a few dates available for anyone who would like to place flowers on the altar. Flowers will be used for two weeks; the cost is \$60. Please add your name to the list on the church bulletin board or advise Vickie Parker, altar guild chair. Dates available are Oct 27 & Nov 3 - Nov 10 & Nov 17





Bishop's VISIT

The Rt. Rev.d Edwin (Ted) Gulick will be visiting Piedmont Episcopal Church on November 24th. That may seem like as if it is in the distant future, but if you wish to be Baptized, Confirmed, Received, or Reaffirmed during this visitation, please let me know. I would love to help prepare those who are interested in furthering a commitment to Christ in these ways! - Rev. Becki

Thanksgiving Service

We Gather Together to Ask the Lord's Blessing

Mark your calendars! Piedmont Episcopal Church will be hosting an interreligious Thanksgiving worship service on behalf of the Madison County Ministerial Association on Wednesday the 27th at 5pm. Please consider joining us as we follow the example of Jesus who crossed religious and social boundaries to heal our divisions.

Fall Formation with Grace

We are excited to begin our Fall study group! Meetings will be held in Grace Episcopal Church's parish hall on Sunday afternoons from 2:30-3:30 beginning October 13th through November 17th. This Fall we will be discussing more deeply the content of the sermons, and the questions raised from the lectionary texts. Come ready to wrestle, seek meaning, and discover new ways to live out our faith together.

Vestry Service

One of the deeply valuable ways that members contribute to this church is through their participation serving on the vestry. According to The Episcopal Church, the role of the vestry members is "to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed,

to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.” This year’s vestry did the challenging work of finding a minister to replace Anne. Moving forward, we have a strong and enthusiastic team who are excited to work together in stewarding the mission of Piedmont Church. Each year, vestry members rotate off and the church elects new ones to serve. At the end of this year, we will be thanking Jaynie and Norris for their tremendous service, and we will be seeking new members to fill their shoes. As we each discern our part in stewarding God’s resources into the future of Piedmont Church, please prayerfully consider if God may be inviting you to serve as a member of the vestry. Please thank your vestry members for all their work on our behalf! And if you have questions about serving in this way, please ask a vestry member!



Bereavement Support Group

No one should have to grieve alone.

Piedmont Episcopal Church together with Gentiva Hospice is offering a bereavement support group that will provide spiritual and faith-based gatherings designed to accompany each person in their unique walk with grief. Bereavement is not only the loss of one’s beloved, but can be the loss of your way or direction as well. Madeleine L’engle in talking about her own experience says, “Bereavement is not the truncation of...love, but one of its regular phases.”

Join us as we learn to walk this new and difficult path together.

**Grace Episcopal Church, 97 Main St.
Stanardsville, VA 22973**

Third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

October 15, 2024

**Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church Street
Madison, Virginia
First Tuesday of each month at 6 pm**

November 5, 2024

Place: Piedmont Fellowship House, next door to the church, living room, enter through the kitchen door in the carport

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