

June 12, 2025



Piedmont Episcopal Church

214 Church Street
Madison, Va 22727

The Rev. Becki Casey
Priest-in-Charge

June 15, 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 June 15, 2025

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Psalms 8

Lay Servers - June 15, 2025

Vestry Person.....	Jim Landolt
Usher.....	Dona Hutchinson
Acolyte.....	Molly Sandford
Children's Church.....	
Lector.....	Bev Young
Intercessor.....	Sue Brown
LEM.....	Dave Bagby
Altar Care.....	Dona Hutchinson
Fellowship.....	POTLUCK

WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. The Chosen (Miniseries with Discussion)

Friday

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

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

Vestry Meeting following worship - Sunday June 15th

*Join **The Chosen***

This summer we are excited to announce a weekly gathering at the Parish House where we will watch an episode of **The Chosen**, a miniseries about the life of Jesus, and follow it up with some discussion. Our gatherings will be on **Wednesday evenings, beginning June 18th, from 6:30-8 p.m.** Summer is busy with so much travel, so we look forward to an opportunity to fellowship with friends, keep our hearts centered on Jesus, and have some fun together. Please join us!



Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: **Mac Barber, Bernadette Blanding, Sharon Carter, 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, Mike Miller, Hannah Moyer,**

Mary Moyer, Carol Nowak, Carolyn O'Brien, 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 pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Trinity in Upperville.

Minister's Musings

Trinitarian Tango

There is a trope in clergy circles that says priests should always ask their postulant to preach on Trinity Sunday because it is very difficult to speak for long about The Trinity without saying something heretical. If the postulant misspeaks, then at least the priest can save face. The reality of such theological complexity may lead lay people to fear seeking greater clarity, as if a true understanding is too far off. However, as complicated as the theological nuances regarding The Trinity are, the truth of it is in fact quite simple. The Trinity is merely another name for God.

Personally, the trinity is one of my favorite things about Christianity! In fact, there was a time when trinitarian theology was the only thing keeping me in the church. (Don't ask me about it unless you have a lot of time, because...did I mention it is one of my favorite topics?) We humans are funny creatures. We want to name and categorize everything, as if naming a thing means we understand it. Personally, I appreciate Richard Rohr's take on this in his wonderful book, *The Divine Dance*. He says "all religious language is metaphor.... We're like blind people touching the side of an elephant, describing the tiny portion we feel with all the conviction we can muster". To fully appreciate the Trinity, we must be willing to embrace mystery.

In the 39 articles, the Reformers outlined for us the basis of our trinitarian understanding by saying, "there is but one living and true God and in the unity of this godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost". As long as we seek to comprehend this by mental gymnastics alone, we might be stymied. But once we realize that God's essence is and always has been relational, our hearts can begin to assent. God is not singular. Elohim, the Hebrew name for God, is plural. God's exists in relationship and God puts godself into creation, breathing ongoing, vital life in and through all of it.

According to Richard Norris, “Christians do not ‘worship’ the Trinity in the sense that they stand off from it and gawk reverently from a safe distance. On the contrary, their worship is a kind of participation in the relations among the members of the Trinity”. Our life and our worship IS participation in this “divine dance”. Understanding it is not the goal; partnership in the life of God is. Which is why broken relationships and human division are so problematic. Sin is anything that separates us from God and one another. Division is destructive to the fabric of our origin, the very image of God, and God’s ability to perform God’s work of healing on this earth. However any of us may feel about the theological framework of trinitarian theology, my greatest prayer is that our hearts embrace our participation in the Divine life as we move ever closer to God and one another.

-Rev. Becki



Pentecost Sunday!

A wonderful day of worship!
Many participated in the opening
processional, especially the
children, donned in red.

Thank you Beppy White for coordinating the removal of the deodar cedar tree in the front yard of the parish house on June 6th. Excavation work

continues this week with removal of the front steps and removal of dirt in front of the house. It's a work in progress!



Vestry Report

Dear Members of Piedmont:

Piedmont's financial report for the first 4 months of 2025 is posted on the parish house bulletin board. The church income and expenses are on track for the first third of the calendar year. Thanks to the congregation for your continued generous support.

This report lists the purchase in April of a new air conditioner for the church building. While this was an unexpected expense, the vestry determined that replacement was the more practical approach than partial repair to the old unit.

Recalling the adage "when it rains, it pours" an additional building issue has come up. The parish house apartment floor sustained some water damage during the recent periods of heavy rain. Some of the flooring in the downstairs kitchen area will be replaced. The vestry is still investigating how to solve the runoff and drainage issues which will likely involve some excavation. In consultation with contractors on various options, the vestry has been advised that the deodar cedar in the front yard of the parish house is contributing to the problem. Reluctantly, the cedar tree is scheduled to be taken down on Friday, June 6. While this is a loss to our beautiful property, Piedmont's cost is limited to debris removal. The expense of taking it down will be borne by REC as their electric lines and pole are engulfed by the tree.

Please know that vestry members are available to answer questions about these projects. The next vestry meeting is June 15.

Sharon Hicks, senior warden; Beppy White, junior warden; Dave Bagby, Jim Landolt, Joe Parker, Molly Sanford, and Jaynie Jackson, registrar.

Shrine Mont Details

The Culpeper Regional Retreat at Shrine Mont is scheduled for July 11-13. If

you would like to register for a room overnight, it may still be possible. Just let me know. Many of you have asked about the fees required for a day visit on Saturday.

Conference Fee- \$30

Breakfast- \$14

Lunch- \$17

Dinner- \$19

The fees can be paid directly to the main office upon arrival. However, if you would like to eat any meals, they need to know ahead of time. Before the end of June, please let Becki know if you would like to attend and which meals you would like to join. We hope to see many of you there!



SALSA MAKING in the Unity Garden

COMING HOME *Reconnecting To Our Roots*



A Celebration of Fluvanna's
African American History and Culture

JUNETEENTH EVENT INCLUDING:

Historic Presentations - Musical Performances
Hyme Singing - Elder Stories
Vendors - Soul Food -
Living Portraits - Local History

Saturday, June 21st, 2025: 10 am ~ 5 pm
Bremo Bluff, Va

Bremo Chapel: 754 Bremo Bluff Rd, Bremo Bluff, VA 23022

Free Event. Traditional Meals Served for \$8.00/Plate

For more information, please contact Nina Monroe
at 434-825-5298, or email reconnectingtoroots@yahoo.com.



SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION!

It's that time of the year! Time to collect school supplies for the upcoming school year for students of Madison County. We will plan to collect donations during July. A list of supplies will be provided soon. More information to come!

MESA will be receiving a large donation of clothes and has designated June 21st as their "SORTING Day". They are asking for volunteers to assist with the sorting of these clothes. A time and contact information will be provided in next week's newsletter. Any help would be most appreciated. Stay tuned!



Thank you to all that donate to **MESA**. The needs are great in our community and these needs change almost weekly! All donations are greatly appreciated.

MESA's Top Items Needed this Week:

Condiments
Cold Cereal

Baby Food
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes
Cleaning Supplies
Sugar

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