

August 30, 2024

## Sunday September 1, 2024

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE for Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer

Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

September 1 - Holy Eucharist

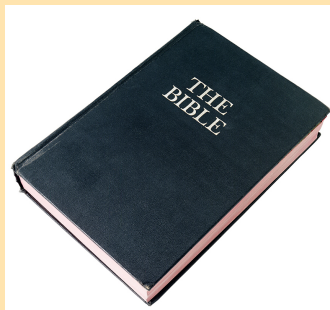
September 8 - Morning Prayer

September 15 - Holy Eucharist

September 22 - Morning Prayer

September 29 - Holy Eucharist with  
The Rev. Dr. Pete Gustin

## THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP



Readings for September 1, 2024

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13**

**Psalms 45:1-2, 7-10**

**James 1:17-27**

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

### Lay Servers - September 1, 2024

Vestry Person.....Joe Parker  
Usher.....Kay John  
Acolyte.....Jim Landolt

Lector.....Jaynie Jackson  
Intercessor.....Briarley Rogers  
LEM.....Joe Parker  
Altar Guild.....Jaynie Jackson  
Fellowship.....Bess Landolt

## **WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH**

### **Tuesday**

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

### **Wednesday**

**6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Norris John**

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

### **Friday**

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

## **Food, Fellowship, and Song**

It's time to prepare your appetites and singing voice once again. Beginning in September, Wednesday evening potlucks, choir, and Bible study will start back up. We are always looking for new friends to join, so don't be shy. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**Sunday September 1st**

### **REMINDER**

The loose offering in our collection plate is for **The Alms Fund**

**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 Sept 22 & 29 - Oct 27 & Nov 3 - Nov 10 & Nov 17**

**Thank YOU AUDIT TEAM**

**Thank you, Bill Birkhofer and Bess Landolt, for doing the hard work of the 2023 audit. We appreciate the time and effort you dedicated to this task! Your talents and willingness to serve are a blessing to us all.**

### **Prayer List**

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: Malcolm **(Mac)** Barber, **Bernadette** Blanding, **Caitlin** Bomar, **Kathryn** Caswell, **David** Cronk, **Janice** Edwards, **Joanie** Edwards, **Vera** Griffin, **Brad and Lydia** Hansen, **Zoe** Hubbard, **Shelby Jean** Hull, **Kim, June Shannon** Koepke, **Marilyn** Myers, **Hardie** Newton, **Carol** and **Bob** Nowak, **Carolyn** O'Brien, **Chris** Palumbo, **Robert, Richard, Pat** Roberts, **Pat** Riddle, **Julinda** Roth, **Ann** Skidmore, **Sarah, Joe** and **Carolyn** Stanley, Kathryn Thomas and **Robert** Ulrich

**\*If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Kathryn Thomas [kathrynhthomas@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynhthomas@gmail.com) by Wednesday to ensure that it gets into the bulletin and weekly messenger**

### **"Minister's Musings"**

#### **Labor Day Recreation**

Labor Day weekend is upon us once again. For some, this day hearkens the end of summer break and a return to the grueling Fall school and sports schedule. For other it's a reminder that the days are about to start getting shorter. For many, it's an excuse to have one more last big party of the season, grill something tasty and enjoy friends and family.

Most people don't pay attention to the origin of the holiday or know the celebration's initial intent. Originally, in 1894 to be exact, when Grover Cleveland signed the law, making Labor Day a national holiday, it was to commemorate the work of the Labor Unions. Before that era, people worked unbelievable hours in untenable conditions. This holiday is specifically in celebration of the decision of lawmakers to codify an eight-hour workday with an expectation that eight hours are required for rest and the other eight hours in every working day should be given to recreation. "Recreation." It's a word worthy of a moment's attention as we embark on this celebratory long weekend.

Recreation these days is a word often relegated to children. Americans who pride themselves on their Protestant Ethic, tend to view recreation as irrelevant in the face of all the work that needs to be produced. Perhaps it is that over-attention to labor which has caused many in the more modern generation to prize relaxation and ease over the sweaty discipline of hard work. Either way, an argument could be made that both polarized responses need tempering.

Recreation is, in fact, re-creation. It is meant to be a replenishing of what has been spent. God, as the first Creator, made people in the divine image to be co-creators. The creation story indicates God's own value of the enjoyment over what has been produced and the value of patterned resting. Play, relaxation and amusement are all valuable ways for the human person to be energized to begin labor afresh.

God prizes humans in our humanity and values our created necessity for both rest and refreshment. Americans, historically, have also honored this for ourselves and for all the citizens of this country. This weekend, as we engage in the task of recreation, let us recognize and celebrate the fact that our country and our God revere this part of our common humanity. And let us participate with joy in whatever way is available to us this weekend.

### The Collect for Labor Day

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

-Rev. Becki



### Where's Our DEACON?

Most of you know that our beloved, the Rev Kathryn Thomas, had an accident at the beginning of the summer and subsequently found herself on a long road to recovery. Since that time, she has been on a healing journey with a variety of health professionals overseeing her progress. The diocese, in the interest of protecting her healing, has asked her to rest from ministry for a time. In collaboration with the diocese, Kathryn will reevaluate her progress in September. For now, she is worshiping with her family at Christ our Savior. She has felt overwhelmingly supported and grateful for the love and care the Piedmont family has provided her throughout this challenging time. Kathryn's body is healing and she continues to express her desire to be back with us soon. Please keep her in your prayers! Once we have more information about Kathryn's next step, we will let the church know.

Taste of the Mountains Main Street  
Festival



August 31, 2024

9 am - 4 pm

A great opportunity to come  
to out and support our Madison  
community and meet new friends!

SEE YOU THERE!



**On the months in 2024 with a 5th week  
August and November**

LOAVES and FISHES MINISTRY

Thank you to all that donated food and packed bags for the Boys and Girls  
Club in Madison after church August 25

These bags will be delivered on Friday August 30, 2024

Thank you to Bill Birkhofer for organizing and delivery!



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. Beck

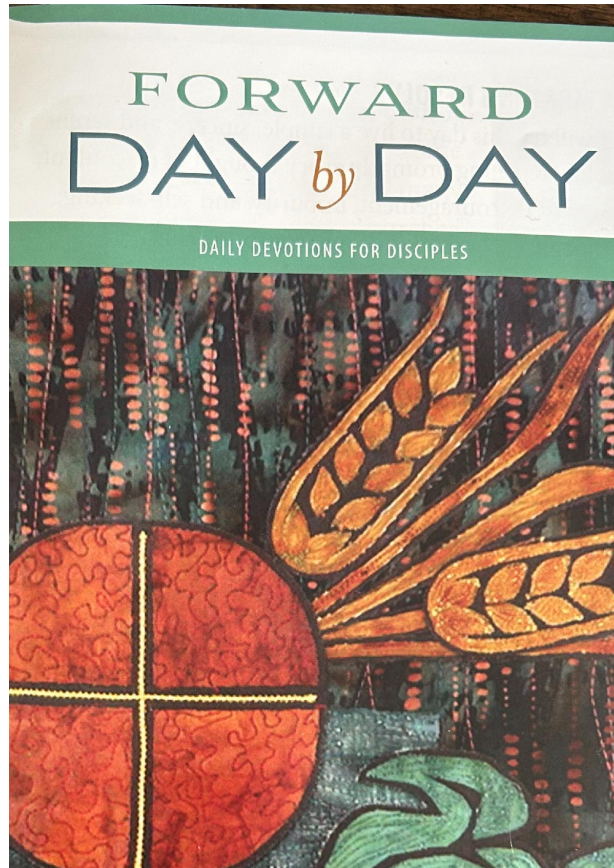
## Sunday School

As school begins once more, we are excited to announce that our Good Shepherd Sunday School will be starting on the 8th of September! Sunday school is for children 4 years and older. Carolyn Stanley will be leading this and would love to have some volunteer help. If you are interested in partnering with her for this ministry, please let Becki or Carolyn know.



October 6<sup>th</sup> is our annual collaborative worship service and church picnic at Grave's Chapel with Grace Episcopal Church! We are so excited to share this time together. Please be thinking about how you want to participate. We plan to have a combined choir for our morning's anthem. We will also need people from both parishes to make decisions and implement all aspects of the day. If you have any interest in taking part in the committee responsible for the decisions regarding the day's festivities, please let Becki know. Soon we will be looking for volunteers to help implement those plans. Can you feel the excitement growing? It is going to be a tremendously joyful day for all of us!





## Forward Day By Day

Daily devotions are one of the most significant practices available to us for strength and encouragement along our spiritual journey. For years our church has provided a booklet called Forward Day by Day as a simple devotional for people to follow at home throughout the week. As technology has progressed, the creators of this resource decided to make the content of the booklet freely available to everyone online and as an app on phones. As the cost of the printed booklet has increased, we have decided to allow individuals to choose how best to access this resource for themselves.

For some, a printed resource will always feel more accessible. If that sounds like you, the company provides two different sizes. There is the small booklet, roughly 3"x5" in size which includes eight copies over two years for \$25. There is a large print edition that is 8"x11" and includes four copies over a single year for \$25.

For others, a digital resource is simpler. The website provides free options in multiple forms. There is a daily email, a daily podcast, an app, and an online edition.

For everyone, please click [here](#) to access the website and choose the option that suits you best. There are links to all the digital formats as well as subscription information for those who would like to purchase a copy.

## A Joyful Brightening!

Take a look at our beautifully painted Parish Hall! Thank you so much to Dave and his team at Majestic Painting along with Joe and Briarley for working so hard to make sure our spaces are well cared for and look sparkling!



THANK You for the generous donations already received! We continue to work toward our goal of completing this work by the end of the year.



### **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.**

- **Meeting: Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church Street, Madison, Virginia**
  - **Times: First Tuesdays of each month @ 6 PM**  
**September 3, 2024**
  - **Place: Piedmont Fellowship House, next door to the church, living room, enter through the kitchen door in the**



carport.

For more information, please contact:

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Pastor Stephen Mathis, [sjwmathis89@gmail.com](mailto:sjwmathis89@gmail.com)

Rev. Kathryn Thomas, [kathrynhthomas@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynhthomas@gmail.com)

## Please Remember!

The **First Sunday** loose offering in our collection plate goes to **The Alms Fund**

The **Fourth Sunday** loose offering in our collection plate goes to **Piedmont's Outreach.**



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