

September 13, 2024

Sunday September 15, 2024

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE for Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer

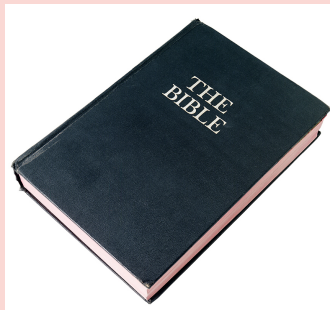
Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

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 15, 2024

Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalms 19

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

Lay Servers - September 15, 2024

Vestry Person.....Molly Sanford
Usher.....Vickie Parker
Acolyte.....Molly Sanford
Lector.....Dona Hutchinson
Intercessor.....Vickie Parker
LEM.....Eve Bargmann
Altar Guild.....Jaynie Jackson
Fellowship.....POTLUCK

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!

September VESTRY Meeting - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

PUB THEOLOGY PRESENTS:

"Heaven Can Wait.....Or can It?"

An exploration of C.C. Lewis's "The Weight of Glory" and other notions of heaven. Thursdays, October 3 and 10 at 7P.M.

Hosted by Ron Morris, held at Los Robles Restaurant, Main Street, Stanardsville.

"Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'; Aim at earth and you will get neither." C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*.

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, **Ginger** Hawkins, **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, **Bill** Skidmore, **Sarah**, **Joe** and **Carolyn** Stanley, **Kathryn** Thomas and **Robert** Ulrich

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 Church of Nigeria. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we lift up Calvary Episcopal Church in Hanover and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Richmond.

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

Our Whole Community

Most of our members attend church often enough to have met Becki. However, for some, the ability to travel to the church building can be difficult. We also may have friends who haven't attended in a while but still wish to be affiliated with our parish. Additionally, there are some among us who would just like to get to know Becki or have her prayer support. As she is becoming familiar with our parish, she recognizes her limitations in knowing who or how best to reach out. If you or someone you know would like to have a visit from the vicar or have communion brought to them, please let Becki know.

"MINISTER'S MUSINGS"

The Holy Cross in an Age of the Sword

Conflict. Scroll through the top news stories of the day and you will see a steady stream of combat and competition. Whether it's the presidential debate, literal warfare on distant shores, school shootings, or athletes on the courts at the U.S. Open, our country and our world seem to be far more driven by rivalry than the peacemaking, humble, example of Jesus.

Saturday is Holy Cross Day, a holy feast of our Lord. It commemorates Christ's offering of himself to death in order that we might be saved. It is the celebration of the most basic message of Christianity, self-sacrificing love. In other words, The Feast of The Holy Cross stands in direct opposition to the world's system.

When we hear Jesus telling his followers to take up their cross, it's difficult for us to picture his meaning. We think of the cross as a pretty charm hanging on a necklace or the symbol at the top of the standard our eyes follow as we begin and end worship. But the cross, to the people of Jesus' day, was the symbol of state sanctioned murder. Would it help us picture this better if we imagined an electric chair or lethal injection? Grizzly, but honest. Perhaps our comfortable understanding of this revolutionary call needs to be shocked to hear it

accurately.

There is something broken about sinfulness that craves power and is willing to use violence to get it. If we're honest, we have all felt it at some point. It's an instinctual heat that rises in a visceral way when the right person pushes us in the right way, or something or someone takes our freedom or assaults our dignity.

This is why the gospel is revolutionary! It is a brazen declaration that sacrificial love, the kind of love that willingly sets down our rights and privileges on behalf of another, is the most powerful force in the world. This is why we are people of faith. We have to be if we want to uphold the cross with integrity. When our hands are full of the cross, they cannot hold anything else.

To Jesus, the cross was a symbol of persecution and loss. If our faith costs us nothing, if it risks nothing we value, if it only serves to reinforce our own sense of comfort, then we may be missing the cross. Faithful Christianity requires a continual reevaluation of ourselves and our practice of faith. We live and breathe a world's system that stands in opposition to the gospel. Our religion is constantly at risk of being watered down by the prevailing values of our times. Perhaps the best way we can honor this feast day is by asking God to give us a new vision for what it means for us to take up our cross.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

-Rev. Becki

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SEASON OF CREATION

To Love and Heal Creation
An Environmental Ministry Conference
of the Creation Care Committee
Diocese of Virginia
Saturday, September 28 th 10 AM to 4:30 PM
at The Virginia Diocesan Center at Roslyn
8727 River Road, Henrico, VA 23229

Wherever God calls you, there are things we know how to do now that are effective and make a difference in saving our planet for future generations. The conference begins and ends at Tucker Hall. Lunch is provided up the hill in the Dining Hall. After lunch the break-out sessions are back to Tucker. Two Tucker workshops are indoor/outdoor, weather permitting, and those

participants should wear sensible shoes and bring your favored bug repellent! Parishes are encouraged to send 3 participants, to be able to cover the three break-outs offered. But do not stay away just because there's only one of you! Everyone's participation is valued. Everyone's effort is important. Carpooling is strongly encouraged, because parking at Roslyn is tight and we want to be mindful always to minimize our carbon output. Registration Required.

09:30 - 10:00 am Check in and coffee

10:00 - 10:15 am Welcome: Kristine Montamat, Chair of the Creation Care Committee

10:15 - 11:00 am Keynote: Rev. Dr. Faith Harris, Executive Director of VA Interfaith Power & Light

11:00 - 11:15 am Coffee break

11:15 - 11:45 am Introduction to the Committee's ministry and invitation to join in our work

11:45 - 12:15 pm Overview: Love God, Love God's World (produced by The Episcopal Church)

12:15 - 01:30 pm Lunch (at the Dining Hall, up the hill from Tucker Hall)

1:30 - 4:00 pm Breakout sessions:

I. Stormwater Management Project at Richmond Hill with the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (<https://www.richmondhillva.org/>), by Beth Nelson (Tucker Hall)

II. Restoring Nature's Balance with Native Plants, by Stacey Moulds & Bill Shanabroch of Local Ecotype Richmond Natives (<https://www.lern-rva.org/>) (Tucker Hall, indoor/outdoor)

III. The Creation/Spirituality Connection, by Elaine Sevy and Paul Amrhein of the Creation Care Committee (Tucker Hall, indoor/outdoor)

4:00 - 4:30 pm Closing: Door Prizes & Garden blessing, Rev. Dr. Hillary Borbon Smith, (Tucker Hall and garden)

Please contact The Rev. Kathryn Thomas, Deacon for registration information



Capital Campaign 2024

This year we are raising funds to repair the parish house deck. This area has become unsafe to use and is in need of repair. Work has begun on this project! We have already received donations for

this work. THANK YOU! We hope to meet our goal and have this work completed by the end of the year!

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



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

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 6th 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!

Little Fork Church Festival
Sept 21, 2024



LITTLE FORK CHURCH FESTIVAL

SEPT 21 | 10AM to 7PM

Little Fork Episcopal Church
16461 Oak Shade Road
Roxeyville, VA

fun for all ages!

LIVE MUSIC

local bands you know & love

SILVER TONES
REMINGTON STEEL
JEREMY FOX

FOOD TRUCKS

something for every palate

THE MUNCHEEZE
SOUTHERN FLARE
...AND MORE!

GAMES • MAGIC SHOW • SCAVENGER HUNT

ENGAGE LOCAL HISTORY EXPERTS

FALL DECOR & CRAFTS



GIFTS for GOOD market
LITTLE FORK Episcopal Church

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for updated details & schedules



or visit littleforkchurch.org/calendar



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 - September 17, 2024**

**Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church Street
Madison, Virginia**

**First Tuesday of each month @ 6 PM
October 1, 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

Rev. Kathryn Thomas, kathrynhthomas@gmail.com

Please Remember!

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



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