

September 27, 2024

Sunday September 29, 2024

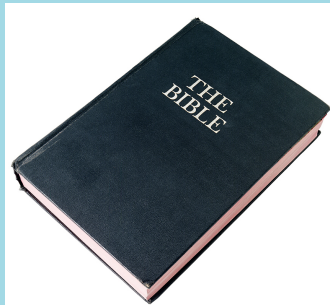
SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE for Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer

Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

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

OCTOBER 6, 2024
Graves Chapel
104 Bluff Mountain Road
Madison - 11 am

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP



Readings for September 29, 2024

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

Lay Servers - September 29, 2024

Vestry Person.....Sharon Hicks
Usher.....Beppy White
Acolyte.....Karen Czar
Lector.....Jonathan Hawkins
Intercessor.....Kelsey Cotten
LEM.....Sharon Hicks
Altar Guild.....Jaynie Jackson

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 (Note NEW Time)

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

Friday

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

Pub Theology Presents:

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

An exploration of C.S. Lewis's "The Weight of Glory" and other notions of Heaven

Thursdays, October 3 and 10 at 7:00 p.m.
Los Robles Restaurant, Main Street, Stanardsville

"Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in'; aim at earth and you will get neither." --CSL

Feel free to bring a friend, come early for dinner and have a beer.
A copy of the sermon is at [The Weight of Glory \(doxaweb.com\)](http://doxaweb.com)

Worship and Fellowship with Grace -- Doubled

Friends, thank you for your hospitality in welcoming our friends from Grace this week to our Sunday worship service and fellowship. We are so excited to enjoy additional time together before the picnic! They will be blessed by our enthusiastic hospitality! If you are able to park in the lower lot, behind the Social Services building, please do that so there is enough space for the additional vehicles. If you can help bring a dish to expand the fellowship table offerings, that would be helpful. It looks like their sewer challenges should be resolved and ready for their return in a couple weeks but continue to pray that all goes smoothly for the repairs!

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**, **Marilyn** Myers, **Carolyn** O'Brien, **Chris** Palumbo, **Robert**, **Pat** Roberts, **Ann** Skidmore, **Sarah**, **Joe** Stanley, **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 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 Church of Pakistan (United). For our Earth home, we lift up the Season of Creation. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we lift up St. Luke's, Simeon, in Charlottesville, The Falls Church in The Falls, and Trinity in Fredericksburg.

"MINISTER'S MUSINGS"

Autumn's Michaelmas

September 29th is the historic celebration of Michaelmas, the feast of Saint Michael and all Angels. In ancient times, the celebration signified the end of the harvest and entrance into the cozy days of Fall. But ironically, Saint Michael was no more interested in sipping warm cider and snuggling beside the hearth than he was an actual saint. Celestial beings cannot be canonized, but he is so deeply venerated that he acquired the title anyway. Michael is the Archangel and heavenly warrior. He is the chief angel recognized for his courage, protection of the saints, and participation in acts of divine intervention. Michael is the Leader of the Heavenly Army, the Guardian of the Church, and the one who accompanies the departed on their way to Heaven. Whether he's protecting us directly, the broader church in general, or looking after our loved ones beyond the veil, his existence is a comfort to us all. He is venerated by Christians, Jews, and Muslims alike.

We no longer live in a world that universally accepts the existence of the angelic realm or the influence of celestial beings in human affairs. But, as

Christians, we recognize that there are things we cannot understand and a God who operates in places we cannot see. Many people still pray directly to Saint Michael for help and protection. Others save their prayers for God alone, trusting the divine to help by any means possible. However we understand God to provide for our protection in this life and the next, it is my hope that through acknowledging this special day, our imaginations can be inspired by the limitlessness of the ways God's protection enfolds us.

Collect: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

-Rev. Becki



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

Parish House Deck Project

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!



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



Graves Picnic Joint Service

On October 6th we will be having a joint worship service including Grace, Piedmont and the Graves Chapel community. It has been a full year and we are so excited to celebrate God's Faithfulness together!

Grave's Chapel is located at 104 Bluff Mountain Rd in Madison, which is roughly a half an hour from both Piedmont and Grace. The service will begin at 11AM. It will be a Morning Prayer service accompanied by a group of guitarists, musicians on the piano, organ, and a joint church choir. Afterwards, there will be a potluck lunch. The Piedmont Church is providing the chicken, and Grace is supplying the paper goods and beverages. All parishioners are invited to contribute sides and desserts. We hope to have lovely weather and enjoy the picnic outdoors, so please bring blankets or chairs for our fellowship time during the potluck.

CULPEPER EXPO

October 3, 2024

**AGING TOGETHER'S 2024
ART OF AGING
LIFESTYLE & WELLNESS EXPO**

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
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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.

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

October 1, 2024

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

**Grace Episcopal Church, 97 Main St.
Stanardsville, VA 22973
Third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm**

October 15, 2024

For more information, please contact:
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Pastor Stephen Mathis, sjwmathis89@gmail.com
Rev. Kathryn Thomas, kathrynhthomas@gmail.com

Contacting the Vicar

The Rev. Becki is spending as much time as she can out of the office, visiting people, and getting to know the community. Her scheduled days to be in Madison are weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays, but she is often available on Saturdays as well. Since she is not always in the office, the best way to get in touch with her is by arranging a visit ahead of time. But she keeps her cell phone with her, and you can always text or call if you have a need. The church office phone number is (540)948-6787. Becki's cell number is (970)324-0561.

The church's email is piedmontepiscopal@gmail.com. Becki's email is beckisafeinhishands@gmail.com.



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