

November 15, 2024



Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

November Schedule

November 17, 2024 - Morning Prayer

November 24, 2024 - Holy Eucharist
Bishop's Visit

Readings for November 17, 2024

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Lay Servers - November 17, 2024

Vestry Person.....Molly Sanford
Usher.....Beppy White
Acolyte.....Molly Sanford
Lector.....Jaynie Jackson
Intercessor.....Bill Birkhofer
LEM.....Morning Prayer
Altar Care.....Kay John/Sharon Hicks
Fellowship.....Dona Hutchinson

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



Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues an 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 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 Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we Piedmont Parish in Madison and St. Thomas in McLean.

The 230th Annual Convention
Love Jesus. Embody justice. Be disciples.

Briarley Rogers, Pat Peck, Kathryn Thomas, and I were your representatives at this year's Annual Convention of The Diocese of Virginia. We had a wonderful time listening to our church's leadership, worshiping, meeting new people, and learning new ways of engaging in ministry. There is so much going on in our diocese, so many good changes, and so much positive energy. There are also many challenges for which we need God's grace and wisdom. Bishop Mark encouraged us to pursue joy, press forward into hope, and rest in the faithful presence of God. Above all, we were reminded to:

Love Jesus. Embody justice. Be disciples.

-Rev. Becki

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"MINISTER'S MUSINGS"

Episcopalians and the Historic Episcopate

Episcopalians define themselves in many ways. We love our Book of Common Prayer. We love our hymns and our liturgy. But we don't often speak of the episcopate, from where we derive our name. The episcopate is defined as the succession of bishops from the original apostles. Episcopalians hold that all bishops, priests, and deacons have been ordained and received the Spirit's empowering for their work through the laying on of hands since Jesus first commissioned Peter and the apostles. This line of succession and authority has remained unbroken and so we continue to revere and hold to this structure within the work of the church.

This is especially important for us as I am currently awaiting the Holy Orders of the Priesthood. Consequently, The Rev. Brad Jackson is consecrating the Eucharistic elements for us until my ordination. On February 1st, God willing and the people consenting, Bishop Stevenson will lay hands on me and pray for the Holy Spirit to fill me with grace and power and make me a priest in the church of God. While this process may feel long to us, it is much simpler for us that in was at the inception of The Episcopal Church.

November 14th is the feast day for Bishop Samuel Seabury, the first bishop of The Episcopal Church. His consecration was held on this day in 1784 in Scotland. Before that time, we were part of the Church of England. Priest's vows used to include allegiance to the British sovereign, which became problematic during The Revolutionary War. There was a time when British

bishops refused to ordain Americans because they would not pledge fealty to the crown. To find a bishop willing to consecrate him, Samuel traveled to Scotland. Canon law requires a minimum of three bishops to consecrate a new bishop. Within a few years America had three bishops of our own and no longer required overseas trips for ordinations. The Episcopal Church was born out of The Church of England, which was born out of the Roman Catholic church. We have our differences, but as Christians, we are one Church under God.

While the practice of the laying on of hands and the consecration of ministers remains, the fact that different churches require different things is one more example of the way God's Spirit moves through different people at different times. God's church is made of manifold expressions of the grace and power of God. We are always adapting and growing. As we rejoice in our unique identity as Episcopalians, may we never forget that all Christians are one in Christ. And may we be people with hearts for unity even in our diversity; moving towards one another in love, even while upholding our distinctions.

-Rev. Becki

Collect: We give you thanks, O Lord our God, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your holy sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*



Shrine Mont's Centennial

Shrine Mont, in Orkney Springs, is home to our diocesan cathedral. For many, this camp and retreat center has been a monumental part of faith formation for generations. This August Shrine Mont will be celebrating their 100th anniversary. As part of this momentous event, Shrine Mont is planning some significant improvements to the historic buildings. Before embarking on the construction, Shrine Mont is conducting a feasibility study. If you would like to learn more, have an experience you would like to share, or would be willing to fill out a survey or be interviewed, please click [here](#) for more information.



Upcoming Dates

As we inch our way into holiday season, please be looking ahead with us. There are some exciting events coming up that you won't want to miss. Some are for attending. Some are for noting and marking with prayer support.

November 24: Bishop Ted Gulick's visit to Piedmont

November 27: Interreligious Thanksgiving Service at Piedmont at 5pm

December 3: Wandering into Advent beginning at Piedmont from 5:30-8pm

December 14: Morning Advent Retreat at Grave's Chapel

December 24: 7:30PM and 10:30PM Christmas Eve Eucharist Services

December 29: Lessons and Carols at 11AM with Piedmont at Grace

Bishop Ted Gulick's Visit to Piedmont

November 24

Please see the sign up sheet in the parish house, for the coffee hour, for the Bishop's reception. A brunch theme will be provided!
Anyone wishing to bring a dish will be greatly appreciated!

Please Join Us for a Madison Community
Thanksgiving Worship Service

Wednesday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church Street
just down Church Street from the Madison Courthouse

An offering of canned goods, coats or donations will be

gratefully received for the Madison Emergency Services
Association, M.E.S.A.

IN EVERYTHING
give thanks
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*Jesus Born
and Born Again*

Presented by
The Madison Choral Society
Directed by Ethan Wagner

Friday, December 6
7:30 P.M.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Orange, VA

Sunday, December 8
4:30 P.M.
Mt. Carmel Church
Haywood, VA

ADVENT RETREAT

WITH BISHOP SUSAN E. GOFF

An Advent of Hope

Saturday, December 14

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

To register, please email,
office@hoco.org with the number of
people in your group.

Holy Comforter (Episcopal Church)
4819 Monument Ave
Richmond, VA 23230
www.hoco.org



Loaves and Fishes

PEC's last Loaves and Fishes packages (40) for this year will be delivered to the Madison Boys and Girls Club on Tuesday, November 25. Please use the following list as you shop for your weekly or holiday food needs, filling in the shopping list available in the Parish House this Sunday, November 10th. Please bring your items on November 17th if possible but no later than November 24th, as we will pack the bags on the 24th for delivery on the 26th. **Thank You for your generous donations and support!**

Campbell's Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup
Dole Mango Fruit Cups
Nature Valley Biscuit Sandwich with Almond Butter
Nissin Cup Noodles, Chicken Flavor
Mott's Natural Applesauce - No Sugar Added
Kellogg's Game Time Variety Pack Snacks
Kellogg's Assorted Cereal, Variety Pack
Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli
Member's Mark Diced Peach Cups
Quaker Instant Oatmeal Variety Pack
Nissin Top Ramen Chicken Noodle Soup
Planters Variety Pack Cashews & Peanuts

Please see the sign up sheet, this Sunday, in the parish house for items needed!

Second Annual Coat Collection

We will be collecting new and gently used coats between Nov 1st and Nov 25th. You can drop off coats on the carport, at Piedmont Episcopal Church parish house, right next to the church. 214 Church St. Madison, VA. Please call Karen at 908-337-9754 to let her know when you drop off or if she needs to pick up coats. Sponsored by churches in Madison County.

MESA

Madison Emergency Services Association

Saturday DECEMBER 7, 2024

10 am - 12 noon

927 Orange Road

Madison, VA 22727

There will be FREE Coats of all sizes for all ages!



CASA Volunteers needed for children in foster care in Greene and Madison



Looking for a way to make a difference in a child's life? Piedmont CASA is now providing advocates for children and youth in foster care in Greene and Madison. As a CASA Volunteer, you will be the voice for a child in need. Your advocacy will bring hope - and a better chance at a better future. Join our team of dedicated CASA Volunteers and make a difference in your community today!

Learn more about
CASA Volunteers



pcasa.org
434.971.7515

Grief Support Group



No one should have to grieve alone.

Grace and Piedmont Episcopal Churches together with Gentiva Hospice are offering a support group that will provide spiritual and faith-based gatherings designed to accompany each person in their unique walk with grief from the loss of a loved one or any other of the losses that life immerses us in, loss of job, relationships, or way, the grief brought about from fear of the future, the news, or our culture.

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. We need one another.

Meetings:

Places: Piedmont Episcopal Church, www.piedmontepiscopalchurch.org

First Tuesday of each month at 6 PM, Enter the Fellowship House thru the carport, we will meet in in the living room,

Grace Episcopal Church, www.gracechurchstanardsville.org/general

Third Tuesday of the month at 6 PM, Come in the side door on Ford Avenue; we will meet in the Sunday School room to the left down the hall

Rev. Kathryn Thomas, Deacon @ 434-962-9103, kathrynhthomas@gmail.com

Chaplain Stephen Mathis, Gentiva, @540-742-7520, sjwmathis89@gmail.com

Sharon Hicks, LPN, Piedmont Senior Warden, sharonsarbonne@aol.com

Grief Support Group

Meeting this Tuesday

November 19, 2024

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

Third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm



Email us

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