

November 29, 2024



Rev. Deacon Becki Casey

Advent 1

December 1, 11 am - Holy Eucharist

Readings for December 1, 2024

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Psalm 25:1-9

Lay Servers - December 1, 2024

Vestry Person.....Joe Parker
Usher.....Beppy White
Acolyte.....Molly Sanford
Lector.....Bill Birkhofer
Intercessor.....Jaynie Jackson
LEM.....Joe Parker
Altar Care.....Vickie Parker/Beppy White
Fellowship.....The Bagby's

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 and other ongoing needs: **Mac Barber, Bernadette Blanding, Mike Cashman, David Cronk, Janice Edwards, Joanie Edwards, Vera Griffin, Brad and Lydia Hansen, Ginger Hawkins, Zoe Hubbard, Shelby Jean Hull, Kim, Marilyn Myers, Carol Nowak, Carolyn O'Brien, Chris Palumbo, Robert, Pat Roberts, Steve Sanford, Ann Skidmore, Sarah, Carolyn Stanley, 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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South

"MINISTER'S MUSINGS"

Thankful Intentions

It is Thanksgiving weekend, and the holiday season is officially underway. What is it that you love most about Thanksgiving? Are you in it for the pie, the football, Black Friday sales, or is this day just a stopping point on the way to the Christmas tree, cookies, and Hallmark movies??? Whatever it is we're enjoying most this weekend or avoiding most (the holidays aren't necessarily a safe place for everyone), I pray that we all take some time to be genuinely and specifically thankful for our blessings.

I have always been wild about the holidays. I love celebration! I love cooking and baking, the decorations, the smells, twinkle lights, gathering with friends, the music, movies, and sweaters (pretty and ugly alike). But holidays haven't always been easy for me. There were a few years after experiencing tremendous loss when so much changed that I couldn't feel the joy. But as I healed and settled into the changes, the joy found its way back.

The practice of thankfulness is powerful. It is a way for us to set our minds and hearts on things that are true in ways our emotions don't always feel. Eventually the emotions catch up. But God is ALWAYS faithful.

The liturgical readings for Thanksgiving Day are an inspiring way for us to remind ourselves of God's faithfulness throughout the history of God's people. I encourage us all to read and reflect on them as we offer thanks and step into the holiday fray.

[Joel 2:21-27](#)

[Psalm 126](#)

[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

[Matthew 6:25-33](#)

Collect: Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

--Rev. Becki



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.

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

December 14: Morning Advent Retreat at Grave's Chapel 9 AM - 12:30 PM

December 24: 7:30PM at Piedmont; 5 PM and 10:30PM at Grace - Christmas Eve Eucharist Services

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

Madison Ministers' Association

Wander Into Advent

Join us for a evening of enlightenment as we prepare our spirits for Advent. We will begin with dinner at Piedmont Episcopal, followed by the Message at Madison UMC. We will conclude our wandering at Madison Presbyterian with dessert and a special activity.

DEC 3rd: 5:30-8:00 PM



All Are Welcome



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

Advent Retreat

God is With Us

Inviting God Near While We Wait

Saturday, December 14th

9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Grave's Mill Chapel

104 Bluff Mountain Rd, Madison

Fellowship

Prayer

Reflection

Meditation

Discussion

Snacks

Sponsored by the communities of
 Grave's Mill Chapel
 Piedmont Episcopal Church, Madison
 Grace Episcopal Church, Stanardsville

*Brunch-style finger food potluck items gratefully accepted.



**Orange/Madison Community
 December 2024 Concerts**
All Concerts are FREE!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Organization/Place</u>
December 6th	7:30pm	Madison Choral Society St. Thomas Episcopal Church
December 8th	4:30pm	Madison Choral Society Mt. Carmel Church, Haywood
December 9th Sing Along	7:30pm	Rapidan Orchestra The Music Room in Orange
December 13th	7:30pm	Orange Community Chorus Orange Presbyterian Church
December 14th & 15th	5:00pm 7:30pm	Singing Christmas Tree Orange Baptist Church
December 15th	3:30pm	Orange Community Band Orange County High School
December 17th	7:30pm	Messiah Sing-a-Long St. Thomas Episcopal Church
December 19th	6:30	BRAVO Concert The Music Room in Orange

Services of Lessons and Carols

December 13th	6:30pm	Walker's Chapel, Madison Co.
December 19th	7:00pm	Woodberry Forest School
December 24th	5:30pm	Orange Baptist Church
December 24th	7:30pm	Orange Presbyterian Church

The Diocese of Virginia Presents
 A Creation Care Webinar
 November 12th

Creation Care Webinar with Bishop Stevenson: Reflections on Hurricane Katrina

Date December 12, 2024

Time 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Our new era of “extreme weather” promises storms that can smash infrastructure, wash away communities and lives, leave millions without power and the basic necessities of life. We are now also beginning to understand the lingering impact of “invisible” trauma on survivors, and the societal challenge of “climate refugees” within our own borders.

What tools exist for faith leaders, both ordained and lay, to prepare spiritually and to sustain their congregations in this new era? What does spiritual resilience look like for catastrophic weather events and their long aftermath?

Bishop Stevenson took up his post as Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Louisiana shortly before Hurricane Katrina struck in late August, 2005. Hurricane Katrina caused the deaths of at least 1,833 people while hundreds of thousands were displaced. A conservative estimate of damage was \$100 billion.

The Spiritual Resilience Working Group of the diocesan Creation Care Committee invites you to a webinar via Zoom with Bishop Stevenson, where he will share his insights from this experience.

December 12, at 4 PM. There will be time for Q & A.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Love Jesus. Embody justice. Be disciples.

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!



Grief Support Group

Piedmont Episcopal Church, 214 Church St
Madison, VA

First Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

December 3, 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

December 17, 2024

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

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