



# The Piedmont Messenger

April 2022



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Easter is coming and we get to celebrate the resurrection in person this year!

I hope that each of you has found some way to mark the Lenten season in search of a deeper relationship with Christ. Lent is that journey we all need to take to acknowledge our human frailty and sin. Alone we can accomplish very little in the name of Christ. But we are not alone. We are part of the Body of Christ and together we can do mighty acts to bring healing and share the burden and joy of life.

Before we celebrate the resurrection we will offer you opportunity to walk with Christ through Holy Week. Listed below is the schedule of services offered. I encourage you to join us in this journey.

**Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. – Stripping of the Altar**

**Good Friday liturgy at 7:00 p.m.**

**Prayer Vigil – Begins with the lighting of the Pascal Candle at 6 p.m. on Saturday**

**Easter Sunday, April 17th**

**7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise service hosted at the home of the Scott and Julie Winslow**

**11:00 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist at Piedmont Church**

**Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children**



We will gather to rejoice that the tomb is empty, that death never has the last word. You see, I am convinced that Easter is more than a holiday that falls on the first Sunday following the full moon on or after March 21. My faith tells me that Easter is a choice. It is the choice to cling to sorrow and death or open our hearts to God who will not let death have the final word.

Together we are the Church. Together we are God's hands and hearts and servants in the world. This Easter season I hope you will renew your commitment to this faith community. I hope you will encourage your family and friends to be a part of this Body of Christ. We need you. You need us. And God needs all of us to bring the kingdom of heaven nearer.

*With Love,*  
*Anne+*

## **Wednesday Fellowship Evenings**

This evening has become a wonderful weekly gathering for friends around the table for food and fellowship.

The dinner starts at 5:30 and is followed by

Choir Practice with Brad Jackson  
and Bible Study led by Norris John

April 6 – Stuffed Pepper Soup

April 13 – No dinner during Holy Week but Bible Study and Choir will go on

April 20 – Taco Cornbread Casserole and Salad

April 27 – Pot Luck Supper (Anne is away)

This and That.....

- ◆ Bill Birkhofer leads a weekly Morning Prayer every Friday at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish House
- ◆ To stay up to date on activities and services check out the information center in the Parish House
- ◆ The nominees for the next Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia have been named. To read more about them go to [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net)



## **T-Shirts to support Madison Day**

Would you like to buy a Piedmont Episcopal Church T shirt for Madison Day? Would you like to buy a plain Piedmont Episcopal Church T shirt? Would you like to have one of each? Shirts are \$13 for size S, M, L and XL with larger sizes also available. A picture of the artwork and sample size shirts will be available for you to place your order at church Sunday April 3 and Sunday April 10 and on Wednesday evenings with the last day to order Wednesday April 13.

**Pictorial Directory is underway**

**We are in the process of producing a new updated Directory for the Church and would like to include pictures for our newcomers.**

**We are asking every parishioner to send via email a current family photo to Anne West at**

**[revannewest@gmail.com](mailto:revannewest@gmail.com)**

**The pictures can include other family members even if they are not currently attending Church.**

**Please also include in your email**

**you current address,**

**phone numbers you would like listed**

**and an email address**