

# THE PIEDMONT EPISTLE

*PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS BY WORD AND DEED*

June 2018

## Daughters of the King

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Years ago, on internship at a large Episcopal church in Dallas, I was introduced to a woman who was the head of the local chapter of a church organization that I had never heard of before. She was, I could tell, a very spiritual woman. It was the sort of thing that just radiated off of her. It wasn't like there was anything visibly special about her, there were no visible markers, yet her demeanor, I sensed, was different. She was very peaceful, yet focused. The only visible sign that stood out to me was the silver cross around her neck, which was inscribed with the letters "DOK"—The Daughters of the King.



Soon thereafter I came to learn about the Daughters of the King and of their importance to the church. The DOK, I learned, is a religious order that was started in the 19<sup>th</sup> century for Episcopal women who desire a closer walk with the Lord. The women who are a part of it are not nuns and they don't cloister themselves away from the world. But they do commit to devote themselves to support each other and to live under the rule of the DOK. A "rule" in this sense is a structured discipline of life and prayer that Christians follow to grow deeper and live out their faith.

More than an ECW, the Daughters of the King have a clearly defined mission—"to extend Christ's Kingdom through Prayer, Service and Evangelism"—and they live that mission out in their everyday life and in the ministries of the church. Indeed, in every parish I have known which has had a chapter of the DOK, the Daughters constitute the backbone of the church, praying and serving often behind the scenes and with no concern for accolades but indispensably.

A few months ago, Briarley Rogers shared with me that she had attended a meeting of the DOK at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Culpeper. When others heard about the meeting, several women expressed an interest in knowing more about it. So we have arranged for a member of the DOK chapter at St. Stephen's to come to

Piedmont on Saturday, June 9, to share about the organization and to answer any questions that some may have.

Our hope is to establish our own chapter here at Piedmont, and so wish to invite any woman, from age 7 to age 107, to attend this meeting and learn more about the DOK and its mission. If you are interested, please contact Briarley Rogers, Vickie Parker or Deacon Kathryn Thomas. To have a chapter of the DOK at Piedmont would be a great blessing not to those who would be a part of it, but to the larger parish as well. Please prayerfully consider if this might be something that God is inviting you to.

Yours in Christ,

*W Terry Miller*

## DEACON'S DESK

In Shepherd's Way we have a work for Ordinary Time , the Pearl of Great Price, based on Matthew 13: 45-46, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In the past few weeks, I have "chanced" upon several young people, two whom have said that they attended Piedmont and one whom I have known for some time, none "churched". These encounters have given me pause and more than my usual cause for reflection on how people get by without what we have, what a relationship with Jesus Christ has bought for us, a Pearl of Great Price.

And in this Ordinary time, we gather to grow our faith, and looking into the ordinary around us, find the blessings that surround us, and then share them with others. Brandon Wrencher says of Ordinary time:

" We gather these Sundays not for spectacle, but for the risen Christ, refracted off the faces of one another. Not one where we settle for the ordinary, but one where we take part in the risen Christ's wrapping of all reality around the empty tomb."

And we are not settling for the ordinary at Piedmont; we are seeing the blessings; we are seeing God working in the here and now;

We are sharing those blessings of the Risen Christ

Blessings in seeing four children, who are forming community in a home new to them all, having the recreation of Belle Meade, generously outfitted and sent by the love of Christ at Piedmont.

Blessings in generous offerings of food and supplies for the MESA Food Pantry;

Blessings in seeing the gift of The Order of the Daughters of the King as we women meet to discern if God is calling us to from a chapter here, to immerse ourselves more deeply in a covenant with God to pray and study His Word.

Blessings in seeing the beginning of a serious conversation with the school system in establishing a tutoring program here at Piedmont.

When we leave Piedmont, we go to share the Good news of Christ Jesus, and as our says:

"To do the work that you have given us to do,  
To love and serve you as faithful witnesses  
Of Christ our Lord."

Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,  
Deacon Kathryn+

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Loose Plate Offering**

The Loose Plate Offering (cash) that is collected on the fourth Sunday of this month (May 27) will be given to MESA to help purchase food for children's lunches during the summer, when they do not have access free or reduced lunches at school .

### **MESA Food Donations**

Please bring a can, bag, bottle, or box of non-perishable food item to give to the MESA food pantry.

### **Summer Camp for Barbara's House**

Out of gratitude to God and love of those in need, Piedmont is sponsoring four children from Barbara's House to participate in two-week-long sessions of Belle Meade Day Camp in Sperryville, VA. Many of our own kids have attended this camp, but it will be a first for these four students. We hope it will prove to be a life-changing experience for them, as they make new friends and get to explore the wonders of God's creation. Piedmont is paying for the tuition and supplies for two children and Belle Meade is giving a matching scholarship for two other children. If you would like help with supplies, please contact Margeaux McClain, Hardie Newton, or Deacon Kathryn.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday      9:45 a.m. Shepherd's Way (Sunday School)  
                 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
                 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour in the parish house  
Monday      7:00 p.m. Adult study group at the McDowell's home  
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Community Book Discussion  
Thursday    7:00 p.m. Bible Fellowship – parish house

*If you know of someone who is unable to get to church, but would like to receive communion, please let Father Terry or Deacon Kathryn know and they will arrange for a visitation.*

## PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

We offer prayers of healing for friends and family:

Corey Barker	Cynthia Gerstner	Susan Mowchan
Emily Begovitch (Kathy Henken's niece)	Carrie Gilles	Dorothy Mudd
Fran Bowers	The Gleason family	Susan Muston
Jean Brashears	Griff & Vera Griffin	Amanda Paff
Max Brown (Sue Burnett's friend, 4-y.o.)	Stanley Griffin (Vera & Griff's son)	Sara Parmenter
Jane Camerer	Reggie Hall (Barbara Straightiff's brother-in- law)	Beau Puryear
Doris & Roland Chapman	Luke Harbert	Maria Rosenberg
Sandra Clore (Waltine Robinson's niece)	Sue Lam	Myia MacKenzie Shifflett
The Cox family	Ted and Rene Hinds	Lorraine Sandifer
Harley Cronk	Skip McDanolds	Jacqueline Smith
David Cronk	The Hitt family	Matt Tsun
Janice Edwards	Ren LeVally (Dink's son)	Robert Ulrich
The Filmore Family	Keira & Brendan Miller	Bernie Valdez
Patrick & Sean Fohner	Rosalie Mow (Doug's mother)	Donna Whitman (friend of the Griffiths)
James Gardiner		Augusta Woodward
Lisa Gardner		Jeff Yowel

We pray for peace and the restoration of people's safety and dignity in Philippines, Pakistan, Syria, Iraq, Israel, Palestine, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, Iran, Sudan, West Africa, and the Congo. We pray for the victims of violence in Beirut, Baghdad, Kenya, Paris, and San Bernardino.

We pray for the men and women in the armed services, especially Mike Butterworth, Patrick DaSilva, Graham Davidson, Sean Hegg, R.E. Hutton, Nathan Kinkey, Alex Gochenour, Jeffery Mainwaring, Todd Mainwaring, Anthony Mark, and Clay Puryear, and for our first responders. We pray for our presiding bishop, Michael Curry; our bishops, Shannon Johnston, Susan Goff, Bob Ihloff, the churches of the Diocese of Virginia, and for our 70 million brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion.

We pray for the families in Barbara's House; for the work of Madison Emergency Services Association, Madison Free Clinic, Literacy Council of Madison County, Boy's and Girl's Club of Madison, Senior Nutrition Site, Madison County Education Foundation, Boy Scout Troop 116, and Madison Strong.

We pray for our youth in college: Nick Bader, Austin & Victoria Detchon, Josh Good, Izzie Hansen, Ben Landolt, Sam Landolt, Paul Jackson, Peter Thawngzauk, Jacob Young, & Nathan Young.

We give thanks to God for all the families in this blessed Piedmont Church, and especially for the work God has done in the life of Peter Bank, in his recovery from surgery. Gracious Lord, guide, preserve and protect your servants as they create for your glory a holy family of love. May their love for each other be a sign of your tender care.

## Graves Chapel News

Our next Evening Prayer Service, at Graves Chapel, will be Sunday June 24, 2018--at 4:00pm. So please, mark your calendars!

Graves Chapel is located at 104 Bluff Mountain Road Madison (Graves Mill), Virginia.

Everyone is welcome! Bring your neighbors, and any additional friends and/or guests...

Should you have special prayer requests or needs, please feel free to contact our Lay Preacher Susan Bagby.

Additionally, Susan can offer you spiritual direction. She is a counselor and is certified as a spiritual director. There are no fees associated with her professional services however she does request a donation be made to Graves Chapel.

Please feel free to contact Susan at:

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Telephone---434.978.1627

A good week to all--be safe!

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/GravesChapel/?hc\\_ref=ARS35lRupbk0N2a1ViffMdoxy-vWbkOW49UJhWomVKXxj8e8UIm9EyHyiKz7tjs2xhI&fref=nf](https://www.facebook.com/GravesChapel/?hc_ref=ARS35lRupbk0N2a1ViffMdoxy-vWbkOW49UJhWomVKXxj8e8UIm9EyHyiKz7tjs2xhI&fref=nf)

**Website:** <http://www.gravesmillchapel.com/>

## Church Service Volunteer List June 2018

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Lector</b>	Nannette Crowdus	Beverly Young	Rita Dellenger	Briarley Rogers
<b>Intercessor</b>	Kathryn Thomas	Bob Nowak	Eve Bargmann	Norris John
<b>Acolyte/ Crucifer</b>	Beth Roireau	Molly Sanford	Amanda and Thomas Dale	Jim Landolt
<b>Chalice</b>	Kathryn Thomas	Bob Nowak	Eve Bargmann	Norris John
<b>Usher</b>	Joe Parker	Colt Puryear	Dink Kreis	Kay John
<b>Vestry Person</b>	Jim Landolt	Dink Kreis	Pat Roberts	James Malone
<b>Social Hour</b>	Vickie Parker & Carol Nowak	Beverly Young	Rita Dellenger	Briarley Rogers
<b>Altar Care</b>	Helle Dale and Jacqueline Mow			