

June 5, 2025



Piedmont Episcopal Church

**214 Church Street
Madison, Va 22727**

**The Rev. Becki Casey
Priest-in-Charge**

**June 8, 2025 - 11 a.m. Worship
Service**

Wherever you are on your spiritual
journey, you
can find a home here.
Our doors and hearts are wide open!

Readings for June 8, 2025

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Lay Servers - June 8, 2025

Vestry Person.....	Joe Parker
Usher.....	Beppy White
Acolyte.....	Jim Landolt
Children's Church.....	
Lector.....	Jaynie Jackson
Intercessor.....	Vickie Parker
LEM.....	Joe Parker
Altar Care.....	Dona Hutchinson
Fellowship.....	Daughters of The King

WEEKLY at PIEDMONT CHURCH

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study with Rev. Brad Jackson

Wednesday

4 p.m. Bible Study with Norris John

5:30 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Dinner

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice with Rev. Brad Jackson

Friday

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

9:45 a.m. Understanding the Bible - Rev. Becki



Prayer List

We offer prayers for those who are dealing with health issues and other ongoing needs: **Mac Barber, Bernadette Blanding, Sharon Carter, Mike Cashman, David Cronk, Janice Edwards, Joanie Edwards, Jill F., Alfred Goossens, Vera Griffin, Brad and Lydia Hansen, Ginger Hawkins, Zoe Hubbard, Shelby Jean Hull, Kim, Ryan Mahanes, Hannah Moyer, Mary Moyer, Carol Nowak, Carolyn O'Brien, Robert, Michael Rider, Pat Roberts, Steve Sanford, Ann Skidmore, Sarah, Carolyn Stanley, Joe Stanley, Kathryn Thomas, Robert Ulrich and Sylvia Vior.**

***If you wish to add or remove someone from the Parish Prayer list please send an email to Rev. 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 Melanesia. In our

Pentecost Sunday

This Sunday we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit through the New Testament reading in Acts 2:1-21 which recounts the phenomena of all hearing their own language. The congregation will read this passage in unison, and anyone who could read the passage in another language will add to the celebration. Copies of the text translated to French, Spanish, German, Italian and Dutch have been prepared for Sunday. Or another language? If you are interested, please let Jaynie Jackson know (540-948-3257) your language of choice and she can email you a copy in advance.



Minister's Musings

Pentecost Prayers

This Sunday much of the assembly will be adorned in red garments to commemorate the Holy Spirit's descent in flaming tongues of fire. The Day of Pentecost is the initiation of the longest season on the liturgical calendar, the season of Pentecost, also called "ordinary time". The term "ordinary" refers to the numbering of the Sundays of Pentecost, from the Latin "ordinalis". It is no indication that the content of summer services is ordinary. In fact, the opposite is true. The readings and themes of this season highlight the miraculous work of God through the efficacy of the Holy Spirit, and that is never ordinary!

Beginning this Sunday our liturgy will change once more to reflect the themes of the season. Now that Easter season is complete, we will return to our practice of making weekly common confession. The Prayers of the People will once again be lay-led to remind each of us of our participation in God's work through prayer. We are also switching to Eucharistic Prayer C. Like the themes of the Pentecost readings, this prayer highlights the activity of the Holy Spirit through God in creation, the words and acts of the patriarchs and prophets, and the ongoing activity of the Spirit through us today. It uses powerful images and seeks to provoke our imaginations.

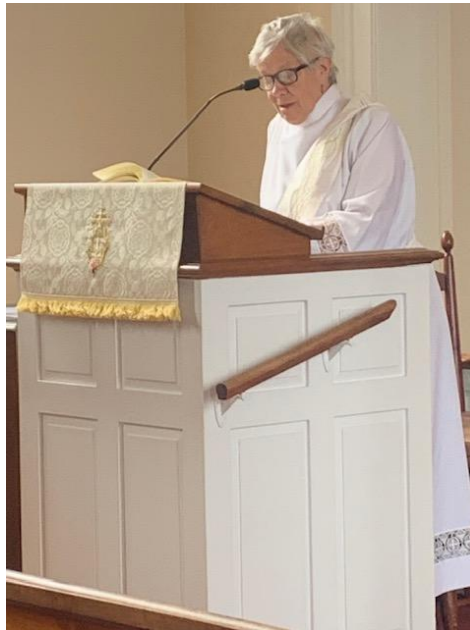
I confess to being a person who finds my hands and feet more easily stirred to action when my heart and mind are first awakened. Hearing things in a new way helps ignite this within me and so I enjoy liturgical changes. I am curious to hear how this new liturgical structure strikes our community. When I was in seminary, Prayer C gained the colloquial title of "The Star Wars Prayer". I have colleagues who claim this as their most beloved prayer and others who refuse to use it because they find it distasteful. In my opinion, the fact that it gains a strong reaction makes it that much more valuable. After all, emotional responses are one way to keep our minds stimulated. As always, I invite all

input and look forward to continuing to craft our liturgy (“the work of the people”) together in the future. I pray that what we do on Sundays always positions us for active service to God throughout the rest of the week.

-Rev. Becki

Collect: O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Don't forget to wear RED this Sunday!



On Sunday, June 1st, Piedmont Church celebrated Deacon Kathryn Thomas and thanked her for her service to Piedmont. The Rev. Deacon Holly Hanback joined Rev. Becki for our worship service. Thank you to Katie Puryear and Molly Sanford for organizing a wonderful luncheon. May we all lift Deacon Kathryn up in prayer and may God's blessings be upon her in her new journey ahead.



Cade Burnside graduated from Renaissance School in Charlottesville on May 30, 2025. He is the son of Chris and Jessica Burnside. He will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY to study engineering. He was selected for the prestigious Rensselaer Medal, a four-year merit based scholarship. He also won an award for his senior thesis on biomedical research he conducted at UVA on a rare genetic eye disease. Congratulations, Cade! Best wishes as you begin your college studies.



Vestry Report

Dear Members of Piedmont:

Piedmont's financial report for the first 4 months of 2025 is posted on the parish house bulletin board. The church income and expenses are on track for the first third of the calendar year. Thanks to the congregation for your continued generous support.

This report lists the purchase in April of a new air conditioner for the church building. While this was an unexpected expense, the vestry determined that replacement was the more practical approach than partial repair to the old unit.

Recalling the adage "when it rains, it pours" an additional building issue has come up. The parish house apartment floor sustained some water damage during the recent periods of heavy rain. Some of the flooring in the downstairs kitchen area will be replaced. The vestry is still investigating how to solve the runoff and drainage issues which will likely

involve some excavation. In consultation with contractors on various options, the vestry has been advised that the deodar cedar in the front yard of the parish house is contributing to the problem. Reluctantly, the cedar tree is scheduled to be taken down on Friday, June 6. While this is a loss to our beautiful property, Piedmont's cost is limited to debris removal. The expense of taking it down will be borne by REC as their electric lines and pole are engulfed by the tree. Please know that vestry members are available to answer questions about these projects. The next vestry meeting is June 15.

Sharon Hicks, senior warden; Beppy White, junior warden; Dave Bagby, Jim Landolt, Joe Parker, Molly Sanford, and Jaynie Jackson, registrar.

Shrine Mont Details

The Culpeper Regional Retreat at Shrine Mont is scheduled for July 11-13. If you would like to register for a room overnight, it may still be possible. Just let me know. Many of you have asked about the fees required for a day visit on Saturday.

Conference Fee- \$30

Breakfast- \$14

Lunch- \$17

Dinner- \$19

The fees can be paid directly to the main office upon arrival. However, if you would like to eat any meals, they need to know ahead of time. Before the end of June, please let Becki know if you would like to attend and which meals you would like to join. We hope to see many of you there!



Black Bear Festival and Bake Sale

Come to Main St in Stanardsville on Saturday, June 7th between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm for the Black Bear Festival and the Grace Episcopal ECW Bake Sale!



SALSA MAKING

in the Unity Garden



JUNE 17
4PM - 6PM
GRACE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH

Learn how to make salsa with garden produce! Participants will learn basic food safety and transform produce grown in Grace Episcopal's Unity Garden into a nutritious prepared food. Jars of salsa will be donated to Feeding Greene to nourish our neighbors facing food insecurity. (You'll get to take one home too!)

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COMING HOME

Reconnecting To Our Roots



A Celebration of Fluvanna's
African American History and Culture

JUNETEENTH EVENT INCLUDING:

Historic Presentations - Musical Performances
Hyme Singing - Elder Stories
Vendors - Soul Food -
Living Portraits - Local History

Saturday, June 21st, 2025: 10 am ~ 5 pm
Bremo Bluff, Va

Bremo Chapel: 754 Bremo Bluff Rd, Bremo Bluff, VA 23022

Free Event. Traditional Meals Served for \$8.00/Plate

For more information, please contact Nina Monroe
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MESA's Top Items Needed this Week

Sugar
Condiments
Cleaning supplies
Toothbrushes
Protein Drinks
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Baby food



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