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RECTOR'S CORNER

A new year has the possibility of inviting us to do something we've never done before, or develop an area of our life that we have not given much energy for previously. Yesterday I picked up a diary book of blank pages that Jaynie had given me for Christmas in 2006. It had four journal entries, January 1, 2, 3, and 4. That's as far as I got. I am going to try journaling again this year and I hope that I can stick with it this time.

A new year also offers us the opportunity to count the blessings that made the old year so good. One of the greatest blessings I enjoy is the number of helping organizations in Madison County that are working faithfully to make life better for all our citizens. In a society where technology and mobility have dissolved many extended family ties, the interaction of people helping each other gives a sense of family to our county.

When our family moved here just after the flood of 1995, I went to a Madison Emergency Services Association (M.E.S.A.) meeting. I was amazed at the organized recovery efforts that had taken place, and the care that people had for each other. Since then, it has been a blessing to watch people loving their neighbors by serving them through helping organizations like MESA, Barbara's House, Habitat for Humanity, Free Clinic, the Literacy Council, Senior Nutrition Site, Boys and Girls Club, and Skyline Cap.

Auguste Comte (1798-1857), French sociologist and philosopher, developed a school of thought which he named positivism. His philosophy teaches that unless something can be proven by the scientific method, it has no meaning.

It is true that the trust people have in God cannot be seen with the human eye. The love that people have for each other cannot be proven by science. But our faith in God and our love for our neighbors can certainly be proven when we work together to house the homeless, feed the hungry, heal the sick, give education to the needy, demonstrate respect for our elders, and offer hope to our youth.

Christmas is sometimes called the season for giving. The Christmas season is over, but the need for godly living and charity toward others continues all through the year. Maybe you could try something new this year, too. Volunteer some of your time to an organization in our community, and make a monthly donation toward their work.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Thanks be to God. Brad

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

WE OFFER PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR: Alice & Walker Jones (members living at Westminster-Canterbury), Shelvia Richards (cancer), Connie Mahoney (cancer), Jacqueline Smith, Hailey Vannetta, Nicky Bourgeois (Doris Lackey's friend who suffers with cancer), Sara Parmenter, Sarah Woodfield (Carol Robertson's niece recovering from a motorcycle accident), Gail Bowers (cancer), Sara DeLaurentis (relative of Sue Burnett with an eating disorder), Janet Davis, Peter Castillo (friends of Susan Kennedy with cancer), Cheryl Tompkins and Janet Chrismore (friends of the Henken's who have cancer), Lani Butler (neighbor of Beverly Young with cancer), Martha Law (Hardie Newton's sister), Karen Vinson (Mike's wife), Bernice Egbert, Becky McCaffery (Mike Vinson's sister-in-law), Alan Young (Beverly Young's father), George Novak, Marianne Krause, Dorothy Mudd, Ray Lackey (at Orange Dogwood Center), Jens Clausen (Helle's brother has cancer), Robert Ullrich, Tommy Kendall (Kathe's son), Jeff Yowell, Scott Collier, Pat Price, Nelson Lamb, Mary Haley, Patrick Fohner (child suffering with eye problems), Lorraine Sandifer (Vera Griffin's sister, degenerative vertebrae), Jeff Laffond, Jessica McCoy (Maria Kohl's granddaughter), Leila Clark, Ruby Minick (grandmother of a friend of Kay John), Burton Stapp (Ginger Strait's brother), Charlie Britten, Sue Lam, Edith Golden & Joyce Smith (Joe Hilliard's sister & niece), Betty Thomas (friend of Barbara Straightiff), Travis Beckner (18 yrs old friend of Ed Webster in auto accident), Wallace Carmen (Bethany Craig's father), Paul Longerbeam, Cathy Fort, Miriam Terninko (friend of Birkhofer's suffering with cancer), Bart Hinkle (Bess Landolt's father), Ted and Rene Hinds, Russ Landolt (Jim Landolt's uncle has prostate cancer), Elsie Hubbell (Jean Kane's mother), and Sandra Clore (Waltine Robinson's niece has M.S.).

We pray for the peoples of Zimbabwe, Sudan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, Myanmar, Haiti, and the Gulf Coast.

We pray for our missionaries Sarah & Gary Greenwood in Peru, Robbinah Kobusingye in Uganda; service men and women: Justin Poage, Joseph Jarrell, Nathan Gray, Christopher Miller, in Iraq; Hugh Wingate, Mathew Strecker in Afghanistan.

We pray for our presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori; our bishops, Shannon Johnston and David Jones, the churches of the Diocese of Virginia, and for our brothers and sisters in the Anglican Communion's 38 churches.

We pray for the families in Barbara's House; for the work of Madison Emergency Services Association, Habitat for Humanity, the Madison Free Clinic, the Literacy Council of Madison County, Boy's and Girl's Club of Madison, Senior Nutrition Site, and Skyline CAP.

We give God thanks for the birth of Gibbs Linwood Lonergan to his loving parents, Blair and Keith. Gibbs was born at Martha Jefferson Hospital on November 30. Congratulations!

We give God thanks for the renewed health of Ralph McDanolds. Ralph spent several days in the hospital last month, but is at church and doing well.

We offer prayers for the family of Alan Machleit. Alan died December 22 following knee replacement surgery. Alan played guitar for our 8:30 a.m. service with Brian Bader and was a member of our Folk Choir. Alan is survived by his wife Jayne, son Jared, and daughter Kathleen. Many people from Piedmont Church attended his folk mass funeral at Our Lady of the Blue Ridge Roman Catholic Church on Monday, December 28.

We offer prayers for the family of Bob Hubbell (Jean Kane's stepfather). Bob was a faithful member of the Episcopal Church and an outstanding stewardship leader in our Diocese of Virginia.

We pray for our college students: Staesha Walker, Isabelle Puryear, Willie Dale, Josh Zarambo, Katie and Michael Parker, Claire Jackson, Kim Henken, Julia Craig, Julie Eaheart, Grace Pastore, Haley Bader, and Nathan Young. We also pray for Synda John at Howard Law School.

VESTRY NOTES

The Piedmont Church vestry met Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House living room. Highlights of the meeting included: a monthly treasurer's report by Roger Schreiner including a motion to pay the remaining \$2,500 of our pledge to the Diocese, plans for a budget committee meeting, offering of \$644 in November to the United Thank Offering, and designation of January's outreach offering to our Episcopal homes for boys and girls in Virginia. The vestry and nominating committee reviewed the names of church members for three, two-year vestry positions to be filled at the annual meeting on January 17. The full vestry report is posted on the parish house bulletin board. The meeting closed with prayer by Eve Bargmann, Sr. Warden.

A NOTE OF THANKS

We offer our thanks to everyone who made worship at Piedmont Church a joy this Christmas: to Jean Kane and the altar guild for the beautiful Christmas altar and window arrangements, Martha Mikula and our choir for leading us in wonderful expressions of praise, Kavanaugh and Beply White, Paul Jackson, and Sam Landolt for clearing the snow away so we could even get to the church. Thanks one and all!

TROOP SUPPORT GROUP

The Madison County Troop Support group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Piedmont Church's Parish House to assemble boxes of goodies and send them to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. People who would like to help may come this Thursday, January 7. Helpful items to donate are listed on a bulletin board in the kitchen and may be deposited in the Troop Support box on the parish house carport.

ANNUAL MEETING: MINISTRY REPORTS

People who have oversight of ministry groups are asked to file a report for our Annual Meeting by Sunday, January 10 with Vickie Parker at vparker@peoplepc.com. The report will focus on giving thanks for our ministry together, the ways that ministry fulfills our church's mission statement, and how people can become a partner in ministry through these groups. Please watch for an e-mail with full instructions, or see Brad Jackson for a paper copy. Our annual meeting is Sunday, January 17.

SUNDAY MORNING BRUNCH BUNCH

The Sunday Morning Brunch Bunch invites you to dine with them on this first Sunday of the year following the 8:30 a.m. service in the lower level of the parish house. You are invited to bring a breakfast dish to share and an offering for the MESA food closet. The next brunch will be on February 7 at the home of Neil and Barbara Breeding. Details about hosts and the location for future brunches are posted on the bulletin board.

GUITAR RECITAL

Please join Mike Vinson and his guitar students for a recital and reception at Piedmont Church on Saturday, January 16 at 10:30 a.m. The recital will include some of our own members and will be followed by light refreshments in the parish house.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The annual council meeting for the Diocese of Virginia will be held Friday–Saturday, January 29-30 in Richmond. The opening session will be celebrated by our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori and will be the service of installation for our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston. We are thankful to Charlotte Scott for representing us at this year's council meeting.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT

The Alzheimer's Association of Virginia and Aging Together are partnering to form support groups in Madison and Rappahannock counties for adults caring for seniors with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss. The first step is to train support group facilitators. Training is provided free of charge on February 4th at Madison Social Services. Interested persons may call Aging Together 540/829-6405 or email info@agingtogether.org for an application.

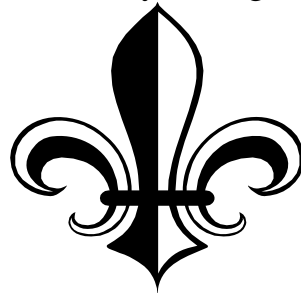
COPING WITH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Hospice of the Rapidan is offering a free 4-week *Coping with Grief – Winter Support Group* on Tuesdays beginning January 5th through January 26. The support groups will be held in *Hospice of the Rapidan's* community room at 1200 Sunset Lane, Suite 2320, Culpeper, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are appreciated but not necessary. Reservations and additional information are available from Craig Wilt at 540/825-4840.

JANUARY WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II (1 st , 3 rd , 5 th) Morning Prayer (2 nd & 4 th) Sunday School/nursery
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hour in the Parish House
	12:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry training beginning in February
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Adult study group at the McDowell's home
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Adult Study: <u>Welcome to the Wisdom of the World</u>
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	First Friends Preschool Chapel Service
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study with Susan Wingate
	6:00 p.m.	Parish Potluck Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Piedmont Church Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Fellowship
Friday	6:45 am	Young Life in Parish House
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer 1 st 3 rd & 5 th
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Autumn Care 2 nd & 4 th

Regular Office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 to 12:30.



Special Events Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 3 at 9:30 am	Brunch Bunch/lower level of the parish house
Sunday, Jan. 3 at 10:00 am	Children & Youth Christmas Pageant
Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7:00 pm	Piedmont Vestry meeting
Thursday, Jan. 7 at 1:00 pm	Troop Support meets at the Parish House
Thursday-Monday, Jan. 7-11	Brad and Jaynie in Georgia on retreat
Monday, Jan. 11 at 7:00 pm	Madison Choral Society begin rehearsals
Friday, Jan. 15 at 11:00 am	Holy Communion at Autumn Care
Saturday, Jan. 16 at 10:30 am	Guitar Recital of Mike Vinson's students / PEC
Sunday, Jan. 17 at 10:00 am	Folk Choir plays for service of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.	Piedmont Episcopal Church Annual Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 10:00 am	Region I Clericus in Fredericksburg
Friday, Jan. 22 at 11:00 am	Holy Communion at Autumn Care
Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 11:30 am	Madison Ministers at Pig & Steak
Friday-Saturday, Jan. 29-30	Diocese of Virginia Annual Council, Richmond

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is not too late to submit your Canvass card for 2010 to indicate your interests in serving the Church. Copies of the canvass card can be found at the back of the Church or on the Church website.

If you have any questions about your remaining pledge for 2009 see Beppy or Roger. You should receive your annual summary of 2009 giving sometime in January which can be used for tax purposes. If you wish to complete any remaining portion of your 2009 pledge, please note "2009 pledge" on your check.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS SUMMARY

The 2010 budget committee members Eve Bargmann, Sr. Warden, Roger Schreiner and Beppy White, co-treasurers, and Jim Landolt met with me Wednesday evening December 16. We looked at the budget for next year and reflected on the tough financial climate we are facing. This report is an update on our Every Member Canvass which remains in progress.

Although our budgeted expenses are essentially the same as last year's, we are estimating a deficit of about \$17,000. On the positive side, our 2009 deficit of \$18,000 has been greatly reduced by budget cuts and the application of the \$8,000 surplus from your very generous parish house roof fund drive.

To summarize the Every Member Canvass: we have 87 families at Piedmont Church. 59 families have made a commitment so far and 28 of those families have increased their pledge. We still would like to hear from the remaining families.

Even in a deficit year, Piedmont Church has been able to repaint our church interior, replace worn shutters and ancient broken glass panes, and renovate the parish house with a beautiful and long-lasting new roof. We have wonderful programs for children and youth. We support a music program that reaches into the community. We have four weekday adult study groups, a preschool, and provide space on Thursday's for mothers who home school their children. We have funded yearly mission trips and biennial youth pilgrimages. We are developing a much needed pastoral care ministry in the Stephen's Ministry program.

We do a tremendous amount of ministry even though we work with a reduced budget. We are a mission oriented church caught in the same squeeze as everyone else. Working together we will overcome our deficit, keep our historic church in repair and do much good for others in the name of our loving Jesus Christ.

On behalf of our budget committee and vestry, I thank you for your pledged support and your prayers. Together, we will work it out.

Thanks be to God
Brad

JANUARY PRAYER PARTNERS

Please pray daily as a household or individual for this entire household by name. During the month, please carry your prayer into action by exchanging some token of Christian love. Send them a card with your picture(s), exchange a meal, sit together during church, or visit at the social hour after church. If you keep a regular prayer list, you may decide to continue to pray for your previous month's prayer partners.

Locate your name (sorted in alphabetical order by last name) then identify your prayer partner for the month in the opposite column.

Jack & Heidi Adams	Jim & Mary Walker
Emily Amos	Ed & Ginger Webster
Brian & Rebecca Bader	Kavanaugh & Beppy White
Robert and Dorothy Bair	Beverly Young
Eve Bargmann & Joe Polin	Sharon Zarambo
Jeanne Bender	Dee Dee Lyon
Jim Bernat & Debbie Ball	Ed & Teresa Matricardi
Bill & George Ann Birkhofer	Rich & Linda Maurer
Neil & Barbara Breeding	Ralph McDanolds
Sue Brown	Skip McDanolds
Sue Burnett	Nick & Cindy McDowell
Chris & Jessica Burnside	Margy McLain
Susan Cable	Marty & Martha Mikula
Clay Campbell	Cecil Morgan
Marjorie Cave	Kathryn & Tony Morris
Jack & Martha Cornwell	LTC Doug & Jacqueline Mow
Arthur & Bethany Craig	Paul Munson
Reggie & Helle Dale	Hardie Newton
Spencer & Mary Chilton DeJarnette	George & Margaret Novak
Angela Dodson	Bob & Carol Nowak
Celia Dollarhide	Jim & Bettie Parker
Jenny Edwards	Joe & Vickie Parker
Joan Edwards	Glenn & Deborah Poage
Cathy Fort	Dotty Posey
Steve & Shelby Gohn	Betty Pumphrey
Sam & Susan Good	Kim Pumphrey
Griff & Vera Griffin	Beau Puryear
Mark & Diane Haddon	Colt & Katie Puryear
Erin Haggerty	Jim & Pat Roberts
Brad & Lydia Hansen	Carol Robertson
Dave & Kathy Henken	Chris & Jennie Robertson
Joe Hilliard	Mike & Helen Robertson
Dona Hutchinson	Waltine Robinson
Frank & Susan Hyland	Adele Baker & Bill Robinson
Brad & Jaynie Jackson	Briarley Rogers
Betty James	Maria Rosenberg
Rose Jenkins	Doreen Russell
Norris & Kay John	Steve & Molly Sanford
Marcela Johnson	Charlotte Scott

Walker & Alice Jones
Jean Kane
Kathe Kendall
Larry & Susan Kennedy
Jim & Alma Koontz
Dink Kreis
Ray and Doris Lackey
Nelson & Carolyn Lamb
Jim & Bess Landolt
Sara Loken
Keith & Blair Lonergan

Justin Scott
Ann Skidmore
Anthony Soucek
Nick & Sherry Spencer
Barbara Straightiff
Carolyn Stanley
Carl and Serena Tendziegloski
Gretchen Theobald
Mary O. Thompson
Fiona Tustian
Allison Vidal

PIEDMONT HELPER LIST

January 2010

	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st
	Holy Communion	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
Acolyte					
Crucifer					
Altar Care					
Chalice	Bob Nowak		Norris John		Skip McDanolds
8:30 Lector/ Intercessor 10:00	Briarley Rogers Joe & Vickie Parker Form I	Beppy White Doug Mow & Jim Landolt Form II	Molly Sanford Carol Robertson & Beverly Young Form III	Denise Detchon Dave & Kathy Henken Form IV	Dink Kreis Serena Imel & Jaynie Jackson Form V
Refreshments	YAC	Beverly Young	Maria Rosenberg	Susan Good	Carol Robertson
Usher	Carol Nowak	Sam Landolt	Doug Mow	Paul Jackson	Daniel & Heidi Adams
Vestry Person	Eve Bargmann	Ann Skidmore	Barbara Breeding	Bob Nowak	Helen Robertson

If you would like to donate memorial altar flowers, please contact Jean Kane.