

# THE PIEDMONT EPISTLE

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## RECTOR'S CORNER

The Annual Council of the Diocese of Virginia is being held this Friday and Saturday, January 29-30. Charlotte Scott, our delegate to council, Jaynie and I will be attending the two day event. It is a wonderful time to worship and celebrate our shared ministry in the Diocese, and to catch up with friends we haven't seen for a year sometimes.

This year is highlighted by the attendance of our Presiding Bishop, Katherine Jeffers-Schori. Bishop Jeffers-Schori will be celebrant at a service of Holy Eucharist for the recognition and investiture of Bishop Johnston at St. Paul's, Richmond on Friday morning.

Many activities follow during the next few days. The Rt. Rev. Julio Murray, Bishop of Panama will lead our council worship with a series of mediations. We will hear the appointments of various people to diocesan committees and regional deans, and elect people for our Standing Committee to assist our bishops in calling new people to ministry and guide growing congregations. The annual budget for the diocese is presented for debate and approval.

The parts I really enjoy are the resolutions that are brought before the council for debate. They speak of people's heart and growing faith. This year we will be looking at a wide range of resolutions from the appointment of an Assistant Bishop to authorizing rites of blessing to support for Sudan, and the report on the proposed Anglican Covenant.

One resolution that I am thankful for is The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation. Learning and Christian growth is a lifelong process for each of us, and the background for this resolution presented to the 76<sup>th</sup> General Convention in Anaheim, California in July 2009 calls upon all diocese to promote and encourage lifelong Christian knowledge, service and love of God as we are informed by Scripture, Tradition and Reason.

Among the many points of illustration, I would like to highlight two. (1) "God inspires all people to develop new learning experiences, equipping disciples for life in a world of secular challenges and carefully listening for the words of modern sages who embody the teachings of Christ." (2) "God transforms all people by seeking out diverse and expansive ways to empower prophetic action, evangelism, advocacy and collaboration in our contemporary global context." We are blessed to live just a few miles from a major state university that is nationally recognized and the nation's capital. It would be wonderful to take these two challenges from the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation and discover the powerful resources for Christian learning and growth that are in our backyard! We have much to learn. We have much to share.

Thanks be to God for our blessings.

Brad

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## **PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS**

WE OFFER PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR: Scott Lafontaine (friend of the Landolt's with a broken back), Taylor Davis, Jo Ann Houston (friend of Molly Sanford with cancer), McKenzie Love, Elsa Bargmann, Alice & Walker Jones and Cathy Fort (members living at Westminster-Canterbury), Shelvia Richards (friend with cancer), Connie Mahoney (cancer). Jacqueline Smith, Hailey Vannetta, Nicky Bourgeois (Doris Lackey's friend has cancer), Sara Parmenter, Sarah Woodfield (Carol Robertson's niece injured in 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), Becky McCaffery (Mike Vinson's sister-in-law), 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, Nelson Lamb, Mary Haley, Patrick Fohner (child suffering with eye problems), Lorraine Sandifer (Vera Griffin's sister, degenerative vertebrae), Jeff Laffond, Maria Kohl & granddaughter Jessica McCoy, Leila Clark, Ruby Minick (grandmother of a friend of Kay Johns), 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, Miriam Terninko (friend of Birkhofer's suffering with cancer), Ted and Rene Hinds, Elsie Hubbell (Jean Kane's step-father & mother), and Sandra Clore (Waltine Robinson's niece has M.S.).

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

We pray for our missionaries Sarah & Gary Greenwood in Peru and Robbinah Kobusingye in Uganda.

We pray for our service men and women: Justin Poage, Christopher Martin, Nathan Gray, Christopher Miller, in Iraq; William Warner, Carl Plum, Greg Gehring, 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, the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti, 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, Madison Free Clinic, Literacy Council of Madison County, Boy's and Girl's Club of Madison, Senior Nutrition Site.

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.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	8:30 A.M. 9:30 A.M. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	HOLY COMMUNION RITE I FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BRUNCH AT THE BREEDINGS Journey to Adult Groups for all ages Holy Communion/Morning Prayer (nursery downstairs) Preschool to Grade School age Sunday school classes meet in the Parish House for stories, music, and crafts! Fellowship Hour in the Parish House
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. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Study: New class topic starting February 3 Healing Prayer Group
Thursday	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	First Friends Preschool Chapel Parish Potluck Dinner Piedmont Church Choir rehearsal Bible Fellowship
Friday	6:45 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Young Life in Parish House Morning Prayer 1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion at Autumn Care 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>

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

## FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Tuesday the 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.	Piedmont Vestry meeting
Thursday the 4 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.	Troop Support meets at the Parish House
Thursday the 4 <sup>th</sup> from 9 to 4 p.m.	Office Closed for Facilitator Group Training
Sunday the 7 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.	Brunch Bunch at the Breeding's home
Friday the 12 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Autumn Care
Sunday the 14 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.	Folk Group leads music for worship
Tuesday the 16 <sup>th</sup> - morning	Office Closed for Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday the 16 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	Questers meeting in the Parish House
Shrove Tuesday the 16 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.	"Burning of the Palms" & "Eating of the Pancakes"
Ash Wednesday the 17 <sup>th</sup> at noon	Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
Tuesday the 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 p.m.	Madison Ministers meet at 'Pig n' Steak'
Friday the 26 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Autumn Care
Sunday the 28 <sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m.	Soup luncheon by our youth for Haiti relief
Sunday the 28 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.	Service of Evening Prayer at Graves Chapel
Sunday the 28 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.	Community-wide Choral Concert at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Haywood – free will offering to help our doctors and nurses working in Haiti.

## **VESTRY NOTES**

The Piedmont Church vestry met Tuesday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Highlights of the meeting include the following:

Treasurer, Roger Schreiner reported that the \$7,895.50 surplus from the parish house roof fund was transferred to help cover our budget shortfall. Thanks to this, we are only \$4,850 below budget for 2009 despite the loss of a \$10,000 pledge. Our December outreach offering was given to KAIROS of Virginia. KAIROS is a prison ministry that brings inmates in our correctional facilities into a relationship with Jesus as their Savior. The 2010 budget, as received by the budget committee was accepted with a deficit of \$17,197 for the year. January outreach will go to the Jackson Field Home for Girls in Richmond and the Home for Boys in Covington.

Sr. Warden, Eve Bargmann reported that Kay John, Jim Koontz, and Doug Mow have agreed to serve on the vestry next year.

Jr. Warden, Barbara Breeding reported that the ceiling in the kitchen is done but needs another coat of paint.

## **A PIEDMONT CHURCH WELCOME**

It is wonderful to welcome new people to Piedmont Church. Please take time to introduce yourself to Valerie & Alfred Gossens who live in Syria and attend the 8:30 a.m. service, and to Katie Murphy and her family who attend the 10:00 a.m. service and live in Orange.

## **SUNDAY MORNING BRUNCH BUNCH**

The Sunday Morning Brunch Bunch invites you to dine with them on the first Sunday of each month following the 8:30 a.m. service. You are invited to bring a breakfast dish to share and an offering for the MESA food closet. February 7<sup>th</sup>'s brunch will be at the home of Neil and Barbara Breeding. Neil and Barbara live on 2317 Poorhouse Road just off highway 231 north between Banco and Etlan. More details about hosts and location for future brunches are posted on the bulletin boards.

## **SHROVE TUESDAY BURNING OF THE PALMS, PANCAKE SUPPER & PIÑATA BASH**

Please mark your calendars!!! The beginning of Lent is marked by a celebration of “fat things”, the “burning of your palm branches from last Palm Sunday”, a wonderful pancake supper, and the breaking of the piñata. When is all this gaiety? Tuesday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Bring your last years palm branches, a donation for the relief of our people in Haiti, and a hearty appetite. Friends and neighbors are always welcome. The meal will be served by our youth, their leaders, and anyone else who would like to help. Call Joe Parker (948-4112) for more information.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

You've heard of ashes to ashes, dust to dust? Ash Wednesday stands in stark contrast to the previous day of Shrove or Fat Tuesday. Two services of Holy Eucharist with the imposition of ashes from Tuesday's palm branches will be offered at noon and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17. The service provides a beginning to Lent and the new Easter cycle. In it we take time to remember the shortness of life, our need for God's forgiving presence in our lives, and the opportunity that confession contributes to making a fresh start in our walk with God.

## **GRAVES CHAPEL NEWS**

There was a wonderful service of Evening Prayer offered Sunday, January 24 by Susan Hull, officiant and Carolyn Lamb, music leader. The next service will be February 28 at 4:00 p.m.

## **LENTEN COTTAGE MEETINGS**

Every three or four years we gather together and reevaluate our ministry in church and community. It is a time to remember what we enjoyed and thought was successful. It is also a time to share the new needs that have arisen. Ministry we might address. We ask you to join a cottage or home group to meet three times during Lent for a simple meal, informal worship and reflection, and a time of sharing ideas about (1) the gifts that we have been given, (2) the mission that Christ has given the church, and (3) the mission and ministry of Piedmont Episcopal Church. It will be fun just to get together in peoples' homes, share food, and good laughter. But it will also give us a better sense of who we are as Christians and where our congregation is being led by God.

Times and locations will be announced.

## **LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**

The Lutheran women of Madison County invite you to a Lenten Bible Study each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon, February 24 to March 24 in the parish house of Hebron Lutheran Church. A different pastor from Madison County leads each session, and a break for refreshments half way through gives time for fellowship. This year's study is on the book of Romans. How wonderfully Lutheran to pick Romans!!

## **SOUP LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD**

The youth in our J2A program and their leaders invite you to a festive soup luncheon during the social hour following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 28. Donations will be used to help the people of Haiti.

## **WEBSITE? WHAT WEBSITE?**

Log onto Piedmont Church's website: [www.piedmontepiscopalchurchva.org](http://www.piedmontepiscopalchurchva.org)

Diocese of Virginia: [www.thediocese.org](http://www.thediocese.org)

## **ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES!!!**

Piedmont Church has purchased an assisted hearing device system for people who need a little help. Pick up a receiver with its earphone at the back of the church in the church register stand by the balcony stairs, place the earphone, turn the dial to #3 and you will receive a clear amplified tone.

## **DESIGN COMMITTEE NEWS**

Representatives of the design committee and vestry are in communications with Brent Rider, possible contractor for the Agnes Puryear Memorial Garden.

## **LITERACY COUNCIL OF MADISON COUNTY**

Dear Members of Piedmont Episcopal Church,

The Madison County Literacy Council would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$407.00. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and kindness.

We would like to update you on some of the many things the Madison County Literacy Council has accomplished with your yearly donation and others like yours. First, we have approximately 45 students. For these students, through the help of our wonderful tutors, we provide ESL, GED, One-to-One Tutoring in Reading and Math, Introduction to Windows and Intermediate Computer Classes. We are also thankful for our Program Coordinator who takes time out of her busy schedule to write in the Madison Eagle weekly of all the activities that go on at the Literacy Council.

Again, we thank you.

Respectfully yours,  
Doris A. Turner  
Administrative Assistant

## **THE GREENWOODS – DECEMBER 2009**

A Merry Christmas to all of you from our family in Andahuaylas, Peru! We trust you find comfort in the midst of all that is happening around you remembering Christ, the reason for the season. He is our Savior, Guide, Comforter, and hope for eternity. In Him we find true peace!

We are sorry it has been a while since you have heard from us. Several changes have occurred that have placed us in a disorganized state. In October it became quite apparent to us that we could not continue to rent two church locations and make ends meet financially. So we gave our notice on the building we are currently in, and doubled the time we spent remodeling the new location. Completed or not, we will move in the first of the year. With Gary working most of the day, his visitation, counseling, and message preparing has occupied the evenings. Several of the men from church have come out and volunteered their free time helping with what they can. This has allowed Gary to get to know them better and combine work with building up disciples.

Victor, our Co-worker, got married in November. He is currently with his wife Teresa in Urubamba until February as she has obligations at the seminary to finish before they come back to work full-time with us. His being gone leaves a hole in the team, but we excitedly anticipate the double blessing we will receive when they come back.

The housing unit our three families shared was just becoming quite comfortable with the little remodeling Gary and Ernesto did, when it became apparent that we wouldn't be able to stay much longer. In the beginning we were unaware that the property had more than 20 owners (an inheritance of some kind) who are in a court battle trying to title, divide, and sell the land. They were continually invading our privacy, entering our gate and walking around the courtyard and property without giving notice or even announcing their presence. Then the different groups would come with their lawyers wanting us to sign papers on their behalf and against the others of the

groups. When we wouldn't choose sides the harassment elevated. By October someone was arriving daily and we were threatened deportation if we wouldn't sign papers. If the two groups arrived at the same time, there were heated arguments and fights right there outside our windows. Finally, we were told to find another place to rent. This all escalated so rapidly that we were a bit unsettled. Houses to rent are very hard to find as most places are rented by rooms with several families sharing the same kitchen or bathroom. We sent out a few notices for prayer and the next day went to see business friends to see if they had heard of any places for rent. One had just bought a new house doors down from our new church location. We discussed a price and knowing our situation they said we could move in immediately while they drew up the contract. Ernesto and his family were offered a room with a loft at our neighbor's house. So with the help of many from the church we were moved out in just a few days. It took a few days to get unpacked and organized. In the midst of this week we had a pre-wedding reception for Victor and Teresa, two house guests for a few days, our daughter's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday party with church friends, a baby shower for Noemi and ladies' bible study. We then prepared for a two week Christmas break that we took early due to Sarah's pregnancy and baby coming in January.

We spend Thanksgiving with our families in the States and saw all our siblings. Our return date to Peru was December 9<sup>th</sup>, but we were waiting on our Peruvian identification cards to arrive by mail. They were held up in customs in Miami and never arrived. We had been led to believe we couldn't reenter the country without them and so postponed our flight waiting for their arrival. Daily the delivery service assured us they were in hand and on the way. We tried to reschedule flights but all were sold out due to the Christmas holidays. The next possible change for us all to fly was then too late for Sarah being now 8 months pregnant. Gary found a flight and miraculously was allowed to enter Peru with a photocopy of his ID card and explanation of the original being lost in the mail. Sarah and the children are in Virginia at her parent's house awaiting the arrival of the new baby. Then they will return to Peru as soon as a passport can be obtained for the new baby.

Meanwhile, Gary is living in our bachelor pad in Peru with several of the college students coming in and out. They worked very hard at getting the church building useable as our lease on the old one is up by the first of the year. They had a Christmas Eve gathering with the church attendees, family, and friends in the new auditorium and around 40 attended with many being new visitors. Several of the men spent hours helping to get it ready. We are excited to see the spirit of unity growing in many, and hope their testimony of changed lives affects those around them this coming year.

Thank you all for praying for us and being the financial arms attached to our hands ministering to the people of Andahuaylas, Peru. God is at work, and we are so glad to be partners with you in what is happening. We wish you eternal blessings for the New Year.

Sincerely, The Greenwood Family

## February 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  
Emily Amos  
Brian & Rebecca Bader  
Robert and Dorothy Bair  
Eve Bargmann & Joe Polin  
Jeanne Bender  
Jim Bernat & Debbie Ball  
Bill & George Ann Birkhofer  
Neil & Barbara Breeding  
Sue Brown  
Sue Burnett  
Chris & Jessica Burnside  
Susan Cable  
Clay Campbell  
Marjorie Cave  
Jack & Martha Cornwell  
Arthur & Bethany Craig  
Reggie & Helle Dale  
Spencer & Mary Chilton DeJarnette  
Angela Dodson  
Celia Dollarhide  
Jenny Edwards  
Joan Edwards  
Cathy Fort  
Steve & Shelby Gohn  
Sam & Susan Good  
Griff & Vera Griffin  
Mark & Diane Haddon  
Erin Haggerty  
Brad & Lydia Hansen  
Dave & Kathy Henken  
Joe Hilliard  
Dona Hutchinson  
Frank & Susan Hyland  
Brad & Jaynie Jackson  
Betty James  
Rose Jenkins  
Norris & Kay John  
Marcela Johnson  
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

Allison Vidal  
Jim & Mary Walker  
Ed & Ginger Webster  
Kavanaugh & Beppy White  
Beverly Young  
Sharon Zarambo  
Dee Dee Lyon  
Ed & Teresa Matricardi  
Rich & Linda Maurer  
Ralph McDanolds  
Skip McDanolds  
Nick & Cindy McDowell  
Margy McLain  
Marty & Martha Mikula  
Cecil Morgan  
Kathryn & Tony Morris  
LTC Doug & Jacqueline Mow  
Paul Munson  
Hardie Newton  
George & Margaret Novak  
Bob & Carol Nowak  
Jim & Bettie Parker  
Joe & Vickie Parker  
Glenn & Deborah Poage  
Dotty Posey  
Betty Pumphrey  
Kim Pumphrey  
Beau Puryear  
Colt & Katie Puryear  
Jim & Pat Roberts  
Carol Robertson  
Chris & Jennie Robertson  
Mike & Helen Robertson  
Waltine Robinson  
Adele Baker & Bill Robinson  
Briarley Rogers  
Maria Rosenberg  
Doreen Russell  
Steve & Molly Sanford  
Charlotte Scott  
Justin Scott  
Ann Skidmore  
Anthony Soucek  
Nick & Sherry Spencer  
Barbara Straightiff  
Carolyn Stanley  
Carl and Serena Tendziegloski  
Gretchen Theobald  
Mary O. Thompson  
Fiona Tustian

# PIEDMONT HELPER LIST

February 2010

	7 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Paul Jackson	Christian Hansen	Connor Puryear	Cameron Ludin
<b>Crucifer</b>	Sebastian Stevens		Josh Good	
<b>Altar Care</b>	Carol Nowak & Vickie Parker			
<b>Chalice</b>	Bob Nowak		Norris John	
8:30 <b>Lector/ Intercessor</b> 10:00	Denise Detchon	Dee Dee Lyon	Dink Kreis	Griff Griffin
	Sue Brown & Eve Bargmann Form VI	Roger & Jill Schreiner Form I	Susan Good & Skip McDanolds Form II	Jean Kane & Bethany Craig Form III
<b>Refreshments</b>		Larry & Susan Kennedy		YAC Soup Luncheon
<b>Usher</b>	Kavanaugh White	Kay John	Jim Landolt	Josh Good
<b>Vestry Person</b>	Doug Mow & Jim Koontz	Kay John & Bob Nowak	Blair Lonergan	Helen Robertson