

**THE PIEDMONT EPISTLE**  
**PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS BY WORD AND DEED**  
**NOVEMBER, 2011    BOX 305 MADISON, VIRGINIA, 22727**  
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**RECTOR'S CORNER**

The 177<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Piedmont Church and our Celebration of Ministry last week gives us much to be thankful for. God has truly been good to us in guiding our lives and ministry.

Paul Tournier was a Swiss physician and Christian who wrote powerfully about the Christian faith and life. He wrote about how God is abundantly able to work in our lives, and that God's forgiving and healing presence is always there as we turn our hearts toward God. Tournier qualifies our continued need for God when he notes that although our faith in God may be shakable, God is not. We may not always make ourselves available to God, but God is always available to us.

In the Gospel of Luke chapter 15, Jesus speaks to the tax collectors and sinners while the Pharisees and the scribes sit grumbling about Jesus' availability to these social outcasts. In response to their judgment, Jesus tells three parables about people who have lost their way for one reason or another. God's willingness to search for them, and the rejoicing and celebration that follows is summarized by Jesus in the following words, "I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

The bottom line for Jesus in the parables of the lost sheep, lost coins, and the lost or prodigal son is that God rejoices in finding us, and in our return whoever we are. The truth is, although

our understanding of God may change, our need for God in our difficulties never changes.

Jesus taught that faith in God the size of a mustard seed can move a mountain. Even shakable faith in the unshakable God is still faith. Use it and see how God moves on your behalf. Take the most difficult issue with which you are dealing, and put it honestly before God. Trust God to work freely in your need. You will come to see God as the source of your strength.

As a congregation we are faced with the difficult issue of a deficit in our church budget. Our Piedmont Church vestry, treasurers and audit committee have been struggling in a godly fashion to unravel the many dimensions involved in funding a full parish ministry in a dismal economic climate where church ministry needs are rising.

Through faith in God and the power of prayer, there are many ways to do ministry and many ways to provide for ministry. Would you join me and please prayerfully consider making an additional gift to Piedmont Church this year to help cover the remaining expenses for the year? Then when you renew these gifts in next year's annual giving, we should not have to work with a deficit budget as in the past couple of years.

Pray, believe, and act knowing God is there to supply our lives with the love of Christ, and all we need to minister in Jesus name.

Thanks be to God. Brad

Our giving for 2011 is in a deficit position, and we have moved \$22,976 from the reserve account this year to cover operating expenses. We have \$14,324 remaining in the reserve account available for paying our bills. From now to the end of the year we expect our deficit to be approximately \$19,400. As you can see, there is not enough in our reserve account to pay these expenses. This amount includes ongoing operating expenses as well as our pledges to the Diocese, Region I, and MESA. The vestry is confident that this deficit can be cleared with your additional gifts. You may remember two years ago we successfully raised the needed funds to cover unpaid operating expenses and to replace the parish house roof. More details of our current finances are available from our treasurers. A pledge card for 2012 and an accompanying narrative budget will be included in the stewardship letter from the vestry which will be mailed by November 15.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion Rite I
	9:30 a.m.	First Sunday of the Month Brunch
	9:00 a.m.	Journey to Adulthood - Youth Groups
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion/Morning Prayer Rite II
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School/nursery
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hour in the Parish House
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Home Schooled Children – Parish House
	7:00 p.m.	Adult study group at the McDowell's home
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	First Friends Preschool - Church
	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer - Church
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	First Friends Preschool - Church
	10:00 a.m.	Adult Study: <u>Listening for God</u> – Parish House
	11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist – Parish House
	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Journaling Class – Parish House
	7:00 p.m.	Young Life Campaigners – Parish House lower level
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	First Friends Preschool - Church
	9:30 a.m.	First Friends Preschool Chapel - Church
	10:00 a.m.	Home Schooled Children – Parish House
	10:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study with Susan Wingate – Parish House
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck Supper (all are welcome) – Parish House
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Fellowship – Parish House
	7:00 p.m.	Piedmont Church Choir practice – Church
Friday	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer 1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion at Autumn Care 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup>

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



## NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday, Oct. 30	at 4:00 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Evening Prayer/Potluck Dinner at Graves Chapel
Tuesday	the 1 <sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity meeting – Madison U.M.C.
Thursday	the 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.	Troop Support gift mailing - parish house
Sunday	the 6 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.	Brunch at Emily Amos' home – 602 Courthouse Mt. Rd.
Friday	the 11 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion - Autumn Care Home
Saturday	the 12 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Sara Loken – Piedmont Church
Tuesday	the 15 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.	Region I Clericus – Aquia Episcopal Church
Tuesday	the 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.	M.E.S.A. dinner meeting – Rochelle Christian Church
Wednesday	the 16 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.	Region I meeting – Christ's Church, Spotsylvania
Sunday	the 20 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.	Folk Choir leads music for Holy Eucharist
Sunday	the 20 <sup>th</sup> at noon	Piedmont Church Vestry meeting
Sunday	the 20 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service/Potluck Dinner at Graves Chapel
Tuesday	the 22 <sup>nd</sup> at noon	Madison Ministers luncheon – Fairview Christian, Hood
Friday	the 28 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.	Holy Communion - Autumn Care Home
Friday	Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.	Choral Society Concert – St. Thomas' Episcopal, Orange
Sunday	Dec. 4 at 4:00 p.m.	Choral Society Concert – Mt. Carmel Baptist, Haywood

## PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

WE OFFER PRAYERS OF HEALING FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jim Walker, Ruth Henken (Dave's mother), Kitty Edwards (Jaynie Jackson's aunt), the Rice family (Charlotte Scott's family), Barbara Straighttiff, Elizabeth Ferrier (friend of Katherine Parker), Danny Call (friend of the Parkers), Susan Muston, Sue Norris, and Sharon Harris (friends of Dorsey Comer), Lori Weldon (friend of the Landolt's), Chloe Hammer (Jean Kane's sister), Shelley Castell (Katie Puryear's sister) Maria Rosenberg, Ellen Searls, Jenna Angelo (Sue Brown's niece), Michael Foster (friend of the John's), Sue Vaughn (friend of the Jackson's), Reggie Hall (Barbara Straighttiff's brother-in-law), Pat Porter (Kathy Henken's sister), Russell Lane (Carolyn Stanley's brother-in-law), Dreama Travis, Nicky Bourgeois (Doris Lackey's friend), Cheryl Tompkins and Janet Chrismore (friends of the Henken's), Miriam Terninko (friend of the Birkhofer's), Heather Comer, Corey Barker, Bernice Egbert (Jacqueline Mow's godmother), Carrie Gillies, Andrew Windland, Karen Vinson (Mike's wife), Alex Yowell, Ann Robinson, Kyler Imel, Donna Nettles, Jacqueline Smith, the Vannetta family, Sara Parmenter, Sara DeLaurentis (Sue Burnett's niece), Marianne Krause, Dorothy Mudd, Robert Ullrich, Jeff Yowell, Mary Haley, Patrick Fohner, Lorraine Sandifer (Vera Griffin's sister), Ruby Minick (grandmother of a friend of Kay John), Nelle Ashby (Ginger Webster's mother), Sue Lam, Joyce Smith (Joe Hilliard's niece), Betty Thomas (friend of Barbara Straighttiff), Travis Beckner (friend of Ed Webster), Paul Longerbeam, Ted and Rene Hinds, Elsie Hubbell (Jean Kane's mother), and Sandra Clore (Waltine Robinson's niece).

WE OFFER PRAYERS OF HEALING AND GOD'S LOVING PRESENCE FOR FRIENDS IN NURSING HOME CARE: Jack and Martha Cornwell at the Dogwood Center in Orange, Dorothy Green (Charlotte Scott's sister), George Novak and Jim Walker at Autumn Care.

We pray peace and the restoration of people's safety and dignity in Japan, Zimbabwe, Sudan, Afghanistan, Haiti, Somalia, and other parts of the globe where there is extreme suffering and injustice.

We pray for our missionaries Sarah & Gary Greenwood in Peru and for Kimberly Johnson and John Hunt as they work in Liberia.

We pray for our service men and women: Aaron Darnell in Iraq; Kenneth Hahn, Justin Poage, Ashby Lyn Lamb, Brian Yoder, John Keys, Matt Gardner in Afghanistan, Michael Seeberger in Bahrain & Qatar, Paul Dixon in South Korea, and Clay Puryear at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

We pray for our presiding bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori; our bishops, Shannon Johnston, David Jones and Ted Gulick, 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 Community Outreach Works, 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, Madison County Education Foundation, Students of the Integrated Peace Performance Project (SIPPP).

We give thanks for the life of Sara Loken and pray for her family in their loss. Sara's memorial service has been scheduled for Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Piedmont Church with a reception and burial at her home at 2652 Ridgeview Rd. in Reva.

Please continue to pray for Barbara Straighttiff as she is facing addition back surgery in November.

We pray for our youth in college or living away: Peter Thawng Za Uk in Ohio, Haley and Nick Bader, Julia Craig in Greece, Willie Dale, Kim Henken, Claire & Paul Jackson, Sam Landolt, Katherine and Michael Parker, Grace Pastore in Scotland, Isabelle and Tori Puryear, Sui Vang, Gabby Wadel, Nathan Young and Josh Zarambo.

### Prayer Partners

Please pray daily as a household or individual for your prayer partner(s) 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 fellowship hour or brunch after church. You will find your name and the name of your prayer partner(s) on an enclosed page of this newsletter.

## VESTRY NOTES

The Piedmont Church vestry met Sunday, October 16 at noon. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Norris John presented a review of the audit committee's 2010 audit with recommendations.
- Bob Nowak's treasurer's report included a detailed reporting of the functions of our Church Windows software, and the ways that funds can be tracked.
- Outreach offerings were approved for October: Literacy Council; November: United Thank Offering; December: Angel Tree books and gifts.
- The vestry accepted Jim Landolt's resignation which will allow Jim the necessary time to work in our Journey to Adulthood program.
- The next regular vestry meeting will be Sunday, November 20 at 12:00 noon in the parish house.



## 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. November 6<sup>th</sup> is our next brunch. It will be hosted by Emily Amos at her home on 602 Courthouse Mountain Road. Details about hosts and location for future brunches are posted on the bulletin board at the back of the church.

## JOURNALING CLASS

A new session of the *Journal to the Self* began last Wednesday evening, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish house. This is a rewarding six week journal writing workshop based on the work of Kathleen Adams and taught by Lizabeth Smith. Lizabeth is a certified instructor who will help you "discover the writer within you, for personal growth, creative expression and life enhancement." You will also have a lot of fun. For more information contact [lizabethsmith@gmail.com](mailto:lizabethsmith@gmail.com) or 540-272-9470.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE & POTLUCK DINNER

Fall with its cooler nights and changing autumn colors brings a spirit of thanks to the heart. Please join us at Graves Chapel on Sunday, November 20 at 4:00 p.m. for the

Service of Thanksgiving and a covered dish dinner at 5:00 p.m. This gathering is a time and place to give thanks for all the goodness God has given to us in love and unity of spirit. Please bring a friend and an offering of food to share.

Also, remember the Fifth Sunday Service and Potluck Dinner at Graves Chapel this Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 p.m.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

We would like to thank the many people who made our 177<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Celebration of Ministry service and reception a joyful Sunday. A history of Piedmont Episcopal Church complete with humorous anecdotes was read at the beginning of the service by Eve Bargmann. During the sermon time we decorated the Celebration of Ministry tree with autumn colored construction paper leaves on which were written a meaningful ministry that touched our hearts during the year. Following the service, we enjoyed a wonderful reception with lots of good food. Thanks to Vickie Parker and Jaynie Jackson for the setup and beautiful table decorations.

## THE MADISON COUNTY SALVATION ARMY NEEDS YOU!

In recent years the Madison County Salvation Army holiday kettle drives have been successful in raising needed donations in area shopping centers. It is fun to see children spot the kettle while they are still in the car, be given a donation by their parents, and then smile as they drop their money in the kettle. It is rewarding to see many people sharing what they have for the benefit of people in need.

To be a bell ringer call Phyllis Browning at 948-5521 or Pauline Clatterbuck at 543-2225 and they will gladly schedule you for any time you are able to give.

## CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF THE MADISON COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY. THERE ARE TWO PERFORMANCES: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 AT 7:30 P.M. IN ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ORANGE AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 4:00 P.M. IN MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH, HAYWOOD. THIS YEAR'S CONCERT IS A MIX OF CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL CHORAL WORKS BY A VARIETY OF COMPOSERS AND ARRANGERS. MARTHA MIKULA WILL SHARE HER BATON WITH GUEST CONDUCTORS IN THIS ANNIVERSARY YEAR CELEBRATION.**

## NOVEMBER PRAYER PARTNERS

Please pray daily as a household or individual for your prayer partner(s) by name. You will find your name and the name of your prayer partner(s) listed below.

Jack & Heidi Adams	Kim Pumphrey
Emily Amos	Beau Puryear
Brian & Rebecca Bader	Colt & Katie Puryear
Robert and Dorothy Bair	Kaaren Ray
Eve Bargmann & Joe Polin	Jim & Pat Roberts
Jeanne Bender	Carol Robertson
Jim Bernat & Debbie Ball	Chris & Jennie Robertson
Bill & George Ann Birkhofer	Mike & Helen Robertson
Neil & Barbara Breeding	Waltine Robinson
Sue Brown	Adele Baker & Bill
Beth Burnam	Briarley Rogers
Sue Burnett	Beth Roireau
Chris & Jessica Burnside	Maria Rosenberg
Susan Cable	Doreen Russell
Clay Campbell	Steve & Molly Sanford
Mariorie Cave	Roger & Jill Schreiner
Dorsey Comer	Charlotte Scott
Jack & Martha Cornwell	Ellen Searls
Arthur & Bethany Craig	Ann Skidmore
Martin Croes	Stuart & Lizabeth Smith
David Cronk	Anthony Soucek
Reggie & Helle Dale	Nick & Sherry Spencer
Spencer & Mary Chilton	Barbara Straightiff
Denise Detchon	Carolyn Stanley
Angela Dodson	Carl & Serena Tenziegloski
Celia Dollarhide	Mary O. Thompson
Jenny Edwards	Allison Vidal
Joan Edwards	Jim & Mary Walker
Steve & Shelby Gohn	Lisa Warren
Sam & Susan Good	Ed & Ginger Webster
Griff & Vera Griffin	Kavanaugh & Beverly White
Kim Griffith	Beverly Young
Mark & Diane Haddon	Sharon Zarambo
Erin Haggerty	Dee Dee Lyon
Brad & Lydia Hansen	Ed & Teresa Matricardi
Dave & Kathy Henken	Rich & Linda Maurer
Joe Hilliard	Skip McDanolds
Dona Hutchinson	Nick & Cindy McDowell
John Hurt & Kimmy Johnson	Brian and Margeaux McLain
Frank & Susan Hyland	Margy McLain
Brad & Jaynie Jackson	Marty & Martha Mikula
Betty James	Dick & Mary Moore
Rose Jenkins	Cecil Morgan
Norris & Kay John	Kathryn & Tony Morris
Marcela Johnson	LTC Doug & Jacqueline Mow
Jean Kane	Paul Munson
Kathe Kendall	Hardie Newton
Larry & Susan Kennedy	George & Margaret Novak
Jim & Alma Koontz	Bob & Carol Nowak
Dink Kreis	Bettie Parker
Doris Lackey	Joe & Vickie Parker
Nelson & Carolyn Lamb	Dotty Posey
Jim & Bess Landolt	Betty Pumphrey
Keith & Blair Lonergan	Hardie Newton

**PIEDMONT HELPER LIST**  
**November 2011**

	<b>6<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost 21 All Saints Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost 22</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost Last</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> – Advent 1</b>
	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jim Landolt	Cameron Ludin	Ben Landolt	Josh Good
<b>Crucifer</b>	Beth Roireau		Millie Rice	Jacob Good
<b>Altar Care</b>	Carol Nowak & Vickie Parker			
<b>Chalice</b>	Norris John		Skip McDanolds	Bob Nowak
<b>Lector/ Intercessor</b> 8:30 10:00	Dink Kreis  Dave & Kathy Henken Form II	Carolyn Stanley  Norris John & Jaynie Jackson Form III	Joanie Edwards  Jean Kane & Jim Landolt Form IV	Griff Griffin  Doris Lackey & Skip McDanolds Form V
<b>Refreshments</b>	Jacquelin Mow & Helle Dale	Jaynie Jackson	Beth Roireau	Kathy Henken
<b>Usher</b>	Roger Schreiner	Beth Roireau	Heidi & Daniel Adams	Vickie Parker
<b>Vestry Person</b>	Doug Mow	Kay John	Jean Kane	Joe Parker
<b>Nursery/ Sunday School</b>	Helle Dale	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>	<b><i>Volunteer Needed</i></b>

**November 6 Brunch Bunch hostess – Emily Amos.**

**Nursery Volunteers: Helle Dale, Jaynie Jackson, Bess Landolt, Katie Puryear, Denise Detchon,  
Lisa Warren, and Carol Nowak.**