

TIDINGS

The newsletter of The Church of the Incarnation, Rt. 522, Mineral, Virginia.



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper

February 13

5:30-7:00pm

The men of the Incarnation will be cooking up a storm of pancakes, sausages and fixings. Contact Rick Harlow at rsharlo2@comcast.net if you are able to set-up, cook, or clean-up.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHORS!!

Honduras Ministry

Our calling to be missionaries in The Diocese of Honduras began in 2012. We moved there in 2013. Rick was the “Junior warden” of the diocese; he assessed all of the 130+ churches, missions, schools and conference center, identifying their physical plant needs and working with the diocese and churches in the US and mission teams to get the work done.

Lura worked with the bishop and



the clergy to formulate a long-range plan for the Diocese of Honduras to become financially self-sustaining.

We traveled all over Honduras meeting incredible people having wild and wonderful experiences, some more unusual than others and encountering love like we had never known before. We felt alive with purpose and hope.

There are many aspects required to achieve financial self-sufficiency, all the elements were present in the Diocese of Honduras. Financial transparency was a cornerstone to their success; but the bishop was unwilling to insure that goal so we returned

Imposition of Ashes



Let today be the day you give up who you've been for you who can become.

Blind Ash Wednesday

The Church of the Incarnation
Noon
St. James, Louisa 7:00pm

home in 2014. In January 2016 we drove an ambulance full of medical and school supplies and gave it to a deacon in Honduras. Our trip was an adventure, again we met wonderful people experienced God's presence and saw some beautiful country.

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Celebration of Ministry

April 4th

When a new clergy person enters a church community there is a liturgical celebration to mark that “event.” Often the congregation welcomes the clergy, the bishop attends and everyone celebrates the new beginning.

Every celebration of new ministry takes place within the eucharistic community of the baptized, grounded in the dignity all Christians share by adoption and grace. In commissioning a priest, we are sensitive to the environment in which she lives and works, seeking to honor and celebrate mutual ministry.

In the reconciling community, the priest is *the* minister of reconciliation, the principal focus of unity. It is the priest’s task to gather the people of God, caring, guiding and teaching; while graciously presiding at the family table, that we may be nourished to live and work as Christ’s church in the world. In tradition, authority is focused in bishop and priest, not to be hoarded, but that it may be shared with the whole People of God.

Just as the bishop shares her authority with the college of priests and with her deacons, **so the priest in every local community shares her authority with other baptized ministers.**

Oversight in the hands of bishops, priests and deacons is for the Church’s flourishing. **Servant leadership sets God’s people free, enabling and empowering them in their own right as responsible ministers and missionaries of Christ.** Rightly exercised, episcopal and priestly authority protects the Church, restraining powerful individuals or groups from lording it over the community.



This commissioning liturgy attempts to strike a proper balance between what is distinctive about baptismal ministry, and what is distinctive about the priestly ministry of leadership.

People, priest and bishop join together in this sacramental act, taking their places in radical equality, celebrating God’s gifts for ministry in and through the missionary Church, with and for each other in the service of Christ.

Taking into consideration, that we are *Lutherpalians*, that we have been working together for more than a year, that I have lots of ideas and like to think outside the box, and that all of us have in one way or another pledged to the new success of our ministry together... our **NEW MINISTRY**, *celebration* will celebrated everyone’s ministry!!!!

Pat Gibbons will be chairing a committee to plan this event. Please let her know if you would like to serve on the committee or if you have some ideas as to how we can celebrate everyone’s ministry amongst us.

New Comers Class Baptism, Confirmation, Reception

Watch the *Tidings* and your emails for more information about an evening class or a Saturday “retreat” exploring

What is the Episcopal-Lutheran Church?
What do we believe?
How do I belong?

This offering could lead to Baptism, Confirmation or Reception, during the Celebration of New Ministry.

If you have questions please see Mother Spice+



February 14 Ash Wednesday

Lectors: Nancy Moser, Nancy Thomas
 Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21

February 18

Altar Guild: Jane Keller, Claudia DeBusk
 Greeter: Samantha Perry
 Lectors: Rick Harlow, Samantha Perry

Genesis 9: 8-17
 Psalm 25: 1-9
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1: 9-15

February 25

Altar Guild: Jane Keller, Claudia Debusk
 Greeter: Bea Matthews
 Lectors: Jane Keller, Edwin Keller

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
 Psalm 22: 22-30
 Romans 4: 13-25
 Mark 8: 31-38

February 4, 2018

Altar Guild: Pat Gibbons, Nancy Moser
 Greeter: Pembroke Pettit
 Lectors: Pat Gibbons and Wayne Gibbons

- [Isaiah 40:21-31](#)
- [1 Corinthians 9:16-23](#)
- [Mark 1:29-39](#)
- [Psalm 147:1-12, 21c](#)

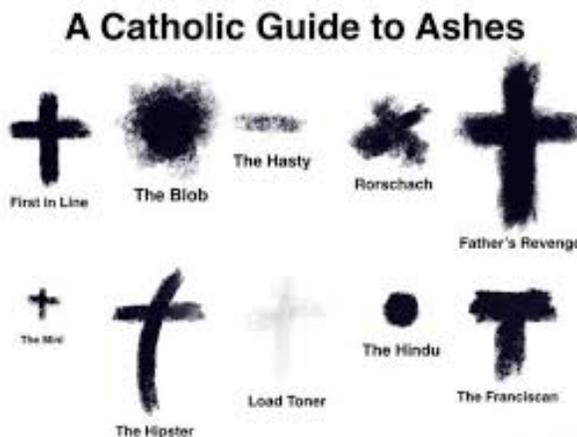
February 11, 2018

Altar Guild: Pat Gibbons, Nancy Moser
 Greeter: Karen Guagliardo
 Lectors: Susan Utt and Liz Mostrag

- [2 Kings 2:1-12](#)
- [2 Corinthians 4:3-6](#)
- [Mark 9:2-9](#)
- [Psalm 50:1-6](#)

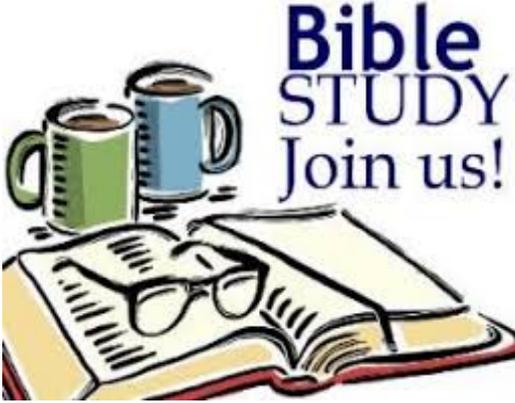
February Birthdays

- 1 Tammy Kronander
- 3 Janet Hudgins
- 11 Megan Hall
- 12 Michael Pierce
- 13 Matthew Horn
- 21 William Thomas
- 23 Doswell Pierce



Our trip at the end of January was postponed. The airlines cancelled our flight. When we tried to rebook the plane tickets we couldn't get it to work out. We felt maybe we weren't supposed to go at this time, so we postponed our trip to locate the new home for the ambulance until later.

The Church of the Incarnation is being called to help those in need in our community and beyond. The vestry and then the entire congregation will be asked to pray and discern what that ministry will look like in 2018.

**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

WEDNESDAYS
5:30 Soup dinner
6:00 -7:00 Bible Study
Epiphany – Gospel Luke
Lent–Gospel John with video

Basement Beautification

A special thanks to everyone who helped clean up & out and renovate the church.



P.O. Box 307 Mineral 23117

Sundays 10:30 am

