

TIDINGS

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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

Elect Bishop Suffragan November 2018

A Search Committee has been appointed by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Virginia, and it is hard at work. A number of listening sessions were held around the Diocese and a survey has been distributed, in order to learn what the people of the Diocese are thinking. A profile will be published soon and, beginning on April 2, applications will begin being received. As we undertake this process, it is important to highlight what Bishops are called to do.

It is the ministry of all Christians to represent Christ and his Church. Within the Church, lay and ordained believers are called to different aspects of this shared ministry. "The ministry of a Bishop is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as apostle, chief priest, and pastor of a diocese; to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the whole Church; to proclaim the

Word of God; to act in Christ's name for the reconciliation of the world and the building up of the Church; and to ordain others to continue Christ's ministry." (Outline of Faith in the Book of Common Prayer, page 855)

In the service of ordination, the Bishop-elect is told, "Your heritage is the faith of patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and those of every generation who have looked to God in hope. Your joy will be to follow him who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." Those who have been elected to the office of Bishop commit themselves to this ministry by publicly making a series of powerful vows (See pages 517-518 in the Book of Common

Prayer.)

It is clear that the ministry of Bishop is an important one for the Church, and has been from apostolic times. All Bishops share in this ministry and the ordination service itself highlights the collegial nature of this ministry. At the same time, it is important to note that there are several functional differences between a Bishop Diocesan and a Bishop Suffragan.

There are a number of canonically mandated responsibilities that are designated for the Bishop Diocesan and cannot be delegated. Also, the Bishop Diocesan sets the vision for the Diocese, while a Bishop Suffragan assists in the

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Thanks to everyone who helped with the May 28th Yard Sale Day

DATE	READING	READER
May 6 Altar Guild: K. Guagliardo, S. Perry, M. Wood	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98	Nancy Moser Greeter: Rick Harlow
Easter 6 (Rogation)	1 John 5: 1-6	Liz Mostrag
Holy Eucharist	John 15 9-17	The Rev Lura M Kaval
May 13 Mother's Day Altar Guild: Eileen Smith, Kathy Sergent	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1	Susan Utt Greeter: Nancy Thomas
Easter 7	1John 5: 9-13	Rick Harlow
Holy Eucharist	John 17: 6-19	The Rev James Utt
May 20 Vestry Altar Guild: Eileen Smith, Kathy Sergent	Acts 2: 1-21 ? Psalm 104 24-35. 37	Jane Keller Greeter: Pat Hall
Day of Pentecost wear Red to church!	Romans 8: 22-27 ?	Edwin Keller
Holy Eucharist	John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b- 15	The Rev Lura M Kaval
May 27 POTLUCK ☺ Altar Guild: Pat Gibbons, Nancy Moser	Isaiah 6: 1-8 Psalm 29	Pat Gibbons Greeter: Pembroke Pettit
Trinity Sunday	Romans 8: 12-17	Wayne Gibbons
Holy Eucharist	John 3: 1-17	The Rev Lura M Kaval



May Birthdays

Dot Hix	8
Jane Fuller	8
Andi Gill	9
Andrew Mostrag	11
D Horn	12
Wayne Hudgins	15
The Church	20

Pentecost - Day

The term means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit.

The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of "White Sunday." This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.

Pentecost - Season

The season after Pentecost, according to the calendar of the church year (BCP, p. 32). It begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as twenty-eight Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The BCP provides proper collects and readings for the other



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!

Acts 2.4

Sundays of the season. These proper are numbered and designated for use on the Sundays which are closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. For example, Proper 3 is designated for use, if needed, on the Sunday closest to May 25. This period is also understood by some as "ordinary time," a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance, as in the Roman Rite adapted after Vatican II. See Ordinary Time.

	FRONT-PORCH	MINISTRY Please help fill-in	SIGN-UP the blanks	SHEET ☺
May 5	Cooking	Setup or Clean-up	Sales	Cookies
7:00 10:00 am	1. Jane Keller	1. Tom Brockel	1.	1. Kathy Sergent
	2. Nancy Moser	2. Duane Sergent	2.	2. Katherine Atkison
9:00- Noon	1.	1. Eileen Smith	1.	3.
	2.	2.	2.	4.
May 12	Cooking	Setup or Clean-up	Sales	Cookies
7:00 10:00 am	1. Claudia DeBusk	1. Tom Brockel	1.	1. Jane Keller
	2.	2. Duane Sergent	2.	2. Sandy Brockel
9:00- Noon	1. Nancy Moser	1. Jim Utt	1.	3. Janet Hudgins
	2. Rick Harlow	2. Susan Utt	2.	4.
May 19	Cooking	Setup or Clean-up	Sales	Cookies
7:00 10:00 am	1. Pat Gibbons	1. Tom Brockel	1.	1. Susan Utt
	2.	2. Duane Sergent	2.	2.
9:00- Noon	1. Wayne Gibbons	1.	1. Jim Utt	3.
	2.	2.	2. Susan Utt	4.
May 26	Cooking	Setup or Clean-up	Sales	Cookies
7:00 10:00 am	1. Jane Keller	1. Tom Brockel	1.	1. Elizabeth Mostrag
	2. Pat Gibbons	2. Duane Sergent.	2.	2.
9:00- Noon	1.	1.	1.	3.
	2.	2.	2.	4.

What is Mother Spice doing?

Deep Calls to Deep

is a year-long program for mid-career clergy. Preachers nourish their passion for preaching through voice and embodiment work and through deepening their connection to the Holy Spirit.

Four peer groups of six working preachers, including a trained peer group facilitator, meet together monthly over the course of a year to preach for each other and to respond to each other's preaching. These groups gather initially at a residency on the Virginia Theological Seminary campus. The 2018 residency, "**Preaching in the Jesus Movement,**" will take place from June 10-15 and includes:

- Sabbath time and worship
- One-on-one preaching inventory with a preaching guide
- Formation of peer groups
- Lectures and workshops linking spirituality and embodied preaching

After the initial residency, participants continue their work through:

- Monthly peer group meetings to preach for each

- other and give feedback
- Two sessions with preaching guide to work on specific sermons
- Mid-point half-day retreat
- After a year, we gather for a final residency from June 9-14, 2019.

The Stewardship of Authority

May 9-11 Clergy Conference.

In the Examination for ordination to the priesthood, we are called in all that we do "to nourish Christ's people from the riches of his grace." The words for those being ordained as deacons are "to seek nourishment" from the Holy Scriptures and "to model your life upon them." The source of these calls lies in the authority of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; the grace of these calls confers on each of us the responsibility to steward faithfully the many voices of authority that both surround us and guide us from within.

The clergy, had positive things to say about our retreat in 2013 when I, Bishop Goff and Bishop Gulick conducted the entire program. In grateful response, Bishop Goff, Bishop Ihloff and I are looking forward to leading the retreat for 2018. We intend to focus our diScussions on sacred authority: its sources, how it calls us, and how we deploy it.

* Save the Date! *

We would like to invite the congregation to a picnic at our home on **Saturday June 23rd at 3:30** (we'll plan to eat at 5).

We will provide burgers, hotdogs, and nonalcoholic drinks.

Please bring a picnic side dish or dessert to share (and a stronger drink if you prefer!).

Please RSVP by June 13 so we can shop appropriately. Friends welcome!

If anyone wants to play in the water, we are on the lake. We have a lot of outdoor seating, but if a few of you can bring chairs, that would be great! We are hoping you can come!

Sandy and Tom Brockel

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implementation of that vision and undertakes work specifically designated to him or her by the Bishop Diocesan. Being a Suffragan is a bit like “leading from the second chair,” to quote the title of a popular book. The Episcopal Church has 111 dioceses, and there are currently only nine Bishops Suffragan overall.

The new Bishop Suffragan in Virginia will share in the depth and breadth of episcopal ministry and will provide specific leadership for the pastoral care of clergy and their families, support and development of campus ministries, and ecumenical and interfaith relationships. Working primarily out of the Northern Virginia office, the second Suffragan will serve as the “first responder” for clergy and congregations in that region, and will also support episcopal ministry throughout the Diocese.

You can read more about the search on the diocesan website. Go to “thediocese.net,” and on the left hand side of the home page, scroll down and select “Bishop Suffragan Search.”

There are a number of ways that that you can be part of the

FRONT STEP MINISTRY!

sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall

- Early morning set up
- Cooking breakfast
- Making cookies for SALE
- Serving guests
- Cooking hotdogs & hamburgers
- Clean-up
- Take down

Everyone and anyone can serve in this ministry of hospitality.



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Sundays 10:30 am

