

TIDINGS

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

YOUR 2019 VESTRY

Tom Brockel

Jim DeBusk

Wayne Gibbons

Patsy Hall

Samantha Perry

Eileen Smith

Bill Thomas

Susan Turney

Rev. Lura Kaval

MINI GOLF FUND-RAISER FOR LCEF ON APRIL 7TH

The **2nd Annual Miniature Golf Tournament on April 7, 3:00 to 5:00 pm**, at the Boardwalk on the Lake. The rain date is April 28.

Mark your calendar and come join the fun. For \$25, you can play 18 holes of golf at Boardwalk Mini Golf, have dinner at Tim's at Lake Anna Restaurant, and provide financial assistance to people in need in Louisa County through LCEF. Be on a golf team of 4 representing Incarnation and have fun with your church family. Let's see how many teams we can have this year! You can also come for dinner and be a cheerleader for Incarnation for \$25. See Susan Utt (894-4879) for tickets and for more information.



OUR DONATION TO LOUISA COUNTY EMERGENCY FUND

A check was donated by the Church to LCEF for \$1200.00 which will help at least 4 families.



"Thank you so much for the very generous donation from your church to LCEF! Susan presented the check at our board meeting today. We are so appreciative! You will receive an official thank you letter from our Treasurer, but I wanted to send you a personal "note", too." -Lin Kogle- LCEF Chairperson

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

The Lenten Soup and Book Study will take place on Wednesday nights from 6-8:00 pm beginning March 13th and continuing for five weeks until April 10th. The book being used is entitled *The Wounded Healer* by Henri Nouwen. Please purchase a copy or contact St. James to have them purchase one for you. This study will be at St. James Church in Louisa.



Picture courtesy of St. James

PLANTS FOR SALE

Beginning Sunday, April 28, vegetable plants raised by Incarnation will be available for spring planting. We will have the following plants:

Cucumber, Gherkin, Rodnichok Natur H

Sweet pepper, Calif Wonders

Tomato, grape, 5 Star

Tomato, Roma

Tomato, Super Beefsteak, Burpee (may not be available until after April 28)

We will set up the plants on a table for sale after church during social hour in the fellowship hall. So, tell your friends and neighbors, and get the above vegetable plants from us to benefit the church. Please bring a small cardboard box in which to carry them home.

If you have questions, you can contact Duane Sergent at duaneinva2@aol.com. If you would like plants earlier, that can be arranged by contacting Duane.



FRONT STEP MINISTRY STARTS MAY 4th!

We need your help!!! Sign-up sheets on the bulletin board!!!

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

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

Everyone and anyone can serve in this ministry of hospitality.



We organized the festival to bring attention to and show pride for the Town of Mineral and its surrounding areas.

Saturday

May 4, 2019

9AM – 1PM (Rain or Shine)

Mineral Farmer's Market Field



THE HAND IN HAND COMMUNITY SEMINAR IS ON SATURDAY APRIL 13TH.

This 2 hour and 15 minutes program will present strategies on helping individuals in need, Hand-out, or Hand-Up but the main focus will be describing a mentoring, or coaching strategy, Hand-in-Hand.

Ms. Casandra Carter of MACAA, who works on the front line and is keenly aware of the needs in our county will be the main speaker. Ms. Carter will outline an educational opportunity, of how to become a community coach, and will help people to identify if they may be called to this ministry.

The event is FREE and open to everyone and we are hoping that people and organizations from all over the county will attend.

Hand Up? Hand Out?



Hand in Hand!
*How do we reach-out to others?
What are the best practices to help
people in our community?*

*The Church of the Incarnation
102 Louisa Avenue, Mineral, VA
everyone is invited*

Saturday, April 13th 9:30-11:45am

THE LOUISA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY CHOIR

Is presenting

A Lenten Concert for The Journey Home

Sunday, April 7, 2019

4 P.M.

Louisa Presbyterian Church

212 Church Avenue

Louisa, Virginia

THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

A small group is planning to attend a play, The Living Last Supper, at the Louisa Art Center on Friday April 19th at 7:30. There is **one** unclaimed ticket. Cost is \$19. If anyone would like to go, see Sandy Brockel for the ticket.



PALM SUNDAY APRIL 14TH AT 10:30AM

Palm Sunday is the last Sunday of Lent and the Sunday before Easter. Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, which took place the week before his death and resurrection. Palm Sunday, is also referred to as Passion Sunday (for we read the story of Jesus' death). The Church suggests we celebrate both the triumphant celebration and his crucifixion, even though it takes place the following Friday. The church does this because they believe most people will not come and honor Jesus' death on Good Friday. I have more faith in God's children. So, we will celebrate on Sunday and mourn on Friday.

MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 18TH AT 7:00PM

Maundy Thursday is the celebration of the Last Supper where Jesus washed his disciples' feet and gave them the NEW commandment.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. -John 13:34

In the garden of Gethsemane, he said "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:36-46

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 19TH AT NOON

After the service the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday. For Christians, Good Friday is a crucial day of the year because it celebrates what we believe to be the most momentous weekend in the history of the world. Ever since Jesus died and was raised, Christians have proclaimed the cross and resurrection of Jesus to be the decisive turning point for all creation. Paul considered it to be "of first importance" that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, all in accordance with what God had promised all along in the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3).

On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). It is followed by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins (1 John 1:10). It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith (Romans 6:5). Still, why call the day of Jesus' death "Good Friday" instead of "Bad Friday" or something similar? Some Christian traditions do take this approach: in German, for example, the day is called Karfreitag, or "Sorrowful Friday." In English, in fact, the origin of the term "Good" is debated: some believe it developed from an older name, "God's Friday." Regardless of the origin, the name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save his people from their sins.

In order for the good news of the gospel to have meaning for us, we first have to understand the bad news of our condition as sinful people under condemnation. The good news of deliverance only makes sense once we see how we are enslaved. Another way of saying this is that it is important to understand and

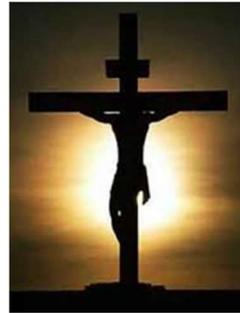
distinguish between law and gospel in Scripture. We need the law first to show us how hopeless our condition is; then the gospel of Jesus' grace comes and brings us relief and salvation.

In the same way, Good Friday is "good" because as terrible as that day was, it had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter. The wrath of God against sin had to be poured out on Jesus, the perfect sacrificial substitute, in order for forgiveness and salvation to be poured out to the nations. Without that awful day of suffering, sorrow, and shed blood at the cross, God could not be both "just and the justifier" of those who trust in Jesus (Romans 3:26). Paradoxically, the day that seemed to be the greatest triumph of evil was actually the deathblow in God's gloriously good plan to redeem the world from bondage.

The cross is where we see the convergence of great suffering and God's forgiveness. Psalms 85:10 sings of a day when "righteousness and peace" will "kiss each other." The cross of Jesus is where that occurred, where God's demands, his righteousness, coincided with his mercy. We receive divine forgiveness, mercy, and peace because Jesus willingly took our divine punishment, the result of God's righteousness against sin. "For the joy set before him" (Hebrews 12:2) Jesus endured the cross on Good Friday, knowing it led to his resurrection, our salvation, and the beginning of God's reign of righteousness and peace.

Good Friday marks the day when wrath and mercy met at the cross. That's why Good Friday is so dark and so Good.

From: <https://www.christianity.com/god/jesus-christ/what-s-so-good-about-good-friday.html>



TRY THESE 8 SIMPLE HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES TO PREPARE YOUR SOUL FOR EASTER

Easter is about more than bunnies and baskets. Here's how you can transcend the commercial, and spend more time reverently preparing for Easter Sunday.

By Cheryl Magness from APRIL 4, 2017

Bunnies and baskets began gracing supermarket shelves weeks ago. Every third commercial on television is for Cadbury eggs, people on Facebook are wishing you a happy Easter, and signs of spring abound. But it's not Easter yet! It's still Lent, and liturgical Christians around the world continue to restrain their joy (and their alleluias) until April 21. The celebration of Christ's resurrection takes on even greater meaning when we are rightly prepared. If you have not been observing Lent, or even if you have, here are some ways to make Holy Week—the week before Easter—a time to quietly and repentantly reflect upon the most important event in the history of the world.

1. Observe Palm Sunday

Many Christians attend church on Easter. Way fewer attend the week before. If you don't normally go to church on Palm Sunday (observed as "Passion" Sunday by some churches), you are missing out on the moment when Christ's steps turn unmistakably toward the cross. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, his followers threw palm branches in His path, singing "hosannas" and hailing Him as a king. Within days, Jesus was deserted and denied by those followers, condemned, scourged, crucified, and laid in a borrowed tomb. To fully grasp the significance of Jesus' redemptive work for a fickle, unworthy humanity, one

needs to trace His path from the very beginning of Holy Week. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

2. Listen to Holy Week Music

Nothing sets the proper mood like music. A couple of years ago I wrote this suggested listening list for Holy Week. Here are two others. Lutheran Public Radio also streams sacred music in keeping with the liturgical season.

3. Read Through Holy Week

“The Greatest Part of the Greatest Story: The History of Jesus from Cross to Crown” draws on all four gospels to narrate the story of Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection. “A Glorious Dark: Finding Hope in the Tension Between Belief and Experience,” organized into sections on Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday, “invites us to develop a faith that embraces the tension between what we believe and what we experience.”

The online Revised Common Lectionary has appointed readings for each day of Holy Week. Or you might choose to spend the week reading one (or all?) of the four Gospels. (I suggest Luke, as it leads naturally into Acts, which would be great to read during the season of Easter).

4. Attend Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services

Holy Week is framed by Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, but what happens between is what makes the Sundays make sense. Many churches offer worship each day of Holy Week.

The Triduum, or Three Days, includes the liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. Maundy Thursday commemorates Christ’s Last Supper with the apostles, Good Friday marks His crucifixion and death, and the Easter Vigil, traditionally beginning at sundown on Holy Saturday, provides a bridge between Lent and Easter by moving from dark and quiet reverence to bells, alleluias, and joyful celebration of the Resurrection.

This can be a particularly good way of teaching children about the meaning of Holy Week, as the visual and aural changes in a short span of time are quite striking. In a matter of days, the sanctuary moves from palms and hosannas to an altar that is first stripped, then draped in black, then resplendent with lilies and

paraments of white and gold. In my own church, the stripping and re-adorning of the altar actually occur during the church services themselves, further heightening the significance of what is happening.

5. Do A Mini-Lenten Observance

Maybe you thought about participating in a Lenten discipline but didn’t quite get around to doing so. Believe me, you’re not alone.

But it’s not too late! Beginning Palm Sunday and carrying through to Easter Sunday, consider engaging in an act of sacrifice or devotion. Give up the chocolate or the swearing. Alternatively, or additionally, commit to a daily activity designed to help focus your mind on the business at hand. Consider a reading plan for the week (see #3 above), or if you aren’t already in the habit, commit to regular daily prayer. Pray when you wake up, at breakfast, lunch, supper, and before bed.

If you aren’t sure how or what to pray, you can’t go wrong with The Lord’s Prayer. Or, since the Book of Psalms is also known as the Bible’s prayer book, you could choose a psalm to read at each prayer time. Also consider these beautiful prayers for morning and evening written by Martin Luther.

6. Take Part in A Mini-Fast

Consider a full or modified fast starting from the conclusion of Good Friday worship through sundown on Saturday (biblically speaking, sundown is equivalent to the start of the next day, which is why the Vigil is considered to be an Easter service).

You don’t have to give up all sustenance to reap the spiritual benefit of fasting. You might simply eat less, eat more simply, or skip supper Friday, eat a light breakfast Saturday, and then have a meal after the

Easter Vigil. The point of fasting is not to prove anything, make yourself suffer, or earn God's approval. It is to help focus one's mind and spirit, and as such is an extremely personal thing. If you typically can't get through the day without chain-drinking coffee or diet Dr. Pepper, going without for six hours might be sufficient.

7. Unplug for The Week

Turn off the TV, shut down the computer and cell phone, and sign off social media. Doing one or more of the preceding could be part of your Holy Week discipline (see #5), or it could be an addition to it, one that would have the effect of helping you stay tuned in to the amazing story that is being played out before you in Word, worship and song.

8. Use Social Media Posts to Direct Attention to Holy Week

If you decide to stay plugged in, use your social media to proclaim the events of the week. Instead of posting political rants, pictures of your food, or updates about your activities, post Bible passages and links to great works of art that point to the most important social act of all time: how God in His great mercy kept His promise, given to Adam and Eve, to redeem His creation.

The list above is not meant to be a burden but a blessing. If your life is such that waking up, putting two feet on the floor and getting out of bed takes great effort, skip all of the above. It's okay. Go to church on Easter and hear of God's love for you. He isn't keeping score.

About the author:

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THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach Committee met on March 13th. They have requested the Vestry donate \$1200 from designated outreach funds to the Louisa County Emergency Fund. This would enable LCEF to give 4 grants to those in need of assistance. We also requested that four \$25 gift cards be purchased to be used at the Vicar's discretion to fulfill an immediate need for someone requesting help.

Members of the committee are already serving in areas of outreach. We are hoping many of you will join us! The following list includes a member of the outreach committee who can help you get started.

1. Packing groceries at LCRC about every 6 weeks, 9am to 11am on a Monday. (Sandy Brockel)
2. Visit patients at the Louisa Rehab (Susan Tourney and Eileen Smith)
3. Caring Connections, visiting elderly with a partner (Nancy Moser and Jane Gallagher)
4. Provide soup or casserole to freeze and have on hand if someone is ill. (Nancy Moser)
5. Add personal item donations to the big yellow box. (Sandy Brockel)
6. Donate cash toward our October canned goods donation. (Sandy Brockel)
7. Bring your cardboard (from cereal boxes to corrugated boxes) and plastic grocery bags to church on the first Sunday of the month, to be delivered to LCRC.
8. Refer males in the community who have lost a spouse, so they may be invited to join the breakfast on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. (Doug Fuller)
9. Purchase a ticket to the dinner and auction to benefit Journey Home (Claudia DeBusk)
10. Purchase a ticket for the mini golf and dinner fundraiser to benefit LCEF. (Susan Utt)
11. Join our committee and suggest other areas we can be of help!

THE JOURNEY HOME AUCTIONS

There will be a fund raiser/auction for The Journey Home on May 4th, 6-9pm. Incarnation will have a table in support of this project. Their website: journeyhomemineral.org

Live and silent **AUCTION**

Saturday, May 4

Auctioneer Col Bill Billingsley

The Journey Home

Transforming Lives for the Road Ahead



Silent Auction

Items may be viewed
and bids accepted
\$5.00 entry fee (includes raffle)

3:00pm-6:30pm

Live Auction

Dinner served from 6pm -7pm
\$25.00 per person
(includes raffle)
Tickets Purchased In Advance

7:00pm-9:00pm

BENEFITTING THE JOURNEY HOME
Under Construction

Mineral Baptist Church Family Life Center
51 Louisa Ave, Mineral 23117

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Join us in supporting a good cause as together we help our neighbors in need

SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR APRIL		
DATE		
April 7		
Altar Guild	Greeter	Acolytes
Margaret Wood, Karen Guagliardo Samantha Perry	Jim Utt	Andrew Mostrag
April 14		
Eileen Smith, Kathy Sergent	Sandy Brockel	Maddie Madison
April 18		
E. Smith K Sergent		
April 19 (noon)		
E. Smith K. Sergent		
April 21		
E. Smith K. Sergent And Others	Samantha Perry	Jacob Barlow
April 28	Jane Gallagher	Abby Barlow
Pat Gibbons Nancy Moser		

LECTORS FOR APRIL		
DATE	READING	READER
April 7	Isaiah 43: 16-21& Psalm 126	Katherine Atkinson
Lent 5	Philippians 3:4b-14	Eileen Smith
Holy Eucharist	John 12: 1-8	Rev Lura M. Kaval
April 14	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16	Nancy Thomas
Palm Sunday	Philippians 2: 5-11	Maddie Madison
Holy Eucharist	Luke ?	Rev Lura M. Kaval
April 18	Exodus 12: 1-14 Psalm 116: 1, 10-17	Jane Keller
Maundy Thursday	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	Nancy Moser
Holy Eucharist	John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	Rev Lura M. Kaval
April 19	Isaiah 52: 13 -53:12 Psalm 22	Susan Utt
Good Friday	Hebrews 10:16-25	Pat Gibbons
Holy Eucharist	Passion Reading (in parts)	Almost everyone
April 21	Acts 10: 34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24	Rick Harlow
Easter Day	I Corinthians 15: 19-26 or Acts 10: 34-43	Edwin Keller
Holy Eucharist	John 20: 1-18 or Luke 24: 1-12	Rev. Lura M. Kaval
April 28	Acts 5: 27-32	Joe Rivera
Easter 2	Revelation 1: 4-8	Samantha Perry
Holy Eucharist	John 20: 19-31	Rev. Lura M. Kaval

IMPORTANT EVENTS THIS MONTH AT CHURCH AND IN THE COMMUNITY

- o Every Sunday will be comm
- o The collection from the plate offerings on April 8th goes to the Vicar's Discretionary Fund.
- o Miniature Golf Tournament for LCEF on April 7 at 3pm-5pm
- o The Louisa Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Choir Concert for Journey Home April 7th at 4pm
- o Bible Study for Lent at St. James: March 13- April 10.
- o Hand up? Hand Out? Hand in Hand! On April 13 at 9:30am-11:45
- o Palm Sunday- Donkey Service on April 14 at 10:30am
- o Maundy Thursday- Foot Washing on April 18
- o Good Friday on April 19 at Noon
- o The Living Last Supper at Louisa Art Center on Friday April 19 at 7:30pm
- o Easter Sunday on April 21 at 10:30am
- o The 4th Sunday of every month is potluck. This month it is on April 28th.

THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION – 2019 CALENDAR

Epiphany	January 6
Women of the Bible Study	January 16 - February 27
Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Super	March 5 at 5pm
Ash Wednesday	March 6 at NOON
Lent- Bible Study at St. James	March 13 - Apr. 10
Miniature Golf Tournament- LCEF	April 7 at 3pm-5pm
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Front Step Ministry Starts	May 4
Mineral Beautification	May 4
Journey Home Auction	May 4 at 6pm-9pm
Pentecost	June 10
From Crib to Cross	June 24-26
Pet Blessing	October 5
Oktoberfest Fundraiser	October 12
Front Step Ministry Ends	October 19
Bible Study	October 23 – Nov 20
Thanksgiving	November 28
Advent- Christmas Starts in Mineral	December 1
Christmas Pageant	December 22
Christmas Eve	December 24 Tuesday at 5:00pm

Lilies



for Easter

In Thanksgiving or
 in Memorial
 Please give your
 Form to Pat Gibbons

OUR PRAYER LIST

Dorothy Dix- Church Member- Alzheimer's.

Margaret Wood-Church Member.

Jessica Utt— Jim and Susan Utt's Daughter in law- Persistent migraines and treatment.

Bert Stafford— friend of Pat and Wayne Gibbons- Terminal cancer.

Anella Oldham—mother in law of Stephanie Oldham (Pat and Wayne's daughter) - She had major cancer surgery.

Barbara Smith- friend of Nancy Moser and other Church members- Terminal cancer.

Colleen- daughter of Pat and Jane Gallagher- Confined to bed during pregnancy.

Edwin Keller- Church Member- Intermittent episodes of unexplained dizziness and nausea.

*Note: If your loved one has been removed from the list or you would like to add someone, please contact Pat Gibbons and Edwin Keller.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

Bea Mathews	07
Claudia DeBusk	10
Deborah Pettit	26
Coreen Gelber	30

Birthday Prayers are found on page 830 in The Book of Common Prayer

Anniversaries:

None



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