

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

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

The newly established Outreach Committee chaired by Sandy Brockel met on January 16 with 11 in attendance. Jane Gallagher shared her research of organized groups in the county, that are already trying to meet the needs of needy residents. We discussed ways The Church of the Incarnation could help within our church community, as well as the extended community. We will meet again on February 13 at 3:30 in the fellowship hall and each committee member has been asked to share an outreach idea they have researched and value. Anyone is welcome to join the committee!

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Our new Wednesday night bible study topic is Women in the Bible. Join us Wednesdays at 5:30pm for dinner and study from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. Every Wednesday through February.



PANCAKE SUPPER This year's pancake supper is on March 5th

THE FIRST SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of the month we acknowledge the people who are celebrating birthdays, baptisms, wedding anniversaries, or any other special milestones.

The vestry has also indicated that the first Sunday of the month, in accordance with the church canons, (rules, by-laws) is when any monies placed in the offering plate that are not identified, as a pledge, will go into the discretionary account. The vicar's discretionary account is used for the special needs of the church and greater community. For example, the homeless family we supported, to stay at the hotel those few nights, came out of this fund, as well as some of the Christmas gifts given to the family in December.

If people in our church family are in financial need or have an emergency these funds are also available. The distribution of these funds can be confidential, only known by the vicar. People may contribute to this fund by cash or check -- please put discretionary fund on the memo line.

“MISSION” TO “FULL” CHURCH STATUS

The Church of the Incarnation is currently a mission church, a church that has needed the financial support of the Diocese of Virginia to remain open. It is under the authority of the bishop, as well as the Committee for Congregational Missions (CCM), which are required to review our budget, mission, and ministry objectives. The priest in a mission is called a vicar, because s/he works at the request of the bishop in consultation with the mission and has a one-year renewable contract.

When a church achieves full church status, the priest is called a rector; s/he works under the bishop but has permanent status in the congregation. The priest and congregation determine budget, priorities and no longer need the approval from the bishop or CCM.

To qualify for full church status a mission must be financially independent and show long-range viability to be a self-sustaining church. The vestry must submit to the regional council, the CCM and the bishop a petition for a change of status. Even though the expectation is that a mission must show a minimum of three years of self-sufficiency and vitality, we will submit our paperwork this year in hopes that in November of 2019 the diocesan convention may approve our request. At that time, we will have submitted three years of budgets indicating no diocesan financial support, although we will have only completed two years. So, if we do not receive full church status in 2019, we would certainly be eligible in 2020.

PLEDGING AS A SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

The vestry and I would like to extend a special **THANK YOU**, for everyone who made a 2019 pledge. In the Old Testament it was expected that believers would give an animal or grain offering, a sacrifice to God. In the New Testament Jesus asks us to give God our very best – first, and not all that we have, but to work toward giving our best ten percent first.

Everyone filled out their financial contribution but many did not turn the pledge card over and fill in their gifts of time and talent. Both sides of the pledge card are equally important and everyone, no matter what age can participate. For example, there is a line indicating participation in Sunday worship. You do that already—let’s make sure we give ourselves that credit. Most people participate in fellowship and refreshments, it is listed as well.

If you didn’t fill out both sides of your pledge card, please pray about how God is calling you to mission and ministry at The Church of the Incarnation, fill it out another one and turn it in. If you are new to the church and need a pledge card, they can be found in the brochure rack next to church front and side doors.

THE WINDOW DEDICATION FROM JANUARY 27TH 2019.

The Window Dedication went so well, we had 98 in attendance. Sandy created a book of all the information for the windows as well as the dedications and the pictures in a Red Binder in the Parish Hall.



"If anyone has a broken heart, the church is where they need to be." -Rev. Lura Kaval

IMPORTANT EVENTS

The collection from the plate offerings on February 3rd goes to the Vicar's Discretionary Fund.

Women in the Bible! Bible study is every Wednesday at 5:30pm.

The next vestry meeting is on Wednesday, February 20th at 9:30am at the Church

The 4th Sunday of every month is potluck. This month it is on February 24th.

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
Ash Wednesday	March 6
Lent- Bible Study	March 13 - Apr. 10
Palm Sunday- Donkey Service	April 14 at 10:30am
Maundy Thursday- Foot Washing	April 18
Good Friday	April 19 at Noon
Easter Sunday	April 20 at 10:30am
Front Step Ministry Starts	May 4
Pentecost	June 10
Pet Blessing	October 5
Oktoberfest Fundraiser	October 12
Front Step Ministry Ends	October 19
Bible Study	October 23 – November 20
Thanksgiving	November 28
Advent- Christmas Starts in Mineral	December 1
Christmas Pageant	December 22
Christmas Eve	December 24 Tuesday at 5:00pm

Service Schedule for February		
DATE	READING	READER
February 3	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6	Katherine Atkinson
Epiphany 4	1 Corinthians 13: 1-13	Nancy Thomas
Holy Eucharist	Luke 4: 21-30	Rev Lura M. Kaval
February 10	Isaiah 6: 1-13 Psalm 138	Susan Utt
Epiphany 5	1 Corinthians 15: 1-11	Rick Harlow
Holy Eucharist	Luke 5: 1-11	Rev Lura M. Kaval
February 17	Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Psalm 1	Joe Rivera
Epiphany 6	1 Corinthians 15: 12-20	Elizabeth Mostrag
Holy Eucharist	Luke 6 17-26	Rev Lura M. Kaval
February 24	Genesis 3: 11, 15 Psalm 37: 1-12, 41, 42	Maddie Madison
Epiphany 7	1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50	Nancy Moser
Holy Eucharist	Luke 6: 27-38	Rev. Lura M. Kaval
<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
Feb. 3 M. Wood, S. Perry, K. Guagliardo	Samantha Perry	Abby Barlow
Feb. 10 M. Wood, S. Perry, Karen G	Jim Utt	Andrew Mostrag
Feb. 17 K. Sergent, E. Smith	Sandy Brockel	Jacob Barlow
Feb. 24 K, Sergent E. Smith	Jane Gallagher	Maddie Madison

Any changes please contact Jane Keller

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Birthdays:

Janet Hudgins	03
Jaylen Greene	04
Barbara Wiederkehr	16
Bill Thomas	21
Lynn Coburn	27

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

Anniversaries: None

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