



GOOD NEWS LETTER

Dear Friends,

The cinematography in the film, *Dead Man Walking*, slows down the viewing experience as we are brought alongside Sister Helen Prejean and her support and care of Matthew. Matthew is, of course, on death row and each pan of the camera reminds you of the slow walk towards his execution.

Anytime we face a daunting and difficult task, doesn't life slow down? We notice more, we are more deliberate with our words and actions. We extend each inhale and exhale, our senses fine tuned like a wild animal in these moments. Lent is such a moment for you and me.

On first glance, Lent seems to be super busy and a "get it done" type of season in the Church, and if we are not careful it can become that. A period of seven weeks that is chock-full of activities and offers zero reflection or observation.

If you find yourselves barreling through Lent then STOP, DROP, and REST. (This sentence is for me, FYI).

All of the enhanced activities and energy during Lent is designed to yank us out of our comfort zones, to offer a different perspective or unearth some need or pain.

So why? The reason is that we will, once again, engage our minds and hearts around another Dead Man Walking – a man who took on the sins of the world, and who died not in a chair but on a cross.

And as the world fades to darkness on Good Friday, we are left to reflect His work. A reflection that is shattered by the prism of light that welcomes us on Easter Morning.

Jesus is Risen. Death is no more.

Grateful for each of you and for these coming weeks together –

Willis

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A LOOK AHEAD

May 2019						
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Palm Sunday -- April 14

Liturgy of the Palms with the Passion Reading from the Gospel according to Luke and Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday -- April 18

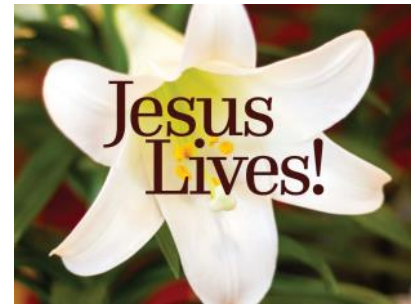
7:00 p.m. Instructed Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar with optional foot washing

Good Friday -- April 19

12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Services



Our children will be flowering the cross on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Please bring your contribution of flowers to the church prior to the 10:30 service. Thank you!



Easter Sunday

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday, April 21

Service of Holy Communion at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Flowering of the Cross at 10:30 a.m.

Willis will speak at the Fincastle United Methodist Church Lenten

Service and Lunch on Wednesday, April 3rd at

noon. There is a short 20-minute service with music

and the message and then a delicious lunch is served at 12:30pm. Take out meals are available.



Upgrade to Altar Flower Dedication sign-up!

Do you want to donate altar flowers in honor, thanksgiving or memory of someone?

We have a new process for that now! Please go to our website at www.stmarksfincastle.org and click on the "sign-up" button on the right side of the home page and follow the prompts. There will be a form for you to fill in for your dedication along with a drop-down calendar for you to choose the date you would like your dedication to appear in the bulletin.



Gina is happy to walk you through it if you need help. Just call her or stop by the office. All flower dedications done previously have been loaded into the system and your dates are secured. Directions are posted outside of the sacristy, too.

Vestry Musings

By Ron Manley

Every Lenten season, I am reminded of the supreme sacrifice made on our behalf by our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am particularly moved by the service on Maundy Thursday, and in particular, the reading of Psalm 22. This is a very powerful Psalm for me, which reminds all of us of the suffering by our Lord Christ on the cross, many ages later in time.

The verses that speak to me most are those quoted below from the Book of Common Prayer.

**¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
and are so far from my cry**

and from the words of my distress?

**⁶ But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

**⁷ All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

**⁸ "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; *
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**

These words mirror the Passion of His Crucifixion, and provide a worthy opportunity for us to humble ourselves before God and in some small way appreciate the magnitude of God's sacrifice of his only Son, for our sakes. It is only through this sacrifice and his resurrection on the third day that "In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life" as is written in our service of Holy Communion.

During this Lenten time of reflection and introspection, let us be mindful of His sacrifice for all our sakes, and work to walk in his footsteps as we approach a glorious Easter Day.

Dorcas Needlework Guild



Bring the needle of your choice and join other stitchers in the St. Mark's Youth Center every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00!

Appalachian Vespers

Services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Chapel in Eagle Rock

April 28 -- Music provided by Like the Moon (www.likethemoonband.com)

May 19 -- Music provided by George Honeycutt Trio

June 16 -- Music provided by Like the Moon

July 21 -- Music provided by Mark Baskind Duo

Reception immediately following each service in the Eagle Rock Fire House.

Emmanuel Chapel now has a facebook page! Visit and give it a thumbs up!

Homework Helps

Hello St. Marks!

Homework Helps is entering the last 9 weeks of the school year. It has been such a wonderful time of learning and growing. One of our kindergarteners who did not know any sight words at Christmas, now knows 30 and was able to read his homework book to me last week. It was so exciting to see the progress he has made because of the love of a consistent person helping each week.

I was thinking back on this time last year when the idea of having Homework Helps at St. Mark's was being decided. We did not know the names, faces, and stories of the children who would be coming, yet St. Mark's was willing to step out and generously share. The impact has been incredible. Those rooms are a safe place where children are valued and loved each week. Their lives will be forever changed because of your faithfulness.

Coming up will be our Easter Food Drive. All items due April 14. For a list of food items, click here <https://orchardhillschurch.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fb8930d79ac59f039d3c9cc21&id=834dd905e9&e=92a59cd441>

Lenten Suppers and Historical Theology Series
How we read the Bible - Past, Present and Future
with featured speakers

Wednesdays in April -- 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Ministry Center

April 3: "Reading Scripture with a Disability"

Darla Schumm is the John P. Wheeler Professor of Religion at Hollins University. She received her B.A. in interdisciplinary studies with concentrations in history, psychology, and women's studies from Goshen College, her M.A. in social ethics from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, and her Ph.D. in religion, ethics, and society from Vanderbilt University. Schumm's current research focuses on intersections between religious studies and disability studies. She is the co-editor of *Disability and World Religions: An Introduction*, a textbook on world religions and disability. She has several published articles in this area. Darla enjoys traveling, knitting, reading fiction, and playing with her son in her free time.



April 10: "Reading Scripture with Saints"

Riley Chattin is a certified Spiritual Director and Intuitive. As a Spiritual Director he draws upon a background of diverse experiences and training, to help navigate unique spiritual paths. Riley says: "I am able to recognize that we may have our spiritual home, but we also have our own journey. While we may know that we have the opportunity to strengthen our spiritual lives, we may not know how. This is where a trained Spiritual Director can be of benefit, to expand the opportunities of spiritual growth. In addition to Spiritual Director training at the [Spiritual Direction Institute](#), I am also a certified Reiki Master, and Reflexology practitioner, which all aid in recognizing our physical, mental and spiritual needs."



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2:30pm Homework Helps	2 12:00pm Botetourt County Clergy Meeting 8:00pm Open AA meeting	3 12:05pm Willis is speaker at FUMC Lenten Lunch 2:30pm Homework Helps 6:00pm Lenten Supper - Speaker, Darla Schumm	4 12:00pm Clericus 1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center	5 Office Closed 8:00pm Open AA	6 8:30am Episcopal Men's Fellowship 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
7 8:00am Holy Communion I 9:15am Adult Ed.JFellowship Time 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Children's Chapel 10:30am Holy Communion II - Jenny Call, preacher	8 2:30pm Homework Helps	9 8:00pm Open AA meeting	10 Clergy Quiet Day 2:30pm Homework Helps 6:00pm Lenten Supper - speaker Riley Chatten	11 1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center	12 Office Closed 8:00pm Open AA	13 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
14 PALM SUNDAY 8:00am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion I 9:15am Adult Ed.JFellowship Time 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Children's Chapel 10:30am Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Communion II	15 Botetourt County Public Schools Spring Break through 4-22	16 5:00pm Vestry Meeting 8:00pm Open AA meeting	17	18 Maundy Thursday 1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center 7:00pm Instructed Service of Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar, optional footwashing	19 Office Closed 12:00pm Good Friday Service 7:00pm Good Friday Service 8:00pm Open AA	20 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
21 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00am Holy Communion I 9:15am Adult Ed.JFellowship Time 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Holy Communion II 10:30am Children's Chapel	22 Office Closed	23 May Good News Letter Deadline! 8:00pm Open AA meeting	24 2:30pm Homework Helps	25 1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center 6:00pm 12th Annual Mockingbird Conference in NYC through 27th	26 Office Closed 8:00pm Open AA	27 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
28 8:00am Holy Communion I 9:15am Adult Ed.JFellowship Time 9:30am Choir Rehearsal 10:30am Holy Communion II 10:30am Children's Chapel 4:00pm Appalachian Vespers at Emmanuel Chapel	29 12:00pm Worship Commission Meeting tentative 2:30pm Homework Helps	30 11:30am Holy Communion at The Glebe 8:00pm Open AA meeting	<p>SAVE THE DATES!!</p> <p>May 2 - David Zahl will be here for a reading and book signing of his new book <u>Seculosity</u> at 7pm in sanctuary. Reception afterwards</p> <p>A History of the Book of Common Prayer - Tuesday evenings in May, led by Chuck Geiger at 7:00pm</p> <p>Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 8th at 5:30pm in the Ministry Center.</p> <p>Appalachian Vespers - May 19th at 4:00pm with musicians, George Honeycutt Trio</p>			

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APRIL 2019							
4-7	C. Geiger W. Michael	S. Field	Ana U. Lauren U.	T. Trammell S. Loeschen	C. Echols M. Parish	T. Trammell A. Caldwell	P. Suite G. Sydnor
4-14 PALM SUN.	P. Garrison P. Mahony	A. Layman	Gabriella B.	S. Hays P. Garrison	D. Collins K. Beasley	A. Palmer A. Caldwell	J. Gordon B. Heartwell
4-21 EASTER	W. Michael Emily T-G	J. Gordon	Mark P.	E. Moore P. Gordon	G. Sydnor S. Sydnor	TBD A. Caldwell	L. Uotinen P. Howarth
4-28	J. Howarth K. Cahoon	P. Gordon	LEM	P. Garrison D. Wood	J. Gordon M. Parish	T. Trammell A. Caldwell	D. Beasley P. Garrison

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MAY 2019							
5-5	C. Geiger R. Hagan	M. Parish		T. Trammell S. Loeschen	K. Cahoon P. Neil	A. Caldwell	R. Manley K. Beasley
5-12	P. Garrison W. Michael	J. Powers		S. Hays L. Jacobi	M. Dudding S. Waid	A. Caldwell	M. Parish S. Diez
5-19 Baptism	W. Michael P. Mahony	D. Collins		E. Moore P. Gordon	W. Michael S. Frechette	A. Caldwell	P. Suite C. Geiger
5-26	J. Howarth Emily T.-G.	G. Sydnor		P. Garrison D. wood	B. Heartwell S. Field	A. Caldwell	G. Sydnor J. Gordon

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Adult Education

The study of the Lenten Collects will continue on April 7 and 14.

Chuck Geiger will lead the following classes on April 21 and 28:

- April 21 - The Opened Tomb
- April 28 - Well, how was **your** week?

SAVE THE DATE!!

Award-winning bluegrass band, The Grascals, are coming to Fincastle for the Twelfth Night Annual Charity Concert January 4, 2020



The women of St. Mark's Episcopal Church will have a Mother/Daughter Banquet at 5:30pm on Wednesday, May 8 in the

Ministry Center. All women of the church are invited to attend. The cost for the banquet is \$10.00. If you write a check, please put "ECW M/D Banquet" on the "for" line of the check. Cash payment should be given to Ola Manley, Treasurer.

For those who do not have a mother or daughter available, please "team up" with another lady for the event! If possible, bring a photo of your mother and/or daughter to display that evening in the St. Mark's office. A delicious dinner will be catered by Laura Jamison and entertainment will be provided!

David Zahl Book Signing



David Zahl, executive Director of Mockingbird Ministries, will be at St. Mark's on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm to do a reading and book signing of his new book, Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do about It. Discounted copies will be available.

David serves as the College and Young Adult Minister/ Licensed Lay Preacher at Christ Church, Charlottesville, also. Many of you remember his riveting talk during Lent 2018. Mockingbird publications are available for check-out in the church library.

There will be a light refreshment reception afterwards in the church Parish Hall.

Check out his blog at this link:
<https://www.mbird.com/author/david-zahl/>

Forms due in by April 7th, please.



Easter Flowers Order Form

Easter flowers are being ordered by the Altar Guild for use in the sanctuary and narthex on Easter 2019. The 6" pot of tulips and daffodils can be taken home and planted afterwards.

If you would like to order potted flowers for a loved one, please fill out the order form and place them in the sacristy or drop it in the Sunday collection plate with a check for \$15 (made out to St. Mark's with "Easter flowers" on the bottom line) for each plant ordered. Please have these turned in no later than Sunday, April 7th.

As it will appear in the Easter bulletin (please print):
 YOUR NAME

- In memory of In honor of
- In thanksgiving for

Their Name: _____

Any special dedication

(One order per sheet, please)

Our Guest Preacher on April 7th at both services will be **The Rev. Dr. Jenny Call**, Chaplain at Hollins University.



We Care Ministry



For more information on this Ministry of Prayer and Small Kindnesses to those in our church family and neighborhood, please contact Carole Geiger at geiger.caroleb@gmail.com or 540.473.2033.

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LET LAUGHTER 'SPRING' FORTH!

"Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush." (Doug Larson)

"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all of your eggs in one basket." (Evan Esar)

"Spring is the time of year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade." (Charles Dickens)

"The world is mud-luscious and puddle wonderful." (e.e. cummings)

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." (Margaret Atwood)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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- * 4-3 Jane Powers, Pat Gordon *
- * 4-5 Sherry Vinson *
- * 4-8 Cassidy Holley *
- * 4-9 Connie Diez, Bill Gaul *
- * 4-11 Ann Layman *
- * 4-16 Sally Field *
- * 4-19 Gracie Rokicka *
- * 4-24 Edward Neil *
- * 4-25 McKinley Saunders, Hazelleigh *
- * Garland *
- * 4-27 Will Gaul *
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