



GOOD NEWS LETTER

When to call a Pastor?

A few weeks ago, I received a call and halfway through the conversation the friend said, "I am sorry I bothered you with this burden."

I want to share that the gift and privilege of a minister's vocation is to be with you and to share in your "burdens." To listen and learn what is going on in your life -- your concerns, hopes, joys, anxieties, and fears -- is sacred.

So the answer to the question of when to call me or any pastor, is, "for anything and anytime" - - Jesus does not grade suffering, and neither do ministers. Experiencing the burdens of life – is human and to live in this world is to face tribulation (Jn. 16:33). Struggle and challenge is our universal condition and the place of particular connection to Jesus. Jesus suffered and died for you and me. Through the lens of the Cross, we understand the love and forgiveness of God and that Jesus' presence is with us, even to the end of the age. In other words, in our sufferings and tribulation, we hear a savior who tells us that we can cast our cares onto Him. Not a particular care, but all of them.

And in our joys, we experience Resurrection and God's action for us – overcoming death to reconcile you and me to him.

Perhaps the above is an abstract answer to the question of when to call a member of the clergy, but the point is that we are here to be with you. So how do you reach me?

- Make an appointment to meet in my office or your home
- Pull me aside on a Sunday or another event
- Email - willis@stmarksfincastle.org
- Call or text my cell - 434*409*7433.

I am very grateful for the time that I have already spent with all of you, and I look forward to our continued journey together.

Peace

Willis

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A LOOK AHEAD

July 2019						
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Homecoming Service at Emmanuel Chapel, Eagle Rock – *Join us!*

June 2nd at 11:00am is our **Emmanuel Chapel Homecoming Service** followed by a potluck meal at the Community Center featuring pulled pork BBQ from Three Li'l Pigs. No services held at St. Mark's that day. Don't miss this great worship and fellowship opportunity! *Please invite your friends, family and neighbors as we celebrate our Botetourt Parish and come home to Eagle Rock. All are welcome!*

Leadership Transitions

As the Coffee Hour Ministry transitions because of the loss of our dear friend Jane Powers, we are grateful for Penny Neil, who has agreed to oversee and coordinate this ministry. Thank you! We are indebted to Pat Honts who continues to serve as the supply minister for our fellowship time! Thank you all!

We remain forever grateful for Jane's presence amongst us and her dedication to this ministry.

The church office could use some occasional help.

Would you be interested!??

This would entail mostly helping with large mailouts by folding, stuffing envelopes, etc. (and this only happen a few times a year), large amounts of bulletins to be folded and also filling in at the desk for Gina while she is on vacation. Instructions will be provided!

Please call Willis or Gina if this is something you would like to help with.

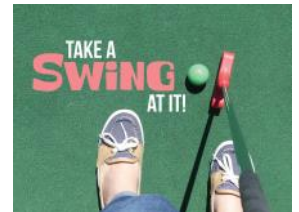


ONLINE COFFEE HOUR SIGN-UP!

We are excited to announce that you can now sign up for coffee hour online. And no worries if that doesn't work for you. Simply call Gina, and she will be happy to sign you up.

Here's how it works:

Visit our webpage at <https://www.stmarksfincastle.org/> On the right hand side of the home page, click the orange-ish box that says "sign up here." When you see the words "coffee hour sign-up for 2019", click on them. You will see a grid with dates that are available. Click on the words "sign up now" and simply fill in the blanks!



If you haven't signed up for this ministry before, then maybe give it a try? Fairly straightforward: provide a few snacks (one sweet and one savory), set up coffee, water and lemonade, and set out napkins, etc. – attend the 10:30 service, then host and clean-up (folks usually help you). Questions? Talk to Penny Neil (thepurplepennyrealtor@gmail.com) or Pat Honts (phonts@ntelos.net).



Mother Daughter Banquet

Vestry Musings

By Patti Suite

Psalm 136:1 “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.” NKJV

Recently I read a simple quote which had a profound effect on me.

“What if you woke up tomorrow with only what you thanked God for today.”

Did I thank God today for His many blessings in my life? Did I thank God today for the privilege of waking up every morning surrounded by the majesty of the Blue Ridge mountains, and, did I thank God for the eyes with which to see and enjoy? Did I thank God today for the delightful sound of birds chirping in the trees, and, did I thank God for the ears with which to hear their song? Did I thank God today for my family – a faithful and loyal husband, thoughtful and devoted children, my brother and sisters? Did I thank God today for my supportive and loving friends and church family? Did I thank God today for food, shelter, clothing, and the air I breathe? I could go on and on, and, *should...* Everyday.

The bible instructs us to be thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” NKJV

We are still looking for Alternates for the Diocesan Convention 2020 — it’s a great way to participate in the broader ministry of the Church and have a fun weekend at The Hotel Roanoke. Please email or call Willis if you want to learn more.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

“We Care” Team at St. Mark’s,

Thank you so much for all your kindness, support and gifts during my time in college. Your notes were so sweet and inspiring during difficult times of hard classes and work. I’m so excited to begin my next journey. Thank you so much for being with me through my college journey.

*All my best,
McKinley (Saunders)*



We Care Ministry

Our church family truly does CARE for one another in ways large and small. ‘Large’ happened when parishioners came together to honor our dear friend Jane Powers and to support her family, culminating in the funeral on Saturday, May 18. Thank you so very much to everyone who pitched in: “3Peter” and his volunteers restored the church to perfect functioning, along with the blessing of excellent air conditioning! Altar Guild blessed us all with glorious flowers and an exquisite table for Our Lord’s Supper. Parishioners stepped forward to extend hospitality in the church and at the Ministry Center and for the reception, to provide side dishes and desserts, to help with set up, plating, serving, clean-up, and delivery of leftovers to Teen Challenge. *Together, We Care.*

Thanks for Caring



The funeral showed how well our ‘village’ works together, gifts seen by all. Our We Care Ministry, however, includes all the quiet and silent ways we love and support one another, through prayer, visits, cards, calls, errands, and a whole host of one-on-one gifts of giving of our time and talents. If you would like to know how you can use your gifts as part of our We Care Ministry and to be included on our bcc e-mail list, please contact Carole Geiger at geiger.caroleb@gmail.com or 540.525.0559.

BLUEGRASS SERVICE AND PARISH BREAKFAST!

5th Sunday Experiment continues!

Our 10:30am 5th Sunday experiment continues when we welcome George Honeycutt and Friends as the musicians for our 10:30am service of Holy Communion. Same service, Rite II, but with bluegrass music! Come and check it out!

We are expanding our 5th Sunday Program to include a Parish Breakfast. Please arrive at 9:15 for a catered breakfast in the Ministry Center. All are welcome and it's **free!**

Bring the kids, neighbors and anyone in between! What a great chance for us to fellowship with the 8am and 1030am crowds, too!



Gathering at the Mother/Daughter Banquet in May

Appalachian Vespers

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

June 16 -- Music provided by Like the Moon

July 21 -- Music provided by Dollar and Walker

August 18 -- Aspen Black & Randolph Walker

September 15 -- Living Faith Band

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!



Parishioners interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) at either service, please approach Willis or any LEM. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in this important responsibility.

Have needle, will stitch? Every Thursday at 1:00 in the Youth Center Guild Room, ladies gather to stitch in fellowship. Several



work on a special group project. Some bring their mending or needlework projects of their own. For many months, Frances Mounfield has knitted baby blankets at home but comes to deliver them to us and while away a little time with those gathered. Everyone's welcome to come check us out, sit and stitch a while or just sit and chat a while. The Guild Room is open from 1:00 until 3:00. Please join us! For more information, check with Gret Kidd (touchofivory@juno.com) or Carole Geiger (geiger.caroleb@gmail.com).



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:30am Episcopal Men's Fellowship 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
2 No services at St. Mark's today 11:00am Homecoming Service at Emmanuel Chapel 12:00pm Potluck Lunch at Community Center	3	4 8:00pm Open AA meeting	5	6 12:05pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center	7 Office Closed 8:00pm Open AA	8 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
9 8:00am Holy Communion I 9:15am Adult Ed./Fellowship Time 10:30am Holy Communion II and celebration of College Graduates	10	11 8:00pm Open AA meeting	12	13 12:05pm Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center	14 Office Closed 8:00pm Open AA	15 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
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30 8:00am Holy Communion I 9:15am Catered Parish Breakfast 10:30am Holy Communion II with musicians George Honeycutt & Friends						

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6-2 Eagle Rock!	K. Cahoon	K. Beasley		T. Trammell S. Loeschen	C. Echols G. Sydnor	A. Caldwell	L. Uotinen B. Heartwell
6-9 Pentecost	P. Garrison E. Luikham	E. Moore		P. Gordon S. Sydnor	D. Collins K. Beasley	A. Caldwell	D. Beasley P. Howarth
6-16 Trinity Sun.	E. Luikham W. Michael	S. Field		E. Moore S. Hays	G. Sydnor S. Sydnor	A. Caldwell	R. Manley P. Garrison
6-23	J. Howarth P. Mahony	A. Layman		P. Garrison D. Woods	J. Gordon M. Parish	A. Caldwell	M. Parish K. Beasley
6-30	C. Geiger Emily T-G	G. Simcoe		TBD	J. Gordon R. Cecil	A. Caldwell	P. Suite S. Diez

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DUTY ROSTERS

<u>DATE</u> JULY 2019	<u>LEM</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u> <u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>ALTAR</u> <u>GUILD</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>
7-7	C. Geiger W. Michael	E. Moore		T. Trammell S. Loeschen	P. Neil K. Cahoon	A. Caldwell	G. Sydnor C. Geiger
7-14	P. Garrison P. Mahony	S. Field		S. Hays L. Jacobi	M. Dudding S. Waid	A. Caldwell	L. Uotinen J. Gordon
7-21	E. Luikham E. Luikham	A. Layman		E. Moore P. Gordon	W. Michael S. Frechette	A. Caldwell	D. Beasley B. Heartwell
7-28	J. Howarth K. Cahoon	J. Gordon		P. Garrison D. Wood	B. Heartwell S. Field	A. Caldwell	R. Manley P. Howarth

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Special dates

- Pentecost, June 9, 2019
- Flag Day, June 14, 2019
- Trinity Sunday, June 16, 2019
- Father's Day, June 16, 2019
- First day of summer, June 21, 2019

Adult Education for the Summer!

For our Sunday (Summer) Adult Education we will be "Exploring the Apostles' Creed" beginning on June 9th and going through August 25th. Chuck Geiger and our summer intern, Elija Luikham, will facilitate the study.

Please come join us!

CHURCH Anniversary PREPARATIONS

2020 = 250th Birthday of St. Mark's and the Anglican Worship in Botetourt County

Next year is a big celebration of our history and if you are interested in helping to plan some events, we would love to have you join us! Danielle Alexander has agreed to be our coordinator. Please email her of your interest or any ideas. (remaka3@aol.com)



St. Mark's High School Graduates at coffee hour, May 26

From a church bulletin:

THE CHURCH IS AVAILABLE FOR FUNERAL SERVICES.
Please call the office for arraignments.
Details are also available online.

These arrangements sound rather criminal.

Local Event Information Below

Shared Space

A Community Conversation for Those Who Have Experienced Loss Created by Substance Abuse

Thursday, June 6, 6 p.m.
Lord Botetourt High School Auditorium
1435 Roanoke Rd., Daleville, VA 24083

Join a panel discussion composed of substance abuse prevention specialists, local clergy and families who have been directly affected by loss.

This event is free, but registration is required.

Register at CarilionClinic.org/sharedspace or by calling Carilion Direct at 800-422-8482.



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Bradley Free Clinic
Roanoke Hope Initiative
Southern Botetourt County Clergy Coalition
Grief Loss Collaborative

Welcome, Elijah!

Brown Bag Study will be a Psalm Study

- June 6 — Psalm 91
- June 13 — Psalm 138
- June 20 — Psalm 42
- June 27 — Psalm 46



**BROWN
BAG
Bible Study**

The study will be co-led by our summer intern, Elijah Luikham and Willis!
Study starts at 12:05pm and ends at 1pm. Bring a bag lunch. Water and coffee provided.

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Fun in the Sun!

Enjoy some summer-themed laughter while you lounge!

Seen on a church sign (and appropriate for grilling season): "God doesn't make mistakes."

Person approaching a shoreline: "Is this river any good for fish?" Response: "It must be. I can't get any of them to leave it."

Q: Why do people go to church in the summer?
A: It's prayer-conditioned!

Q: Why was it so hot in the stadium after the game?
A: All the fans left.

Q: While hiking, how can you identify a dogwood tree?
A: By its bark.

Q: What do sheep have on sunny days?
A: A baa-baa-cue!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 6-2 Patti Suite
- 6-5 Gary Woodson
- 6-6 Elena Preston
- 6-9 Jackie Howarth
- 6-12 Sis Proffitt
- 6-17 Mary Garland, Judy Newbern
- 6-18 Emily Swanson, Brian Wood
- 6-19 Eula Rosenberger, Eddie
Garland
- 6-20 Charley Neil, Sr.
- 6-23 Susan Hays
- 6-24 Mark Parish
- 6-30 Heatherlyn Garland, Susan
Hickson-Cullum