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Let your light so shine be
fore men that they may see
your good deeds and praise
your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Mike's

Message

As most of you know Teresa had a total knee replacement on February 7th. It was very successful and much less painful than her right knee replacement over 10 years ago. She is recovering more rapidly than before as well. We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, and of course for the wonderful meals provided for us. Teresa looks forward to getting back into her normal routine but without the pain and limping as before.

I know most of you have been following the reports of revival that started on February 8th at Asbury University and Seminary. For the next 11 days there was around-the-clock praise and worship with people coming from around the country and many came from other nations hungry for revival in their own hearts. The continuous meetings ceased on February 19.

On February 27th the Cincinnati Enquirer posted an article entitled, "***The world has been watching: How a small service at Asbury took the globe by storm***".

Here is an excerpt from that article, "During a scheduled chapel service at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky, Feb. 8, a religious revival broke out. On Feb. 18, Asbury president Kevin Brown announced that the last evening public service would be held Sunday, Feb. 19. Public worship continued in the afternoons until Wednesday, Feb. 22. And the last scheduled service was held Thursday, Feb. 23, in conjunction with the National Collegiate Day of Prayer.

"I find it fitting that what started with college students on our campus ended with college students joined in prayer and worship across the country," Brown said in a statement on the university's website. "We are seeing just a hunger from students and a hunger from guests and visitors whose hearts are stirred and who are desiring something greater," Brown said. During the multiweek service, Brown said he witnessed goodwill, radical humility, compassion, and a renewal of faith amongst visitors and students."

One of the faculty members from Asbury Seminary is Winfield Bevins. He is an Anglican priest as is his father, George Bevins a retired Anglican priest in our diocese. The "Anglican Compass" reported on an interview with Bevins that I found very helpful:

[A Report from the Asbury Revival - Anglican Compass](#)

Here is a short excerpt from the interview. "***What was your experience when you went to Hughes?*** (The chapel at Asbury).

I was told that a revival had started. I came into the chapel and had a sense of God's presence in the place. It felt like God was pouring himself out upon his

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people and the place. It was like heaven come to earth. Like God tabernacling with his people.

How would you describe revival theologically?

When we look at definitions of revival, there is a sense of the nearness of God that comes after prayer and repentance. In Acts 3, Peter tells the people to:

“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19-20).

Building on this idea, JI Packer says “revival is God’s quickening visitation of his people, touching their hearts and deepening his work of grace in their lives.”

“Christianity Today” in their February 24th edition had a helpful article by Michael McClymond concerning the revival that is moving across college campuses in America. His opening paragraph was a good reminder of past revivals and one of the most noted revivalist in our history. *“The best-known evangelical interpreter of revivals, Jonathan Edwards, taught that no one can judge a revival secondhand. Edwards lived prior to telecommunication, but I think he would have said that the spiritual reality of a revival is not available remotely, however technologically sophisticated the transmission might be. The image of the thing is not the thing itself.”*

Often in our culture “Revival” is seen as something that individual churches schedule and invite everyone to come and hear an invited evangelist. The ones I have been to over the years are usually attended by the members of the church and a friend or two whom they have brought with them. Sometimes the praise, worship, and the sermon are well done and maybe a few come up to the altar to “ask Jesus into their hearts”; but in the revivals that we are reading about recently there was no plan, the Holy Spirit just showed up in power. I’ve been in meetings when the Holy Spirit showed up even though I didn’t recall reading about his coming in the agenda. There seems to be a common factor in revival and that is prayer. When people begin to gather and pray for revival God doesn’t disappoint. The other common factor is that the pouring out of God’s Spirit also brings about repentance and then an amazing amount of joy and refreshment of Spirit.

As you may remember many in our church have been gathering with those of other churches to pray for the Holy Spirit to rain down upon us in revival. For the time being we will continue to meet at Fairfield Methodist in Burgess at 4 pm on Sundays. I hope you will come and join us. Who knows what God might do.

Blessings!



Senior Warden Report

Sweet LOC Family,

This past Friday we had the Vestry annual retreat which we haven’t had in a while because of Covid. A good time was had by all. We officially welcomed newcomers, Betty Dillingham and Hoyt Wheeland, to the Vestry and Mickey Jennings as our new registrar.

A good part of the day was spent discussing Mike’s vision for Light of Christ Anglican Church, short and long term, and how we might be able to achieve this vision. Because of the creep of liberalism into the church at large, the Bible is no longer viewed as God’s infallible and authoritative Word. The church has lost its moral relevancy in our culture. There is an incorrect view of the true nature of God and his rightful rule over us. How can we as a local church committed to God’s Word, authority and forgiveness minister to our community? Mike suggested some short-term initiatives centering on prayer and Biblical teaching. We also discussed long-term approaches.

For now, look for the return of prayer ministers in the sanctuary for individual prayer after the services, increased focus on our existing prayer opportunities listed every week in the bulletin, as well as special prayer opportunities as they arise such as the recent community prayer meeting for revival that just started at Fairfield Methodist Church in Burgess. Mike encouraged church-wide prayer that revival would begin in our own hearts and church-wide prayer for our individual neighbors.

Educationally, there will be new opportunities for teaching the truth of God’s Word to our community with the return of the weekly “Behold your God” series, the new “Dust to Glory” series (overview of the Bible and God’s plan of redemption), new teaching from the Christian World View Institute headed up by Rev. Bart and Jan Beckett, new men and women’s Bible study offerings and the monthly “Dinner and a Movie” that has been so well received.

Do you have any ideas or suggestions? I would love to hear them!

I’m excited to “grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18) with you as we seek to be the Light of Christ to one another and to our community.

God Bless,

Doug Ludeman

Grasping Hope

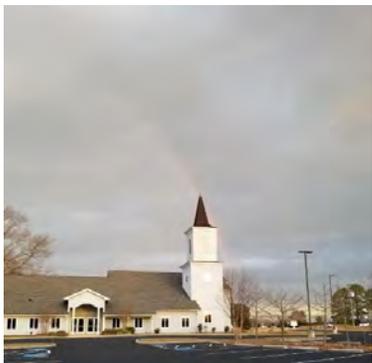
Charles Spurgeon, a well-known denominational preacher of 19th century, related in one of his sermons the story of a sailor who fell overboard amid a great storm and the thrilling rescue that followed. As soon as the cry, "Man overboard!" was sounded, the crew flew into action determined to save their shipmate from drowning. The poor sailor was quickly found, and a rope was tossed to him. That rope was that sailor's lifeline, and he knew it. When the men finally got the man onto the ship after his harrowing experience, he was unable to loosen his grip on that rope. It was hours before he could relax his grip as the strands of rope became embedded in the flesh of his hands.

Jesus is our lifeline, rescuing us from churning ocean of sin. Wave after wave threatens to pull us down into the dark depths with no hope of escape. Then He who could calm the seas comes to our rescue. In Him we find refuge (Hebrews 6:18) and salvation.

In Christ we find hope. The writer of Hebrew described our hope with these words: "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19). Our hope in Christ sustains us when life is going well. But its true beauty becomes evident during times of difficulty and trial. Don't let go of that hope! It is "both sure and steadfast." Sailors drop an anchor, one end firmly attached to its deck while the other is planted deep in the ocean floor, confident that their ship will remain secure. They have "faith" in that anchor. It will hold fast (i.e., "sure") regardless of what may be going on around it (steadfast;" Acts 27:29, 40). Spiritually, the Christian holding the promises of God in Christ has in their grasp a great spiritual "anchor", both "sure and steadfast" (Hebrews 6:19).

In times of trouble and testing, don't let go of your hope. You have Jesus' work that He will not forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

David Bragg
Northwest Church of Christ
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God's Promise

I like to think this is a perfect sign of God's blessing on LOC.

Joyce

February 2, 2023

THE RT. REV. CHRISTOPHER C. WARRANT AND WIFE, CATHERINE



Bishop Chris Warner was elected to be the second Bishop of the Diocese of the Mid-Atlantic of the Anglican Church in North America on October 15, 2022. He was invested by Archbishop Foley Beach on February 18, 2023.

The Rev. Chris Warner was the rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island from 2015-2022 and served as Associate Rector from 2002 to 2007 and from 2011 to 2015. He successfully led Holy Cross in a transition from a "seeker" model church to a relational and discipleship model church. Between his two terms of service at Holy Cross, he also served as rector and director of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. With a staff of 60, he transformed the camp to become a ministry of rest, restoration, and renewal. He and his wife, Catherine, have been married since 1993. They have three children.

"My call from the Lord is to teach, preach, pray and lead (Acts 6:4) and my purpose in life is to know God and make God's glory known. This glory is the glory of the One and Only Son who is full of grace and truth (John 1:14). My passion has been to help people come alive in Christ, live from the Father's heart as his beloved children, and then grow as disciples who make disciples of others. My great loves in this life are my wife Catherine and our three children: Anna, Caroline and Nathan."

Bishop Warner lives in Woodbridge, VA with his wife, Catherine. They have three adult children.

The Fortune of Family

One of the most valuable things God has given us is the concept of family. Think about it--before God brought forth the societal governmental system, He gave the family. Before God established His church on the earth, He consecrated the family.

After creating the heavens and the earth, God place a family there (Gen. 1:27-28; 2:21-25). After God cleansed the earth through the global flood, He began anew with a family (Gen. 6:17-18.) It is through a family that God gave His promise of a Savior and through whom all families on earth would be blessed (Gen. 12:1-5).

The family as God would have it is the moral structure of any successful society. The family is the golden thread that binds a particular group of people to the past, present, and future. The family is where hurts are best healed, victories are best shared, and forgiveness is easiest displayed. The family is the place where love is most at home. Without a doubt, God knew what He was doing when He created the family.

When Paul through inspiration wanted to show Christ's love for the church and her relationship to Him, he did in family type language (Eph. 5:22-33). And after that, Paul naturally transitioned into a discussion of parents and children and their responsibilities to one another as a family (Eph. 6:1-4).

After looking at all of this Biblical information, we can only come to one conclusion: **family is important**. Why else would God have connected such vital aspects of His will to the family? Because the family (following the will of God) is the core unit of success and happiness.

Knowing this, it behooves each of us to do our part to make our families better and stronger. Only good things will come front his effort.

One last thing--regardless of our earthly family situation, we can be a part of the best family one earth, which the church. Members of the church are "members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19), and are a part of "the whole family in heaven and earth" (Eph. 3:14-15). Are you a part of God's family?

Edd Sterchi
Broadway Church of Christ
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Thanks to God for My Redeemer

Thanks to God for my Redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a mem'ry,
Thanks for Jesus by my side!

Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime,
Thanks for dark and stormy fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul!

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Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny!
Thanks for storms that I have weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!

Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure,
Thanks comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure,
Thanks for love beyond compare!

Thanks for roses by the wayside,
Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside,
Thanks for hope, that sweet refrain!

Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heav'nly peace with Thee!
Thanks for hope in the tomorrow,
Thanks through all eternity!

August Ludvig Storm



Voice and Song



Do you love to sing? Please pray about joining our Sunday choir. We **rehearse weekly on Sunday morning starting at 9:00A.M. for the 10:00A.M. service**. If you are interested, please email Jan Beckett at: JanBeckett2@outlook.com



The LOC Ringers have too many bells and not enough arms.

HELP!!!

We need more ringers

Beginning February 5th, we practice on Sunday's at 12:00-1:00. There is no requirement to read music. If you can count to 4 and know your right hand from your left hand....you can be a fabulous ringer. Let Leslye Morrison know if you want to try it out (703-725-2997) .

How to Lent and Why: Questions for an Anglican Priest

By [Anglican Pastor](#)
February 27th, 2017

Lent is about kicking us in the seats of our pants soon, when it darkens our foreheads, and then takes away our chocolates. Not to mention causing us to face our privilege by helping others and then making us read the Church Fathers in the original Latin or Greek. (I made that last part up).

So what is this Lent thing all about? I've compiled some of the questions people have asked me, along with some answers as I would give them in the pastor's study:

Why should I repent again and again (especially during Lent) when God has already totally forgiven my sins in Christ? We are sinners, even after we are baptized, saved, forgiven, and healed. Yes, we continue to be a part of this fallen world, and to make our contributions to it. Forgiveness from God – total forgiveness – doesn't mean that we are already perfected. He forgives us because he knows we will need it continually in this fallen world. And if you don't think believing Christians sin, then you must be reading fake news.

The model for all prayer, the Lord's Prayer, itself teaches us to pray for forgiveness every day, and the biblical epistles are full of admonitions to continually repent. The fact that some of us are told not to keep confessing and repenting tells us more about modern Christianity than it does about biblical Christianity.

So Lent is a yearly journey which reminds us, humbles us, and takes us back to the foot of the cross. It doesn't do this to condemn us. We repent to be free, to be honest with God, to be enabled to accept his forgiveness one more time. We can't repent unless we are already assured of his love and grace.

Lent is not about reminding God that he should forgive us. It's about reminding us that we worship a God who loved us enough to take away our sins, and who always will.

Why do we practice Lenten disciplines? Isn't that "Works Righteousness"? Jesus himself said "It is finished!" as he died on the cross. Yes, the ultimate sacrifice-ending sacrifice has been made. It's the Good News: God is not demanding a sacrifice from you.

And yet every Lent we take up disciplines. We show our repentance by receiving the ashes, by our prayers, and by our desire to seek reconciliation with others. We also give things up, fast, and take up spiritual disciplines.

Like St. Paul, we discipline our bodies. But we don't take on these disciplines to prove that we are righteous people. They aren't a tool for healing really, but for diagnosis.

The medicine of the Gospel is God's grace. The Law is the

diagnostic tool.

So in Lent we take up these fasts and disciplines to be better able to listen to the Holy Spirit. To see ourselves as we are. To know our own weaknesses and to observe our temptations. As we do so, we pray for God to reveal his grace to us in a deeper way.

Unless we see our symptoms and sickness, we don't seek a cure. The Lenten disciplines don't take too long to reveal something to us, and when they do we are supposed to rest in the knowledge of God's love and grace.

Why and how should I fast during Lent? Fasting and abstinence are two different things. Most churches today see fasting as eating only one small meal a day (this is for older teens and adults). Abstaining is usually giving up meat or something else. It is traditional to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and to practice abstinence on Fridays. Remember, however, that the fast is not the focus of Lent. The future feast is the focus, and fasting is a way to prepare for that feast.

Why fast? It is biblical, it has been recommended by our mothers and fathers in faith, and it is accessible to everyone at some level. You don't have to be a monk to abstain or fast. It is also experiential. You have to practice it to really understand it. So **try it out this year**, if you have not before and reflect on it as you practice it.

What should I give up for Lent? Give up something reasonable. I don't mean easy. I mean reasonable.

Give up something that you will notice. You will want it, but it won't be there. Something you will probably regret giving up about two weeks in.

Give up something that you don't have to give up. Lent is not a diet.

There are also things that are bad for us even in small quantities, like tobacco. Giving something up for Lent is giving up something that is normally *good for you*.

So feel free to give up cake or beer or candy or coffee because, in moderation, these aren't usually bad for someone. Give up television watching or a favorite social media app (Don't give up AnglicanPastor.com though). It is often recommended that you not give up something you "were going to give up anyway."

Other than that, just pick something and stick with it. Don't forget to reflect and pray about the experience.

And don't forget to also "give something away." Giving away is the twin of "giving something up." Give away your time, money, and/or resources to serve others sacrificially.

What if I mess up and don't keep my Lenten disciplines?

Then you are a normal human being and you've finally understood what Lent is all about. Jesus still loves you.



Northern Neck Christian School

Member of the Anglican School Association
March 2023



NNKCS Student Awards

- Outstanding Student Award—Madison
- Outstanding Attitude Award—Graf
- Outstanding Arithmetic Award—Blaise
- Outstanding Reading Award—Lorenzo



Thursdays are popular and busy days at Northern Neck Christian School

Two Thursdays a month, the county librarian comes to read to the students and lead a craft activity. Every Thursday Mr. Jim Conley comes to teach science and Bible.

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

Acolytes

Mar 5 Constance McDearmon
Mar 12 David Gwaltney
Mar 19 Anna Brennan
Mar 26 Marie Carstensen

Lessons/Prayers

Mar 5 Charlaine Andrulot (L), Julie Pritchard (P)
Mar 12 Tony Blackstone (L), Joan Blackstone (P)
Mar 19 Jeanne Hickey (L), Constance McDearmon (P)
Mar 26 Jim Conley (L), Susan Read

Chalice Bearers

Mar 5 Tony Blackstone
Mar 12 Hoyt Wheeland
Mar 19 Anna Brennan
Mar 26 Marie Carstensen

Chiming of the Hour

Mar 5 Phyllis Parrish, Doug Ludeman
Mar 12 Jim Conley
Mar 19 Elizabeth Lambertson, Pam Smith
Mar 26 Bill Andrulot, John Parrish

March Birthdays

Mar 3 Tiffany Elmore
Mar 5 Marie Carstensen
Mar 8 Gail Feddeman
Mar 18 Suzie Norman
Mar 21 Joy Gwaltney, Walt TeStrake
Mar 25 David Peresluha
Mar 26 Wendy Smith
Mar 30 Morris Dillingham

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon these your servants as they begin another year, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

Altar Guild

Mar 5 Anna Brennan
Mar 12 Constance McDearmon
Mar 19 Anna, Wendy
Mar 26 Constance McDearmon,
Elizabeth Lambertson

Tellers

Mar 5 Courtney Ludeman
Mar 12 Courtney Ludeman, Jan Beckett
Mar 19 Courtney Ludeman, Pam Smith
Mar 26 Courtney Ludeman

Vestry Person on Duty

Mar 5 Hoyt Wheeland
Mar 12 Doug Ludeman
Mar 19 Ed Feddeman
Mar 26 Doug Ludeman

March Anniversaries

Mar 1 Donna & Craig Soule
Mar 31 Melinda Floom & Fred Wimberly

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants named above, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Help Stop the Confusion!

Please let me know when you will be unavailable to cover your ministry duties so I can post the monthly schedules in the Beacon accurately.

During the month, if you cannot cover your duties, please find someone to cover for you and let me know, **no later than Wednesday prior** to your scheduled day. This gives me time to make the change before the bulletin is printed.



Help is Needed

We need more people to handle various ministries. Please pray on it, and let us know if you want to make a big impact by serving God in some small way.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.
Joyce

CALENDAR

Updates in blue

MARCH:

Wednesday - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Intercessory Prayer	10 a.m. - noon
Wednesday -	Bible Study - "From Dust to Glory"	1 p.m. Starts April 26
Thursday - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Todd Lewis Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
Friday - 17	Young Life event	5-8 p.m.
Friday - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	FaithYoga (all are invited)	1:30 p.m.
Friday - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Zoom Night Prayer	7 p.m.
Tuesday - 7, 14, 21, 28	Lenten Soup Supper	5 p.m.
Sunday - 19	Vestry Meeting	
Sunday - 26	Fifth Sunday in Lent - Passion	10 a.m.

APRIL:

Sunday - 2	Palm Sunday	10 a.m.
Thursday - 6	Maundy Thursday Service	6 p.m.
Friday - 7	Good Friday Service	6 p.m.
Sunday - 9	Easter Service	10 a.m.
Monday - 10	Office Closed	
Tuesday - 25	"Behold Your God" Bible Study at LOC	6 p.m.
Wednesday - 12, 19, 26	Intercessory Prayer	10 a.m. - noon
Wednesday - 12	Bible Study - "From Dust to Glory" at LOC	1 p.m.
Thursday - 13, 20, 27	Todd Lewis Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
Friday - 14, 21, 28	FaithYoga (all are invited)	1:30 p.m.
Friday - 28	Free Dinner & Movie - "I am Potential"	5 p.m.

Special Note: 15th - 22nd - Mike and Bart at Gafcon in Kigali, Rwanda

Those who leave
everything in
GOD'S HAND
will eventually see
God's hand in
everything.

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Bible Quiz: Revelation 19:17-21

1. Then I saw an angel standing in the _____; and he cried with a _____ voice..."
2. Who was the angel speaking to? _____
3. "And I saw the _____, the _____ of the earth, and their armies, gather together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army".
4. The beast and the _____ prophet were captured.
5. "These two were cast _____ into the lake of fire burning with _____."

Quotes

"No one knows what he can do until he tries." -- Publilius Syrus

"If you spend your whole life waiting on the storm, you'll never enjoy the sunshine." -- Morris West

"My prayers, my God, flow from what I am not; I think Thy answers make me what I am." -- George MacDonald

"Before me, even as behind, God is, and all is well." -- John Greenleaf Whittier

"The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost." -- G. K. Chesterton