



The Grapevine
April, 2016
Ware Episcopal Church
Gloucester, Virginia

Eastman Scholarship



There is a special scholarship fund in memory of Reginald Eastman, past rector of Ware Church, that is available to students who are members of Ware Church. This scholarship will be awarded at our annual awards ceremony. Applicants must be full-time students and active members of Ware Church. Up to \$2,000 annually will be available. Applicants must apply by completing an application form, which may be obtained from the church office, and submitting an essay listing the reasons for applying for the scholarship. This scholarship money is intended to help defray the cost of music and educational pursuits such as music lessons, camp tuition, private tutoring, instrument purchase, etc. All applications and accompanying essays must be received in the church office no later than April 15. It should be noted that more than one scholarship may be awarded each year, with the \$2,000 being split among the winning applicants. It is intended that this scholarship award will be an annual event, with applicants applying every Spring. All applications will be reviewed and scholarship awards will be decided by the Scholarship Committee. For more information, contact the rector, Grant Ambrose.

Regularly Scheduled Weekly Eucharist



Weekly celebrations of the Holy Eucharist are scheduled on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month will include prayers for healing with laying on of hands and anointing. (The Second Wednesday of each month's Holy Eucharist and Healing continues to coincide with the Prayer Group's monthly meeting).

Clergy and the 2016 Vestry

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Holy Days in April



Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Christ Child on **Tuesday, April 5**, as we celebrate the **Feast of the Annunciation**. This feast, usually falling on March 25, is transferred this year as March 25, 2016, was Good Friday. On the Feast of the Annunciation, we remember the message Gabriel gave to Mary announcing to her that she would bear a son, and that Son will be the Son of God.

On **Monday, April 25**, at 7:00 p.m., we will gather in the Chapel of the Christ Child to observe the **Feast of St. Mark**. This is a particularly significant feast to Ware as this is the Feast on which our rector was installed as the 19th Rector of the Parish. We will gather to give thanks to God for the life of Mark and the many ways the Spirit is working at Ware.

Christian Education



Please join us for Christian Education classes (K-12) held during the 10:30 a.m. service. The church provides Children's Bibles, but it is encouraged for students to bring their own from home. An Adult Forum is held at 9:30 a.m. on the second floor of the Parish Hall. Refreshments are served. If you need additional information, please contact me at 804/815-0988.

-Elizabeth Richardson, Director

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May Deadline

Friday, April 15

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9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday - Friday

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*The earth produces of itself,
first the stalk, then the head,
then the full grain in the head*

-- Mark 4:28

As I sit in the office, the South Wind brings the full bounty of spring through the open window. Hints of some distant flower dance on the breeze. Whispers of newly appearing leaves add a delicate flutter to the breeze. Legions of pollen let me know without a doubt that spring has come. One look out the window and signs of new life abound: the ground, once barren in the depths of winter, reaches heavenward with blades of green.

On Good Friday, I commented that it is no coincidence that Easter always arrives in spring. As our senses are filled to capacity with signs of new life all around us, we are reminded that God, through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, has brought and is bringing to new life all of creation – yes, including you and me. Our celebrations on Easter Sunday gave thanks to God for what God has done for us. Our celebrations on Easter Sunday rejoiced that by Christ being raised from the dead, we too live in the hope of that promise. Our celebrations on Easter Sunday put the whole world on notice: God is bringing about new life and new growth, and we are to be a part of this new life and new growth.

One of the great Easter hymns is hymn number 204 in *The Hymnal 1982*. The first line of the hymn reads “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain.” One can hear the echoes of Mark 4:28 in the first verse. The second verse returns to the passion and death of Jesus. The third verse seeks to capture the promise and joy of Easter when we are reminded that “forth he came at Easter.” The fourth verse, and the one that I wish to highlight, is as follows:

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been.

The Season of Easter (that lasts for Fifty Days) is the season when we truly rejoice. In this season, we are reminded again and again that the Risen Christ is with us at all times and in all places and we will never be abandoned – no matter how brutal the “winters” of our life may be.

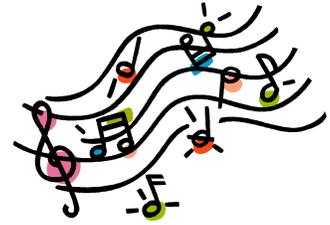
The refrain for the above hymn is “Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.” May this be our guide for this Easter Season. What does it mean for Love to have come to you? What does it mean for Love to go forth from you? May each new blade and shoot of green this spring remind you of the Love Jesus has for you and remind you to share that love and do your part to draw people’s attention to the new life that is ours through Jesus Christ.

Grant +

Music Notes

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

May the joys of the Risen Christ be with you and yours! Easter is THE central celebration of our faith, and truly, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday there were so many different Liturgies which required different treatments in order to be meaningful. This happens not by accident, but by the careful and prayerful planning sessions that Grant and I have on a weekly basis. These sessions ensure the relevance of our Services. To be honest, the planning of Liturgies is one of our favorite



activities, and I hope it is evident that we enjoy celebrating out ministries. The music ministry is only as good as those who are willing to join with me, and I can say that we are blessed. I continue to be impressed by the generous giving of the time and talents of all those who support our music ministry, and please know how grateful and proud I am to be working with such dedicated people. The “Hallelujah Chorus” from the *Messiah* by Handel is a difficult composition at best, but I was elated by how well our choir met the challenge. The first rehearsals were downright scary, but as we neared the finish line, I was so pleased with our progress. Again, we do not sing mere words and notes, but first and foremost, we are praying the music. At one of the final rehearsals, at which the choir sounded particularly well, one choir member said: “The power of prayer”. Amen.

I would be remiss if I did not affirm the children with their musical contributions under the direction of Peg Moncure. They have been singing well and engaging in prayer and activities that complement the reason “why” we come together as a community of believers. Remember, when the children offer their music in Church, they are NOT performing; so applause is really inappropriate. They are “praying” and we should affirm them in many ways, and not confuse them by applauding. Please try and help with this as we work very hard to instill the children with a prayerful sense of ministry. I would also like to thank Sarah Teagle, Molly Hoffman, and Peg Moncure for their instrumental contributions during our Easter celebrations. Many hands make light work.

Some new names! I have been contemplating our wonderful choirs, and after some consultation with Grant, we have decided to rename our singing ensembles. In the great tradition of the Anglican Church, the children’s choir will be known as the “treble” choir. This term accurately describes the range of singing for the youth, and it is a great opportunity to teach about our great traditions. The senior choir will be known as the “Sanctuary” choir. Again, this term is a more accurate description of their ministry, and it avoids a term which does not accurately depict the youthful vigor of our choir. Ahem!

On a personal note, many of you know that I am discerning a call to the Episcopal priesthood. Many of you may know that I was ordained for the Catholic Church and after being received into the Episcopal Church, the desire to celebrate the Sacraments has been burning within me. Bishop Shannon has granted me the license to preach, and I have been getting more involved with the parochial ministry here at Ware. I am enjoying myself greatly. I ask for your prayerful support as this process unfolds. I wish to thank Grant for including me, so generously, in the life of ministerial service in this community of the Church. I hope and pray to serve this church for many years to come.

Your brother in Christ

Michael

A Child's Prayer

A little boy's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess." –Author Unknown (Taken from christianstories.com)

Office Hours



April 4 – 8

The Parish Administrator will be out of the office.
The Rector will be available.

Vestry Update



At the March meeting, the Vestry approved charters for the long-range planning committee and the financial committee. In the coming months, we will update the parish on proposals to improve access to fellowship and worship in the parish hall & church for parishioners in all stages of life.

The next Vestry meeting is Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

April Birthdays

*If you wish for your birthday to appear in the monthly list,
please call the Church Office.*



1 - Nancy Bowden	17 - Andy Hicks	25 - Ron James
2 - Will Damron	17 - Blair South	25 - Edward James
4 - Mandy West	19 - Caroline Laise	25 - Ginny Roane
6 - Andrew Bains	19 - Alex Atkins	25 - Meredith Teagle
6 - Jack Cooper	19 - Rebecca Teagle	26 - Chris Masiak
7 - Molly Hoffman	19 - Jessica Zullo	26 - Pat Roane
7 - Caroline Teagle	21 - Andie Hartley	27 - Bill Whitley
10 - Josh Kiku	22 - Sean Anderson	28 - Tristan O'Neil
11 - Brownie Haracivet	22 - Kathleen Fitzpatrick	29 - Elizabeth Hay
12 - Thomas Teagle	22 - Colter Wiggins	30 - Paul Joyce
15 - Nancy Dwoyer	22 - Peter Teagle	30 - Christopher Rhodes
15 - Luke James	24 - Pat Zima	30 - Justin Wiggin

**"Gather on the Mountain"
Combined Parish Weekend
Abingdon, Kingston and Ware**

Shrine Mont Camp and Conference Center
Orkney Springs, Virginia



Friday, July 29 to Sunday, July 31

*Please consider attending a weekend on the mountain
at our diocesan Cathedral Shrine and camps center.*

*Our theme will be
"Gather"*

*There will be plenty of free time, great food, worship,
meaningful workshops, outdoor activities, hikes and pool time.*

The Shenandoah Music Festival will be on the grounds
Saturday night and you may order tickets. Website: musicfest.org

We have a reservation at Shrine Mont
and the planning committee is enthusiastic about our time gathering together.
We are hoping 20 people from each parish will attend.

Contact Carole White (CAW1001@aol.com or 804-654-4325)
Mary Chapman (mamiechapman@gmail.com or 804-240-6370)
or Patty Rosenberg (pattygould2@gmail.com 804-815-2588)
for reservations or information

Applications and deposit (1/2 cost) due to church offices by June 15

Costs include two nights lodging, meeting spaces and six meals:

One person with double occupancy: \$150

One person single occupancy: \$190

One Child (4 to 12): \$52

April 2016 Laity



Date	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24	May 1
Acolyte	Jack, Sarah & Meg Teagle	Blair South Rhiannon & Finnie Kilduff	Chris James Josh & Jacob Ward	Alex Richardson Abygail Clayton Emma James	Jillian Lawrence Rauri Kilduff Andie Hartley
Chalicer	<u>8:30</u> Craig Monsen <u>10:30</u> Jane Smith	<u>8:30</u> Debby Wiggins <u>10:30</u> Ann Brown	<u>8:30</u> Kenny Richardson <u>10:30</u> Tom Hay	<u>8:30</u> Mike Jenkins <u>10:30</u> Peg Moncure	<u>8:30</u> Craig Monsen <u>10:30</u> Peter Teagle
Chancel Guild	Mar. 31 - Apr. 6 T#4 Donna DeShazo	April 7 - 13 T#5 Bobby Ray	April 14 - 20 T#6 Margi Teagle	April 25 – May 1 T#1 Pat Zima	May 2 – 8 T#2 Susan Jenkins
Fellowship	Compton Family	Farm-to-Table			
Counters	Tom Hay Rick Zima	Joe Brown Kirby Smith	Lee Brown Elizabeth Roane	Paul Crook Nancy Dwoyer	Anne Dyal Peter Teagle
Greeters	Kenny Richardson	Ed James	Nancy Dwoyer		Lisa & Lewie Lawrence
Reader	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Craig Monsen Tom Hay	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Mike Jenkins Fran Musick	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Mary Lawrence Bill Whitley	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Beth Howerton Peg Moncure	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Craig Monsen Vickie Leming
Ushers	<u>8:30</u> Richard Clayton <u>10:30</u> Tom Hay Ed James	<u>8:30</u> Robert Johnson <u>10:30</u> John Masiak Kenny Richardson	<u>8:30</u> Ray Grubbs <u>10:30</u> Breck Montague Peter Teagle	<u>8:30</u> Maynard Nichols <u>10:30</u> Jay Smith Shot Tabb	<u>8:30</u> John Haracivet <u>10:30</u> Joe Leming John Galloway
Vestry On Duty	Rick Zima	Joe Brown	Lee Brown	Paul Crook	Anne Dyal

Please arrange for your own substitute.

Thank You

March 25, 2016

Dear Ware Church Family,

Thank you so much for your loving support during Sally Anne's illness and death. Your thoughts, prayers, care, cards, meals and plants have meant so much. We are very thankful to be a part of such a caring community. All of you have helped us get through a very difficult time.



Love,

Peg & Henry Moncure

April 2016 Calendar

welcome
April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 2 Sunday of Easter	4 <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	5 <u>7:00 pm, Ch</u> Feast of the Annunciation	6 <u>10:00 am</u> HE, Ch <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	7	8	9
10 3 Sunday of Easter Sunday Schedule*	11 <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	12	13 <u>10:00 am</u> Healing Service Prayer Group <u>5:00 pm</u> Treble Choir <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	14 <u>7:00 pm, PH</u> Vestry	15	16
17 4 Sunday of Easter Sunday Schedule*	18 <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	19	20 <u>10:00 am</u> HE, Ch <u>5:00 pm</u> Treble Choir <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	21	22	23
24 5 Sunday of Easter Sunday Schedule*	25 <u>7:00 pm, Ch</u> Feast of St. Mark <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	26	27 <u>10:00 am</u> HE, Ch <u>5:00 pm</u> Treble Choir <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	28	29	30

*Sunday Schedule for April

8:30 am/10:30 am
9:30 am

Holy Eucharist
Adult Forum

10:15 am
7:00 pm

Sunday School
AA

Prayer Group and Healing Service



Prayer Group meets Wednesday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. for a Healing Service in the Chapel followed by Prayer Group in the Library.