



## Special Sunday Events in May

### ***Mother's Day Breakfast, Sunday, May 8<sup>h</sup>***



Join us at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall for a wonderful Mother's Day Breakfast served by the men of the Parish. There's everything from bacon and eggs, to coffee and tea, to breads and jellies. The children will make carnation corsages for their moms in Sunday School.

### ***Pentecost Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.***



Pentecost Sunday is one of the seven principal Feast Days of the Church Year. It marks the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples to empower them to take the Good News of Christ into the world. This day is sometimes referred to as "The Birthday of the Church." In our modern calendar, we use red for Pentecost Sunday, and many people wear something red to church in celebration of this feast day.

### ***Sunday School Closing Exercises, Awards Sunday, and, Church Picnic, May 15<sup>th</sup>***

Picnic follows 10:30 service. Ware provides chicken and beverages. You bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### ***Region II Quarterly Meeting, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 p.m.***

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ware will host the quarterly meeting of Region II clergy and delegates. During these meetings, Region II churches share updates with the group, join in fellowship, and learn about opportunities for outreach and places of interest in our Region. Ware has a prominent role in Region II as our own Ann Brown is the Vice President of Region II and the Region II Delegate to the Executive Council of the Diocese of Virginia. Please keep our region in your prayers.

### ***Concert featuring Michael Monaco, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 pm***

More information is in Michael's article on page 4.



## Clergy and the 2016 Vestry

The Rev'd T. Grant Ambrose, Rector

D.P. (Pat) Roane, Jr, Senior Warden

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Paul W. Crook ✧ Anne C. Dyal

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Jane H. Smith ✧ Rachel K. Teagle ✧ Carole A. White

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## Holy Days in May



Join us on **Wednesday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Chapel of the Christ Child for a celebration of the lives of St. Philip and St. James in the context of Morning Prayer.

On Thursday, May 5, the church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. This feast, forty days after Easter, remembers Jesus' ascension from earth to the right hand of God. Ascension serves as the connector between the Resurrection at Easter and the giving of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Christ Child.

We commemorate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This feast marks the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth where Mary sang her Magnificat (My Soul Magnifies the Lord).

## 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).



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*June Deadline: Sunday, May 15*

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## ***By which you promised to serve God faithfully – Part 1 of 5***

Since Easter, I've found myself more than once pondering the question "What is the purpose of the Church?". This has led to all sorts of interesting reflections (and questions): what is meant by the church? Is it "THE church"; or is it "the CHURCH"; or is it "THE CHURCH". Quickly I realized that I was allowing these questions to serve but one purpose – to draw me away from the intention of the question. We could debate "the church" until the last trumpet sounds or we could go ahead and face the answer to the original question that the purpose of the church is to **make disciples**.

If we allow our scriptures to guide and direct us, we will find this answer in each gospel and every epistle in the New Testament. We will hear the foundational echoes of this answer in the Old Testament.

Over the next six editions of *The Grapevine*, I will explore what it means to be a disciple. To guide these reflections, I will focus on scripture and the Baptismal Covenant. Additionally, I invite each of you to devote a portion of your daily prayers in seeking God's guidance on how you can grow in your discipleship.

### Part 1: "Holy Scripture"

In Matthew's account of the Good News of Jesus Christ, the last instruction from Jesus just prior to his Ascension contains this very important command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). In these final moments of Jesus' earthly presence, those first followers are instructed to go and make disciples (make students) who will take part in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Now, almost 2000 years later, we join that body of faithful people who have heard to call of Jesus and respond to the invitation of the Spirit to be disciples.

In John's account of the gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples "By this everyone will know that you are my disciple, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). In this context, love harkens to our love for God which then directs and upholds our love for one another.

A more familiar way of understanding this is to call to mind Jesus' summary of the law and prophets: "Jesus answered, 'The first is 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord our God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 12:29-31).

In scripture, we see that the very foundation of discipleship is love: love that is first and foremost directed to God which in turn is given freely and unreservedly to others. We will explore this with more details in coming discussions as we look to the Baptismal Covenant.

Faithfully,

## Music Notes



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I wish to thank those who have enriched our Music Ministry. I hope that when you get a chance, you will take a moment to affirm someone who offers their musical gifts to the Lord. This month will mark the end of the season for both the Treble and Sanctuary choirs, and we are so fortunate to be blessed with so many who wish to participate. It is our offering to the Lord in prayerful sound, and during the summer, I am proposing a new program that will give others an opportunity to share their gifts. The “Summer Music Ministry” is an invitation to anyone who can play an instrument, or who can sing, to choose a Sunday and offer their gifts for that Sunday. I will be available to assist you and to accompany you if you wish. Whether you are advanced in your abilities or whether you have a youngster who is taking their first steps in music, all are welcome! The only requirement is that the selection be appropriate for Church and be something that will uplift us. For those who are beginners, a simple classical selection or a hymn would be fine. I will gladly discuss any selections and be of any assistance that will help enable you to do this. Please pray about it and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. as I will be presenting a concert in our Sanctuary. In addition to some of the traditional organ repertoire, I will be improvising on some select tunes; and Grant and I will team up to offer some scripture that will be enhanced by improvised music. The last concert we offered was very well received, and folks commented on how much they enjoyed hearing about our fine Casavant pipe organ, and were rather impressed that the pipes you see in the organ case are but a fraction of the almost one thousand pipes that make up the instrument. The concert will last about an hour, and there will be fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. Please plan on attending, and spread the word to your friends. You never know how the Spirit may move someone that you invite to share something in your Church. It just may be a great blessing for all of us!

Your brother in Christ,

*Michael*

## Notes for the Treble Choir



The Treble Choir will have regular rehearsals on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. They will sing in church on May 15<sup>th</sup> for Pentecost. Choir members should be in the choir room by 9:30 a.m. on that morning. We will warm up and receive our new choir jackets and awards. These jackets will be worn with jeans (long, no shorts) for the 10:30 service. This will be our first chance to wear our awards. Those receiving awards will be recognized in church.

We will not rehearse on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Our last get-together will be May 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have a luau party from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dress in luau attire and please wear flip flops. There will be dinner, a dessert bar, and games. This will be our special time to say “Aloha” to each other for the summer.

### *Note to the Congregation*

Have you enjoyed the Junior/Treble Choir this year? If so, please donate an item for the dessert bar at their luau party. Anything is fine: cake, cookies, pie, cupcakes, candy, etc. – homemade or store-bought. If you would like to help with this, please bring your item, marked for “Treble Choir” to the kitchen between Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

## Vestry Update



At the April Vestry meeting, Ann Brown and Peg Moncure were elected to serve as primary and alternate delegates to the annual Diocesan Committee in January 2017.

Carole White and all Ware Church volunteers were recognized for their dedication and hard work to support the Gloucester United Emergency Shelter Team (GUEST) program.

The Vestry scheduled a safety inspection of our church buildings and grounds with our insurance company. The inspection is planned for May 20<sup>th</sup>. In the near-term, thanks to Woody James for getting our portable fire extinguishers re-charged.

Grant Ambrose, Anne Dyal and Pat Roane will attend a Diocesan Stewardship workshop on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Middle school pilgrimage to ShrineMont:** 10-12 June is the weekend for our annual middle school pilgrimage to ShrineMont. All young parishioners (and their friends) in grades 6 through 8 are welcome to experience a weekend in the mountains of western Virginia! We will depart Ware Church on Friday afternoon, with a return to Ware scheduled for early Sunday evening. Also making the journey are Martha and Grant Ambrose, as well as Elizabeth and Pat Roane. Contact any of them for details, or let the church office know if you want to make the pilgrimage.

**Rocking chair ministry:** The Senior Warden is seeking the donation of gently used rocking chairs. Please contact Pat Roane if you have something to offer.

The **next Vestry meeting** is Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

## May Birthdays

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



5 - Randy Barbee

6 - Amy Gilberti

9 - Clay Hogge

10 - Sara Delo

11 - Vitaliy Kiku

13 - Blair Farinholt

14 - Todd Mooradian

16 - Mary Lou Boone

16 - Robert Blymyer

17 - Dorothy Craft

17 - Anne Orrell

19 - Katherine Richardson

19 - Rusty West

21 - Murray Clements

24 - Amy Clayton

27 - Kaitlyn Masiak

28 - Ashborn Mitchell

28 - Lloyd Ward

30 - Warren Haskell

30 - Paul Joyce

31 - Steve Parker

## Training Sessions



Mark your calendars: There will be two upcoming training sessions for current and new lectors and Eucharistic ministers. One will be Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. A second session will be held in June. If you are a current lector or Eucharistic minister, please plan to attend one of these sessions. Interested in becoming a lector or Eucharistic minister, join us for one of these sessions to learn more.

## Women of Ware



A note from your leaders:

The *Women of Ware* will meet for a luncheon at the Mathews Yacht Club on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at noon. Meet at the church at 11:30 to carpool. Thank you to Barbara Kemp and Brownie Haracivet for arranging this delightful luncheon for Women of Ware!

Also, an online survey was emailed to everyone seeking input about the Women of Ware ministry. If you did not receive that email or wish to use a hard copy, please contact the Church Office.

Peg Moncure and I will be unable to continue as your leaders next year, so please let us know if you feel led to accept this position. We will have a short business meeting to see if anyone volunteers to lead WOW – if not, we probably need to have a nominating committee to seek a leader(s) for the 2016-2017 church year.

Blessings, Ann Brown & Peg Moncure

## Planning Ahead: Summer Theology Series



While life seems to move at a different pace in the summer, it doesn't mean that life stops. This summer Ware will feature a Summer Theology Series. This program will meet a Thursday evening, Friday evening, and all day Saturday once a month for June, July, and August. This summer's topic will be "The Theological Implications of the American Civil War". Each session is designed to stand alone and will include a Saturday field trip. The series will kick off with an initial session in early June. Keep an eye out for more information.

## Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong will be held Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at Grace Church, Kilmarnock. We are pleased to have Associate Bishop Ted Gulick as our Preacher! A Bar-B-Q Picnic follows the service - \$10 per person with wine available for \$5. Please send your check to: Ann Brown, 163 Lynns Lane, Wake, VA 23176. Reservations for the Wine Reception are not required, but payment may be included with your reservation or paid for at the door. The Last day for reservations is Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to "Region 2".



## Office Hours



May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>

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

## *St. Tabitha's Guild*



St. Tabitha's Guild needs you! We are collecting plastic bags. Yes! You can bring your plastic grocery bags (or any plastic bag) to St. Tabitha's Room in the Parish House. There is also a box upstairs in the Parish Hall labeled for St. Tabitha's donations.

### Why are we collecting plastic bags?

We are gathering bags to turn them into "all-weather sleeping mats" to be used by people who find themselves without a home.

Each mat is made to be 6' x 3' and takes 500 – 700 bags. Yes, each! We need your extra plastic bags. If you would like to learn more about this project, contact Martha Ambrose, [marthaarose@gmail.com](mailto:marthaarose@gmail.com) or 540-849-7494.

## **Coffee Hour Hosts & Hostesses Needed**

Coffee Hour is a time after the 10:30 service that gives us all an opportunity to converse with other Ware parishioners and to welcome visitors to the parish. Sign up to host a Coffee Hour in May - August. The sign-up sheet is at the stairway entrance to the Parish Hall.



Coffee Hour will move to outside the church beginning Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cookies and lemonade are all that is needed for the summer season.

## **Summer Music Camp**



Planning is in the works for our Summer Music Camp for children ages 5 and older. The final dates have not been determined but will more than likely be the second or third week in July. More information is forthcoming or you may speak to the rector by calling the office, 693-3821

## **Kids Have All the Answers**



A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

***"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](http://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](mailto:CAW1001@aol.com) or 804-654-4325)  
Mary Chapman ([mamiechapman@gmail.com](mailto:mamiechapman@gmail.com) or 804-240-6370)  
or Patty Rosenberg ([pattygould2@gmail.com](mailto: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



# May 2016 Laity

Date	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jillian Lawrence Aurora Kilduff Andie Hartley	Carter Hartley Noah & Ethan Polley	Blair South Aurora Kilduff Luke James	Jack, Meg. & Andrew Teagle	Jillian & Newie Lawrence Larkin Denton
<b>Chalicer</b>	<u>8:30</u> Craig Monsen <u>10:30</u> Peter Teagle	<u>8:30</u> Kenny Richardson <u>10:30</u> Jane Smith	<u>8:30</u> Mike Jenkins <u>10:30</u> Peg Moncure	<u>8:30</u> Martha Ambrose <u>10:30</u> Tom Hay	<u>8:30</u> Michael Monaco <u>10:30</u> Ann Brown
<b>Chancel Guild</b>	Apr. 28 – May 4 T#2 Susan Jenkins	May 5 – 11 T#3 Bruce Forsberg	May 12 – 18 T#4 Donna DeShazo	May 19 – 25 T#5 Bobby Ray	May 26 – June 1 T#6 Margi Teagle
<b>Fellowship</b>	Elizabeth & Pat Roane	Mother's Day Breakfast	Church Picnic	Kim & Lloyd Ward	
<b>Counters</b>	Woody James Peter Teagle	John Howerton Robert Teagle	Henry Moncure Allison Parker	Pat Roane Lindsay South	Jane Smith Jacque Kilduff
<b>Greeters</b>	Lisa & Lewie Lawrence	Catesby Jones	Nell & Wes Jones	Diana & Paul Joyce	Anne Dyal
<b>Reader</b>	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Craig Monsen Vickie Leming	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Beth Howerton Bruce Forsberg	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Peg Moncure Aurora Kilduff	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Martha Ambrose Diana Joyce	<u>8:30/10:30</u> Mary Lawrence Bill Whitley
<b>Ushers</b>	<u>8:30</u> John Haracivet <u>10:30</u> Joe Leming Joe Brown	<u>8:30</u> Scott Kalbrener <u>10:30</u> Peter Teagle Robert Teagle	<u>8:30</u> Matt South <u>10:30</u> Debby & Kenny Wiggins	<u>8:30</u> David Teagle <u>10:30</u> Shot Tabb Nancy Wilson	<u>8:30</u> Dick Zima <u>10:30</u> Chuck Crook Jay Smith
<b>Vestry On Duty</b>	Woody James	John Howerton	Henry Moncure	Pat Roane	Jane Smith

*Please arrange for your own substitute.*

## Shrine Mont Camps



The summer program at Shrine Mont is a ministry of the Diocese of Virginia which offers nine amazing camps each summer. There is something for each age bracket. From hiking to singing, arts and crafts to an evening spent playing Capture the Flag, all the camps offer a mixture of recreation, team building, spiritual development, and just plain old fun. There are brochures in the narthex and in the office if you desire more information.

# May 2016 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 6 Easter</b>  Sunday Schedule*	2	3	<b>4</b> <u>10:00 am</u> MP, Ch St. Philip & St. James <u>5:00 pm</u> Treble Choir <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	<b>5</b> <u>Noon</u> WoW Luncheon @ Mathews Yacht Club <u>7:00 pm</u> Ascension of the Lord	6	7
<b>8 7 Easter</b> Sunday Schedule* & <u>9:00 am</u> Mother's Day Breakfast	<b>9</b> <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	<b>10</b> <u>7:00 pm, Ch</u> Feast of the Annunciation	<b>11</b> <u>10:00 am</u> Healing Service Prayer Group <u>5:00 pm</u> Treble Choir <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	<b>12</b>  <u>7:00 pm, PH</u> Vestry	13	14
<b>15 Pentecost</b> Sunday Schedule* & <u>Noon</u> Awards Picnic	<b>16</b> <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	17	<b>18</b> <u>10:00 am</u> HE, Ch <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	19	<b>20</b>  Church Inspection	<b>21</b> <u>9:00 am</u> Chalice Lector Training
<b>22 Trinity</b> Sunday Schedule* <u>3:00 pm</u> Region II <u>4:30 pm</u> Concert by Michael	<b>23</b> <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	24	<b>25</b> <u>10:00 am</u> HE, Ch <u>5:00 pm</u> Treble Choir Luau <u>7:00 pm</u> Sanctuary Choir	26	27	28
<b>29</b> <b>2 Pentecost</b> Sunday Schedule*	<b>30</b> Office Closed <u>8:00 pm, PH</u> AA Women	<b>31</b> <u>7:00 pm</u> Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary				

## \*Sunday Schedule through May 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am/10:30 am    Holy Eucharist    10:15 am    Sunday School  
 9:30 am    Adult Forum    7:00 pm    AA

## \*Sunday Schedule after May 15<sup>th</sup>

Same as above but no Sunday School during summer