The Vineyard

NEWSLETTER OF MEADE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March and April 2013

**WERE YOU THERE?**

The hymn “Where You There” was first published in old Plantation Hymns (1899), but it became the song of the African American Slaves decades earlier. Some writers will cite sometimes before the Civil War, in a time when freedom from the oppressive weight of slavery existed only in the realm of hope. In 1940, it was the Episcopal Church that became the first denomination to include “Were You There?” in a hymnal not designed specifically for black congregation. We sing the hymn every Holy Week: at the end of our Maundy Thursday service and during the Proper Good Friday liturgy.

It is not difficult to imagine American slaves signing the song. In its original seven verses it follows Jesus through his passion and death - the preacher asking the question, the congregation repeating the question, the entire body trembling together at the thought of their Lord suffering the abuse with which they had grown so intimate. But then ending in resurrection - "Did you know He is risen from the dead?" - God's eventual victory over evil. Jesus shared their suffering. Their prayer was that they might also share his victory.

The American slaves carried on the tradition of the early Church martyrs, those Christians who suffered through plagues and wars, those who have buried children, those who struggle through life with crippled bodies and tortured minds. They meditated on what it means to worship an incarnate God who suffered human suffering.

Our world is messy - full of pain and suffering and injustice. And our God came into our mess and was consumed by it. Jesus suffered. He was ridiculed. He was killed. He was given into the mouth of the grave. And those who suffer, who are forgotten, who are lonely and desperate, look upon his cross and see "God with us", Emmanuel.

The answer to the old spiritual is: Yes, you were there. You were carried in the sacred heart of our Suffering God. After the pain, the passion, even death, Jesus’ story ends in resurrection. By the grace and power of our living God, yours will too.

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him in baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead to the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certain you will be united with him in a resurrection like His.” (Romans 6:3-5). ----

**“BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST THROUGH WORSHIP, PRAYER AND SERVICE”**



**Vestry Members**

Fr. Collins Asonye - Rector

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2014 Dana Dishman

2014 Deborah Daniel-Cason

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2016 Donita Greene

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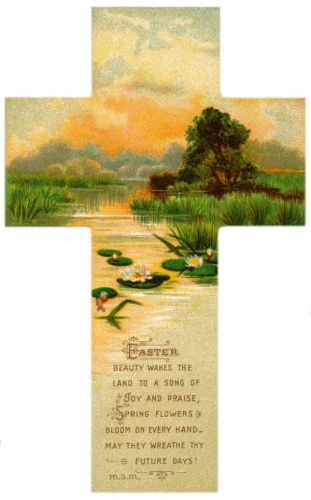
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**Saturday March 30th: Easter Saturday Quiet Day**

**Jesus says, “Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.” Matthew 11:28-29**



**EASTER SUNDAY**

Holy Week is the week preceding Easter and the final week of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday (also known as Maundy Thursday) and Good Friday, which, together with Holy Saturday, are known as the [Triduum](http://catholicism.about.com/od/Catholic-Dictionary/g/Triduum-Definition-Of-Triduum.htm). Before the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969, Holy Week was the second week of Passiontide; in

the current calendar, Passiontide is synonymous with Holy Week.

During Holy Week, Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ, Who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Thus, while Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His Son to die for our salvation.

In the midst of our busy lives we have little time for silence. Find your own space to honor God. The Easter Saturday Quiet Day is an opportunity to give God back some of our time, and to think on the holiness and absolute power of God, into whose presence we should come with humility and reverence. "Be still, and know that I am God." Begin your day with Morning Prayer. Take some time for spiritual retreat. Take a step back from your busy life, deepen your practice of centering in prayer, and gain a new perspective on your spiritual life. Take some time to read the Scriptures; have time to walk alone and enjoy God’s beautiful Gifts. Use this Quiet day to pray, journal, meditate, and enjoy the beauty around us.

**THE MEADE FOUNDATION**

The Meade Foundation has received a little over $3,000 in gifts. Kindly consider sowing a seed for the future of Meade Church that we love. Meade Church means so much to us. Therefore let us sustain its future and fruitful ministry. Your gift can make a difference. Please speak with any Board of Trustee member: Mr. Joseph Royster, Deborah Daniel, Ed Ablard and Eudora Forrest.

We are grateful for your continued financial and spiritual commitment to our faith community. May God richly bless you! The Stewardship team encourages us to cultivate the habit of intentionally thinking, talking and listening about how we can live our lives as faithful stewards of God’s abundance for the good of the earth.

**PLEDGES**

The Stewardship Committee is asking that the congregation put their pledges in the offering plate. The committee would like their pledges before the Annual meeting if possible. There are some hard copies of the Pledge Cards at the church for those who did not receive a copy in their email. Any questions or ideas, please speak with Angela Patterson and Deborah Cason-Daniel. Thank you for your pledge and tithe for 2013.

**VESTRY RETREAT/MINISTRTY LEADERS**

The Vestry Retreat will took place on Friday and Saturday, March 15-16 at St. Clement’s/VTS.

**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

**March 17th – Rev. Mandida**

**MARCH 24th - Fr. Asonye**

**MARCH 31st – Fr. Asonye**

**APRIL 7th – Nelson Greene Jr.**

**APRIL 14th– Nelson Greene Jr.**

**APRIL 21st- Marlene Forrest**

**COME HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL THY FAITHFUL PEOPLE**

2013 CHANGE DRIVE

Remember to drop your spare change in the collection bottle in the Parish Hall. A recent count added up to $236 dollars!!! Enough to pay a bill! Every coin counts!

AUNT E’s CLOSET

Aunt E’s Closet is now open on Mondays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Any questions, contact

Howard Dishman at (703) 549-1563

USE OF SANCTUARY

The Seventh Day Adventist Church will use our Sanctuary for worship on Saturdays 9am-12pm and 5pm-7pm

Tuesdays 5pm-7pm (Library Upstairs)

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Parish directory is revised. Thank You Dana Dishman A revised directory was given out at the Annual Meeting on Feb. 24th . Thanks to each and everyone for your support in making this Meade Directory possible

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Holy Eucharist at 9:45am every Sunday

Holy Eucharist with healing and music on the third Sunday of each month at 9:45 am **Join us after each service for Fellowship. Refreshments will be provided.**

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Mr. Cason and the fund Raising Committee have created a brochure to advertise and publicize our church space for rent. The church is ready for rentals now.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served following the 9:45 am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Join us for fellowship while helping to raise money for the church. The $10 per adult for breakfast goes to pay for the church mortgage.

SATURDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

The Saturday Feeding Program will run on Saturdays until **March 30, 2013**. The time has changed to 12:00 pm – 1:00pm. Volunteers should arrive 10:45 am to start preparing the food. The weekly feeding M-F begins at 11:30 and ends at noon. **Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Parish Hall.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Mary Ann Rudy is currently Christian Formation

Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to the Rector

Monday: 1pm – 4pm Wednesday: 10am-4pm

Thursday: 9am-4pm Sunday: 9am-1pm

**SUPPLIES NEEDED**

Large Bottle of Regular Bleach

Mop Heads

11x17 Copier Paper

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Bible Study: On hold during Lent

Adult Forum: The 2nd and 4th Sunday after 9:45 am service

**MEADE LENTEN HOLY EUCHARIST**

Noon Wednesdays, February 20th – March 20th

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION (MARCH 24th)**

Meade Memorial will be joining Christ Church and

St. Paul’s in the Palm Sunday Procession from Market

Square. The Procession takes place about 8:30 a.m.

Please join us.

**JOINT BLESSING AND PROCESSION OF THE PALMS**

We will gather with local Episcopal Churches at Market Square. After the blessing of the Palms at Market Square

the congregation will process throughout the neighborhood

to Meade Church. Join us as we share the opportunity

to worship and praise God with our neighbors.

(WEATHER PERMITTING)

**THOMAS BROWSER SEMINARIAN FUND**

Please be generous: Kick off is March 24th 2013

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What’s Happening at the Church

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| March 17  5th Sunday in Lent  LEM Reader  Nelson Greene  Lay Reader  Gloria Ward-Lewis | March 24  PALM SUNDAY  9am- Joint Palm Sunday Procession from Market Square  9.45am Palm Sunday Service at Meade  LEM  Dana Dishman  Lay Reader  Michael Brown | March 31  EASTER SUNDAY  **6:30am Easter Service**  **8:30am Easter Breakfast**  **9:45am Festival Easter Service**  LEM  Donita Greene  Lay Reader  Kevin Christian | APRIL 7  First Sunday After Easter  LEM  Marlene Forrest  Lay Reader  Deborah Daniel-Cason |

MARCH- APRIL

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2  Acolyte Practice  1-2 pm  Sandra Howard |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6  Noon- Holy Eucharist  3rdLenten Event 6:30- 8:30  Emmanuel Church  1608 Russell Rd | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10  Breakfast  Adult Forum  Daylight Savings | 11 | 12 | 13  Noon- Holy Eucharist  3rdLenten Event 6:30- 8:30  Emmanuel Church  1608 Russell Rd | 14 | 15  Vestry Retreat Starts  St. Clements  6pm-9pm | 16  Vestry Retreat  Ends  St. Clements  9am-3pm |
| 17 | 18 | 19  AA at 7pm | 20  Noon- Holy Eucharist  3rdLenten Event 6:30- 8:30  Emmanuel Church  1608 Russell Rd | 21 | 22 | 23  Lifeline  Screening |
| 24  Breakfast  Adult Forum  Palm Sunday | 25 | 26  AA at 7pm | 27 | 28  Maundy Thursday  7:00am Foot washing and stripping of the altar | 29  Good Friday  Noon Service  7pm Service | 30  Last day for  Saturday Feeding |
| 31  Easter Sunday | 1  First Day Of  APRIL | 2  AA at 7pm | 3 | 4  Discernment Meeting @ 2pm | 5 | 6 |
| 7  First Sunday After Easter | 8 | 9  AA at 7pm | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14  Breakfast  Adult Forum | 15 | 16  AA at 7pm | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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Upcoming Sunday Services



**Subhead. Subhead.**

**When you’re writing a newsletter, write it so that someone who has never heard of your company can understand what you’re offering as quickly as possible. Stay away from using jargon, acronyms, or complicated terms.**

**If you’re not sure what to write, make a list of “what we do” and then a list of “why our products or services are the best.” Use that information to create your newsletter.**

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**MEMBERS IN MILITARY**

Deven Sanabria

Shadia Everette

Reginald E. Ramsey

Crispin Abad Jr.

John Abad

Michael Ferguson

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

MARCH

Alisia Ferguson

Brenda Robles

Christine Forrest

Duane Rivera

Gretta Hope

Kennedi White

Kennya Ramsey

Leonard L Randolph Jr

Leonard Randolph III

Malik Ferrell

Naya Forrest

Noel Williams

Patricia Tutt

Peace Asonye

Rev Collins Asonye

Sandra Howard

Sara Forrest

APRIL

Barbara Cooley

Beryl Hope

Kassadi Bridge

Claudia Turner

Eunice Jones

Casey Ross Beasley

Raymond Johnson

Thomas Craven

Danielle Williams

Robert Lewis

Katrinah Lewis

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kerri & Gwendolyn Black

Peace & Collins Asonye 3/21

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Beryl Hope

Curtis & Judy Moore

DeBora Craven

Denise Brown

Dennis Quivis

Dorothy Jones

Ellen Todd

Eudora Forrest

Gale Rivera

Gloria & Nelson Greene Sr

Gwen Black

Howard Dishman

Leonard Randolph Jr.

Lucille Craven

Lucille Powell

Margaret Chisley

Mary Martin

Nicole Jaffe

Norman Howard

Thomas Murray

Tiffany Mason

Vera Henderson

Wila Rivera

**PASTORAL CARE/ VISITATION**

For all pastoral care, kindly call the parish office (703) 549-1334 or (419) 438-1197 to reach the

Pastor or leave a message. Help us serve you better

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Member Announcements