The Vineyard

NEWSLETTER OF MEADE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February and March 2013



**THE SEASON OF LENT**

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word”. These words are spoken during the Ash Wednesday service. Which marks the beginning of lent. The 40 day season of Lent is a penitential time in which we look inside ourselves and see what needs to be changed. What do we do that comes between us and God? What are our stumbling blocks? How can I be a better Christian? It is important for us to fully live into Lent, to prepare ourselves for the resurrection on Easter Day.

Lent is a time to center ourselves, to get rid of what takes too much of our time or our resources and gets in the way of our dependence on God alone. It is time to do a spiritual housecleaning, to get rid of the clutter. It is also time to renew ourselves in God’s spirit by participating in worship, Christian Education opportunities and serve to others. Many opportunities can be found in the following pages. I pray that this may be a holy and transforming Lenten season for each of you.

-Book of Common Prayer p. 264-

**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. They 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 take place on Friday and Saturday, March 15-16 at St. Clement’s.



Let the Church say “AMEN!” Let the Church say “AMEN!” God has spoken. Let the Church say “AMEN!”

Collins Asonye – Rector

2014 Cris Abad – Fin. Chair

2014 Dana Dishman

2014 Deborah Daniel-Cason

2015 Barbara Wells

2015 Denise Brown –Clerk

2015 Marlene Forrest

Michael Brown – Treasurer

Joseph Royster - Delegate

**Outgoing**

2013 Gloria Lewis S. Warden

2013 N. Greene Jr., J. Warden

2013 Barbara Terry

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SATURDAY FEEDING PROGRAM

The Saturday Feeding Program will run on Saturdays until March 31, 2013. The time has changed to 12:00 pm – 1:00pm. Volunteers should arrive 10:45 am to start preparing the food. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up in the Parish Hall.

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.

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.

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)

**PREACHING SCHEDULE**

**Feb. 24- FR. ASONYE**

**March 3- TED GULICK**

**March 10- MARLENE**

**March 17- Fr. ASONYE**

**ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 24th**

**We encourage you to come to church on Sunday, February 24th, for our Annual Meeting following the service. We will have a potluck meeting. Please bring a dish to share. The Vestry needs three new members to be voted on our annual meeting. Please let Father Collins or any member of the Vestry know if you are interested in serving on the Vestry**

**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**

Dana and Thomas thanks for the Toner for printer.

Thank you for all the supplies

**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 6th

**LENTEN SERVICES**

Holy Eucharist, light supper, great reflection:

When: Wednesday February 20th

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Where: Emmanuel Episcopal Church 1608 Russell Rd

Topic: Are science and faith compatible?

Speaker: Dr. Paul Julienne Physicist, University of

Maryland College Park

**BISHOP’S VISIT**

Bishop Ted Gulick will visit Meade Memorial on Sunday,

March 3, 2013. Father Asonye needs to know ASAP who

would like to be baptized and or reaffirmed in their

Episcopal faith.

**THOMAS BROWSER SEMINARIAN FUND**

Please be generous: Kick off is March 27th 2013

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Parish directory is being revised. Please call Dana Dishman at (703) 549-1563 with any updates. A revised directory will be available at the annual meeting on Feb. 24th . Thanks to each and everyone for your support in making this possible

What’s Happening at the Church

FEBRUARY - MARCH

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9  Seven Day Adventist Church |
| 10  Breakfast | 11  Vestry Meeting | 12  Shrove Tuesday | 13  Ash Wednesday | 14 | 15 | 16  Seven Day Adventist Church |
| 17 | 18 | 19  AA at 7pm | 20  Noon- Holy Eucharist  First Lenten Event 6:30- 8:30  Emmanuel Church  1608 Russell Rd | 21 | 22 | 23  Seven Day Adventist Church |
| 24  Annual Meeting  Potluck Lunch  Vestry Election | 25 | 26  AA at 7pm | 27  Noon- Holy Eucharist  2ndLenten Event 6:30- 8:30  Emmanuel Church  1608 Russell Rd | 28 | 1  First Day Of  MARCH | 2  Acolyte Practice  1-2 pm  Sandra Howard  SDA |
| 3  Bishop Ted on Pastoral Visit to Meade Church | 4 | 5  AA at 7pm | 6  Noon- Holy Eucharist  3rdLenten Event 6:30- 8:30  Emmanuel Church  1608 Russell Rd | 7 | 8 | 9  Seven Day Adventist Church |
| 10  Breakfast  Daylight Savings  Gideon’s International Visit | 11  Vestry Meeting | 12  AA at 7pm | 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  SDA |
| 17  Worship 9.45 AM | 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  SDA |
| 24  Worship 9.45 AM | 25 | 26  AA at 7pm | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30  Seven Day Adventist Church |
| 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| February 24  Lent  LEM Reader  Dana Dishman  Lay Reader  Brenda Brooks | March 3  Lent  LEM Reader  Donita Greene  Lay Reader  Barbara Wells | March 10  Lent  LEM Reader  Marlene Forrest  Lay Reader  Pat Tutt | March 17  Lent  LEM Reader  Nelson Greene  Lay Reader  Gloria Ward-Lewis |

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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**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

**MEMBERS IN MILITARY**

Deven Sanabria

Shadia Everette

Reginald E. Ramsey

Crispin Abad Jr.

John Abad

Michael Ferguson

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Kerri & Gwendolyn Black

Peace & Collins Asonye

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

FEBRUARY

Angela Hope

Deonte Eldridge

Dorothy Jones

Ellen D. Todd

Norma Howard

Terry Greene

Theodore Brooks

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

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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

Member Announcements