



AQUIA
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Cross Section

All of you are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27

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FROM THE RECTOR

Celebrating the Season of Easter

When Jesus died, virtually no one regarded his death as a victory. Think about all he endured in the day before his death. Jesus was betrayed by one of his twelve closest friends, arrested by guards from the Temple at Jerusalem, put on trial by the ruling council of Jewish leaders, brought before the capricious crowd and subjected to their demands, sentenced to death by a Roman governor who was harsh and cruel even by Roman standards, physically flogged and verbally taunted, and hung in humiliation on the hard wood of the cross to die between two common criminals, complete with spikes driven through his wrists and a spear-wound in his side. Jesus himself exclaimed from the cross that his own Father and God in Heaven had obviously abandoned him. How could anyone except his enemies consider what happened at the cross as a matter of triumph?

We Christians, who are the first to honor that somber occasion, sometimes run the risk of thinking about Good Friday as a stand-alone moment, when in fact it is directly linked with the rest of that weekend. After Jesus died, his corpse was removed from the cross and laid to rest in a fresh tomb, sealed with a large stone so that no one would intrude. For the entirety of Holy Saturday and the bulk of that weekend, his remains were as completely lifeless as any dead body would be. Then on the third day—on that first Easter morning—Jesus was raised from the dead, and he emerged from his grave with a life that would never die again. Ever since that Sunday, nothing has been the same.

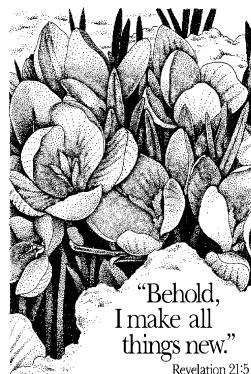
With our upcoming celebration of Easter Sunday and the fifty-day-long season of Easter (because just one day simply will not suffice), we can experience some-

thing of what the early Christians experienced: the joy that comes with knowing about Jesus' resurrection. In the first century, like the twenty-first century, everyone knows that ordinarily those who are buried do not become alive again. Yet that is exactly what happened when Jesus was raised from the dead: his dead body was brought back to life in a bold sign of victory and triumph over death and evil. This was no ordinary situation, but something altogether extraordinary. The disciples who saw Jesus risen from the tomb, who touched him and spoke with him and ate food with him, could remember his promise that he would be crucified for our sins yet resurrected on the third day. Seeing how faithful Jesus was in his promise-keeping gave his followers—then as now—real reason for rejoicing.

With Jesus raised from the dead, we know that death has been defeated decisively. With Jesus victorious over evil, we know that evil cannot have the last word. With Jesus triumphantly alive again, we know that our salvation from death and evil comes through him alone. How our heavenly Father resurrected his well-beloved Son shows that God truly is the "Fountain of life and source of all goodness" (BCP 373). And his power over everything destructive that the Devil could devise invites us to place our trust and confidence in this God and in no other.

Easter can mark many things, including the end of winter doldrums and the start of spring rejuvenation. For Christians, Easter is far more important than that. Easter shows how God is keeping his promise to "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5) as he transforms the dead into the living and restores hope where it was lacking. We should rejoice throughout this joyful Eastertide.

Jay Morris



FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

Taking Back Revelation

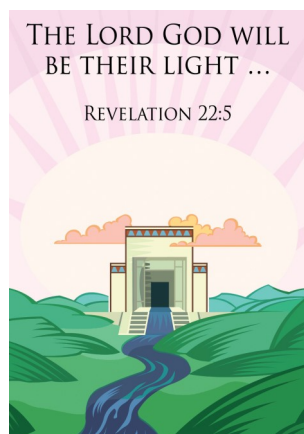
Dear Family in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank our God for you, especially for the fervor that you have for reading, marking, learning, and inwardly digesting the word of God. This is admirable for Christians of any age, but especially the one in which we find ourselves to-day. Because of that, it pleases me to lead a Bible study once a week so that we can all delve deeper into the riches of Holy Scripture. Therefore, I am excited to teach a new Wednesday evening series on the Book of Revelation.

Revelation is filled with **worship** imagery. In chapters 4 and 5, we see the throne room of heaven. Revelation 4:8 relays to us that “the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’” In this, we see that the primary objective in heaven is worship. Liturgy can be seen throughout the Book of Revelation where we see things like the reference to Sunday worship as “[being] in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day” (1:10) or the use of incense as a symbol of prayer (8:3-4).

Revelation is the **witness** to things to come. This statement does not mean that everything will happen in the end just like it says. What we learn from the extraordinary imagery in Revelation is that God has prevailed, is prevailing, and will prevail finally over the powers of sin, death, and the Devil. Revelation witnesses to God’s majesty, glory, and beauty as he dwells in our midst in eternity (chs. 21-22). Another type of witness can be seen too. The army of martyrs (Greek for ‘witnesses’), those

whose robes have been made white in the blood of the Lamb (7:14), witnessed to the world the reality of the Triune God. Their confession of faith led to suffering and death. The two witnesses (ch. 11) show the stunning reality of what it means for us to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a world run by the Devil.



Revelation is filled with **warning** signs for Christians. We are warned in Revelation to live according to God’s commands, lest we become like the Nicolaitans (2:6). We are warned to preach the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, not a false one, and to follow the one true Lord, lest we fall prey to false prophets like the Jezebel of Thyatira (2:20). Revelation is a line in the sand, if you will. It shows us that faith in Jesus

Christ is the true path and that how we live ought always to reflect the true faith “that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). Is your name in the Lamb’s Book of Life? Is mine? By God’s grace, through faith, it is.

I am writing you these things not to scare you away, but rather to help you see the message of Revelation. This book is intended to challenge, comfort, and strengthen the body of Christ in its mission. I have titled the series “Taking Back Revelation” so that we can shift away from how Revelation has been weaponized throughout history to scare, condemn, and punish those with whom one disagrees. We will find that Revelation has much to say about how everyone lives. Come and see for yourself!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*In Christ+,
Fr. James*



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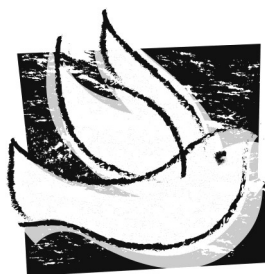
Kathy Trevarthen

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

It is amazing to me how much we are blessed at Aquia Episcopal Church to have so many opportunities to gather together to socialize, to learn, and to serve within our parish.

One Aquia opportunity in which a very large number of our fellow parishioners participated was the visit to the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., back in February. It was a tremendous time together to see the Bible story portrayed in various video films. In addition, the ancient artifacts on display were beyond belief. This was an excellent learning and socializing experience among fellow Christians. I am thankful that my wife and I were able to join this group experience. Everywhere we went in the museum, we ran into fellow members of Aquia. It was also a major benefit to have Father Jay and Father James there to assist us with directions and interpretations. Hopefully this event can be repeated since there is too much to see in just one day.

Small group experiences can be very powerful. This was the case for me



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with the Quiet Day program led by Father James early in March, during Lent. This was well structured to allow time to think alone after hearing remarks from Father James followed by a question to consider. It was very relaxing in having the opportunity to "be" rather than having to "do." Hopefully this approach can be repeated, with additional participants joining the experience.

Aquia also is blessed with many talented and hard-working members of our parish family. Recently, due to the change in our clocks for Daylight Sav-

ing Time, and due to a power outage (our little subdivision only!), my wife and I did not attend the 7:30 a.m. service as usual. Instead we went to Morning Call and the 11:15 a.m. service. The talent and devotion of a parish member was demonstrated to me in the hard work that was done to create a total feast for breakfast—or for me, brunch. The meal was fantastic. I enjoy oatmeal, but had never experienced pumpkin oatmeal. It was delicious, as was the remainder of the feast. We are blessed.

We are all at different points in our spiritual journeys. My hope is that this Lent you have experienced new awareness about your spirituality. Aquia has opportunities to help you along your way. Please take advantage of these meaningful offerings.

Thank you for all you do for Aquia.

Joe Howard

TREASURER'S NOTE

From the financial front, I am glad to say that we continue to make progress in meeting our financial commitments. On the pledge front, there are some who pledged in 2017, but who have not yet submitted a pledge card for 2018; we are still accepting such, and pledge cards are available (see me!).



For newcomers who may be unfamiliar with the Episcopal Church, please understand that we do not receive any outside funding from the greater Episco-

pal Church; indeed, we are expected to contribute to our diocese. All of our operations are financed from within.

As you may have noticed in the bulletin, financial statements for the first quarter of 2018 will be sent on request only – please contact Sue Selz (sue.selz@aquiachurch.com) if you want a first quarter statement.

We are investigating another option for online or electronic giving. Our previous effort was terminated due to excessive cost. This new option, though not free, is much more cost efficient. If you would be interested in making your

gifts using such an application, please e-mail me indicating so (chris.arey@gmail.com). All I need is a 'yes, I am interested' type of response.

Finally, if you have interest in joining our small, elite team of offering counters, a regular and necessary function, please contact Dennise (office@aquiachurch.com) or me. Although couples may not count together, if you can pitch in, with a little training, it would be very helpful.

Chris Arey



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

As I was going over my calendar, someone said to me, April is a quiet month this year. With Easter falling on April 1, it might seem the end of March and April will be somewhat quiet. As the Seder Meal, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday are approaching, much preparation is done with many traditions by our Episcopal Church Women and others in our parish. All of these traditions strengthen, enlighten, and renew our faith.

I chose not to abstain from a favorite item or habit this year for Lent; in-

stead, I decided to FAST for Lent (see below). Several of the FASTS and abstaining from them looked to be more difficult for me than abstaining from chocolate. I hope to be mindful and not to end my FAST on Good Friday. April will be busy for me, since I won't have the Lenten season to remind me, I will make the time to renew my FAST.

The ECW will support ACT Ministry (Aquila's Care Team: *serving one another in love*, Galatians 5:13) in serving our annual dinner on April 23 to Head Start families of Stafford. The

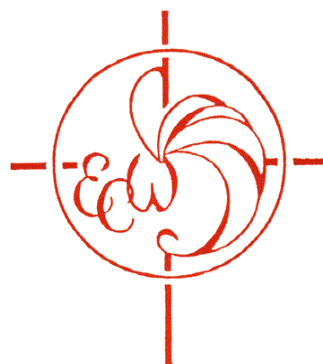
format has changed this year; we will serve about 100 adults and children.

We will also begin the preparation for many events on our calendar for May. It's not about joining the ECW, it is about sharing in our ministries: parish, local, and worldwide. If you need more information, or if you can help, please contact me at bkwing_n_things@yahoo.com.

Briget Kane
President

In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
FAST FROM WORRIES AND HAVE TRUST IN GOD
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill our heart with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



STS. MARY AND MARTHA

Worship, Service and Fellowship

Sts. Mary and Martha Guild is planning to be quite productive during April as we continue to make items for the Fall Fest Craft Room. Fall Fest will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 this year, and although this may sound faraway, it will be here before we know it! Filling the craft room with handmade Fall and Christmas crafts is Sts. Mary and Martha's largest service project of the year and we are on it!

We could use a bit of your help:

1.) The Guild is always looking for new ideas for the craft room to freshen and expand our inventory. If you have

an idea for us to work on, please send us a picture in an e-mail to maryjane@cfsw.biz.

2.) Another responsibility we have at the Fall Fest is the very popular jewelry table. Any donations of costume jewelry would be greatly appreciated.



3.) If you make your own unique craft, we would be so grateful for a few of these to round out the inventory in the craft room.

Guild meetings this month will be on April 5 and 19 in the parish hall downstairs, beginning with Morning Prayer at 9:30. Please come to pray with us, to enjoy the fellowship and to join the discussion as we continue to read together our current study book, *A Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren.

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

After disappearing for more than 150 years, two headstones are returning to their original burial place. We receive some interesting phone calls in the church office, and this is number one for me.

One day I took a phone call from a gentleman who is working on a committee to restore Brent Cemetery. Brent Cemetery is owned by the Roman Catholic Church and is the resting place for many Catholics from America's earliest years.

The gentleman asked if Aquia Church had any headstones that predated the American Revolution as he was tasked by the committee to search out any old headstones in Stafford to see if perhaps those headstones belonged instead to Brent Cemetery. Brent Cemetery had been vandalized when Stafford was occupied by Union troops. The soldiers used the headstones to construct fireplaces while they camped out in Stafford.

As a matter of fact, I replied, Aquia did have two such stones. I relayed the two stories I had heard about the headstones. One headstone was found when Aquia Harbour was being developed; at that time, Aquia Church Cemetery, in close proximity, was asked to take the headstone. The other headstone was

found in Aquia Creek. Again, since Aquia Church Cemetery was close by, another request was made to take a headstone. And so, for many years, the headstone of "Elizabeth Simson," which reads "Heare Lyes y Body of Elizabeth Simson the daughter of John Simson departed this life March y 14 1698 borne June the 27th 1695," and the headstone of "Mary Flaetcher," which reads "Heare Lyes y body of Mary Flaetcher the daughter of James Flaetch, borne May y 16 departed this life May y 25 1698," resided in the Aquia Church Cemetery.

The Brent Cemetery Committee then presented a report to the Aquia Church Vestry that includes several historical findings, quoted below, indicating that these two headstones might actually have come from Brent Cemetery:

- "Both stones remember infant girls – one the daughter of John 'the Scotsman' Simpson, Captain George Brent's known indentured servant and possible cousin, the other the daughter of James Fletcher, a neighbor who may also have been Brent's employee at some point."
- "The stones are both cut from what is probably Brent's Aquia quarry sandstone by the same hand in the same style, and only months apart in 1698."

It is possible both stones were stolen from the Brent Cemetery during the Civil War. The report continues:

- "Margaret Waller Ford, who owned Woodstock Plantation then, wrote to complain of Union soldiers stealing Brent tombstones to build fireplaces, presumably in their winter huts."
- "The Simpson Stone was reported found broken in Aquia Creek, not far from Brent Cemetery." It is

possible "it was dropped and broken as the thieves crossed the creek and abandoned there. [...B]oth pieces were found together, and the stone edges and the break show signs of long water erosion."

- "The Fletcher Stone was found 'near the Aquia Boathouse' in the 1960's. The site now associated with the boathouse is across Route 1, opposite St. William of York Parish a few hundred yards from Brent Cemetery." The headstones predate the Aquia Church Cemetery and neither Elizabeth Simpson nor Mary Fletcher were buried here. "The Brent Cemetery was the only cemetery known [to exist] when the stones were cut."
- "The headstones are of the same sandstone (almost certainly from Brent's quarry), same lettering, font and spellings, same chisel cuts around the edges, both monuments cut in 1698. Same stone, same style, same age = same stone-carver!"

There is evidence tying John Simpson, father of Elizabeth, to Captain George Brent: "From the simpsonhistory.com notes [...] John the Scotsman Simpson was indentured to George Brent, and lived on Woodstock Plantation. In the deposition, his son John Jr. (born 1680-1756) attests to living with his parents on Woodstock from much of the period 1680 through 1695-6. That confirms a relationship between George Brent and John Simpson and means Elizabeth Simpson, borne June y 25 1695, was born on Woodstock Plantation."

There is also evidence tying James Fletcher, father of Mary, to Captain George Brent: "Mary Fletcher's father, James Fletcher was as an orphaned teen formally indentured for five years between 1687 and 1692 to Stafford plantation owner Jonathan Whitall, presum-

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Dear Friends,

I am deeply grateful for your gift of \$365.00 to the Diocese of Virginia for the Discretionary Fund of the Bishop Suffragan. Over the years I have used such gifts to fulfill a wide range of needs – from coaching for clergy of small congregations, to counseling for clergy families in time of crisis, to travel for clergy and lay leaders attending formative conferences, to direct aid to people and programs in the diocese and around the world. Your gift will be used well and fully for ministry that is not otherwise covered in the budget of the Diocese, and will be a blessing to many.

It is a great pleasure and privilege for me, in my ministry as Bishop, to be able to support so many good works, and I greatly appreciate your part in making this possible.

With many thanks for your strong witness, and blessings upon your life as part of the family of Christ, I remain

Faithfully yours

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff

[Note: Bishop Goff, the bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia, visited Aquia Church on Sunday, Feb. 18, for confirmation, reception into The Episcopal Church, and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows. The loose-plate collection that day was dedicated to Bishop Goff's clergy discretionary fund.]



Save the Date!

June 18-22

Shipwrecked VBS

Rescued by Jesus!

The program has already been ordered and delivered. We need volunteers to help with decorating, music, Bible stories, arts & crafts, and games. If you are available one or more days during VBS week, please contact Kristen Morgan at christianed@aquiachurch.com.



Shipwrecked VBS

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ably to learn to grow tobacco. A decade later in 1701, Fletcher bought several hundred acres of tobacco land on Aquia inlet between the plantations of Giles Brent (III) and Joseph Whitson. Apparently he learned well through his indenture, and earned the 3,000 pounds of tobacco he paid for the land in the five years that followed as a grower. His plantation became known as Myrtle Grove. Virginia records identify James Fletcher and two brothers as tobacco growers. So Fletcher was certainly known to, and a neighbor of, Captain George Brent and his sons. Moreover, after Fletcher died, his property was bought by Brent descendants.”

The report concludes, "The stones are physically similar and contemporaneous with Captain George Brent; both stones appear to have been found close to the Brent Cemetery; Captain George Brent may have owned the quarry from which the stones came; no other cemetery worthy of such stones existed when the stones were carved; one stone belonged to the daughter of a known servant/employee and possible relations of Captain George Brent, recorded living on Woodstock when his daughter lived, and the most logical place for her burial; the other stone belonged to a known neighbor of Captain George Brent. [...] Finally, as a more correct venue for those stones, the Brent Cemetery is the best candidate.”

Given this presentation, the Aquia Church Vestry voted to return the headstones to Brent Cemetery. Two gentlemen from the Brent Cemetery Committee picked up the headstones. The Brent Cemetery Committee has engaged an expert to restore the headstones. After restoration, they will be reinstalled in Brent Cemetery.

A very interesting phone call, indeed, and one I shall never forget. I requested that the Brent Cemetery Committee let me know when the headstones will be reinstalled. I am looking forward to attending that service and to honor “Mary Flaetcher” (Mary Fletcher) and “Elizabth Simson” (Elizabeth Simpson).

Dennise LaBarre



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

February 20, 2018

Dinner and Fellowship (started at 6:30 pm) (hosts: Kathy Trevarthen and Joe Howard). In attendance are Fathers Jay Morris and James Rickenbaker, Joe Howard (Sr. Warden), Bob Brandon (Jr. Warden), Jackie Chichester, Mary Nixon, Jean Golas, Kathy Trevarthen, Curt Bradford, Dickie Boes, Gary Perkins, Ethan Shoen (Youth Representative), John Sondermann (Asst. Register), and Douglas McGinty (Register). Treasurer Chris Arey also attended. *[Subsequent events are bracketed and italicized.]*

Business Session

Fr. Jay opened with a prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Treasurer's Report Chris Arey reports that the budget is transitioning to the accrual system. The Treasurer will attend to the Orthodox Church being behind a month in rent. The monthly mortgage payment on the Christian formation and fellowship building is around \$16K. Provisions for possible changes in labels for our restricted funds will go through the Finance Committee.

Minutes from Previous Meeting, presented by Register Douglas McGinty. The motion to approve with three changes was adopted.

- R-2014-3 Floor Insulation for Clifton Chapel (tabled; awaiting alternative proposals).

- Appointment of Caitlin Bennett as non-vestry member of administration committee and Charlie Bingay and David Morgan as non-vestry members of finance committee (approved 1/23 by electronic vote).
- Appointment of David Gustafson as non-vestry member of B&G committee and David Morgan as non-vestry member of administration committee (approved 2/9 by electronic vote).
- R-2018-1: Sale of Burial Rights to LaBarre (approved 2/9 by electronic vote).

New Business

Appointment of Larry Moxley as non-vestry member of B&G committee. Approved unanimously.

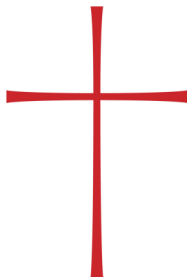
- R-2018-02: Re-Designation of Memorial Funds in the Special Fund to the General Fund Reserve in the Special Fund (finance committee). Adopted unanimously.
- R-2018-03: Establish a Capital Endowment Fund (finance committee). Adopted unanimously.
- R-2018-04: Check-Signing Requirements for ECW (finance committee). Adopted unanimously.
- R-2018-05: Adjustment to the 2018 Budget (finance committee). Adopted unanimously.



Vestry Highlights

- Pew Repair Project. Discussed by the Building and Grounds Committee.
- Follow-Up from Bishop Goff's Visit on 2/19/2018. The Bishop's participation in the church services and meeting with the vestry afterwards were greatly appreciated.
- Update on Capital Campaign (received \$859,714.61 from donors making pledges and \$107,126.93 from donors not making pledges, for total of \$966,841.54 received, with \$64,530.71 not yet paid on pledges, all as of 2/11/2018).
- *[Tree Action Plan. On March 3-4, 2018, the vestry unanimously approved by electronic vote a proposal to have Mitchell Tree Service cut up and remove from the cemetery a large hickory tree that fell there during the recent windstorm and grind the tree stump, and to have Carroll Memorials reposition the grave markers that were dislocated by the fallen tree.]*

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We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love and fellowship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance, and proclaiming His word throughout the world.



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Reports from Vestry Committees

Building and Grounds – Bob Brandon.

Bob Brandon discussed possible contracts for painting the church pews. He will talk with Habalis Construction Co. Fr. Jay will work with Aquia Church Association.

The vestry unanimously approved an oral motion (made and seconded from the floor, and thus not a written motion) to accept the bid of 9/7/2017 by Southland Insulators (as prepared by Wade Linton) to install random fill open cell foam insulation (between 5.5" and 8.5") under as much as possible of the historic building of our Clifton Chapel property, located at 60 Clifton Chapel Lane in Stafford, Va. The vestry accepted the bid at a cost not to exceed a maximum of \$4,300.00. The funds for this project are to be taken from Aquia Church assets line #1082 (restricted for Clifton Chapel), which as of Jan. 31, 2018 has \$5,023.34. The vestry chose the second option of the bid (foam option for crawl under floor/all) at a basic price of \$3,250.00. The vestry also selected the option of extra insulation at an additional price of \$1,040.00.

Administrative Committee – Jean Golas.

Dave Morgan researched security systems. Tyco made an attractive bid with a better price.

The committee set goals.

Finance Committee – Dickie Boes.

Finances and the Treasurer's Report were discussed.

Reports from Junior Warden and Senior Warden

Jr. Warden, by Bob Brandon

He signed the paperwork reserving Patowomeck Park for Memorial Day Sunday. Work and termite treatment were done at the Rectory.

Sr. Warden, by Joe Howard

He thanked the ECW for their great work on Bishop Goff's reception, as well as the vestry for the reception and meeting. He also thanked the committees for their great work and Mike Golas for arranging the Museum of the Bible trip.

Report from Rector

Fr. Jay delivered the Rector's Report. He expressed appreciation for Bishop Goff's visit.

A report was made on the Second Capital Campaign. John Sondermann indicated that \$33 K was needed to reach \$1 million. Fr. Jay noted that there will be a matching challenge gift toward the next capital campaign. A letter is being drafted asking recipients to fulfill their pledges.

Upcoming Dates

Variety of events with dates and times advertised on Lenten brochure

- 2/26 (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.): Fredericksburg Region Listening Session on Election of Second Bishop Suffragan (St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Owens, King George County)
- 2/27 (7 p.m. – 9 p.m.): Fredericksburg Region Listening Session on Election of Second Bishop Suffragan (Trinity Episcopal Church, Fredericksburg)
- 3/4 (12:45 p.m.): Newcomer Luncheon and Orientation. *[The Luncheon was postponed due to power outage in the CFFB.]*
- 3/20 Vestry meeting

Good of the Order, Closing Prayer by Fr. James, and Adjournment

Douglas McGinty,
Register

May Concert

Several of you will remember that Aquia Church hosted the Concert Choir & Jazz Band from Elizabethtown College five years ago. They will be traveling from Pennsylvania to Florida in May and would love to visit and perform at Aquia Church again. They would like to visit and perform on Monday, May 21.

If you can volunteer as a host family for 2-4 students, to defray their lodging costs, please contact Kristen Morgan as soon as possible:

christianed@aquiachurch.com.

You would be asked to provide a place to sleep, breakfast, and then a ride back to church the next morning. Thank you!



FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Funerals: *"Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let the light perpetual shine upon them."*

Richard Melvin Lewis, 1930-2018.

NEWCOMERS/VISITORS

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

Sharon Kruse

FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date for a baptism is May 20, 2018. If you would like to have a baptism on this date, or if this date doesn't work for you and you would like to request another date, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be scheduled.

PRAYERS FOR EXPECTANT PARENTS

Mike and Kristen Fallon, James and Rachel Rickenbaker, John and Heera Cole

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AT AQUIA CHURCH

New Babies: Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be offered as part of the service on the second Sunday of the month (youth Sunday). This will be scheduled as needed. Please call the church office the week prior, if your family would like to be included.



Also, please call the church office after a birth so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.

Those being deployed: Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also we would like to put you on our prayer list for all those in the service of our country who are deployed.



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Aquia Church Prayer List – April 2018



Faye Andrews, Charles Banks, Rhett Blythe and Family, Judy Chaplin, Laura Chichester, Elijah Colliver, Andy Cunningham, Jeff Davis, Becky Dixon, Brandon Evans, Jack Flanagan, Robert & JoAnn Feldman, Peggy Hall, Michelle Hanzlik, Suzanne Lanterman, Lori, Ken Luehrs, Adelle McCrary, Gary McKeever, Pat Moncure, Vanessa Moncure, Patty Montgomery, Judy Morris, Rebecca Poole, Rosalia Pribble, Michele, Scott Smith, Tim Spaulding, Patricia Springer, Gail Squires, Gail Tompkins, John & Pam Tompkins, Tom Tremper, Ziggy Wodzinski, John Weagraff, Patrick Weber.



Decorate Church Windows for Mother's Day

Mother's Day is on May 13 this year, and will be here before we know it! The Flower Guild wants you to decorate the windows of the sanctuary for Mother's Day. There are 15 windows to be decorated (the one behind the choir loft stairs is too hard to decorate). Volunteers can be an individual, a family, a Sunday school class, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, an Aquia Church ministry, clergy, friends, neighbors – you name it! A layout of the church indicating the window numbers will be placed on the table near the back

of the church where you can choose a window to decorate and enter a contact name and contact information for your window.

The windows can be decorated with flowers and/or plants, framed pictures, and other memorabilia. A brief story about the window, materials used, names of the participants, and window number should be forwarded to the church office or to Sheryl Colliver at drreilly11@aol.com no later than Sunday, May 6. It doesn't have to be more than a few sentences. The stories

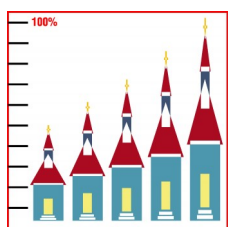
will be compiled for inclusion in the bulletin for Mother's Day services, and should include the window number and the names of the participants.

Decorating will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 12. If you have any questions, or are unable to decorate on May 12, contact the Church office, Sheryl Colliver, or Betsy Husser to arrange for another time to decorate your window prior to Mother's Day.

Sheryl K. Colliver

Capital Campaign For New Building

We have received an offer to help us reach our one-million-dollar goal for this capital campaign. Can you help us reach this major milestone? The offer is this: if we get within \$5,000.00 of our goal by this campaign's last day (Apr. 14), then this anonymous donor will make up the difference! You can make a tax-deductible gift regardless whether you have made a pledge for this campaign. As of March 18, there are more than \$61,000 dollars pledged but not yet paid. Also, as of 18 March, we have received \$866,987 from donors making pledges and \$108,796.93 from donors who have not made a pledge but have contributed nonetheless, for a combined total of \$975,784.54. We are so close to reaching our goal, and you can help us with your gift.





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