Dear Friends,

Lent has begun. Lent is a term derived from a shortened form of an Old English word meaning “spring season.” Its etymology may also include “lengthen” – referring to the lengthening days of sunlight during the spring season. To approach Lent as a season of gloom is to misunderstand its meaning and purpose.

It’s true that Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates in Holy Week. Those are occasions of repentance and intensity. But those services, like our Sunday services, are what give our lives shape and meaning. We remember once again that Jesus Christ lived and died for us. And we prepare to celebrate more fully His resurrection from the dead, that we might receive the gift of eternal life.

So my prayer for you this Lent is that as the days lengthen, so too will your trust in the grace and mercy of God deepen. He is the source of all goodness and comfort, season in and season out.

Ever Yours,   
Pictured below: Our Holy Land Group
Paul    
(See Marilu’s article about our Parish supper inside.)
MARILU’S MESSAGE

Holy Land Storytelling
Thank you for all your prayers for our 30 travelers while we were in the Holy Land! We would like to share our journey with the congregation (our ‘shareholders’☺). On March 4, at the monthly Parish dinner, we will have a two-part presentation. Firstly, there will be a traveler or two at each table who can share what we saw, who we met, and what we experienced on our trip to the Holy Land. Places like Sepphoris, a five mile walk from Nazareth, where Joseph, Jesus, and his brothers likely worked in stone masonry due to the large scale Roman building project happening there. Or Caesarea Maritima, where St. Paul was brought before the governor at Herod’s seaside palace before being shipped off to Rome. Secondly, we will have a pictorial presentation by myself and Dr. Mike Dickens, who incubated the idea for this trip with his Adult Ed series on Jerusalem last year. Looking forward to sharing a great meal and inspiring stories with you. Wednesday, March 4th, from 6-7:30pm in the Gibson/Monticello rooms.

Honduras
On March 7th, thirteen Christ Church missioners will go to San Pedro Sula, Honduras to visit our sister church, San José de la Montaña, and Our Little Roses home for girls. This year we will be leading a leadership workshop and Bible study for all the girls in three groups; 6-10 years, 11-15 years and 15+ years to college age. These girls are not up for adoption but rather are being educated spiritually, emotionally and academically to be leaders in their home country. We are very honored and grateful to be in the company of these young women of deep faith and hope. Please pray for our group - that we will communicate the love of God and faith in His Word to our Episcopal sisters and brothers.

A WORD FROM JOSH

March Senior Luncheon
Please join us on Thursday, March 19th for our monthly Senior Luncheon. Speaker details will be forthcoming, so watch your Sunday bulletins for that information. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Gibson Room with a delicious meal prepared for us by Elizabeth Butler. Please RSVP to lyn@christchurcheville.org. See you there!

Special Lenten Class on Compassion begins Monday 3/9!
We are delighted to announce that over several evenings during Lent, parishioner and writer Mary Cail, PhD, will be leading an adult education series on “Compassion: Ours and God’s”. Using stories from her life and work, she’ll explore the theme from four separate but interrelated angles: God’s compassion, human compassion, forgiveness and informed compassion. The last week will be focused specifically on ways to support friends and relatives who are coping with Alzheimer’s disease, a topic on which she is frequently invited to speak. Mondays from 7-8pm in the Gibson Room, beginning 3/9.

DZ speaks at VA Festival of the Book March 19
On Thursday, March 19th at 12 noon, our own David Zahl will be giving a presentation on “Seculosity: Chasing Enoughness” at the UVa Harrison Institute / Small Special Collections. Hosted by The Wesley Foundation at UVA. All parishioners and community members are warmly invited.
CHRIST CHURCH RINGERS

Our “Christ Church Ringers” (adult hand bell choir) attended a hand bell Festival, “Ringing at the Springs,” at Massanetta Springs, VA, Feb. 21-23. It was a wonderful weekend - music, fellowship, spiritual nourishment and relaxing out of the urban hustle and bustle. Several hand bell choirs came together (total of 53 participants) to sharpen their ringing skills with Festival leader, Nick Hanson, and to share their love of making music on hand bells. The weekend culminated with a worship service Sunday morning, February 23, “Transfiguration Sunday.” Nick expertly incorporated the six handbell pieces into the service, and it was a very meaningful experience for all of us. For more information about Bell Choir at Christ Church, please contact Alice Layman, alice@christchurchcville.org.

Photo: Front row, left to right: Louise Gregory, Lynne Crotts, Nick Hanson, Alice Layman, Julie Nemeyer. Back row, left to right: Martha Sikes, Terry Metcalf, Melissa Peregoy, Gretchen Kelly, Ann Hardinger, Martha Thomas.

JUNIOR CHOIR
SAVE THE DATES

The fourth session of Junior Choir began March 1, but it is still possible to join this session! All children, ages 2nd grade and older (or younger with special permission) are invited to join Christ Church Junior Choir. First time participants are encouraged to give Junior Choir a try. The Junior Choir practices on Sunday mornings, 9:15-9:50 AM, and is directed by Alice Layman.

Session 4 dates: Practices on March 1, 8, 15, 22; sing at 9 AM service on Sunday, March 29

Session 5 dates: Practices on April 19, 26, May 3; sing at 9 AM service on Sunday, May 10.

Contact: alice@christchurchcville.org

Pictured:
Bottom row (L-R): Catherine Hopkins, Alex McClellan, Analivia Lazaro, Coco Matthews, Leighton Hall, Riley Tracey
Second row (L-R): Adelynn Anderson, Margot Murphy, Eliza Powers, Kyrie Stinnette, Wills Murphy
Top row (left to right): Ruth Hopkins, Teddy Murphy, Reese Topper
(not pictured, sick that day): Emeline Anderson, Olive Lindauer, Ella Watson

Ladies Night Out—March 25th

Women of the parish are invited to Caroline Wilhelm’s home (1915 Meadowbrook Rd.) at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 25th. Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share.

Directions from Caroline: At the Bodo’s Bagels on Emmet Street, turn onto Morton Drive. At the end of Morton Dr., turn left on Meadowbrook Rd. Caroline’s house (1915) is on the left near the end of the street and the number sign is at the bottom of the driveway. There will be a balloon on the mailbox. Park on the street on in the driveway.
MISSION & SERVICE

*PACEM Peace
From Feb. 15-22, our PACEM team of many volunteers ministered to the needs of 42+ men every night. Since most PACEM guests work, a hearty meal served up with kindness, a fun game for diversion (we played BINGO), clean clothes (to feel valued and refreshed), and an overnight presence, are always greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of the over 95+ volunteers from Christ Church who shared the love and grace of Christ with our neighbors in need of community, love and shelter. Words are paltry but the gratitude is full. Also, our Outreach Minister, Courtenay Evans, did a fantastic job coordinating food, volunteers and logistics. Thank you, Courtenay!

* People and Congregations Engaged in Ministry

UVA Wintergreen Retreat
The Christ Church College Students enjoyed a wonderful overnight retreat in Wintergreen over the weekend of February 22nd. The theme was “God in the Ordinary” and the students connected deeply to the message and to each other during this delightful time away from Charlottesville. Many thanks to The Krebs, The Laymans, and The Palmers for allowing us the use of their homes.
Shop to Support our Preschool!

Introducing… Merry Go Round! Merry Go Round is a pop-up children’s boutique buying and selling pre-loved clothing here in Christ Church’s Meade Hall on Friday, March 27th from 9am – 5pm. Come find boys and girls clothes of all shapes and sizes from premium-only brands. You can also get cash on the spot for things your little ones have outgrown. Proceeds from the spring sale will support preschool scholarships for refugee families living here in Charlottesville through our partnership with the IRC and other refugee resettlement agencies. For more information, email Meredith Gentine at merrygoroundeville@gmail.com

Meet Our New Staff Member!

Meet the latest addition to the Christ Church staff—our new Magruder Mascot—Boogie the Wonder Dog, or Boogie for short. She is 12 weeks old and a full blooded long coated (a recessive gene) German Shepherd. We lost Marcy’s beloved Ozzie last July 29th, so now we have a girl from his lineage. Come by and meet her when you’re in the neighborhood!
Dear Parents & Students,

This time of year is always packed with fun service projects for youth group, and 2020 is no exception! Thank you to all the students who helped us cook over 300 servings of chili for the Super Bowl Fundraiser in support of our summer mission trip! We had a blast, and managed to raise close to $2,000. Thank you to everyone who bought our chili and supported this fun event. We are so grateful!

In February, the youth group served dinner one night at PACEM and truly did an amazing job - we are so thankful for this crew of hard-working, fun-loving, and kind-hearted students. We also began our Youth Confirmation Class, meeting each Sunday morning for games and a lesson in preparation for Confirmation Sunday on May 3rd. In March we'll be headed to Wintergreen for a fun overnight retreat with the group!

Sunday night youth group continues to be a time for us to enjoy a meal together, play silly games, and talk about the gospel. Each week this semester, we’re learning about a different “Name of Jesus” that we read about in the Bible to understand more of who God is and who we are as God’s children - loved and accepted, exactly as we are.

As always, if you have any questions about youth group or would like more information, please reach out to us!

Yours,
Amanda & Nathan

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In partnership with
Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care (VIP)
Counseling Option: Meet with Counselor Sudie Althisar
Monday & Friday appointments
Contact 434-409-1640 or salthisar@vipcare.org

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Here is the link to the Virginia Episcopalian—Quarterly Magazine produced by the Diocese of Virginia (hold control key and click on the link to connect. http://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Virginia_Episcopalian/VE-Fall-2019-lores-final.pdf
PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for your fellow parishioners: Deb Bobka, Jack Callahan, The Honduras Mission Team.

Pray for our leaders: Donald, our President, Ralph, our Governor, and Nikiyah, the Mayor of our city.

Pray for those on the Active Duty list: LCDR Matthew Warnecke, U.S. Navy (Karen & John Warnecke’s son); Brigadier General, USMC, Jason Morris (son-in-law of Eugene & Lanier Bogen), CPT David Downing (nephew of Carol & Jimmy Downing), LT Kyle David Wagner (son of Jeff & Christine Wagner), LT Thomas Campbell (son of Elizabeth Campbell), Ken Watson (deployed in Afghanistan), Army 1LT Alexander Symons & Marine Lance Corporal Denver Bergamin (nephews of James Moore & Sue Symons), USMC Conor James Nuelle (Karen Nuelle’s son).

Pray for the bereaved: Tara, Liza & Johnny Little (John, husband, father), The Worrell Family (Anne), Susan & David Albaugh & Family (Marjorie, mother, grandmother), Catherine McFarland (Betsy, mother), Ethan Richardson (David, stepfather), Consi Palmer (James, brother), The Janney Family (Tyson), Anne Dodge & Family (John, husband, father), The Baliles Family (Gerald, husband, father), Bob Hoadley (Carole, wife), Christine Wagner (Norma, mother), Anne Hindman (Ken, husband), Bob Michie (Carolyn, wife), Alice Layman (Deanie, mother). Russell Riley (Rhett, father), Shelby Ern (Rebecca, mother), Kate Franzén (Peter, father), Tyler Clarkson (Susan, mother), Scott Knapp (Sue, mother).

Please Note: We will list the bereaved for 6 months along with the deceased relative, if we know the name.

Please make your requests for prayer known to us:
100 W. Jefferson St.
Charlottesville, VA 22902
Phone: 293-2347; Email: office@christchurchcville.org

If you’re new to Christ Church, we have an Email Prayer Chain. There are approximately 80 parishioners on the chain at present. When we receive phoned-in prayer requests or email prayer requests in the office, we send them out to the chain as quickly as possible for prayer. If you would like to participate, please email office@christchurchcville.org and we’ll add you to the list.

Name of Donor: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________ Number of Lilies: _______
Amount Enclosed ($15 per plant): ___________________________

DUE TO RESTRICTED BULLETIN SPACE,
DEDICATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE LINE PER $15 DONATION.
PLEASE SEE EXAMPLES BELOW.

In Memory of: __________________________________________
OR

In Thanksgiving for: __________________________________________

EXAMPLES:

In Memory of: Jane Doe
Donor: Mary & John Doe

In Thanksgiving for: God’s blessings
Donor: The Doe family

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, March 29th

Please make your check payable to Christ Church and indicate lily on the memo portion of your check. You may drop your check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office: 100 W. Jefferson St.; Charlottesville 22902
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**Weekly Events**

**Tues:**
- **Noon**—Our Daily Bread - Interested in serving? Contact Marilu Thomas
- **8am** Centering Prayer (7:45am coffee) in Small Group room
- **7pm** Women’s Jail Ministry
- **7:30pm** 20’s/30’s group meets

**Weds:**
- **11:30 Mid-week Communion**
- **12:15 Brown Bag Bible Study**

**Thurs:**
- **7:00 am**—Men’s Bible Study **
- **8:15 am** Morning Prayer
- **9:00 am** Women’s Bible Study**
- **2:15 pm**—Men’s Jail Ministry
- **6:00 pm**—Bell Choir Rehearsal
- **7:15 pm**—Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Sat:**
- **1 to 4pm**—Water Color Class