

“Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message and pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith”. From the liturgy for Ash Wednesday, The Book of common Prayer (264).

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Welcome to Ware!

Worship Times

- Sunday** 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
(September-May)
10:10 a.m. Children’s Chapel
(September—May)
10:25 a.m. Sunday School
(September—May)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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Lent: Lengthening Days; Lengthening Faith

People rarely find Lent as a grey-area: either people appreciate Lent and enter the season of Lent with vigor or people loathe Lent and enter into the season kicking and screaming or seek to skip Lent altogether. The Church has done her share throughout the years to encourage both. Periods of intense focus on “sinners in the hands of an angry God” have fueled understandings that the only purpose of Lent has been to remind us repeatedly that we are sinners and nothing more, and we should fall on our knees and plead for mercy from a god whose anger burns eternally hot towards us all. At the other extreme, the Church has at times taken away all focus on our need to seek to amend and mend our lives and highlighted an “I’m-OK-you’re-OK-Jesus-is-a-good-guy-let’s-live-on” approach to the gospel. The Church has also, more frequently than not, set out a clear understanding of the healthy and helpful purpose of Lent.

Our word “Lent” comes from an Anglo-Saxon word that denoted the time of year when the days grew longer – most noticeably in late winter/early spring when those dark wintery nights are shortened by the ever-warming and ever-lengthening hours of sunlight. This is important. Lent takes its name from the time of the year when the biting cold and the dreary, fearsome long hours of darkness give way to the warmth that encourages growth and the light that drives away the darkness. Lent comes in a very hopeful time of year, and Lent takes something of that hopefulness and speaks theologically.

Just like the cold, dark days of winter, our own human narrative may be described as having a past that is cold and dark. But that is not so now. For we know the story and truth of Easter. We know the significance of the empty tomb, and the Risen and Ascended Christ. And while these truths certainly anchor who we are and what we believe, we are still human, and we continue to wrestle with all the brokenness of this world.

Lent gives us the opportunity to place the brokenness of this world and the rough edges that we each continue to have and struggle with in front of the Easter story. We have 40 days to realize that our brokenness and the brokenness of this world does not define who we are. We have 40 days to seek to clearly identify these areas in our life – and to identify them not to be moorings that keep us in place, but as that which can be discarded as it no longer defines us.

As the days lengthen we are reminded of the great opportunity to lengthen our faith. By entering Lents, however you choose and with a comfortable level of intensity, we draw closer to God and a purer relationship with ourselves. Lent is 40 Days, but the Easter is 50 Days. Living fully these 40 Days will give the next 50 Days, the Great Season of Easter, a new level of joy – joy that comes only from God.

Faithfully,

T. Grant Ambrose



Music Updates from Michael

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we now are officially in the Season of Lent, I will share with you some of my reflections dealing with Lenten music. When I mention the idea of "penitential" music, I generally hear a collective sigh as the idea of "penance" is certainly out of step with modern society. Even if I call the style of Lenten music "meditative" rather than "penitential", I am greeted with the usual groan and asked, "Why do we HAVE to have such sad music during Lent"? "It's depressing"! The Season of Lent is one of the most important, and misunderstood, Seasons of the Church Year. The word LENT means "Spring Season", and it denotes a time of new life and growth. When I was a child, the idea of "sackcloth and ashes" was very much in vogue and the question would be asked: "What are you giving up for Lent"? A time of deprivation, penance, and identifying with the passion of Jesus. Everything was somber, and we children were reminded daily, (very rightly so), that there could be no Resurrection without the Cross. In the ancient times of my youth, the use of the organ was curtailed during Lent, and no bells were permitted to be rung. I am not mocking these older styles of observances during Lent, but instead of giving something up, we just might consider adding something in to our lives.

Musically speaking, the idea of singing Lenten music actually began before the Church. As we read in the gospels of Matthew and Mark, Jesus and the Apostles sang what we would call Lenten or Passover music. This fact is attested to in the first Maundy Thursday narratives. Once again, it is Christ Himself who gives us the example of what to do in this special time. We sing reflective and meditative hymns and make a contrast in the style of music to help us poor humans develop a sense that something is different in Lent. It is NOT business as usual. These little observances are reminders for us to take a moment in prayerful reflection on the new life that we will share with Jesus on the day of Resurrection, ever mindful of the Cross in our own lives. Lent helps us prepare for the greatest event in the history of the cosmos. We get to share in eternal life because Jesus did indeed suffer the Lenten Passion which leads to His death on the Cross, which leads to His Resurrection and our eternal life. We, by nature of our Baptism, share in that Resurrection. Amazing!

Mindful of the above, adding a simple daily prayer practice or a kindness can be very rewarding. These little extra activities can take many forms as we deepen our journey with Jesus, and one activity can even be as simple as the singing and praying of those Lenten hymns. Don't look at the hymns as sad and dreary, but consider the texts of these hymns in a positive light as you prepare for the glorious outburst of Easter joy. Remember, even though Handel's Messiah is generally heard on Christmas, it was NEVER intended for Christmas, but for Lent and Easter. The texts used for Messiah were written by Charles Jennens, a devout Anglican who wanted to rekindle the faith as there were many upper-class Anglicans who were falling away from religious observance. What better way than by affirming the most important event in our Salvation History. Mr. Jennens gave Handel the text, and the Holy Spirit did the rest. I wish you a joyous Lent, and may we enjoy both the Lenten hymns, and also some meditative silence, as we reflect on the Sacred Mysteries of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Savior.

In Christ,
Michael

Treble Choir “Notes”



Dear Ware Church,

Before I get into detailed information for the Treble Choir, I have a story I would like to share with all of you. Your support means so much to us and I thought you might, occasionally, like to know what goes on in rehearsals.

Lots of exciting things are happening in Treble Choir. We are praying, singing, eating, crafting and more. Looking out for and helping each other is also an important part of our time together. Our members are helpful, courteous and kind. So often we just hear about the bad things young people are doing. Well, I can tell you that our young people at Ware are doing GREAT things. It is so refreshing to work with this special group and be amazed on a regular basis of the way they treat others. They are very thoughtful and truly care about people at Ware and in the community.

When I ask for someone to say a blessing or open or close our time together with prayer, several hands go up. Their prayers are a blessing to hear. The following is an example of something that happened at a recent Wednesday evening rehearsal:

We had been singing a lot of songs and took a little break to “talk”. One of our members was having a little issue at school which was very troubling to him. We talked about it and I asked our members if they had any suggestions for how our friend could find a solution to the problem. Comments were made and a story was told about a problem that someone else had dealt with. While working very hard on a project that involved a large amount of glitter, a huge mess was made. The intent had been to do a good job on a project and be proud. However, the end result was upsetting and disappointing to others leading to unhappy feelings. The remedy came with what we decided was a really good phrase to remember about other situations we deal with in life. Stephanie Riedell said, “I just vacuumed it up.” What a cool catch phrase about how to handle life’s problems. We all experience problems and tough times in life. When we do, “Just vacuum it up and move on.” Not a bad idea to live by. The next touching moment happened when our member with the original problem, Harrison Zima, offered to say our closing prayer. It began, “Dear God, Thank you for giving me trusted friends to help me with my problem.” Wow, “from the mouths of babes.....” We can all learn a lot from each other. What a blessing it is to work with these magnificent young people. Thank you Ware Church for giving me that opportunity.

Peace,
Peg

Treble Choir “Notes”

Well, Treble Choir, you did it again! The kind comments about your music ministry in church on February 5th were numerous. You offered up a very spirited anthem to sing praises to God and sent a wonderful message to many.

Now we must quiet things down a little as we prepare our anthems for Lent. Yes, anthems, plural. We have been asked to provide the anthem for each of the Wednesday evening Lenten services in the chapel. This is quite an honor and we must work extra hard to prepare this music as well as our normal 1st Sunday anthem for March 5th. Each Wednesday, we will have our normal dinner followed by rehearsal and then move to the chapel a few minutes before 6:00. Please encourage your parents to come and worship with us at 6:00. We will have a short service and then you may go home with your parents. I think the evenings will be a blessing to all. You may wear your Treble Choir hoodies for the Wednesday eve services. Our new members will receive their own hoodies at the end of the year. We will have loaners for them to use at these services.

We did not announce a Chorister of the Month for January because we had some time off. There were not many opportunities to earn points. Therefore, we have a combined January/February COM. We have a tradition of keeping the name of the recipient secret until we announce that name in our rehearsal. Since this newsletter will go out early on 3/1 and we won't have rehearsal until that evening, we will publish the name in the April newsletter.

Please remember to work on your awards. Key things to remember are:

- ◇ Get reports done early. Don't wait until the last minute. We might run short on time near the end of the year.
- ◇ Work hard and do your best in rehearsal so you can earn as many points as possible.
- ◇ Volunteer to earn extra points at rehearsal.
- ◇ Take notes and learn that info so you can do well if you choose to take the test to earn our new..... EMMI Award (Extra Mile Music Information).

On March 5th, we will sing in church. Please arrive in the choir room at 9:45. After you put on your vestments and crosses, we will go together to the church to warm up.

Thanks again for making Treble Choir so much fun to direct.

Y'all are THE BEST!!!!!!



March & April

Wednesday March 29 12:30 p.m

Waypoint Seafood & Grill

1480 Quarterpath Road, Williamsburg VA

Luncheon (Pay individually)

Hostess: Bobby Ray

Located in the Quarterpath Crossing Shopping Center at the intersection of Kingsmill & Route 199 next to Harris Teeter.

Private room holds 30.

RSVP by March 24th to bharacivet@cox.net or 804-832-7340

Monday April 24 10:30 a.m.

"Ware Cemetery"

Hostess: Nell Jones

Parish Hall



Dear Ladies of Ware,

We invite you to join us as we begin our new year of reading together. Several members of our reading group met, and we made some organizational decisions to get "the book rolling" for this year.

- We will continue to meet every other month at the Parish House.
- Our discussions will begin at 11:00 am with a light lunch to follow.
- Two hostesses will provide lunch-soup, salad, sandwiches, etc., for each book discussion.

Listed below are our meeting dates, selected books, and assigned hostesses, so far.

Come join us on March 13th at 11 am in the Parish House as we discuss Chris Cleave's *Little Bee*, a New York Times bestseller that weaves together the stories of an African refugee with an English journalist with sly humor, dark drama, great heartache, and for us all, questions of personal morality. It is a great read!!

5/8 Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

Presenter: Leslie Larson

Hostesses: tbd

7/10 Read and Wine

Leslie Larson's House

Hostesses: Everybody

Bring beverage, appetizer, and books to swap



Come to one or come to all-we hope to have you join in the discussion and fellowship!

Please call Mary Whitley (894 815-1162) or Nell Jones ([804 693-5632](tel:8046935632)) if you plan to attend the January 9th get-together.

VESTRY NOTES

By : Pat Roane

Meeting date & time: Lining up all the busy schedules of our vestry members, the vestry now meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6 p.m..

Check requests: To plan for and track some of our expenditures at Ware Church, we use a check request form. If you or your organization anticipate a need to spend church funds, or you expect to spend money and request reimbursement, please contact the office for one of the check requests.

2016 Audit: We will soon begin work on the annual audit of church finances and processes. This audit is required annually, with the results reported to the diocese in August. This year our audit team includes Helen Brown, George Bains (treasurer), Kristin Brooks (administrator), and Pat Roane. We would not normally include the treasurer or administrator in the audit. However, as they are both new to their positions, we expect they'll gain a better understanding of diocesan and church financial processes.

Comprehensive planning: The vestry and investment committee completed a round of training in parish discernment and comprehensive church planning processes on Saturday, 11 February. We plan to put that training to expanded use in the coming months as we assemble groups of Ware parishioners together to focus on Ware's program and ministry needs for the next 10 to 20 years.

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DANCE FOR THE HEART

Dance for the Heart, an annual event sponsored by the youth of Ware Episcopal Church, had much to celebrate this year – the wonderful news of the improved health of Brie Hicks of Gloucester. For the past year, Brie has received treatment for a rare Pediatric Cancer known as 'Ewing's Sarcoma.' The children danced, laughed and joined together for a luncheon. Brie, left, is pictured with Alex Richardson. The church would like to thank everyone who joined in the celebration and to pray for all those who continue their fight against cancer.

WARE RECIPES

Seasonal Favorites

Italian Sausage and Potatoes **by: Elizabeth Roane**

1 Pound of sweet or hot Italian sausage, cut cross-wise
1 Pound small red potatoes, cut in half
1 jumbo onion, cut into 12 wedges
2 red and/or yellow peppers, cut lengthwise into 8 pieces
1 tbsp. olive oil
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp pepper

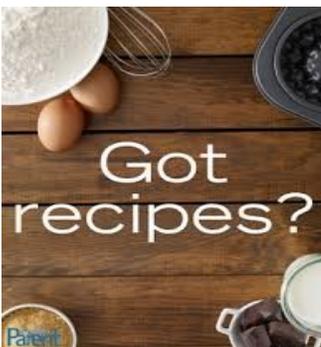
Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In 15 1/2 by 10 1/2 jelly roll pan, combine sausage potatoes, onion, peppers, olive oil, salt, and pepper. Toss and coat. Stir 15 minutes after putting in oven. Roast sausage mixture 30-25 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender and sausages are lightly browned.



Spinach Dip **By: Shot Tabb**

1 pkg. Frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/4 cup parsley, chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup sour cream
1 pkg. Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing, original

Mix all ingredients and chill for 24 hours prior to serving. Serve with Wheat Thin crackers.



If you have a recipe you would like to share with Ware Church please email the recipe to office@warechurch.org or bring the recipe by the church office.

ST. TABITHA'S GUILD

Martha Ambrose

This guild is for people seeking to grow in faith as we crochet and knit prayer shawls and other items for people in need of comfort and a reminder of God's love for them. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 7:00PM – 8:00PM. All are welcome to join us!

Next Monthly Meeting Time:

Tuesday, March 21, 2017; 7:00-8:00pm

Make sure to attend the monthly meeting for helpful tips and to visit with your St. Tabitha's family. It's always the third Tuesday of the month!

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ALL-WEATHER SLEEPING MAT OUTREACH PROJECT:

Thank you to all who donated plastic bags for this project. We do **NOT** need any plastic bags at this time. We will let you know if we need more in the future. **Again, please do not bring bags to Ware.** Botetourt Elementary School is collecting bags to recycle into park benches. Please consider giving your bags to them.

Our All-Weather Sleeping Mat project is hefty in size and requires many hands to finish it. We need a group of people to help sort the bags already received. Consider donating an hour of your time to assist with this church-wide community outreach project.

Everyone is invited to join us in the Parish Library on Saturday, March 18, 2017; 9:00am-12:00pm as we organize the bags. Ask Martha Ambrose for more information or let her know if you will participate in this project. **No Special Skills Required!**

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Sign up for the "St. Tabby's Yarns" email!

Email Martha at marthaarose@gmail.com to receive this bi-weekly email.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Mondays

Join us for a special Monthly Monday on the 27th to celebrate the Feast of Annunciation with Grant leading us in a service, focused on reflection and spiritual conversation.

G.U.E.S.T.

We are responsible for dinner March 13th, breakfast and lunch March 14th, dinner March 15th and breakfast /lunch March 16th. A SIGNUP sheet will be in vestibule after church or parishioners can contact me at email caw1001@aol.com.

Lenten Retreat

Ware is proud to offer a weekend Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 11, - Sunday, March 12 with the Reverend Doctor Howard Kempell, Jr, as our retreat leader. Saturday will consist of guided meditations, worship, and quiet time. Sunday, Reverend Dr. Howard Kempell, Jr will preach at both services.

CLEAN GLOUCESTER DAY

Join us on March 18th, from 9am to noon for the county-wide clean up day. We will be donning safety vests and picking up litter in our "front yard" along Route 14 between Routes 604 and 605.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Days in March

Ash Wednesday, March 1st, 10am in the Chapel & 7pm in the Church

The Feast of St. Joseph, March 20th, 7pm in the Chapel

The Feast of Annunciation, March 27th, 7pm in the Chapel

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER AND MUSIC

Starting March 8th at 6pm, join the Treble Choir with reflective music and a service every Wednesday of Lent.

PRIMETIMER'S

The PrimeTimers Group will gather on Wednesday, March 8th at 11:30am for fellowship and lunch. The next gathering will be on April 5th and May 10th.

Lenten Supper & Service

Join us for soups, salad, bread, and dessert before an evening program every Thursday of Lent at 6pm in starting March 9th.

HOLY WEEK 2017

- ◇ The Sunday of The Passion—April 9th
- ◇ Monday—Wednesday April 10-12th Holy Eucharist @ noon, Tenebrae @ 7pm
- ◇ Maundy Thursday, April 13th @ 7pm
- ◇ Good Friday, noon @ Abingdon, 7pm @ Ware
- ◇ Holy Saturday, April 15th @10am in Chapel
- ◇ Easter Vigil, April 16th @ 5:30am, 8:30am & 10:30am.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Ash Wednesday Service 10 am (Chapel) & 7 pm 1 (Church)	2	3	4
			PrimeTimer's Gathering 11:30 am Service of Evening Prayer and Music 8	Lenten Supper and Service 6 pm 9	10	Lenten Retreat 11
Lenten Retreat 12	WoW Book Club 11 am 13	14	Service of Evening Prayer and Music 6pm 15	Lenten Supper and Service 6 pm 16	17	18
19	Feast of St. Joseph 7 pm (Chapel) 20 Vestry Meeting 6pm	St. Tabitha's Guild Meeting 7 pm 21	Service of Evening Prayer and Music 6pm 22	Lenten Supper and Service 6 pm 23	24	25
26	Feast of Annun- ciation 7 pm (Chapel) 27	28	WoW Meeting 12:30 pm Service of 29 Evening Prayer and Music 6pm	Lenten Supper and Service 6 pm 30	31	

LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2017

Lent begins on March 1. Here's some information you need to know about Lent.

Ash Wednesday Services at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Weekly Evening Worship Opportunity – Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
Lenten Supper and Study Program – Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning Thursday, March 9

Here's what's happening Holy Week.

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, Sunday April 9

Monday – Wednesday in Holy Week:

The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 noon

Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist with Footwashing, Stripping of the Altar, and Vigil 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: 12:00 noon at Abingdon; 7:00 p.m. at Ware.

Holy Saturday: 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

The Great Vigil of Easter – 5:30 a.m. Easter Sunday morning

Easter Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 services as usual.



2- Abygail Clayton	7-Stephanie Hanson	14-Christina Masiak	24-Grant Ambrose
2-Andie Moordian	8- Chase Anderson	14- Channing Mitchell	24-Robert Hicks
2-Jeanne Roberts	8-Jennifer James	16-Brent Wilt	26-Ellen Leigh
3-Catesby Jones	8 -Betty Marshall	16- Katie Wilt	28-Winfree Lloyd
3-Andrew Teagle	9-Laura Ingles	16- Megan Wilt	28-Beth Richardson
4-Hugh Dischinger	9-Kim Ward	17- Betty Barr Ould	28-Lucy Worthington
4-Jillian Lawrence	9-Tabb Wiggins	18-Peter Masiak	31-Matthew Teagle
5-Charlotte Quinlan	10- Paula Mooradian	21-Kelly Denton	
5-John Munger	12- Emma James	23-Helen Brown	

March Laity Schedule

8:30 a.m.	LECTOR	CHALICER	USHER
5	Craig Monsen	Craig Monsen	Richard Clayton
12	Peg Moncure	Peg Moncure	John Haracivet
19	Mike Jenkins	Mike Jenkins	Maynard Nichols
26	Molly Hoffman	Kenny Richardson	Ray Grubbs



10:30 a.m.	LECTOR	CHALICER	ACOLYTE	ACOLYTE	ACOLYTE
5	Nancy Wilson	Ann Brown	Sarah Teagle	Carter Hartley	Andie Hartley
12	Bruce Forsberg	Martha Ambrose	Newie Lawrence	Andrew Teagle	Jillian Lawrence
19	Fran Musick	Tom Hay	Josh Ware	Harrison Zima	Hayden Zima
26	Diana Joyce	Reg Moncure	Rhiannon Kilduff	Aurora Kilduff	Finn Kilduff

10:30 a.m.	USHER	USHER	GREETER	VESTRY	COUNTER
5	Henry Moncure	John Galloway	Elizabeth Roane	John Galloway	Peter Teagle John Galloway
12	Lee Brown	Jack Cooper	The Hays	Pat Roane	Lisa Lawrence Pat Roane
19	Robert Teagle	Tom Hay	Elizabeth Hay	Rick Zima	Carole White Rick Zima
26	Nancy Wilson	Pat Roane	Jane Smith	John Howerton	Scott Kalbrener John Howerton

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