



Welcome to Ware!

Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum
 (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

“The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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Yes, you are correct: this is a stanza of poetry from a poem about winter written by Robert Frost – “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” (1923). Now before you write your rector off as having lost it during the marathon of Holy Week and Easter, keep reading.

When the women encounter the resurrected Jesus at the empty tomb he gives them a message to share with the other disciples: “Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee” (Matthew 27:10). It is easy for us to overlook this verse as it comes in the midst of the resurrection narrative and the awe and wonder and fear that abounds in the text. But this verse is critical and cannot be overlooked.

Notice the two powerful imperatives that begin this message: “go” and “tell”. In other words, get to work; get to moving; get to telling the Good News! There was an urgency at the empty tomb to let the other followers of Jesus’ know that he was indeed raised from the dead. Though they were in a beautiful garden, there was no time to be idle. There was a message to spread and that message had to be spread immediately.

We are the beneficiaries of Jesus’ resurrection. Just as surely as Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, will be raised from the dead. And while it is tempting to sit idly by safe and secure in this knowledge, if we do, then we might as well leave Jesus in the tomb. Jesus directs us to “go” and “tell” – that is, get moving, start sharing the love of Jesus Christ in thought, word, and, deed.

The world is lovely, dark and deep, and there are many distractions that pull us from fully following and proclaiming the Gospel. And we do have promises to keep – most importantly the promises we made at baptism and confirmation. And there are many miles along which we desperately need to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus both a new and once again.

Go! Tell!

T. Grant Ambrose

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WARE INFORMED

The need to make **accessibility improvements** to the Parish Hall and the Church has been recognized and discussed for several years now, and 2018 is the year we will move forward on this. Concepts are being developed for the installation of stairlifts and a vertical platform lift in the Parish Hall to assist those using walkers or wheel chairs. We are also looking at ways to improve the lighting in the back area of the Church to make it easier to read the Prayer Books and Hymnals during evening services. Details will be provided as they develop.

Comfort Ware Ministry is a huge success and receiving much gratitude from patients at the Walter Reed Cancer Center. Our hopes are to continue to bless the new patients undergoing treatments at the Cancer Center with robes on a monthly basis. We are looking for funding to support the cost of materials through Walmart Community Grand Foundation, the Cancer Foundation, as well as through local resources. If you are looking for a way to help, please contact Mary Galloway or the Church Office.

Fund raising for our new Classical Music **Concert Series** is well underway, and Charles Humphries is putting together an exciting program of music and guest artists for us to enjoy.

We are awaiting final labor quotes for the new **picnic shelter**; expect construction to begin this Spring.

Ware Church will be hosting a joint-parish “**Wabington**” Picnic on July 4th.

Ware Church made a \$500 donation to **Boy Scout Troop 111** for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Ware Cottage is available for use by a needy family. Please contact Rev. Grant or Senior Warden John Galloway if you know of someone in need.





PrimeTimers— The next gathering will be held on Wednesday, April 11th. We are looking forward to treating you to a special picnic lunch.

WOW Book Club—Join WOW for a bag lunch meeting to review *Little Women* by Louise May Alcott on May 14th at 11:00 am. We hope to see you there!

Hammer & Nail Guild— Breakfast will begin at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall, followed by some projects in and around the Church grounds and Parish Hall All are welcome to join in...bring an appetite and a smile.

Summer Retreat— Join Wabington for their summer retreat to Shrine Mont, July 27-29th for a weekend getaway. Our Theme this year is based on Ephesians 3:17-....and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

Comfort Ware— Please consider joining our new ministry, Comfort Ware, dedicated for the women undergoing radiation treatments at Walter Reed Cancer Center, Gloucester. Women with breast or lung cancer will be given a simple handmade robe for their multiple visits for curative radiation. Contact Mary Galloway at galloway.marym@gmail.com if you would like to help with sewing a basic pattern (all straight seams).

Share With Ware— Mark your calendar for our April gathering at Saunders Assisted Living on April 15th at 1:30 p.m. Please come with us!

Prayer Group— Are you interested in being more involved at Ware? Do you want to spend more time devoted to prayer? Please join us at 10 for Chapel service and/or at 10:45am for Prayer Group on the second Wednesday of each month. We hope to see you on Wednesday, April 11th!

Chancel Guild— We are always looking for new members to help prepare the altar and flowers for services. If you would like to help or need more information call the Church Office.

Eastman Scholarship— The Eastman Scholarship Committee is preparing to launch the 2018 Eastman Scholarship. More information to come.

College Bound— All high school Juniors and Seniors, consider joining us on April 15th as we discuss everything college. Whether it be choosing majors, leaving home for the first time, time management tips, etc. We are here to help and ponder over those difficult questions with you. Meet with us for pizza and a chat on the 15th after the 10:30 am service in the Parish Hall.

Would you like to have something published in the next monthly newsletter?!?! Contact the Church Office at 804-693-3821 or email your event/idea/etc. to office@warechurch.org before the last Thursday of the month.



MUSIC NOTES -

"Alleluia, what a week! As the dust settles from the resurrection, crucifixion and some wonderful musical experiences I now sit at my desk contemplating what is next? My trebles are on fire and energized, my Sanctuary choir are bathing in the satisfaction that each month more complex music is offered to them and they achieve fabulous results and the Hand bell choir is ringing out of the congregation with continued skill and beauty!

WHO WANTS TO BE PART OF THIS RECIPE? I am recruiting for the Sanctuary choir, as you are all aware, and from May 9th – May 20th we have "Open Season" as I like to call it, or as Kristin suggested "Big Game Hunting!" No real experience necessary but an openness to learn and experiment with a fabulous group of people. 2 rehearsals on a Wednesday evening and two Sundays including the "last day of term" on Pentecost Sunday. If you sign up and last the 4 sessions that also **might** give you a pass to the choir BBQ held at my house in June!

I would love to see you and give you the chance to join us and play an even bigger part in the worship service than perhaps you do already, if that is possible.

Also "kiddos!!!" If you are 8 years old or older then why not bring your voices to me and join the Treble choir? The more young people we get the better opportunities there may be. My young treble choir are all wonderful and vibrant and full of fun. Our rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and last an hour. We learn about history of music the "Nuts and bolts" of music and learn how to use our voices in a way that does not make them tired or create sore throats. Want to try? Mums and Dads you know where I am, so make yourselves known. We learn discipline and control as well as learning to laugh and respect each other.

Finally thank you one and all for your continued support in what I am offering to Ware. These are exciting times and I am looking forward to the next few months to see what we get and where we end up.

Alleluia what a week!"



ST. TABITHA'S GUILD- 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, April 17, 2018; 7:00-8:00pm

Special Note: As Baby Ambrose's arrival draws ever near, St. Tabitha's Guild may have the meeting cancelled at the last minute. The April meeting will be the last scheduled meeting for the program year. We plan to resume on the 3rd Tuesday of September.

New Year, New Projects!

All skill levels are welcomed to join in the fun! New and recurring members are encouraged to share outreach project ideas. We will continue to work on prayer shawls throughout the year as we also seek out other ministry opportunities.

YARN DONATIONS:

If you are interested in supporting the St. Tabitha's Guild ministry, but do not want to knit or crochet, consider donating yarn for our projects. All yarn donations should be new yarn and can be dropped off in the St. Tabitha's Guild donation box, located in the St. Tabitha's room.



April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Great Vigil @ 5:45 Holy Euch. @ 8:30 Confirmation/Holy Euch. @ 10:30	2 STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30	3	4 Midweek Service & Holy Communion 10 am in Chapel	5	6	7
8 Farm to Table 11:30 am	9 STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30	10	11 MidWeek Service 10 am in Chapel PrimeTimers Gathering @ noon	12	13	14 Hammer & Nail Guild @ 8 am
15 College Bound Meeting @ 11:30 Share With Ware Sanders @ 1:30	16 STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30	17 Vestry Meeting <u>6:00 pm</u> St. Tabitha's Guild 7pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 STARTING WITH THE WORD 8:30					