

Announcements for the First Sunday in Lent – February 22, 2015

Welcome to your church; this is Scout Sunday and a Church First Sunday (all are in church for a shorter Eucharist service at 10:15); **Communion** uses a common cup for wine and wheat wafers. You can take the wafer only if you prefer, or “intinct” the wafer into the wine. Non-gluten wafers... check with clergy at the rail; Coffee Hours, 8 a.m. Open; 10:15 White Team; **Coffee Hour is a great way to meet fellow parishioners.**

Church School –Church School and Nursery. We begin our Lenten Season today. Dave will be down with the Church School for the beginning of the service next week; **Amy and Nicole** ccchurchschoolpomfret@gmail.com

Got Lenten Study? – The Rector is available to do a group weekday or Tuesday night study/reflection time starting this week (after Feb. 22nd). Got ideas? Want to do some exploring? One possibility is to take a look at **Living Islam** a Study using Krista Tippett’s “On Being” series. Let Dave know. In the meantime he will be doing a weekly “First Take” series in the Reminder, a short paragraph on the coming Sunday’s lections.

Special Mission Fund – has been established to fund members participating in Medical/Construction or other Development projects. There have been 3 on-line conversations: 1) Having a one day/morning/evening “meal packaging” event for Stop Hunger Now; 2) Doing a Habitat weekend or week “locally” (something to drive to); 3) joining an 8 day trip with PID (Partners in Development) who work in Haiti, Guatemala & Mississippi. **Speak with Nicole Nichols (#1), with Kirsten Rigney (#2) or Mitzi Davis (#3) or Dave** during Coffee to continue a conversation on being part of this or something else (conversation all month).

Teen Program: Next event is the **Corned Beef Supper** on March 7th; Rite-13 (grades 7-8), J2A (9-10) and YAC (11 grade+). Coordinator: Dee Dee Markes: deedeespa@charter.net; 860-963-1245

Vestry Planning Meeting- is scheduled for March 1st starting at 12 noon with lunch in the Library. This is the yearly opportunity to consider longer term items in program, maintenance & organization. It is also an opportunity to hear feedback from you and I. Speak with a Vestry person!

Visions and Ventures/Stewardship –The Vestry & Stewardship Committee mailed out a second request to pledgers from last year not yet pledged this year. We hope you will respond to our appeal. Thanks. We have a robust program for Online Giving/Donating and Pledging through Easytithes (see “Buttons” at the website and in the Reminder). Your Envelopes are being rolled out week by week; “Generic” donation envelopes in back as well.

Worship Notes: Today is a Church First Sunday & will be our Scout Sunday (both Girls & Boys come in your uniform, scout oaths & promise). George and Sandy Groom are presenting at our Adult Forum today: **Wales and Song.**

House-keeping:

Courier Deadline for March has just passed; We will mail out first class to those who request it. Our **Thursday Reminder** is a key email update (which includes the Courier). **Do we have your email or snail-mail address?** Update or renew, see the form on the music stand **or email** (address below).

Directories... there are *usually* directories of the parish in the basket to the left just inside the office!

CSO – Community Kitchen on March 23rd will be at the Hill Church (1st Cong.) in Woodstock. See Pauline Phillips, Supervisor.

We collect durable foods here weekly for ACCESS (Church School offering).

Library-- Got ideas? sraarch7569@gmail.com Kristen Archambault

Master Flower Schedule is posted outside the office. You can sign up right there! Office: 860-928-7026.

Inreach – *There are a few new casseroles* in our chest freezer for any in need.

Parish Life – Coffee Hour Teams –See the Bulletin Board outside the Library.

Pastoral Call Emergencies should be directed to office (860-928-7026) or Fr. Dave’s cell phone: 860-608-7632. Or if you need to call in prayer concerns to the **Prayer Chain** call the office: 860-928-7026

Prayer Shawls – Blessed shawls on the back table of the church (please write in who is receiving the gift in the shawl journal). More in the hallway closet by the offices: Rebecca Patenaude: patenaude.rebecca@gmail.com.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

The Boy Scouts of America is one of the nation's largest and most prominent values-based youth development organizations. The BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness.

For over a century, the BSA has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes — and, through over a century of experience, knows — that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Mission The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Programs: **Cub Scouts** Motto: Do Your Best For boys in first grade through fifth grade (or seven through 10 years of age)

Boy Scouts Motto: Be Prepared Slogan: Do a Good Turn Daily For boys who are 11 through 17 years of age, or have earned the Cub Scouting Arrow of Light award and are at least 10 years old, or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old. Ninety-five percent of all Boy Scouts participated in Cub Scouting at some time.

Varsity Scouting For young men 14 through 17 years of age Built on five program fields of emphasis:

- Advancement
- High adventure
- Personal development
- Service
- Special programs and events

Venturing For young men and women 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade through 20 years of age



Serving as a Girl Scout today means being part of a worldwide organization that builds leadership skills by providing girls with opportunities to discover their interests, connect with others, and take action to change the world for the better.

March 12, 2015 marks the 103rd Anniversary of Girl Scouting. During Girl Scout Week, which runs from March 8 through 14, Girl Scouts of all ages celebrate by demonstrating leadership and commitment in ways that have a real impact on their communities.

We continue to keep in step with girls' needs while remaining true to the core values of the Girl Scout Movement. The Girl Scout Promise "to help people at all times" is actualized everyday through a vast array of community service projects in which Girl Scouts help make the world and our community a better place.

We thank all the volunteers and members in our communities for their time, talent, and financial support. That spirit of volunteerism and support makes it possible for us to continue to be the best leadership experience for girls - today, tomorrow, and always.

