



MARCH 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 15 - 7 p.m.** Men's Club will meet in the Parish House.
- March 24 - 10 a.m.** The Diocesan Church Women (DCW) will meet in the Parish House. Following the meeting, the women will make the Palm Crosses and have lunch.
- March 25 - 11 a.m.** The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
- March 30 - 5:30 p.m.** Good Friday Service

HELPERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LAY READER</u>	<u>CHALICE</u>	<u>CRUCIFER</u>
March 4 <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Charlene Bruce	Billy Bruce	Steve LeNoir
March 11 <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Dianne LeNoir	Mike Hoge	Allie Lindler
March 18 <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	Donna Fletcher	Parley Crolley	Whitney Crawford
March 25 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Bill Forte	Steve LeNoir	Lucy McIver
March 30 <i>Good Friday</i>	Ginnie DuBose		Laddie DuBose

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Remember in your thoughts and prayers the following members of our church and/or community:

Declan Alexander, Marie Crisco, Alice Crook, Tina Dillard, Butch and Frances Fobes, Pete and Cindy Fritz, Norm Goldberg, Eddie Hamilton, The Hiester Family, Kelly Jenkins, Beverly Johnson, Barbara Ann Moree, Carolyn Sue Moree, Dewey Newman, Debbie Tallant, David Todd, A'Lexia and Dan Wiggins, Ernie Williams, and Dan Yarborough.

The peace lilies on the altar during Lent are in memory of Francis and Rose Ellen Emmanuel and are given by Jake and Ethel Ada McAlhaney.

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. RON HIESTER

Thank You

Though the words "Thank you" seem inadequate, I do want to thank you for all you have done for us.

Your cards, calls, and visits have meant a lot to me. Just getting Ron's vestments was a large weight off of one more thing that I had on my "to do" list. Someone even sent me a card just last week to tell me again how much Ron had meant to the Ascension congregation.

I just want to tell you how much Ron loved being with you. Even at times when he was in pain, his feet hit the floor on Sunday morning, and he was ready to come. He did this until he was no longer able.

In Thanksgiving for you all,

Jane and Family

The Rev. Ron Hiester faithfully served our congregation for several years, and the Church of the Ascension plans to make a donation to The Moravian Theological Seminary in his memory. Ron's training there was especially meaningful to him. If anyone would like to contribute to this memorial, please give your contribution to Dianne LeNoir. All of these donations will be sent to the Seminary at Easter.

NOTES

Children's Sunday School meets at 11 a.m. in the Parish House.

Ascension's Annual Congregational Meeting was held on February 11th. Reports for 2017 were distributed and reviewed by those present. The Vestry members elected for the coming year are: Senior Warden-Laddie DuBose, Junior Warden-Parley Crolley, Billy Bruce, Steve LeNoir, Bill Lindler, Jr., and Charles McLeod. David LeNoir will continue to serve as the Church's Treasurer. We thank all of them for the dedicated work they do and to Bubba LeNoir for his past service.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the Men's Club of Ascension was held in the Parish House on February 13th. Thank you to the members of this group who always offer an evening of delicious food and delightful fellowship.

Rev. Joel Osborne led a meaningful Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes on February 14th at 5:30 p.m. This service marked the beginning of Lent.

The lecture and performance given by Jane Luther Smith Viers, on February 23rd in the Nettles Auditorium of USC Sumter featuring works by Scott Joplin, Art Tatum, and Duke Ellington was wonderful. Jane is so talented, and we are very blessed to have her as our organist.

Our delegates, Shacky Boykin, Helen Crolley, Parley Crolley, and Dianne LeNoir, and Reverend Osborne will be attending the 227th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina on March 10th at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC. Please keep our Bishop, priests, and all those in attendance in your prayers.

The Diocesan Women of the Church (DCW) will meet on March 24th in the Parish House at 10:00 a.m. Following the meeting, all ladies are invited to help make the Palm Crosses for our parishioners to wear on Palm Sunday. (Laddie DuBose gathers these palms for us, and we are very grateful.) Please plan to attend this important meeting and activity. Lunch will be served.

Our appreciation to Shacky Boykin, Charlene Bruce, Helen Crolley, Ginnie DuBose, Beverly LeNoir, and Dianne LeNoir who served on the Altar Guild during February and to Cleo Jackson for her assistance with this newsletter. A special "Thank You" to Cleo's daughter, Kathryn Somers, who makes and donates address labels for the mailing of our newsletters.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to bring non-perishable food items in support of our ongoing ministry to the United Ministries Food Pantry in Sumter. Thank you, Laddie, for faithfully taking this food for us each month.

We are so proud of Allie Lindler who was recently accepted to Clemson University for the coming year. Allie is a senior at Thomas Sumter Academy and is the daughter of Bill and Aimee Lindler. She assists her mother with the Children's Sunday School and serves faithfully as a Crucifer. Congratulations, Allie!

Please review the beautiful slide show John Holmberg has prepared for the Church's website at www.churchoftheascensionhagoodsc.com and enjoy! The first slide features some of our young people recessing at the end of a service. We are grateful for your help, John.

Rev. Joel Osborne and Rev. Joe Rhodes will recognize those in our congregation who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries each month.

March Birthdays

C. D. Ford March 8
Shacky Boykin March 13
Deirdre Ford March 13
Hoagie LeNoir March 13
Michael Warrick March 29
Wilson Warrick March 29

March Anniversaries

Billy and Charlene Bruce March 11
David and Patricia Brown March 29

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to these special people.

The Society of Ascension will meet in the Parish House on Sunday, March 4th, at 12:30 p.m. following the Worship Service. You do not have to be a member of Ascension to attend.

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11th. Remember to "Spring Forward" one hour.

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

Easter Sunday is April 1st.

The Annual Diocesan Women's Ministry Gathering will be held on April 21st at St. Paul's, Summerville, SC.

Ascension's Praise and Glory Offering will be received on Sunday, April 22nd.