



The Piedmont Parish Messenger



Late January 2022

Please note:

Services for Sunday, January 23 will be Zoom only. You will receive a Zoom invite on Saturday. We will be leading the service from Piedmont Church with Brad and the Choir present.

January 21, 2022

Dear friends,

Sometimes I don't notice things even when they sit right before my eyes. As I prepare a very late January Piedmont Messenger for the Parish I have been thinking a lot about the purpose of communication and how we do it. I came upon some interesting tidbits about the word "communication" that I had not known before. I have to admit I was never a student of Latin.

The word communication comes from the Latin "communicare" which translates "to share." Communion comes from the same Latin root. It's translation is "to share in common." Both regular Holy Communion and good communication are vital to our common life at Piedmont. We know this! My epiphany, enlightened by Wikipedia, is to understand how intertwined and connected our communion and our communication really are.

We come together weekly at the altar to be fed both the word and the body and blood of Christ. (January and rising Covid numbers have forced us to go back to Zoom worship which, I know, does not suit everyone.) Even though we are not physically together on Sunday **we are the Body of Christ** that is continually being sent out into the world, "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

I want to ask each of you to renew your commitment to be present with us in community and to come to Church to receive regular Holy Communion. We will return to in person worship Sunday, January 30.

This Body of Christ is more alive and more committed when you are here with us "sharing in common." I hope that our efforts in good communication will also encourage you to be engaged in all that we do beyond our weekly worship to love and serve the Lord.

There will be a monthly Piedmont Messenger. It should be sent out the first day of the month (again my apologies for this very late addition.) If you would prefer a hard copy we will always have some placed in the back of the Church and are more than happy to send you one in the mail. Just call the office (540) 948-6787 and let us know you would like to receive it in the mail.

Let's dare to be bold in mission this year. Do you have an outreach idea? Get it started! What feeds your spirit so that you are enlivened for service? Come and share it with others. Let's not just say I have a beautiful Church. Let's be a beautiful church. Stay connected with your presence and "The Piedmont Messenger."

God Bless each of you, *Anne +*

Looking for a good book to read. Join others in the Parish and read:

Peace Like A River by Leif Enger

We are planning a Zoom chat about the book on Thursday, February 3 at 7:00 pm

Please note this chat day and time has changed!



**Happy Birthday to Kathryn Thomas
on January 26th**

Important dates and reminders for your Calendar

*** Piedmont Church Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, February 13th following the worship service. This is an important morning in the life of the Parish as we elect new Vestry, approve our Budget for 2022 and look ahead to the year with hope and anticipation.

***Wednesday Fellowship meals will resume** on Wednesday, January 26. On the menu: Chicken Chili, salad and rolls.

***If you have not made a pledge for the 2022 year, it is not too late. Pledge cards can be found at the information board in the Parish House.**