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symbolizing penitence — the same as for Advent.

The altar will be bare in appearance with only a minimal of ecclesiastical appointments in use.

Services during Lent — Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Holy Eucharist—will be Rite I.

The traditional language rites are known as Rite 1, and the contemporary language rites are known as Rite 2.

The Rite 1 liturgies reflect the language and piety of the Elizabethan era and the first Book of Common Prayer although the structure of these liturgies also reflects the influence of modern liturgical scholarship.



Lent has arrived

This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.

Lent has been observed by Christians since the fourth century. It is a time of reflection, penitence and spiritual renewal before Easter.

Lent ends at midnight on Holy Saturday, the night before Easter Sunday.

During Lent some Christians focus on giving up something.

Is it absolutely necessary for the observation of Lent to give up a delicacy or a bad habit or an hour of sleep in order to pray? Who can truly say?

What one does during the Lenten period should be a matter between a Christian and God.

Some may decide to do something extra for their spiritual growth. Others may indeed 'give up' something that's a hindrance to the spiritual life.

Some may make a special sacrifice of

some sort.

And some may decide to improve their communication and fellowship with God by having special times of prayer throughout the day, or vow to worship in the church at every service held.

The important thing is to make Lent a special time, a memorable time. A time so meaningful that it sets the tone for the rest of the entire year.

At the very least it should be a time of sincere spiritual growth.

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Lent at Church of the Advent

The forty days of Lent are believed to symbolize the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness in fasting and prayer after his baptism.

The word "Lent" comes from "Lengtentide," the Old English word for spring.

The liturgical color for Lent is purple.
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**WEDNESDAY
Night
Service and Meal**

March 8th
Service at 6:00 p. m.
Meal at 6:30 p. m.

The monthly services are now held on the **second** Wednesday of the month.
Mary Anne Crowe is in need of a few parish cooks for Soup and Sandwiches.
Please call her if you can help.
Thank you, Mary Anne, of Pastoral Care for organizing the meals.

Volunteers needed for Lenten service project

For the third consecutive year, the Church of the Advent is volunteering to pack Blessings in a Backpack for the month of March as a parish Lenten project.



The work is done on Wednesday mornings at Memorial Baptist Church beginning at 9:30 a. m.

Volunteers unpack and organize food and repack the food in plastic bags.

The packed bags are then packed into large courier bags for delivery to the schools.

Volunteers are needed to deliver to three of the participating schools.

Usually, the work is done by 10:30 or 10:45 a. m.

Please see Kit Reddick to offer your help.

A thank you note has been received from Jody Bickerstaff, coordinator of Blessings in a Backpack, acknowledging our recent contribution of \$1,380.00.



The family of Jean Rhodes has written to thank the church for its assistance in observing the interment of their mother.

Plans underway for church emergencies

The Church of the Advent was well represented at the conference on February 14 entitled "Emergency Action Workshop for Churches" held at the TeleCenter, co-sponsored by the Woman's Club of Williamston and the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.

Fifty people attended and 13 churches were represented.

Thank you to Lucia Peel, Joe Jernigan, Betty Jones, and Mary Bonner for attending on behalf of the Church of the Advent.

They came away with several ideas on how to create and implement an emergency action plan for the Church of the Advent.

Top on their list is to install a first aid kit in the hallway by the bathrooms in the Parish House.



Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan reports that other steps in implementing an action plan will take time but the vestry is committed to this project.



to Lucia Peel, who was recently named president of the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) Advisory Board.

The Foundation was established to help donors build endowments to support community needs in Martin County through grants to non-profit groups.

MCCF is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation.

Vestry Organization for 2017 Wardens, Commissions

- Senior Warden, Jim Allen*
- Junior Warden, Doug Chesson*
- Parish Administrator, Joe Jernigan*
- Clerk, Lucia Peel*
- Treasurer, Lowell Taylor*
- Assistant Treasurer, Bill Webb*
- Pledge Recorder, Bill Webb*
- Buildings and Grounds, Doug Chesson*
- Fellowship, Lucia Peel and Regina French*
- Pastoral Care and New Members, Mary Ann Crowe and Betty Jones*
- Outreach, Kit Reddick and Sue House*
- Sustainability and Marketing, Al Chesson and John Price*
- Worship and Education, Frankie Biggs*
- Acolytes, Regina French*
- Ushers, Jim Allen*
- Youth and Young Adults, Grant Michel*
- Nursery, Grant Michel*

Christian Symbols

The hen represents Jesus' deep care and compassion even for those who killed prophets that God had sent to them. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem," mourned Jesus shortly before his death. "How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Matthew 23:37, ESV).



The *Prayer List* is found on a notebook marked "Prayer Lists" found on the table in the vestibule of the church. Names may be added at any time by writing them in the notebook or calling the church office. The *Prayer List* is read weekly at Sunday services. Periodically, names are removed from the list. Contact the church office if you wish to have a name added, re-listed, or taken off the list.

Prayer List

- Beverly Mills* *James Ford*
- Rudy Worsley* *Howard Daniel*
- Chuck Ellis* *Jim Horton*
- J. L. Peaks* *Suzanne Eckert*
- Warren Gordon* *Amber Harney*
- Nan Chesson* *Paul DelMastro*
- Mason Overton* *Quin Troop*
- Kay Hagan* *Jimmy Peaks*
- Pat Jones* *The Meade Family*
- Bill & Nita Smith*
- The Fleming Family*
- Madison & Matthew Palmer*
- Jerome & Marilyn Blue*

Birthdays in March

- 2, Stephen Batten*
- 6, Eric French Jr.*
- 7, Kemp Allen*
- 11, Deborah Brown*
- 12, Paul Westervelt*
- 13, Henry Peel*
- 14, Sarah Smith*
- 17, Garron Chesson*
- 19, Anthony McNeile*
- 19, Will Raiford*
- 19, Wendy Stancill*
- 29, Margaret Chesson*
- 30, Lori Taylor*

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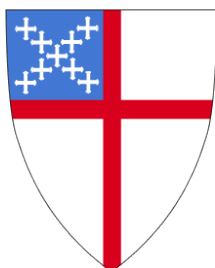
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Birthdays in Italics</i>			1 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Rev. Cooper	2 <i>Stephen Batten</i>	3	4
5 1 Lent 9:00 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School 11:00 am, MP I Kit Reddick	6 <i>Eric French Jr.</i>	7 <i>Kemp Allen</i>	8 Evening Prayer/ Lenten Dinner 6:00 pm	9	10	11 Set Clocks back tonight For Daylight Savings <i>Deborah Brown</i>
12 2 Lent 9:00 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School 11:00 am, HE I Rev. Wiesner <i>Paul Westervelt</i>	13 <i>Henry Peel</i>	14 <i>Sarah Smith</i>	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day <i>Garron Chesson</i>	18
19 3 Lent 9:00 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School 11:00 am, HE I Rev. Kraus 6:00 pm, Vestry Meeting <i>Anthony McNeile, Will Raiford, Wendy Stancill</i>	20 1st Day of Spring	21	22	23	24	25
26 4 Lent 9:00 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Adult Sunday School 11:00 am, HE I Rev. Wiesner	27	28	29 <i>Margaret Chesson</i>	30 <i>Lori Taylor</i>	31	



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Lay Schedule

	1 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 7:00 A.M. <i>Holy Eucharist II</i> Rev. Joe Cooper	5 <i>1 Lent</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>Morning Prayer II</i> K. Reddick	12 <i>2 Lent</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>Holy Eucharist II</i> Rev. Don Wiesner	19 <i>3 Lent</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>Holy Eucharist II</i> Rev. Donna Kraus	26 <i>4 Lent</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>Holy Eucharist II</i> Rev. Don Wiesner
Acolytes					
<i>Large Cross</i>	Will	Chris	Dawson	Jean	Will
<i>Small Cross</i>					
<i>Torches</i>					
<i>Gospel Book</i>					
Lectors					
<i>Lessons</i>	G. Michel	K. Reddick	K. Reddick	R. French	G. Michel
<i>Intercessory Prayers</i>	B. Webb		K. Reddick	R. French	A. Chesson
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	D. Beach		J. Price	C. Tuttle	G. Michel
Altar Guild	M. Crowe	M. Crowe	M. Crowe	M. Crowe	M. Crowe
Ushers	B. Smith	B. Smith	B. Smith	B. Smith	B. Smith
	M. Biondi	M. Biondi	M. Biondi	M. Biondi	M. Biondi