

**Our Parishes:** The Northern Piedmont Region comprises all of the Episcopal Churches in the exurban and suburban area to the west of the DC Metro area including all of Loudoun County, northern Fauquier County, and western Prince William County. In 2021, all of our parishes reopened to in-person worship. A majority have maintained recorded or live-streamed Sunday. Most have also resumed mid-week in-person services.

**Region Council Meetings:** This year we kept to our regular meeting schedule of 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays in January, March, May, and September, all on zoom. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday November 30<sup>th</sup> to plan for 2022 and to reflect on this year's Annual Convention.

Meetings have included reports from Karl Colder from the Executive Board and our Dean, The Rev. Weston Mathews. Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson joined our March meeting as we considered regional participation in Resourcing God's Mission, the April Special Convention. Much of the focus at council meetings has also centered on the ways that we have learned to be in community during pandemic times.

**Mutual Aid & Collaboration:** Food and housing insecurity remain the priority in this unusually wealthy region. Our parishes have been working together and with other local organizations finding new ways to serve our communities. Highlights of this work and other examples of collaboration include:

- **Sterling: St Matthew's** established 501c3 status for Hunger Response Team of Sterling to receive gifts from the larger community.
- **Lucketts: Christ Church** collaborated with Faith Chapel providing food boxes for 30-80 families.
- **Leesburg/Ashburn: St. David's, St. Gabriel's & St. James** continued collaborating together on various ministries and with the Loudoun Food Bank.
- **Upperville/Middleburg: Trinity & Emmanuel** both increased participation in community feeding and healthcare ministries.
- **Fauquier: Emmanuel (Delaplane), Grace, & Leeds** worked together in worship during Lent and Holy Week and to provide Easter Food Boxes in the community. All three parishes also work with other churches and local organizations to provide regular food resources. **St. Andrew's** 100 year old roof was replaced with financial assistance from the diocese, the region, and the local community.
- **Haymarket: St. Paul's** partners with other local churches supporting the Haymarket Food Pantry and Carry to Full Term. St. Paul's is also working with the neighboring St. Michael's Academy on a long-term solution for the school building.

**Transitions:** Four of our fourteen congregations remain without settled clergy and two now have new rectors: Emmanuel Delaplane welcomed the Rev. Pierre-Henry Buisson as it's new rector, concluding a successful transition with interim rector, the Rev. Bill Sachs. Leeds Markham celebrated the new ministry of the Rev. Kate Bryant as rector at a full-house re-gathering with clergy and region representatives. Christ Church and St Andrew's both continue with lay leadership. St. James and Our Redeemer both continue in discernment for new rectors.

**Parish Listings:** Parish websites provide links to recorded or live-streamed Sunday services as indicated in **bold** below.

Christ Church Lucketts - <https://aldiechurch.org/>

Church of Our Redeemer Aldie – <https://aldiechurch.org/>

**Emmanuel** Delaplane - <http://www.emmanuel-delaplane.org/>

**Emmanuel** Middleburg - <http://www.emmanuelmiddleburg.org/>

**Grace** The Plains - <https://www.gracetheplains.org/>

**Leeds** Markham - <http://www.leedschurch.org/>

St. Andrew's Ada

**St. Gabriel's** Leesburg - <http://saintgabriels.net/>

**St. David's** Ashburn - <http://www.sdlife.org/>

**St. James** Leesburg - <http://stjamesleesburg.org/>

**St. Matthew's** Sterling - <http://www.stmatthewssterling.org/>

**St. Paul's** Haymarket - <http://www.stpaulsepiscopalhaymarket.org>

**St. Peter's** Purcellville - <https://stpetes.net/>

**Trinity** Upperville - <https://trinityupperville.org/>

Respectfully submitted,

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