

Our Parishes: The Northern Piedmont Region comprises the thirteen Episcopal Churches in the exurban and suburban area to the west of the DC Metro area including Loudoun County, northern Fauquier County, and western Prince William County. Most of our parishes report in-person attendance and participation remaining below pre-pandemic however there are a few parishes reporting significantly higher attendance figures than in 2019. A current listing of our congregations follows this report.

Most of our parishes are clergy led. St. Andrews Ada (Marshall) is now led by the Rev Angela Lorena as Priest-in-Charge, with assistance from other clergy from the region and from the Culpeper region. Transitions continue at Christ Church Lucketts and Grace The Plains which are seeking clergy.

The Church of Our Redeemer Aldie is no longer active. Several members of its congregation now worship at other churches in the region.

Communication: Our parishes continue to manage multiple worship and communication platforms and would like to work with an IT/social media consultant familiar with our issues to help streamline our various streaming and communication processes. We hope to work with diocesan staff to identify possibilities and resources.

Region Council Meetings: Following the 2024 Annual Convention, the region council met in person in November for a Vitality Listening Session with the Rev. Shirley Smith Graham. Nine parishes were represented by fourteen individuals including old Region 13 friends now in the Culpeper Region. We shared:

- **Our Joy** as embodied by both contemporary and traditional music; ethnic ministries; adult baptisms; children's formation and education and worshipping and dancing around a font; and hospitality of all sorts.
- **Our Strengths** including pastoral care, especially for community in crisis; feeding people; providing remote worship opportunities; and adult formation.
- **Our Challenges** with demographics and Sunday morning competition from secular activities.
- **Our Hopes** for church sustainability beyond maintenance and survival.

In 2025 we kept to our regular meeting schedule of 2nd Tuesdays in January, March, May, and September on zoom. Highlights included updates on missions in the region:

- Citizenship programs for parishioners and immigrant community members.
- Active children & youth groups at several parishes including several that feature collaboration among parishes. Several parishes also sponsor preschool programs.
- Feeding programs at most parishes, many in cooperation with other local community groups.
- Community concerts, performances, and presentations featuring talented local, regional, and internationally known artists and lecturers.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday November 11th to plan for 2026 and to reflect on this year's Annual Convention.

Budget & Outreach: The Region Council Treasury balance is approximately \$5,640. In 2025 we granted \$5,120 for Shrine Mont scholarships and \$5,000 for preservation of the historic episcopal cemetery in Leesburg. Recently we also granted \$7,500 for support of evicted residents at the Leesburg Mobile Home Park, a group of over 86 families that include members of our parishes.

Buildings & Properties: Our congregations struggle to maintain and update buildings and properties that were designed in an era that did not require 21st century accessibility, convenience and comforts. Most of our parishes are now considering or have already undertaken long-term capital improvements to address long-deferred maintenance.

Community Mission: Many of the region episcopal churches serve as centers for community projects in collaboration with other denominations and organizations. This may best be exemplified by St. Gabriel's in Leesburg continues to identify possibilities for long-term leased space so that the English and Spanish-speaking members of the congregation can do mission, ministry and worship under one roof. Meanwhile, St. Gabriel's has partnered with other organizations and denominations and region parishes to provide services and programs such as Educando con Amor (Educating with Love). In 2025, Educando con Amor offered STEAM programs for six hundred community members of the 780 who applied.

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

Christ Church Lucketts - <https://christchurchlucketts.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 (Marshall)

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.stmtts.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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