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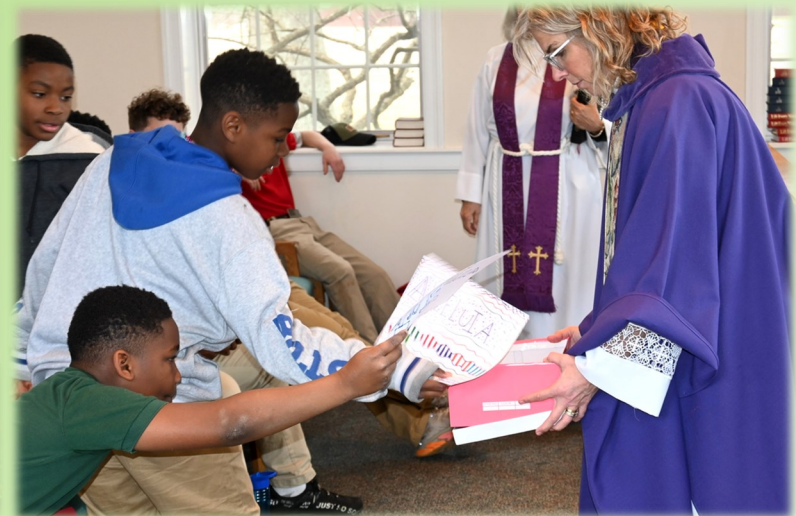
Shrove Tuesday Fun Returns and Ash Wednesday Festivities

A Note from Pastor Anne:

The much-anticipated Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Covington, Virginia, has returned! For the past two years, the event was canceled due to pandemic restrictions. A group of students helped serve the dinner for all of the Boys Home student body and many from the local community. The festive evening included beads, decorations, pancakes, sausages and apples. Now that Reverend Katherine Doyle is the priest in charge at Emmanuel, the students at Boys Home attend every first Sunday of the month. They are fully incorporated into the worship as acolytes, chalice bearers and readers.

The Ash Wednesday service at Boys Home began outside the chapel with me burning palms for ashes. Reverend Doyle then had students holding posters stating “Alleluia” bring them forward for burial during the season of Lent. The traditional service included imposition of the ashes for all staff and students who wished, followed by Eucharist. I preached on the amazing depths of God’s love. God offers Himself so fully with His own body and blood for those who come from and return to dust.

The voices of many of the students were captured in interviews on Ash Wednesday by Pattie Ames, Canon for Formation for the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The students offered their perspectives on when they first learned about God, how they seek to grow in faith and questions they still have regarding spiritual life. These interviews will be aired as part of the Lenten online series for the diocese. As we all seek to grow with God, I am excited to witness these young men offer their voices and see what lies ahead for this special season in Christian faith.



Reverend Doyle explained the importance of not using the word alleluia during the season of Lent.

GET INVOLVED

DONATE

- * Become a member of the crew that supports Boys Home on a monthly basis, *Carpenter's Crew*. More information online.
- * Make an individual donation at www.givetoboyshome.org.
- * Make an in-kind donation to our Wish List. Find the list at www.boyshomeofva.org located at the bottom of the home page.

SPREAD THE WORD

- * Sign up for the Boys Home newsletter at www.boyshomeofva.org under "Mailing List."
- * Forward *Liaison Links* to other members of your church, friends and family.
- * Like us on Facebook & Instagram or follow us on Twitter.

STAY UP TO DATE

- April 14 | Former Trustee Luncheon
- April 27 | Spring Open House
- May 5 | Planned Giving Appreciation Dinner
- May 12 | Quilt Raffle Drawing
- May 20 | Graduation and Awards Ceremony

STUDENT PRAYER CORNER



Tim's Prayer:

"I am praying for wisdom as I prepare for graduation."

Your continued support of Boys Home is touching lives and changing futures for the better.

Thank you for all the ways you support these young men.

Upcoming Events

Welcome home!



Former Trustee Luncheon April 14, 2023 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All former members of the Boys Home Board of Trustees are invited to attend this new and exciting event. Tour the campus, meet the staff, enjoy lunch with the students, and get caught up on what's happening at Boys Home. We can't wait to see you again!

11 a.m. - Tour of the campus and facilities
12 p.m. - Lunch in the dining hall with students and staff
1 p.m. - Boys Home update and meet & greet

Please RSVP to Melinda at 540-965-7707 or email mnichols@boyshomeofva.org by April 7.



Save the date - April 27, 2023



Boys Home of Virginia

SPRING OPEN HOUSE



Make plans to visit Boys Home on
Thursday, April 27 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
It will be a fun filled day complete with a
campus tour, staff and student presentations,
as well as a complimentary lunch!

Please RSVP to Melinda at 540-965-7707 or mnichols@boyshomeofva.org by April 21!

BOYS HOME QUILT RAFFLE 2023



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WIN THIS QUILT!

\$5 per ticket or \$45 for 10 tickets
Drawing will be held on
Friday, May 12, 2023

This beautiful Trip Around the World quilt pattern was made and donated by Phyllis Gibson, sister of former Executive Director Donnie E. Wheatley. Done in neutral beige, brown and black colorways, this queen-size quilt measuring 102" x 125" will look great in your home!

Mail this coupon with donation or credit card information to:

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