



**Boys Home**  
of Virginia



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## **Holy Week at Boys Home**

### *A Note from Pastor Anne:*

Palm Sunday began with Boys Home students participating in a local community gathering. All attendees from downtown churches gathered in Covington's town square to commemorate Palm Sunday. The local gathering was followed by a palm procession to Emmanuel Episcopal Church. The church service was led by Bishop Mark Bourlakas and the new priest in charge, The Reverend Katherine Doyle. Three students served as acolytes and one as a chalice bearer.

Holy Week continued with Maundy Thursday in All Saints Chapel which included a community foot washing, following the humble call to serve like Jesus. After the foot washing, an explanation of The Last Supper, a special eucharist and then the stripping of the altar took place.

Good Friday offered a more solemn service for the Boys Home community. A highlight of the service was a new wooden cross crafted by the students from staff member Louis Sarratt's interior finish and masonry class. At the end of the service, those students carried the cross to the front of the chapel. All attendees were invited to come and kneel at the altar, write any confessions or veneration on a piece of paper and pin it to the cross. During this solemn time, Mr. Sarratt was moved by the moment and began to sing "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross."

Holy Week concluded with an Easter sunrise service. The cool April morning began at 5:15 a.m. as students and staff prepared for the hike up Lick Mountain. Once arriving at the wooden cross and altar, scripture readings, the singing of alleluias, and Easter readings began around the campfire. As the sun began to rise over the mountains, I paused and asked all in attendance to truly appreciate the stunning beauty of God's creation (pictured above). Afterward, everyone celebrated with breakfast in the lodge. After Easter lunch, an egg hunt and games were coordinated by Director of Athletics and Recreation Donnie Costigan to make for a fun-filled and festive day celebrating the risen Lord. The presence of the Lord was truly alive and well throughout Holy Week at Boys Home!



Maundy Thursday service in All Saints Chapel at Boys Home.

## ***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](http://www.givetoboyshome.org).
- \* Make an in-kind donation to our Wish List. Find the list at [www.boyshomeofva.org](http://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](http://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 27 | Spring Open House
- May 5 | Planned Giving Appreciation Dinner
- May 12 | Quilt Raffle Drawing
- May 20 | Graduation and Awards Ceremony

## **STUDENT PRAYER CORNER**



### **Mulu's Prayer:**

"As a senior, I am praying for wisdom and understanding as I finish my classes."

*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

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](mailto:mnichols@boyshomeofva.org) by April 21!



Join Boys Home of Virginia on Tuesday - May 23, 2023 as we participate in a 24-hour online giving event at [www.givelocalah.org](http://www.givelocalah.org)!



For the third year in a row, Boys Home is participating in this one-day, online giving event with other non-profit organizations in the Alleghany Highlands. Any donations received online on May 23 at [www.givelocalah.org](http://www.givelocalah.org), as well as any cash or check donations received May 9 - May 23 will be counted towards the grand total received! There will be a monetary prize awarded for the most dollars raised overall.

Boys Home will also be eligible to win additional monetary prizes for online donations received on May 23 for the most dollars raised during the following power hours:

10 a.m.—11 a.m.

3 p.m.—4 p.m.

8 p.m.—9 p.m.

Golden ticket prizes will be awarded throughout the day on May 23! Every hour from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. a drawing will be held for a \$200 prize. Any online donation within that hour will make Boys Home eligible for the drawing.

Please visit [www.givelocalah.org](http://www.givelocalah.org) for more information! If you have any questions, contact Melinda at 540-965-7707 or via email at [mnichols@boyshomeofva.org](mailto:mnichols@boyshomeofva.org).

# BOYS HOME QUILT RAFFLE 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!

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

For more information, contact the Development Office at (540) 965-7707  
or email Melinda at [mnichols@boyshomeofva.org](mailto:mnichols@boyshomeofva.org).

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