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From the Desk of Mother Mindy

This newsletter is spanning two months: January and February, which means that it spans two liturgical seasons: Epiphany and Lent. What a dichotomy there is between the two.



In Epiphany, we (hopefully) begin still in the joyful mindset of the Christmas season. The Christ-child is here, and this is no ordinary baby. We journey throughout Epiphany being shown how God is manifest in Jesus Christ: in the visit of the Magi, in the calling of his disciples, in his preaching, teaching, and miracles. The culmination of Epiphany is the story of the Transfiguration, where three disciples get a glimpse of the true radiance of God-made-man in



Jesus together with Elijah and Moses. It is our call to make Christ manifest in our own lives, to live in a way that Christ's love shines in and through us. That's not an easy order; it takes work, but discipleship is not a spectator sport.

After the joy of Epiphany, we have the penitential nature of Lent. Penitence by definition means that we show regret for what we have done wrong. Lent is not about beating ourselves up for our wrongdoings. Lent is our opportunity for self-examination. We look at those areas where we have fallen short of Christ's call to love God, neighbor, and ourselves (see the Lord's Prayer). When we've done that examination, we can then truly repent and have a change of heart and change of life. We focus on penitence and repentance as we get ready for Easter.



These two months bridge very different emotions. I pray you live into them all robustly. -Mother Mindy



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WILL BE AT NOON ON
FEBRUARY 22, 2023

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
WEDNESDAYS IN LENT AT
6:00 PM STARTING FEB 22



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 24: Women's Gathering, 6:00 PM at the Knox's House

Sunday, January 29: Annual Meeting after 10:00 Service

Wednesday, February 8: Vestry Meeting 6:00 PM Via Zoom (Contact office for Zoom link)

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday Noon Eucharist with Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, February 22, Mar 1,8,15,22,29 5:30-6:15 Lenten Soup Supper, 6:15 Book Study

More Than Me

It was not the journaling, retreats
years seated in meditation, the labyrinth, books
time spent in a church, prayers recited, rosaries.

It was in the guttural scream, down on my knees
in the midst of an embrace, the expansive sky
in wondering, pondering, wandering in the ordinary
in doubting my garden, finding faith
in losing my coins, finding them again
in leaving my Father, returning
where I found gifts of grace
where I found myself inhabited by more than me.

-Angela Hoffman-





MONDAY—FRIDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAYS

12:00 Noon Mass

5:30-6:15PM Lenten Soup Supper

6:15 PM Book Study:

*Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's
Guide to Holy Friday*

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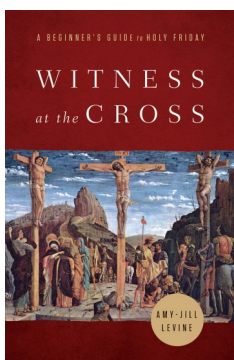
12:00 Noon Mass

NEW HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

Many thanks to Bev Wille, who has agreed to be St. Peter's new Hospitality Coordinator! As the coordinator, she will help ensure that there are supplies for our fellowship, help orientate and show people how easy it is to host Coffee Hour Fellowship, and help recruit fellowship hosts.

Our coffee hour after church provides the time and space where we are together....really the only opportunity during the week when can we meet as a whole congregation to connect with one another, learn what is going on in each other's lives, to listen, to share, to become acquainted with new people as well as people who are not so new. It's not essential to have coffee and treats to do this, but, it does make it a little more natural and pleasant to provide something to eat and drink while we fellowship with one another.

Hosting Coffee hour is not difficult. All that is needed is to set up the coffee pot and start it, set out cups and condiments for hot drinks, and provide a simple snack, which can be store bought or homemade. If you are interested in "learning the ropes" of hosting Coffee Hour, please let Bev, Mother Mindy, or the office know so that we can arrange for a Kitchen tour and coffee set-up training. We would love to see more people feel comfortable about getting involved in this ministry.



Lenten Study Book—*Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*

In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today. *The office has a limited number of copies, please let us know if you'd like one.*

Worrying about Worrying— By Linda Ryan

When I look back on all these worries, I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened. — Winston Churchill

I've been told many times throughout my life not to worry. Worrying was a waste of time, and with worry came frowning, which left indelible tracks on my forehead. All the advice to the contrary, I still found myself a pretty addicted worrier. If it were a sunny day, I'd worry about rain, even in places where rain was a relatively rare occurrence.

Honest to Pete, if there were even the remotest possibility that there was something that could/would go wrong, no matter how insignificant the thing or remote the possibility, I would work up a good worry about it. Sometimes the concern paid off, which is probably why I continued to do it for so long. Still, usually, whatever it was either didn't become the disaster I'd imagined or was not, as Mama would say, worth the powder to blow it to heck (ok, she said another word, but Mama was often a very plain speaker).

It seems like worries multiply as we grow up. There doesn't seem to be a worry that doesn't seem to resolve itself. Where should I go to college? What job should I try to find that fits our interests and desired lifestyle? Where should I buy a house? How are the schools around where I want to live? Prices are going up; what if I get laid off or fired? Do I have enough savings to get me through retirement? Do I have enough insurance? How about Medicare? How much are my medications and possible hospitalizations going to cost? Who will pay my funeral costs? What kind of funeral do I want? Where do I want my final resting place to be? The list could go on forever.



"Anxiety," by Edvard Munch, 1893

Like Churchill recounted, many of our worries will never happen. Our bills get paid every month; the house doesn't need significant repairs. All the appliances work satisfactorily. The car is good for a few more years yet, the kids are grown and settled, and our health is reasonably good for our age. Still, we will worry that it will rain on the day of our outdoor barbecue (or palace garden party). The government will cut Social Security. The party currently in power will pass some lame bill that will trespass on our particular religious, political views, or desires, and the country will go to hell in a handbasket. Sound familiar?

Currently, we worry (or maybe not) about abortion rights, rising inflation, increasing shortages of necessary goods, racial or cultural issues and perceptions, where does one religion's rights begin, and where does an opposing group's rights end.

We worry about our safety, whether from neighborhood gangs, radical groups, foreign disputes that could escalate to wars that involve more than just two opposing sides, and so on. Not watching the news on TV or

immersing myself in talk radio or media does help keep the worries somewhat at bay. Still, there are things I (and others) really need to know about, so where does that info come from? The church? The neighbors? The local news or TV station? What I overhear in passing at the mall, water cooler, or grocery checkout line?

For me, avoiding the news has helped, restricting myself to a few resources I find online. Another thing is using the Serenity Prayer ("God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change...") is vital. Remembering what I can do something about, like voting, supporting causes I believe in, or being a bit pickier about what I share

with others. I read books (generally lovely British cozies, mysteries, or occasionally religious books that challenge my thinking), knit a lot (with prayers woven into the piece I'm making), and try to anticipate what my fur babies will yell at me about next. I'm careful where I put my feet (remembering breaking an ankle twice by stepping off the doorstep and onto a stray tennis ball), promptly wiping up messes on the floor, and taking my medications on time. I often sit in my chair and rock, which I find soothing and worry-releasing. Even when the wind blows, I can enjoy the sound of my wind chimes. It's all part of de-stressing and unpacking worries from my mind.

I remember Jesus's words about not worrying because if God takes care of the sparrow, God will

surely take care of me. I may still break a hip, or something else may go wrong. Still, if I try to live as if I were the only living example of God's presence on earth, I would want to be believable. I don't worry about whether I will go to heaven (or the other direction) or pass my final Christianity exam. I simply trust that Jesus told the truth about God's watchfulness. Life is a lot easier without worrying about a lot of things. I trust in God, do my best, and try to work for freedom, justice, and equality for all. That's what Jesus would do.

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PRAYER LIST

In your charity, please remember the following people in your prayers:

Jerry, Jack, Vickie, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin, Steve, Deborah, Russel, Obi, Young, Jennifer, Gary, Bishop Whitmore, Lisa, Bill, Matt, Scott, Bev, John, Sally, Nancy, Cheri, Doris, Jory, Joan, Dedi, Melody, David, Don.

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the office.)

PARISH UPDATES

Mother Mindy— I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting. We have come a long way since I came during Covid and I believe that we are gearing up for even more robust ministry. I'm so grateful to those going off the vestry for their amazing service. I am sure that the new vestry coming in will have wonderful ideas and great wisdom to help lead this parish. I'm excited for our future together.

Senior Warden Scott Fernhaber — Thank you to everyone for your support during my time as Senior Warden. We've been on a long road together through finding a new priest and Covid. I will have total support of the new Senior Warden.

Junior Warden Breck McHenry — Keys have been installed in the required lock box for the fire department. We are working on refining the sound for worship, both in-house and streaming.

Treasurer, Laurie McHenry— We finished out the year strong financially because some larger pledges came through. We also had a large, unexpected donation that blessed us.

Bible Study Notes

Week 6 Sunday October 16, 2022

Review: Genesis 6:6, God's heart was saddened. Sadness and grief is not anger. The God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament is the same. God is revealed in a new way through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Noah walked with God so he didn't get wiped out.

What does it mean to walk with God? Micah 6:8

- Do justice
- Love mercy
- Walk humbly with your God

Read flood: Genesis 7:11-24

When did the flood start? 600 th year of Noah's life 2 nd month on 17 th day

Rain fell 40 days and 40 nights. Animals went into ark two by two.

How long did the flood last? Vs. 24 Waters prevailed on earth 150 days. In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth.

Read chapter 8:1-18

God sent wind to blow ruach....sometimes translated spirit, sometimes wind usually context clarifies, echoes 1:2

Sent out birds? Raven then dove what does dove symbolize

We looked up in concordances places where raven is mentioned. Where dove is mentioned. Raven seemed more earthly oriented and dove more spiritual. Cedar pointed out Raphael's painting of Aristotle and Plato where Aristotle points down depicting his philosophy which says our only reality is the one we can see and touch, and Plato points up to depict his philosophy which says our reality is in the spiritual realm of ideas filled with abstract concepts.

Vs 8:19 went out in families Went in two by two in Gen. 7:9

We looked up places where 40 appeared. Moses lived 40 years in the desert, 40 years in Egypt, and was on Mount Sinai for 40 days, Jonah preached in Nineveh for 40 days. Number very important in God's word. 40 symbolizes testing and trials. Gave several other examples of number meanings from sheet. Burnt offerings on an altar. God's promise of never again. There is a difference between personal sin and communal sin. Not taking care of the earth as we should results in consequences effecting weather conditions and such.

8:22 "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Week 7 Sunday October 23, 2022

Genesis 9:8-11 God's covenant with people all creatures. Though most of earth has history of flooding and/or being covered by shallow seas, God promises there will never be another flood that covers all and destroys all. The sign of God's covenant is the rainbow - Genesis 9:12-17.

This is the first covenant. We sometimes think of it as a reminder of God's love for us and for hope.

Noah had 3 sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. Genesis 9:20-27, Noah was first to plant vineyard.

Got drunk and uncovered himself. Ham found his father in his tent drunk and naked. In Bible, when talking about feet, think genitals. When talking about uncovering feet, think sex. Ham told brothers and they covered Noah with backs turned. It isn't clear what happened but we know it was

inappropriate. When Noah found out what Ham did, he cursed Canaan....Ham's son! Not Ham! Was no negative connotation about being drunk.

Another example of this is with Lot's daughter's who slept with their father so they could have children because he was not letting them marry. Those descendants of incest were Moabites. Both Canaanites' and Moabites were depicted as enemies of Israel...through no fault of their own. It can be thought of as a rationale for why Canaanites and Moabites were said to be enemies. But remember Ruth was a Moabite and a Canaanite woman was the model of faith in Matthew 15:21-28.

A strong point of the Bible is that it contains all sides. The books of Bible were written by different authors. Some details are in all of them. Some details are in but a few. Some details don't agree. But the Bible kept them all in which makes it exceptionally strong because of the different perspectives.

Genesis 10:8-10, describes Nimrod as might warrior, mighty hunter and who has a kingdom. Looking in the Concordance only one other place Nimrod mentioned...also mighty. So how did Nimrod' become a term for a dimwit? Google said could be because he was mentioned before Tower of Babel. But then said Bugs Bunny called Elmer Fudd a *nimrod*....ironically!

Tower of Babel: Gen. 11:1-9, Some interpret this story literally, others as sacred story to explain why there are so many different languages. Either way, what can we get from it? Mother Mindy suggests motives matter. The people of Babel wanted to make a name for themselves. Cedar's history prof. says it is an allegory of why there are so many different religions or churches.

Gen. 11:24-31, Nahor had Terah. Terah had Nahor, Haran, and Abram who married Sarai. Haran had Lot. Terah took Abram, Sarai and Lot to go to Canaan but settled in Haran. Sarai was barren.

Gen. 12:1-3, Beginning of the Abrahamic Covenant. God called Abram to go out of this land to the land God will show him. God blessed him and made a covenant with him. God promised to bless him so that he could bless others and God promised to make a great nation of him and a barren wife. Three big religions look at Abraham as father of their beliefs. If the Jews, the Muslims and the Christians did what they were supposed to do, bless others, what marvels this world would see.

Week 8 October 30, 2022

A story can be true without actually happening. For example, the story of Abe Lincoln cutting the chain of a slave. It didn't actually happen but with the emancipation proclamation, Lincoln actually did free the slaves. Likewise, the Bible is true even if we take some of the stories as sacred stories instead of literally. Genesis 12:1-3 God promises Abram: Make a great nation, make a great name, bless Abram, bless those who bless Abram, curse ones who curse Abram. WHY: So that Abram will be a blessing, so that all families on earth shall be blessed. Thus, when we are blessed we need to bless others. Pay it forward. God gave Abraham a great name. He is the father of 3 major religions: Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Abraham was not perfect. He lied about his wife, saying she was his sister so that the kings of the land would not kill him. He practiced slavery. Yet still God blessed him as He promised. Genesis 14:1-12 There were wars and Lot was captured. Abram rescued Lot and children and other people. Vs 17-18 we meet Melchizedek, King of Salem, Priest of God. He brought out bread and wine and blessed Abram. This is first time we see this liturgical act. Jesus did a new thing with bread and wine. This is also the first time we see giving a tenth to God...this is where we get the tithe. Cross referenced in Psalm 110:4, "a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

SERMON SUMMARIES BY ANGIE HOFFMAN

12/4/22

In today's gospel we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out in the desert. *Make straight the way of the Lord.* We need to remove the places where sin is easy and make room for the presence of God. Sin is pervasive in the little details of life. We can start with little decisions and small changes.

12/11/22

You know the teacher, fisherman, president by what they do. John the Baptist asked if Jesus was the one they were looking for. The Messiah was doing what the Messiah does: giving sight to the blind, healing the deaf and lame, cleansing the leper, raising the dead, and bringing good news to the poor. As Christians are we doing what Christians do? Are we loving God and our neighbor? Are we repenting? Do we spend time in worship and prayer? Are we talking about Jesus to others?

12/18/22

We can only wonder what Joseph felt when he found out Mary was pregnant with someone else's baby. In his hurt, he could have lashed out, but did not. It was only later that the angel appeared in his dreams. Because Joseph listened, there is Jesus, Savior from the line of David. We can follow his example. His obedience, righteousness, and virtue came from his faith. In our hurt, we must never lash out. What we do and how we treat others truly matters.

12/25/22

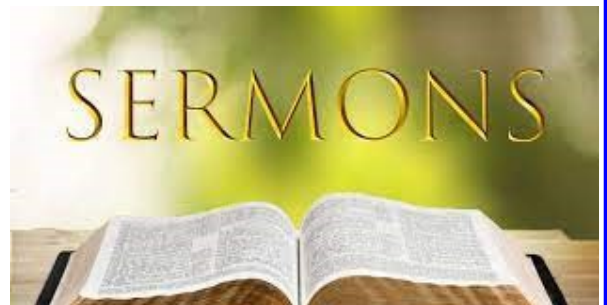
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1). Jesus is the Word, made man. It was an ultimate act of love to come into the world in a way we could relate and understand. Just as we rely on God, Jesus had to rely on us. As a baby, Jesus was vulnerable. When Joseph fled Egypt with Jesus, the holy family was dependent on the kindness of strangers. Jesus was fed by others throughout his ministry. To be in a relationship with God requires our vulnerability and dependency. God will not let us down. Trust.

1/1/23 The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighth day, Jesus was named as the angel told Joseph in his dream. Jesus's name means savior. He is the anointed one, the chosen one who will save us from our sins. Later on, when Thomas asked Jesus how they would know the way, Jesus replied, I am the way, the truth, and the light. I Am is the divine name of God as revealed to Moses when he saw the burning bush. There is power in the name of Jesus. It echoes the divine name of God who was, is, and ever shall be. The name of God matters. Use it wisely. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

1/8/23 The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ/The Epiphany

The Epiphany is the manifestation of God embodied in Jesus. We see it at the stable, in the baptism of Jesus, and through his miracles and teachings. At both his baptism and again at the transfiguration on the mountain, God declared, This is my son in whom I am well pleased. At the transfigurations God added, Listen to Him. We must now embody the Kingdom of God and walk in His way of love.



1/15/23

John the Baptist testified to what he saw at the Baptism of Jesus saying, "Look, the Lamb of God!" This was God made manifest. Andrew went to his brother Simon and proclaimed, "We have found the Messiah!" Jesus renames Simon, Cephas, which is Aramaic for Rock/Stone and translates into Greek as Peter. God has a way of renaming people who are important. Jesus says to Peter, "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church." Peter becomes foundational to the Followers of the Way. Jesus gives the foundation in the Sermon on the Mount. Our beliefs and actions are foundational. For most of us, our priorities are set in place in incremental changes added layer upon layer with God as our foundation. When life happens and the winds and rains come, our houses will not fall. We can add layers through seeking God's wisdom in prayer, reading the scriptures, reading the works of theologians, in service to others, by being in community and through appreciating creation. Order my steps onward.

BOOK REVIEW

Once Upon A Wardrobe by Patti Callahan

The year is 1950 and the first book of what became known to the world as *The Chronicles of Narnia* had just come out. More books were planned to come out in the next few years, but 8 year-old George Devonshire will not live to read them all. He was born with a heart defect that could not be fixed, and each year of his life is a gift.

George's 17 year old sister Megs is a math prodigy at Oxford, and George knows that the man who wrote *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* teaches at Oxford. George desperately wants to know where Narnia came from, and he asks his sister to talk to the man who created it. Megs' rational, concrete, mathematical mind has little room for fantasy, religion, stories...except when it comes to George, and she finds that she can't refuse him this request. Instead of a direct answer from the author, she is given more stories...these about his own early years, which she writes down and takes them home to George. From this emerges changes in her own life and way of viewing the world that bring hope to her and to her family that good can come out of even terrible circumstances.

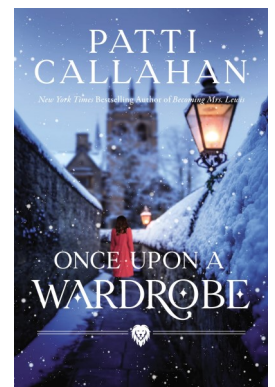
While the story of George and Megs is fictional, the story *within* the story is true, as it is the early life of C.S. Lewis. Megs realizes that his story is remarkable in that the boy who suffered so much trauma grew up to write about beauty, love and hope.

This beautiful book is described by one reviewer as: "A tender, enchanting tribute to the power of story and the myriad ways it can both break and heal our hearts....Perfect and timely and beautiful and poignant, it is everything the world needs right now". (Ariel Lawhon, *New York Times* bestselling author).

Another reviewer writes: "Enchanting and luminous, filled with the love of family, this is a story for anyone whose life has ever been changed by a book...This is storytelling at its finest, deepest, and most profound. A triumph." (Lisa Wingate, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author).

(If anyone is interested in reading this book, I have a copy and will gladly loan it out.)

By Barb Werner



St. Peter's Vestry Minutes
December 21, 2022



Present: MM, Ginny Laurent, Scott Fernhaber, Breck McHenry, Bill Cannon, Terrie Knox, Bev Wille **Absent:** Matt Bills

Check-ins: All were asked how they are doing. Concern expressed for weather issues.

Prayer: Mother Mindy opened with prayer.

Budget for 2023. Many member contributions came in at the end of the year bringing us closer to the budgeted amount. Auxiliary fund is at about \$40,000. Both the drop in Stock Market and we took \$60,000. Out this year. Expenses: 5% raise for Mother Mindy as mandated by the Diocese. Includes raises for secretary and Music Director. We budgeted for replacement of refrigerator and dishwasher at the rectory as both are old and not able to fix again per repair person. We are about \$50,000. behind, and the 2023 budget runs at about a \$50,000 deficit. We budgeted \$2,300 or Social Media Intern. Ginny noted that last month, we agreed that the SM Intern would be given \$1,000 per semester. Bill moved to approve the budget, Ginny Seconded. Vote was taken and all were in favor.

Financials: Balance sheet shows the market volatility, yet we are still \$400,000. higher than in 2020.

Outreach Distributions: spreadsheet was shared. MM would like to propose the following:

Hospitality Center: \$500.

Homeless Coalition: \$1,500.

Haiti Partnership: \$1,500.

Discussion about the history of the Haiti Partnership. Started by the Diocese of MKE. We have not given much to Haiti in the last few years. Some would like to see the funds be used more locally. Outreach donation could be made to the humane Society. Bev asked about using Amazon's donation policy (Amazon Smile) to benefit the Humane Society. Terrie moved to proceed as presented above, Breck seconded. More discussion followed. Vote was taken, all in favor, no opposed, no abstentions.

Housing Allowance: See attached sheet. Provides for housing allowance of \$1,000. Bill moved, Bev seconded to adopt this resolution. All were in favor.

Social Media Intern: Mother Mindy set up ad for Social Media Intern on "Handshake", but no hits, although it shows that there are quite a large number of students who would be eligible. Scott expressed that instead of Internship with Scholarship opportunity, it should be a paid position.

Discussion followed. The difference is: we have to do payroll, withholdings, etc. It's more work and more cost. Asked about hourly rate? Scott suggested \$20-\$25 dollars/hour. Need to revisit this.

Peace Garden Endowment: There is a new Endowment for St. Peter's Peace Garden given by Ellen Bogner to sustain the Peace Garden. Contributions can be made by others to this Endowment. Trustees of Funds and Endowments are in charge.

Oral Reports:

- a. Breck- Furnace (new) is not producing heat, Fiedler coming tomorrow morning. Knox Box installed.
- b. Scott - nothing to report
- c. Ginny - would like to look into what the Trustees of Funds and Endowments are doing with the Endowment set up by her husband for Campus Ministry. What is happening with that ministry now. Mother Mindy will connect her with Pastor Madeline. Bill agreed that Campus Ministry is very important.

Prayer: Mother Mindy closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Werner

Vestry Meeting - January 11, 2023 (Unapproved)

Present: Mother Mindy, Breck, Scott, Bill, Terrie, Ginny, Laurie, Bev, Matt. **Guest:** John Donohue

Prayer: Mother Mindy opened in prayer

Minutes: Bill motioned for approval, Ginny Seconded. No Discussion. Vote taken all in approval.

Financials: Preliminary Balance sheet, (preliminary because statement from Premier Bank Trust is not available yet. Laurie will update when she has that information.)

Not as much cushion in the auxillary account, but a healthy checking account balance. We had intended to give the music director a raise, but actually didn't. (Discussed later under "Business".) Terrie asked about the line item "Christmas Offering". Christmas Offering envelopes not sent out this year.

Also, Christmas Day Service was also our Sunday service...so, we had two services instead of three. Music Fund has been zeroed out since we are not doing any fundraisers or applying for grants. Still have a negative income of about \$54,000: \$40,000 was spent on the Undercroft, and the stock market lost 14,000. We budget for a conservative amount of member contributions. Bev asked about the new Programs in the budget (Mission Agape) This still needs to be spent for the Essentials Cares Ministry. We've only spent about \$600 (We will use the 2,400. Left in the fund. People are coming to us for these products). Bill made motion that the Vestry honor and thank Laurie for all that she puts into producing these financial report. All were in agreement!

Business:

Shawn Raise/Bonus: Mother Mindy brought up the point of giving Shawn a raise or a bonus. Bill suggested a bonus instead of a raise as a raise divides it into 12ths, Bev is in agreement, Scott also in agreement, and Ginny. Bill moved that we give Shawn a \$500 bonus. Discussion followed. Fernhaber seconded. Vote was taken. All were in favor.

February Vestry Meeting Date Change - Mother Mindy will be travelling on the 15th. Terrie will prefer the 8th. Others were ok with either, so it was changed to the 8th.

Finance Committee Make up - Terrie asked Brian, who is on the Finance Committee, and he said that it is the Rector who invites the members.

Social Media Intern Update - Reposted it on Handshake for the new semester. There have not yet been people responding to the ad. Scott will view matched resumes.

Vestry Nominations - Usually those who are going off the Vestry become the are asked to suggest possible candidates. Bill has been on the Vestry for 6 years. Scott nominated Bill Cannon for Sr. Warden. Question is who will be able to take over as Jr. Warden, which is no small job at St. Peter's.

Annual Meeting: Is there anything the Vestry would like to have brought up at the Annual Meeting: Ginny: our masking policy. She wondered if this is a Vestry decision, or a Diocesan decision. It is a Vestry decision. Bill said that the CDC has not yet said the Pandemic is over, so he recommends continuing to mask.

Access for our Premier Trust: No one is on the account who is authorized to manage any aspect of it.

Reports:

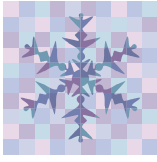
Scott: Thanks to all for the help and support. And Bill and others thanked him for his perseverance.

Breck: Fire Department came and finalized the placing of the Keys in the Knox Box.

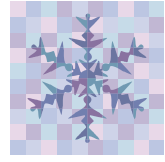
Mother Mindy: Said the Vestry has been such a blessing to her. She thanked them all.

Grateful for each and every one of

Bill made motion to adjourn, Terrie seconded. All in Favor.



JANUARY



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Coming up in February:

February 25: Ash Wednesday

February 22—Starts the Lenten Soup and Study (5:45—6:15 Soup Supper, 6:15, Short Study begins)

MP—Morning Prayer BibSt—Bible Study

LAY EUCHARISTIC LEADERS SCHEDULE

JANUARY 22

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Bev Wille

AV Technician: Breck McHenry

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host: Bev Wille

JANUARY 29

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Ginny Laurent

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY 5

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Matt Bills

Acolyte: John Donohue

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

FEBRUARY 12

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: John Donohue

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER'S

Mondays—Fridays 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

Sunday, January 22

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Tuesday, January 24

6:00 PM Women's Gathering

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Wednesday, January 25

10:15-11:15 Book Study (Ch. 7&8)

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

Sunday, January 29

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Annual Meeting

Wednesday, February 1

10:15-11:15 Book Study (Ch. 9&10)

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

Sunday, February 5

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 8

10:15-11:15 Book Study (Ch. 11 &12)

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

Sunday, February 12

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 15

NO Book Study

12:00 PM Midweek Mass (Father Leannah)



FEBRUARY



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MP—Morning Prayer BibSt—Bible Study						

LAY EUCHARISTIC LEADERS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 19

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Bev Wille

AV Technician: Breck McHenry

Acolyte: Bob Krumm

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

FEBRUARY 26

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Ginny Laurent

AV Technician: Matt Bills

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

MARCH 5

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Breck McHenry

Acolyte: John Donohue

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

MARCH 12

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: John Donohue

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER'S

Mondays—Fridays 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

Sunday, February 19

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour -

Wednesday, February 22

10:15-11:15 Book Study (Ch. 13&14,
Epilogue & Afterwords)

12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass

5:45-6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper

6:15 PM Lenten Book Study

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Wednesday, March 1

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

5:45-6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper

6:15 PM Lenten Book Study

Sunday, March 5

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Wednesday, March 8

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

5:45-6:15 PM Lenten Soup Supper

6:15 PM Lenten Book Study


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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM MORNING PRAYER IN THE GATHERING ROOM

8:30 AM BACK-TO-BASICS BIBLE STUDY

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED

11:10 FELLOWSHIP (COFFEE HOUR)

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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

To Lead Each Person into a Living Relationship with Jesus Christ,
Train Them as Disciples, and Make Jesus Known to Others.