



**ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

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May 2023

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS AND STUDY

Starting Wednesday, May 3, we will resume Supper and Study. Our Lenten Soup Suppers were such a hit that we decided to continue. Suppers will be held at 5:30 PM and the studies will commence at 6:00 PM. On May 3 we will finish our last Witness at the Cross study and then we will begin using the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*. If you've been wanting to learn more about the Episcopal Church or to refresh your catechesis, this study is for you!



NEXT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Friday, May 19 at
the Knox Home—W6305 Hoard Rd.
10:00 AM

NEW MASKING POLICY AS OF JUNE 1

As of June 1, masks will not be required in the front pews of the nave of the church. The last 4 pews on both sides will still require masks. If anyone wants to wear a mask in the front of the church, that is fine; they simply will no longer be required. We will continue with this policy until October, when the vestry will revisit it and discuss.



SPECIAL MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 21

After church on Sunday, May 21, we will have a special meeting to discuss the Agape Self-Care Ministry. This ministry was dreamed up by a couple of parishioners who saw a need for personal hygiene items for those in need. Food stamps do not cover items such as soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, etc. The thought is to have a regular distribution of these items, but to do that, we need enough parishioners to help. Please attend this informational meeting to see if you can give your time and talents to this ministry. Doughnuts will be provided. ☺



UPCOMING BAPTISM – MAY 7

On Sunday, May 7, Cedar Luckow will be baptized at St. Peter's at the 10:00 AM service. We are thrilled that Cedar is making the choice to be baptized into Christ's body, the church. Please be here to welcome Cedar. A coffee hour reception will be held afterwards.

OFFICE HOURS CHANGING MAY 1

Barb will decreasing her days in the office to 4 days instead of 5. The new schedule for office hours will be Monday—Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1 PM.



EASTER EGG HUNT 2023

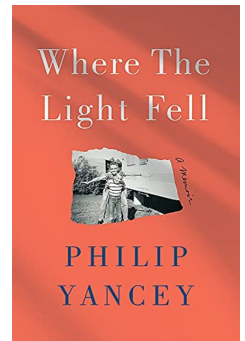


*A Special
THANK YOU
to Joshua Bills
for hiding the
eggs!*

BOOK REVIEW

Where the Light Fell - By Phillip Yancey

I've always appreciated Phillip Yancey's books, so when I saw one that I had not read, I jumped on it. I didn't realize it was his latest (copyrighted in 2021) until Covid was mentioned. And only with that closer look, did I realize that it was a memoir! Yancey's honest and poignant writing lets us step into his southern, fundamental church upbringing. I found myself bouncing back and forth between my own memories and the realization of just how recent this history is. Yancey is also very good at pointing out the similarities between his then and now, such as how the polio epidemic was as fear filled as the HIV/AIDS and COVID-19 pandemics.



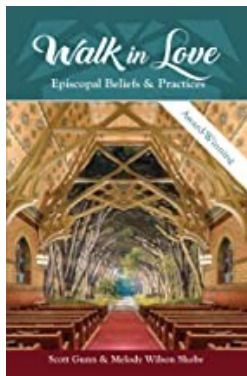
Yancey's father and mother were preparing for missionary work. But at the age of 27, when Phillip was a baby and his brother 3 years old, their father died of polio. Yancey had heard the story many times. But only when he was in college did he find out his father, against medical advice, had demanded to be moved from the iron lung that was keeping him alive. Yancey read in a newspaper clipping, "about 5000 people from Georgia to California were praying for his [Yancey's father] recovery and he was confident he would be well 'before too long'." He died 9 days later. Yancey writes, "I feel like one of Noah's sons confronting his father's nakedness. The faith that exalted my father and gained him thousands of supporters, I now grasp, also killed him."

Yancey delved into his family's history trying to make sense of the painful years and the things he had been taught to believe. Through it all, he finds a loving, grace filled God that replaces the angry legalistic God of his youth and he finds peace in strange places.

Yancey has written twenty-five books. Some that I've read include 'What's So Amazing About Grace', 'Soul Survivor: How Thirteen Unlikely Mentors Helped My Faith Survive the Church', 'Where Is God When It Hurts', and 'Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?'. They are all very profound, thought provoking, and deeply moving. 'Where the Light Falls' is no exception. Yancey describes this latest book as a prequel to all his others, which is exactly what it is. The knowledge of his experience brings even more depth to his writings. Please put this book at the top of your reading list.

- Terrie Knox -

UPCOMING EVENTS



Episcopal Study

Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices – Study starting Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 PM. "Take a journey through *The Book of Common Prayer*, the Christian life, and basic beliefs of our faith, guided by two Episcopal priests - Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. Walk through the liturgical year, the sacraments of the church, habits of daily prayer, and the teachings of Anglican Christianity. See how our prayer shapes our belief and our lives and how our beliefs lead us into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ."

Vestry Meeting April 18, 2023 (On Zoom)



Present: Mother Mindy, Mark , Scott, Ginny, Bill, Bev.

Absent: Matt Bills, Terrie Knox

I. Check-ins

II. Mother Mindy opened with prayer.

III. Financial Reports: YTD income is about \$7,000. behind anticipated. We are also about \$10,000 over budget in expenditures. This is most likely the furnace that was purchased in 2022 but invoiced in 2023. Also, utilities are over budget.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the March Meeting. Bill moved and Ginny Seconded to approve the minutes. Vote taken, all in favor.

V. Business:

A. Parish Nurse -

i. National Convention – St. Louis – Fort Health Care provided the money to send Liz Collins to the National Parish Nurse Conference. Everything was covered but transportation and Meals.

ii. We need a Budget for this ministry, and also Vestry approval for this to take place at St. Peter's

Ginny said that St. Luke's had a Parish Nurse (Ellen Bogner). She would be a good resource for Liz to talk to. Bev asked if this is a paid position. Bill said that in most parishes it is a volunteer position. Bev asked if this would take place in the Church, ie. on Sunday if Liz is there. Mark mentioned that there must be HIPPA forms. Bill said that it goes along with the professional code of confidentiality.

B. Masking question – Do we discontinue mandatory masking as of June?

Each Member present was asked what they thought about continuance of masking. Mother Mindy asked her Clergy mentor who lives in Dane County about what her Church is currently handling this. Their church goes by the CDC case count each week. Mother Mindy asked Bill if the County still publishes the counts. One compromise, would be to require those who are unmasked to sit in front, and the covid friendly section would be in back. Discussion of this option followed.

Each Vestry Member was asked how they feel about the suggested compromise: the compromise passed. We will start this in June, then revisit in October.

VI. Oral Reports:

A. Mother Mindy – Lent went very well, Wednesday Mass better attended. Soup Suppers were great. We will continue the suppers on a once-a-month basis, discussing the book *Walk In Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*. Also, we will have an Agape Ministry all-parish meeting to determine how or if this ministry will continue at St. Peter's.

B. Sr. Warden – no report; Flower Fund was very flush this year, but they didn't know it until after they ordered the flowers for Easter, so it will be a spectacular Christmas.

C. Jr. Warden – did a lot of landscaping cleanup. Hood in Kitchen is done, all mechanicals in Kitchen are working. Next, we need to give kitchen a thorough cleaning.

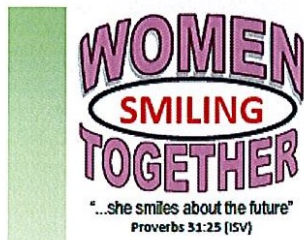
Other Projects: Need to move a downspout – quote of \$200-300. Also, proposed we need to make bathrooms handicap accessible. He proposed removing the stalls, and putting a lock on the door, making it only one person at a time. Women's bathroom has a large stall already. Another question is, can we add handicap parking spaces? She suggested that we could really use up to 5 of them. Breck was going to ask the police department about parking where the yellow line is, on Sundays only.

Mother Mindy closed in prayer. Mark moved to adjourn. Bill seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Werner



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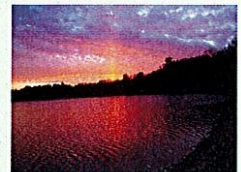
2023 COVID Protocol for MiniWeek:

We will update our protocol as time draws near and we can assess the situation.

We are so excited to gather with all of our MiniWomen!

Held at Camp Lakotah in Wautoma, WI

Womens Mini-Week is held every year at [Camp Lakotah](#) in Wautoma, Wisconsin.



Welcome!

The mission of Women's MiniWeek is to provide an annual retreat event for adult women, offering refuge, friendship, relaxation, and fun. And NO dishes!

MiniWeek combines opportunities to learn with fellowship, spiritual exploration and delicious food as we invite all women to participate as much or as little as they would like and need.

Our spiritual leaders are typically from the Episcopal Church, but women of all faiths are welcome and encouraged to share their faith journey, or just be as present as they like. Again, this is your MiniWeek and only you will determine how much you participate in any activity. You do you!

The MiniWeek committee changes every two years to keep the event fresh and fun. If you are interested in participating on the committee, or hosting an activity, please contact us anywhere you see the **Contact Us** button!

New in 2023!

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Sunday, June 11 - Saturday, June 17
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Sunday, June 18 - Friday, June 23
completed grades 6-8



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completed grades 2-5



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JESUS CHRIST: AT THE CENTER OF ALL WE DO

SERMON SUMMARIES BY ANGIE HOFFMAN

4/2/23

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna means help us, please save us. God came to save the people not from what they wanted (liberation from the oppression of the government) but from what they needed (liberation from sin). We believe He will come again. God saved all of us. We still cry, Hosanna, save us from school shootings, corruption in political systems, wars, transphobia, thinking we are perfect, etc. We all have personal hosannas to add to the list. God listens, but we still need to act by voting, speaking up, and walking in love. This holy week, we need to lean into the discomfort, but know that God did save us, is saving us and will continue to save us.

4/9/23 Easter Sunday

Alleluia, Christ is risen. The good news is that death is destroyed. God sent his only son to teach us how to live and how to die into a new life. Death no longer has the final answer. We need to dedicate or re-dedicate our way of living and make God our number one priority. We were united with Christ in our baptism. We need to have a personal relationship with God and treat others with love, respect, and kindness. Christ offers peace the world can not give. Thanks be to God!

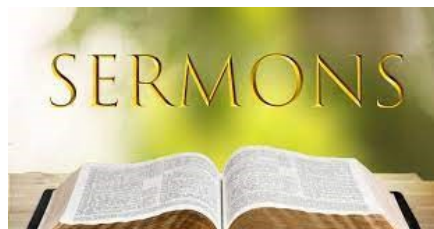
4/16/23

The disciples were afraid, locked in a room, fearing they too would be arrested, put to death. They didn't believe, despite the news from Mary Magdalene, that Jesus had risen. Even after Jesus visited the room, Thomas, who was not present, refused to believe what he had not seen. After he had touched Jesus's wounds, he declared, "My Lord and My God." We can take solace on those days we suffer from disbelief, but ultimately we need to make the choice to believe.

He's Alive and we are forgiven. Heaven's gate is wide open! Alleluia!

4/23/23

Oh that he may be made known to us in the breaking of the bread. The disciples did not recognize the Lord on the road to Emmaus. It was only in the breaking of the bread that their eyes were opened. Do we see and serve Christ in all people? Do we entertain angels without our knowing it? Christ is present in scripture and sacrament. Look around. Look no further than the person beside you.



PRAYER LIST

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

Jerry, Jack, Vickie, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin, Steve, Deborah, Obi, Young, Jennifer, Gary, Lisa, Bill, Matt, Scott, Bev, John, Sally, Nancy, Cheri, Doris, Jory, Joan, Dedi, Melody, David, Don, Mary, Georgia, Jim, Nicole, Joyce, Jessica.

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

Bible Study Notes

January 15, 2023

Joseph recap: Blatant favoritism. Serendipity or God? In chapter 37, vs 29, not sure where Rueben went but he came back to find Joseph gone. They took his coat, soaked it in the blood of a kid and let his father decide what happened. Meanwhile, Joseph was sold to Potipher, and officer of Pharoah.

Genesis 38..we get a reprieve from Joseph's troubles with the story of Tamar and Judah. Not sure why this was inserted here.

Judah had three sons, Er, Onan, and Shelah. Judah took a wife (Tamar) for Er but he was wicked and the Lord killed him. Onan married her according to the law but he knew that the heir would not be his so he spilled his seed. God was not pleased so He killed him too.

It wasn't so much the spilling of his seed but the refusal to do his duty. Deuteronomy 25:5-10 says a wife should not be married outside the family. If a brother refuses his duty he shall be called the family of the unsandaled one.

Judah was fearful that Shelah would die too if he married her so he did not give Tamar to him. Now Judah was going to the Sheep Shearing which was the Vegas of their time. Tamar dressed up and went to stand in the door of a temple. Judah goes to her thinking she is the temple prostitute. He promises her a goat kid but she demands a pledge...his signet ring which proves his identity. Then she leaves and they cannot find her to pay her.

Three months later, vs. 24-30, she is obviously pregnant and when Judah is told he says let her burn, she played the prostitute. The temple prostitutes were in the temples of the little g gods where sex was performed as worship. So was Judah actually worshiping other gods? This practice was not in the synagogues.

But Tamar shows him the signet ring to prove his parentage and he repents! She is more righteous than me! God gives Tamar twins, a double blessing, both boys: Perez and Zerah. This is known as the rehabilitation of Judah and is why the south is named Judah. God's forgiveness is complete.

Chapter 39....Meanwhile back to Joseph.... When we last left our hero, he was sold to Ishmaelites and then to Potipher. The Lord was with Joseph so everything he did prospered. Potipher put him in charge of his household. Potipher's wife took a hankering to Joseph and tried to entice him. Joseph was faithful to God and refused this temptation. Frustrated, she took hold of his garment but Joseph ran out without it. Left holding the robe, she screamed rape! She held onto the garment until her husband came home so she could convince him of her innocence. He was enraged and put Joseph in prison. But the Lord was still with Joseph and everything he did prospered and the Chief Jailor put Joseph in charge of the prisoners.

Vs. 25 -31, Dinah's brothers avenge her. While males still in pain from circumcision, Jacob's sons killed all the men, looted them, and took women and children. Jacob was angry, said they put them all in danger. Brothers said should he treat our sister like a prostitute? One man's actions resulted in death of a whole community. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Back to deception and murder on our bad behavior list.

Genesis 35: 1-15, Remember earlier when we had two creation stories....Here is another story about Jacob's name change or it is part 2 of the first story of his name change. This is not surprising because the Bible has many authors. Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died. They buried her under the oak and called it Allon Bachuth which means oak of weeping.

Vs. 16-29, Rachel died in childbirth, had son and called him Ben-oni but father called him Benjamin. Jacob set a pillar on her grave. They journeyed on and pitched tent near tower of Eder and while they

dwelt there, Rueben lay with Bilhah, his father's concubine or second wife, depending on translation. Now sons of Jacob were 12. Leah's sons: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun. Rachel's sons: Joseph and Benjamin. Bilhah's (Rachel's maidservant) sons: Dan and Naphtali. Zilpah's (Leah's maidservant) sons: Gad and Asher. These are the 12 tribes of Israel. Dinah is not mentioned, she was daughter of Leah. No other daughters mentioned, but were there some? Sometimes we think girls not important but not necessarily true. Sold? Those are our definitions.

Days of Isaac were 180 years. He breathed his last and was gathered to his people. Esau and Jacob buried him.

Genesis 36; We will skip. Lists the descendants of Esau who is Edom.

Genesis 37: Joseph was favorite son of Jacob/Israel. He made him a special coat, some translations so one of many colors. Other sons jealous. Joseph has dream about ruling over them and they hated him more. Has another dream and father berates him. Mother mentioned but she is dead. The story is not necessarily linear. Father sent him out to brothers and they conspired to kill him. Reuben says don't kill him put him in pit. Judah says don't kill him sell him to Ishmaelites. Remember Ishmael is Abraham's other son, brother of Isaac, and God promised him to be a great nation. They are still in the land. This is the first part of Joseph's saga.

January 22, 2023

Genesis 40 ...Back to Joseph in prison...in charge again. Cupbearer and Baker offended king and got thrown into prison. Both had dreams and were sad because there was no one to interpret them. Joseph said surely God can interpret them...tell me! So they did and he did and Joseph heard God right...the cupbearer was reinstated in three days and the baker was impaled in three days. When cupbearer left the prison, Joseph told him to remember him to the king because he was innocent.

Genesis 41....Two years later, king had dreams but no one could interpret. Cupbearer remembered Joseph and told king about the two dreams he had interpreted. Pharaoh sent for Joseph and asked if he could. Joseph replied not I but God will give the answer. After hearing Pharaoh's two dreams Joseph said they are the same. God was telling Pharaoh what He was going to do. The double dream means it is fixed and will happen soon. There will be 7 years of plenty and 7 years of drought. Pharaoh needs to prepare. Find someone intelligent and wise to govern Egypt. Tax in years of plenty which will form reserve for the country during drought.

Pharaoh put Joseph in command, he became governor of the whole of Egypt. It is almost a repeat of the coat of many colors...was put on robes and favored, etc. Pharaoh gave him a new name which means God speaks, he lives. And Joseph was given a wife.

Joseph did as God directed, stored grain in years of abundance. During this time he had two sons, Manassah which means to forget and Ephraim which means fruitful in my misfortune. During the years of famine, the whole country came to Joseph for grain.

Spoiler alert: Of the 12 tribes of Israel, the Levites do not get a land allotment because they are the priestly tribe and live among them all. Joseph also does not get an allotment of land but territory was given to Manassah and Ephraim so there are still 12 landed tribes of Israel in the Holy Land. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali were mentioned in Sundays readings.

Genesis 42....The famine was severe. Jacob heard there was grain in Egypt! He sent 10 sons to get some. Benjamin was not allowed to go because Jacob didn't want anything to happen to him, the only son left (or so he thought) of his favorite wife. The brothers go and don't recognize Joseph. Next week we find out how Joseph messes with them. Take away: 1. God gets the glory. God does it, we are only agents. 2. Our repentance matters! God remembers it and blesses us for it. 3. God's timing is perfect. Had He not put Joseph in the right places at the right times, the whole country would have died during the famine.

(Bible Study Notes continued from page 9)

February 5, 2023 Genesis 46

God spoke to Israel/Jacob, do not be afraid to go down to Egypt; I will go with you. Joseph himself will close your eyes. Vs 4 is foreshadowing that they will not be in Egypt forever.

Vs 26-27 are confusing. Says 66 people not including wives and Joseph's two sons traveled to Egypt. But then says 70 came into Egypt? Not sure where miss 2 are. One explanation is that the number 70 denotes completion.

Vs. 28-34, Israel/Jacob meets Joseph. Says he can die now. Joseph instructs brothers to say they are keepers of livestock instead of shepherds because Egyptians abhor shepherds.

Genesis 47

When asked what occupation by Pharaoh, brothers said shepherds. Not clear if this was intended or quirk of translation. But Pharaoh was ok with it which shows his confidence in Joseph.

There was no food in all the land except Egypt. All came to Joseph to buy grain. When money gone, exchanged livestock and themselves for grain and then land. Only priest's land was not bought since they were given an allowance. People said he saved their lives even after they were slaves.

Israel/Jacob makes Joseph promise to take his bones back to Canaan. Israel's move into slavery began here in Egypt.

Genesis 48

Joseph goes to Israel/Jacob's death bed. Israel/Jacob says Joseph's two sons are his. So Manasseh and Ephraim take place of Joseph as Israel's heirs. When land split up they get a full part.

Israel's eyes were dim. Asks who these and Joseph says my sons. Israel blesses them but mixes up first and younger. Joseph corrects him but he refused and said younger shall be greater. Israel says God will be with Joseph and gives him a portion more than brothers. Still favorite.

Israel gives all sons blessings. Genesis 50:20 important! When talking to his brothers, Joseph says, what you meant for evil, God used for good!

February 12, 2023

Rachel and Leah are noted as the mothers of the sons Israel but we must remember that Bilhah and Zilpah had something to do with it also! They may have been just handmaidens but they still matter. Psalm 80 mentions Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh. A study bible notes that they were the tribes that walked next to the ark when Israel traveled. They also make up the northern kingdom and were from Rachel, Jacob's favorite wife.

The majority of scripture comes from the southern kingdom, Judah, where Jerusalem is.

Genesis 49: Jacob/Israel gives his last words to his sons. **Rueben:** first born, unstable as water, shall not excel. **Simeon and Levi:** instruments of cruelty in their dwelling, let not my honor be united to their assembly, I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. **Judah:** the scepter shall not depart from Judah. **Zebulun:** He shall become haven for ships. His border shall adjoin Sidon.

Issachar: Saw that rest was good, he became a band of slaves. **Dan:** Shall be a viper by the path that bites the horse's heels so its rider falls backwards. **Gad:** He shall triumph at last. **Asher:** Bread from Asher shall be rich and he shall yield royal dainties. **Naphtali:** A deer let loose. He uses beautiful words. **Joseph:** A fruitful bough. The arms of his hands were made strong by the Mighty God of Jacob. Hebrew says Wild Ass! Same as Ishmael. Interesting that Joseph's was translated to the good and Ishmael's in the negative. **Benjamin:** A ravenous wolf, in morning he devours his prey and at night he divides the spoil.

Vs 28. Says he blessed all 12. Not all sound like blessings. Are these Jacob's actual last words/ blessings or are they the writer looking back and explaining what became of the sons?

Vs 29-33, Jacob commands his sons to bury him in Canaan. Then he dies.

Genesis 50: Joseph commands Egyptian physicians to embalm Jacob! First biblical mummy! Then he asked Pharaoh if they could take him to Canaan to bury him. Many went with, only children, flocks and herds left in Goshen.

When they got back, brothers get a bit worried that Joseph may still hold a grudge. Brothers tell Joseph that their father commanded him to forgive them. Joseph responds: Am I God? What you meant for evil God intended for good. Brothers were scared but still had relationship with each other. We have to trust that God will use all our bad for good. God is able! If we put hope in anything other than God, it is in vain. Not every religion is optimistic. Christianity is.

They all remained in Egypt. Joseph lived 110 years and saw 3 generations. When he died he was also embalmed....2nd biblical mummy.

Knowing these basics helps to understand the rest of the Bible. The bad behavior list is important as it reminds us that our forefathers were all human too.

Parallelism is a technique in ancient poetry often used in the Psalms. It is where one thing is said in two different ways. For example: Something said about Israel. Then something said about Jacob. Remembering that Israel can point to the man, descendants or the land is important.

LENTEN SOUP/STUDY SUMMARY

Our Lenten Soup and Study group has been well attended with a dozen or more people each week. The soups have been amazing with bread and other additions to entice.

For our study, we worked through Amy-Jill Levine's book, "Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday". Levine leads us into a deeper look at the cross and those around it. She asks, are there ever any innocent bystanders? She points out the other two victims, one on Jesus' left and one on Jesus' right, and reminds us of the haunting question of whether we are mostly saints or sinner. In fact we are all a combination of them both.

The centurion recognizes Jesus' innocence... though too late. Can we forgive him? Can we forgive those in our time who do the same? The Beloved Disciple introduces us to the gospel of John's use of anonymity. Levine writes, "I think John the Evangelist is telling us that we, as individuals, should identify with this fellow."

She also discusses the importance of the women who witnessed Jesus' death on the cross. When Jesus addresses his mother as 'woman' Levine again notes the use of anonymity in the Gospel of John. Should we think of it more as a polite address such as ma'am? But more importantly, she guides us to all the other times woman is used to address someone. That journey includes the mother of Jesus, the Samaritan woman, the woman caught in adultery, and Mary Magdalene. Levine writes, "Jesus calls them all "Woman" but at the same time recognizes their diversity, their gifts, and their needs....The stories of the women, addressed as "Woman" thus anticipate Baptism and Eucharist. And the address at the cross to his mother as "Woman" even recalls the address to the woman taken in adultery, who because of Jesus's intervention has a second [chance], a new life, a life abundant."

There is yet one more opportunity to enjoy Levine's wit, wisdom and vast knowledge of New Testament. Because of the snow storm at the beginning of Lent, we did not finish our study. We will again meet on Wed. ??? for soup and will study the last chapter, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. You do not have to have read the book to enjoy and participate. Please join us for another moving discussion.

- By Terrie Knox-

Poem

The National Emergency to Respond to the COVID-19
Pandemic Has Ended (April 10, 2023)

exactly three years to the day that I wrote my first poem
to anchor my feelings of everything happening.
Also in a jar, slips of paper on which I scrawled something,
one thing, each day to be thankful for,
now stuffed down, overflowing.

At first I had to dig deep, scrounge for material.
Everything was the same: the street, the neighbor's house,
my daily routines.
Then came the masks, the tape on the floor to direct our
patterns of walking, the hand sanitizer, the plexiglass, the dead,
the battles over all of that.
Then the fires, floods, drought, storms—political and destructive.
Some lost everything while others stockpiled
toilet paper, guns, greed, hate, losing sight of humanity.

So what I'm trying to say is that I learned how seeing
was never the same as recognizing
the woman across the street in her garden,
the stranger walking beside me on the road,
the neighbor who shared her homemade bread,
my heart burning in my chest.

Angela Hoffman



PARISH UPDATES

Senior Warden Scott Fernhaber – I am pleased to continue to see new faces in church. We have a new Covid masking policy starting June 1.

Junior Warden Mark Bardenwerper – Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving St. Peters in this capacity. I am going to make my first priority to help re-emerge our church back into the larger community as an active force for Christ. I know that Covid was devastating, but now we find ourselves on the far end of that tunnel and I see a shining light. That's the light of Jesus, calling us to get back to our work.

We are blessed with a building, grounds and facilities that were at one time buzzing with energy. I am here to help you bring that energy back. The kitchen now stands quiet, waiting for hands to spread Jesus' love. My first work has been to ready that kitchen. The sinks, cabinets and all of the other equipment have been restored to good working order. The hood has now been inspected. I would very soon like us to gather for a parish cleaning session, Christening it with a cooked or pot-luck meal.

The onset of spring has diverted our attention to the grounds. By the time you read this, the church and rectory grounds will have received their preparation for summer's growth. This, combined with last fall's radical cleanup of the rectory grounds put us in pretty good condition for now. There are several projects planned for the summer, which we will bring up shortly. If anyone is interested in taking one of these on now, please tap me on the shoulder next time you see me. Some of them are suitable for solo effort and some will require some teamwork.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. - Colossians 3:23-24

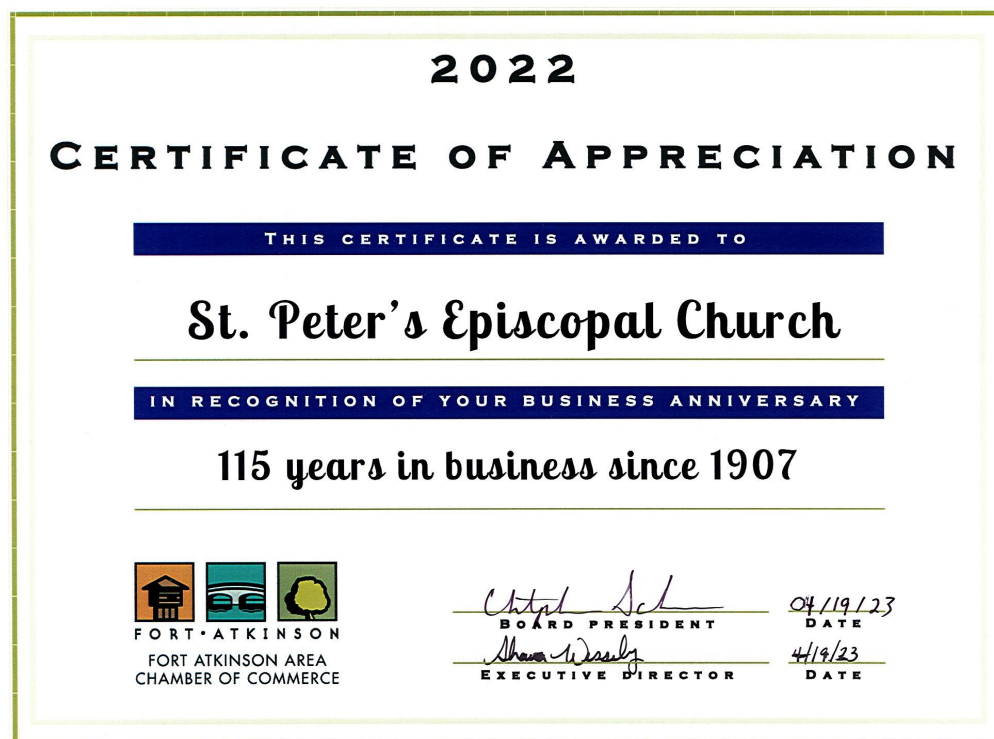
Treasurer Laurie McHenry – It's early in the season to have a firm grasp on the financials. Expenses are up because we got the bill for the new replacement furnace and air conditioner in 2023.

Rector Mother Mindy Valentine Davis– I am excited to start Wednesday Suppers and Study again. It is a great time for fellowship. The book we will be using will give a firm grasp on the Episcopal Church. The study doesn't last long; we're usually out by 6:30.

I encourage everyone to attend the Agape Self-Care Ministry meeting on May 21. I'm bringing doughnuts!

FORT ATKINSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOGNITION

This Certificate of Appreciation was presented to St. Peter's at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Gala on April 19 at the Fireside. It highlights the long history of presence and service St. Peter's has had in Fort Atkinson— over 100 years!





May



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Coming Up!

Pentecost is May 28! At Pentecost we traditionally have people bring potted red geraniums to church on or a few days before that Sunday. The red geraniums are then planted in pots and placed throughout the grounds and at the church entrance area. These are a continual reminder of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

MP—Morning Prayer BibSt—Bible Study

LAY LEADERS SCHEDULE

MAY 7

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Ginny Laurent

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: John Donohue

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host: Jane Waters

MAY 14—MOTHER'S DAY

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Bev Wille

AV Technician: Matt Bills

Acolyte: Bob Krumm

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

MAY 21

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Breck McHenry

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Agape Ministry Meeting

Coffee Hour Host: Mother Mindy

MAY 28

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: John Donohue

AV Technician: Matt Bills

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour Host:

JUNE 4

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: John Donohue

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

Wednesday, May 3

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

5:30 PM Soup/Casserole Supper

6:00 PM Book Study

Sunday, May 7

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 10

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

5:30 PM Soup/Casserole Supper

6:00 PM Study

Sunday, May 14

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 17

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

5:30 PM Soup/Casserole Supper

6:00 PM Study

Sunday, May 21

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 24

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

5:30 PM Soup/Casserole Supper

6:00 PM Book Study

Sunday, May 28

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 31

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

5:30 PM Soup/Casserole Supper

6:00 PM 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)

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.