



**ST. PETER'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

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BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7!

During our celebration of the Feast of All Saints this coming Sunday, November 7, we will baptize Benny Mumm into the body of Christ at the noon service. This will be the last noon service of the year. We will still stream the 10AM service, but please plan on coming to the noon service if you can. It is very important to have as many members of the Body of Christ as possible to welcome this new member. We are planning to have coffee and cupcakes available after the service for celebration.



COOKIE CUPBOARD

Once again, we will hold our simplified Cookie Cupboard outside under the St. Peter's awning on Saturday, Dec. 4. We will need volunteers to help package the cookies on Dec. 3, volunteers to work a 2 hour shift the morning of Dec. 4, and many, many volunteers to bake cookies for the cupboard. If you know that you will be able to bake, please call or email the office and let us know about how many dozen cookies you can supply.



FROM THE DESK OF MOTHER MINDY

Giving Thanks to God

If someone gave you \$1000.00 as a gift, would you thank them? Would you go out of your way to make sure they know you are grateful and on what you might choose to spend that gift?



How about if someone tirelessly helped you, how would you show your gratitude? Maybe someone has helped you set up for an event or helped you move. Or maybe, someone was simply there to talk to when you desperately needed them. What would you do when that person then needed help or someone to listen to them? Would you go out of your way to make sure you could give back your time out of gratitude for what they have done for you?

I would think that the majority, if not all of you, would go out of your way to thank your generous donor or to "return the favor" of a person who has served you. I have been gifted with monetary gifts that made the difference of having nice presents for my children for Christmas or that helped buy needed schoolbooks and my gratitude was heart-felt, and sometimes tearful. Kevin and I will go out of our way to help a certain friend move every time because he always went out of his way to help us every time we moved. There is never any sense of obligation, but a sense of gratitude, thanksgiving, and doing unto others as they already had done unto us.

What then should our response be for all the multitude of gifts that God has given us? Everything we have is a Gift from God or is because of the gifts and people that God has placed in our lives.

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The free gift of our salvation came at the cost of Jesus' life—what thanks should we show for Jesus' sacrifice?

Our first response is always thanks and praise. We do that especially in the Eucharist. Our worship is an important way that we show our gratitude and thanksgiving to God—which means it is important for us to show up! Can you rededicate yourself to coming to church? Out of 168 hours in a week, a little over an hour on Sunday morning is a very small ask. And I would hope, as with helping our friend move, that a sense of gratitude and thanksgiving would be the main motivation to show up as opposed to perceived obligation. “I want to thank God, so I’m going to show up,” is a great attitude towards attending worship.

Another response is giving to God out of the abundance God has given you. When you get paid, if you make the first check you write or the

first automatic payment your offering, you give out of the abundance with which God has blessed you and show God where God is in your priorities. The scripture says, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” -Matthew 6:21. Can you make 2022 the year that you place God first? Can you make your pledge the biblical 10% tithe, or at least work toward that 10% mark? If everyone that belonged to the church was able to give 10% of their earnings, the church would not fall into financial troubles. Maybe 10% is not feasible for you, and that’s OK, it wasn’t feasible for us either and we’re still working to get there. (Kids are expensive!!)

I pray that as we head into 2022 that you would identify how you can show your gratitude for all that God has given you with your time, talents, and treasures. When your pledge cards show up later this month, please prayerfully, and with gratitude, consider what you can give from the abundance with which God has given you.

-Mother Mindy



**AUTUMN GATHERING,
HOSTED BY DAUGHTERS OF THE KING,
ALL ARE WELCOME**

TELLING OUR STORIES

**“EVERY ONE OF OUR STORIES IS PART OF THE SWEEPING
STORY, EVERY ORDINARY LIFE PART OF AN
EXTRAORDINARY MOVEMENT.”**

RACHEL HELD EVANS

SPEAKER - THE REV. DR. KATHY MONSON LUTES

November 13, 9 am - 3 pm
At St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dousman WI
registration and questions
dok@trinityepiscopaljanesville.org

LAY EUCHARISTIC LEADERS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 7

10:00 AM LIVESTREAM

Lector: Cole Jones

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

AV Technician: Breck

12:00 NOON MASS WITH BAPTISM

Lector: Cole Jones

Usher: Scott

NOVEMBER 14

10:00 AM LIVESTREAM

Lector: John Donohue

AV Technician: Bob Krumm

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

NOVEMBER 21

10:00 AM LIVESTREAM

Lector: Ginny Laurent

AV Technician: Breck

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Bob Krumm

NOVEMBER 28

10:00 AM LIVESTREAM

Lector: Eda Wilson

AV Technician: Bob

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

DECEMBER 5

10:00 AM LIVESTREAM

Lector: Randy Ridout

AV Technician: Breck

Acolyte: Bill Cannon

Usher: Scott Fernhaber

ACTIVITIES AT ST. PETER'S

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM

Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

Sunday, November 7

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

12:00 Mass and Baptism

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube
(Masks Required inside the church)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Premieres on YouTube

Sunday, November 14

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube
(Masks Required inside the church)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Premieres on YouTube

Tuesday, November 16

6:00 PM Installation of Mother Mindy

By Bishop Jeff Lee

(Masks Required inside the church)

Sunday, November 21

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube
(Masks Required inside the church)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Premieres on YouTube

Sunday, November 28(Advent 1)

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

In-Person and Live Streamed on YouTube
(Masks Required inside the church)

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Premieres on YouTube

FOOD PANTRY

December is one of St. Peter's months to work at the Food Pantry. The hours for helping are **Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM.** The work is not too physically taxing and we have a fun crew. If you can volunteer, please contact Laurie McHenry. If you need Laurie's number, please contact the church office.

**The dates we need help are as follows:
December 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, and 30.**

PRAYERS

- **Parishioner Cycle of Prayer** - Bills Family: Matt, Janet, Michael and Joshua
- **Ministry Rotation Prayer** - Hospitality
- **For those who are sick:** Duane Riggs, Bob & Kitty Martin, Jerry Swanson, Jack Schark, Gary, Vickie, Joleen, Charlie, Kristin.
- **Happy Birthday** Linda Morgan
- **Prayer for difficult times (coronavirus)**

CHARLES SIMEON—TEACHER, PROMOTOR OF MISSIONARY WORK (12 NOV 1836)

Two hundred years ago, students at the English Universities were required to attend church regularly, and to receive the Holy Communion at least once a year. This latter requirement often had bad effects, in that it encouraged hypocrisy and an irreverent reception of the sacrament. Occasionally, however, it had a very good effect, as with the Cambridge student Charles Simeon.

He wrote: "On 29 January 1779 I came to college. On 2 February I understood that at division of term I must attend the Lord's Supper. The Provost absolutely required it. Conscience told me that, if I must go, I must repent and turn to God."

By this experience his life was transformed. Upon finishing his college work he was ordained, and shortly appointed chaplain of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, where he remained for 55 years, until shortly before his death on 12 November 1836. His ministry helped to transform the lives of many undergraduates, of whom we may mention two in particular. Henry Martyn (see 19 Oct), inspired by Simeon, abandoned his intention of going into law and instead devoted his life and his considerable talents to preaching the Gospel in India and Persia. William Wilberforce (20 July), also led in part by Simeon's ministry of teaching and example, devoted his life to the abolition of slavery throughout the British Empire. Simeon's enthusiasm and zeal brought him much ridicule and abuse, which he bore uncomplainingly. Though he himself remained in one place, his influence extended through the Anglican world.



Source: http://satucket.com/lectionary/Charles_Simeon.htm

MARTIN OF TOURS BISHOP AND THEOLOGIAN (11 NOV 397)

Martin was born around 330 of pagan parents. His father was a soldier, who enlisted Martin in the army at the age of fifteen. One winter day he saw an ill-clad beggar at the gate of the city of Amiens. Martin had no money to give, but he cut his cloak in half and gave half to the beggar. (Paintings of the scene, such as that by El Greco, show Martin, even without the cloak, more warmly clad than the beggar, which rather misses the point.) In a dream that night, Martin saw Christ wearing the half-cloak. He had for some time considered becoming a Christian, and this ended his wavering. He was promptly baptized. At the end of his next military campaign, he asked to be released from the army, saying: "Hitherto I have faithfully served Caesar. Let me now serve Christ." He was accused of cowardice, and offered to stand unarmed between the contending armies. He was imprisoned, but released when peace was signed.



He became a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers, a chief opponent in the West of the Arians, who denied the full deity of Christ, and who had the favor of the emperor Constantius. Returning to his parents' home in Illyricum (Yugoslavia, approximately), he opposed the Arians with such effectiveness that he was publicly scourged and exiled. He was subsequently driven from Milan, and eventually returned to Gaul. There he founded the first monastery in Gaul, which lasted until the French Revolution.

In 371 he was elected bishop of Tours. His was a mainly pagan diocese, but his instruction and personal manner of life prevailed. In one instance, the pagan priests agreed to fell their idol, a large fir tree, if Martin would stand directly in the path of its fall. He did so, and it missed him very narrowly. When an officer of the Imperial Guard arrived with a batch of prisoners who were to be tortured and executed the next day, Martin intervened and secured their release.

In the year 384, the heretic (Gnostic) Priscillian and six companions had been condemned to death by the emperor Maximus. The bishops who had found them guilty in the ecclesiastical court pressed for their execution. Martin contended that the secular power had no authority to punish heresy, and that the excommunication by the bishops was an adequate sentence. In this he was upheld by Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. He refused to leave Treves until the emperor promised to reprieve them. No sooner was his back turned than the bishops persuaded the emperor to break his promise; Priscillian and his followers were executed. This was the first time that heresy was punished by death.

Martin was furious, and excommunicated the bishops responsible. But afterwards, he took them back into communion in exchange for a pardon from Maximus for certain men condemned to death, and for the emperor's promise to end the persecution of the remaining Priscillianists. He never felt easy in his mind about this concession, and thereafter avoided assemblies of bishops where he might encounter some of those concerned in this affair. He died on or about 11 November 397 (my sources differ) and his shrine at Tours became a sanctuary for those seeking justice.

The Feast of Martin, a soldier who fought bravely and faithfully in the service of an earthly sovereign, and then enlisted in the service of Christ, is also the day of the Armistice which marked the end of the First World War. On it we remember those who have risked or lost their lives in what they perceived as the pursuit of justice and peace.



Source: http://satucket.com/lectionary/Martin_Tours.htm

Vestry Meeting— September 15, 2021 (On Zoom)



Present: Scott Fernhaber, Breck McHenry, Mother Mindy Valentine Davis, Bev Wille, Bill Cannon, Ginny Laurent, Matt Bills

Absent: Bob Krumm

CHECK-INS

PRAYER— Mother Mindy opened with prayer

MINUTES— Ginny made motion to accept and Scott seconded, all in favor. Motion passed

FINANCIALS: Member contributions are down according to our budget, but if we get the end of year influx we will be ok. We are \$10,000 over in spending, and \$25,000. Behind in pledges. Currently \$84,000. In checking. Investments have done well, and we have \$300,000 gain in the investment funds.

BUSINESS:

Benny Mumm is going to be baptized on All Saints Sunday. John Donohue is going to be received into the church when Bishop comes in January.

Rectory Porches: going to be worked on this week. FixitMR. Will take the walls down, using roof supports, then work on the uprights in his shop. Cost of this is \$8,800. If we are happy with his work on the porches, then he will do the rest of the Rectory jobs: ie. painting. What fund will the \$8,800. come from. Mother Mindy showed us the financial sheet. Bill recommended taking it out of checking. Breck said the building fund has the money in it right now. This was initially earmarked for the undercroft. The source of money for next year's projects will need to be addressed by the Finance Committee, with the possibility of a Capital Campaign. Still need to get estimates for the undercroft so we have a goal for Campaign. Mother Mindy asked if anyone is opposed to using the Building Fund money? No one was opposed. Laurie said we could use the Auxiliary Fund.....money. Discussion followed. Some favored using building fund, so we can see it and keep track of how much we have used and need to replace for undercroft work. Discussion about the purpose of the Auxiliary Fund followed. Breck suggested taking it out of general fund, and call it Rectory Maintenance/improvement, as an unbudgeted expense. But, next year we can budget for future expenses. Motion was made by Bill to have it come from Rectory maintenance: Breck seconded, Motion passed with 5 yes votes and one abstention by Matt.

LECM and campus ministry and Choral Scholars— at first it seemed defunct. Pastor Amy said they are hiring a pastor for campus ministry who could do ½ time for the LECM .

Choral Scholars Program was budgeted as Outreach this year. This provides the Choir Scholarships. We budgeted \$5,000. this year because of Covid. Right now it is at -\$1,991. Do we continue do have this fund since we also have this as a line item in the budget? Bill said, the choir is so important that we need to continue to have it as a line item in the budget. It was agreed that whether we have money in the pot or not, we will continue to have the choir scholarships.

Digital Needs -The “care and feeding” of our FB page has not happened due to Mother Mindy's other projects and commitments. It would be nice to have someone to do social media updating. Once we had talked about a person from the University, or ask if Michael Bills could do it as a volunteer. Michael came on the call and offered to help.

TPZ camera parts are difficult to find. Trying to make the digital stuff work better; there is a hiss on the sound feed that they haven't been able to identify its source. Matt and Breck agreed to troubleshoot together.

Bev said her mother is using the TV “ears”. She said it was like being at church for the first time ever. She heard everything! Bev has purchased two sets of TV Ears for the church, and they bring their own from home, so the two here are available for others who may benefit from their use.

Stewardship and Budgeting – Cole, Terrie and possibly Breck have been on Stewardship committee. They will meet so they can get an earlier start on preparing for the Fall Stewardship commitment time.

Reports:

Sr. Warden – Monthly Wardens meetings from the Diocese are starting again. This month will be on Stewardship. Ginny asked if she could come onto that meeting. Breck said yes. Scott will send her the link. .

Jr. Warden – 8 squirrels have been removed, no further noises. Screen has been used to discourage them from coming back. Breck has called to get an asbestos remediator to give an estimate. Looking into sidewalk repairs in areas that have been degraded. Wondering if the neighbors might want to do theirs at the same time. A concern about the sidewalk is there is a dip that has caused people to trip. Hot water heater in the rectory went out, and had to be replaced. Mark the Plummer came and did it in a day.

Rector’s Report – Recent Outreach expenditures include: 1) a couple nights at a hotel for mother and 4 children, 2) helped a homeless couple, 3) sent a donation to House of Peace, 4) sent money to homeless coalition. 5) \$300 to Episcopal Relief and Development for Haiti and Louisiana.

Mother Mindy is teaching Homiletics to Deacons and will be done by October. Very busy with the Homeless Coalition.

Ordered the bench in memory of Darald Fairbrother with plaque.

Mother Mindy’s trip to Holy Land (November) has been cancelled, and also *Credo* in October. She needs to figure out what she will do to take time off. Father Terhune will be coming the weekend after next.

Mother Mindy had Covid symptoms the morning of Ted Jones’ funeral, and had to find someone else (Kathy Munson-Lutes) to do it. She did a great job, but it was a very difficult thing for Mother Mindy to make that decision to not do it herself. Bill confirmed that it was the most responsible thing to do.

Mother Mindy has asked Bishop Lee to come and install her as Rector. She gave three Tuesdays that Bishop Lee is available.

Questions/concerns?

Ginny asked if there would be an usher at the back of the church to hand out bulletins, and direct us to seats. Bill said that he appreciated the reminder. Matt said he could do the ushering for the in-person service.

Mother Mindy closed in prayer at 7:34.

Bill cannon made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Scott . All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Werner


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