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November 2022

COOKIE CUPBOARD

DECEMBER 3, 2022

December 3rd will find the Cookie Cupboard returning to the Parish Hall, after being outside for 2 years. Your help is needed to bake cookies, package them and sell. Packaging will take place on Friday Dec. 2nd from 1:30PM to 3:30PM, so bring your cookies to the church on Thursday Dec. 1st or Friday morning. Your participation is so appreciated.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

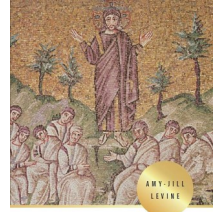
The Advent Book Study will begin on Tuesday, November 22, at 6:00 PM. The book we will be

studying is: *Sermon on the*

Mount: A beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven by Amy-Jill

Levine. The dates to save for this study are: November 22, 29, December 6, 13, and 20.

We will order books, so please let us know if you would like to have the office order you a copy.



SERMON on
the MOUNT

Stewardship

(Yes, we need your financial offering, but. . .)

Don't ever think that your seed is too small
that what you have to offer doesn't matter at all.

I saw the way you knelt before the altar
refusing to go back to your seat. I want a bit of your devotion
God's pull on you.

You shared your story of salvation, down on your knees
considering your last breath. I want a heaping of that saving grace.

Your grandson was suffering yet again, and I doubted God cared
but there you were with your words of gratitude
for how things were going. I want a smidgen of your faith.

You came despite the hardship of walking with a cane, walker
in the rain. I want a dose of your determination.

You asked me to join you for coffee, for a walk in your woods.
You make me feel like I belong.

You greeted my grandchildren as if they were yours
and I know you are my family.

I saw how you bothered with treats, watered the gardens
set up, took down, cleaned out closets, served on committees
updated the building, gave tech support, gave of your time.

You inspire me to be less selfish.

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I saw the cookies you baked, the jars of pickles, jams you canned
the tomatoes you shared. I want to be as generous with my gifts.

I saw how you came with your questions, doubts
and this reassures me I am in the right place.

I saw how you took the time to greet the newcomer.

I too want to be a disciple

You let me witness your entire family's baptism in a fountain.

Alleluia for that!

You taught me how to nurture yeast into loaves of bread
to be broken, shared over and over.

I heard you pray out loud, offer petitions.

I want some of that vulnerability.

I saw how you showed up week after week
despite the bad news of your health.

You show me what it means to not give up on God.

I saw how you offered your praise by singing, reading
giving your loose change
how you asked for a blessing for yourself, for even your dog
and I wonder at it all.

You sent me a card on my birthday, provided rides
picked up a hitchhiker
prayed for me, gifted us with tapestries
worked at the food pantry, delivered meals

You show me how to care.

I saw when your daughter placed her hand on a woman
80 years older, blessing her.

I can only imagine what they each took away from that moment.

I saw the picture your child drew, taking in the simple
sacred ordinary that I miss.

I saw how you kept your cool, when your child got antsy.

I want your patience.

The noise is proof we are alive, thriving.

I saw when you raised your arms, swayed to the music
closed your eyes, bowed your head, wiped your tears.

I want a handful of your awe, reverence.

You were there when I came, having lost my faith.

You held it for me.

So—what I'm really trying to say is that our showing up matters
without our knowing.

Our gifts both grand and seemingly insignificant
do make a difference.

I need you, so just maybe, you need me.

- Angela Hoffman -

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Women's Fellowship October 26, 2022 meeting
The October Women's Fellowship meeting was held at the Rectory. There was an even dozen in attendance. We enjoyed an evening meal and many enthusiastic conversations. This month's 'lasagna' was more stroganoff like. It was awesome to see women of all generations, which enabled the 'more mature' to receive some needed tech assistance.

The numbers are growing with each new meeting. And it is obvious that we are filling a need in our community. After the isolation and stress of the pandemic, it is good to see smiles and break bread. I am reminded of Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love

and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (ESV)

For now, the purpose of our fellowship meetings is simply to fellowship...knowing that the bonding of our lives is building a stronger church. But we are also trusting that if God has in mind a more specific role, He will make it known to us as we proceed.

Our next meeting will be a morning one on **Tuesday, November 15 at the Knox house, W6305 Hoard Rd.** We will begin at 10:00 a.m. Hope to see you women there.

- Terrie Knox -



SERMON SUMMARIES BY ANGIE HOFFMAN

10/2/22

Doing the right thing is its own reward! Faith is a gift from the Holy Spirit. We need only a little, the size of a mustard seed, for it to grow into something larger. It is very important for us to gather as a community. When we have our faith others can hold it for us or loan us a bit of theirs, until we find our own again. Gathering together does matter!

10/9/22

Joy is a choice in spite of all that seems to be going wrong in our world. Death does not have the final say. We have been saved. Jesus loves us as we are. The best is yet to come.

10/16/22

Father Dean Hekel was guest priest. We need to ask ourselves if we have a personal relationship with God. We may wrestle with him as Jacob did or feel his absence, but God never leaves our side. Wherever we go, whatever we do we reach out with God's love to others. When we pray to God, God will always answer. The answer may be yes, no, wait. We need to trust his plan for us. Walk with God, have faith, talk to God, listen, trust, obey.

10/23/22

In the gospel lesson of Luke 18:9-14 we are asked to consider who was justified, the Pharisee or the tax collector and we might conclude that they are both justified, one for his inward disposition, admitting he was a sinner and the other by his sacrifice, tithing, and actions. We can be like both, with God's help. Lord Jesus Christ, son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Bible Study Notes

Week 1 Sept. 11

Old Testament is made up of:

Hebrew Bible: Tanakh

Torah – First 5 books of bible, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Numbers

Naviim – The Prophets

Kethuvim – Writings, Ruth, Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, Daniel, Esther, Ezra (which included Nehemiah), and I and II Chronicles.

New Testament is made up of:

Gospels –

Matthew, Mark, Luke (Synoptic Gospels which are similar in content and structure)

John

Epistles - Letters

Revelation

The Canonization of the Scriptures took place AD (CE) 363 by the Council of Laodicea.

Week 2 Sept. 18

Who wrote the Bible?

The first four books, according to the JEDP hypothesis were written by:

J – the Jahuists – the Jerusalem source who used Yahweh as the divine name for God

E – the Elohist who used Elohim as the divine name for God

D – Deuteronomists wrote most of Deut, Josh, Judg. Central shrine important.

P – Priestly source – the first chapter in Genesis

The prophets were written by the prophets and their followers, scribes.

The Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Luke wrote Acts too.

The Epistles were written by apostles who were sent out, like letters are sent out. Many were written by Paul and those who were not Paul but said they were.

Revelation was written by John....we think.

There are many versions of the Bible as scholars learn more and correct translation. The Episcopal church uses NRSV and its update (UE). The CEB (Common English Bible) is also good and the New Oxford Annotated is a good study Bible.

We read the two stories of creation. The first in Genesis 1-2:4, All God made was GOOD!

The second, Genesis 2:4b-25, God made humans.

Week 3 Sept. 25

The first story of creation tells how God created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7th. The main gist is that everything He made was GOOD. The Spirit of God, Ruach, the Breath of Life, the Spirit of Life, was hovering over the earth in the beginning.

The second story is about humans, how God created Adam and Eve...human and wife, partner. Was it literal? It could be. Nothing is impossible for God. It's more likely a spiritual story trying to explain things before much science was known.

Genesis 2:15 gives God's purpose for man and woman... to run around naked and tend the garden.

The Yiddish congratulations, mozel tov is derived from the Hebrew where tov means good, beautiful and *according to purpose*. Verse 19 in chapter 2 states that God created animals the same way He created man...out of the earth. The Hebrew word for spirit or soul, nepheh, is used the same when speaking of both man and animal.

The last two verses of chapter 2 don't seem to flow with the description of the creation of Adam and Eve. These two verses speak of man and how he should leave his father and mother to cleave to his wife. Is this editorializing by a scribe?

Chapter 3. Enter the serpent and the apple. When God asked why Adam and Eve were hiding and the eating of the forbidden apple was revealed, Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent. Consequences...snake: slithers, eats dust, and has enemies, Woman: pain in childbirth, desires husband, man rules over her, Man: toils, thorns and thistles....and death.

Once we know good and evil we no longer can just 'tend the garden'; we now have responsibilities and choices. With great wisdom comes great responsibilities. Now we have choices to make every minute of every day.

Death = sin. Sin caused death. Sin caused evil. Key to our belief is that: Jesus conquered death. Jesus conquered sin. Jesus conquered evil.

The Pascha nostrum or Christ our Passover in Common Book of Prayer on page 83 is a succinct summary of our belief.

In verse 22 of chapter 3, the name for God (Elohim) that is used is plural. We interpret it to mean, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But Jewish belief does not include Jesus. The 'el' part of the name refers to God. Any name that has 'el' in it, has something to do with God. For example, Israel means wrestling with God.

(We will continue to put notes from the Sunday morning Bible class into the Newsletter each month so those who are unable to make the study can still have access to the content...watch for the next installment in December!)



John Donohue is presented with a Book Of Common Prayer - a gift from St. Peter's after having been received into the Episcopal Church in February.

PEACE GARDEN

A huge thank you to everyone who watered and cared for the Peace garden this year. You are very appreciated. As the seventh season comes to a close please consider helping again.

Blessings, Ellen Bogner



FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5: Parish Work Day, 9:00 AM—Noon

Wednesday, November 16, Women's Fellowship Gathering, 10:00 AM at Knox's house

Tuesday, November 22: Advent Study Starts

Friday, December 2: Cookie Cupboard set-up and cookie packaging

Saturday, December 3: Cookie Cupboard

Sunday, January 29: Annual Meeting

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Saint Peter's Represented at the 175th Diocesan Annual Convention

First in a series of articles related to the Convention

A delegation from our Saint Peter's community attended the 175th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee on Friday and Saturday, October 7-8, 2022. Mother Mindy Valentine Davis led our parish lay-deputy delegation which included Terrie Knox, Breck McHenry, Bob Krumm, and John Donohue. The convention itself was led by the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee, provisional bishop of the diocese and was also attended by delegations from all diocese parishes.

Here is an excerpt from the Diocesan Convention page (doimil.org) explaining general purposes:

The annual Convention is where members of the diocesan community gather to conduct the business of the diocese, strengthen fellowship, equip and expand their capacity for ministry, and renew their faith through prayer and worship. More specifically, representatives to the Convention address legislation and resolutions; elect officers of the Convention, and members and representatives of canonical bodies; establish the assessment for funding the diocesan budget; and adopting a budget for the coming year. The bishop, who serves as president of the Convention, gives his report on the state of the diocese in his pastoral address. Formation and education are an integral part of the Convention through workshops, presentations, exhibits, and networking. Prayer and worship undergird all aspects of Convention, most notably through the Convention Eucharist. Each parish of the diocese is entitled to appoint up to four lay deputies to serve as members of the Convention. All clergy canonically resident in the diocese, and in good standing, are considered members of Convention.

The Reverend Becca Stevens gave the keynote address during the Friday evening opening session. A social justice entrepreneur and author of thirteen books, Reverend Stevens advocates for women survivors of trafficking in her hometown of Nashville, TN and around the world. She has founded several justice organizations to help lift women out of poverty and into freedom. She is president of Thistle Farms, a global network of women's justice initiatives.

The Saturday session of the Convention included a keynote Pastoral Address by Bishop Lee. In his address, Bishop Lee provided remarks concerning the proposed Unified Diocese of Wisconsin, and our primary focus in areas of church growth, evangelism, and mission. Bishop Lee mentioned that in Wisconsin, a state with a population of 6 million, there are approximately 12,000 members of the Episcopal Church.

Also at the Saturday session, elections were made for special appointments for Diocesan Chancellor, Historiographer, Parliamentarian, Commission on Ministry, and the Saint Francis House Commission, as well as General Convention Deputies for the 2023 Convention. Delegates discussed and voted on several resolutions and the Diocesan 2023 annual budget.

In our next article, I would like to share information about specific features of Diocesan activity, and relevance to our Saint Peter's parish community.

Submitted by John Donohue

BOOK REVIEW

THE WAY OF INTEGRITY: FINDING THE PATH TO YOUR TRUE SELF by Martha Beck

I bought this book because I noticed that Bishop Michael Curry highly recommend it. So I thought, why not. I found it a very challenging and thought provoking read... and yes, very worthwhile.

Beck begins by defining the word 'integrity'. It comes from the Latin word, *integer* which means 'intact'. So though it has taken on a moral, judgmental taint, she uses it as simply being whole. She explains that within our nature, all that we were born with, there is a deep knowledge of what will make us happy and lead us to our best life. But as we live and grow we are constantly colliding with the destructive force, culture, that tears at our very nature.

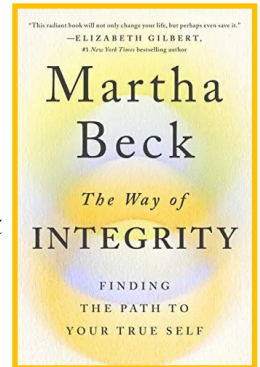
Beck states, "In this rush to conform, we often end up ignoring or overruling our genuine feelings—even intense ones, like longing or anguish—to please our cultures. At that point, we're divided against ourselves. We aren't in integrity (one thing) but in duplicity (two things).

This is where Beck found herself when she read Dante's book, *The Divine Comedy*. In Dante's book, she found a powerful set of instructions for "healing our psychological wounds, restoring us to integrity, and maximizing our capacity to feel good."

Beck explains that we all start our journey to integrity in the Dark Wood of Errors. Our next stage is moving into the Inferno and finding where we are trapped. Truth is the chisel that will break our chains. And as we begin to heal, we will find ourselves in Purgatory which simply means cleansing. This is where we change our "external behavior to match our newfound inner truth." Finally, Paradise is when we approach integrity.

Beck doesn't just give us directions. She gives us examples from her own life where she has made the journey. She tells how her commitment to truth, cost her career, her religion, and many relationships. But in the end, it was and is worth it. Beck is now a life coach, speaker and bestselling author. She specializes in helping individuals, from celebrities to homeless addicts, to achieve greater levels of success in their lives. She holds a PhD in sociology from Harvard. So, like Bishop Curry, I highly recommend *The Way of Integrity*.

- Terrie Knox-



PRAYER LIST

In your charity, please remember the following people in your prayers: John, Njari, Amanda, Obi, Jim M., Jack, Bill, Gary, Vickie, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin, Steve, Deborah, Russell, Barb S., Scott J., Sarah S., Young, Jennifer, Lisa, Bev, Sally, Ally, Shonda, DuWayne, Nancy, Bishop Whitmore, and Matt.
(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please contact the office.)

Vestry Meeting, October 19, 2022
On Zoom



Present: Mother Mindy, Ginny Laurent, Terrie Knox, Matt Bills, Bill Cannon,
Scott Fernhaber, Breck McHenry

Absent: Bev Wille

Mother Mindy opened in prayer.

I. Minutes approval from September meeting

Bill noted the need for correction of “go” instead of got and a period needs to be removed. Bill moved to approve with friendly amendment. Ginny seconded. All in favor. No opposed, and no abstentions.

II. Financial Reports: Behind on income compared to budget. Ginny asked a question regarding how flower offerings. She wondered why it is a budget item. The answer is that sometimes there are special needs for flowers, especially around holidays.

Ginny also noted that Outreach is over by \$1,376. “Outreach” is helping people in the community and in the world. Bill asked if the money collected for St. Mark’s is considered Outreach. Yes.

Music Fund is low, because no money is being raised specifically for the music fund.

However, we have budgeted the money to pay the Choir members, and we will do so whether there is money in the music fund or not. Should we get rid of it on the balance sheet? It was decided to leave it on....it is a reminder that people can give specifically to the Music Fund.

III. Business:

a. Cookie Cupboard: Janet Bills said she will be the “boots on the ground” to coordinate the Cookie Cupboard.

b. Movable Altar: Mother Mindy would like to use memorial funds to purchase the movable altar. Bill moved to approve as long as they stain it before delivery. Scott Seconded. Made by the husband of a seminarian of the University of the South. Terrie asked how much is in the Memorial Funds. \$6850. Vote was taken, 1 nay, no abstentions. Ayes have it. Motion passed.

c. Stewardship: Stewardship Letter written today. Continuing with the Women’s Fellowship Meetings. Next Week Stewardship letter will come out with Pledge Sheet.

d. Inquirers Class: We have at least one member attending who is interested in an Inquirer’s Class. There is another candidate as well. MM may do some advertising.

e. Fort Architectural Tours: This Saturday. Bill offered to be at the church just in case anyone wants to come in to the church on this tour.

f. Vestry Meeting in November 16, Mother Mindy will be gone. We can reschedule for the week before, or have it without her. Scott said, the 9th. Bill will be having surgery on the 4th. Hopefully will be able to attend, but if complications, no. Ginny, Terrie and Breck said ok. Vestry will be November 9.

g. Annual Meeting January 29. No one seems to have a problem with this.

h. Mark your Calendars:

Work Day- November 5 from 9AM—Noon

Women's Gathering - November 16, 10:00 AM

Cookie Cupboard Packaging - December 2 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Cookie Cupboard - December 3

Annual Meeting - January 29, 2023

Rector's Report: Happy to see new people, making connections in the community. Mother Mindy is very happy to be at St. Peter's.

Mother Mindy closed in Prayer. Bill moved to adjourn Terrie seconded. All in favor.

FALL SCHEDULE

MONDAY—FRIDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer

TUESDAY

6:00 PM *Wholehearted Faith* Nov 8; *The Sermon on the Mount* starting Nov 22 all on Zoom

WEDNESDAY

12:00 Noon Midweek Mass

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

8:30 AM Back-To-Basics Bible Study in the Gathering Room

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist: In-Person and Livestreamed

11:10 Fellowship (Coffee Hour)

*In addition, look for information on a Healing Service
and Chat and Craft Group that Mother Mindy is cooking up.*

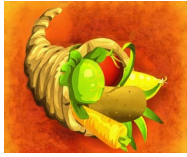
PARISH UPDATES

Mother Mindy— Things have been busy with adding Bible and Book studies back to our programming. I am working on procuring Sunday School materials for our young ones and looking to create opportunities for our young families to connect.

Senior Warden Scott Fernhaber — My heart soars every Sunday with the new faces and increased attendance every week. If you have not been at Mass in awhile please attend. I am sure you will feel it will be good use of your valuable time.



Junior Warden Breck McHenry — Preparing for Saturday November 5 Work Day. Working with Peak Systems re: Sound equipment. Investigating how to best to install Fire Department lock box.

Treasurer, Laurie McHenry— Pledge cards are coming out. It helps with budgeting to have those returned right away. Please return them as soon as possible.



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:00 am MP 10:00 All Saints Day Mass 6:00 PM Book Study on Zoom	2 8:00 am MP 12:00 PM Midweek Mass	3 8:00 am MP	4 8:00 am MP	5 9-12 Parish Work Day 
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27 8:00 am MP 8:30 am BibSt 10:00 am Sunday Worship 11:10 Fellowship ADVENT 1	28 8:00 am MP	29 8:00 am MP 6:00 PM Advent Study	30 8:00 am MP 12:00 PM Midweek Mass	1 8:00 am MP 3:00—5:30 Food Pantry	2 8:00 am MP 1:30 PM Cookie Cup-board Packaging	3 Cookie Cup-board/Holiday Market

Coming up in December:

Mondays and Fridays in December run Food Pantry (2:50 to 5:30)

December 2: Cookie Cupboard Packaging and set up.

December 3: Cookie Cupboard (9 AM—12 PM)

MP—Morning Prayer BibSt—Bible Study

LAY EUCHARISTIC LEADERS SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 6

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:

NOVEMBER 13

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:

NOVEMBER 20

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Bev Wille
AV Technician: Breck McHenry
Acolyte: John Donohue
Usher: Scott Fernhaber

11:10 Fellowship/Coffee Hour
Coffee Hour Host: Ginny Laurent

NOVEMBER 27

10:00 AM IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM

Lector: Ginny Laurent
AV Technician: Bob Krumm
Acolyte: John Donohue
Usher: Duane Riggs

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, November 6

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Tuesday, November 8

6:00 PM Book Study on Zoom

Wednesday, November 9

12:00 PM Mid-Week Mass
6:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

Sunday, November 13

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:10 AM Coffee Hour -

Wednesday, November 16

12:00 PM Midweek Mass
(Pastor Madeline subbing)

Sunday, November 20

10:00 AM Sunday Worship
8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:10 AM Coffee Hour

Tuesday, November 22

6:00 PM Advent Study on Zoom

Wednesday, November 23

12:00 PM Midweek Mass

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed!

Sunday, November 27

8:00 AM Morning Prayer
8:30 AM Back to Basics Bible Study
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
11:10 AM Coffee Hour

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NEW 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.