

# St. James Parish

## Epistle



December 2018

### Rector's Message

I always struggle writing my December newsletter. We think December and we immediately think Christmas. It is only natural that as the weather gets colder our pace quickens as we move about, and a joyfulness wants to settle in. So, it is hard for us to be mindful that Advent spans the four Sundays of December and Advent, in our wondrous tradition, is not about Christmas but about the not-yetness (new word, sorry) of the time in between. Christmas is about the coming of Jesus, God among us, Immanuel. Advent acknowledges that we live in a time when Christ, who lived, died, and lived again promised that He would return to us, to judge the living and the dead. Advent tells us that God in Christ has ransomed us from darkness with this caveat: the darkness is still with us, even as God has promised the light will overwhelm that murky gloom that still wants to hold us in its grip. Advent refuses to let us forget that the suffering and pain of humanity is very much a part of us. Christmas tells us that our deliverance is upon us; Advent wants to say, yes, your release is nigh ... but not just yet.

Christmas Eve, 1985. My father had to physically carry my mother up the stairs to bed. The combination of mental illness and alcohol had made it impossible for her to make it up to her room on her own. The preceding six months or so had been a bit of a nightmare for my family and me, as my parents went through a tremendously difficult time in their lives together, a challenge both played a part in, as we humans often do. I went to college in the same little town my parents lived in, so there was no escape for me or my youngest sister, who still lived at home. And I remember, as my father left the room with my mother, I began to cry which gave way to sobbing, head on the kitchen table, exhausted from it all. My faith was very strong then, as I hope it still is, and I had a real sense that God's grace was at work in the world, even if my family's life felt like it was falling apart.

Advent beckons us to look at the world that my 21-year-old self was immersed in, with clear-eyes and sober hearts. Advent calls for us to be mindful of a world in pain, lives haunted by anxiety, chronic disease, poverty, homelessness, racism, sexism, addiction, broken homes, mental illness, death, grief, and all the other arrows that stab at us in life. We live in a world that has not yet seen the return of Jesus Christ.

Think of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The three spirits that visit Ebenezer Scrooge on that fateful night are like ghosts of our Advent lives, forcing us, imploring us, before it is too late, to look at the nature of our lives, our world, and how other people are impacted by us and vice versa. But we must see and know, above all things, that nothing but the return of Jesus Christ will make all things right, all things new, and restore us to God completely.

Christmas celebrates the beginning of God's restoration, the incarnation of God's love in the world. Christmas reminds us that God has entered the world, Christ is on the move, and the forces of darkness have reason to fear. Our deliverance is at hand. We cannot look away from the evil, pain, and brokenness of our world but we can take comfort in the notion that light has entered our space, and He shall be a Light to all people. "For to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, Christ the Lord." [Luke 2:11]

In Christ, George+

## Warden's Corner

I am penning this missive after returning from a thoroughly enjoyable Thanksgiving with family and friends. On the way home we passed an extremely long line of cars waiting for access to one of the major factory store shopping centers in the area. The shoppers were there by choice, but I did wonder about the employees who, I suspect, were not. We have Black Friday and Cyber Monday. I wonder, is there a name for the night before Black Friday?

As stated earlier it was a thoroughly enjoyable Thanksgiving Day, but I do regret that we did not spend a great deal of time reflecting on the things we should be most grateful for; after all, isn't that inherent in the name. Or have we become too conditioned, I wonder, by the other events of the day: the Macy's Parade, the Manchester Road Race, high school, college and professional sporting events and, I suspect, several others?

So that I can claim my time was not completely void of giving thanks, here goes: of course, I am thankful for family and friends, for relatively good health, and a host of other personal things. And Mary and I are thankful that we are members of the St. James Parish community. Being a parishioner of St. James has and will continue to have a positive impact on our lives. And I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to serve as a member of the Vestry and as a Warden. I continue to be amazed at the commitment so many make to enhance the lives of others, not just at special times, but throughout the entire year.

A note about Stewardship — shortly the Vestry will begin deliberations on a budget for the next fiscal year. Thank you to all who have returned pledge cards. To those few who have not, perhaps you have questions or concerns. If so, please feel free to contact Fr. George, Co-Warden Cathie Martin or me ... or any member of the Vestry.

The Advent season is almost upon us and there is much to do. I have to shop, visit with friends ... I'm sure you get the picture. But I do plan on finding time to celebrate the birth of Christ. In that regard, St. James will offer several opportunities for all of us and I am grateful for that.

Wishing all a joyous Christmas and a happy holiday season!

*John E. Smith, Co-Warden*

## Advent Crèche Scene

During Advent, look for the special olive-wood crèche in the church. Each Sunday, a different family will add more figures to the scene. Also, children should look around the church to find where the wise men and their camel are hidden in a different place each Sunday. They will not appear in the crèche until the Epiphany!

## First Sunday Breakfasts



Find delicious food and fellowship at the **First Sunday Breakfasts** cooked by a great crew of men of the parish, led by John McBride: pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, eggs, breads, juice and coffee as good as Mom made. The menu may change from one month to the next – **come join us in the Parish Hall at 9 a.m. on the first Sunday of December, the 2<sup>nd</sup>** as we joyfully gather in fellowship!

## Celebrating St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

On Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we commemorate the Feast Day of St. Nicholas of Myra, a Bishop from the 4<sup>th</sup> century who became synonymous with giving, especially to the poor, and even more so to children. We will be learning more about St. Nicholas on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and will even have a visit from St. Nicholas himself. We will begin collecting donations in honor of St. Nicholas that will go to our friends in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the work that they do in hospitals, clinics, and schools throughout the Holy Land (not only in Israel-Palestine). We will have an ingathering of the contributions when we celebrate Epiphany in early January!



## Church school updates

December is a busy month in Church School! We will celebrate the start of Advent with a special visit and story during *First Sunday Breakfast*! Each of our church school students will bring home an Advent activity to enjoy at home as a family throughout the season. During the four weeks of Advent *Sparks the Dragon* will be collecting for a special cause, the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. More specifically, the funds will go directly to the educational opportunities for Christian and Muslim children on the West Bank and in Gaza, and fund two primary hospitals in those places as well as many clinics. Finally, please watch for information regarding the annual Christmas pageant. This is a great way for our young parishioners to engage in worship and learn of the importance of Christmas Eve in our faith.

Blessings and happy holidays to all our church school families!!

*Julia Grieco*

## *Youth Ministry Updates*

December is upon us and we have some fun holiday activities planned! On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be making our own advent wreaths during Church School.



Also, we are inviting all St. James Parish to attend **Lake Compounce Holiday Lights** on **Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. The park will be covered in hundreds of thousands of spectacular glimmering lights. The magical light shows every half hour set to your favorite holiday music. Enjoy a selection of children's and family rides, variety of delicious foods, and don't miss your chance to see Santa himself!

We will also be having a Youth Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.** We will paint ornaments, play reindeer games, decorate cookies, and learn more about the true meaning of Christmas!

Please RSVP to any and all events to my email [amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com). There will also be sign-up sheets outside my office and during coffee hour. Enjoy this wonderful season of love and giving!

*Amy Moffat, Youth Minister*

## Here we come a'caroling

On **Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will be caroling for the Amberwoods and Touchpoints communities. You are asked to **be at the church at 9 a.m.** for a little warm up and refreshments. We will be at Amberwoods first, by around 9:40, leaving before 10:30 for Touchpoints, done at Touchpoints by 11:30, so they can have lunch. We will have guitars and music and hope that many will come to give back in this way, with a little singing of old Christmas standards. The residents of these two facilities are often alone, sick, with no one to visit them. Going and bringing a little Christmas hope is what proclaiming the Gospel is all about. Please join us!!



## Join us for Greening of the Church

Join us on **December 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:15 service** for the annual greening of the church. We are looking for volunteers to come help hang greens, wreaths and decorate the windows, all while enjoying fellowship and creating a glorious welcome for the Christmas season. If you are going to join us, please bring some clippers for trimming greens. Following the greening, please join us for a delicious lunch and continued fellowship in the parish hall



We are also in need of greens for the windowsills. If you are willing to donate them, there will be a box to drop them in on the sidewalk to the right of the front entrance of the church.

Please contact Jane Johansen, if you are interested in helping, or sign up in the Parish Hall.

## Advent Service of Lessons & Carols Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m.

A *Service of Lessons and Carols* was first conducted in Truro, Cornwall, England in 1878, on Christmas Eve, with Christmas carols only. Two years later, the new Bishop of Truro instructed that nine lessons from Scripture be added, with the new formula of carols and lessons being held for the first time in 1880. By 1918, the first Lessons and Carols began at King's College, Cambridge, which for many years has been the most recognized evening of Lessons and Carols with their boy's and men's choirs. A *Service of Lessons and Carols*, during Advent or Christmas, is most often associated with the Anglican Church, but has spread to many other denominations over the years.

*Advent Lessons and Carols* will be offered during the 10:15 am service, Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday of Advent. The carols have a specific Advent feel, as they call us to focus on the long-expected, much anticipated, return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The carols do not sing of Jesus in a manger but they cry out to God, "Comfort, O, comfort my people!" They are filled with the words, "O Come, O come, Emmanuel; and ransom captive Israel ..." Advent is bristling with anticipation, but not for Christmas. Rather, Advent longs for the return of Christ who will make a new heaven and a new earth; the coming of the Holy One who will make all things new. The readings for Lessons and Carols have a story to tell of the age-old longing for the salvation of God's people, even from the beginning of the world. The prophets prayed and anticipated the deliverance of humanity, a yearning that we, as Christians, continue to note, stoke, and live in. Lessons and Carols acknowledge that God is nigh but, at the last, we cry out, "How long, O Lord ... Come, thou long-expected Jesus!"



## Adult Formation opportunities

On Sundays, between the services, we are working with the question, “Who is Jesus to me, really?” by exploring Matthew’s Gospel with N. T. Wright’s *For Everyone*. Cost of the book is \$10; please let us know if you would like a copy. Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the library, we repeat our Sunday program for those who are not able to be with us Sundays.

Be on the lookout for *Moving Toward the Manger*, an Advent reflection on the writings of the Rev. Dr. Frederick Buechner. They will be in the pews from December 2<sup>nd</sup> until they are gone, but may represent a special way you might hold Advent close and be intentional during this often neglected but important liturgical season.

On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m., our former interim Rector and wonderful friend, the Rev. Hope Eakins, will be with us to discuss her most recent trip to the Holy Land. Please bring a bag supper (or whatever you desire), and listen to Hope share not only her travels, but how they have colored who Jesus is to her in her life. Join Hope and the rest of us!!!

## The Angel Tree for the Friendship Service Center & Farmington Community Services

The mission of the Friendship Service Center is to provide friendship and direct service to the poor and needy of Central Connecticut, including the ownership and operation of housing for the poor. Farmington Community Services provides support to residents experiencing financial, physical and psychosocial hardships. The St. James Outreach Ministry is asking you to help provide Christmas gifts to approximately 30 individuals from the Farmington Community Services (**green ornaments**) and 30 from the Friendship Service Center (**red ornaments**). The Christmas ornaments representing each individual are now hanging from the Christmas tree displayed in the Parish Hall. We ask that you select one or more ornaments, sign your name on the appropriate sign-out chart, purchase an appropriate Christmas gift for your chosen recipient, and return the gift **unwrapped** to the Parish Hall with the ornament attached serving as a gift tag. This is a wonderful opportunity for St James to share joy with those in need in our community. **The deadline for gifts is Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please see Armen Slusarz or Sheila Church. Thank you very much!



## Altar Flower Deliverers Needed!

Each Sunday the Altar Guild removes the flowers from the altar following the second service, places the arrangements in portable containers, and leaves them for the Altar Flower Delivery Ministry. This ministry’s volunteers then take the arrangements to parishioners who are shut-in, recuperating from an illness, injury or surgery, celebrating one of life’s milestones, in need of cheering up, or just to thank someone for their thoughtfulness. It really is a blessing to see how this small act can brighten



someone’s day. I invite you to please join the Altar Flower Delivery Ministry and see how this small act can not only bless your fellow parishioners, but bring a blessing to you, too. This is not a huge commitment and you will be asked to deliver flowers 4 times or less a year. If you are interested in joining the Altar Flower Delivery Ministry, please contact me.

Thank You – Sheila Church



## Yum, cookie exchange!



All women of St James are invited to a Cookie Exchange in the parish hall at St. James on **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** We will gather for an evening of fellowship, and to share our cookies. We also will package up tins of cookies to be delivered to the St James parishioners who are shut in during this holiday season. Plan to bring about 2–3 dozen holiday cookies or other treats to exchange and to pack into the tins to cheer up our fellow parishioners. We hope you will come, and if you have questions, contact Andrea Harris.

## Emergency Closing Info

In the event of an emergency, most often weather-related, parish closing information will be available on WTIC-AM 1080 radio and on WFSB-3 and WVIT-30 television stations. Whenever possible, a notice (e-flash) will be sent and the website updated as well.



## Notes from the Parish Office

IRS reminder: as the end of the 2018 rapidly approaches, many of us choose to make charitable gifts. In order for you to receive credit for a tax-deductible donation on your 2018 tax return, **the donation must be received by St. James or postmarked on or before December 31, 2018.** Donations made or mailed after that date, even if the check is dated in 2018, cannot be included in your 2018 Contribution Statement issued in January, 2019.

The 2019 Altar Flower Chart is now in the narthex. Please sign-up for a Sunday when you would like to donate and dedicate the flowers for the day's services. Note that there will be no altar flowers during the Lenten season.

If you pledged for 2019 and requested envelopes, the boxed envelope sets will be labeled and ready in the parish hall for you to pick-up on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Celebrating December birthdays!

*William Rice  
Gloria Flis  
Bill Larkin  
Nicholas Tuttle  
Blair Connelly  
Kevin Ives  
James Lucas  
Gay Ayers*



*Robyn Shover  
Elijah Howe  
Jennifer Rosenthal  
Nicholas Debboli  
Felix Liebmann  
Jim Clifford*

## Prayer Team – sharing thoughts

From time to time, the Prayer team shares what we have found helpful, in the hope that you may find it helpful, too. Lately, the Prayer Team has been talking about the importance of offering prayers of gratitude and Thanks-Giving, as we go about our shared ministry of prayer.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, says, "... The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

Tonight, I have just come from an Inter-Faith Celebration of Thanksgiving in Canton, where leaders and congregants of several different Faith traditions ... Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim, gathered together as a community, to pray together, and to give Thanks. I'd like to share a beautiful Thanksgiving prayer from that service. Although by the time you receive this Epistle it will be past Thanksgiving, our prayers of gratitude and Thanks-Giving will go forward every day.

Donna Paye

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

God, there are days we do not feel grateful. When we are anxious or angry. When we are alone. When we do not understand what is happening in the world, or with our neighbors.

We struggle to feel grateful.

But this Thanksgiving, we choose gratitude. We choose to accept life as a gift from you, from the unfolding work of all creation. We choose to be grateful for the earth from which our food comes; for the water that gives life; and for the air we all breathe.

We make the choice to see our ancestors, those who came before us, and their stories, as a continuing gift of wisdom for us today. We choose to see our families and friends with new eyes, appreciating them for who they are, and to be thankful for our homes whether humble or grand. We will be grateful for our neighbors. We choose to see the whole planet as our shared commons, the public stage of the future of humankind and creation.

God, this Thanksgiving, we do not give thanks. We choose it.

And we will make thanks, with strong hands and courageous hearts. When we see your sacred generosity, we become aware that we live in an infinite circle of gratitude. That we are all guests at a hospitable table around which gifts are passed and received. We will not let anything opposed to love take over this table. Instead, we choose to see grace, free and unmerited love, the giftedness of life everywhere, as the tender web of all creation. In this choosing, and in the making, we will pass gratitude onto the world.

Thus with you, and with all those gathered here, we pledge to make thanks. And we ask you to strengthen us in this resolve. Here, now, and into the future, Around this table. Around the table of our nation. Around the table of the earth. Amen.

Diana Butler-Bass, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*

**St. James Prayer Team ... Praying together for you**

Always available, always confidential

Armen Slusarz  
Carol Kirkwood  
Donna Paye  
Pat Clark

## Summary of Vestry Minutes – October 15, 2018

Attendees: Michael Slusarz, Chris Roach, Dona Waugh, Julia Grieco, EJ Ososki, Cathie Martin and George Roberts, Rebecca McFarland, John Smith.

### Minutes: for September, 2018

Michael amended from last month in that the \$6,000 was the estimate for the driveway repair and there still needs an estimate for siding.

Approval of minutes: Rebecca moved; Dona second; all in favor.

### Ministry Reports

Finance/Treasurer's report: Pledges are well ahead, but we know to be cautious as it waxes and wanes as the year goes on. There are slight issues with the liability insurance, the numbers may have changed and EJ is looking into it. Motion to accept; Julia moved, John second; all in favor

DR report: Certificates, letters, pictures sent to business donors. Vendors loved it and some approached about helping next time as well.

Entertainment center report: we have a donor (s). Jamie Martin is working on the new setup.

### Old Business

*Stewardship:* Officially started on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> going thru November 11<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Dinner November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. Menu will be as part of a signup but the big stuff (turkey, ham, potatoes, turnips, etc.) will be committed beforehand. Laura Vacca here to entertain the kids with some of the confirmands as helpers. Sending a formal mailer to the parish inviting them to the dinner and asking for an RSVP.

*Lilly Grant and preparation:* George discussed timeline for the summer while he is on Sabbatical. The Rev. Cindy Maybeck – 5 workshops total; doing all workshops in September with the possibility spilling over into October. She will do 2 sermons: Celebration Sunday, 9/8 preach at both services; After this the workshops with launch. Saturdays, 9/14, 9/21, 10/4 and 2 weeknights TBD. During Cindy's evening workshops, hosts will be in charge of having people bring in soups and light fare for dinner.

Vote by consensus in favor of holding Living History Tour, special liturgy and BBQ will be Saturday. Sunday will be special service to welcome George and his family back.

*Ministry Fair*, Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: We need to drum up more interest in our different ministries. This is to help educate

*Day of the week meeting change for Vestry, 2019:* Julia would have an issue if we change it back to Thursdays, however we will lose Jessica if we can't change it back. This change will occur only beginning with the new Vestry in February. Summer during sabbatical Vestry will meet and we can discuss the dates to be more flexible.

*New Vestry, 2019:* One person has approached George about coming on to vestry. George is asking us to think of at least one person we would talk to about being put on the list for consideration.

### New Business

Reflection on Scripture and prayer for any meeting, gathering: If you are involved in a ministry that meets outside church; George's goal is to have a few minutes of scripture and reflection along with a short prayer at the start of every ministry. Taking a breath and saying that this is an important part of what we are doing for ourselves and our church.

### Rector's Thoughts



Bible study is up and lots of interest – Gospel of Matthew through March (19 members so far) 25-week course.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

Vestry retreat – Friday/Saturday, February. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion to adjourn meeting: John, Julia seconded. Meeting concluded at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Cathie Martin*, Co-Warden

### **Your Christmas gift: poinsettia delivery**

The best Christmas present of all may be seeing the delight in the eyes of a shut-in to whom you bring a poinsettia from his parish church. The one thing missing from your holiday may be seeing gratitude in the eyes of someone with a grieving heart whom you remind that he is not forgotten by St. James. Our church will be adorned with flowers on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day; you are invited and encouraged to spread Christmas joy by taking these plants to those whose names will be available after the service on Christmas Day.



Come to worship at 10:15 a.m. on Christmas morning or come during the days after Christmas. Leaving the flower basket in a box in the chapel (please!), remove the plant, cover it with a paper sleeve from the chapel (to protect the plant from the cold), take a card with the address of a recipient from the top of the piano – deliver it and see what God has in store for you.

### **Movie Night!**

On Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. we will have our second Movie Night of the formation year, with a showcasing of the movie, *Risen*. Bring dinner (we will supply the popcorn, drinks, and dessert) and join us for a showing of the film. *Risen* follows the crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of a Roman Tribune, a soldier stationed in Jerusalem during the last days of Christ. The film is imaginative and provocative, with truly mesmerizing performances from Joseph Fiennes (*Shakespeare in Love*, *The Handmaid's Tale*), as Clavius, the Tribune; Peter Firth (*Equus*, *The Hunt for Red October*, and many, many plays); and Tom Felton (Drago from the Harry Potter series). Join us for a time of stimulating entertainment and conversation after. Let us know if you need a ride!!!

### **Your picture in a brochure or on the website?**



St. James Parish uses candid photos of various church activities on our website and in publications (like this *Epistle*). If you prefer that your photo NOT be displayed, please contact the parish office; we maintain a list of members whose likeness is not to be shared.

# Christmas Decoration Fund

When we celebrate together during holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, we are poignantly aware of those who are no longer with us. If you would like to make an offering for Christmas flowers



in memory of loved ones, please complete the form below and return it to the parish office. Offerings may also be made in thanksgiving for our many blessings. Since it is helpful to have an idea of how many poinsettias to arrange for, we ask that you let the church know as soon as possible; **the deadline is noon on Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Make checks payable to *St. James Parish* marked “Christmas Decorations.” After Christmas, the flowers will be distributed to the sick and shut-in. If you would like to help with that ministry, please call the parish office (860-677-1564). Thank you.

Please print as you wish the donation listed in the Christmas Bulletin

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



## Schedule of Advent & Christmas Events

ADVENT is beginning. The time of preparation for Christmas is here. The vestments and hangings change to purple; the Advent wreath is lighted for worship. Books of meditations for grownups are in the pews for you to take home; books of activities for families with children are sent home from Church School. Please join the parish family for Advent activities:

Sunday, December 2      9:10 am    Advent Exploration: *Who is Jesus to me, really?*  
*Visit from St. Nicholas*

Sunday, December 9	9:10 am	Advent Exploration: <i>Who is Jesus to me, really?</i>
	10:15 am	<b>Advent Service of Lessons &amp; Carols</b>
	6:00 pm	Hope Eakins: Holy Land experience

Friday, December 14 Lake Compounce Holiday Lights

**Saturday, December 15**      **9:00 am**    Christmas Caroling – meet at St. James

**Sunday, December 16**      **9:10 am**    *Advent Exploration: Who is Jesus to me, really?*

**Sunday, December 23**      **9:10 am**    Advent Exploration: *Who is Jesus to me, really?*  
**11:30 am**    *Greening of the Church*

## Christmas Services

<b>Monday, December 24</b>	<b>4 pm</b>	Christmas Eve service with Christmas Pageant
	<b>10 pm</b>	Prelude Music
	<b>10:30 pm</b>	Festal Eucharist
		with choir & instruments

**Tuesday, December 25      10:00 am    Christmas Day Eucharist**



# December 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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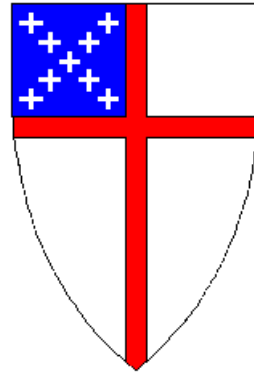
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### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

*We welcome all to worship and nurture spiritual growth through faith, grace and reason.  
We reach out to those in need as a caring community  
and live Christ's teaching to love one another.*

STAFF		OFFICERS		
The Rev. George C. Roberts	Rector	Cathie Martin & John Smith, Wardens		
Amelia (Amy) Moffat	Youth Minister	EJ Ososki, Treasurer		
Blake Hansen	Director of Music	Jerry Hess, Asst. Treasurer		
Susan Deming	Parish Administrator	Jessica Watkin, Parish Clerk		
Kelly Nauss	Sexton			
Laura Vacca	Nursery Supervisor			
		<b>2018</b>	<b>VESTRY 2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
		Bill Raymond	Cathie Martin	Julia Grieco
		Chris Roach	Michael Slusarz	Rebecca McFarland
		John Smith	Todd Root	Dona Waugh

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