# St. James Parish Epistle



February 2020

#### Rector's Message

Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks! Rage, blow! You cataracts and hurricanoes, spout Till you have drenched our steeples... [King Lear, Act 3, scene 2]

I have been reading English actor Antony Sher's book/diary, from when he played the title role of King Lear, called The Year of the Mad King. In the mid-1980's, as a would-be young actor, I read Sher's first book/diary, Year of the King, about his playing the role of Richard III in his break out season with the Royal Shakespeare Company. When Sher played Richard, he was a strong, young actor at the height of his powers. More than thirty years later, as he prepares to play one of the great, and famously difficult, roles in all of Shakespeare, he is diminished physically and is reeling from the loss of his beloved sister from cancer. He is having problems with his arm from a long-ago injury and nothing comes easily anymore. The character King Lear is losing his mental faculties and struggles against forces real and imagined, is paranoid, angry, and heartbroken. In Act 3, scene 2, he rages against the storm that he is in the middle of and challenges the elements to do their worst. But, in reality, he has nothing left with which to resist the forces of the world; he is bereft of his daughters, his health, and now, his mind, too.

February will usher us into the season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday on February 26th and the first Sunday of Lent following on the first day of March. Lent is often viewed as a time in the wilderness, a sojourn of penance, a time without alleluias and, for many, a dreary season of even drearier readings from scripture, a period in the life of the church we must, like Lear, simply endure. But I am reminded of the Great Litany, that long, nearly interminable prayer that is chanted or prayed at the very beginning of the Lent 1 service. And the prayer is a long list of needs, pains, anguish, difficulty, trial and, yes, sin that we bring to God. What we have that Lear, in a pre-Christian England did not have, is a sense of God's providence and guidance; God's goodness and light; God's continuing and never-failing presence. Lent powerfully reminds us that even in the wilderness, in our times of barely holding on, and everything in between, we understand that, in Christ, the kingdom of God has come very near to us indeed. Lent offers us the privilege and blessing of looking at life through the prism of God's great and enduring love and providence, even as we acknowledge that knowing God's saving love does not make the world a perfect place. Lent reminds us that we can rage against the forces of darkness, the unfair systems of the world, and how bad things can be for so many people knowing that all of our rage does nothing but heap more pain upon us. Being in the middle our personal and communal storms, our time in Lent reminds the Christian spirit, is a prelude to the grace of resurrection and that we are not abandoned, even during our struggle. We are never in the storm alone and as we face illness, old age, and even death. God's promise is undiminished and ever-renewed because of God's unending love and mercy in the form, the guise, the reality of Jesus.

#### Wardens' Corner

As I write this, we are preparing for a Annual Meeting that will be both a story of achievements and challenges - and yes, this is often the case. And the meeting will offer us a vision for 2020. But upon reflection, the meeting allows us the luxury of applauding our successes from 2019, if only for a moment.

We offered more services at St. James than we have in the past 5 years, but unfortunately we had more funerals than in many years. We held together well this last summer during Father George's sabbatical - some might even say we thrived! We had a successful year of members giving, but we saw expenses that challenged us and required unanticipated spending. We are so fortunate to have a great base of committed staff in Blake, Amy, Sue, Kelly, and Laura - all of whom will be helping us in 2020 and who, even while balancing the highs and lows of their personal lives, still are reliable and committed to our great institution. We're also blessed with such involved and contributing members, even though we realized that our numbers of those attending our services and pledging drop, as we might expect given the cultural shift of "Baby Boomers" retiring and moving away.

In raw numbers, however, we are starting off the year very, very strong. The stock market has helped our invested funds tremendously. Our Church School and Youth Group are numbering approximately 50 - down slightly, but relatively consistent with the past several years. Our planned giving is higher than it should be given the reduced number of pledging units, but making the budget stay intact, it will again be a year to watch our spending very carefully so that our numbers stay within a low standard deviation each month. And even though our total budget is higher because of several necessary increased costs, we have it in our spirit to meet the challenge of raising funds if needed - it may be another fundraiser or it may be by recruiting new membership.

In short, Cathie and I are so lucky to have had the opportunity to serve as Wardens in a parish for which there is so much joy, involvement, love and compassion that I know we as a congregation will continue to overcome our obstacles because it's the people of St. James that have shown us every year that anything, and everything, is possible.

A short prayer to consider as we look for inspiration to achieve this year:

Oh God, enlighten our minds with truth;

Inflame our hearts with love;

Inspire our will with courage;

Enrich our lives with service.

Pardon what we have been;

Sanctify what we are; Order what we shall be

and thine shall be the glory and

ours the eternal salvation

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (adapted Morning Prayer for the plural)

Todd Root, Co-Warden

#### First Sunday Breakfasts



Chase away those winter blues and join us for warm and delicious pancakes served with scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage and plenty of hot coffee! The St. James Men's Group will again serve their much acclaimed breakfast from 8:45–9:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Since February is the month of romance, why not impress "your significant other" with a tasty treat served between the two services!! See you there on February 2<sup>nd</sup>!!

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#### Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord

On Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple. I believe this is the first time since I have been at St. James that the feast day has fallen on a Sunday. The feast has been celebrated since at least the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, where it is referenced by bishops in sermons of the day that have survived. The feast is often called Candlemas, because light is an important part of the readings, and candles are often blessed and used at the service. In Luke 2:22–40, Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple, 40 days after His birth, so that

Mary may be ritually purified. Jewish custom at the time was that women were ritually unclean after giving birth and would be purified 40 days after the birth.

The service, traditionally, begins with all processing with candles into the church together. Parishioners are encouraged to bring candles that you might use in the coming year; they will be blessed during the service. As we move through the season after Epiphany and await the beginning of Lent, recognizing and celebrating our Lord, who is the light of the world, seems a most fitting thing. We commemorate those who, though old, sick, in distress, living in poverty or physically ill are still able to recognize Jesus's power, divinity, and promise.

#### Movements in Faith: Sunday, February 16th at 3 p.m.

Movements is an inclusive music and faith-based program created especially for those with special needs and their families, though all are welcome and encouraged to attend. This program does not require the practice of any specific religion; all one needs is a positive attitude and an open mind. Each service we will engage in a "get to know you" game/activity, then sing songs, play (simple) instruments, read scripture, and say prayers. The hope of this program is to



give an opportunity to meet new friends and worship in a comfortable, safe environment and, of course, to have fun and grow community.

Attending each program meeting is not required, so come when you feel called to do so. We will meet the third Sunday of every month at St. James Parish, 3–4 p.m, in

our parish hall. We are also holding an Open House on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 p.m. if you'd like to come check-in with us. If you are interested in being a part of *Movements in Faith* or want to know more, please contact me.

There is a variety of instruments to be played, none of which is very loud, but if sensory issues are a challenge for your family member, we recommend bringing a pair of noise-canceling headphones. Chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring bean bags or anything you feel more comfortable sitting in.

I created *Movements in Faith* for my Girl Scout Gold Award because, when I began reflecting on what my project should be, what need I should meet, my first thought was my sister. She loves going to church, singing, serving, meeting new people, and there has never been a time I can remember when she wasn't excited to go to church. My experience has always been that, just because someone has special needs, like my sister, it doesn't mean they can't or don't desire to go to worship. Yet, looking around me, I noticed that there are many people who don't go to worship or don't bring their family members to worship, because they don't feel they will be welcomed or that their family member will "bother" people. This project means so much to me, because no one should ever feel unwelcome to express themselves and their faith. So, in the creation and sustaining of *Movements in Faith*, I hope to provide everyone a place to have fun, meet new friends, and worship with no fear of judgment.

Olivia Roberts

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#### Church school updates

Hope all our Church School families are staying warm! As we move into February, our First Sunday lessons continue. Children of all ages are welcome to join us in the church school wing at 10 a.m. to participate in our monthly group lessons. This is a great time of learning among children of all ages and a way they benefit from one another. Come find out what special event is planned this month!

Friendly reminder, Church School classes begin at 10 a.m., please do your best to arrive on time. Please note, there will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> due to the long school weekend.

Julia Grieco

#### Lent: a season

Lent is a period of 40 days (not counting Sundays; the Sabbath day supersedes the Lenten fast) that begins with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the day we commemorate Lent's beginning with Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes on the forehead, reminding us that "we are dust." Ash Wednesday services can be a powerful way to enter into a holy season of Lent. Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, when we commemorate the passing of Christ from death into resurrection with a service of Vigil at sundown.

Lent is a time of reflection and we all can come to that in different ways. Some folks like to give something up for Lent (something simple like chocolate, alcohol, sweets, coffee – tried that one year; didn't end well), something that we might miss in our everyday lives. Some folks also add something, like daily prayer or an additional time of prayer or just being more intentionally kind or more patient, etc. The purpose of fasting or adding during Lent is so that we can become, at least for a season, more mindful of how blessed we are and how much we can often miss the places and ways Jesus calls us in our lives. Lent might also be a time for us to remember how Christ suffered and why. The blessing of our church year is that it gives us time to think, reflect, and become more aware of where we feel God's absence and presence in our lives. Lent is a gift and we should look on it as such.

#### Celebrating February birthdays!

Foster White
Jeff Dugan
Donna Paye
Molly Greaves
Ethan Lucas
Charlotte Sullivan
Audrey Hunt
Jamie Baldwin

Wishing you a blessed and Happy Birthday!

John 1:16

From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.

Siggi Ingimarsson Connor Hillemeir Joyce Bettencourt Marjorie King Francesca Flynn Betty Marino Marjorie Bingham Daniel Roberts

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#### **Youth Ministry Updates**

Happy February everyone! In the past month the youth had a chance to focus on Spirituality. Youth explored how to use scripture and their own experiences to define who God is in their lives and ways to develop a relationship with God. They also worked to identify and utilize prayer for themselves and discussed different ways to worship God in both the church community and in a way that is meaningful to them.

In the month of February, in connection to the ongoing focus on racial reconciliation in the Episcopal church, youth will work to identify stereotypes commonly used to judge others and how the influence of racism and stereotypes impacts their own lives. Youth will work to identify qualities and attitudes that can create an atmosphere for religious acceptance within the Church. Finally, Youth will explore ways people who are differently-able can enrich the lives of those around them. For more information on Youth Ministry at St. James please feel free to email me at amy.sjyouthministry@gmail.com.

#### **Youth Ministry Events**

Happening @ Camp Washington, February 7th -- 9th

Myself, along with many of last year's confirmands, will be attending Happening at Camp Washington. *Happening* beings at 7 p.m. on February 7<sup>th</sup> and concludes at 5 p.m. on

February 9<sup>th</sup>. *Happening* provides h connected weekend of shared story teens. In a world that presents real creates community around safe, ho Christ's grace fits in. This weekend St. James that attended last year R with each other and with God. The o



rtunity to have a spiritually : is led and planned by other d tapping into faith, Happening I conversation about how erience and youth from 1 the connections they made udes room + board for the

weekend at Camp Washington) and registration information can be found at www.eventbrite.com/e/happening-4-registration-88410487147. Please feel free to email me with any questions!

#### Powder Ridge Tubing, February 16th

We are looking forward to our (rescheduled) snow tubing event on **Sunday**, **February 16**<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m.--6:45 p.m. for middle and high school aged youth. We need a few adult chaperones, since we will carpool, so please let me know if you're available for that. **Tickets sell out quickly, so if you have not already purchased your ticket as part of the group, please make sure you buy your youth's ticket as soon as possible! Tubing tickets will be available until they run out on the Powder Ridge Park website and are \$32.** 



Amy Steele, Youth Minister

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#### **Adult Christian Formation**

We are in the midst of reading through the Gospel of John, as part of our bible study with The Good Book Club. The Good Book Club is a tool through Forward Movement that gives us questions, support, and a schedule for reading through the Gospel of John between now and Ash Wednesday (February 26<sup>th</sup>). We are, as of this writing, in the fourth chapter of John and have enjoyed and noted John's very different style, when it comes to telling the story of Jesus. Join us any Sunday between the services for conversation around what we have been reading or engage the reading of John and check out the blogs on our website. On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will pick up with the Gospel of Mark led by *For Everyone* by NT Wright. The books are here!

We continue on the fourth Monday of every month with *Faith and Fries: Exploring Questions and Mysteries.* Join us on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Taprock Beer Bar & Refuge in Unionville, when we hold a casual, open, anyone-is-invited conversation on the mysteries and questions of faith.



The format is a question or subject area and folks are encouraged to share, ask questions, voice concerns, etc. Folks are welcome to have a drink, get something to eat, relax, and engage in meaningful dialogue. We hope that you not only come and take advantage of this, but also invite neighbors, friends, people who may be "spiritual but not religious."

Each of the five Mondays in Lent we are going to partner again with the First Church of Christ, Farmington on a new exploration we are calling, "Why can't we all get along?" In the wake of LA riots back in the early 1990's, Rodney King, whose videotaped beating by LA police officers led to the tension from which the riots would spring, famously said, in the immediate aftermath, "Why can't we all just get along?" Susan Gibson (pastor at First Church) and I have decided to look beyond racism (exclusively) and explore rather the deep divisions in American culture and life today. We all know on some level that we are a divided country and not just (or even primarily) along racial lines, but in our politics, ideologies, and behaviors. We will have conversations around what it means to be beloved community in these charged times and how we navigate, as Christians and humans, in the sometimes-challenged waters of the  $21^{\rm st}$  century.

Each Monday in Lent, we will meet at First Church of Christ, Farmington, on School Street (room to be determined) for a community meal of soup and salad at 6 p.m. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. we will discuss and discern the question: "Why can't we all get along?" We will use scripture, contemporary cultural illustrations, videos, and small group discussion as the tools to guide our conversations. Each evening will end at 8 p.m. Please join our two communities in an important and continuing conversation about what it means to be a Christian and how to respond to a world where divisions are so often stoked by the powers and principalities of the world.

Stay tuned: we are still arranging to have The Reverend Tom Furrer, experienced priest and missionary, come talk to us about mission and prayer as healing.

#### 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.

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#### 1st Annual Shrove Tuesday Chili Cook-off; February 25th!

We are departing from our usual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday (we will be having a pancake breakfast that following Sunday), and trying something new on: a chili cook-off. We ask folks to bring,



to share, their favorite chili recipes. We will have judging and prizes for the *best* overall chili, the *spiciest* chili, the *chunkiest* chili, and other yet-to-be-dreamed up categories. Just bring the chili and we promise to eat it! We will take donations for our mission the Dominican Republic, so please be generous. Lots of great Dixie Land, jazz for Mardi Gras will be played and much fun had by all. We will begin serving/eating on Tuesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. and finish by 7 o'clock.

We will end, as we always do, with our short little liturgy we call *Farewell to Alleluias*, with music makers for our youngest friends, at the very end. Not saying or singing *alleluia*, which means praise or thanksgiving to God, is our Anglican/Episcopal way of noting that we are in the season of Lent, and become more aware of the ways that we have failed to love God as intently as we should and to pray for forgiveness and strength. We are also remembering Christ's death and suffering; so we are grieving, too. Putting aside alleluia for a time is one of the ways we accomplish this. The brief liturgy will give the children a chance to play simple musical instruments (tambourines and the like), make some noise in church (imagine that!) and to sing alleluias for a final time until Easter. Please join us with your family, significant other, or on your own for a time together of brief worship which will help our children, and us, begin to understand why we do things the way we do during the Lenten season. Join us and usher in the end of the season after the Epiphany and acknowledge the beginning of Lent. All are asked to bring in their palm fronds from Palm Sunday to burn, as a sign of the beginning of the season.

#### Ash Wednesday, February 26th

On Ash Wednesday the liturgy is simple and hauntingly beautiful. Ashes are imposed on the foreheads of those who desire them with the words "Remember that you are dust and to dust you



shall return." In the remembering, we say the words of Psalm 51, begging God's mercy, and the litany of penitence, recalling the ways we have been unfaithful to God. Then we are assured that, though we may be dust, God loves us with an everlasting love and sent Jesus to show us that we are dust worth dying for.

Services on Ash Wednesday are at noon and 7 p.m. Come and worship with your parish family and leave wearing the sign of your faith out into the world. This year we will be joined at our 7 pm service by our neighbors from First Church of Christ, Congregational, for worship and this most holy beginning of the Lenten season. May we extend our most blessed welcome to our friends from First Church, welcoming their pastor, The Rev. Susan Gibson, as well.

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#### Prayer Team - sharing thoughts

From time to time, the Prayer Team shares a thought that we have found helpful, in the hope that you may find it helpful, too...

FAITH isn't flying above the storm. It's weathering the storm. It's TRUSTING God's heart, when we can't see His hand.

FAITH = TRUST

Mark Batterson

And this, from Isaiah,

... So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you. Do not fear, I will help you.

Isaiah 41:10-13 NIV

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

Always available, always confidential

Armen Slusarz Carol Kirkwood: Donna Paye Pat Clark

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#### Summary of Vestry Minutes - December 19, 2019

*Present:* Dona Waugh, Michael Slusarz, Julia Grieco, Cathie Martin, Fr. George Roberts, EJ Ososki, Mimi Hostetter, Rebecca McFarland, Robyn Shover, Kim Pereira

Absent: Jessica Watkin and Todd Root

#### Ministry Reports

Finance/Treasurer's report -November, 2019 - presented by EJ Ososki

November 2019 financials: My best guess on the outstanding 2019 pledge payments is that we will come up \$21,000 short for the year. We are also short on our cash offerings and fundraiser. We have some tailwind from our investments but not enough to make up for the other shortfalls.

On the expense side, I anticipate we'll come in around \$2,000 –\$3,000 better than our budget for the year. We went over budget by \$2,000 on repairs and maintenance. In total, forecasting an \$17,000 gap from our 2019 planned budget (\$19,000 gap on income vs \$2,000 better on expenses).

### MOTION(Dona) to approve the Treasurer's Report, Cathie seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

Stewardship Update - Michael Slusarz

We have received 82 pledges. \$253,000 has been pledged. This year there is enough of a dropoff to see it affect the budget. George stated that this is a trend in Episcopal churches, especially in New England.

#### **New Business**

Draft Budget for 2020 - EJ Ososki

Income suggested for the 2020 Budget was \$265,000, with outstanding pledges hope to reach this possibly up to \$268,000.

Expense Suggestions: Salary – staff stays as is; Property Liability – Diocese told to increase by 15%. Repairs & Maintenance – includes snow removal – not sure how that will go this year.

Babysitting – careful of resources and when used. Ideas suggested to control costs, especially in summer, have a children's chapel – take kids out for a lesson with a volunteer in the Parish Hall.

The Rectory: There are a few safety items at the Rectory that must be done: *i.e.* the railings on the top deck must be replaced. John Smith, along with a few others, helps save cost by doing what he can at the Church and Rectory. The driveway project may have to wait based on current financials.

Local Outreach – discussed how to allocate and budget outreach; \$5,600 most of funds are dispersed by year end. We committed 10% of pledge income increases to go to Outreach. Craft Fair proceeds support local Outreach. To be transparent will separate local Outreach \$2,100 and Craft Fair/Outreach \$3,500, in the 2020 budget.

Rector's Sabbatical – will issue unused grant funds back to Lilly Foundation. Discussed continuing to fund the Rector Sabbatical in 2020 budget to save towards next Sabbatical. Investment Funds: looking at a operating deficit of about \$60,000 for 2020. 2019 is looking to be about \$5,000 due to decrease in pledge income. Typically draw \$50,000 from Investment Funds to stay sustainable, 2019 deficit is a little higher than normal but not alarming. Discussed the importance of sharing the financial status with the Parish. The projected deficit does not appear to be sustainable.

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Safe Church – an update/clarification (on "leader" training, new dates, etc.)

George reached out to ECCT for clarification on the "Leader Training" – it was confirmed that the training has not yet been developed. Leaders need to be current with Safe Church training. There are currently no scheduled training dates for January or February. Once scheduled, Diocese will have link to classes.

#### Happening training:

"St. James Parish, Farmington, endorses the holding a training weekend for Happening #4 to be held at St. James Parish January 24–25. We commit to upholding the Safe Church guidelines and protocol as established by the Episcopal Church and outlined in Models for Safe Church, ECCT."

MOTION (Michael) to approve the Happening Training as stated, Kim seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

New Vestry for 2020, update: Three people to stand for Vestry, presented and affirmed at the Annual Meeting.

Feasibility study – new quotes (Todd and Julia); looking at budget and overall cost: Have blueprints back from Tuttle Consulting. Will revisit getting additional quotes after the New Year. This will be determined if possible based on decisions made with the budget.

#### **Rector's Thoughts**

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, *Faith and Fries*, Taprock Café, Unionville, *changing to 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays*.

Turnout for the first meeting was about 13 people, 2<sup>nd</sup> gathering about 7 people.

Annual Meeting, January 26<sup>th</sup>, after 10:15 service followed by brief Vestry meeting to vote on Wardens.

Vestry retreat, January 31–February 1: dinner on the 31<sup>st</sup>; then onsite at the parish on 1<sup>st</sup> – facilitator Don Hamer

MOTION (Mimi) to adjourn the meeting, EJ seconded, the motion carried unanimously. We closed in prayer and adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Julia Grieco, for the Clerk

#### **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.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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HE 8:00 & 10:15 9:00 First Sunday Breakfast; Adult formation	3	4	5	6	6:00 Happening	8
10:00 Nursery; Church School 11:30 Coffee Hour; First Communion meeting			5:30 Evening Prayer & HE 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal		Youth weekend at Camp Washington 6:30 AA	
3:00 Movements in Faith Open House						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HE 8:00 & 10:15 9:00 Adult formation 10:00 Nursery; Church School 10:30 Amberwoods			5:30 Evening		HAPPY Valentine's DAY	
Ministry 11:30 Coffee Hour		6:30 Boy Scouts	Prayer & HE 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal		6:30 AA	
HE 8:00 & 10:15 9:00 Adult formation 10:00 Nursery, Church School	Parish office closed in observance of	18 March <i>Epistle</i> submission deadline	19	9:30 Prep/serve lunch at Friendship Service Center	21	21
11:30 Coffee Hour 3:00 Movements in Faith Worship 6:00 Youth Snow Tubing & supper	PRESIDENTS DAY	6:30 Boy Scouts	5:30 Evening Prayer & HE 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal	6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Vestry	6:30 AA	
HE 8:00 & 10:15 9:00 Adult formation 10:00 Nursery, Church School	24	CONKATEL	ASH WEDNESDAY  12:00 Service with Imposition	27	28	29
11:30 Coffee Hour	7:00 Faith & Fries at Taprock	6:00 1st Annual Chili Cook-off & Farewell to Alleluias	of Ashes 7:00 Service with Imposition of Ashes 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal		6:30 AA	

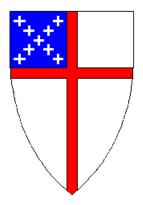
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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

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.

9	STAFF	OFFICERS				
The Rev. George C. Roberts Rector		Kim Pereira & Dona Waugh, Wardens				
Amelia (Amy) Steele	Youth Minister	EJ Ososki, Treasurer Jerry Hess, Asst. Treasurer Jessica Watkin, Parish Clerk				
Blake Hansen	Director of Music					
Susan Deming	Parish Administrator		VESTRY			
Kelly Nauss	Sexton	2020	2021	2022		
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