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TIME OUT

In February

The year, which as been breathing in since midsummer, holds its breath for a moment before it begins to exhale.

And nothing happens!

The snow falls;

The snow plow doesn't get here; the horses stay in the barn telling stories to one another; the days pass and no one gets any older.

Today it is zero outside, with a groaning northeast wind; the snow is flying so thickly that the windows are quite dark.

My house feels like a warm hollow in a drift, and I give myself up to its pleasures — Lots of wood in the stove, boiling beans all day, playing the piano, reading Gilgamesh once again, and feeling completely safe because the world cannot harm anyone while I stay here, dark inside the whiteness, and light inside the darkness, neither coming or going, neither working or playing, neither awake nor asleep.

Kindly submitted by Nancy Shepherd

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUZANNE WITH HELPFUL LINKS

Zoom Office Hours: Rev. Suzanne will be available on Zoom Mondays 2-4 and Thursdays 10-12 for drop-in visits. No need to make an appointment: just click the link! Rev. Suzanne will be utilizing the Waiting Room feature to permit private conversations, so if you find yourself in the Waiting Room, please be patient while she wraps up her current conversation and invites you in. Just copy and paste the Zoom link into your browser and press "return/enter": <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9786927849>

Worship Planning Meetings: Members of St. Mark's & Trinity Chapel are invited to join Rev. Suzanne for worship planning meetings on Sunday, Jan. 24, and Sunday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. Come and talk about how we will observe Lent on Jan. 24, and Holy Week & Easter on Feb. 21. Worship Planning for Holy Week & Easter: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83231494697?pwd=ZXpwenBreVk2d1puWW5PZGN1MDBDZz09>

Ash Wednesday Services: Following our bishops' guidance, we will not offer traditional services featuring the imposition of ashes this year. There will, however, be several opportunities to mark the start of a Holy Lent. Beginning Feb. 10, "Ashes to Go"

Theology at the (Virtual) Tavern: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87222054724?pwd=N3ptVnQ5VCtpaTdmVzVvMmE1TTM0QT09>

Pour yourself a beverage of your choice and join us for informal conversation about all things spiritual! Wednesday, Feb. 17 -- Ash Wednesday -- No Theology at the Tavern
Wednesday, March 17, 7 pm.: Authority: Where do Christians turn for authoritative answers?

Spirituality of Conflict: Four Fridays in Epiphany 7 p.m. How can we speak a prophetic word and still seek to heal our nation's wounds? We'll use several ChurchNext courses, "Spiritual Truth in an Age of Fake News," "Reading the Bible through the Lens of Conflict," and "Faithful Dissent: Loving our Way into a Brighter Future" as a foundation for discussing how the Gospel can inform our responses to the political divides we are confronting as a nation. Join us on Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, and Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Register for the Zoom link at: <https://tithely-stmarkwestford.elvanto.net/form/a323266e-3958-4acc-a68f-287487f1b607>



Special: For those who missed the first session, join us at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 29 for a review of the videos we watched last week!

The Cross Bible Study: Join Meredith Marcinkewicz for a Bible Study on the meaning of the cross on Monday nights in February, March, and April, via Zoom from 8-9 pm.

Each week will be a separate lesson and folks can show up whenever they are able. You will need to have your own Bible to use but we do have some available to borrow: just let Meredith know if you need one. The study guide is written by Theologian John Stott with Dale and Sandy Larsen. It is designed to bring us to the heart of the cross with an understanding of what was accomplished there on our behalf. There are 13 chapters with topics including – The Centrality of the Cross, Why Did Jesus Die?, Looking Below the Surface, The Problem of Forgiveness, Ransomed by God, The Revelation of God, The Conquest of Evil, Loving Our Enemies, Suffering and Glory, and more. Email meredith-marcinkewicz@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

St. Mark's Friday Bible Study. St. Mark's Friday Bible study meets every other week via Zoom and discusses the lectionary readings for the week. New members are welcome! Next meeting Jan. 22. If you'd like to join, e-mail Herb Elliott at herb.elliott@cheza.com to request the Zoom link and the readings for the week.

Sunday Worship

Join us online each week at 10 a.m. on our church Facebook Page or at Rev. Suzanne's YouTube channel at <https://youtube.com/channel/UCEcL-R4RICNJs0MsDmsJppQ>

Help with Worship!

Lectors & Intercessors: Read the lessons for the week or the Prayers of the People via video for incorporation into recorded worship.

Singers: Join us on Sunday for recorded worship, or pre-record a solo!

Worship Scheduling: Coordinate lectors, intercessors, singers, and Altar Guild members for recorded worship. (St. Mark's only)

Technical Support: We're looking for people willing to assist with set-up, video recording, and sound. Help us take our video worship to the next level by providing behind-the-camera support! Deliver communion wafers & bulletins. Deliver communion wafers and printed bulletins for upcoming services for homebound members.

Contact Rev. Suzanne if you are able to help out in any of these capacities: revsuzanne@stmark.org, phone/text 508-472-9656

Holy Communion: If you would like to participate in Holy Communion during online services, pre-consecrated wafers are available in the Shepherd Hall foyer at Trinity Chapel Wednesday-Saturday or at St. Mark's by pre-arranged pick up or delivery: contact Rev. Suzanne via email revsuzanne@stmark.org or phone/text 508-472-9656, or via the online form at st-mark.org.

**SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 10
COMMUNITY FORUM WITH SENATOR
JAMES ELDRIDGE**

At 7:00 pm via Zoom, Senator Eldridge will speak about his bill entitled *Debt Free College.*

His bill will highlight 4 points: Massachusetts will establish a policy that guarantees free public higher education for all students.

It will create a program to pay the equivalent of tuition and mandatory fees to an eligible student at any Massachusetts public college or university, or certificate, vocational, or training program at a public institution.

For students who meet the income eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, give additional aid in grants to cover the additional costs of attendance, including but not limited to, room & board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses.

Ensure that funds from this program do not affect eligibility for other state grants, gift aid, institutional aid, or federal aid including Pell Grants through the FAFSA process.

FOOD OUTREACH NEWS FROM JEAN REED

A VERY special thank you to all who have continued to support our food ministries.

To Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, we have donated cans of hearty soups. To the Lura White Elementary School, we donated peanut free healthy packs of individually wrapped snacks.

St. Mark's in Westford holds a once-a-month soup kitchen meal in Lowell that feeds around 150 people. When Trinity folks heard about this, we stepped up and volunteered to donate all the salad ingredients and the dressings.

In Chelmsford, overflow food stuffs are being donated to the Jewish Temple in Chelmsford, MA for a joint food ministry with Congregation Shalom, St. Marks and Trinity.

OUTREACH—FRIENDS OF THE SEAFARERS

Sharron Pothier and her friends continue to knit hats, gloves and scarves for this wonderful organization.

Vestry News

Next weekend Reverend Suzanne and the Vestry will hold our ANNUAL MEETING. We will review the year behind us and review new budget for 2021 We will welcome Suzanne as our Priest in Charge and meet your new and returning Vestry members.

Lyn Doran Sr. Warden	Gaynor Bigelbach Clerk	Bill McKenna
Stephanie Hooper Jr. Warden	Nancy Sawyer	Sherley Thom
Chester Hooper Treasurer	Marge Halloran	Jim Spall
Donna King Assistant Treasurer	Betty Mahon	Nan Gulliver



A prayer for our community,

Loving God, you fill all things with fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world. (add your own intensions) Knowing, good God, you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in all the holy names of God. Amen

By Richard Rohr

The little church with the big heart



THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

JONATHAN OAKES, ALEX CORMIER, ANDREW CULLEN, DENNIS HARD, DUNCAN SCHAF, BRANDON HARSCH, TOM STRICKLER

ANGIE

ANN

Anderson, Ross (Marsha's step-uncle)

Belforte, Virginia (Nan's Sister)

Blackwell, Branden (Donna's grandson)

Bonnacolta, Patricia

Boyd, Jane

Burnett, Sarah (Janice's niece)

Carter, Mickie

Carter, Mikel

Connors, Margaret

Christy, Ann (Sharron)

Currier, Alan (Marsha's friend)

Dean, Susan

Desler, Ray (Sharron)

Donna, (mother of a friend of Mary Ellen's)

Fratoni, Elena (friend of Jean & Carol)

Glazer, Pam (friend of Lyn)

Gole, Bob

Gracey, Ariana (Jean Reed's granddaughter)

Gray, Martin (son of Fran Gray)

Gray, Marilyn (daughter of Fran Gray)

Gregoire, Mike

Guadalupe, Mellisa

Hoff, Chris (cancer friend of Stephanie's)

Halloran, Mike & Marge

Hamilton, Katie

Harron, Robin

Hooper, Richard (Chet's brother)

Holly

Jefferson-Tate, Rene

Katz, Emily (Covid) Sharron P

Landry, Ed

Layhe, Angelo, Jr

Leonard, Charlie

Leonard, Jim (Karla's son)

Mattila, Melanie

Mezick, Margaret

Meyer, Maureen

Moss, Bob & Wiline

Matthew, (Mary Ellen's son who is an ER nurse in Rockland ME)

Panetta Paul (Maureen's brother)

Panetta Mary (Maureen's niece)

Panetta, Maureen

Patton, Bob (Karen's brother-in-law)

Pellerin, Kerry (friend of Amy's who has M.S.)

Pothier, Mark (Sharron and Vince's son)

Reed, Austin

Requa, Mike (friend of Lyn)

Richardson, Elaine

Rollins, Barbara (cousin of Karla & Karen)

Sarah, (grandchild of a friend of Jean's mother)

Schmidt, Keara (chorus member with Maureen)

Sanft, Judy (friend of Karen)

S, Joe

Vita, Marie (friend of Jean and Anita)

Wales, Leedie (Lyn's cousin)

February 2021

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31	1 The Cross Bible Study 8:00 PM	2	3 Trinity/St. Marks Soup Kitchen	4	5 Spirituality of Conflict 7:00pm	6
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