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MARCH 2021

FROM Rev. Suzanne:

For the last couple weeks, my Facebook feed has been full of pictures of people celebrating getting their first COVID vaccine shot, and an equal number of people frustrated and angry because they have not yet been able to get an appointment. This is an odd season when we seem to be living in the midst of both Good Friday and Easter simultaneously.

If you are one of those people who were able to receive your first shot, Alleluia! (Yes, I know it's Lent, but some things require a joyous expression of glory to God!) If you are still struggling to get an appointment, take heart in the words of **Psalm 30**:

- 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health.
- 3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- 4 Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.
- 5 For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime.
- 6 Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning

Most of the problems getting an appointment for the vaccine are because there are many more people who want the shot than there are vaccines in any given week. For example, last week Massachusetts vaccinated more than 215,000 people, some first shots, some second shots. More than 1.5 million doses have now been administered in total in the state. That's a lot of people! There were more than 2 million people who were eligible for those shots, so not everyone who wanted one was able to get one. The State knew this would be the case: in his announcement opening up vaccine eligibility to those over 65 on Feb. 17, Gov. Baker warned it would take a month for everyone who wanted an appointment to get one. But with each week that goes by, the number of people who have gotten shots goes up and the number of people who are still waiting goes down, and it will get easier to get an appointment.

The other piece of good news is that the number of places to get a shot is increasing, too. Half of the vaccines are being given at one of the State's "mass vaccination sites" in Danvers, Natick, Springfield, Foxboro, Boston, and Dartmouth, but there are also sites in collaboration with local hospitals in Worcester, Gardner, and Marlborough, as well as CVS and Walgreens pharmacies in Hudson, Maynard, and Holden. Right now, there are more people looking for appointments at these sites than there are appointments available, but that will change. Keep checking regularly the state's centralized site, vaxfinder.mass.gov, as well as individual sites for locations near you: for mass vaccination sites, Thursday is the day the largest number of appointments are released. And keep the faith: as Christians, we are well accustomed to having to wait for the fulfillment of God's promises, and we can use that same patience as we journey toward the promised land of vaccination.

In the meantime, please remain vigilant about wearing your masks and keeping your distance. We can see the finish line, but we must still run the last mile! Continue to love your neighbor by

taking precautions against the spread of the virus: whatever you were doing in January, plan to keep doing it until June! Now might be a good time to look ahead to summer and anticipate some of the small pleasures that an easing of the pandemic will bring – worship together in the garden at Trinity, backyard barbecues with your family, walks in the woods with old friends, visits with grandchildren. This year, we can sing my favorite Easter hymn with more confidence:

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Hold fast to hope: the end of the pandemic is coming, like wheat that springeth green.



Lenten Prayer Partners is a long-time Trinity Chapel tradition. Thank you Nancy Shepherd.

By now everyone who wanted a prayer partner should have his or her name. Remember them in your daily prayers, and send them a weekly card to let them know

Here is a Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Plan

March 28: Palm Sunday

10:00 am Trinity Chapel. Blessing of the Palms, first readings and prayers

10:25 am Car Palm Procession from Trinity Chapel

11:00 am Holy Eucharist at St. Mark's — live streamed via YouTube

April 1st: Maundy Thursday: Diocesan Video Service, Zoom Agape Meal

April 2nd: Good Friday: Diocesan Video Service, Zoom Stations of the Cross @noon

April 3: Holy Saturday: Diocesan Easter Vigil Service

April 4: Easter Sunday: Pre-recorded video service (@ St. Mark's), Intercessions & Sermon recorded at Trinity chapel

Drive-In Service at St. Mark's and Outdoor Worship at Trinity—TBD

A PROUD HISTORY OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH FORUMS

AT TRINITY CHAPEL- SHIRLEY, MA.

January 2013- February 2021

LEGAL TOPICS

Volunteering in the Prison and Legal System- Ann Oakes and Nancy Shepherd

Legal Issues and Services for Veterans- Tim McLaughlin, Esq.

Restorative Justice- State Senator James Eldridge and Representatives from Communities for Restorative Justice- Concord, Ma.

FAMM- Families Against Mandatory Minimums- Barbara Dougan, Massachusetts Director of FAMM

C.A.S.A. – Court Appointed Special Advocates, Court Appointed Guardians for Children- Ann Oakes, a C.A.S. A. volunteer Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative- Lindsey Heferman, State Coordinator

Mediation – The Free services of Middlesex Community College Law Center- Terry Downes, attorney; Karin Bishop, MCC Law Center; and Jessica Boulanger, MCC Law Center

'The Fight for 15' and 'Millionaire's Tax Proposal- State Senator James Eldridge

Estate Planning- John Bowen, ESQ.

Managing Your Assets- John Bowen- ESQ.

UNDERSTANDING AND HELPING CHILDREN

Autism Spectrum Disorder- Liz Hooper Bala, M. Ed, B.C.B. A.

Bullying – Phil Welton, Sheila Bishop, Pam Garramore, Donna Shea, Nancy Sawyer

Safe Child Care Services – Anita Moeller, Northeast Regional Director- Massachusetts

Department of Early Education and Care

Advocacy for Disabled Children- Elizabeth Bostic, President of SPAN- Special Needs Advocacy In Massachusetts

Special Education in Massachusetts- State Representative Jennifer Benson

Dyslexia- Deb Plotnik

“Katie’s Closet-” Mickey Cockrell, Executive Director

Enviroscape- Gaynor Bigelbach of the Nashua River Watershed9.

Debt Free College- Senator James Eldridge—The pending bill

Community Outreach Forum History (continued)

Health Concerns

Happy and Healthy Aging, Tips for Success- Tamara Bedard, R. N. and Melissa Immonen, LCSW

From the Nashoba Associated Boards.

The Massachusetts Department of Mental Health- Its Function and Services – Cherie Rivera,

Human Services Coordinator

TADS- Teenage Anxiety and Depression Solutions- Ted Boczenowski, President of TADS, and

Linda Hammill, Mental Health Clinician.

MMJ- Taking the Mystery out of Medical Marijuana- Jean Reed

The Opioid Crisis- Nancy Sawyer

The Mental Health System in Massachusetts and Universal Health Care- State Senator James Eldridge

A Single Payer Health Care System in Massachusetts- State Senator James Eldridge

LEAP- The War on Drugs- Success or Failure?- Jack Cole

Decluttering and Hoarding- Lyn Faust, Director of Metro Community Development Corporation

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

NEADS- an organization which provides assistance dogs for both veterans and the disabled - a representative from the organization and his dog

Poverty Issues and Community Response- Jeanne Dubois, Executive Director of the Dorchester

Bay Economic Development Corporation, and Patty Stearn, Director of Loaves and Fishes

Hospice Services and the End of Life Needs- representatives from the Nashoba Associated Board

Health, and a vocal presentation by the Threshold Choir.

Literacy Volunteers of the Montechusetts Area- Amy West. Program Coordinator.

Traveling With Special Needs- Heather Leonard

Operation Lipstick- A group of women who teach other women not to buy guns for the men in their lives who are prohibited from purchasing guns- Jean Reed

Sanctuary City and State- State Senator James Eldridge

Climate Change and What We Can Do About It- Vince Maravento, Interfaith Power and Light

Ranked Choice Voting- two representatives from the Ranked Choice Voting Organization

Community Outreach Forum History (continued)

RELIGION

Diverse Outreaches of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts: Common Cathedral ; Ecclesia

Ministries; and Life Together

Urban Ministry – the Rev. Edwin Johnson, Priest in Charge, St Mary's Episcopal Church, Dorchester

And Will Harron of Life Together

The Status of Church and State Separation and the Rise of Secularism in the USA- Author and

Lecturer, David Niose

What is the Shaker Faith?- Meredith Marcinkewicz

The Islamic Faith- Dr. Malik Khan, President of the Islamic Center of Boston

Living as a Muslim Woman in the U.S.A.- Tina Khan

Judaism . Examining the Roots of the Abrahamic Faith- Rabbi Richard Backer

Jerusalem- Israel and Palestine- The Rt Rev. Gayle Harris, Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Who is Jesus? – Panel Discussion by representatives of the three Abrahamic Faiths – Christianity,

The Rev. Marsha Hoecker; Judaism, Rabbi Richard Backer; and Islam, Dr. Malik Khan. The discussion was moderated by the Rev. Nancy Shepherd.

Seafarer's Friend- the Rev. Lance Andrews. Chaplain

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FUN EVENTS AT TRINITY CHAPEL JANUARY 2013- NOVEMBER 2018

Lecture on Lighthouses of New England—Jeremy D' Entremont- a writer, photographer,

Maritime historian and leading expert on New England's historic lighthouses

A Musical afternoon with Emilie Faucher and special guests

An afternoon with renowned pianist, Deborrah Wyndham

A series of yoga sessions (free) with Ashlee Dione

Gospel Hymn Sing- Meredith Marcinkewicz (Several Sundays)

Justice- its definition and its application in healthcare, housing and schools, preceded by a Community Brunch

Colors of Love- Musical Afternoon of Song and Voice , Janice Yancey, Director

Community Outreach Forum History (continued)

Sunday Afternoon events

Changes and styles of Crosses—Meredith Marcinkewicz

The Geography of Holy Week

Upcoming events—

Thursday, March 11, 7:00 Via Zoon

How Do Volunteer Civic Leaders Impact Our Town and School Community

Wednesday, April 14, 6:30—7:30. The speaker is Kate Elliott who is an expert in the field of prisons and mental health.. She has worked at the Concord prison for many years. Her specialty is: *The Adverse Childhood Events Research (ACE)*. Her topic will be Dangerous Wiring: How Adverse Childhood Events Increase Risk for Incarceration.

Vestry News and Committee News

From Chet Hooper, Treasurer.

We now have a balance of \$5,663.84 in our checking account and bills of \$1,982.75 that must be paid. After the bills are paid, we shall be left with a balance of \$3,681.09. I hope that we'll have enough at the end of the this month to meet our payroll. It may be close so please do not forget to pay your pledges. Please remember, there is no rule to raising your pledge.

From Jean Reed: Restoration Fund Campaign

Receive the gift of God's grace, peace and restoration

Beginning April 11th a sub-committee of the Rectory Committee will ask for money for restoration. This will include restoration of the of the Rectory and Chapel restoration for a post Covid world.

The initial Target Campaign is \$300K in donations of \$3, \$30, \$300, \$3,000 or other amounts. We hope to publish a list of Trinity Chapel members who will work together on various facets of this fund raiser. If you would like to help, please contact Jean Reed.

From Stephanie Hooper, Junior Warden

Rectory Restoration Committee Minutes—February 26

We noted that Mitchell Tine, an electrician recommended by Karla Leonard, would be meeting with Chet and Stephanie later that day to check the electrical system in the rectory and to see what outlets needed updating. Anyone else on the rectory committee was invited to be at the meeting, as well.

We are still waiting for estimates from two stone masons about the cost of restoring the walkway and steps along the front of the rectory. Meredith also is waiting to hear back from another stone mason she had contacted several times.

Fred Shoemaker, for \$ 600.00, will install a gutter over the porch once the snow has melted. There was concern about what system Fred would use to divert the rainwater away from the area to the left of the porch where the rain is now flooding the ground. There were several suggestions that installing a dry well someday might relieve the flooding. Another idea to control the flooding was to put a rain barrel next to the barn to catch the water from the roof. Someone also recommended piping the run-off rainwater underground to the area beyond the barn.

Mass Save has been contacted about an energy audit for the rectory. Jean Reed reported that a team for working on the Restoration Capital Campaign Fund is being formed.

Meredith updated us on the projects that Bret is working on at the rectory and at Trinity Chapel.

Bret will make a new little wooden cross to go over the small roof outside the main entry to the Chapel, as the old cross is broken.

Bret has purchased window locks for the rectory windows, which he will be installing.

Bret is planning to paint the floor in the room with the wood burning stove, this weekend.

Brett is working on repairing the sagging roof over the kitchen porch.

Bret also commented to Meredith that the driveway at the rectory is very muddy. He has contacted Powell Stone and Gravel to see what it would cost to order $\frac{3}{4}$ inch stones which could be packed down into the driveway to reduce the mud. Meredith has a friend who might be able to spread the stones in the driveway. Meredith also observed that at the same time, small stones might be used to create a small path from the parking lot up to the pathway leading to the Chapel side entrance.

We agreed that our next meeting should be on March 12th at 10.30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Hooper

PS. I just talked to Mitchell, the electrician, who will give us an estimate for the work he can do, by Friday.



THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

JONATHAN OAKES, ALEX CORMIER, ANDREW CULLEN, DENNIS HARD, DUNCAN SCHAFF, 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, Marilyn (daughter of Fran Gray)

Gregoire, Mike

Guadalupe, Mellisa

Hoff, Chris (cancer friend of Stephanie's)

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

Mattila, Melanie

Mezick, Margaret

Meyer, Maureen

Moss, Bob & Wiline

Naugler, Christopher

Naugler, Cindy

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

Reed, Izzy

Reed, Nicki

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)

Z., Pat

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
28	1 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	2	3 Trinity/St. Marks Soup Kitchen	4	5 Praying@ home 7:00pm	6
7 Online Worship 10 AM	8 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	9	10	11	12 Praying@ home 7:00pm	13
14 Online Worship 10 AM	15 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	16		18	19 Praying @ home 7:00pm	20
21 Online Worship 10 AM Vestry Mtg 3:00	22 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	23	24	25	26 Praying@ home 7:00pm	27
28 PALM SUNDAY HOLY WEEK	29 The Cross Bible Study 7:30 PM	30	31	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	April 3 Easter Saturday

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