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Nan Gulliver

FEBRUARY 2022

As We Begin a New Vestry Year 2022

The work of the church is essential.
The work of caring for the lonely, the marginalized, and the oppressed is essential.
The work of speaking truth to power and seeking justice is essential.
The work of being a loving, liberating, and life giving presence in the world is essential.
The work of welcoming the stranger, the refugee and the undocumented is essential.
The work of reconciliation and healing and caring is essential.
The church does not need to "open" because the church never "closed."
We who make up the Body of Christ, the church, love God and our neighbors and ourselves so much that we will stay away from our buildings until it is safe. We are the church.

~ Deon Johnson, bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, May 20, 2020

Thoughts for February

"It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. We are made to live together because of the inter-related structure of reality. —Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Earth is everywhere. You may be used to thinking of the Earth as only the ground beneath your feet. But the water, the sea, the sky, and everything around us comes from the Earth. Everything outside us and everything inside us comes from the Earth.

—Thich Nhat Hanh

For those we love

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects always trusts, always hopes always perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

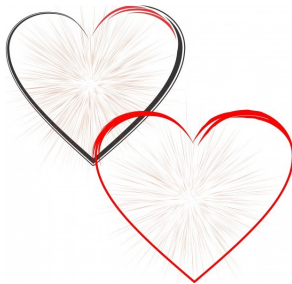
HERE IS A FANTASTIC IDEA FOR VALENTINE'S DAY

Chocolate Festival

To Go!

Saturday, Feb 12th 1-4pm

Order on line at st-mark.org/chocolate



SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEETIE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WONDERFUL ANNUAL FESTIVAL
AT ST. MARK'S EMAIL CRISSEHEMINGWAY@COMCAST.NET

NEWS FROM MEREDITH:



The Rectory NEEDS to be painted.

The estimate is \$13,000 and we have already received a \$2,000 donation.

We only NEED \$11,000 more.

We NEED people to take charge of the fundraising campaign.

We NEED people with good fundraising ideas.

We NEED people to run events that will earn money from the general community, not just from Chapel members.

It could even work if different people took charge of different community events or projects. Unless someone is willing and able, it does not NEED to be just one person doing everything.

If you are interested in being one of many people who are working to raise money to paint the rectory, contact Stephanie.

[NEW BIBLE STUDY — BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14 @ 7:30 PM](#)

[THE BOOK OF ESTHER](#)

[FEBRUARY 6TH 10:15 AM BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL](#)

FROM NANCY SHEPHERD — Flowers: I think we are all looking forward to being able to meet in person for church on Sundays, Safely! I was delighted when Suanne announced at the Annual Meeting, January 23rd, that is is hoping that Sunday, February 6th will be the BIG DAY. In a few weeks, Ash Wednesday will be on March 2nd. That means with luck we will be in Trinity Chapel for the whole month of February. Let's have beautiful flowers to cheer our hearts. If you would like to donate for one of those Sundays, please let me know. As always, flowers can be in honor of or in memory of someone. Please let me know at 978-8976120 or at my email: nhshepherd31@gmail.com.

Continued from Nancy Shepherd:

Pastoral Care News: We were so happy last weekend to hear the news from Marge Haloran that her husband, Mike is doing much better after his last surgery. Do continue to remember him in your prayers and give thanks for his progress.

Also, Mary Beth Wade has been back from her knee surgery that was performed in Connecticut. She doing very well.

My knee was diagnosed as having Lyme Disease recently and I am getting treatment for that and feeling much better.

Do keep us know about others who need prayers of healing and thanksgivings.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES,**FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 9:00 AM****PRESENT:** Karla Leonard, Stephanie Hooper; Chet Hooper;

Meredith Marcinkewicz; Nan Gulliver; Nancy Shepherd

CHECKING CHAPEL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Wednesday, January 26th, Impact Fire Company will inspect the three fire extinguishers at Trinity Chapel. Stephanie and Chet

Hooper will be at the Chapel to meet the representatives from the company.

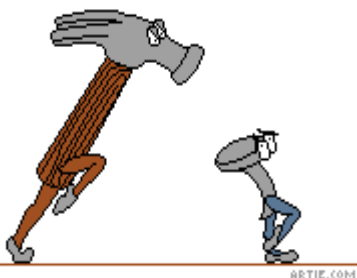
ELECTRICITY TO BE CHECKED AT TRINITY CHAPEL.

The electrician, James Mac Donald, will meet Stephanie and Chet at Trinity Chapel early February to inspect the wiring there and will talk about finally installing the outside lights which Betty Mahon donated. As a thank -you gift for being able to live in the rectory for the time being, Bret and Shawn have been donating their time and money to fix up certain areas. They have been painting the walls of the large room with the wood burning stove and will be repairing the plaster on one of the walls and repainting the ceiling of that room. They have bought and will be installing several new lights in the kitchen. They have also bought a work- table to put adjacent to the current kitchen table.

Bret will be taking pictures of these projects to share with us.

UPDATE OF PROJECTS BRET HAS BEEN DOING.

Bret will make sure that the pathways up to the Chapel are kept ice free and will also get Shepherd Hall ready for the Trinity Chapel parishioners who will gather there this upcoming Sunday for the Annual Meeting.



PROPERTY COMMITTEE MINUTES continued

MEREDITH'S SIGN REQUESTING HELP TO RAISE MONEY TO PAINT THE OUTSIDE OF THE RECTORY.

Meredith has created a sign with helpful Fund Raising ideas to help us raise funds to paint the rectory and 'preserve the beautiful property God has given us'. She will include this sign in the Weekly Eblast and put copies on the table in the vestibule.

UPDATE ON REPLACING THE ALTAR RUG.

Nan and Sharron Pothier will discuss a new rug to be placed in front of the altar. They will consult with the Altar Guild about the color.

ESTIMATE FOR REFINISHING THE FLOORS IN SHEPHERD HALL AND THE CHAPEL

We have been given the estimate by Eric Peterson to sand and refinish the floors in Shepherd Hall, the vestibule and the Chapel. This has been filed away for future consideration once we have raised more money.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE CHAPEL:

Meredith mentioned that the Christmas decorations and greens in the Chapel need to come down. Nan will find other people to help her remove these items soon.

THERMOSTATS IN SHEPHERD HALL AND THE CHAPEL:

It was agreed that we need instructions about how to work the thermostats in Shepherd Hall and the Chapel. Chet will contact Henry Hoecker about how to program the thermostats, and then we will post an instruction list near the thermostat in Shepherd Hall, which will cover the use of both thermostats.

OUR NEXT PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 9 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hooper, Junior Warden



Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022

The **St. Mark's Chocolate Festival** is back, but in a new format that will allow us to raise money for local food pantries in a safe way. The **Chocolate Festival TO GO!** will take place on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., when customers will come to St. Mark's to pick up the chocolate dessert boxes that they previously ordered online. They can also buy raffle tickets online or that day for a chance to win some fabulous prize packages. See the website for a list of the great prizes!

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Westford Food Pantry and the Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

www.st-mark.org/chocolate

Ways you can help:

Encourage your family and friends to buy boxes of chocolate online starting Jan. 7 @ www.st-mark.org/chocolate.

Sell raffle tickets to your friends and family.

Make chocolate desserts! As in past years, we ask parishioners to make a batch or two (or three!) of their best chocolate treats and cut them into bite-sized pieces. Brownies, cookies, cake, fudge or candies, whatever is your favorite!

Drop off the chocolate at Williams Hall on Friday, Feb. 11, or Saturday, Feb. 12 before 10 a.m. Include an ingredient list for allergy reasons and the dessert item must not require refrigeration (a Board of Health requirement).

Some Reminders

Lura White School Snacks Collection: Trinity Chapel is once again collecting nutritious snacks for students at the Lura White School in Shirley for in-school and take-home weekend brown bags. Donations granola bars, cheese crackers, 100 % juice boxes, boxes of raisins, snack packs of 100% fruit and similar nutritious snacks (not nuts or peanut butter, please!) can be left in the basket at the entranceway at Trinity. St. Mark's parishioners who would like to participate in this program may drop off their donations in the office on Wednesday, Thursday, or Sunday mornings and Rev. Suzanne will deliver them to Trinity.

Loaves & Fishes Soup Collection: Trinity continues to collect donations of hearty soups for the Loaves & Fishes food pantry. Collection basket can be found in the foyer.

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen Salad: Trinity parishioners supply the ingredients for salad when our collaboration partners at St. Mark's serve the meal at St. Paul's Soup Kitchen in Lowell. The next meal is **Wednesday, FEB 2** If you would like to be added to the online sign up, please email Rev. Suzanne at revsuzannewade@gmail.com.

From Suzanne

Chocolate Festival TO GO! on Saturday, Feb. 12. St Mark's is selling delicious boxes of homemade chocolate desserts to raise money for local food pantries in a creative take on our long-running Chocolate Festival. Boxes can be purchased online (www.st-mark.org/chocolate) starting Jan. 7 and then picked up at the church on Saturday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. Proceeds benefit local food pantries and St. Mark's building fund, which supports low-cost community use of our facilities. (Hint: Check our social media posts for a \$2 discount code.) Plenty of volunteer opportunities are available! We especially need parishioners to make a variety of chocolate desserts and drop them off on Friday, Feb. 11, or the morning of Saturday, Feb. 12. (Drop off at Trinity Chapel by 9 a.m. Saturday Feb. 12 and Rev. Suzanne will deliver to St. Mark's). Let us know what you will be making as soon as possible so we can ensure a wide variety of items in each box: you can sign up here (and see what other people are making!) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4DAEAF2BA4F85-chocolate>. For more information, contact Kris O'Reilly (jkoreilly01450@yahoo.com) or Chrissy Hemingway (chrissyhemingway@comcast.net).

Prayers for Healing. Rev. Suzanne will be at Trinity Chapel at 11 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month to offer prayers for all in need of healing, both those who are part of the church and those in our wider community. **The next prayer time will be Feb. 2.** All are invited to join her in the sanctuary for this time of prayer, whether they have need of prayer for themselves, know someone in need of prayer, or simply feel called to pray for those in need of God's healing. Members of Trinity Chapel are encouraged to invite anyone in need of prayer to submit a prayer request by clicking this link: <https://forms.gle/8vxRLpYr7ZxkDTNc8>

STARTING SOON! Lectio Divina. How do we know what God is calling us to do as we confront important questions? The ancient practice of Lectio Divina invites us to hear God's voice in scripture through meditative, prayerful listening. You are invited to join us in the sanctuary at Trinity Chapel as we listen for God's voice in the words of Matthew 2:13-23 and meditate on how God is calling us as individuals and a community to respond to refugees. Participants are also invited to bring their own Gospel readings that they believe address the issue of welcoming refugees. Watch your weekly email for our next date.



THOSE IN OUR MILITARY

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

Angie

Ann

Anderson, Ross

Aunt Laura

Begg, Theresa & Family

Blood, David

Bonnacolta, Patricia

Boyd, Jane

Carter, Mickie

Carter, Mikel

Connors, Margaret

Christy, Ann

Coons, Stephanie (Lyn's friend)

Craft, Ruth

David & Rich

Daley, Helen

Dean, Susan

Fallon, Art

Fratoni, Elena

Desler, Ray (Sharron)

Glazer, Pam (friend of Lyn cancer)

Gole, Bob

Gracey, Ariana (Jean Reed's granddaughter)

Gray, Marilyn (daughter of Fran Gray)

Gray, Martin (son of Fran Gray)

Guadalupe, Mellisa

Halloran, Mike and Marge

Hamilton, Katie

Harron, Robin

Holly

Jefferson-Tate, Rene

Leonard, Charlie & Jim, Karla

Mahon, Betty

Mattila, Melanie

McKenna, Bill

Mezick, Margaret

Meyer, Maureen

Moss, Willine

Nick and Terri, Mary

Panetta Paul (Maureen's brother)

Panetta Mary (Maureen's niece)

Panetta, Maureen (recovering from surgery)

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

Pothier, Mark (Sharron and Vince's son)

Phil (friend of Nancy Sawyer)

Ray and Marge

Richardson, Elaine

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

Sadie, Sarah

Schmidt, Keara (chorus member with Maureen)

Sanft, Judy (friend of Karen)

Sheen, Trisha

Shirley's Father, Brother and Family

Slezak, Polly

Spaeth, Ellee (friend of Lyn)

Sullivan, Paul (Karen's cousin's son)

Sutton, Joe S

Wales, Edith (Lyn's cousin)

Wynn, Anderson

Zevos, John

FEBRUARY 2022

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| JAN 30 | JAN 31 | 1 | 2 St. Mark's Soup Kitchen- Trinity Salad- Donations <hr/> Prayers for Healing 11:00 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Marge A.G 10:15 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist | 7 | 8 VESTRY MEETING 4:00 PM | 9 ALTAR GUILD MEETING 1:00pm | 10 | 11 | 12 St. Mark's Chocolate Festival |
| 13 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Nan A.G. | 14 PROPERTY COMMITTEE 9 AM <hr/> Book of Esther 7:30 PM | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Sharron/Lyn AG | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Lyn—AG | 28 | Mar 1 | 2 St. Mark's Soup Kitchen Trinity Salad Donations ASH WEDNESDAY | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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