

St. James Parish

Epistle



January 2021

Rector's Message

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, prepared by God beforehand to be for us the way of life.

Ephesians 2:10

I have intended for these many months to offer some sort of update on the work of your Discipleship Team. Discipleship is often referred to as following the path of Jesus. A disciple is actually a learner, one who follows another as a student. Our learning more about God and intentionally engaging our own spiritual lives is one way of becoming a closer disciple of Jesus, walking a bit more fully in the way of His promise, truth and love.

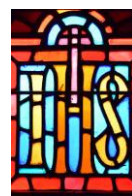
Last March 26th, a small group of St. James parishioners gathered together with me to begin a journey of discipleship. We have been using the program Discipleship for Episcopalians – courtesy of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey – to guide us along the way. The program follows a 'Tree of Discipleship' whose roots (Experiencing God) we began to explore. We moved to the trunk of the tree (Committing to Christ), learning more about what it means to commit more of ourselves, our lives, and our spirits to Christ's will for us. We moved on to Volume Two in the series, and have worked through Sacrificial Living, one of the branches of Discipleship, giving up ourselves to God's loving presence.

Our discipleship Team's work is to enrich ourselves and one another with a growing awareness of God's grace by exploring scripture and our lives with God together, in community. When we grow in our sense of God's real, spiritual presence, then I believe we begin to sense the promise, courage, patience, and blessing we begin to know in Christ. We become more aware, as disciples of Jesus, that we are

acquiring a vitality and vibrancy that we desire to share with the world. Gaining a keener sense of who we are called to be, as Christ's followers in the world, takes a little time, a bit of courage, and a willingness to engage in community. I am so very proud of the work that I and my fellow Discipleship Team members have done. We will start back up – after taking a needed break during Advent and Christmas – in the new year, continuing to grow in our awareness of the penetrating and transformative love that following Christ can bring us. Call me, email me, text me if you are interested in knowing more and sharing with this work. Thanks to Foster, Andrea, Carol, Kim, Maina, and Donna for all of your generous work thus far. We look forward to the future hoping that we can, ultimately, share what we have learned with folks at St. James, one person at a time.

In Christ,
Fr. George+

Join us for worship on New Year's Day: Feast of the Holy Name



On Friday, January 1st, at 11 a.m. in the chapel we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus with Eucharist. Please join us for this day that marks the beginning of our new year, but celebrates Jesus, the Christ. A short reflection will precede the celebration of Holy Communion, with prayers for healing following. Come lay your challenges and joys at the feet of our Savior.

Warden's Corner

We made it - it is 2021! Although we knew that the coronavirus and all of the difficulties of 2020 would not just disappear as the calendar turned to January 1st, many of us have been waiting for the new year to come. The big question is - when will we be able to go back to "normal" life? But, what is this "normal" that we all want to return? One of the blessings of this past year is that we have had time to learn what we value most in life, what special things truly bring us joy. For me, it's has been cuddling with my kids while reading a book together or watching a movie, baking with my children (even though I am terrible in the kitchen), going for long walks, curling up in a chair with a good book, waking up very early in the morning so I can workout, mediate, read the Bible, and enjoy a hot cup of coffee in peace and quiet. I have also been reflecting on what I really do miss from "normal" life - hugging my parents, enjoying dinner or a coffee with dear friends, traveling, and, of course, going to church in person. I know that I am trying to figure out how to meld these two parts of my life - the things I loved from pre-2020, and the things I have learned to cherish from 2020. Being intentional about how I want to live my life going forward is what I hope will be one of the blessings of 2020. I hope it will be one of your blessings from this past year as well. In 2021, I also hope we will all be able to worship in person together at St. James, gather with friends, travel, and hug our extended families. Here's to 2021!

*Kim Pereira, Ed.D.
Co-Warden*

Celebrating January Birthdays

*Anna Bongiorno
Erik Ososki
Peter Wack
Andrew Martin
Evan Chekas
Eli Johansen
Todd Root
Marcia Thomas
Barbara Preneta
Regan Kelly
Philip Pearson*

Your birthday always comes
as we start another year.
January is your month
your special day is here.
It's the middle of the winter
most days are cold and dreary,
so here's a birthday wish for you
that your day is bright and cheery!
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Church School update

Join us every Sunday for a few minutes of faith, fun and friendship.

We continue our Virtual Church School classes each Sunday.

Kindergarten-5th grade meets from 10:40-11 am. 6th-12th grades meets from 11-11:20 am.



Elementary (K-5th) 10:40-11 am

<http://bit.ly/virtualchurchschool>

Meeting ID: 464 095 1232; Passcode: 8EmEcb

Middle + High School (6th-12th) 11 am-11:20 am

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Confirmation Corner

January brings our 3rd confirmation class on Sunday, January 10th from noon-2 pm. This month confirmands will explore and have an overview of the Bible and how it is put together (Confirmands- please make sure you have a Bible + if you do not, please reach out to Amy or Father George). We will also closely examine several versions of the Lord's Prayer, followed by a Prayer Lab where youth can explore different ways to pray.

Friendly reminder to all confirmands that the December assignment is posted on the Google Classroom and is due on January 10th!

If you have any questions or need a copy of the Confirmation Expectations, feel free to reach out at amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com !

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.

Youth Ministry Updates

This past month we explored the advent season and learned about the true meaning of Christmas, ways to keep Christ in Christmas, and went into more depth around the story of Mary and Joseph! Please remember there are NOW separate links for children's Church School and the youth Church School. The following link is for YOUTH only at this time.

Middle + High School (6th–12th grade) 11 am–11:20 am-

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4640951232?pwd=SFpjRW9GdkxpM1JzQUJWZ0JGWEhaQT09>

Meeting ID: 464 095 1232

Passcode: 8EmEcb

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are enjoying the fresh start of a new year! I cannot wait to see what this year has in store for St. James!

- Amy Steele, Youth Minister

Looking beyond ourselves: Farmington Food Pantry month!

Every year the St. James family has committed to providing non-perishable food items, household items and cash to the Farmington Food Pantry for the months of January and June. The Farmington Food Pantry and the 200+ local families that it currently serves depend greatly on these donations. All clients are pre-qualified through Farmington Social Services. Each month the pantry provides deserving families with 7,000+ pounds of non-perishable items.



During this time of COVID-19 the Pantry is NOT accepting food donations, but instead is asking for monetary donations which then are used to purchase food through Foodshare or in bulk for their clients each month. Please mail in your checks made out to *St. James Parish* with *Food Pantry* in the note and we will gather the funds together for a single larger donation to the Pantry in this time of special need. We thank you for your generous and continued support of the Farmington Food Pantry

Annual Meeting–January 31st at 11 a.m.

An Annual Meeting is something that every Episcopal parish in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA (ECUSA, the Episcopal Church) is required to conduct each year, via the Constitution and Canons of ECUSA. Annual Meetings do not sound like a lot of fun, I know, but they are vital to St. James Parish capably and responsibly managing our fiscal and common life together. Article III and IV of our bylaws, revised in 2013 (with a few important amendments since), require that we have at least ¼ of our voting membership in attendance to have a “quorum.” Our quorum is the minimum number of members necessary for valid voting to take place.

No one in the parish needs me to remind them that we are in a time of national and communal crisis. We found it necessary, because of spiking COVID-19 cases, to suspend in-person worship for 3 months (late March to late June of 2020) and are faced with the possibility of doing so again, for the same reasons. 2020 has been an extraordinary year, no one would dispute that. Yet, we still need to pass a budget, seat new Vestry members, and elect a new Clerk so that Vestry can then elect new Wardens. We cannot function as a parish unless we approve a 2021 budget, seat a Vestry that can then manage monies allocated in said budget and, ideally, move forward into a year of hope, trusting in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Annual Meeting also serves other purposes. We have the opportunity to hear how St. James handled our budget and resources from the year just past (2020). We will say thank you to 3 Vestry members who have served for 3 years and a Clerk who has served for 5, as they rotate off, and welcome 3 new members who will be voted on. Annual Meeting is a must, but it is also a time we can use to reflect, to see each other’s faces (even if only on Zoom this year), and experience the blessings of being connected to a truly wonderful parish. Please make definitive plans to join us, via Zoom link, on Sunday, January 31st, at 11 a.m. Call the office if you have questions, are concerned about the technology, or need to provide us with an active email address the Zoom link can be sent to. We promise to make the meeting as brief as humanly possible. Thank you, in advance, for your participation and for all that you do to enrich the life of St. James.

Outreach Update & Thanks!

The Outreach Committee wishes to extend our gratitude and appreciation to St. James Parish. Even in this time of great change, when long-standing traditions needed to be modified for health and safety, you have stepped up, as always, to meet the call to serve those around us.

Instead of buying ingredients for Thanksgiving Baskets for Farmington Community Services, we were asked to make financial contributions for Stop & Shop gift cards. We made a \$500 commitment to the town, but raised \$895, allowing us to sponsor even more families!

Instead of choosing tags from the Angel Tree and shopping for Christmas gifts for children in Farmington, we were asked to make financial contributions toward Target, Walmart, and Amazon gift cards for Farmington Community Services to distribute to families. We raised \$650 for this effort, enabling many families in Farmington to put gifts under their trees.

And, instead of choosing tags from the Angel Tree and shopping for Christmas gifts for the residents of the Friendship Service Center, we were asked to make financial contributions for gift cards to local shops and restaurants. We raised over \$700 in donations and gift cards to brighten the holidays of our friends at FSC.

I am so grateful for this church and our members' generosity of spirit. You have brightened my Advent as well as that of so many others. THANK YOU!

Jessica Watkin, Chair of Outreach

Bible Study: Paul's letter to the Romans

We are studying Paul's letter to the Romans, using Tom Wright's study guide called *For Everyone, Romans*. We have books in the office (\$10/copy), if you would like to participate. Participation does not necessarily mean coming to every (right now virtual) conversation we have. You can obtain a study guide and read Romans on your own or join us when you can. We are always delighted for you to drop in now and again. There is a small group of folks who have taken a deep dive, not only in reading Scripture, but in joining us for Bible study. I hope folks will continue to find strength, wisdom, joy, and comfort in reading God's holy word.

Adult Christian Formation 2020-2021

We are in an exciting Christian Formation program year for our congregation and beyond. We partner with the Spiritual Life Center (SLC), in West Hartford, to present a year on Christian Spiritual Practices. Part of walking the way of Jesus and truly living the Christian life means drawing forever closer to the Divine presence. In our busy lives, however, finding new, creative, and practical ways to live the Christian life and engage in our spiritual journey (we are all on one, by the way) can be very challenging indeed. So, St. James Parish presents, in communion with the SLC, workshops on Christian Spiritual practices.

Praying the Daily Office, The Rev. George Roberts. Tuesday, January 5th, 6: 30–8:30 pm. Fr. George has spent a lifetime utilizing the Daily Office as an integral part of his life of prayer, devotion, and growth in closer awareness to God's call on his life. Fr. George will take us on a journey that will highlight the monastic beginnings of the office and highlight how we can use the Divine office as a tool of prayer of connectivity and walking closer with God.

Ignatian Spirituality, Judy Pluta, BA, MA, Boston College, NYU. Saturday, March 20th, 10 am–2 pm.

Praying with Art, Lisa Hudkins. Saturday, April 17th, 10 am–noon.

Touching on equity, race, reconciliation, & healing

Many of you may have read Mike Whilby's article in an *Epistle* of the recent past. Mike is a member of our church, along with his mom, Anna, and he has brought to us a wealth of energy around issues of inequality, race, disability, and mass incarceration. Mike is a disabilities advocate for the state of CT, so he has a great deal of passion. In the early months of 2021, Mike will be sharing a short reflections on books selected to highlight basic areas where equality and fairness are a challenge but looking at it from a "God's eye view, if you will, which is where these books lay their foundations." We offer, ultimately, videos of these books, which are intended for children, being read by Michael. Secondly, Mike is sharing an short review of a documentary film called *TIME* which speaks for itself I think. We have begun having conversations around race, injustice, reconciliation and healing. My hope is that you will find Mike's words, and the work he is sharing, illuminating.

First Reflection: *God Made Me and You*

Author: Shai Linne

Age Levels: 4–11 years old

This children's book by Shai Linne brings together the essence of celebrating ethnic diversity and also teaching kids (as well as parents) while reinforcing God's message of love and acceptance of all groups of people that make up the world. Shai Linne's ability to make the smooth transition of incorporating children of all ethnicities with passages from the Scriptures (*i.e.*, Revelations 7:9-10, Genesis 1, and Acts 17:26), is a great educational tool for young kids. It allows them to be exposed to the Word of God, while translating His message into positive reaffirmation that will follow them for the rest of their lives. Shai Linne writing is simple, but provide powerful lessons to all Christian families. Let Fr. George know if you would like to "check the book out" of our library. We only have one copy currently.

Second Reflection: *TIME* Documentary

Greetings! Fr. George asked if I would share something in the *Epistle*, as often as possible, that dealt with racial reconciliation, justice, and healing and/or highlighted racial barriers or inequity. I would very much like to recommend

that everyone consider watching a documentary called, *TIME*. This award-winning documentary by Director Garrett Bradley chronicles Fox Rich's quest to free her husband from a nightmarish prison sentence. This film was shown at the 2020 Sundance Film Festival and received rave reviews. Although the film doesn't delve into all the facts surrounding Fox' husband's incarceration, it does breakdown the emotional and psychological toll that it takes on Fox while also highlighting her relentless pursuit of his freedom.

TIME shows how one individual fights all her adult life to change the prison system. Through her lived experience with such a racist institution, Fox shows her resiliency through her strong faith, incredible family, and the loving and lasting bond she consistently shares with her husband. Her relentless advocacy and activism is on full display throughout the film. This film will provide an insight into the dramatic toll having a loved one in prison takes on a family. If you liked, "Just Mercy" and "13th", then you will enjoy this documentary.

Here is the link to watch the full film on Amazon Prime. If you're not a Prime member, you can join for free for 30 days (just make sure to cancel your membership before the 30 days is up if you don't want to get charged a fee).

<https://www.amazon.com/Time-Fox-Rich/dp/B08J7DDGJY>

Thank you,
Mike Whilby

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

Always available, always confidential

Pat Clark
Carol Kirkwood
Donna Pay
Armen Slusarz

Celebration of New Ministry

With God's help and approval from all parties, I hope to begin a new ministry at St. James serving as your deacon. Here's a little about me and the ministry of a deacon. The youngest of a family of five boys, my family attended the Swedish Baptist church where we all exercised our love of music. All my brothers sing and most play instruments as well. I did major in music for one semester in college, but got my best grades in science courses. I discovered this wonderful major called psychology, although I also took a fair number of religion courses and thought about entering the ministry. After some unguided discernment about the ministry option, I enrolled in graduate school in biopsychology and was lucky to get a teaching post at CCSU upon finishing my degree in 1975. Just before moving to CT, Karen Block and I were married in her parents' backyard by a judge named Tannebaum. Both sets of parents wondered about our interfaith marriage (Karen is Jewish), but we've done great somehow. We are blessed with two terrific children, Beth and David, both married with families. We now have 3 grandchildren who we can't wait to embrace when COVID is contained.

Throughout my 70 plus years, I have been a member of several Protestant denominations, including a 20 years span in the Congregational Church. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say I was a member of various church choirs and a supply organist. I finally found my true spiritual home after joining a choir at an Episcopal church (St. John's, West Hartford). From the start, I felt called to do more in my new church home. Soon I was a lay reader conducting services at a nursing home. While sharing the peace with the frail elderly, the Holy Spirit spoke to me in a powerful way. "This is where you need to serve. Find a way to do this." My rector encouraged me to enroll in the Ministry Exploration Program, led by Jane Inrig, where I discerned a call to become a deacon. My deacon training program, led by Donald Richey and Eric Larson, contained a challenging 6-month hospital internship. Ordained in 2007, I was blessed with being posted first at Trinity, Collinsville. Here I served on the very active outreach committee, fulfilling the role of a deacon to bring the needs of the wider world to the congregation.

In the Sunday liturgy, deacons generally read the gospel, bid the confession and give the dismissal. In normal (non-COVID) conditions, deacons set the communion table and assist with the distribution of the elements. Deacons can preach on topics related to our servant ministry and my hope is to preach once a month.

In addition to our parish ministry, deacons are charged with serving the larger community in some capacity. My ministry, since that day in the nursing home, has found me in a variety of senior care facilities and long-term care hospitals. At some point Bishop Ahrens suggested a deacon's post assisting the chaplain at the Seabury Active Living Community. Although I enjoyed my time meeting with Seabury residents on several units, my greatest joy came interacting with the folks at the memory care unit. We spent many happy hours singing and reflecting on the scriptures.

While serving at Seabury, my Sunday morning duties shifted to St. Mark's in New Britain. Deacons typically serve for 3-4 years at a parish and then we must discern a new placement. Because of Seabury posting, Bishop Ahrens allowed me to remain at St. Mark's parish for a much longer period. In the spring of 2020, just before COVID hit, the bishop encouraged me to find a new parish and a new chaplaincy. I had attended St. James, Farmington, several times before COVID shut down my discernment. This summer the time was right to renew my search for community and I found my way to St. James again. Father George warmly welcomed me and we began to discuss a possible role in an outreach ministry to nearby senior living facilities. With Bishop Ahrens and support from the vestry, I'm excited to continue my spiritual journey joining hands and hearts with the good people of St. James Parish.

Doug Engwall, Deacon

Your photo in print or on our 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.

What is spiritual direction?

Spiritual Director and pastor Tom Carr defines it as “Two or more people walking together, seeking to pay attention to the movement of God – which is an ongoing, in process movement. Spiritual direction is a mutual listening for the Spirit’s movement and a fundamental trust among all participants that God is, that God is with us, that God is for us, and that God is actively working in our lives – in ways we can recognize and ways we do not. It is the meeting of two or more people whose earnest desire is to prayerfully listen for the movement of the Spirit.”

On Saturday, December 5th, The Rev. Tom Carr led a small group of folks on a two-hour Zoom journey of getting to know a little more about spiritual direction. We’ve focused a good bit of attention over the last three plus years here at St. James on spiritual growth, pilgrimage, and a desire for spiritual vitality. We are trying to gauge the interest in our parish about the possibility of having a group (maybe more than one!) focused on spiritual direction (spiritual direction can be individually or in a group). We are looking to begin a group (4-7 people) who meet once a month to share, listen, and grow spiritually closer to God. If you would like to know more about group spiritual direction, please get in touch with Fr. George by phone or email.

Minutes of the Vestry of St. James: November 19, 2020

Present via Zoom: Fr. George Roberts, Jessica Watkin, Julia Grieco, EJ Ososki, Robyn Shover, Foster White, Jim Wilkie, Rebecca McFarland, Kim Pereira, Dona Waugh, Tom Nelson, Mimi Hostetter

Minutes: October, 2020

- Mimi moved to accept the minutes with an amendment to the balance of the reserve and investment account to complete month-end number (\$822,000 vs. \$908,000). Foster seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes as amended.

Ministry Reports

Finance/Treasurer's report – October, 2020

- Foster moved to approve the report as submitted; Robyn seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to approve the report.
- Discussion: We are on track with pledges.

Report on the reserve account/investments

- We have a YTD gain of \$72,000 or 7.9% (against an index average of 7%) with \$893,323 total as of 11/17. Gains for the 3rd quarter were \$14,000; so far in the 4th quarter, they are \$58,000.
- We are not back to where we were at the beginning of the year, but we are starting to bounce back. Also, there is a bit more money in the checking account than usual because we divested from Dodge & Cox and haven't yet transferred the full amount into Vanguard.

Discipleship Team – update

- The group is currently studying from the unit on "Sacrificial Service."
- The next step is to write up something more detailed to the entire Parish.
- Then, anyone on the team who feels like they are ready will invite 2–5 people that they will personally lead through a mini-version of the process. This is how the movement expands; the whole point is to build disciples.

Cleaning up the grounds – update

- Tom and Sonia Mason have almost completed the work in the front of the

building and on the side, the rhododendron in the back, and the area around the air conditioner that was so overgrown. The Japanese maple in the front looks beautiful.

- Next they will turn to the median in the parking lot; leveling it and then seeding for grass. We can decide on perennials later.

Spiritual Practices – update

- The first two sessions had 10-11 people each.
- The next session is on Spiritual Direction (on 12/5), hosted by The Rev. Tom Carr (Fr. George's own spiritual director), who will talk about what that process entails.
- Then we will take a little break before a session in January on praying the Daily Office, led by Fr. George and one session in late winter and one in early spring.

Smart Justice Initiative – update

- There was a Zoom on Monday (11/16) with two people from the Smart Justice organization. 22 people were on the call from all over the country. This included 7 or 8 St. James folks who reported lots of positive energy. We should be hearing more about this in the news as the next legislative session starts.
- Smart Justice is a grassroots project of the ACLU. The goal is to give people who have been incarcerated and their families a voice in legislature about their experience post-incarceration. Initiatives include looking at re-entry programs and at the "Clean Slate" program that would expunge records for certain felonies once the parole period is over.
- Fr. George took notes on the call and would be happy to share those with anyone who is interested.

New Business

Discuss possibility of having a Deacon here

- Deacon Doug Engwall has served as a Deacon before and retired from the role. He is now retired from his full-time job (professorship). He had started attending St. James before COVID. He approached Fr. George with the idea of being a Deacon with us.

- The position is a volunteer role. Deacons take a set of vows; called to bring the needs of the world to the church. This is not a pastoral role, but an outreach role. Deacons can start new ministries, etc.
- Deacons also usually serve on Sundays, set the altar for Eucharist, read the Gospel, preach anywhere from as seldom as quarterly to as often as monthly. We looked at a draft letter of agreement that outlined what such an arrangement might look like. We agreed we would like to have Doug come to the next Vestry meeting to introduce himself.

Joining Jesus Initiative

- This is a Diocesan initiative, working with the “Way of Love” that Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his staff developed. It consists of a set of discipleship materials to follow and also provides a way to fundraise for initiatives like Camp Washington or missionary work (regional missionaries), racial justice and equity work, etc. The system is represented by six total “spokes” on a wheel which are areas of interest and participation. Diocese wants all parishes to be involved: either to do the discipleship work or to help with the fundraising.
- We need to know a little more about it and do a little research to decide if we want to be involved in the discipleship work or we might make a donation to one of the initiatives. Vestry will do some research and come to the January meeting ready to discuss this.
- For more specifics, click on this link: <https://www.episcopalct.org/joining-jesus/>

Old Business

New St. James sign – update from Jim Wilkie

- SignPro is familiar with zoning requirements in the historic district and can come up with a proposal that would get past zoning for a small research fee of around \$50. The next step would be to see what size we can get clearance for. This will be money well-spent to get us through the process with the town.
- We are asking for a “45-degree-angle design” which would face both up and

down Mountain Rd. with an angle, and then a step down in cost of a “front-and-back design” which would read straight up and down the road.

Feasibility study

- The first decision is whether we want to proceed with the study. Vestry agrees that we have been talking about this for a long time, there is no “perfect budget year,” our expenses are currently \$21,000 favorable. We agree that we must do the study to know how much the full project would cost.
- The second is which architect to engage for the study. The consensus is to go with Kemper, for their familiarity with local Farmington zoning. EJ moved and Jessica seconded, and there was a unanimous vote to engage Kemper to conduct the feasibility study from the 2020 budget.

Connection around the holidays

- Last fall there were about 15 people who offered to make calls to folks that might have been feeling disconnected or blue or isolated. We’re sending out an Advent letter this year with a devotional series included. It was noted that right now, we are also making Stewardship calls.
- It was noted that last time, people received these “care calls” with such gratitude, and suggested that we wait until mid-January in the post-holiday lull when it’s cold and we’re shut in.

Foster moved to adjourn and Mimi seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote to adjourn. We closed in prayer and adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Notes from the Parish Office

The 2021 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.

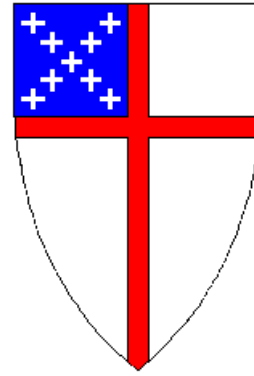
If you pledged for 2021 and requested envelopes, the boxed envelope sets are in the narthex for you to pick-up. Please contact the parish office if you would like your envelope set dropped off at your home.

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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.*

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Mimi Hostetter
Kim Pereira
Robyn Shover

2022

Thomas Nelson
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