

# St. James Parish

## Epistle



April 2021

### Rector's Message

*Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.* Hymnal 1982, #180

The movement from Holy Week, where we will be at the beginning of April - when you receive this newsletter - to where we will find ourselves on April 4, Easter Sunday, Resurrection Day, is incredibly dramatic and profound. We move from the haunting strains of 'Go to dark Gethsemane,' 'It is finished, hear him cry,' to the rapturous, glorious 'Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.' The greatest reversal in the history of creation takes place in the mysteriously dark tomb, beyond Calvary's brutality and shame, as Christ, who has "breathed his last" on Friday is, yet, alive on Sunday by God's amazing power.

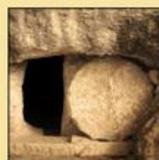
I look forward to moving through Holy Week's agonizing remembrance of us nearly losing Jesus to the enemy of darkness and death to the eternal and blinding light of His Resurrection at Easter. We see and hear Christ's Passion, unable to look away, between Palm Sunday and Easter, because we know that nothing can hold back the tidal wave of love that God has planned in Christ's final victory over all that would separate us from God. The terror and pain of Christ's journey from rabbi to pariah, healer to demon, teacher to blasphemer is the marker of Holy Week. The reversal of Jesus goes backward, to hell and back, before we can drink from the fountain of eternal life because of Christ's obedient love in giving it all up for us, one last time, on the that barren, bloody Cross.

So, Easter is for rejoicing. Easter is for family. Easter is for remembering that we

are bound to nothing and no one except in and through God, because of Christ's generosity. I find, as I alluded to above, great solace, strength, courage, and hope in the great hymns of Easter. One of my favorite hymns (a family favorite, too) proclaims: "He is risen, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice; he has burst His three days' prison; let the whole wide world rejoice." Christ, who was rabbi and then pariah, hearing calls for His own execution, is more than Son of God now; He is our Risen, saved, and enduring Lord.

I have always equated Easter, since my own youth, with unbridled happiness, hope, and blessing. We have been through, all of us, in different measure, the hellish last year under COVID's dark shadow. We have been worn out, isolated, diminished and oft-despairing. Yet, I have found that more folks, as warmer days arrive and they receive their first vaccinations (or the promise of them), are beginning to vocalize a feeling something like resurrection. We are missing each other, at church, family gatherings, concerts, and so much more and anticipate being together again. As long as we have been down, the greatest gift of this new season is the new day of blessing brought to us in Christ's triumph over death, division, pain and sin. God has had mercy on his people. Christ gave us all in the name of love. Alleluia!

In Christ,  
Fr. George+



## Warden's Corner

### Hope

I start each morning with prayer and meditation. I ask God to guide me. I pray that He not give me any more than I can handle for today. I don't think about tomorrow, just today. Then I do some readings and morning meditation. Recently one of my daily readings was on hope and spirituality.

Spirituality involves our attitudes and perceptions as well as our prayers. Spirituality requires a realistic awareness of what we need and what we have been given. Spirituality sees beyond the problems into the solution.

Hope is a feeling that is based on a spiritual perception of life that shuns apathy and negativity. Everything can be used for good if it is perceived realistically.

With the world as it is today due to COVID, we can all sure use a little faith and hope and for me I can see the light at the end of the tunnel. My wife Donna and I have both received our COVID vaccines and can't wait to get out, travel, and visit family and friends once again. I'm sure many of you look forward to doing the same. Soon St. James will be full of people once again, together and worshipping in person.

A Prayer for today: Lord, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognizing what we have in common rather than focusing on what our differences might be. Inspire us to distinguish between what is important and what is not, and open our minds and hearts that we may always be people of good will who bring life and joy by helping others. Amen.

*Jim Wilkie*  
Co-Warden

## 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–5<sup>th</sup> grade meets from 10:40–11 am. 6<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> grades meets from 11–11:20 am.



**Elementary (K–5<sup>th</sup>) 10:40–11 am**

Zoom info is sent out by email each week

## From the Deacon's bench

### *The Power of Forgiveness*

A few years back my Christmas holidays were brightened by an unexpected act of forgiveness granted to me by my niece. The incident causing the hurt had occurred five years previous over a shared summer cottage. At that time, I had used my best logic to explain why our families had grown too large to continue to share this small space. I thought the matter had been settled, but didn't realize that hurt feelings had lingered. An email arrived from my niece who had decided that the hurt had lasted long enough. She offered me forgiveness. I immediately wrote back thanking her and apologizing for my lack of sensitivity. My lack of awareness of the hurt shocked and saddened me. I thought of all the occasions we had been together over those intervening years without taking the time to clear the air. This act of forgiveness was the best gift I received over that holiday season. It reminded me of the power of forgiveness, beautifully described in this passage from Brother Ramon's *Way of Love* (1995).

If forgiveness does not have free play among us, then we have seriously to question whether we have truly received the divine forgiveness that melts the heart. It is not that God withholds forgiveness, but we erect barriers, close doors, harden our hearts, so that we are not capable of receiving, and therefore offering to others, true forgiveness.

A friendship can only mature if differences and divergent views and temperaments are acknowledged, appreciated, and allowed for. Otherwise, estrangement takes place, turning to alienation, with the loss of spontaneity and peace. If we do not forgive, then we cannot be forgiven.

As we enter this Lenten season, I can think of no better time to seek and grant forgiveness. Often, as in my case, the other party may not know your feelings were hurt and it does take courage to start the conversation. All the world's religions teach us not to bear hurt and resentment that may turn to anger. A Buddhist teaching says this clearly. Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned. My invitation for this Lenten season is that we practice more acts of random forgiveness. We may experience this winter season feeling just a bit warmer.

*Doug Engwall, Deacon*

## Confirmation Corner

Due to a scheduling conflict, we will have our 6<sup>th</sup> VIRTUAL confirmation class on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from noon–2 pm. This month Confirmands will explore the role that power plays in living out our call to be Christ's body in the world. Youth will also learn to use a concordance to help them select a passage of Scripture to memorize.



Peer Mentors are asked to attend this session from noon–1 pm

Friendly reminder to all confirmands that the March assignment will be posted on the Google Classroom following our March class and is due on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Confirmands should also be attending church school virtual at least twice a month!

If you have any questions or need a copy of the Confirmation Expectations feel free to reach out at [amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com)

## Youth Ministry Updates

Happy Spring St. James!!! As a friendly reminder we will not be having Church School April 4<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) or April 11<sup>th</sup> (Spring Break).

We will resume Church School April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 am! Topics for the month of April include Jesus ascending into Heaven and the Holy Spirit.

Please remember there are 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) 11 am-11:20 am-  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4640951232?pwd=SFpjRW9GdkxpM1JzQUJWZ0JGWEdhaQT09>

Meeting ID: 464 095 1232

Passcode: 8EmEcb

- Amy Steele, Youth Minister

## Bible Study: the prophet Jeremiah

Adult Formation continues with Bible Study in March. Sundays at 11 am we are exploring the Book of Jeremiah. Jeremiah is a departure, our first foray in our currently constructed Bible Study, to venture into the Old Testament and/or a book of a major prophet. Jeremiah is believed to have been in prophetic ministry from 627 BCE and ending sometime at the outset of the Babylonian exile in or around 586 BCE. Jeremiah's active years cover a stunning 40 years beginning with the last faithful king, Josiah, and ending with the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians. We use a study guide by Matthew S. Harmon, copies of which we have in the office. Please let Fr. George know if you would like a copy. The book highlights themes, oracles, and the hope that we find in Jeremiah, despite its dire warnings. We are reading, using the study guide, the entire text of Jeremiah over the course of 3 months.

## Adult Christian Formation series concludes

We've enjoyed an exciting Christian Formation program year. Partnered with the Spiritual Life Center (SLC), in West Hartford, we've offered a year on Christian Spiritual Practices. The final workshop is on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. You may register for the April workshop at <http://bit.ly/PrayingArt>

*Praying with Art*, Lisa Hudkins.

**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am–**

**noon.** Lisa is a retired educator with 40 years in education teaching many grade levels as well as

mentoring student teachers and beginning teachers. Lisa is a graduate of the Spiritual Director Internship program at the Spiritual Life Center in West Hartford. Lisa runs various book clubs and retreats at Lourdes in Litchfield. She enjoys bringing her love of contemplation and body wisdom into her life. Join us, with Lisa, as we enter the sacred practice of creating Mandalas. A Mandala is a sacred container that can become a treasured spiritual practice for you. All you need are your thoughts, and a circle to be on your way to creating a sacred conversation between you and God.



## Prayer Team

From time to time, the Prayer Team shares something that we have found helpful, in the hope that you may find it helpful too. In this poem, the writer describes the Love of God... complete, for you and for me.

### Love Overcame

Love Emerging from a cold tomb  
All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living  
God  
Transforming a broken heart  
Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful  
garden  
The gravestone rolled away, to release  
redemptive love  
Jesus resurrected and restored  
Comforts a weeping woman  
Speaks with travelers on a journey  
Meets with his faithful friends  
And they bow down before Christ alive  
And acknowledge that the savior has arrived  
That the way of God has come alive  
And that the extraordinary transformation of  
heaven and earth  
Is complete

Julie Palmer

St. James Prayer Team ...  
Praying together for you  
*Always available, always confidential*

Pat Clark  
Carol Kirkwood  
Donna Paye  
Armen Slusarz

## 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.

## Easter Craft Bags Available!

We have put together craft bags for the youth and children for families to use this Lenten season! They are in the narthex for families to pick up anytime between now and Easter!



The bags have a variety of crafts, all with different notes and lessons! You can make Holy Week Wreath Craft Kit, Easter Color Books, Easter Egg Magnet Craft Kit, Empty Tomb Prayer Box, and more! **Please take one per youth/child.**

If you can, please send pictures of completed crafts or crafts in action to [amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com) so we can share them with the congregation!

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2021!

St. James families, you are invited to our new *Saturday* Easter Egg Hunt!

**On Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from noon to 1 pm we will hold a COVID friendly Easter Egg Hunt! We invite all families to join us OUTSIDE (masked and observing social distance) for a fun hour of egg hunting, crafts, and socially distanced fellowship!**

Eggs will be hidden on the front lawn for children to find and there will also be 3 craft stations (one family per station at a time). Also, we will provide snacks and drinks and craft bags to-go!

**We hope you can all join us and, if possible, email [amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com](mailto:amy.sjyouthminister@gmail.com) so we get a general head count!** Also, we are looking for volunteers to help hide the eggs and run the craft stations!

We hope to see you there!! Rain date will be Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am following the Easter Service.



## God's Very Good Idea

Mike Whilby reviews the third and final book in a series that we have highlighted (in January and February) to bring attention to the importance of learning tolerance, acceptance, and buy in to the notion that we are all God's children.

Third Reflection: *God's Very Good Idea*

Author: Trillia Newbell

Age levels: 3-6 years old

This is a much needed book that is artfully done to show that having a disability does not make you an outcast but is just one of God's plans which should be embraced by all of society. Parents who read this book to their kids will quickly realize that part of the message being taught here is laying the groundwork of inclusion. As an individual who works to advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of individuals with disabilities, inclusion is something that we fight for on a daily basis. Incorporating God's essence into this book, the authors are able to help children become more tolerable and empathetic each time they come in contact with other kids and adults with special needs. The foreword by Joni Eareckson Toda (as a person with a disability) gives a little insight into her motivation into writing this beautiful and powerful book. After reading it, I encourage all of you to go to her website: [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org). You will be inspired!

## Celebrating April Birthdays

Karen Young	Ruth Torrence
Donna Wilkie	Eric Johansen
Kathy Roach	Arthur Phinney
Susan Brockman	Wyatt Chambers
Story Cadigan	Judy Reardon
Sarah Brame	Joseph Watkin
Katrina Mason	Jim Thompson
Nina Hayes	



## Easter Story Eggs—a Holy Saturday project

### Ingredients:

1 cup whole pecans  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
3 egg whites  
pinch of salt  
ziploc bag,  
wooden spoon  
tape  
Bible



Preheat oven to 300°.

Place the pecans in the bag and seal it. Read *John 19:1-3*, the account of Pilate and the soldiers beating Jesus after he was arrested. Let the children beat the nuts with the wooden spoon until they are in small pieces.

Let each child smell the vinegar as you pour it into a mixing bowl. Read *John 19:28-30*, in which Jesus is given vinegar to drink when he is thirsty.

Add the egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life; consider how Jesus gave up his life so that we might have life.

Sprinkle a little salt in each child's hand and have them taste it. Put a pinch of salt into the bowl and explain that Jesus' followers shed salty tears of sorrow. Read *Luke 23:27*.

Add the sugar to the sour ingredients in the bowl. The sweetness represents Jesus' gift to us, dying to show us how much God loves us. Read *Psalms 34:8* and *John 3:16*.

Beat the mixture in the bowl for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks form. The mixture will be white, representing the purity of those whose sins have been forgiven by Jesus. Read *Isaiah 1:18*.

Fold in the broken nuts. Drop the cookies by teaspoons onto a wax paper covered cookie sheet. Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus was laid. Read *Matthew 27:57-60*.

Put the cookies into the oven, close the door and turn off the oven. Give each child a piece of tape to seal the oven door and explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read *Matthew 27:65-66*.

Tuck the children into bed, leaving the cookies overnight. Read *John 16:20 and 22*, relating how sad Jesus' followers were when his tomb was sealed.

On Easter morning, remove the tape from the oven door and see that the insides of the cookies are hollow, as Jesus' tomb was empty on Easter morn. Read *Matthew 28:1-9*.

## Joining Jesus Initiative

Bishop Ian Douglas, with the support of the Diocesan Convention, has introduced a series of initiatives in response to the changes in Americans attitudes toward religious engagement here in Connecticut and across the country. As he points out in the ECCT (Episcopal Church in Connecticut) web homepage video in which he describes the initiatives, “in the last ten years, the number of American adults who identify as a Christian has decreased 12%, and it seems like the church as we have known it is declining.” My experience teaching Comparative World Religion over the past seven years supports this finding. The number of students taking the class who say that they belong to a religion and those who practice a particular faith has decreased to the point where I find it necessary to explain what religion is, before we can examine different faith practices. The initiatives are both a response to this decline, and an action plan to respond to it. They are also a recognition that as a people, we value our communities, our connection with God, and each other. The initiatives are directed, therefore to community building within our Episcopal identity.

There are five parts in the initiative:

1. Create a fund so that Regions can give grants to parishes which propose programs that “will enrich and invigorate our common life as Episcopalians participating in God’s mission.”
2. Transform Christ Church Cathedral into a multi-purpose space to serve ECCT and the community. This initiative would maintain the Cathedral as “the Episcopal Cathedral” for the Diocese of Connecticut but make the space more flexible, provide handicap accessibility, with modern restrooms, improved heating and cooling, while maintaining “the historic character and remarkable architecture of the building. As the Cathedral’s parish has decreased, as have the number of weekday services, there needs to be a rethinking of the way the building is used and how to bring more people into the building, while at the same time protecting this landmark. I have thought of this project as making Christ Church Cathedral a little like the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, or the National Cathedral in Washington, where both services and concerts take place.

3. Another initiative is intended to support intentional Christian communities, developing college chaplaincies, and creating intergenerational shared housing.
4. Expanding Camp Washington’s capacity to serve as a resource for Christian formation for all ages is an important initiative. It, like the Cathedral, needs some updating. Once the facilities are enhanced it can serve as a source for Christian formation for both youth and adults in the form of retreats, workshops and seminars. It is a wonderful facility that with a little sprucing-up and planning can provide programs and meeting space for the whole diocese.
5. The last of the initiatives is the continued promotion of racial healing, justice, and reconciliation. This is a topic that has gained national attention in the last year and which the diocese has been working on rather consistently but, as is evident in the daily news reports, requires more attention.

Obviously, these initiatives come with a cost. Bishop Douglas is hoping to raise about \$4 million to support these projects. A good bit of the money has begun to come in from various parishes who responded more immediately to the request. St James Vestry has been discussing it for several months, and at last month’s meeting concluded that with our limited resources the most we could donate to these causes is \$300, but that a request the Parish for additional funds might increase the contribution. Therefore, I am asking that people read this article with the thought in mind of what you can contribute to add to the Vestry’s donation. Consider the projects, and the impact they will have on religious life in Connecticut. If you choose to contribute your amount can be included in your pledge check with the amount to go to the ECCT Initiatives noted in the memo line on the check. Or a separate check made out to *St James Parish* with the notation in the memo line that it is for the ECCT Initiatives.

If you have questions or comments regarding these projects, please feel free to contact me, and I will be happy to answer whatever I can or direct you to whoever can best provide an answer to your question. Please consider the merit of these initiatives and how you can help.

Blessings, *Mimi Hostetter*

## Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week, which begins on March 28<sup>th</sup> with Palm Sunday, is the most important week of our liturgical year. Often called "Passion Week," the week following the Sunday of Palms should bring us to a fuller and deeper understanding and appreciation of how much God loves us and sacrificed for us. As Christians Holy Week accelerates our reflections on the Passion and death of Jesus, even as we prepare for Easter. I encourage you to participate in as many services as is possible for you and your family during the course of the week.



**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday** – We are excited to celebrate Palm Sunday, weather permitting, with a gathering

on the lawn for the Liturgy of Palms. Folks are invited to come and gather, socially distanced, wearing a mask, on the front lawn. Everyone will receive a palm, and, after the opening liturgy, our ushers will help direct folks indoors during the processional hymn, played by a guest trumpeter. If weather is inclement or too cold, we will gather in the sanctuary from the beginning of the service. Stay tuned for updates.



**Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.**

**Tenebrae** – Tenebrae literally means 'darkness' or 'shadows' in Latin. We present a series of wonderful readings

as 7 candles are extinguished one at a time, until even the "Christ" candle is hidden, as if in the tomb. Tenebrae prepares us for the coming three days of Holy Week.



**Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m.,**

**Maundy Thursday** – Maundy

is from the Latin *maunde*, *mande*, and *mandatum*,

meaning "an order." On the night before Jesus died He said to His disciples, "a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another" (John 13:34). Anyone who wishes has the opportunity to keep vigil with Jesus for an hour overnight in the sanctuary where a station is set for the Blessed Sacrament. You may also keep vigil from home for an hour.



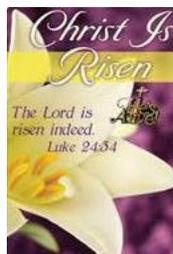
**Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Good Friday** – our mid-day

service will be an intimate, contemplative service with short readings, Taizé music, and much time for reflection. At the 7 p.m. service we will observe the Veneration of the Cross, and taking of Holy Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament, honoring Jesus as He lays dark in the tomb. For a fleeting moment, we feel outside the reach of Jesus, who is taken from us and placed into the ground, away from us. The low point of Holy Week, as Jesus dies on the Cross.



**Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m., The Great Easter Vigil** – we celebrate

Jesus' passing over from death to life, from darkness to light in a wonderful service called The Great Vigil of Easter, beginning at twilight.



**Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at our usual time (9:30 a.m.)** – Jesus is risen indeed! Joy abounds as we celebrate with uplifting music.

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## Music Notes

As we enter into our second Holy Week of the pandemic, I am reminded of our journey, and can't help but notice that in some ways we went through our own "Holy Week" this past year. The promise of hope just around the corner is beginning to spread. And I hope that the lessons we have learned fuel our transformation into a society with more love, compassion, and purpose. This past year has been transformative, so let's move forward into the new!

Our musical community at St. James is looking forward to Easter by preparing an impressive virtual choir project for Easter Sunday. We hope to maintain many of our usual offerings during Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday, when we invite our trumpeter back to bring us into church with some triumphal sounds! We look forward to seeing you in person or online!

*Blake Hansen, Director of Music*

## Minutes of the Vestry of St. James: February 18, 2021

**Present via Zoom:** Fr. George Roberts, Carol Kirkwood, EJ Ososki, Kim Pereira, Jim Wilkie, Mimi Hostetter, Robyn Shover, Tom Nelson, Foster White, Kimberly Faubert, Maina Rice, Anna Whilby

### Ministry Reports

*Finance/Treasurer's report – January 2021*

Kim P. moved to accept the report. Jim seconded.  
Discussion

- Since there have been several snowstorms question should there be a concern with costs as budgeted. As of now not a concern.
- Acknowledged that Miss Porter's removes snow piles from lot and wall which is helpful. Thanked yearly by Fr. George with donation to scholarship fund from discretionary fund.
- Would fixed fee for service would be more helpful to budget. Current contractor has worked out well and fee increases have been. Snow blowing higher cost than plowing. Overall satisfied with service and set-up could always look at fixed fee if needed.

Unanimous vote to accept the report.

### *Discipleship Team Update*

- The group took a break during Advent and is back meeting. Good work being done. 2<sup>nd</sup> segment nearly complete.
- Consider having a few in the group present to parish their experience of the Discipleship sessions and process.

### *St James Sign Update*

- SignPro working with Town zoning process. Cost 10,622.08 all-inclusive of sign and installation. Anonymous donor committed to 1/3 of cost and possibly entire cost, with other possibilities, if needed vs using any budget monies. Hoping to start post installation in April.

Tom moved to approve sign and project. Jim seconded. Unanimous vote to approve sign and project.

### New Business

#### *2020 Parochial Report*

EJ move to accept 2020 Parochial Report as submitted by Parish Administrator. Mimi seconded.

- Area to complete priest info on page 7.

- 2020 report had additions to address concerning ways churches reach out providing services etc. given the pandemic.

2020 Parochial report unanimously accepted with provision of completing page 7.

### Old Business

#### *Joining Jesus Initiative*

- For more specifics, click on this link: <https://www.episcopalct.org/joining-jesus/>
- Diocese expects our participation. There are 6 areas addressed by the diocese. We can participate with providing resources of people and/or monetary donation and can designate area to support. An area vestry has been considering is Camp Washington.
- Further inform parishioners on areas through *Epistle* and announcements where donations from parishioners could be earmarked to specific area(s) of their own choosing. Mimi will write up summary of the 6 initiative areas for parishioners to donate as they choose.

Kim P moved that we give a one-time donation of \$300 to this initiative, earmarked for Camp Washington from Outreach. Foster seconded it. All were in favor.

#### *Evangelism*

Review of what is needed for the coming year to focus on and have conversations about

- What do we do well? Who are we? Who do we wish to be as a parish? Who is missing? Age groups/ demographics that other parishes may not focus on. Reach out more completely to Farmington Valley.

Feasibility study "Radical Welcome" – soon we should have some architect floor plans which will address being more accessible.

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St James Parish 2023 form team to begin discussions.

Robyn moved to adjourn. Foster seconded.

Unanimous vote to adjourn. We closed in prayer and adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Carol*

Carol Kirkwood, Clerk

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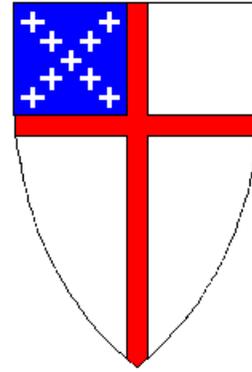
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### MISSION STATEMENT:

*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.*

#### STAFF

The Rev. George C. Roberts	Rector
The Rev. Doug Engwall	Deacon
Amelia (Amy) Steele	Youth Minister
Blake Hansen	Director of Music
Susan Deming	Parish Administrator
Kelly Nauss	Sexton
Laura Vacca	Nursery Supervisor

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Kim Pereira & Jim Wilkie, Wardens  
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Carol Kirkwood, Parish Clerk

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##### 2021

Mimi Hostetter  
Kim Pereira  
Robyn Shover

##### 2022

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Foster White  
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