



The MESSENGER

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH ON THE HILL
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!

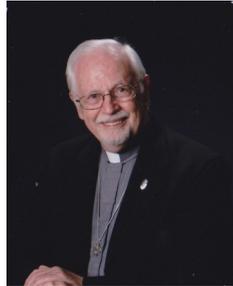
MAY 2020

All worship and parish activities are temporarily paused
to keep our community safe.

NOTES FROM FR. PETE

Dear Friends:

It seems like months ago when we last met for worship, and when I go to the church to collect mail and process papers, everything looks forlorn and sad.



However, our faith tells us that "this too shall pass." As we move towards reopening, preparations are being made to assist us in the "new normal." We have ordered an infra-red thermometer and are working on getting masks, because both will be required by the Bishop. We have marked off seating places in church and find that, with proper social distancing, we can accommodate 25 people; perhaps more if we can count couples as one and the family with children sit in the front pews. The bad news is that we will not be having pot-lucks or coffee fellowship for some time to come. Unless the Bishop has changed his mind, only the bread will be distributed at communion. Wine will be consecrated and your priest, representing the congregation, will take a ceremonial sip.

As things develop, I will be sure to keep you all in the loop. In the meantime hold each other in your prayers and continue to check up on one another.

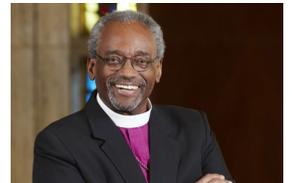
Fr. Pete

SPRING CLEANING

Our Junior Warden, Joe Castonguay, organized a work party to clean up the church grounds. Last Sunday, Alex and Marley, Kit, Whitney, Elizabeth and Christian all went over and worked on the yard. Joe came in later to trim the branches off the trees, etc. It looks great! A special thank you to all for stepping forward and doing that.

PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY'S WORD TO THE CHURCH: What Would Love Do? April 29, 2020

"As our seasons of life in the COVID-19 world continue to turn, we are called to continue to be creative, to risk, to love. We are called to ask, *What would unselfish, sacrificial love do? What would love do?*



Love is the community praying together, in ways old and new. Love finds a path in this new normal to build church communities around being in relationship with God. Love supports Christians in spiritual practices. Prayer, meditation, study. Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest."

To read/see the entire message, go to this link:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/presiding-bishop-michael-currys-word-to-the-church-what-would-love-do/>

***“I loved this poem published in the Grace,
Bainbridge newsletter!”***

The Rt. Rev. Greg Rickel, Bishop of Olympia

When you go out and see
the empty streets, the empty stadiums,
the empty train platforms,
don't say to yourself, “it looks like the
end of the world.”

What you are seeing is love in action.

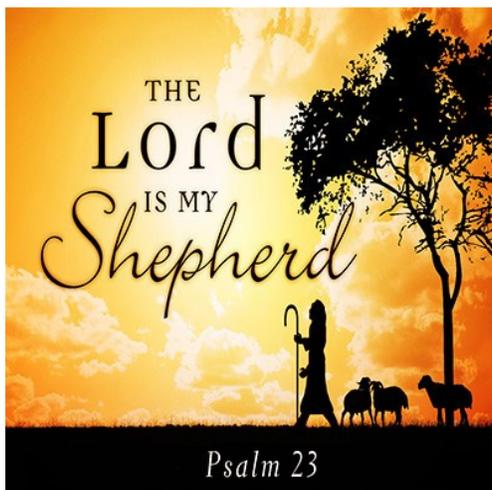
What you're seeing in that negative space
is how much we do care
for each other,
for our grandparents, for our immune-
compromised brothers and sisters,
for people we will never meet.

People will lose their jobs over this,
some will lose their businesses,
and some will lose their lives.

All the more reason to take a moment
when you're out on your walk, or on your
way to the store, or just watching the
news,
to look into the emptiness and marvel at
all that love.
Let it fill you and sustain you.

It is not the end of the world,
it is the most remarkable act of global
solidarity we may ever witness.

-Anonymous

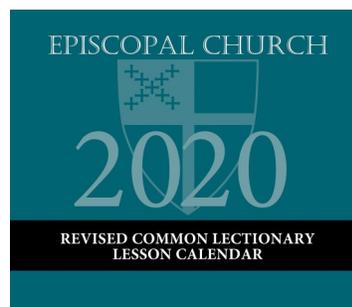


WHAT ARE YOU READING?

These stay at home days are perfect for catching up on our reading. Donna was kind enough to share her recent reading list. Have you read any of these? Once we are gathering again, it would be great to have a book club at church. What do you think?

- ◆ BLOWOUT-by Rachel Maddow- takes a look at the corrupt industry of oil and gas, well written, easy to read
- ◆ 1491-by Charles G Mann- a look at what life was like in the America's before Columbus. Eye opening, long meandering book but has visuals!!
- ◆ PROBLEM FROM HELL-by Samantha Power-Power (former ambassador to UN) takes the reader from Armenia - Kosovo and tries to answer the question why American leaders fail to stop the genocides.
- ◆ JUST MERCY - by Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. True story of Walter McMillian (a poor, black man) sentenced to die for a murder he did not commit.
- ◆ HOW TO CHANGE YOUR MIND-by Michael Pullan -What the science of psychedelics teaches us about consciousness, dying, addiction, depression and transcendence. What I learned is it's been a longer stranger trip than I could have imagined.
- ◆ MY OWN WORDS by Ruth Bader Ginsburg- This is a collection of her essays and speeches over the years, a hard read (written like a lawyer) but well worth ploughing through and finding the genius in her words. What a national treasure RBG is her work on Women's rights is immeasurable.

ST. GERMAIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



Therese Frye	Rotator cuff surgery
Megan	Cancer
Kim Elderkin	Broken shoulder
Samuel Peters	Surgery
Anne K.	Heart failure (on dialysis)
Carlos Craff	Cancer
Ed	Stage 4 cancer
Ava	Caregiver
Alex	Cancer
Frank Lakeman	
Jackie Hughes	Back surgery
Beverly	Mental health
Kevin	Cancer
Kathy	Grand mal seizures
Sandy	Anxiety
Ray	Cancer
Marj Jacobsen	Broken arm
Steve Thompson	Cancer
Linda	Cancer
Buck	Cancer
Alan	Cancer

May 3rd Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10
Psalm 23

May 10th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

May 17th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21
Psalm 66:7-18

May 24th, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

*First of all, then, I urge that
supplications, prayers, intercessions,
and thanksgivings be made for all people*

1 Timothy 2:1

I am hopeful. Very hopeful. I believe in the God of Love and through that Love I know all matter of things shall be well, and I also firmly believe that hope alone is not an action, but that out of hope, comes action. Let's be what we profess to be, in all the times we are together, the people of the Spirit, people of hope, people of action, people of care for others, those we know, and those we don't. Because Paul was right, and is right now, "to set our minds on the flesh is death, but to set our minds on the Spirit, is life and peace."

The Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel

**TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH 2020**

Operating Revenues	2,627.00
Grants	415.00
Operating Expenses	<u>3,146.00</u>
Net	(104.00)
 YTD NET	 (2,077.00)



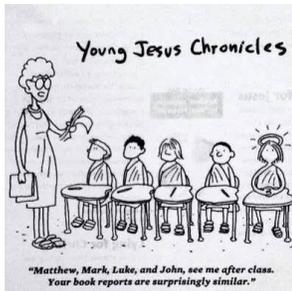
May Birthdays

Gerald Frye

Bill Sides



Please us know if you are unwell or if you need care, meals delivered, groceries, or other necessities. Do not hesitate to let us know your need. Continue to reach out to your neighbors, particularly those whom you might not have contacted previously. Let's care for one another and continue to hold our community in prayer.



We are sending out regular emails to you and ask that if you are not receiving these, please let us know.

Visit our website and Facebook page for more information, updates, resources, Diocesan messages, daily devotions and prayer that enables us to stay grounded in God and connected with each other.

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MISSION STATEMENT

So that ALL may know and serve God, our mission is to let the love of Christ shine brightly in our daily lives by being a welcoming, nurturing, and supportive community grounded in God's Word and Sacraments

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