



The Beacon

*In thy light shall we see light.
Psalm 36:9*

March 2018

Jesus, Remember Me
by the Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehutt

One of the charms of golden retrievers is that they are not afraid to let you know how they feel. They are particularly clear about their desire to be with people. Our golden positions himself either directly alongside a family member or between that person and the door to ensure that he is never left behind in an empty room. Additionally, as soon as he senses that we are preparing to leave the house, he stations himself in the mudroom lest he miss an opportunity to hop into the car. He is not an anxious dog, and he does go to his crate as told. He simply demonstrates what most people keep inside, a desire to be with someone. As an introvert, I know that there is great value in being alone for a period of time. Still, most people do not want to be totally alone all of the time. It is just that people are not quite as obvious about their feelings as golden retrievers.

The problem of loneliness is so much a reality that earlier this year Prime Minister Theresa May appointed a “minister for loneliness” to address the issue in Great Britain. It is a problem for older adults who become isolated as they age, for middle-aged people who are afraid of losing their jobs, and for teenagers who feel the pressure associated with social media. Maybe you have experienced loneliness or know someone who has.

One of the great gifts of Christian community is connection with one another, with the world, and with God. We come together each week for worship, fellowship, and education and we are sent into the world to love and to serve. It might sound silly, but one reason we wear nametags and have a photo directory is that calling one another by name decreases the distance between us. Similarly, we provide meals in Phoenixville, scarves for St. James School, and prayer shawls for the ill and hospitalized in part because these tangible gestures remind people that someone cares and that they are not alone. This is God’s assurance to us as well.

Even the disciples did not want to be left alone, and Jesus took great care in preparing them for his death. Recall the story in John 13 of Jesus washing the feet of his friends and comforting them. “Little children, I am with you only a little longer. . . I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

Lent continues and as this month draws to an end we will enter into Holy Week with its special and incredibly moving services. We begin with Palm Sunday on March 25, with our usual three morning services and Evensong at 4 p.m. On Wednesday we will have the Stations of the Cross. Maundy Thursday brings our *agape* meal, followed by Holy Eucharist with foot washing and the stripping of the altar. On Friday we will offer the Good Friday liturgy at 7 A.M. and will host the Paoli area three-hour service of the Seven Last Words from 12 NOON until 3 P.M. The Easter Vigil will be held in the barn on Saturday evening, this year in partnership with St. Francis in the Fields, Malvern. On Easter morning we maintain our usual three-service schedule with special music at 9 and 11:15, and an Easter egg hunt after the 9 o’clock service. I invite you to join me this Holy Week and Easter. Be reminded that God would do anything for God’s people, out of love.

Growing More Fully into Christ: Exploring the Rite of Confirmation

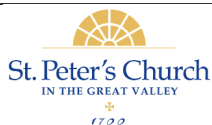
by the Rev. Kyle J. Babin

Our 2017-18 youth program brochure includes these words from the Letter to the Ephesians, 4:14-15: "We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." I find it striking and significant that the writer likens the journey of faith to growing maturity, which is ultimately based in love for Christ. Young adulthood is, of course, a time of many changes: in emotions, in hormones, in schooling, in relationships, and in perspective, to name a few. This period in young people's lives can rub uneasily against life in the Church because questions relating to faith quite naturally abound and, frankly, the Church has not always done a stellar job of listening to the stories of her youth and of engaging in dialogue. A deep faith is one that arises out of disciplined commitment in the midst of overwhelming uncertainty. Every person's experience of faith is different. And yet I'm encouraged that we have a core of youth at St. Peter's who come together regularly to worship and share fellowship in our youth meetings. Commitment is there.

Along with a commitment to showing up at church, many youth long for a substantial, sacramental assent to the vows usually made on their behalf as infants in Holy Baptism. In fact, *The Book of Common Prayer* (p. 412) assumes this to a certain extent: "In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the bishop." These days there is much confusion in the Episcopal Church about the role of confirmation. As Episcopalians we hold quite clearly that full initiation into the Body of Christ, the Church, occurs at baptism. *Nothing is lacking in terms of what God bestows through the power of the Holy Spirit at baptism.* Then what about confirmation? The realities of young adulthood and of growing consciousness and maturity necessitate something more than knowing the fruits of baptism. Since Christian faith lasts a lifetime, it is important to mark, within the context of a worshipping community, a recommitment to the baptismal promises made early in life. This is the beauty, joy, and importance of Confirmation as a sacramental rite in the Church.

Since it has been a while since St. Peter's offered confirmation for youth, during the 2018-19 program year we intend to offer substantive formation for young people in ninth grade and above who are interested in making a mature, public affirmation of their faith before a bishop, who stands as a walking sign of the connection between the modern church and the church of the apostles. While we are still developing plans for scheduling, curriculum, and other aspects of this future program, we are seriously committed to it. The Episcopal Church is waking up to the many fruits that arise within parish life and the wider church when it demands something substantial from members, and especially from its young people. I expect that confirmation preparation at St. Peter's will be an amazing and joyous experience for all involved – youth, parents, and most importantly, the parish community.

If you and your teen are interested in confirmation next year, please let me know (kyle@stpetersgv.org). I am excited about the discoveries we will make as we journey together in faith and maturity!



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HOLY WEEK at ST. PETER'S



Holy Week is an important devotional and liturgical occasion for Episcopalians. Join us during this holiest of weeks; if you are away, please worship at a church wherever you are.

March 25

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist

8 (church), 9 (barn), & 11:15 A.M. (church)

Choral Evensong

4 P.M. (church)

March 28

Stations of the Cross

featuring Jauneth Skinner's etchings

12 NOON (barn)

March 29

Maundy Thursday

Agape meal

6:30 P.M. (parish hall)

Maundy Thursday liturgy

with foot washing and stripping of the altar

7:30 P.M. (church)

Maundy Thursday Watch

9 P.M. through 7 A.M. Friday

(See p. 4 for details about all three.)

March 30

Good Friday

Good Friday liturgy

7 A.M. (church)

Seven Last Words (jointly with Paoli area churches)

12 NOON to 3 P.M. (barn)

March 31

Easter Eve

The Great Vigil of Easter (jointly with St. Francis in the Fields)

7 P.M. (barn)

Festive reception following

April 1

Easter Day

Holy Eucharist

8 A.M. (church)

Festal choral Eucharist

with brass and tympani

9 and 11:15 A.M.

Easter egg hunt for children through 6th grade after the 9 A.M. service

Agape Meal

It has become our tradition on Maundy Thursday to gather around many tables arranged as one large table in the parish hall to share an *agape* meal of simple, Mediterranean-style finger food. The Maundy Thursday liturgy begins during this meal during which we also have time for conversation with each other. We proceed directly from the table into the church for the service, which includes foot-washing, Eucharist, and the stripping of the altar. We depart in silence. All are encouraged to take part in both the traditional *agape* meal and the service, but attending only the service is of course an option.

Participants in the meal are asked to bring any one of the following foods, *already plated and ready to set on the table*, and to please indicate their selection on the sign-up sheet in either gathering space:

Figs, dates, or dried apricots	Olives
Cheese--sliced or cubed	Nuts
Smoked fish	Grapes or tangerines
Hard-boiled eggs	Wine or fruit juice
Hummus and pita bread cut in wedges	

Maundy Thursday Night Watch

We will keep watch over the altar of repose in the church throughout the night from the end of the Maundy Thursday service until 7 A.M. on Good Friday. Parishioners are invited to come and keep watch for an hour during the vigil. This is a time when all is quiet. It is a time to wonder about the disciples during that night when so much that they knew seemed to be giving way; while we know how the story ends--or actually becomes a new beginning--they did not. It is a time to wonder about Jesus as he knew what he must do. Did he know he had love enough to do it? Whatever direction that wondering might choose to go in, sitting for an hour before the stripped altar provides an empty space for thoughts, prayers and stirrings of the Spirit and is meaningful in the busy context of Holy Week.

If you can, please plan to spend an hour at St. Peter's during this night; sign-up sheets are available in both gathering spaces. A choir member will remain in the church throughout the night for our safety.

Our Ongoing Exploration of Holy Week Liturgies

On the first three Sunday mornings in March, at adult Christian formation we continue our deep dive into the unique liturgies of Holy Week. Join us in the barn at 10:20 to learn more!

March 4	Maundy Thursday, Abigail Nestlehutt
March 11	Good Friday and Stations of the Cross, Kyle Babin
March 18	Easter Vigil, Abigail and Mark Nestlehutt



Christian formation for all ages will be on recess on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS CONTINUE
Wednesdays, 6 to 8 P.M.

Lenten Soup Suppers – Contemporary Ethics and the Episcopal Tradition

by Melissa Shaner

Our Wednesday evening Lenten soup suppers got off to a great start in February, with lots of folks entering into conversations about applying Anglican moral reasoning to challenging issues that we encounter in our daily lives. This month, two guest leaders and our own clergy will lead us in discussing how to approach moral quandaries and frame questions as conscientious Christians.

On March 7, we will consider sexuality and gender issues, exploring the opportunities and challenges presented, for example, by the ordination of non-straight clergy, marriage equality, transgender experiences, and the incorporation of LGBTQ people into the church. Our leader will be April Fredericks of Integrity Bethlehem, which was founded in 1974 to share God’s inclusive love with the Episcopal Church and the LGBTQ community through worship services, educational programs, social events, and outreach activities.

On March 14, we will focus on end-of-life issues and the intersection of faith, ethics, and medical care in the context of health care in the 21st century. How does being a Christian inform decisions we make about invasive treatment, life support, and assisted suicide? What kinds of questions might we face, and what steps are involved in resolving dilemmas? Deacon Jeff Moretzsohn of Good Samaritan, Paoli, will lead us; as a Clinical Pastoral Education resident at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, he provides pastoral care to patients, families, and staff in the emergency, trauma, and intensive care units.



On March 21, Abigail Nestlehutt and Kyle Babin will lead a wrap-up of what emerged from the first four discussions, focusing on how we might apply Anglican moral reasoning to issues surfacing, for example, in our workplaces, neighborhoods, or social gatherings.

Come to the parish hall at 6 P.M. for a simple meal and fellowship; the program begins at 6:30 and runs until 8. Please RSVP to the parish office if you plan to attend. If you can provide a pot of soup or bread, please use the food sign-up sheets in either gathering space to let us know! Come for as many sessions as you can of this exciting opportunity to grow in understanding and knowledge of one another and of how we live out our faith in the world. And consider inviting a friend or neighbor!

Comfort[ing] Food

**Pastoral Care
Corner**



Some of the simplest things can often bring us comfort – caring words from a friend, a thoughtful card received in the mail or by email, or comfort food delivered to our doorstep. Such gestures as these are tangible ways of being comforted and they are also ways for us to bring comfort to others. A hand-delivered casserole gives respite from preparing a dinner; a pot of soup provides warmth and nourishment; a pie or cake puts a smile on a face. Simple gestures say we care.

The pastoral care commission coordinates food deliveries whenever and wherever there is a need. If, or when, you or a loved one would appreciate the comfort of a food delivery, contact Abigail (abigail@stpetersgv.org), Kyle (kyle@stpetersgv.org) or Mary Ann Tatum (maryanntatum5@gmail.com). If you would like to occasionally provide some of these food gifts, deliver them, or do both, contact Holly Hardester(hahardester@gmail.com).

Election of New Vestry Members at the Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting will take place in the barn on **Sunday morning, April 15, following the single 10 A.M. service that day**, when we will all worship together. During the meeting, the parish will elect four new members of the vestry. After meeting in February, the nominating committee (outgoing vestry members Trudi Graves, Dan Houston, Steve Mark, and Terry Michael and at-large members Katharine Campbell, Kathryn Evans, Tom Helm, and Mary Kreek) proposed the following slate of candidates for the vestry class of 2021: Don Cheetham, Doug Jones, Eileen Klein, and Alix Markee.

Any members of the congregation who wish to place an additional name in nomination may do so by submitting to the nominating committee a petition signed by at least ten eligible voting members,* no later than **March 20**. Biographical sketches from all the nominees will appear in the Sunday leaflets at the end of March and in the April *Beacon*.

Please reserve April 15 on your calendar for this important event in our parish life. To be eligible to vote you must be present at the annual meeting unless you requested an absentee ballot in advance of the meeting.

As usual, the service and annual meeting will be followed by a celebratory picnic-style meal. (Details about this will appear later this month.) We have much good news to share and celebrate, so do be sure to be part of this important day.

*Our by-laws define eligible voters as "all confirmed persons of the age of fourteen years or upwards who shall have been worshipers in this Church as their usual place of worship for at least one year." Contact Susan House (610-

The youth group continues to meet regularly on Sunday mornings during formation hour and is currently in the midst of a Bible storytelling project, that involves retelling a Bible story digitally, in video form. They will present the fruits of their labor at the adult forum on Sunday, April 22.



February was a busy month for our young people. On February 10, five of them traveled to New York City, accompanied by Sian Myshko and Kyle, for a fun-filled weekend. Then on Shrove Tuesday the youth group teamed up with the vestry to flip pancakes and host a delicious Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and race, raising a generous amount of money to aid their mission trip to southeast Texas in June. On February 24, our youth group and acolytes joined forces with the St. James School choir in a snow tubing adventure at Bear Creek Mountain Resort.

Looking ahead, on **March 16** the youth group will hold its second annual bake-off to see who can produce the most scrumptious confections. Please RSVP to Kyle (kyle@stpetersgv.org) if you'd like to attend this event from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the common room of the historic church.

Planning is under way for second annual Feast for the Future on Saturday, May 5, to benefit the youth mission trip in June. The theme of this year's event is, appropriately, the Kentucky Derby, and everyone is invited to join in the fun, which begins with special cocktails at 4 P.M., followed by a sumptuous feast prepared by renowned chef Peter Gilmore and served by the youth group. We will have space for only 64 guests at this wonderful event, so mark your calendars now and watch for more information about how to reserve a place; the cost is \$75 per person. You won't want to miss the fantastic food, fellowship, and Kentucky Derby frivolities!



The champion pancake flipper!

In Case You Missed the Pancake Supper and Race . . .



Two champion pancake sous-chefs!

St. Peter's Players Return to Our Stage

After a year's hiatus, St. Peter's Players are already working hard at learning lines and preparing their eighth production, Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite*, slated for May 17, 18, and 19. Be ready to laugh at the antics in this 1968 comedy by Simon, who is often dubbed "America's laugh machine." While this play ran for over a thousand performances on Broadway, our production will offer only four—three evening performances and a Saturday matinée, so mark your calendars now. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.



The play features three couples, each of whom has booked Suite 719 at New York City's venerable Plaza Hotel at differing times in their lives. Each act is filled with the sparkling zingers for which Simon is so well known, but each also contains poignant moments that reflect the lives and troubles of ordinary people. In the original Broadway production, George C. Scott and Maureen Stapleton played all three couples, but this production, directed by John Hunter Orr, will showcase a different cast in each act.

Act I (Visitor from Mamaroneck) introduces us to not-so-blissfully-wedded Sam and Karen Nash, who are revisiting their honeymoon suite in an attempt by Karen to bring the love back into their marriage.

Karen Nash	Lita Haack
Sam Nash	Victor Utz
Bellhop	Nabi Moghadam
Waiter	Don Cheetham
Jean McCormack	Michelle Zielinski

Act II (Visitor from Hollywood) involves a meeting between movie producer Jesse Kiplinger and his childhood sweetheart, now suburban housewife, Muriel Tate. Aware of his reputation as a smooth-talking ladies' man, Muriel has come for a chat between old friends, promising herself she will not stay too long. Jesse, however, has other plans.

Waiter	Don Cheetham
Jesse Kiplinger	Clayton Platt
Muriel Tate	Susan Butterworth

Act III (Visitor from Forest Hills) revolves around Roy and Norma Hubley on their daughter Mimsey's wedding day. Mimsey has locked herself in the suite's bathroom, refusing to leave, and her parents argue frantically about the best way to get their daughter downstairs where the wedding guests are waiting.

Norma Hubley	Melissa Shaner
Roy Hubley	Dave Arnold
Mimsey Hubley	Kayla Cross

Everyone can be part of the fun of the production a month before it happens by attending the preview party in the parish hall on Saturday, April 21, from 6 to 7:30 P.M. Offering an array of *hors d'oeuvres* and beverages suitable for the *Plaza Suite*, the party will also feature John Orr's presentation of his expanded director's notes and perhaps a few surprises. . . . The cost is \$30 per person; details will follow soon.

If you would like to be involved in this production without going onstage as an actor, we can offer you lots of ways to get into the action. If working backstage interests you, please contact production stage manager Katie Franz (610-644-1049) for information about helping with props, makeup, or stage crew. If the "business" end of the production interests you and you would like to solicit ads for the program, sell tickets, or usher, please let Charlene Hanbury know (610- 633-6511 or chanbury@comcast.net).

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH FOOD MINISTRY

Sharing Easter Joy with Darby Mission

Over the past two years a goodly number of St. Peter's parishioners have had the opportunity to prepare and serve dinners at Darby Mission, housed in the Darby Borough Recreation Center and led by the Rev. Doris Rajagopal. The mission is the result of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, Episcopal Community Services, and Darby Borough's joining forces to provide community to Darby residents challenged by poverty.

This Easter season, *all* of us at St. Peter's will have the opportunity to share Easter joy with the people of Darby, whom the Darby Dinner volunteers have come to know, by providing bags of groceries for their Easter dinners. Here's how it will work. Sturdy grocery bags and grocery lists will be available in church for parishioners to take, fill, and return. The listed items will be staples, including scalloped potato mix and the makings for string bean casserole, and of course some Easter candy. When the filled bags are returned to St. Peter's, the food ministry will add a ham or roasted chicken to each bag along with an Easter flower, using some of the funds it received from Alternative Christmas, and will deliver the bags to Darby Mission on Good Friday.

Opportunities abound at Thanksgiving and Christmas to give food, but what better way is there to share the joy of Easter than to provide dinners to our friends at Darby Mission? Watch for the bags in church, and please take one, fill it, and return it by **March 18**, and share this joy.

Feeding God's Sheep at Monday Night Dinners

Much more than a nourishing meal occurs at our Monday dinners at St. Peter's, Phoenixville! When the doors open at 5 P.M., along with a tasty dinner prepared on site and served by our two teams, we also serve warmth and dignity to a friendly, appreciative group of guests seated at tables covered with colorful tablecloths and fresh flowers that brighten the undercroft.

Before the meal, the guests and our volunteers gather and are invited to share news, listen, and pray together. While this brief preparation lasts only a few moments, it is meaningful and encourages a sense of family; for many of the guests this gathering is their family. During the meal, the stories told by the diners lead to conversations that not only inspire us but also help us understand folks who have experienced hardship. Despite those hardships, though, smiles appear all around at this meal as stories unfold.

One gentleman who wanted us to hear his story spoke of his many years as a skilled worker at a local company, all the while building a pension that promised a reward for his contribution to the organization's success. But when the company decided to move out of state, it decided to cut its costs by eliminating pensions. When his union's legal challenge to the company's repudiation of its financial obligation proved unsuccessful, he chose to remain in the community where he was raised. But failing health has prevented him from getting another job, so his life goes on, with dignity, thanks in part to our tasty, nutritious meals and our caring.

The spirited generosity of our food ministry promotes positive, respectful interactions with others. This ministry is not just about serving food, but about helping to build a sense of family and community. We are making a difference. Will you join us in this ministry? Contact Eileen Klein (eileenklein@live.com) if you feel called to become part of it.



2018

Dr. Audrey Evans Scholarship Benefit
The Sound and Spirit of St. James School

MONDAY MAY 21, 2018

6 p.m.

The Union League of Philadelphia
140 South Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102



HONORING

The People of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley
Including the Rev. Abigail Crozier Nestlehurst, Rector
and
Maestro Louis Scaglione
President & Music Director, Philadelphia Youth Orchestra

To volunteer or for more information contact Roshonda Jones
(rjones@stjamesphila.org or 215-226-1276)

Thanks All Around for the Gesundheit Bags

Again this year, both our preschoolers and Sunday-schoolers (see photo on right) took the lead in transforming fifty plain white bags into colorful and cheerful totes and then filling the *Gesundheit* bags with the soothing items our generous parishoners supplied. Thank you to the children and to the many individuals and families who supplied the relief-giving items that will bring cheeriness as well as relief from the flu and colds to patients of The Clinic.



MORE OUTREACH NEWS AND NOTES

Chester Children's Chorus to Sing Mozart's Requiem

The Chester Children's Chorus joins with singers from the Delaware Valley community and a full orchestra in presenting Mozart's *Requiem* on **Sunday, March 18** at 3 P.M. The free concert in the Lang Music Building of Swarthmore College is open to the public, but reservations are required. Registering at cccrequiem.brownpapertickets.com will guarantee admission into the Lang concert hall. When you arrive, pick up your program, which serves as your admission ticket into the hall. Since seating is not assigned, we suggest you come early for the best seats. Doors open at 2:15 P.M.

(If you find that all seats are already reserved when you register, please call CCC (610-328-8180), as some places may become available at the last minute. If you have any questions, please call CCC at this number or send an email to ccc@swarthmore.edu.)

FROM THE VESTRY

Anti-Racism Training

We at St. Peter's have committed to responding to Bishop Gutiérrez' post-Charlottesville challenge to Episcopalians to do our part in ending racism. To that end, in mid-February six parishioners attended the first of four anti-racism training workshops at St. Asaph's, Bala Cynwyd. The series, sponsored and led by the diocesan anti-racism commission, is aimed at enabling clergy and lay leaders to counter the racism we encounter in our daily lives.

The six volunteers who attended the first session will attend future training sessions and continue to meet in the meantime with Abigail, Kyle, and other parishioners who have expressed interest in doing what we at St. Peter's can to eradicate racism. Their goal is to devise an action plan for empowering our whole congregation to recognize the often subtle and unintended forms of racism that human beings are prone to, as well as a plan for helping us, as Christians, to react to both subtle and overt racism when we encounter it.

The next workshop is scheduled for May 19, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., again at St. Asaph's. If you are interested in learning more about the diocesan anti-racism workshops or about our parish's efforts to combat racism, please contact Abigail (Abigail@stpetersgv.org).

Mutual Ministry Review

On Saturday, January 27, the Rev. Robert Tate led the vestry and rector through the annual Mutual Ministry Review (MMR) process, which is an opportunity to look back at the past year to identify accomplishments and challenges as a way to shape goals for the year ahead. At the 2017 MMR, the vestry identified four areas of focus: evangelism/new member ministry, communications, leadership development, and connecting with the diocese and other churches.

While all of these areas remain important to the parish, in 2018 our emphasis will shift a little: while focusing on evangelism/new member ministry and continuing to work on leadership development within the parish, the vestry will also address the areas of small group ministry, outreach, and worship. To ensure that progress is made throughout the year, one or two vestry members volunteer to shepherd each area; to keep ourselves on track, we begin every vestry meeting with updates on our MMR goals.

If you are interested in learning more or wish to be part of one of these efforts, please speak with Abigail or any vestry member.

- Linda Huggler for organizing the Gesundheit bag project;
- Dave Arnold for sanding and painting windows in the church sacristy;
- The ongoing work of the Bad Boys, including oversight of the common room window replacements, removal of a tree along St. Peter's Road, and clearing snow;
- Everyone who made the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper so delicious and so much fun;
- Doug Jones and Bud Coleman for taking responsibility for property issues in Dave Tatum's absence;
- The 5th- and 6th-grade Sunday school classes for making T-shirts to sell for the youth mission trip;
- Sian Myshko and Kyle Babin for shepherding five of our young people on their weekend in NYC;
- The parishioners who participated in Church Farm School's "Rise against Hunger" food relief project;
- The person who made possible the renovations, greatly appreciated by the choir, in the robing room in the historic church;
- The parishioners who attended the adult forum on Good Works, especially those who are supporting what our team does for local homeowners and for St. Peter's;
- The six parishioners who attended the February anti-racism training workshop at St. Asaph's Church;
- Jenny Disque and Nancy Wilson for organizing the meals for the Wednesday soup suppers.


Thanks
from the Vestry

for All You Do

March 3
Needlework ministry
10 A.M.
Game night
5 P.M.

March 7
Lenten soup supper
6 to 8 P.M.

March 11
Daylight saving time begins
"Spring forward"

March 14
Lenten soup supper
6 to 8 P.M.

March 21
Lenten soup supper
6 to 8 P.M.

March 24
Spring spruce-up day
9 A.M. to 12 NOON

March 25
Palm Sunday
Choral Evensong
4 P.M.

March 28
Stations of the Cross
12 NOON

March 29
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Agape meal
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7:30 P.M.
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after the 9 A.M. service

January Financial Snapshot

	January 2018	Year-end Projection	Budget 2018
Parishioner Contributions	\$ 41,739	\$ 435,544	\$430,898
Total Income	55,046	685,474	684,998
Total Expense	58,145	685,816	684,998
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(3,230)	(473)	0
<i>Mortgage Payment</i>	<i>\$ 1,488</i>		
<i>Interest</i>	661		
<i>Principal</i>	828		
<i>Mortgage Balance</i>	203,970		

The finance commission has reviewed this summary. Please direct any questions about it to Joe Herbst, chair, or any other member.

Spruce-up Day



March 24

Spring Spruce-up Day March 24

9 A.M. to NOON

Leaders: Gail Malcolm (barn)
and Sandy Mannix (church)



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 Dr. Bruce Glenny, Organist/Choirmaster
 Susan House, Parish Administrator
 Gail Malcolm, Marketing and Event Manager
 Elizabeth Dwyer, Parish Secretary
 Liam Reid, Weekend Facilities Manager

*Our Mission:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 to nurture people of all ages in the
 knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ,
 and to make Him known
 in the wider community*

The deadline for the
 April Beacon
 is **March 15.**

Every Week at St. Peter's

Sunday

8 A.M. **Holy Eucharist***
 9 A.M. **Holy Eucharist****
 (Nursery care available**)

 10:10 A.M. **Christian formation for all ages**
 11:15 A.M. **Holy Eucharist***

Wednesday

10 A.M. **Morning Prayer & Bible Study***

Thursday

10:30 A.M. **Intercessory Prayer Group ******

Friday

7 A.M. **Gathering of Men*****
 12 NOON **Parish office closes**

* Church
 ** Barn
 *** Parish House
 **** Bellingham

March 31
Easter Eve
 The Great Vigil of Easter
 (jointly with St. Francis in the Fields)
 7 P.M. (barn)
 Festive reception following

April 1
Easter Day
 Holy Eucharist
 8 A.M. (church)
 Festal choral Eucharist
 with brass and tympani
 9 and 11:15 A.M. (barn)
 Easter egg hunt
 after the 9 A.M. service



SAVE THE DATE!
2nd Annual
Community Barn Dance
NOVEMBER 10