

# Good News from St. John's

March 2022

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## LENT 2022

The highlight of the year for Christians is Easter, the day when our Lord rose from the dead. Lent is a 40 day season of preparation for Easter. **Many changes in the liturgy changing to the Holy Eucharist Rite 1 on page 323 in the BCP. Lent service music lamented sheet in the pew racks.**

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.** (See article elsewhere in newsletter) Shrove Tuesday is also called "Fat Tuesday" because on that day a thrifty housewife uses up the fats that she has kept around for cooking, but that she will not use during Lent. Since pancakes are a standard way of using up fat, that is why we have a pancake meal.

**Ashes to Go** will be disbursed in front of the church and at 18<sup>th</sup> and Main from 11 am to 1 pm on Ash Wednesday. (See article elsewhere in newsletter)

Our first Lenten service begins on **Ash Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All candles on the Lenten Wreath will be lit at this service, and beginning on the First Sunday of Lent, one will be extinguished each week, with the final candle extinguished on Good Friday. Other Wednesdays we will have a worship service, followed with our Lenten study (See article elsewhere in the newsletter).

### **The Lenten Wreath of Thorns.**

On Ash Wednesday all the candles on the wreath will be lit and all extinguished at the end of the service. However, on the first Sunday in Lent, and each Sunday thereafter, one of the four purple candles, and the rose candle will be extinguished each week. The Red candle will be extinguished on Palm Sunday and the white candle extinguished on Good Friday. The wreath's growing darkness signifies the sacrifice our Lord made for each of us and focuses our personal and spiritual preparation during the Season of Lent.

### **Wood Lenten items.**

A wood processional cross with a crown of thorns, wood altar and office candle holders, and wood altar book stand, to help convey the season of lent in a more profound way.

### **Chalice and Paten**

We use a chalice and paten with the crown of thorns wrapped around it.

### **What is Lent?**

Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Since Sundays celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the six Sundays that occur during Lent are not counted as part of the 40 days of Lent, and are referred to as Sundays in Lent. The number 40 is connected with many biblical events, but especially with the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing for his ministry by facing the temptations that could lead him to abandon his mission and calling. Christians today use this period of time for introspection, self-examination, and repentance. It is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

### **What are the Colors you will see during Lent?**

The color used for most of Lent is purple, a color that symbolizes the pain and suffering leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. On the fourth Sunday in Lent the color changes to rose. But purple is also the color of royalty, and so anticipates through the suffering and death of Jesus the coming resurrection and hope of newness that will be celebrated in the Resurrection on Easter. Rose is a symbol of joy at the mid point in Lent.

The color changes to Red for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday, representing the color of the church and Pentecost, but also remembering the martyrs of the church. Since it symbolizes shed blood, it is used on Palm Sunday to symbolize the death of Jesus.

The color changes to black for Good Friday as we extinguish the final Lenten candle symbolizing that Christ has died.

May your Lenten journey be holy and blessed.  
Mother Sharon

### **“ASHES TO GO”**

Have you ever heard about “Ashes to go?” It was begun in St. Louis, in 2006, by an ecumenical Bible study group made up of clergy, spearheaded by an Episcopalian. This group realized that many people could not attend church on Ash Wednesday to receive the Imposition of Ashes because of work schedules or other valid reasons. They mentioned, you can order food at the drive-thru, pickup you cleaning and do your banking, so why not offer “ashes to go.”

So the idea was born to take ashes to the streets. They felt very strong that the need, humility, and healing, shouldn't be confined to a church building. Jesus preached and taught everywhere he went; feeding multitudes of the hungry, preaching from the mount, plain, river bank, by going out to meet his people where they were, even walking on water and climbing that hill with his cross. This movement has spread across the country to at least 31 states and Canada, the UK and South Africa, as an expression of liturgical evangelism.

So taking ashes out to share with our communities cannot begin to compare with the impact that Jesus' life and ministry had and still has on the world.

This is not to be used as an excuse not to attend the Ash Wednesday service, but it is an opportunity for those, of the Episcopal tradition, as well as ALL people to receive ashes and to take a fresh look at the church and the gospel.

We will be distributing ashes, Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> in front of the church and at 18<sup>th</sup> & Main from 11:00 to 1:00 pm.

Mother Sharon

### **Outreach**

This year the outreach ministry team has decided to do the daily food for Lent. All non-perishable food items would be collected and delivered to the Labette assistance after Easter Sunday. The program was done two years ago prior to COVID

and it was a big success. Last year the Labette Assistance was not accepting any non-perishable food. Each family would donate one non-perishable item each day during Lent. Starting March 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup> families may bring their items weekly or all at once.

Non-perishable food items would include but not limited to the following items:

- Can vegetables
- Can fruit
- Crackers
- Box macaroni and cheese
- Peanut butter
- Rice
- Pasta
- Can meat (tuna, chilli)
- Breakfast cereal
- Oatmeal
- Fruit drink mixes
- Box pudding

If possible, try to get the flip top lid items. These are a preferred item for the elderly and some don't have a can opener.

No glass containers

### **St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting January 10, 2022**

Present: Carrie Tierney, Karla Cox Verlyn Bolinger, Bess StoneBolinger, Jupe Allen and Mother Sharon.

Development:  
Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from John 1: 1-18.

Treasurer's Report:  
The final financial report for 2021 shows us at \$105 under on pledges and \$2,153 over budget on expenditures.

14 pledges have been received for 2022 promising \$51,300.

The budget for 2022 has been set and approved at \$68,386.

The transaction and budget reports were reviewed. The report was approved.

**Old Business:**

The Epiphany service and celebration was especially nice due to decorations by Bess and Elsa.

The election of Vestry members at the January Annual Meeting will include:

3- 3 year terms- Martha, Karla and Candy are running.

1-1 year term- Verlyn is running.

The election to the Endowment Board:

1-1 year term- Verlyn is running

The election of delegate and alternate to the Convocation and Convention:

Martha for delegate and Verlyn for alternate

Rev Ryan Willis was presented a cross at his ordination from St John's.

**New Business:**

The gifts for the 12 nursing home residents adopted at Christmas cost more than was donated by \$265. ECW will be asked to make up the shortfall.

Annual Reports are due in by January 23.

A sizable memorial donation was received from the Laurella Fowler family. As it was undesignated, the gift will be divided according to the Undesignated Gifts Policy.

A request was made from a family member of a lady, Peggy Doty a long time Episcopalian, who resides at Good Sam for someone to visit her from the church. Karla will check it out.

Two thank you notes were received from Good Sam for goodie bags as well as Christmas gifts.

We will resume Coffee Hour with parishioners bringing snacks.

**Assessment:**

**Sharing:**

Minutes from the December 13, 2021 meeting were approved.

Vicar's Report: A request was made to provide sandwiches for Regina Cook's sister's funeral.

**Wardens:**

Senior: No report.

Junior: No report.

**Discernment:**

Worship & Music: Plan to meet next week.

Outreach: Plans are in place for the whole church to pack snacks this Sunday, January 16, after church.

Evangelism: Plan to have a meeting Friday January 14.

Communications: No report.

Education: Children's: Now that the teacher has returned, Sunday School has resumed.

Adult: No report.

Stewardship: No report.

Planned Giving: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: No report

Endowment: Balance as of 12-31-2021 \$118,100.16

ECW: No report.

Next meeting, Tuesday February 15, 2022

A prayer by Mother Sharon concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupe Allen,  
Clerk



## Treasurer's Report

Thank you all for your continued support of St. John's.

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.  
Treasurer of St. John's Episcopal Church



## Prayer List

**Teresa, Jim, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Janie, Kelly, Wuanita, Jeffrey, Boo, Jane, Regina, Bretten, Richard, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Alan, Kay, Lorrie, Addlee, Jon, Josh, Vickie, Randy, Tommey, Keyandria, Bill, Jackie, John & family, Special needs children their families and caregivers, Les, Mark, Kay, Priscilla, Jennifer, Jaden, Kelle, Michelle, Alice, Anna, Barb and the Wulf family, Keith, Lu, Olive, Vicki, Mary, Charles, those with and those recovering from Covid-19 and their families, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, all clergy in the Southeast Convocation especially, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and first responders, the men & women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served.**

**Those who have died:**



## March Birthdays

14 Barbara Cunningham  
15 Zoe Tierney  
15 April O'Banion  
16 Alice Miller  
25 Tim Downum



## March Anniversaries:

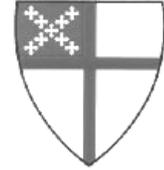
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-6:30 pm	<b>2</b> Ashes to Go 11am-1pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm	<b>3</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>4</b> Mother's day off	<b>5</b>
<b>6 The First Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am Minster meeting 1 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Lent Service and Study 6 pm	<b>10</b> Mother in office 3 -5 pm PMA 1-3 pm	<b>11</b> Mother's day off	<b>12</b> Daylight Savings time to spring forward
<b>13 The Second Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	<b>14</b> Vestry dinner Meeting 5:30 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Lent Service and Study 6 pm	<b>17</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm	<b>18</b> Mother's day off	<b>19</b>
<b>20 The Third Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	<b>21</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Lent Service and Study 6 pm	<b>24</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm  Worship & Music 5:30 pm	<b>25</b> Mother's day off	<b>26</b>
<b>27 The Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> Holy Communion and Sunday School 9:30 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Lent Service and Study 6 pm	<b>31</b> Mother in office 1-5 pm		

# St. John's March 2022 Schedule

	Ash Wednesday 03/02/2022	03/06/2022	03/13/2022	03/20/2022	03/27/2022
<b>Officiant</b>	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Martha Stone	Candy Scarborough	Verlyn Bolinger	Joe Stone	Martha Stone
<b>Lector</b>	Daria Condon	Mark Chambers	Patti Vernacchia	Jupe Allen	Alice Miller
<b>Acolytes</b>	Verlyn, Elsa Zoe	Sidni	Karla	Tim	Alex
<b>Eucharistic/ Pastoral Visitor</b>	None	None	None	None	None
<b>Greeters</b>	Daria Condon	David Bamberger & Tom Tanner	Vernacchias	Alison & Alice	Meister Family
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	None	Bolingers	TBA	Alison & Alice	Meister Family
<b>Counters</b>	Vestry				
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Stone				