

## The Episcopal Parish of Alton has as its mission: To live and show Christ in our midst.

## From the Senior Warden...

We started the new liturgical year in December, and now in January we begin the new secular year. It's a wonderful time to stop and take stock as a parish of where we've been and where we're headed. That's exactly what we'll do at the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars now. You will find more information about the Annual Meeting starting on page 6.



After the Annual Meeting, I will no longer be Senior Warden of this parish after two years in that role. Mother Cindy appointed me in 2022. Because of the time of transition that was approaching with Mother Cindy's retirement, a year ago Bishop Burgess asked that Mother Cindy keep me on as Senior Warden and that Jean Downey be re-elected by members of the Vestry to continue as Junior Warden. Even though we remain in transition as we continue to search for our next Rector, I am not willing to ask the Bishop permission to "freeze" the Vestry another year as sometimes happens in that situation. The Vestry was "frozen" in 2021 during the pandemic, which means that I and others have already served four years rather than the usual three-year term. Those who will come off Vestry after the Annual Meeting include Jean Downey, Dereck Cook, Connie Terry, and myself—we all have been on for four years. Those remaining on Vestry are Irene McLaughlin, Mimi Almonroeder, Donna Fisher, Tony Springman, Meg Dorris, Tom Harris, and April Drennan.

Just a week after the Annual Meeting, on January 28<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Bishop Brian Burgess as he makes his annual homecoming here. As I write this letter, I don't yet have details of what will be planned for that day. Last year, the Bishop asked to have one service to be held at St. Paul's. I don't know yet whether that will be the case again.

I want to wish all of you many blessings in 2024! I think our parish has much good in store for it in the coming year! Good things are happening thanks to the dedication and hard work of so many. I appreciate your support for this parish and all that you do to make it such a blessing to many!

Susan Lukasik

Dear Parishioners,

The Search Committee continues to work diligently on finding us a new Rector. We now have two



candidates for our position that have been recommended to us by the Diocese for our consideration. We have been reading resumes, checking references, and preparing to conduct Zoom interviews with each.

We will meet on January 4<sup>th</sup> and finalize our interview questions. The dates to interview the candidates are still to be determined, but we hope to have one in January and possibly both.

As a gentle reminder, members of the Search Committee and Vestry are not at liberty to share anything specific about the candidates at this time for reasons of confidentiality.

As always, thank you for supporting us with your prayers.

Tony Springman, Chair

#### Prayer for our Parish as we search for a new Rector:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Alton Homecoming of Bishop Burgess Set for January 28<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars now to welcome the Right Reverend Brian Kendall Burgess to the Episcopal Parish of Alton on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bishop Burgess is the Twelfth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Springfield. He was ordained and consecrated a bishop and seated within the Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle in Springfield on May 21, 2022.

We will let you know more details of the schedule for that day closer to the date. Let's plan to give him a warm welcome!



## From the Organ Loft

As worshipping parishioners sitting in the pews on Sunday morning, do you ever wonder about the background of where our hymn texts and tunes originate? You might be quite surprised at the provenance of some of our most well-loved hymns. Our bell choir played two anthems in December: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* during Advent, and *What Child is This?* on Christmas Eve. I would like to share with you a bit of brief history of these two hymns.

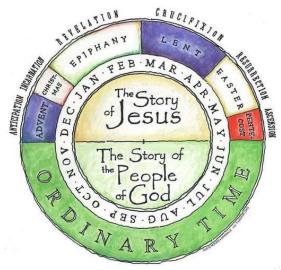
#### Veni, veni Emmanuel

The words to *Veni*, *Veni* Emmanuel (Latin for *O Come*, *O Come* Emmanuel) have their origins over 1,200 years ago in the Catholic monasteries in Europe--probably France. The words were part of the Advent plain-chant antiphon liturgies that were sung seven days before Christmas Eve. Antiphons are short sentences sung or recited responsively, usually part of Psalm scripture. These Advent antiphons were sung in anticipation of Christmas. The actual tune (or music) was first found in a 15<sup>th</sup> century French manuscript, again drawn from monastic plain-chant.



#### <u>Greensleeves</u>

Greensleeves is a traditional English folksong that is believed to date back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The exact origins are unknown, but some scholars attribute the song's text "Alas, my love, you do me wrong" to a poem written to Anne Boleyn by Henry VIII. The term "greensleeves" was slang to describe the green stains that might appear on a lady's dress or sleeves after taking a "tumble in the grass" with an ardent admirer. Greensleeves became a popular song that was sung in the pubs of England, and was dubbed a bar song. The tune was paired with the lyrics What Child is This? in 1865 by Englishman William C. Dix after he experienced a health crisis leading to a religious conversion experience. Quite an interesting pairing of words and tune!



As we move into the new year, I also want to share with you a diagram of the church year (which I talked about last month). Looking at this "pie graph," you will notice that the church year is actually divided into two equal sections: "The story of Jesus" (Advent through Pentecost) and "The story of the people of God" (Ordinary time). Perhaps you might want to save/print this illustration for future reference.

Blessings for the New Year ahead!

Gay Anderson

## Major Feast Days of the Episcopal Church To Be Celebrated in January

All Principal Feasts and Major Feasts of the liturgical calendar may be celebrated privately. In the absence of a priest, we will not have Holy Day services at this time, except those celebrated on a Sunday.

#### The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ—January 1st

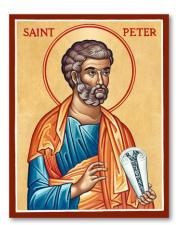


Under the Law of Moses, all male infants were to be circumcised on the eighth day after birth. It was also customary at this time for family and friends to witness the naming of the child. This major feast is celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup>, the eighth day of the Christmas season. The designation of the feast in honor of Jesus' Holy Name is new to the 1979 BCP. It was traditionally celebrated as the Feast of the Circumcision. Celebration of the Holy Name reflects the significance of the Holy Name of Jesus, and the emphasis of the Gospel of Luke on the naming of Jesus rather than his circumcision.

## The Epiphany of Our lord Jesus Christ—January 6th

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ, celebrated each year on January 6<sup>th</sup>, is the climax of the Christmas Season, remembering the Wise Men who brought gifts to the infant Jesus. They are thought to be the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "king" and so were the first to reveal Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.



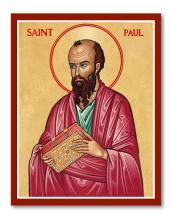


## The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle—January 18th

The Confession of Peter refers to an episode in the New Testament in which the Apostle Peter proclaims to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." The proclamation is described in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew 16:13-20, Mark 8:27-30, and Luke 9:18-21. This observance was first included in the 1979 BCP. The date is that of an ancient Gallican feast called "the Chair of Saint Peter." Contemporary observance of the Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul is commemorated on June 29.

#### The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle—January 25th

The conversion of Paul to Christianity on the road to Damascus is so important that the story is told three times in Acts, and Paul mentions the experience three times in his letters. After his conversion, Paul devoted his life completely to Christ. He was the leading missionary to the Gentiles in the early church. He founded churches in Philippi, Athens, Thessalonia, Corinth, and other cities of his day. His letters that we find in the New Testament reveal him as an important Christian theologian. This observance concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.



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## Plans in Progress to Update Rental Agreements

The Public Relations and Publicity Commission is looking for people who would be interested in reviewing our current rental agreements and fees for people who rent space from us, and to update them as we see fit. Please contact Irene McLaughlin at <a href="mailto:ibmpat17@gmail.com">ibmpat17@gmail.com</a> if you are willing to help with this project.

Public Relations and Publicity Commission

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## **Annual Reports Due January 8th**

Attention Commission Leaders and heads of all church groups:

Please submit electronically (via email or other means) your group's report for the Annual Meeting to Ann in the church office no later than Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the Annual Report booklet.

All groups with checking and/or savings accounts are required to report, listing their 2023 expenses, receipts and end-of-year balances. If you need to see how it has been done in the past, you may ask Ann to look at the Annual Report from a previous year.

## **Annual Meeting of the Parish Set for January 21st**



The Annual Meeting of the Episcopal Parish of Alton will take place in Heneghan Hall on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> following the service at St. Paul's and a brunch prepared by the Guild of Grace (look for details to be posted soon). At the meeting, we will elect Vestry members and delegates to Deanery and Synod. You will also be able to read various

reports on the finances and activities of the Parish in the Annual Report booklet.

Nominations are being accepted now for four persons to serve three-year Vestry terms, plus for two delegates and two alternates to the Diocesan Synod. The two Synod delegates receiving the most votes become representatives to the Darrow Deanery. Confirmed communicant members in good standing over the age of eighteen are eligible for nomination. If you wish to nominate a person for office, please contact Susan Lukasik. Nominations will be accepted from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

Those running for office should know that with election comes responsibility. Vestry members are expected to take an active part in the Vestry meetings and functions and to co-chair one or more of the commissions. Synod delegates must be available to attend Synod, usually scheduled for the third Friday and Saturday in October. Representatives to the deanery must be available for a pre-Synod deanery meeting, typically held on a Sunday afternoon a few weeks prior to Synod. Don't ignore your opportunity to vote and to participate in the corporate life of the parish! If you are called upon to run for office, please give the matter your prayerful consideration.

#### What do the Canons say about who can run for Vestry?

The Canons of The Diocese of Springfield (as Amended by Synod, October 22, 2022) state (with emphasis added in red):

Title III—Congregational Organization Canon 19—Of the Annual Congregational Meeting Section 1. b.

At the Annual Meeting, in addition to the other business which may be there transacted, the members of the Parish who are qualified and entitled to vote for officers as defined in Section 3 of this Canon, shall elect by ballot, by a majority of votes present, a Vestry of not less than three nor more than twelve lay persons of at least eighteen years of age who are communicants in good standing as defined in Canon 36, Section 3, and who have been confirmed by a Bishop of this Church or received into this Church as having been properly confirmed. The Vestry elected shall continue to discharge the functions of its office during the year, and until its successors are elected, and may fill vacancies in its own body.

#### What does it mean to be a Communicant in Good Standing?

Title V--Discipline Canon 36--Of Members of the Church

Section 1. All persons who have received the sacrament of Holy Baptism with water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whether in this Church or in another Christian Church, and whose Baptisms have been duly recorded in this Church, are members thereof.

Section 2. All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered communicants of this Church.

Section 3. All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.

Section 4. Communicants sixteen years of age or older are to be considered adult communicants.

#### Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Canon 19—Of the Annual Congregational Meeting

Section 3: All communicants in good standing as defined in Canon 36, Section 3, who are at least sixteen years of age and who have been duly recorded and are recognized as such, shall be qualified to vote for a Vestry and at the Annual Meeting.

# If we don't have a Rector or Priest in Charge, who may preside at the Annual Meeting and what does he or she have to do?

Title III—Congregational Organization

Canon 19—Of the Annual Congregational Meeting

Section 4. The presiding officer at the Annual Meeting is the Rector or Priest in Charge, or, in the case of his or her absence, or of a vacancy, one of the Wardens. If no Warden is present, a member of the congregation chosen by the meeting shall preside. The presiding officer shall decide on the qualifications of those who offer to vote, subject to an appeal to the decision of the qualified voters present. The meeting shall elect a Secretary. The result of the ballots for election shall be declared by the presiding officer, and recorded by the Secretary before the adjournment of the meeting; the poll shall be open and not closed until all qualified persons present have had the opportunity of casting their votes. Each member chosen to serve on the Vestry shall be notified by the Secretary of his or her election, and the new Vestry shall be convened for organization and business as soon as practicable after election. In the event any qualified member of the Congregation present at the Annual Meeting challenges the validity of any election concerning the Parish, whether due to irregularity of procedure, exclusion of qualified voters or inclusion of unqualified voters, the Annual Meeting shall resolve the challenge by either affirming the challenged election or declaring the election void, in which circumstance a new election shall be held. At no time shall voting by proxy be permitted. The Presiding Officer may, at his or her discretion, permit members of the congregation to attend any congregational meeting by electronic means.

#### Susan Lukasik, our Senior Warden, will preside at our Annual Meeting.

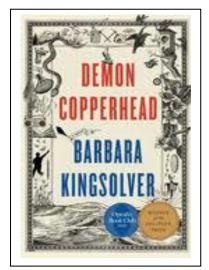
Those eligible to run for Vestry <u>and</u> those eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting must be communicants in good standing. Vestry members must be at least 18 years old and must have been confirmed or received into the Church. Those eligible to vote must be baptized members at least 16 years old.

These are the requirements as written in the Canons. We will allow individuals to self-select whether or not they meet these requirements before running for office or before voting unless it is obvious that a particular individual does not meet the requirements (e.g., someone who is not a member of our congregation).

In the past, we have said that spouses, partners, or members of one's immediate family may not serve on the Vestry at the same time. This year the Vestry considered whether or not to continue that requirement, which is not mandated by the Diocesan Canons, and came to the consensus that that requirement no longer serves us and, in fact, may unnecessarily prevent good candidates from running for Vestry. The Vestry wants to let the people decide whether any particular person should serve on the Vestry, even if there is a family member already on the Vestry. And so it is!

Susan Lukasik

#### Book Club



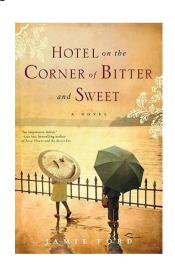
Book club will gather at LuciAnna's Pastries in Alton at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24th. Our book selection for January is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. A synopsis follows:

Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, this is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. In a plot that never pauses for breath, relayed in his own unsparing voice, he braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Through all of it, he reckons with his own invisibility in a popular culture where even the superheroes have abandoned rural people in favor of cities.

Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote "David Copperfield" from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its damages to children in his society. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. Dickens is not a prerequisite for readers of this novel, but he provided its inspiration. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary American South, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. "Demon Copperhead" speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind. goodreads.com

February's meeting, to be held on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>, will also be at LuciAnna's starting at 9:30 a.m. We are reading *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

In 1986, Henry Lee joins a crowd outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has discovered the belongings of Japanese families who were sent to internment camps during World War II. As the owner displays and unfurls a Japanese parasol, Henry, a Chinese American, remembers a young Japanese American girl from his childhood in the 1940s—Keiko Okabe, with whom he forged a bond of friendship and innocent love that transcended the prejudices of their Old World ancestors.



After Keiko and her family were evacuated to the internment camps, she and Henry could only hope that their promise to each other would be kept. Now, forty years later, Henry explores the hotel's basement for the Okabe family's belongings and for a long-lost object whose value he cannot even begin to measure. His search will take him on a journey to revisit the sacrifices he has made for family, for love, for country. goodreads.com

Taking a look ahead, here are the books we have scheduled for January through July 2024:

**January -** *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

February - The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

March - American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

April - Beyond Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

May - The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank by Erma Bombeck

June - The Expected One by Kathleen McGowan

July - A World Lit Only by Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance: Portrait of an Age by William Manchester

If you are curious about our book club, please reach out to Jean Downey at 618-917-4158 or <a href="mailto:jldowney1@charter.net">jldowney1@charter.net</a> or to Mimi Almonroeder at 618-581-5756 or <a href="mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net">diamondzoe@charter.net</a>. We would love to tell you about our group and invite you to join us!

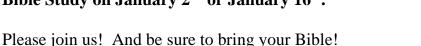
**Education Commission** 

## Join our Weekly Morning Prayer and Bible Study

We continue our Tuesday morning Bible Study in the conference room at St. Paul's, taught by Fr. Gene Stormer, beginning at 10:15 a.m. **We are currently studying** *The Gospel of Mark*. Prior to Bible Study, Fr. Stormer conducts a said service of Morning Prayer each Tuesday in St. Elizabeth's Chapel at 9:30 a.m.



Please note, however, that there will be no Morning Prayer or Bible Study on January 2<sup>nd</sup> or January 16<sup>th</sup>.





**Education Commission** 



The next **Pet Food Pantry** will be held January 7<sup>th</sup>. It is open one hour monthly on the first Sunday of the month from 12:30-1:30 p.m. People may enter St. Paul's through the Market Street entrance to participate.

Marti LoRusso, who is leading this outreach ministry, welcomes any volunteers willing to help. The Pet Food

Pantry is supported entirely by donations of pet food and monetary gifts from our parish and community members. Baskets for donations of pet food are located near the entrance at both Trinity and St. Paul's. Monetary donations are also much appreciated! Make checks out to the *Episcopal Parish of Alton* and write "Pet Food Pantry" in the memo area.

In addition, we are grateful for five local businesses for keeping a donation jar on their counter. Please support these businesses and thank them for helping us provide pet food for families in need:

Farm Fresh, Roxana; LuciAnna's Pastries, Alton; Daniel-Randall Veterinary Clinic, Godfrey; St. Peter's Hardware, Alton; and White Birch, Godfrey.

#### Evangelism and Outreach Commission

## Saturday Café—In Service with our Neighbors

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, our parish once again served meals at the Saturday Café, a program held at First Presbyterian Church on Alby Street offering free lunches to those in need. Many thanks to all who participated.

Future dates for our parish to serve at the Saturday Café have not yet been released. For more information, please contact Bruce Bayer at 618-798-1310, Connie Terry at 618-917-4070 or <a href="mailto:c.eterry830@gmail.com">c.terry830@gmail.com</a>, or Mimi Almonroeder at 618-581-5756 or <a href="mailto:diamondzoe@charter.net">diamondzoe@charter.net</a>. For monetary contributions, please write a check to *The Episcopal Parish of Alton* and note "Saturday Café" in the memo area.

#### Evangelism and Outreach Commission



During the month of January, we are asking you to continue to bring non-perishable foods to share with our neighbors at Crisis Food Center. You will find collection baskets in the Narthex at St. Paul's and Trinity. Monetary donations are very much appreciated as well. Thank you so much for your generosity!



### Evangelism and Outreach Commission

# ECW News

All women of the parish are invited to the **ECW Annual Meeting** after church at St. Paul's on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. At this time, new officers for 2024 will be elected.

#### Connie Terry

#### **Guild of Grace**

The next meeting of the Guild of Grace will be held Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Irene McLaughlin's house, 2325 Edwards St, Alton, IL 62002. Irene will provide Italian chicken sliders and potato chips. Please bring a side to go with the sliders, such as veggies/dip, deviled eggs, slaw, fruit, etc. Tea and soda will be provided as well. Bring your favorite wine if you like!

Please RSVP to Irene McLaughlin at ibmpat17@gmail.com to let us know if you will come!

Irene McLaughlin

# ECM News

The next meeting of the Episcopal Church Men is scheduled for Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at Hickory Grove Restaurant near Alton Square Mall. We'll be planning activities for the upcoming year, so we'll be looking for ideas from members to make this a successful year! All men from the church are welcome! If you plan on attending, please contact Dereck Cook at <a href="cookdnj@gmail.com">cookdnj@gmail.com</a> or Tom Harris at <a href="cookdnj@gmail.com">dogula60@gmail.com</a> .

Dereck Cook

## **Trinity Chapel Upgrades**

During the recent checkup of the furnace at Trinity, it was found that parts of the furnace had become rusted to a state that raised concerns of the technician performing the check. With the furnace approaching 30 years of age, the decision was made, with Vestry approval, to have it replaced. The new furnace, paid for by a donation by the Trinity Missionary Society, was installed on December 20<sup>th</sup>.



Also, recently the concrete at the outside landing of the side door at Trinity was repaired as much of the concrete had disintegrated due to years of snow melt being applied. Many thanks go to Bill Moyer, who made this repair possible and arranged for the work to be done.

Dereck Cook

## Let's Walk for Good Health and Fellowship!



The group of Friday morning walkers will continue meeting each week when people are available to walk. The exact time and location are determined on a weekly basis--Mimi usually notifies everyone ahead of time to see who wants to walk that Friday. If you are interested in joining us, please let Mimi Almonroeder know at diamondzoe@charter.net or 618-581-5756.

Parish Life Commission

## Congratulations to:

William Johnson, upon his graduation from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Will, who is the son of Meg and Scott Dorris and Dave Johnson, received a BA degree in Anthropologie with a Minor in Religious Studies. He plans to seek a PhD, but has not yet determined where that will be. Well done, Will!



## January Calendar

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup> The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ New Year's Day—Church Office closed

Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> No Morning Prayer or Bible study

Saturday, January 6th The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord --Fr. Stormer Offering for Rector's Discretionary Fund 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's with three Baptisms ECW Annual Meeting at St. Paul's following church service 12:30-1:30 p.m. Pet Food Pantry

#### Monday, January 8th Annual Reports due to Church Office

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> –
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Paul's
10:15 a.m. Bible Study at St. Paul's
6:00 p.m. Vestry at St. Paul's



Thursday, January 11th 6:00 p.m. Guild of Grace meeting at Irene McLaughlin's house

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> *The Second Sunday after the Epiphany* --Fr. Henry here 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's

Monday, January 15th Martin Luther King Day—Church Office closed

Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>
No Morning Prayer or Bible Study

Thursday, January 18th The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle

Saturday, January 20th 9:00 a.m. ECM meeting at Hickory Grove Restaurant

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> *The Third Sunday after the Epiphany* --Fr. Stormer here 8:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist at Trinity Chapel 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's Brunch provided by Guild of Grace **Annual Meeting** 

Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30 a.m. Book Club at LuciAnna's

Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> *The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany* **Bishop Burgess here—details to be announced** 

Friday, February 2 The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday -- Lent begins

#### The Church Office will be closed:

- -- Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day
- --Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King Day

## Our Sincere Condolences to:

--Art and Jo Greenwood on the death of their son Darren Greenwood on November 21, 2023. The Greenwoods are former members of our parish.





Dear Parish Family,

Words can't express how much all the kind words, cards, hugs, calls, and visits meant to my family and me after our beloved Alvin passed away to be with his Savior. What a loss to all of us--his church and church family meant so very much to him. Everyone told me he was the best and he was! God bless all of you and keep us in your prayers.

Rosalie Elkins, Kim and Bryan



## January Birthdays

- 04 Jack Gottlob
- 06 Sean Stone
- 06 Randy Smith
- 08 Mary Roberts
- 11 Veronica Wrausmann
- 12 Chris Donohoo
- 15 Holly Cook (Andrew's wife)
- 16 Robbie Cupp
- 17 Bryant Johnson
- 19 Terry Durham
- 19 Elizabeth Foley
- 21 Ann Barker
- 22 Andrew Cook
- 25 Mary Woodcock
- 26 Tracy Summers
- 29 Millie Hancock



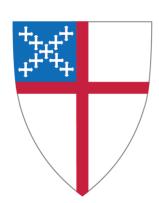
# February Birthdays



- 01 Michael Garland
- 04 Donna Fisher
- 06 Sean Downey
- 13 Pat McLaughlin
- 15 Jeff Shields
- 17 Ronin Wagner (Victoria Sever Wagner's son)
- 18 Bruce Bayer
- 24 Brian Swanson
- 25 Bill Moyer

## Vestry

Susan Lukasik—Rector's Warden
Jean Downey—People's Warden
Judy Jones—Treasurer
Lisa Springman—Clerk of the Vestry



## **Vestry Commissions:**

**Education**: Jean Downey, Mimi Almonroeder

Evangelism & Outreach: Connie Terry, Tony Springman, April Drennan

Liturgy & Music: Susan Lukasik, Irene McLaughlin

Parish Life: Mimi Almonroeder, Donna Fisher, Jean Downey, April Drennan

Property & Maintenance: Dereck Cook, Tom Harris, Donna Fisher

Public Relations & Publicity: Irene McLaughlin, Susan Lukasik, Meg Dorris

Finance & Insurance: Judy Jones (ex officio), Connie Terry, Tony Springman, Meg Dorris



The deadline for the February *Angelus* is January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please email your articles and photos to lukasikwands@gmail.com.

#### The Episcopal Parish of Alton



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