



**FEBRUARY --- 2018**

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### **FAMILY NIGHTS**

The January family night was held Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 18 people attending. There was a wide variety of delicious dishes. This was the first of our winter bingo nights. We had some really nice white elephant prizes. There were so many prizes that everyone went home with at least one. Bingo cards are 25 cents each and the money collected will go towards the purchase of a goat for a needy family in a third world country through Episcopal Relief and Development. The next family night will be February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and also a bingo night. Please bring white elephant prizes if you want to play. We have a lot of fun.

### **VALENTINE COOKIE BOXES**

Yes, it's already time to gather goodies for the Valentine cookie boxes for our college and military kids. If you wish to participate in this, please have treats, cookies and candy to church Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and volunteers will pack the boxes and ready them for mailing on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the church. The "kids" are always very excited to receive these packages from home.

### **APPLESAUCE SUNDAY**

Applesauce Sunday will be February 11<sup>th</sup> following the service. If you want to help peel and chop please bring a paring knife and apron. Many hands (and cooks) make a fast work day. Thank you Perry for always providing the apples. The applesauce will be for the pancake feed.

### **PANCAKE FEED**

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed will be February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00pm in the parish hall. We will set up tables and chairs that morning around 10:00am. We will need help with that and also in the evening with cooking, serving, washing dishes and cleaning up after. This is our major fundraiser and we appreciate all the help we can get. Thank you in advance for volunteering.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

The Ash Wednesday Eucharist service will be February 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. There will be no breakfast following the Ash Wednesday service. Every Wednesday thereafter during Lent, there will be an 8:00am Eucharist service and a breakfast following. This is a very inspiring way to begin the Lenten season.

### **LENTEN STUDY**

The Lenten Study this year will be "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John". Most of the churches in the diocese will be studying with this book. The books have been purchased by the diocese and distributed to the churches. Our study will begin after church (and a little coffee) on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Consider participating in this gathering, as always, we learn from each other as much as from resources. The study will continue every Sunday during Lent.

### **NEW TREASURER**

Robin Bergh has volunteered to be our new church treasurer. Nancy Spears has a lot going on in her life right now combined with the distance and sometimes bad roads coming from her place that she has expressed a need to pass the job on to someone else. We thank Nancy for being our treasurer for the past few years and streamlining the process with bill pay so it makes things easier for her successor. Thank you very much Robin for agreeing to take over the job. The transition will happen after Robin retires at the end of June.

### **FUNDRAISER FOR CLARE PARIS**

The event scheduled for Friday, February 23 from 6:30-9:00 at Esther Bricques Winery. The Secret Jobim Club will be performing. For those who are not familiar, this is Dr. Doug Wilson, Sam Howell, and Mike Michaelson performing primarily jazz (Bosa Nova). Finger food will be provided. This is to raise money for Clare's medical expenses.

# The Vicar's Notebook

Ash Wednesday is on February 14<sup>th</sup>; Lent begins on the 15<sup>th</sup>. If this information makes you groan, well maybe it is time to take a fresh look on this church season.

This is, without a doubt, a penitential time, but what we do with it can either bring on that 'groan' or an attitude of anticipation. What can we possibly anticipate in this time of denial? A change of attitude and a small commitment of time.

When we approach Lent remembering the sacrifice Jesus made to bring us back to God, it may seem that our small offerings are insignificant. Not true. For those of us that over the years have tried to take this time to quit smoking, swearing, over-eating or any other number of bad habits, know how hard it can be: When successful, we are changed people. Rising above bad habits is commendable and sometimes critical, but what of our Spirit? Are we tending to it and squeezing out selfishness that limits our walk with Christ?

In the early church, Lent was a time for study for those who would be baptized on Easter. This is a time for us to read again our baptismal covenant and take our study and participation seriously. We have said we would do so when we were baptized or confirmed. We are given an opportunity in this Lenten Season for spiritual growth and fellowship, and if we make the effort, held up by each other, when Easter comes, we will be changed people.

*Marilyn+*

## **MINUTES OF THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING -- January 18, 2018**

The meeting was held at noon, with Jeanne providing a delicious lunch. The Rev. Marilyn began the meeting with a prayer. The Rev. Marilyn also read a scripture for our reflection and discussion.

**PRESENT:** The Rev. Marilyn Wilder, Dennis Wilder, Jeanne Hires, Nancy Spears, Pia Lemaster, Perry Blackler, Alison Blackler, and Marilyn McCullough.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Alison moved the minutes be accepted; Pia seconded; approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nancy explained the December budget. December receipts are \$3,781.70. December expenses are \$3,889.47. The ending balance as of December 31 is \$2,259.27. Jeanne moved the report be accepted; Alison seconded; approved.

**WARDEN'S REPORT:** The annual meeting will be held after church service on Sunday, January 28. Our spring clean-up and potluck will be held on Sunday, March 25, after church service. The Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, May 19, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The Valentine cookie boxes for our college students and those in the military will be put together on Tuesday, February 6, at 1:00 pm. Please bring cookies and candy to the church on Sunday, February 4. Applesauce Sunday will be on Sunday, February 11, after church. Our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feed will be held on February 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday is on St. Valentine's Day, February 14.

The scholarship funds have been sent to Central University for our two college students, Pie Todd and Aya Cruspero.

**CLERGY REPORT/WORSHIP & MINISTRY:** The Rev. Marilyn showed us a Life Pack which is a Ziploc bag filled with non-perishable foods for the homeless and others needing help. Pat Davisson, the owner of Frontier Foods, has generously offered to sell us what is needed to fill the Life Packs at a discount of 10% over his cost.

The Rev. Marilyn has checked into what is needed for the Cherry Camp, and curtains are needed for the cabins.

The Rev. Marilyn has written a thank you note to Jack Hughes for loaning his two trucks for our Food Bank collections at Frontier Foods and Akins Grocery.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** Dennis reported that he needs to stain one side of the new fence when the weather permits. Also, when weather permits, he will work on filling in the corner by the fence with cement where the new bench will be placed.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES:** The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, at noon. The next Friends and Family Night will be held on Wednesday, January 24, at 5:30 pm. This will be a Bingo night with White Elephant prizes. Our Annual Meeting will be held after church, on Sunday, January 28, and it will be a planned potluck.

**MISSION AND OUTREACH:** Joyce & Keith Callison generously donated \$500.00 to be used for our charities.

**FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP:** The 2018 budget was gone over line by line, and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Marilyn McCullough, Secretary

