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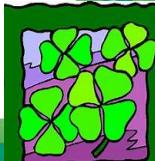
March 2021

Fr. Jim Stanley, Rector



When I was a child, a teenager and even into early adulthood, the Devil was a big deal. My family, the churches I grew up in, the Christian school I attended, and even my undergraduate Bible College all had much to say about the Evil One. While they rightly note that St. Peter refers to Satan as a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour, this obsessive overemphasis always seemed incongruous with the focal point of God's story.

Yes, the Enemy is real and hates anything God loves. It's not for nothing that our Lord teaches us to pray, "deliver us from Evil".



“Satan never sleeps”, my mother used to say. She is dear to me and I love her; but she got this one wrong. The *Bible* tells us that It is God who “neither slumber nor sleeps”. If the One who created us, watches over us, and loves us so wonderfully is always awake, why waste a lot of spiritual energy thinking about Old Scratch?

.Jesus must be our focus; not Satan, or sin, or Hell. Goodness knows, He has already harrowed Hell and set its captives free. He was busy between Good Friday and Easter morning! So as our Lenten journey continues, let us focus less on what tempts us and those times we might fall short. Instead, we need to fix our eyes on Jesus, who reveals to us the very heart of God. God is pure love. Jesus proves it.



Mission Statement

SEEK...a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ
SHARE...the love and compassion of Christ
SERVE...others with open hearts
SHINE...with Christ's light, illuminating our world.



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March

Volunteer Schedules:

Service: 10:00 a. m. (via zoom)

Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

	Altar Guild	Acolytes	Greeters	Readers	Chalice Bearers	Nursery
March 7 10:00 a. m.	Judy Zawacke Karen Cappello	none needed	none needed	Grace Horner (Reader) Ida Butler (Voice)	none needed	none needed
March 14 10:00 a. m.	Bonnie Wiggen	none needed none needed	none needed	Peggy Morrill (Reader) Christine Wood (Voice)	none needed	none needed
March 21 10:00 a. m.	Nancy Holian Kathy Svendson	none needed	none needed	DJ/Marvin Hill (Reader) Lisa Gillette (Voice)	none needed	none needed
March 28 10:00 a. m.	Liz Huth-Taylor Linda Purcell			Christine Wood (Reader) Marvin Hill (Voice)	none needed	none needed

Counters: Kathryn Jones
Bob Purcell

* Volunteer schedules are subject to change.
+ There are also services on Tuesdays at 9:30 a. m.





Eat, Pray, Read

by Bob Purell

February: At the February meeting of the Eat, Pray, Read Book Club, Fr. Jim Stanley led the discussion of Tara Westover “Educated a Memoir”.

This is the story of Westover’s remarkable life. Tara did not attend high school or grade school. She learned to read by studying *the Bible*. She grew up in an abusive and dysfunctional family. Her parents had decided to live in isolation. Her father was paranoid about hospitals, the public school system, and the government. Tara's attempts to attend school or seek other normality in her life were denied by her father.

A brother physically abused her. Another brother encouraged her to leave home, to self-study the material tested in the ACT and to apply to Brigham Young University (BYU). Once admitted to BYU she studied psychology, politics, philosophy, and history. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her to Harvard and to Cambridge University in the United Kingdom (UK). This is a coming-of-age story that gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one’s life through new eyes and the will to change and grow.

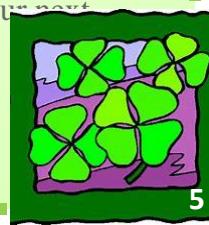
My wife Linda’s take away was that we should encourage our children to read the book. It would put our parental mistakes in better perspective.

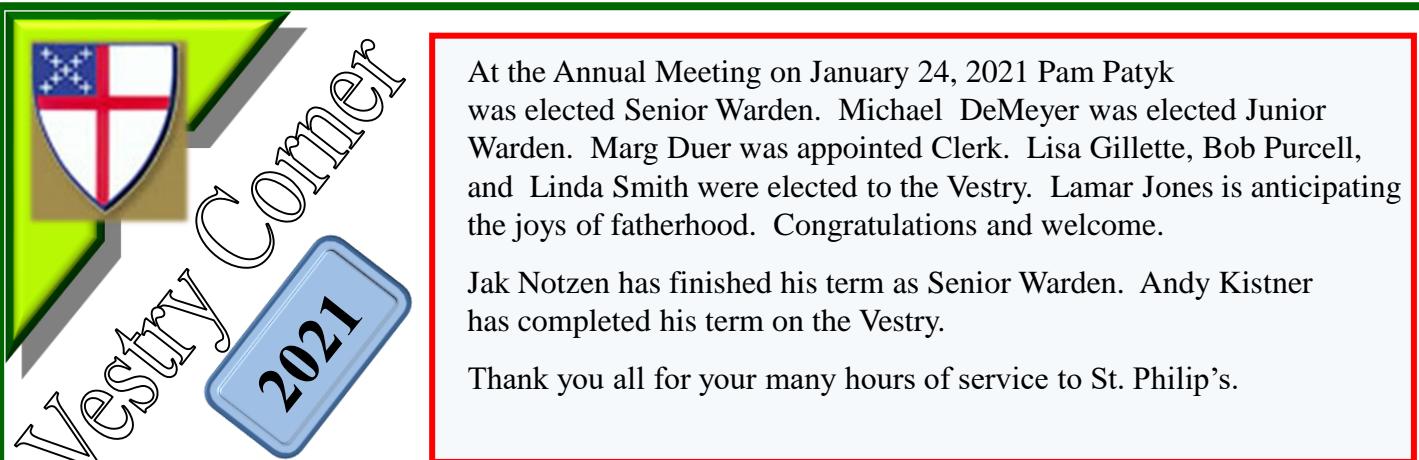
March: The Book Club is currently reading The Episcopal Church’s presiding Bishop Michael Curry’s new book *Love is the Way*. It is a book about holding on to hope in troubling times.

The book lets us walk the path of love with one of the warmest, most beloved spiritual leaders of our time, and learn how to put faith into action. As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. He expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot farther. The way of love is essential for addressing the seemingly insurmountable challenges facing the world today: poverty, racism, selfishness, deep ideological divisions, competing claims to speak for God. The book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

St. Philip’s Book Club gives us the opportunity to learn not only from Bishop Curry but, equally as important, the opportunity to learn from one another.

The Club is led by Judy Zawacke and will meet on the second Monday of the month. Our ^{next} meeting will be on Zoom at 7:00 p. m. on March 8. Please join us if are able.





At the Annual Meeting on January 24, 2021 Pam Patyk was elected Senior Warden. Michael DeMeyer was elected Junior Warden. Marg Duer was appointed Clerk. Lisa Gillette, Bob Purcell, and Linda Smith were elected to the Vestry. Lamar Jones is anticipating the joys of fatherhood. Congratulations and welcome.

Jak Notzen has finished his term as Senior Warden. Andy Kistner has completed his term on the Vestry.

Thank you all for your many hours of service to St. Philip's.



Pam Patyk
Senior Warden



Michael DeMeyer
Junior Warden



Lisa Gillette



Lamar Jones



Dolores Kampert



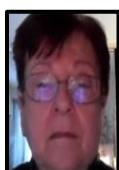
Ginger Knowles



Rich Knowles



Bob Purcell



Linda Smith



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Kistner**



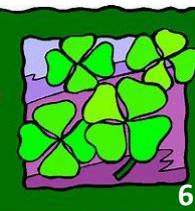
Christine Wood



Marg Duer
Clerk



Bob Duer
Treasurer





Highlights of the Vestry Meeting February 13, 2021



by Marg Duer

The Annual Retreat and February Vestry took place on Zoom, February 13, 2021.

The retreat opened with Vestry members admitting pride or misgivings of COVID activities:

improving culinary skills, accompanying weight gain, subsequent at home exercise, gaining computer and Zoom expertise, and puzzles, puzzles, puzzles! Michael is happy in a new home with their new daughter and James--wondering who's learning more. . .

Appointments:

Endowment Fund: Madeline Rorrie (4), Lou Holian (3), Mavin Hill (2), Steve Gillette (1)

Memorial Fund: members need to accept appointments.

Clerk of Vestry: Marg Duer

Treasurer: Bob Duer

Coffee Hour Programs:

How to use St. Philip's website, and

How to guard against scams Feb. 28th.

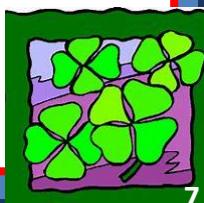
Vestry 2021 Goals:

- Reorganize Prayer Chain,
- Establish wellness calls for those living alone
- Up-date emergency contact information
- Up-date parish directory
- Create online submission for prayer requests
- Safe reopening of the Church -- Andy Kistner reported on anticipated a gradual return to "normal" and an agreement for use of facility by outsiders.

Treasurer: income is down for January.

Columbarium: Memorial Committee to manage, legal document to be created.

Altar Guild: Bonnie to lead until another is trained.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10:15 a.m. Spiritual Awareness (Zoom)	3 	4 	5 	6 
7 10:00 a.m. Rite I Eucharist Service (Zoom)	8 7:00 p.m. Book Club (Zoom) 	9 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom)	10 	11 	12 	13 Please, set your clocks forward -- 
14 2:00 a.m. Daylight Savings Time begins 10:00 a.m. Rite II Eucharist Service (Zoom) 11:30 a.m. Vestry meeting	15 	16 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom)	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 	19 	20 
21 10:00 a.m. Rite II Eucharist Service (Zoom)	22 	23 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom)	24 	25 	26 	27 
28 10:00 a.m. Rite II Palm Sunday Eucharist Service (Zoom) 	29 	30 8:00 a.m. Tai Chi 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom)	31 PADS dinner 			