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13. For the Election of a Bishop or other Minister

By Bruce MacAlister, Editor

And now turn to page 818 of your *Book of Common Prayer* to say together this prayer for the choosing of a new bishop.

"Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese (or, 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."



St. Austine, first Archbishop of Canterbury



A new bishop for the Diocese of Virginia

By Bruce MacAlister

By March 28th the nominees for election as the new Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia (aka, bishop in charge) will be announced. A "Special Electing Convention" will be held June 4 to elect from amongst the candidates. The voters in this election are the delegates from each parish and the clergy licensed in this diocese. For us they are Terry Long, Hilary Smith, Joe Klenzmann and our priests-in-residence, Briggett Keith, Heather Baggett, and Andy Kunz. Lisa Lettau is HoCo's alternate lay delegate in case Terry cannot vote. On December 3rd there will be an "Ordination"

and Consecration" of the new bishop.

If you have not read the profile that went to those interested in becoming bishop, it is available as a PDF document at https://www.virginiabishopsearch.org/Customer-Content/www/CMS/files/Profile_Final/DOV_BishopSearch2021 Final.pdf.

Vestry Officers Elected By Ron Cox, Senior Warden

At the Vestry Orientation Meeting of February 5, 2022, the following Vestry Officers were elected for 2022:

Ron Cox (me), Senior Warden
Joella Rhoades, Junior Warden
Susan Carvell, Outreach & Register
Gayle Turner, Property
Steve Van Voorhees, Stewardship/Finance
Lian Munro, Worship
Emily Souder, Children/Youth
Evan Herr, Adult Education/Formation
Julie Edwards, Pastoral Care.

In addition, Judith O'Brien has taken on the role of Treasurer. Judith succeeds Ed Deane, who has stepped down following several years of service. Best wishes to Judith in her new role and many thanks to Ed for his service.

Hoco Birthdays For the month of March:

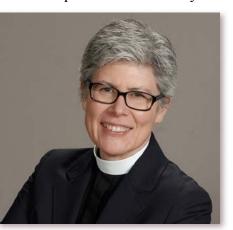
Nathaniel Milligan, 2nd; Lori Anderson, 3rd;
Craig Hamblin, 4th;
RoseMarie Germanis, 6th; Claire Kunz, 7th;
Mary Falterman, 9th; Caroline Smith, 11th;
Donald Craghead, 14th; Mary Maxwell, 16th;
Patsy Jones-Hubert, 18th; Joella Rhoades, 18th;
Mike Geipel, 20th; Diane Gilkenson, 26th;
Dr. Drew Munro, 26th; Waveney Joseph, 29th



A Message from Hilary +

Dear Friends and Companions in Ministry,

With Ash Wednesday on March 2, Lent has begun. I'm hoping that Lent can be a time of spiritual growth for all of us. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter; sounds good, right? But the problem is until very recently, the focus of Lent



has been on giving things up and focusing on sin. Why is this a problem? Much of the language we have used; many of the prayers and hymns that are part of our services during Lent do not speak to us, not to mention those who are not yet coming to

church. It is not that we have not sinned but such a focus is limiting. Personal sin is one part of what we consider during Lent, and we will have many opportunities to confess our sins as part of our communal prayer during our services, but Lent can be about so much more. And when we get into "the more," we speak in words that many of our friends and neighbors, who do not go to church, can understand.

When we get into "the more," we may find that Lent takes on greater importance for us. For example, the Episcopal Church offers the Rite of Reconciliation, personal confession to a priest, who then absolves you of all your sins. Every Lent, many Episcopal priests remind people of this, as do I and I say that I am available to hear your confession. In the last ten years, maybe three people have come to me for this sacrament. I do offer it to you again this year, but I want to offer more by using some other words and concepts that also point to the grace of God in our lives. We can understand Lent as a time to embrace transformation: through liberation, regaining our sight, reconnection or return, and rebirth or resurrection.

Marcus Borg states: "The Bible has multiple images and metaphors for the human condition,

the human predicament, the human problem, from which we need deliverance. Each of these ways of describing the problem points to a certain kind of solution as well. A central image: our problem is that we are in bondage. This is the heart of the Exodus story. It's also the heart of the New Testament perception of our being in bondage to the principalities and powers, that is, structures of evil that rule the world. If our problem is bondage then the solution is not forgiveness, but its liberation." (Marcus J. Borg; *Tim Scorer: Embracing an Adult Faith*: Marcus Borg on *What It Means to Be Christian*: a 5-session Study (Kindle Locations 237-240), Kindle Edition.

Our Monday night class has been using this study, which also notes, from the teaching of Borg: when we are blind to something, what brings transformation is the recovery of sight, not forgiveness; when we feel alienated or separated, we need reconnection for transformation; when we experience being dead in the midst of life, we need rebirth/resurrection. Our study invites us to consider when these dynamics of transformation have been real in our lives. What if we focused on these dynamics of transformation this Lent? I invite you to share with me experiences of such transformation or how you are seeking to know such transformation in your life.

Wishing you God's grace,

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2022 Lenten Lunches at St Paul's downtown

From St Paul's emailing

Click www.stpaulsrva.org/lent2022 for details on St Paul's 2022 Lenten Speaker Series.

St. Paul's is excited to offer another year of the Lenten Lunch program, a 100-year old Richmond favorite! Lunch will be available for take-out only following our Lenten Speaker and will be available for pick up in the Parish Hall from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch must be pre-ordered the prior Wednesday for pick up the following Wednesday (see dates and how to order below).



The speaker and lunches will be available on the following Wednesdays in Lent: March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6.

- Speaker 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- Pre-ordered lunches are available for takeout from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be two lunch options each week.

- 1. Cheese soufflé with sides
- 2. A special weekly entrée with sides.

A donation is requested, but not required. Actually lunches are \$10. Donations are for lecture series.

Lenten Lunch Orders

Lunch must be pre-ordered the prior Wednesday for pick up the following Wednesday use the order form or contact our church office at (804) 643-3589. Order forms will go live in March.

Stations of History

Next excitement is the mounting and exhibiting of the 14 commissioned artworks by Janelle Washington in the nave. On Fridays through Lent, the church will offer a "stations of history" liturgy of recognition and repentance. Janelle's

papercut imagery, 2 x 4 feet, provide visuals for those going through the stations. Fletcher, bless him, wrote the beautiful prayers.



Community Meals Returns April 5, 2022

By Patty Galdun

After a brief hiatus due to the Omicrom variant of COVID, the Community Meal will be returning. It will still be a take-out meal. We



will be offering homemade soup, with store purchased bread and cookies on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. during the Food Pantry pick up. Feel free to stop by and pick some up on your way home from work for a ready-made supper. You may also want to take some to a sick friend or relative.



Regathering, Again By the Rev Dr Hilary Smith, Rector

On March 2, Ash Wednesday, we began having worship services in person following the Omicron surge. We have gotten good at Zoom church, but how wonderful to be able to see you at church again and share Holy

Communion with you. Our Covid protocols are ever-evolving based on the infection rate, guidance from the



CDC, and direction from our Bishop. We began again in person with masks, social distancing, and receiving the bread only. We hope that the situation continues to improve, allowing for worship as it was before Covid. The vestry and I will let you know as soon as that is possible.

Church will never be the same again, and, in some ways, that is a good thing. We are now "all in" with the live streaming of our services from church. We have had better attendance with many of our programs because they have been on Zoom. When possible, we will offer hybrid experiences to include those who cannot get to church. Some of these persons live in other parts of the country; some of them cannot drive or cannot drive at night. The Sunday morning 8:45am class has moved back to in person at church, but our Monday night class remains on Zoom and our Lenten program will be on Zoom. Our Lectionary Study on Thursdays at 4pm was born during the pandemic, really because of the pandemic, and will always be a Zoom meeting. For March our Centering Prayer time on Wednesdays at 11:30am



will stay on Zoom. I anticipate, at some point, returning to our in-person Centering Prayer on Wednesdays at that time followed by Holy Communion.

Our choir is back to rehearsing on Thursday nights at 7:00pm, and other

groups are welcome to resume meeting in person at church. Please let me if you have decided to meet in person again or when you plan to do so.

We have been through many changes as a church during this pandemic. We have had to be flexible, and we continue to be so. I am helped by the knowledge that some good has come from this time even as I pray and long for a return to all of our pre-Covid activities.

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2am



Senate Sergeant at Arms Charles Higgins turns forward the Ohio Clock for the first Daylight Saving Time, while Senators stand by.

Sanctified Art



Under God's Wing - by Rev. Gwynn Garrity, inspired by Psalm 27

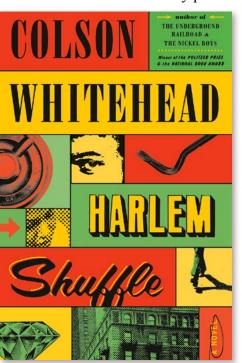


Our March selection is *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead. This will be the third novel by Colson Whitehead our club has read over the years. The first two were terrific and it looks like this one is too!

From **Amazon.com**:

"NATIONAL BOOK CRITICS CIRCLE NOMINEE • A NEW YORK TIMES NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR• NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • From the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Underground* Railroad and *The Nickel Boys*, a gloriously entertaining novel of heists, shakedowns, and ripoffs set in Harlem in the 1960s.

"Ray Carney was only slightly bent when it came to being crooked..." To his customers and neighbors on 125th street, Carney is an upstanding salesman of reasonably priced furniture, making



a decent life for himself and his family. He and his wife Elizabeth are expecting their second child, and if her parents on Striver's Row don't approve of him or their cramped apartment across from the subway tracks, it's still home.

"Few people know he descends from

a line of uptown hoods and crooks, and that his façade of normalcy has more than a few cracks in it. Cracks that are getting bigger all the time.

"Cash is tight, especially with all those installment-plan sofas, so if his cousin Freddie occasionally drops off the odd ring or necklace,

Ray doesn't ask where it comes from. He knows a discreet jeweler downtown who doesn't ask questions, either.

"Then Freddie falls in with a crew who plan to rob the Hotel Theresa - the "Waldorf of Harlem" - and volunteers Ray's services as the fence. The heist doesn't go as planned; they rarely do. Now Ray has a new clientele, one made up of shady cops, vicious local gangsters, two-bit pornographers, and other assorted Harlem lowlifes.

"Thus begins the internal tussle between Ray the striver and Ray the crook. As Ray navigates this double life, he begins to see who actually pulls the strings in Harlem. Can Ray avoid getting killed, save his cousin, and grab his share of the big score, all while maintaining his reputation as the go-to source for all your quality home furniture needs?

"Harlem Shuffle's ingenious story plays out in a beautifully recreated New York City of the early 1960s. It's a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a hilarious morality play, a social novel about race and power, and ultimately a love letter to Harlem."

We will continue to meet via Zoom in March: https://zoom.us/j/99461451877. Please let me know if you have questions.



"When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them." - Psalm 91:15

When I first learned about our incoming priest in residence, the Rev. Baggett, two things stood out to me. The first thing was that she is half the average age of the rest of the clergy. The second is that she has never led a church and instead spends her ministry as a hospice chaplain. That first of all struck me as unusually profound. Of course we all know how wonderful a church and its ministry is. To say a minister's service as a church leader is an understatement. Words cannot begin to elaborate this in my own story. But a

church is only the most visible capstone of our call as Christians. Aside from the utter humility of an ordained hospice chaplain's quiet work,



something else is striking about the Rev. Baggett; she is an extraordinarily gifted preacher. Her first sermon I heard was so inspiring it ended with me in tears. She preached on the 91st psalm and the paradoxical annoyance that God promises to shelter us in times of trouble vet has created a world full of trouble at the same time. She shares her experience of this in her own life with her friend's passing at a very young age, actually even younger than me. Of course her message is striking. It struck me particularly in my own life. The psalm itself is striking. But what strikes me most about the Rev. Baggett's preaching is her own paradox. She is indeed a preacher who doesn't preach. She is not the rector of a church. As far as I'm aware she well may have never even been staff clergy before. Yet that first sermon was so perfectly delivered, so beautifully executed, and most of all so wonderful it literally had me in tears watching from that side pew after returning the cross from the Gospel. A couple Sundays ago, the Rev. Baggett was all excited because it was her first time preaching over Zoom. For better or for worse she walks in her own message from her sermon of profound hope. A hope she must hold in her heart every day as she lives death minute after minute of her career. In writing this article it struck me why I felt so inclined to do so. Yes, the Rev. Baggett highlights that stark contradiction of what God assures us in the midst of our chaos. That hope the Rev. Baggett so beautifully

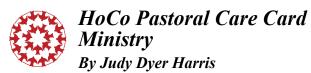
reminds us to hold dear to our hearts in the midst of the horrors we currently face. But in the Rev. Baggett, I see her own paradox. I've never given

> much thought to other calls priests serve. All of that aside, we are blessed with one extraordinarily gifted preacher who doesn't even work in a church. How eye opening. How thought provoking. How inspiring.

> The Rev. Baggett reminds us that, "[Hope is] every time you allow someone else to shine their light into your darkness." She certainly has mine.

The sermon I refer to was given on the 21st Sunday after Pentecost recorded as the sermon only. The Rev. Baggett's preaching Zoom-debut is during the 5th Sunday after

the Epiphany Zoom Service beginning about seventeen minutes in. Both are available on our Facebook and YouTube pages.



The card ministry of pastoral care has been busy keeping in touch with shutins and birthday folks! Let the office know if your address has changed or you are new so that we don't miss you. Our representatives are Nan Ottenritter, Caroline Nichols, Barb Davis, Judy Harris, Patty Hardin and Kathleen Rose.

Says Nan Ottenritter, "While I love getting electronic cards and messages, I so love to get a card in the mail. Hopefully our parishioners do as well!"



Men at the Movies Deja Vu? By Steve Van Voorhees

Does your life seem to be a replay of Ground Hog Day - masks on, social distancing, hand sanitizers, cancellations; then easing COVID restrictions and seeing infections, hospitalizations, and deaths going down; then everything reversing direction again? Are you ready for an escape to another place, another time, another experience? Once again we are going to try and have Men at the Movies in-person!! And show *The Good Thief*! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 8th and join us in the Parlor at 6:00pm.

An obvious question is how do we know this person as the good thief? It seems there are three reasons for this: The thief on the cross to Jesus' left is traditionally said to be the one who derides Jesus as the "Savior" and says to Jesus, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself, and us." The thief in the right counters by first saying to him, "Have you no fear of God? You are under the same sentence as he. For us it is plain justice: we

are paying the price for our misdeeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And then he says, "Jesus, remember me when you come to your throne." Jesus answers him, "I tell you this: today you shall be with me in Paradise."

Witnessing this scene, one could easily see why the Christian church has called this thief "good." The third reason he is called "good" is found in the Gospel of Nicodemus, which is not included in the New Testament, but which was widely known in the early church. This holy myth tells that these two thieves started early in their criminal careers and tried to rob the Holy Family on their way to Egypt, fleeing Herod. Their names are given as Dismas (good) and Gestas (bad) and their behavior is similar to the scene above. The scriptures cited here from the *New English Bible*

are: Luke 23:39-43 and Matthew 2:13-15.

It turns out that our Good Thief in the movie knows the crucifixion story and has hopes that, like his predecessor in crime, he will also be with Jesus in Heaven and says so while he is in church with his friend, the police detective Roger. Our film protagonist is "Bob Le Flamber," a fictional hero created for a French movie of the same name in 1955. This retelling is quite different in style and technique.

An aside for you - "Bob LeFlamber" is a name given to Bob Montagenet as a result of his gambling and his style at the tables. He sees all life as a gamble and is ready to 'double down'

in all cases. In French, "a flamber" literally means to burn, to grill and you see 'flambe' on menus, which tells you the dish is flame-grilled. A "Flamber" is one who burns' their money at the cards, the roulette wheel or the dice. They don't

quit, don't walk way, and do believe that the next card, spin or roll will be a winner for them.

Our story picks up in Nice, where Bob, born of a French father and American mother, is at his lowest. He is world-weary, out-of-luck, and out of money. His career in crime is history, he is addicted to drugs and alcohol, and at the end of his rope. But, he has friends and admirers all around him. One of his crew comes up with a career-defining heist idea with a huge pay-off that will set the whole gang up for a sweet life thereafter.

In the demi-monde where we find Bob, we have all the glitter in the people, places and activities that is the Cote d'Azur and Monte Carlo, as well as the shadowy and steamy underworld of prostitutes, drug dealers, grifters, and other serious criminals. Bob's crew member, Raoul, shows Bob the grand prize - the Casino safe on the night before the Grand Prix of Monaco car race, one of the biggest nights of the year. The safe will be full. Also on the walls of the Casino is a museum-level collection of fine art paintings (they are probably very good fakes, but the real ones are kept in an adjacent building owned by the Casino). Bob decides to "double down" and steal both caches: the Casino's money and its paintings on the same night! Now he has to plan the heist with his team, go "cold turkey" to rid himself of the drugs, and get away clean with the cash and the art. Does he succeed? Is he really good at thieving and as a friend to both cops and robbers?

Of course, there is a woman involved. Actually there are two - Anne, a young immigrant from the Balkans, who must be saved from drugs and prostitution, which Bob attempts with help from his crew, and a trans-woman, Philipa, a bank robber and one of Bob's crew. And there are identical twins, Albert, a security guard, and Bertram, and also Vladimir, the man who designed the painting vault's security system. The police are watching Bob, so he goes to the Casino and, under their watchful eyes, tries to win, and it looks like a night to remember, as he is successful wagering like never before. How does it end?

Come to the south of France, where palm trees and beautiful people sway and flutter, as well as the demi-monde underneath the glitter. It's film noir and a perfect antidote for a pandemic, political uncertainty, and an unsteady economy. There's only so much negativity one can take! Join with others, masked and socially distanced, on Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00pm in the Parlor. The faithful regular moviegoers who are enjoying these selections, the fellowship, and the discussions invite you to join them! See you at the movies!



Recently I met with one of the leaders of ReEstablish Richmond because I learned of all the good work that they are doing with resettlement efforts with those from Afghanistan. This organization also helps bring people, churches, groups together to help. Kate Ayers talked with me about opportunities. One need that they are helping to meet is the need for transportation; volunteers are teaching people how to get around on the bus. If you would like to help with that, please let me know. They are looking for more people to help with the bus orientation now. Part



of the training for that involves teaching the volunteers about riding the bus. Many who have been helping have not ridden the bus much, and that is not a problem. There will be a training for helping in additional ways in April.

Here is a description of their volunteer roles:

Volunteer Opportunities - https://www.reestablishrichmond.org/volunteer-opportunities

And here is where you can learn more and sign up for April's training:

Volunteer With Us - https://www.reestablishrichmond.org/volunteer-with-us

Please let me know if you would like to help Afghan refugees through Re-establish Richmond. I think this will be a great way for us to get more involved, hbshococlergy@gmail.com



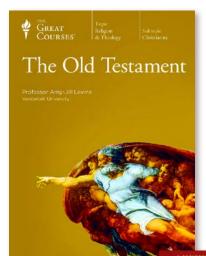
Sunday morning class returns to in-person March 6th

By Peggy Hombs, Adult Formation

The Sunday Morning Class will return to meeting in-person on Sunday, March 6th, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. in the Parlor. (Fingers crossed,

we do not have to return to Zooming!) The group will continue with the current DVD-based curriculum The Old Testament with Professor Amy-Jill ('AJ') Levine. A weekly email provides read-ahead material; the group views a short video and has a wideranging discussion on the lecture. The class will not meet on April 10th and 17th (Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday) and will break for

the summer before Memorial Day weekend.





Wednesday evening Lenten program begins March 9th By Peggy Hombs

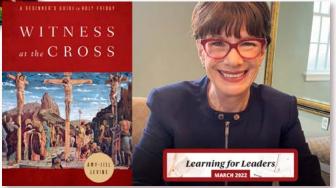
Many do not like Good Friday and try to avoid it – understandably so. But this year, take the Holy Comforter Lenten Challenge and join us on Wednesday nights to explore a whole new way of looking at Good Friday.! Our program is based on Witness at the Cross by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Read more!

"In Witness at the Cross, Dr Amy-Jill Levine (she prefers to be called "AJ") offers readers an uncommon and fascinating approach to studying the Gospel accounts of Jesus's crucifixion. Rather than focusing immediately and directly on Jesus as much Christian preaching, liturgy, and devotion do - AJ invites readers to see the Crucifixion and consider anew its significance through the eyes and ears of those who watched it happen and heard what was said by Jesus and those around him, according to the four New Testament Gospels. When we consider Jesus's death from these people's unique and diverse points of

view, we may well discover it means not less but even more than Christians often consider. AJ's approach allows readers to experience in fresh and frequently surprising ways the Crucifixion's power to shake preconceptions about who we are, who God is, and the shape our life in God's presence takes." - Levine, Amy-Jill, Witness at the Cross Leader Guide (p. 7), Abingdon Press Kindle

Edition.

On Wednesday evenings, March 9th through April 13th, from 7:00-8:00pm via a provided Zoom link, we will explore the possibilities such an approach offers, using the Witness at the Cross guidebook and DVD. We will view short (12 minute) video presentations by AJ, followed by discussion of material from the guidebook, in six sessions: Bystanders and Scoffers, The Other Victims, The Soldiers, The Beloved Disciple, The



Women, and Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. The sessions will be led by Hilary Smith and me.

If you are intrigued and want to participate, please:

- Send an email to Hilary or me to register.
- Purchase A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday for Witness at the Cross, Amy-Jill Levine. The guidebook is available from Amazon in paperback (\$16.14) or Kindle (\$9.99). If you need assistance in purchasing the guidebook, contact me or Hilary.
- Prepare for each week's session by reading the guidebook material. You may find it helpful to have a Bible at hand (both Old and New Testaments, any translation) as well.

You will receive a weekly email that includes the week's reading and the Zoom link.

<u>Note</u>: No class on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd Contact: Hilary or me with questions.



Monday evening class taking a break for Lent

By Peggy Hombs

The Monday Evening Class will conclude its current curriculum "Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What It Means to Be Christian" on Monday, March 7th. The class will then be on break until Monday, April 25th.

This will allow class members to participate in the Wednesday Lenten Program (see separate article) without being over-Zoomed during Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Prior to resuming on April 25th, the Monday Evening Class members will be in conversation about what curriculum to tackle next. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome!



Final fundraising for parishioner Liam Davis-Vojta

By Mary Davis

JR Tucker HS Shoestring Players to Scotland group (my son and HoCo parishioner Liam Davis-Vojta is a member) is holding its final fundraisers this spring. Their trip is scheduled for July 30 - Aug 12! They will be in London for a couple days before heading to Edinburgh to perform



their student-written play, *Mortal*, on the Royal Mile and at other venues throughout their time there.

The events that they have planned truly put the fun in fundraising. There will be an online auction starting March 17 and continuing through the 26th. There are *lots* of great deals on interesting items and experiences,

including a pre-screening at the Byrd Theater, a diamond pendant, museum memberships, restaurant vouchers, vacations, and much more. April 17 brings another craft fair and April 30 is a ballet, both at Tucker HS. And as always, the clothing bin is open for your used clothing items.

Please visit http://www.jrtscotland.com/ for more information on all of the above. Be sure to check out the link for the online auction. You won't want to miss it!



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Coming Events at the Church of the Holy Comforter
See the *Hoco web site calendar page* for detailed calendar and rota

Schedule of church events following the Covid-19 period (still evolving)

- **Sundays**, 10:00am service Eucharist in person with streaming on Facebook and YouTube
- Sundays, 4:30pm Story Time, a service for children, their families, and friends of all ages on Facebook
- Tuesday, 7:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook
- Wednesday, 11:30am Centering Prayer via Zoom
- Thursday, 7:30am Morning Prayer, Facebook

• Saturday, 7pm Night prayers on Facebook

Food Pantry Hours:

- First and third Saturdays, 11:00am to noon
- First and third Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30pm

Veterans' Shelter Dinner

- Fourth Thursdays, prep between 5pm
- Drop off at shelter between 5:30 and 6pm

Editing of the Messenger is done by Bruce MacAlister, the layout by George Collier.

The April Messenger will be available, Sunday, April 3, 2022. The deadline for that edition is Friday

March 25th, so you might want to do it earlier in the week!

If you feel that you have something you'd like to contribute, please contact Bruce MacAlister at

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