

Tidings

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Flowers planted by Richard Lemen

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 28 at 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist & Liturgy of the Palms

**Join us in person*

**Listen to our live Worship Service in your car from Trinity parking lot.*

**Join us from your home virtual Worship live via zoom.*

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday: Virtual Services, details to follow.

Easter Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 am, Holy Eucharist

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SENIOR WARDEN'S MESSAGE

As we get closer to spring and a rebirth of our world outside, we hope for a reopening after Covid quarantine. I'm sure we're all looking forward to life returning to some kind of normalcy with the hope of successful vaccines and continuing to practice safe protocols.

In that light, I hope we will see more of our church family returning to church in whatever way you are comfortable. You are able to come into church or join via Zoom. You can also see Father Nicholas' message on YouTube. Mary Helen and I tried the newest way of hearing the service. We sat in our car in the parking lot of the church with our car radio dialed to 107.7 FM. It was wonderful. We could hear everything very clearly including the beautiful organ music. Of course we were able to control the volume and that helped me with my hearing loss. After the service, Father brought Eucharist to the car. That was a special benefit of joining in this way. Please consider trying this out if you don't want to come into church, use Zoom or watch the YouTube presentation.

We're keeping everyone in our prayers and hoping for the time when we can all gather in our beautiful church once again.

Blessings,
Gayle

Prayer List

"Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you and keep you, now and always."

Amber	Jane Ayers	Bob Boulden	Pam Boulden	Rev. Karen Burnell
Marion Conner	Carol Costello	Tim Coudon	Donna Hurst Dellinger	Elizabeth
Sharon Elliott	Alan Fenson	Shawnda Fenson	Mary Foxwell	George Gibson
Fern Hitchcock	Bill Jackson	Kathy Koslak	Fred Layabout III	Jean Major
Victoria Marsh	Sharon McCallum	John McLean	Michael	Jean Mulford
Larry Parker	Rose Perrone	Piseth	Pisey	Rev. Christopher Porteus
Janice Potts	Chantha Prak	Liz Rossi	Mike Rossi	Jane Sichangi
Hunter Smith	Betsy Spina	Stephanie	Cathy Tosh	Sandy Tosi
Lara Tozer	Socheath Yun			



ACTS OF KINDNESS written for January's Tidings

Christmas felt very different this year! No Christmas Eve services!! No usual family gatherings! Our family gathering was limited to our “pod” (daughter and son and their dogs). My sister and her husband had their children and grandchildren visit but all kept masks on and distancing when in the house! How strange! And what could have been stranger than seeing the ball drop New Year’s Eve to an *EMPTY* Times Square!! We will no doubt remember this holiday season for a long, long time. But out of these very strange and different situations it is comforting to remember those things that reinforce the love, comfort and joy that Christmas brings. We found ourselves enjoying the cozy warmth of a fire in the fireplace, spending time gazing at special ornaments on the tree reminders of our children's joys and accomplishments over the years along with pets no longer with us; and shopping for those perfect gifts, not by battling other shoppers in stores, but by carefully searching and researching the gift online and trying to be sure it would be delivered in time!! So even with all these crazy changes brought on by the pandemic, we found ourselves immersed in the spirit of Christmas and thinking acts of kindness for our loved ones in our giving and in our making sure that we helped to protect each other! I'm sure all of us have our stories of how this Christmas was different, yet the same in enabling us to demonstrate God’s love to each other. Here are a few noteworthy Acts of Kindness that our parishioners did this past month.

Mary Katharine Hitchcock, on her own initiative, decided to put some money in our food pantry account to great use by preparing 8 Christmas Dinners for needy families to meet the asking for food from Ray of Hope. This is a great way for Trinity to get recognized in the community and Ray of Hope makes it easy for the people who need it to get this food.

Mary Helen Atwood and Gayle Mayo’s neighbor passed away the Friday before Thanksgiving. Her grown son lived with her and was taking care of her (she had cancer). Mary Helen and Gayle jumped in and made sure that he had meals and ran errands for him since he has no car. They especially made sure that he had a Thanksgiving dinner!!

Cheryl and I haven’t seen some of our extended family (nieces, nephews) in several years. Usually in our traditional gatherings with our siblings we conveniently “drop off” niece and nephew presents with their parents and leave it at that, receiving a thank you call (or text!) in return. This year, Cheryl had the idea to take rides to do our drop offs in person, Covid safe. We just returned from a truly wonderful time with my niece and her husband, daughter and son. We met on their deck on Saturday with beautiful weather and even a heat lamp to keep us warm. We all wore our masks and distanced, but we hadn’t had such a nice get together in years!! And we would have missed this in “normal” times.

When it came time to making end of the year donations, we spent a bit more time thoughtfully providing help where it was most needed – a bit different from past years where these were hurriedly made amidst the traditional holiday rush and travel.

I hope all of you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year’s and know that each and everyone of you have your own stories of Acts of Kindness and of seeing God’s love in others and letting others see God’s love in you. Please keep up these Acts of Kindness as we move through 2021! And share them with us!! God bless you all for all that you do!

Sincerely,
Ross Lee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



February 2 Mary Huber
March 3 Hans Nafzinger
March 9 Aaron Derby
March 25 Louise McLean

February 19 Matt Cugini
March 7 Judy Caffey
March 16 Andy Lee
March 29 Rodney Long



EASTER CANDY

Support St. Stephens Church.

Ready for Palm Sunday!!

\$8.00 per order

Big eggs or bite size in Coconut, Butter Cream or Peanut Butter.

Checks are made payable to St. Stephens Episcopal Church or cash!!

Orders due to Mary Katharine before Sunday, March 21.

*Wishing you a
blessed Easter!*