

THE ST PETER'S POST

February , 2024

St Peter's Episcopal Church, Port Royal, VA

The Rev. Catherine D. Hicks, Rector

Journey into Lent



- Every Sunday, Worship at 11AM in person and on line at this link peterseiscopalchurchpo677/streams
- Every Wednesday, 10AM until Noon Bible Study in the Parish House—study of the upcoming Sunday's lectionary
- Sun., Feb. 4 Coffee Hour immediately following the service.
- Sun., Feb. 11 – Souper-Bowl of Caring to benefit the Village Harvest
- Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5pm-6:30pm in the parish house
- Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7pm service
- Vestry, Thurs, Feb. 15, 2PM Parish House
- Sun., Feb. 18, 2PM. Susan Linne Von Berg's funeral
- Wed., Feb. 21 – Village Harvest, 3:00pm-5pm. All help is welcome for this vital St Peter's ministry. Time of food pick up and unloading of food to be announced and help will be needed.
- Weds, Feb 21 7PM on ZOOM Lenten Study, The Creeds, A Guide to Deeper Faith Session 1.

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Meeting ID: 833 7014 5820

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- **Mon., Feb. 26 – Bingo Night at the Fire Hall sponsored by Caroline Public Schools. 6pm-7:30pm.** Place your contributions (granola bars, individually wrapped bags of trail mix, or small bottles of water) on the back pew by Feb. 25.
- **Weds, Feb. 28th 7PM on Zoom The Creeds—A Guide to Deeper Faith Session 2.**
- **Sacred Ground, Thurs., Feb. 29, 7PM on Zoom**
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Server Schedule, February, 2024

Sun., Feb. 4, 2024 The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, 11AM

Lector: Andrea Pogue

Chalice Bearer: Johnny Davis

Altar Cleanup: Jan Saylor

Sun., Feb. 11, 2024 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Eucharist, 11AM

Lector: Jennifer Collins

Chalice Bearer: Elizabeth Heimbach

Altar Cleanup: Andrea Pogue

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday, 7PM, Holy Eucharist, 7PM

Lector: Cookie Davis

Chalice Bearer: Andrea Pogue

Altar Cleanup: Jan Saylor

Sun., Feb. 18, 2024 The First Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist, 11AM

Lector: Johnny Davis

Chalice Bearer: Alice Hughes

Altar Cleanup: BJ Anderson

Sun., Feb. 25, 2024 The Second Sunday in Lent, Holy Eucharist 11AM

Lector: Elizabeth Heimbach

Chalice Bearer: Johnny Davis

Altar Cleanup: Elizabeth Heimbach

Prayer Corner



Both John Hess and Cleo Coleman had surgery in January and we give thanks for the successful outcomes of both surgeries. Please pray for John and for Cleo as they

regain their health and strength.

Please pray for the Linne von Berg family as they mourn the loss of Susan, faithful wife and mother and a beloved member of St Peter's. Susan's memorial service will take place on Sunday, February 18th at 2PM.

For the Wisdoms—Boyd is undergoing treatment for cancer. Barbara will be having knee surgery on February 20th.

For Katherine Holland, mother of Kerri Holland, who is the President of Historic Port Royal. Katherine has received a diagnosis of brain cancer and will receive Hospice care.

For Tom Segar, whose mobility has become more and more limited, and for Barbara, as she cares for him.

And for all on our prayer list, which is updated each week and appears on the back of the Sunday bulletin.

Thank you notes and letters to St Peter's

Back in the fall, **Salli Hartman** met with the Vestry and Rector for a Mutual Ministry

Review. During the review, we named all of the things that we were already doing (and we were surprised!) and thought about areas in which we might grow. Salli was an able and helpful facilitator for this process. She sent us a note in response to the honorarium she received from the Vestry.

My Dear St Peter's Friends! Thank you for the honor of leading the Mutual Ministry Review. It was a pleasure to be with you and I hope to visit this spring as my time off develops into my future ministry. Peace, Salli

In gratitude for all that **Tom and Alice Hughes** do for St Peter's, the Vestry presented them with a gift card to Renato's as token of appreciation.

Dear Vestry Members,

Tom and I would like to thank you so very much for the gift card to our favorite restaurant, Renato's. This kindness will be appreciated very much, very soon—it really is our go to place. It is a joy to worship with you at St Peter's and we look forward to 2024 and all of the promise ahead. You truly are our friends. Fondly, Alice and Tom

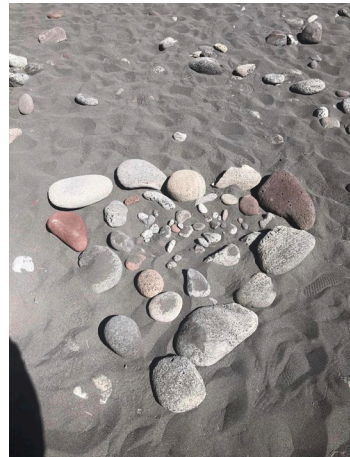


Photo from the Fisher Family's trip to Hawaii

We also received another thank you from **The Rt Rev Robert Fitzpatrick, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii** regarding the Maui relief efforts of the Episcopal Church.

Aloha my dear Siblings in Christ,

I write to thank all those who have been so generous in the months following the August fires on Maui. Gifts of financial and personal support have come from around the world. We have been supported by the prayers of many more. I have been moved to tears by all of the love and generosity.

Bishop Fitzpatrick gives a summary of the gifts that the Diocese has received.

\$538,320 to The Bishop's Pastoral Fund (this is where St Peter's sent its donations)

\$237,806 went to a Cup of Cold Water, a community Care-Van outreach ministry on the Island of Maui, and run by a group of committed Episcopalians as a way of delivering food and clothing to those in need on Maui.

\$166,686 Holy Innocents Episcopal Church Ministry. This church was destroyed by the fire, but the congregation continues to meet and funds donated to them help support the congregation as they look toward the future.

The Bishop goes on to say that recovery on Maui will take years. If anyone wishes to continue to help, you can direct your gift to one of the three areas listed above and donate online at

<https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/maui-relief.html>, or at this address.

The Episcopal Church in Hawaii
Attn: Maui Relief
229 Queen Emma Square
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Bishop ends his letter by saying that "the greatest gift has been your solidarity and your prayers, thank you."

WHAT ST PETER'S DID FOR GOD'S GLORY IN JANUARY

Village Harvest

On Tuesday, January 16th, thanks to a snow day, many people, including St Peter's youth, gathered to help unload the truck and to

prepare for the Village Harvest food distribution on Wednesday.



Food available in pounds. 1,110 pounds were available for distribution in Jan, 2024. This was the lowest supply since June, 2023 which had 949 pounds. Reviewing earlier years the 2024 number was actually better than most years. Beginning in Oct, 2023, the number of pounds available per month slipped behind that of the month a year earlier.

Clients served. We served 91 in Jan. 2024, the lowest total since October with 99. Looking at the last six months of clients fed at the harvest show an improving trend monthly in the current year compared to a year ago. Client totals were over 99 or better for the last 3 months of 2023 with an average of 107. A year earlier the maximum was 90 for the last 3 months of 2022 with an average of 86.

Costs. The cost is based on the bill submitted by the Healthy Harvest Food bank. For 2023, the average monthly cost was \$180. The actual Jan, 2024 cost was less at \$168.75 due to the smaller amount of food. Total costs were similar between 2023 and 2022 with 2023 at \$2,160 and 2022 at \$2,147. The cost in 2021 was significantly less at \$1,944.

(Report by Ben Hicks)

Sacred Ground, Jan. 18

\$2,700 of scholarship money from the Sacred Ground Scholarship has been delivered to Germanna to cover the expenses of three students who are currently in trade school.

Based on what we learned from reading the book, *How we can Win: Race, History and Changing the Money Game That's Rigged*, by Kimberly Jones, we want to explore how we can support black owned businesses in the area and to continue to contribute to local educational needs in the community.

"A Case for Love", Jan. 23



Seven St Peter's people went to the Paragon Theater in Fredericksburg on Jan 23 to see "A Case for Love" movie. It was 3+ years in the making by an Episcopalian film maker and is based on Bishop Caury's "Way of Love" concept.

The movie spotlighted 13 stories involving unselfish love plus many more "man on the street" questions about Love. "What is love? Is love dead?" A number of prominent individuals were spotlighted including Episcopalians, Bishop Curry, Senator Danforth, and Al Roker.

It was inspiring! The group that made the film has challenged us in the next 30 days to use a journal and to intentionally practice the "Way of Love" in our lives. A link for the journal is [here](https://news.churchsp.org/30daylovejournal).
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Anyone can do this!

The St Peter's Vestry has designated 2024 as a year to be intentional and to "Walk in Love," in particular ways corresponding to the church year. Right now, in the Season after the Epiphany, we are "Walking in the Light," letting the light of Christ light and guide our lives.

At St Peter's, we walk in the light by reaching out to others through the food distribution, helping those in need, caring for those in our congregation who are suffering, and praying, worshipping and learning with one another.

During the Season of Lent, we will be "Walking to the Cross," being intentional learning from Jesus about how we can best support those who are suffering.

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS AT ST PETER'S

God's Garden



The children will be meeting each Sunday in February at 10:15 in the Parish House. Their lessons will focus on the upcoming church season of Lent. The children will design and decorate an Alleluia banner which will appear in the church, only to be hidden by the children before the season of Lent begins—a reminder that we fast from saying Alleluia because we are focusing our hearts on becoming closer to God and saving up our alleluias for Easter Day as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and new life for us.

The disappearance of the banner will be a reminder that during Lent the congregation does not end each service with the word "Alleluia," and this will be a way to introduce lessons about Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter. And, of course, the banner will re-appear on Easter! The children will also be working on learning the Lord's Prayer.

Sunday, Feb. 11, Souper- Bowl of Caring

On Souper Bowl Sunday, groups all over the country fight hunger together.
Bring a can, or cans, of soup to church on the 11th. Add a Valentine's Day card wishing the recipient love from St Peter's. The card will be included in a Village Harvest bag on Wed, February 21st. The goal—thirty cans of soup and thirty cards for those who come to the distribution.
Monetary donations to the Village Harvest are always welcome. Write a check to St Peter's with Village Harvest in the memo line if you wish to donate.

Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 13



Tuesday Feb. 13, 5pm-6:30pm in the Parish House -- Pancake Supper

Traditionally Shrove Tuesday was viewed as a day of repentance, "Shrove" comes from the verb "to shrive" (to confess and receive absolution) prior to the start of the Lenten season. Other names for this day include Carnival (farewell to meat) and Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday of the French tradition).

Ironically, Shrove Tuesday has evolved into a day of frivolity and indulgence, during which people participate in as much pleasure and self-gratification as they can before Lent begins.

Help needed! If you would like to help cook, contact Johnny Davis, 804-241-4076. If you would like to help decorate for this festive event, call or email Catherine Hicks, 540-809-7489, stpetersrev@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14, 7PM Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist



Ash Wednesday originated in the A.D. 900s, long after Europe had been Christianized.

The following information is from Sarah Bently Allred, Editor of Building Faith and Associate for Christian Formation & Discipleship in Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the season of Lent, the forty days set aside to prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus. Now, we spend forty days preparing just as Jesus spent forty days in the desert fasting and getting ready for his public ministry.

The Call to A Holy Lent "Our liturgy directly invites us into a holy season of specific

practices aimed at helping us reconnect with God in preparation for the celebration of Easter. "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (Book of Common Prayer, page 265) What practices are mostly meaningful to examine the course of your religious life?"

We are dust "Many Ash Wednesday liturgies, including the one at St Peter's, provide an opportunity for worshipers to receive the mark of the cross in ashes on their forehead accompanied by the words, "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." There are many layers of meaning within this simple, powerful ritual. There is the call to remember God created us from the earth (Genesis 2:7). It is by the grace of God that we live and move and have our being and we are inextricably linked to the earth from which we were created.

There is also the call to remember our connection to the rest of humanity. We are all made from the same "stuff." We come from dust and we dwell in skin, bone, blood, and cartilage. And there is the call to remember we will return to the earth from whence we came (Genesis 3:19). Ash Wednesday provides us that rarely comfortable, but certainly important opportunity to sit with our own mortality."

Repentance "To repent is to both acknowledge that we have not loved God with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves AND to make every effort to do things differently. Repentance is about turning away from behavior that is not in alignment with these two great commandments. Rather than something to check off the to-do list, repentance is a practice. Being human means we will never be fully without sin and we will never outgrow the need for God's forgiveness."

The Ash Wednesday service offers an opportunity for us to come together to consider our ongoing need for God's

salvation in our lives, both individually and as a community.

Bingo Night, Mon, Feb. 26, 6pm-7:30PM at the Port Royal Fire Department

St Peter's is serving as a Partner in Education with the Caroline County Public Schools.

We will be providing snacks for Bingo Night. **Please bring granola bars, individually wrapped bags of trail mix, or small bottles of water and place them in the back pew by Sun, Feb. 25.**

The Gospel in February

Feb. 4 – 5th Sunday after the Epiphany - Mark 1:29-39

The Season after the Epiphany continues—and this gospel reading invites us to consider Jesus as a healer, Jesus as having authority over spirits, and Jesus as the bearer of Good News. After healing and casting out demons, Jesus take the time to go to a solitary place to pray. When we bring someone to God in prayer, both in our individual prayers and in our corporate prayers, we are trusting that God will bring healing and strength into the lives of those for whom we pray. At the end of the reading, when the disciples come to find Jesus and to bring him back to do more healing work, Jesus tells them that he must go to other villages to preach the Good News, for that is what he has come to do. The Good News is for everyone.

Feb. 11- Last Sunday after the Epiphany - Mark 9:2-9, the Transfiguration

(Notes are from [The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary](#), Pheme Perkins on Mark)
“Despite providing the most dramatic evidence of Jesus' relationship to God of any epiphany scene in the Gospel, the transfiguration cannot override the necessity of Jesus' suffering and death. It sharpens the paradox of the cross...not only does God's own beloved Son die, but also his

death is at the hands of his enemies. Even the affirmations of exaltation and entry into the glory of his Father cannot nullify the scandal of the cross. God's command to heed the word of Jesus gives his teaching the authority of divine revelation.”

Feb. 18 – First Sunday in Lent - Mark 1:9-15

Mark 1:9-15 is Mark's version of the baptism, temptation and beginning of Jesus' ministry. While Matthew and Luke go into elaborate detail of the temptations Jesus faced, Mark lets us know Jesus was tempted. Jesus has to go through this time of temptation before he freely proclaims the Gospel, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news” (vs. 15).

To repent means to turn back to God, to turn away from where we have gone astray. At the same time we have to remember that we are God's beloved. There is nothing we can do, nothing we will face that will separate you from God's love.

Feb.25 – Second Sunday in Lent - Mark 8:31-38

Jesus said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” We, like the disciples, are called to participate with Jesus in his “ministry of suffering.”

Jesus asks his followers to follow him in faith to the Cross.

THE SEASON OF LENT AT ST PETER'S

Lenten Changes in the Worship Space

During the season of Lent, the altar frontal and lectern hangings are purple, and the processional cross is made of wood, painted red, as Lenten processional crosses were in medieval England. These colors emphasize themes of the Lenten season--purple brings

to mind the suffering of Jesus, as well as his royalty. Red is the color of blood, the source of life.

The Lenten chalice and paten are made of pottery from the dust of the earth, and the chalice has the crown of thorns wrapping around it. The candle sticks on the altar are wrought iron, a little more austere than the brass candlesticks usually in use on the altar.

St. Peter's Lenten Study - The Creeds—a Guide to Deeper Faith



When we say the Creeds (the Apostles' Creed at baptisms and at Morning Prayer and the Nicene Creed when we celebrate the Eucharist), we are stating our belief in what the church believes, in faith, about God—that God is one being in three persons—that is, three “persons” within the one Godhead.

It's easy to say these words without much thought because they are so familiar. And yet, they are the words that create community among Christian believers around the world, past, present and future, the Apostles' Creed being the most widely used of all of Christianity's confessions of faith. These words are so important that they are permanently attached to our altar wall, along with the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer. The creeds not only bind us together in communities of faith, but these words, if taken into our hearts, can lead us to a deeper faith.

During this season of Lent, we will study these creeds, learning about how they came to be, what they mean to the Church, and we will also reflect on how they may help us grow in faith as Christians.

I hope you will join in this study, to be held on the five Wednesday nights of Lent—Weds Feb. 21st, 28th, and March 6th, 13th, and 20th at 7PM on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83370145820?pwd=S0tzdWRPZUd6VCszRDcrOjlxaXlCOT09>

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St Peter's Lenten Resources

Lent at St. Peter's, 2024 –

<https://news.churchsp.org/lentatstpeters2024>

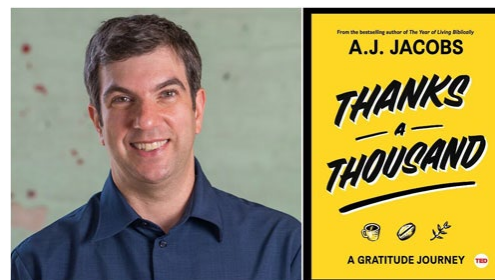
This link is to the central hub for Lenten articles and activities on the St Peter's website which Ben Hicks updates each year. You will find information about the basics of Lent, Lenten practices, events, Christian Ed, Stations of the cross, a calendar and more.

A JOURNEY through Lent



New this year in the above link is Christian Ed from the United Thank Offering (UTO) “40 days of Gratitude”.

It is based on a book **Thanks A Thousand: A Gratitude Journey**.



We all know the word “Gratitude” but how many of us have lived it? Author A.J. Jacobs has. He embarked on a quest with a deceptively simple idea at its heart: to personally thank every person who helped

make his morning cup of coffee. The resulting journey takes him across the globe, transforms his life, and explores the realm of gratitude

Jacobs writes about gratitude – “ Being grateful, in my opinion, means acknowledging that you couldn’t live your life without others. And preferably telling those people as often as you can. I find it to be one of the keys to happiness. As one Benedictine monk put it, “Happiness doesn’t lead to gratitude. Gratitude leads to happiness.”

The UTO will have a 5 session Zoom discussion on the book.

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Lenten Meditations

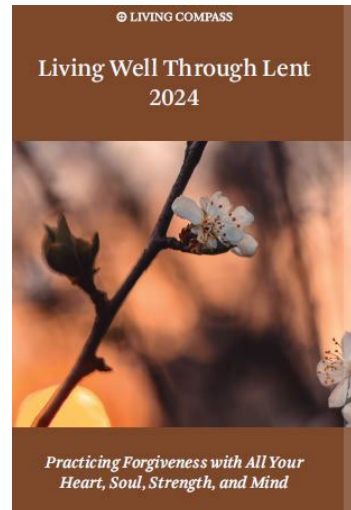
1. Episcopal Relief and Development –

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

During Lent, we pray, “Create and make in us new and contrite hearts.” The meditations focus on embracing this new heart, this new life in Christ, and looking deep within us and acting in ways that seek and serve Christ in others..

2. Living Compass = The theme for 2024 is "Practicing Forgiveness with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind."

"Practicing forgiveness is at the heart of the Christian life. Our faith teaches that forgiveness is not merely an act of pardoning wrongdoing, but also a process of letting go of resentment, fostering empathy, and seeking reconciliation. Through forgiveness, we aspire to emulate the mercy of God, exemplified by the life and teachings of Jesus, as we seek to promote harmony, restoration, and the healing of broken relationships."



Fifteen copies will be available at St Peter's. Suggested donation is \$1. The online copy of the meditations can be found at <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>

Forward Movement Resources

Forward Movement along with the Daily Office has “Day by Day” online . The link is <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd/> and then the date yyyy-mm-dd. Example-- <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd/2024-02-01> (For February 1)

The Forward Day by Day publication is a significant resource for **daily** prayer and Bible study.

A second resource on the Forward Movement website, The Daily Readings, is one button way to access the psalms, lessons and the day’s collect. Customize the daily readings by choosing Morning Prayer, Noonday, Evening, or Compline.

<https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/home/menu>

A third resource is a collection of over 115 prayers <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/prayers-and-thanksgivings> . Additionally there is a link to save you prayer request - <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/prayer-list> The website states that “You can use this page to save a list of prayer requests or prayer intentions, which will then appear during the Office during the Prayers &

Thanksgivings. The prayer list is only saved on your local device, so it remains completely confidential.”

Absalom Jones, Feb. 13



Religious denominations often accept members from other denominations that have been affected with adversities through policy decisions, change of

beliefs or disagreements in relationships. Imagine coming to a new church after achieving success at another denomination.

That's what happened to Absalom Jones (b 1746), whose day we celebrate on Feb. 13, the day he died in 1818. Jones became not only the first trained black minister in any denomination but the first black minister ordained into the Episcopal Church and the first to create a Black religious organization in Philadelphia.

Jones and friend Richard Allen formed the Free African Society (FAS) in Philadelphia in 1787 whose main goal was to provide aid to newly freed blacks so that they could gather strength and develop leaders in the community. This was among the first organizations of its kind in America

In 1790, the city had 2,000 free black residents, a number that continued to increase. In the first two decades after the war, inspired by revolutionary ideals, many slaveholders freed their slaves, especially in the Upper South Northern states largely abolished slavery. Numerous freedmen migrated to Philadelphia from rural areas of Pennsylvania and the South The FAS provided social and economic guidance, and medical care

In 1792 Jones and Allen, with the assistance of local Quakers and Episcopalians, established the "First African Church" in Philadelphia which opened its doors in 1794.

Jones was a successful minister. constantly visiting and mild manner that made him beloved by his congregation and by the community. St Thomas Church grew to over 500 members during its first year. The parishioners formed a day school and were active in moral uplift, self-empowerment, and anti-slavery activities. Known as "the Black Bishop of the Episcopal Church," Jones was an example of persistent faith in God and in the Church as God's instrument.

Read more -

<https://www.churchsp.org/absalomjones/>

February Saint--St. Matthias The Apostle, February 25th

After the Ascension of Jesus, the Apostle Peter, in a "general assembly of the faithful" declared the need for a 12th apostle, since Judas was no longer one of the twelve. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing the apostles, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed.

One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice.

Peter had one criterion that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body -- teachings that had made others melt away.

Two were considered as most worthy-- Joseph, called Barsabas, and, on account of his extraordinary piety, surnamed the Just,

and Matthias. Matthias was chosen by lot. Clement of Alexandria says that Matthias, like all the other apostles, was not chosen by Jesus for what he already was, but for what Jesus foresaw he would become. He was elected not because he was worthy but because he would become worthy

Matthias was one of the disciples about which little was written. However, the Book of Acts records that he had been a consistent follower from Jesus' baptism until the Ascension. We do know that he was present at Pentecost.

Celebrating Black History Month

From the Diocese of West Missouri

"Black History Month is an annual celebration of the heritage and Americans have played in our country throughout U.S. history.

"If you don't already know about prominent figures such as Madam C.J. Walker, who was the first U.S. woman to become a self-made millionaire; George Washington Carver, who derived nearly 300 products from the peanut; Rosa Parks, who sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and galvanized the civil rights movement; and Shirley Chisholm, who was the first African American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, this is a month long opportunity to learn more!

"Black History Month began as an initiative by Carter G. Woodson, a brilliant and highly accomplished son of slaves, to honor the heritage and achievements of African Americans with a week-long celebration in 1926. Then, in 1976, President Gerald Ford designated February as Black History Month, urging all Americans to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history."

"Reasons we should all, regardless of our own heritage, celebrate Black History

Month! It celebrates diversity and honors all people. It unites us to be reminded that black history is our history. It takes us beyond the history books and helps us understand the importance of our stories. It helps us be better stewards of our privileges. To quote J. Tisby, "Racial and ethnic diversity is an expression of God's manifold beauty. No single race or its culture can comprehensively display the infinite glory of God's image, so we have been given our differences to help us appreciate God's splendor from various perspectives."

The Diocese of West Missouri provides a page of quotes that celebrate the month. You have to guess the author, however. But don't despair, flip the page and you have the answer! Link to the quotes:

<https://bit.ly/3NSY3nI>

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4 10:15AM God's Garden 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist Coffee hour after the service	5 HBD Kathryn Davis	6	7 HBD John Hess Bible Study in person 10am- 12pm, Parish House.	8	9	10 HBD Elizabeth Heimbach
11 HBD Ramon Feliciano 10:15AM God's Garden 11:00AM, Holy Eucharist Souper Bowl of Caring	12	13 Chancellor's Village Eucharist 1pm. Shrove Tues dinner 5pm- 6:30pm, Parish House	14 HBD - Clarence Kunstmann Anniversary - Cheryl, Dennis Ryan Bible Study 10am Parish Ash Wed Service 7pm	15 HBD McKenna Long Vestry, 2PM	16	17
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