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Blessings of Epiphany!

We are smack dab in the middle of one of my favorite liturgical seasons. And this year we are able to dwell in all 8 weeks of it because Easter is "late" this year. Epiphany is full of so many wonderful images like Baptism, the Holy Spirit, light, the star, God's love. And Jesus' ministry kicks into high gear as he performs his first miracle, and many signs like filling their nets with fish and calling the disciples to follow him. Hopefully, hearing these stories anew helps us to follow Jesus, too.



When Michael Curry began his ministry as our Presiding Bishop he invited us to be part of the Jesus Movement, people who follow the teachings of Jesus and live God's love every day to bring about the abundant flourishing of our communities and world. The Episcopal Church staff developed a guide for us to nourish and enrich our spiritual practice - The Way of Love. It is a way of life. It's more than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment to a set of practices. It's a commitment to follow Jesus: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.

(see <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>). As our confirmands are learning, it is living out our Baptismal Covenant.

It's cold outside, and sometimes inside, too. Jesus is the light, the fire, that will warm our hearts and minds, and guide us to share that warming love and way of being within our parish and as engage with the community. There are many places in our world that need nourishment, shelter, healing, and to know the abiding Love that our divine creator so generously shares.

February is also Black History month, when we are invited to spend time knowing the history of a group of people who were oppressed because their skin color was different. For White people, it can be hard to delve into the painful and horrific past. And to truly follow Jesus, we must look at

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our history and gaze into the mirror. What are the ways society discriminated, and where is the system, and our actions continuing to oppress Blacks and other people who are different. We must be like the Christ-light that shines God's invitation, forgiveness and Love, welcomes all in a reconciling embrace. We are called to break down the systems of oppression that hinder the flourishing of the whole community. To more deeply understand, I hope to make a pilgrimage to The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, informally known as the National Lynching Memorial, built by the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Maybe some of you will join me.

February is also a time to learn about and celebrate the accomplishments of Black Americans in spite of the obstacles society created to separate and obstruct. As Jesus crossed boundaries and ate with the people some called outcasts, we, too, can follow Jesus and love all of our neighbors as ourselves. Being inspired by the images and signs of Epiphany, we can participate in the Way of Love by living out the prayer for the whole human family: "O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen (I'm in!). (BCP, 815)

Epiphany is the season of light for through Christ light has come into the world. May we awaken to a new awareness of how God is calling us to be Light and Love. Let us go forth and shine with the love of the Spirit! Alleluia!!

Peace - Bill+

Want Coffee?

We are in **desperate** need of hosts for the 10:00 coffee hour. We use a team approach, and some of the teams are greatly reduced in size due to loyal team members moving or being unable to serve any longer.

Coffee hour, or fellowship time, is an important ministry. Our time together is more than just having a beverage and a treat. It's where we welcome newcomers, make new friends and sustain on-going friendships. If we want to continue coffee hour on an every Sunday basis, we must recruit new hosts.

It's easy and fun! Contact Mary Welton (201-825-8629 or mhswelton@yahoo.com) for details.

St. John's Memorial Church

Annual Meeting

and

Holy Eucharist

February 10, 2019

**There will be no 8:00am service that day*

Episcopal Church Women 2019 Film Fest

The theme of St. John's 2019 ECW film and book season is a continuation of our 2018 theme "Discrimination and the Christian Response". Last year our discussions were based on Mark 12:31: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This year we are taking it a step further with Philippians 2:3b: "In humility, consider others better than yourselves." These verses provide a compass for following Jesus and spreading God's love in our world. This is always easier said than done, of course. We will use these verses as a basis for discussing the complexities of our spiritual journeys. All parish women and friends are invited to attend.

We will meet on Monday, February 4, at 7:00 PM in the downstairs lounge/vesting room to view and discuss The Man Who Knew Infinity starring Dev Patel and Jeremy Irons. A 2015 British film, based on a 1991 biography by Robert Kanigel, the film dramatizes the story of Srinivas Ramanujan, a poverty-stricken mathematician from India. While performing menial jobs, his college-educated employers realize that he has exceptional mathematical skills. Coming to the attention of Professor G. H. Hardy, he earns admittance to Cambridge University during World War I. The film was featured in international film festivals in Toronto, Zurich, Singapore, and Dubai.

Our remaining 2019 season:

February 4: The Man Who Knew Infinity

March 4: Elephant Man

April 1: Book discussion *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly

May 6: United Kingdom

June 3: End of season dinner

Please join us at St. John's on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm for an evening of camaraderie and thought-provoking discussion as we support each other in our spiritual journeys. For information, contact ECW co-chairs Marilyn Bartholme or Janice Hardy (HardyCJR@aol.com or 845-357-8244).

Church School

St. John's Church School

February 2019

The Church School children thank the parishioners of St. John's for another successful annual "Souper Bowl" collection for the Northwest Center for Food Action. Our donation was among the many used to restock the empty shelves at the center for families in need in our community. The center and the recipients are most appreciative for the donations. Thank you!

The season of Epiphany continues through the month of February until Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Church School class lessons will still focus on the mission of the church to the world in light of the Nativity. The last Sunday of Epiphany, March 3rd, is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday. The Gospel passage is most prominent, as it gives the account of Jesus' Transfiguration before Peter, James, and John high up on a mountain. In that moment, the three disciples are confronted by the glory of Jesus. They see Elijah and Moses, and they are at first bewildered. After hearing the voice of God they are terrified. The Transfiguration of Jesus is a moment at which the divinity and glory of Jesus are put on display, and Transfiguration Sunday seeks to capture this moment, while at the same time preparing us for the journey we are about to embark upon during the season of Lent.

Church School Calendar - February

February 3	Church School – 10:00 AM - ELKIE-Chapel (P-2) Ruth
February 10	Church School - 10:00 AM – CS Staff Meeting – 11:15 AM
February 17	Family Service: 10:00 AM with Choristers and Cherubs - No Church School
February 24	Church School –10:00 AM - ELKIE

Church School Calendar - March

March 3	Church School – 10:00 AM-Chapel (P-2) Lynda
March 10	Church School – 10:00 AM, <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> - ELKIE
March 17	Family Service: 10:00 AM, <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> with Choristers and Cherubs, No Church School
March 24	No Church School – <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
March 31	Church School - 10:00 AM, <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i>

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist
8 AM & 10 AM

Church School

9:45AM Infant & Child Care

Celtic Prayer

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM



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Upcoming Event Calendar

February

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| February 4 | ECW "The Man Who Knew Infinity" |
| February 6 | Celtic Eucharist |
| February 10 | Annual Meeting
Confirmation Session |
| February 13 | Celtic Eucharist |
| February 20 | Celtic Eucharist |
| February 24 | Confirmation Session |
| February 24 | Articles for March Eagle are due |

March

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| March 4 | ECW "Elephant Man" |
| March 6 | Celtic Eucharist |
| March 13 | Celtic Eucharist |
| March 20 | Celtic Eucharist |
| March 24 | Articles for April Eagle are due |
| March 27 | Celtic Eucharist |



Happy Valentine's Day