

Glad Tidings

February 2021



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Vicar's Voice

Recently I attended a preaching conference sponsored by the Episcopal Preaching Fellowship. One of the presenters was Judith Fentress-Williams, a professor at Virginia Theological Seminary, who spoke about the deep grief our country is plunged into, and how the scriptures speak to that grief.

In the last year we've all grieved the loss of human touch as the pandemic has forced to isolate ourselves. We've grieved the loss of black lives, we lament the violence at our nation's Capitol Building and we mourn the intense divisiveness of our national political life. And many of us have our own private grief as well.

But Professor Williams reminded us of the resources we have in the Bible and the Prayer Book to address this grief. The scriptures, particularly the Psalms and the prophets of the Old Testament, give voice to our grief and remind us that God never abandons us.

In the wisdom of the Prayer Book, we are given the season of Lent to enter into the passion and death of Christ to experience loss and grief. Then, after hitting bottom on Good Friday, we're lifted to the joy of Easter on Sunday morning. God never fails.

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, we'll offer ashes in the church parking lot to anyone who would like to drive through and pick them up at 1:00 or 5:00 pm. You may bring them home and smudge the ashes on your forehead as you watch the 7:00 Ash Wednesday service on our livestream.

Grief is a part of life but it doesn't have the last word. Only God has the last word. As we enter the season of Lent, I hope you'll experience the grief of Christ's passion and death as well as the joy of his resurrection. May God grant us the observance of a holy Lent.

Bill

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who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.
Gather, Grow, and Go!*

Outreach

For those who are in need of assistance for food or know someone who is in need there is still a Facebook page titled "Food For Free Bremerton/Port Orchard/Gig Harbor" the page provides information on various local programs that provides food and where to pick it up.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the last Outreach meeting. During the last outreach meeting Daniel Kluth from Coffee Oasis gave a presentation on what their organization does. During the question and answer period he was asked, "what could organization like St Antony's could do to support them. Below is the letter providing that answer:

Dear Reverend Fulton,

I am so thankful for your endeavor in having me join last night's meeting!

If I am to experience such a painful connection again during a Zoom meeting, may it be in such gracious company as St Antony's!

You requested some ongoing needs for The Coffee Oasis. Here are some big ones:

Meals! We'd love to provide daily meals (casserole, pizza, sandwiches, etc.) for our drop-in centers. To have a group commit to a day of the week or month is such a blessing! For more information, depending on preferred location, you can contact Kerrey (our Poulsbo Manager) at kerrey.butler@thecoffeeoasis.com, or Paul (our Bremerton Manager) at paul.morris@thecoffeeoasis.com

Volunteers at our drop-in centers! We best love our youth through our volunteers. Every youth needs a positive adult role model in their life--an uncle or aunt, grandpa or grandma--someone to walk alongside them. Could you be that person? that game-changer in their lives? Get started or find out more information [here](#). Sign up for our Volunteer Orientation and discover ways to invest personally in the lives of our youth!

Our Crisis text line! This is an incredible way to love our youth without leaving your house! Find out more [here](#).

Pray! Investing in our youth and staff through prayer is the biggest thing you can do. We serve a loving God, who is in the business of restoration. He hears the prayers of His church! For regular updates and prayer requests from our church newsletter, "These City Lights," you can sign up here: <https://thecoffeeoasis.com/volunteer/>

Let me know if there is anything else I can do!

Gratefully,
Daniel Kluth

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for The Coffee Oasis can contact the Outreach Commissioner or Father Bill.

Blaine Morgan

Virtual Mardi Gras



The Lenten Season is soon to happen as Ash Wednesday is February 17th.

Before we saints observe our Lenten discipline, we celebrate the Mardi Gras with a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. However, we are unable to feast together at church. We will have a Zoom gathering on Tuesday, February 16th from 5 PM to 7 PM. Details to follow in an email to all. Hop in to see friends, eat pancakes you make at home, and dress up for the occasion.

Welcome home all. Pray we can be together as soon as possible.

Peter Stockwell
Welcoming Commission



Home Aid Bread

Today's bread, in this article, might seem like a stone-ground rye with crunchy seeds in it, and it is intended as a hearty supplement to your normal intake of nourishment.

In speaking of the Christian church we have been given biblical instructions on how to be "in the world, but not of it", and that is a tall order in today's monolithic government programs and ever changing management designs for peoples of the world to become united peacefully. For many reasons each of us can see the world in different ways, so it is difficult to arrive at a point of unity through our diversity of lifestyles and knowledge.

Perhaps the use of "Interpretive Charity" can be a guide for some of us, if it seems good to you. This means we take on, or practice, the ability to apply the most loving interpretation to actions and opinions of others. At times we can be in the dog house with other people, family and friends, because of our personal cynicism and criticism, and selfish inference that others ought to see and do it our way. We can become like a closed door to a possibly healthier point of view. Yet we cannot overlook the truth or compromise on our virtuous teachings as we understand them to be.

In the past centuries a conversation, or discussion on points of view, may have included those polite mannerisms and vocal expressions that engage with others for beautiful moments of good communication. The Victorian Era was polished in that for the most part. To be a good listener was to hear the speaker and to retain composure even if you wanted to dismiss someone, and their argument or advice, because of who they are in your eyes. Stand tall and hold your ground, as they said.

It might be appropriate to say that today's conversations can seem like chatter and noise. We like hanging on to our own thoughts rather than be intruded upon by what we perceive to be anti or in opposition to our thoughts because it creates rough edges. Perhaps in a small rural European town the leaders can bravely shout "God Save The Queen," while the poor and hungry, mostly out of work citizens, cry out "WHY?"

Talk from our political leaders can (not necessarily do) put spins inwardly toward conformity toward an unquestioning allegiance to an authorized world view. In some ways this form of bad rhetoric is mere insidious because we can walk away from it believing that it was good. Some of it is smoothly decorated with comfortable phraseology current in the media.

So as Christians we do not need to join with the world in any nervous foreboding that overshadows the hope of our future. Those burdensome thoughts are simply tissues of fear that we can send away with our prayers and a loving unity with Christ Jesus. As it says in the Book of Revelation, He has the last word on absolutely everything.

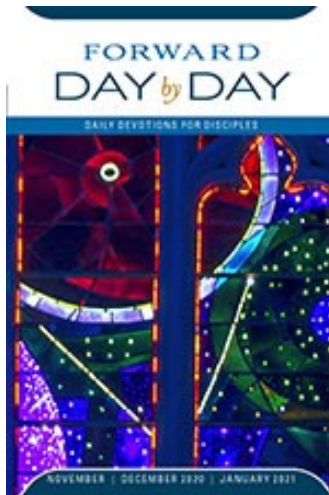
There are two heals or ends to today's crusty rye bread loaf. Take heed not to toss them away.

The Beatitudes: Philippians 4: 8,9
Armor of God Ephesians 6: 10 – 18

Tovi Andrews

Forward Day by Day Books

The new February - April Forward Day by Day books are in! Please pick up your copy. Some are on the Narthex Table and some in the office.



It is time for Directory Updates

I am going to attempt to update our directory but I will need your help.

Please check your directory and see if there are any updates to be made to your names, addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses.

Then check the back to make sure your birthdays and anniversaries are there and that they are correct.

If there are any changes that need to be made, please let me know by sending changes to the church email: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Subject line "Directory Change"

If you would like to be added to our directory, please let the secretary, Linda Robuck, know at the same email address and provide your information.

The new directory will be out by early March.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Linda Robuck



February Birthdays

3	<i>John Stockwell</i>
5	<i>Joan Willoughby</i>
7	<i>Bonnie Foley</i>
	<i>Debbie Stockwell</i>
	<i>Jean Mackimmie</i>
9	<i>Katy Fulton</i>
16	<i>Robert Stockton</i>
20	<i>Rev. Dick Scott</i>
21	<i>Benjamin Wentworth</i>
23	<i>Jason Wentworth</i>
28	<i>Ray Flagg</i>



February Anniversaries

14	<i>Daniel & Donna Smith</i>
	<i>Barbara Hart & David Whelchel</i>

Deadline for the March Glad Tidings is
Tuesday, February 23rd at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

February 2021 Schedule


JOB	February 7 Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany	February 14 Last Sunday after The Epiphany	February 17 Ash Wednesday	February 21 First Sunday in Lent	February 28 Second Sunday in Lent
EM 8 am		Ruth Lindstrum			
LC/OT & NT 8 am					
GREETER 8 am		Darrow Lindstrum			
EM 10 am	Ruth Lindstrum	Cris McCarty	Ruth Lindstrum	Peter Stockwell	Ruth Lindstrum
LC/OT 10 am					
LC/NT 10 am					
ACOLYTES 10 am					
GREETER 10 am					
USHER 10 am					
COUNTERS					
COFFEE HOUR					
Eucharistic Visitors					
BPod					
1st LESSON	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Isaiah 58:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
PSALM	Psalms 147:1-12, 21c	Psalms 50:1-6	Psalms 103 or 103:8-14	Psalms 25:1-9	Psalms 22:22-30
2nd LESSON	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
GOSPEL	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38

Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.
(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
8 am	8 am	8 am	Bill Cleveland A	Chris Crowson	Carleton M.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Chris Crowson B	Ray Flagg	Cris McCarty
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Dave & Jan Peterson	Christina M.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Pam Morton	Maggie Scott B	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Chelsea R.
John Teller	Bill Reeder	John & Jane Teller	Norma Tipton B	Mark Westin	Laurel R.
Norma Tipton	John Teller		David Wedeven B	Barb Hart - Substitute	Mackenzie W.
Mardi Dawson (sub)			Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A		Benjamin W.
			Marj Zantek B		Christina W.
10 am	10 am	10 am			Jason W.
Elizabeth Flagg	Lee Halkias	Tovi Andrews			
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Suzanne Brock	A - computer		
Cris McCarty	Chelsea Reeder	Elizabeth Flagg	B - non computer		
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Liz Haney			
Stu Smith		Carole Nau			
Michael Wentworth		Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)			

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	4 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	5 Vicar's Day Off	6
7 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	8	9	10 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	11 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	12 Vicar's Day Off	13
14 Valentines Day 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 	15 Presidents Day 10:30 am Witty Knitters	16 Shrove Tuesday 1 pm Worship Planning Mtg.	17 Ash Wednesday 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	18 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	19 Vicar's Day Off	20
21 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	22	23 10 am Newsletter Deadline	24 5:30 pm Evening Prayer Livestream	25 Noon Vicar's Bible Study - Zoom	26 Vicar's Day Off	27
28 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist					Easter is April 4	

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