



# The Harriet Chapel Chimes Newsletter

*Happy  
New Year!*

*January 2024*

Yet another new year is upon us, how fast they come and go. We mark the passage of time in many different ways, by how long it takes the earth to rotate around the sun, how long it takes for the earth to spin on its axis; we remember the day of the year on which we were born, the day(s) on which our children were born, the day on which we were married, we remember when someone whom we loved has died. Some bishops and some priests write letters that include, "in the 35<sup>th</sup> year (or whatever the year is) on my Episcopate or of my Priestly Ordination."

There are several "astronomical" clocks in the world. One is in Strasburg, France. The current clock there dates from 1843 (the first one dated from 1342) and it is entirely mechanical. There is nothing electronic in it at all and it keeps very accurate time the same way our regular clocks do, but it also keeps time by the phases of the moon, by lunar eclipses, by the Julian and Gregorian calendars, even by Pluto's 248-year orbit. The point is that a new year is merely an arbitrary point in time, among many other arbitrary points in time, that we select to mark our passage through time. It is, despite its arbitrariness, important for us to reflect on our time on this planet because our time is limited.

When we combine the words that begin our Bible, Gen 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" with the first words of John's gospel, Ch. 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" we can see that Jesus was with God from the very beginning of creation, and has been ever since. We are living in a Christ infused creation. That creation includes all the people on earth, and the earth itself and all that lives upon the earth, all are infused with the grace and love of the anointed one, Jesus. Also, to complete the Trinitarian presence at creation we read (Gen 2), "a great wind from God swept over the waters" ("wind" is often translated as "Spirit"). In the very beginning God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit was active, and still is. In other words, all that there is, the earth or our environment, all that dwell upon the earth including of course all of us, and all of time itself is infused with the love and grace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

While it is a good and joyful thing to reflect on many aspects of our lives at New Year's, it is far more important to understand that there has never been a time when we are apart from God's holy life-giving presence, nor will there ever be such a time. Whether it is January 1 or any other day of the year, we are blessed with Emanuel, God with us. There is never a time when God is apart from us nor a time when we are apart from God.

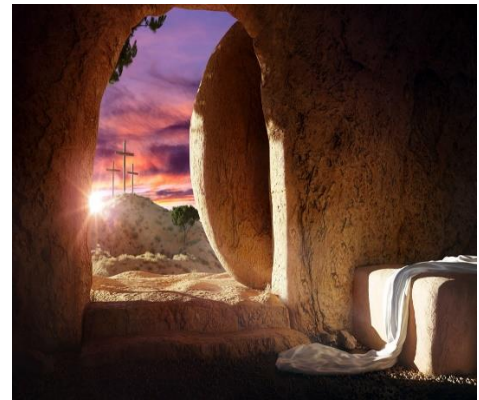
We can make our New Year resolutions to join the gym, lose a few pounds, if you are really good, these resolutions that might last through February, and we can pledge to ourselves to become more disciplined with the time that we have, but perhaps the most useful and meaningful thing that we can do is to become ever mindful, every day and every minute of every day (not just January 1), that God's love permeates all of creation, it permeates all relationships; including but not restricted to God's love for us, for all that on earth do dwell, and for all that God has created and given us to be caretakers of. All these relationships are infused with God's love, so it follows that they must be infused with ours. If we say that we believe and

that we will follow Jesus, then our love of God, each other, and the world that we live in must precede our commitment to follow, otherwise we will get lost.

It will be the happiest of New Years when we love as Christ loves us. To love in this way is to seek God's kingdom uniting our love with God's love in a beautiful relationship that lasts forever.

Happy New Year,

Fr. Doug



"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." "God said, Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

...Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?" We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." ...After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

...Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ...As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, ..."Don't be alarmed,"..

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He had risen!

How much more proof do we need, to know that God loves us? Jesus the Christ has been with us since the beginning of time. God has reaffirmed his love to us by the 'Word made flesh'. And as a typical parent, he has forgiven our sins by sacrificing the life of his only Son on our behalf.

As our Father in heaven has loved us and has shown us forgiveness, is it too much to ask of us to show love, kindness and forgiveness to each other, friend or foe?

As children of God, as Children of the light, let us go out into the world and share out light with others. May our light dispel the darkness, the gloom that has penetrated our world. May our light push against the dark forces of hatred and violence that so many have allowed into their lives.

### Current Vestry Members:

Marcia Bell, Edna and Joe Ferraro, Kathryn Hauser, Fran Hennessy, Joann Miller, Karen Patterson, Judy Sweeney Smith, Debbie Sweeney

### Current Church Officers:

Senior Warden: David Sweeney

Junior Wardens: Joann Miller, David Sweeney, Edna & Joe Ferraro

Treasurer: Heather Clabaugh

Secretary: Karen Patterson

### Current Clergy Serving Harriet Chapel:

Bishop: The Rt. Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton

Bishop Coadjutor: The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Douglas C. Smith

Assisting Priest: The Rev. Sally Joyner Giffin



### VESTRY NEWS:

2023 sees the finale of 3 Vestry member's terms of service. Joann Miller, Judy Sweeney Smith and Fran Hennessey will be saying goodbye. What does this mean? It means that Harriet Chapel needs 3 people to step-up to fill these vacancies.

According to the Episcopal web site: The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property. The number of vestry members and the term of office varies from parish to parish. Vestry members are usually elected at the annual parish meeting. The presiding officer of the vestry is the rector. There are usually two wardens. The senior warden leads the parish between rectors and is a support person for the rector. The junior warden often has responsibility for church property and buildings. A treasurer and a secretary or clerk may be chosen. These officers may or may not be vestry members. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.

You are elected to fill one term: a term is a period of 3 years. You are allowed to serve 2 terms back-to-back, a total of 6 consecutive years before stepping away from serving on the Vestry. In order to be elected back on to the Vestry, you must be off for at least one full year.

Please consider filling one of these seats. You will get first-hand knowledge of what happens behind the scenes in the every day running of the church and its' politics.

Now is your chance if there has been something bothering you about the church. Here you go! Here's your chance to take a stand, make a difference, or simply a chance to see how things work within the church and the dioceses.

## Lay Ministry Schedule for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2024

DATE 2024	GREETERS	LAY READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	ALTAR GUILD
JANUARY				
7th - 1st Sunday after Epiphany	Lorraine and Denny Hoffman	Mimi McReal Susan Rauth	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman
14th	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	Kathryn Hauser Fran Hennessy	David Sweeney Susie Robinson	David Sweeney Joann Miller
21st	Debbie Sweeney Mary Allison	Stephen Hess Pat Plum	David Sweeney Denny Hoffman	David Sweeney Mary Allison
28th	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Judy S. Smith Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
FEBRUARY				
4th	Susan and Jim Rauth	Beth Smith Karen Patterson	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman
11th	Lorraine and Denny Hoffman	Susie Robinson Mimi McReal	David Sweeney Susie Robinson	David Sweeney Joann Miller
18th - 1st Sunday of Lent	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	Susan Rauth Kathryn Hauser	David Sweeney Denny Hoffman	David Sweeney Mary Allison
25th	Debbie Sweeney Mary Allison	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
MARCH				
3rd	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Stephen Hess Judy S. Smith	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman
10th	Susan and Jim Rauth	Donna Clabaugh Karen Patterson	David Sweeney Susie Robinson	David Sweeney Joann Miller
17th	Lorraine and Denny Hoffman	Mimi McReal Beth Smith	David Sweeney Denny Hoffman	David Sweeney Mary Allison
24th - PALM SUNDAY	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	Susie Robinson Susan Rauth	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
31st - EASTER SUNDAY	Debbie Sweeney Mary Allison	Kathryn Hauser Fran Hennessy	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman



# CATOCTIN EPISCOPAL PARISH TREASURER'S REPORT

PREPARED BY: HEATHER JO CLABAUGH  
December 10, 2023

**NOVEMBER 2023**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>	<b>Year To Date Budget</b>	<b>Total Budget</b>
PLEDGE	4,933.25	65,499.75	60,720.00	66,240.00
PLATE	125.00	3,678.77	3,575.00	3,900.00
EVENT REVENUE	307.00	17,529.33	19,250.00	21,000.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	167.00	2,360.80	2,658.33	2,900.00
FELLOWSHIP	135.00	155.00	229.17	250.00
OUTREACH	0.00	275.00	183.33	200.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>5,667.25</b>	<b>89,498.65</b>	<b>86,615.83</b>	<b>94,490.00</b>
NON-BUDGET INCOME	115.00	22,051.64	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5,782.25</b>	<b>111,550.29</b>	<b>86,615.83</b>	<b>94,490.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
DIOCESAN PLEDGE	953.00	10,483.00	10,486.67	11,440.00
RECTOR SALARY	2,149.37	23,785.73	64,166.67	70,000.00
RECTOR BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	3,538.33	3,860.00
PAYROLL	2,061.43	17,570.59	31,023.67	33,844.00
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	0.00	1,391.12	2,259.58	2,465.00
ADMINISTRATION	567.69	4,552.11	5,729.17	6,250.00
BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	302.54	6,253.92	5,500.00	6,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	483.65	11,160.24	11,013.75	12,015.00
INSURANCE	0.00	2,617.50	3,084.58	3,365.00
EVENT EXPENSE	0.00	1,584.32	2,566.67	2,800.00
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSE	0.00	234.88	229.17	250.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	0.00	2,507.39	3,575.00	3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	366.67	400.00
OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	458.33	500.00
EVANGELISM	84.60	1,388.80	1,375.00	1,500.00
SUPPLY CLERGY	0.00	0.00	1,145.83	1,250.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>6,602.28</b>	<b>83,529.60</b>	<b>146,519.08</b>	<b>159,839.00</b>
NON-BUDGET EXPENSES	5,726.50	10,529.86	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,328.78</b>	<b>94,059.46</b>	<b>146,519.08</b>	<b>159,839.00</b>

<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-6,546.53</b>	<b>17,490.83</b>	<b>-59,903.25</b>	<b>-65,349.00</b>
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<b>CHECKING ACCT BALANCE (Woodsboro)</b>	<b>17,490.83</b>
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<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>14,105.25</b>
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<b>STIFEL NICOLAUS STOCK ACCOUNT</b>	<b>480,373.05</b>
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<b>MONTH-TO-MONTH CHANGE</b>	<b>38,171.60</b>
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<b>ANNUAL CHANGE FROM 12/31/2022</b>	<b>11,793.05</b>
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<b>2023 WITHDRAWS</b>	<b>-</b>
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AS OF 11/30/2023

**FALLFEST 2023 EXPENSES  
AS OF 12/10/2023**

**FOOD SALE**

DESCRIPTION	COST
FOOD SUPPLIES	\$ -
SOUP CONTAINERS	\$ -
SPECIAL PERMIT	\$ -
<b>SUBTOTAL - FOOD SALE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

**NON-CASH DONATIONS**

FOOD SUPPLIES	\$ 241.48
BANNERS	\$ 115.31
PERMIT	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 356.79</b>

**ALL MEAT WAS DONATED.**

**MISC EXPENSES**

DESCRIPTION	COST
BANNER	\$ -
SEA CONTAINER FOR YS	\$ 453.75
EXTRA TRASH PICK-UP	\$ 30.00
MISC SUPPLIES	\$ -
BANKS	\$ 300.00
PORTAPOTS	\$ 265.00
<b>SUBTOTAL - MISC EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,048.75</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,048.75</b>	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 9,806.50</b>	
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 8,757.75</b>	<b>89.31%</b>

REVENUE	2023	2022
YARD SALE	\$ 5,340.85	\$ 5,790.50
FOOD & BAKE SALE	\$ 4,355.65	\$ 5,582.50
DONATIONS	\$ 110.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 9,806.50</b>	<b>\$ 11,373.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,048.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,072.74</b>
<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 8,757.75</b>	<b>\$ 10,300.26</b>

2023 BAKE SALE	\$ 1,486.75
2023 FOOD SALE	\$ 2,868.90

## Notes from the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Vestry Meeting:

+Fr. Doug called the meeting to order.

+Marcia led us in devotions, 'Overcoming fear with faith' taken from Vestry Devotion from the good Shepherd Episcopal Church.

**+ Treasurer's Report:** Heather Clabaugh, our treasurer, took us over our financial report for November. She pointed out that the final payment on the new carpet was paid, which came out of Non-Budget, which usually covers donations and charitable gifts to the church. She also went over the final expenses for 2023 FallFest. As this is our main fundraiser, we must consider that most of our supplies were donated as well as all the meat. Additionally, we missed out on the last day, as that Saturday, it rained, and we were closed by noon. Given all these factors, our endeavor wasn't wasted, however, chances are that if we had had a better day on Saturday, our sales would have still been low compared to previous years. It was also discussed that those folks who we rely on to do the work for FallFest are getting older, and they/we are not able to do all we could do in the past. An ageing congregation is something we have to keep in the back of our minds when planning future projects.

### **+ Rector's Report:**

+Pastor Sally will be with us in January.

+Review of:

**+Traditional Christmas in the Village** - we had a few folks who showed up for tours. David pointed out that Sunday morning, he and Danny Harmon spent 45 minutes scrubbing the black soot out of the new carpet in the sanctuary. Although we had docents standing by, we may have given tours to 2/3 folks. The overall 'action' in the village didn't pick up until lunchtime or thereabouts.

**+Museums by Candlelight** – provided tours to approx. 40 adults and 2 children. Ann Hess had made coloring cards of Harriet Chapel for children and adults to take with them. Marcia, Joann and Karen made sure refreshments were available throughout the day. They also noted that they received almost as many visitors as we had for tours, it seems only a few skipped out.

**+++discussion** – should we participate in these events again next year? The overall consensus was yes, with the following caveats:

: there is no reason why anyone should be in the altar area. It is not a throughfare, if the docents wish to show case the stained-glass windows, they can take their tours into the office by way of the parish hall.

: Docents must ask folks entering to please wipe their shoes on the rug provided. It was also suggested that we may want to purchase a runner to protect our carpet from future harm.

: How many new members have we seen since the beginning of the Docent ministry? Not too many. Also, note that Docents need to ask/remind visitors that we have 2 boxes for donations and gifts. It was mentioned that the wooden church box could be used in the sanctuary in plain view of visitors, to help with getting donations.

: we should consider some kind of craft/activity and plan to serve refreshments during the Village Christmas event.

**+ Ministerium Christmas Gift Giving program** – Harriet Chapel adopted 32 families, which meant providing 107 gifts, which averaged 4/5 gifts per child within those 32 adopted families. VERY WELL DONE.

**+ AED** – it seems the final cost will be \$1925.00; Fr. Doug and Beth are willing to put money towards the purchased.

**+ Inclement weather –**

**: church closure** – per Fr. Doug, a decision will be made by 7:30 a.m. and will be disseminated by email, if provided. If you have no computer/internet, someone will be phoning you. We also hope to have any closures posted on our website and Facebook page. However, since we are an ageing community, we are asking you to use your own discretion.

**: Snow removal** – David Sweeney, our Senior Warden and Joann Miller, one of our Junior Wardens paid Mr. Fuss, who currently plows our parking lot, to see if he will continue. Mr. Fuss has agreed to continue our plowing. David has also contacted the young man who does our lawn mowing, Logan Harrington, to see if he would be interested in keeping our sidewalks and porch clear. Logan indicated he is interested, however he and David have to get together to work out the arrangements.

**+ Are there people with whom we need to be in touch?**

: People who have not been to church for a while.

: People who may have been sick.

**+++ Discussion** – Vestry member Edna Ferraro raised an especially important concern, “How are we taking care of our own people?” The past month several members of the Harriet Chapel family have been in and out of the hospital, with out anything being said or posted for the congregation to know. With the recent death of Ruth McAfee, members had trouble getting addresses and phone numbers to express their cares, concerns and sympathy.

As some of you know, prior to COVID, we were preparing to have a pictorial directory made. With the pandemic, everything was put on hold. Since the pandemic, Susie, who was previously collaborating with a company to get a directory made, had forgotten about it. However, within the past month, talk of putting together a directory has taken place. It was decided that we do not need a full pictorial directory, a simple booklet type listing everyone’s name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address. Susie has also reminded everyone that per the Privacy Act of 1974, it is against the law to give out any information pertaining to an individual with written consent. As a member of the military and later as a federal employee, Susie had to read this act and sign a form acknowledging that she was aware of this law. *(For more information on the directory, please read the enclosed article.)*

**+ Other concerns –**

: Joann Miller expressed her concern over the lay readers going up to the altar area and reading the scriptures from the lectern. Here again, the concern is on behalf of our ageing congregation. It was noted and discussed that the Word of God should be read from that lectern. A few felt that by reading the scriptures from the front of the congregation, there was not proper respect showed to the Words of God.

Fr. Doug said that reading the scriptures from the lectern placed in the front of the congregation would be acceptable.



**+ Senior Warden's Report** – there are 3 Vestry members, whose terms are ending with the start of the new year. So, please pass the word that we are seeking 3 individuals to serve. A term is considered 3 full years. A member may serve 2 consecutive terms, a total of 6 years in a row.

**+ Junior Wardens** – the fire extinguishers throughout the church and parish hall are scheduled to be inspected and any action needed will be taken. The date for the inspection is 28 December.

**+ LOOKING AHEAD:**

: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve on the 24<sup>th</sup>

: **Lessons and Carols** on January 8<sup>th</sup>

: **Annual Meeting and Potluck**, following church on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

: another Vestry prior to Annual Meeting? Will have to contact Pastor Sally, if we do hold a meeting, it will be on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was closed with a prayer, provided by Marica.

*God of our coming and going, God of our past, our present, and our future, we have met, we have celebrated, we have remembered. We have visioned, shared hopes, and dreamed dreams, and now we go out into the world in which we do most of our living and our ministering. As we go out, remind us that we do not go alone. As we go out, remind us that we go with a mission. As we go out, fill us with love, hope, and peace to share with the world. May our lives and our ministry be signs of your love and promises and possibility for the world. Amen.*



*++Please, remember that these notes are not the official minutes from the Vestry meeting.*

## ***Report from the Interim Committee on the ongoing search for a rector:***

*The interim committee met recently to review the status here at Harriet Chapel with the lack of possible candidates from the diocese to fill our rector position. When The Rt. Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Bishop Coadjutor met with us recently, we let her know our concerns as she let us know what she was doing at the diocese level. She stated that she is putting in new positions and hiring people for the new and existing positions that need to be filled. She asked us to wait until after the first of the year (and let the new people get acclimated to their jobs), and we can follow up and keep Harriet Chapel on the forefront of their agenda. Harriet Chapel is truly blessed to have Father Doug and Pastor Sally preaching for us and keeping us going. With that said, for the next year, Father Doug and Pastor Sally have agreed to stay on and continue as they are doing now. They will alternate months preaching and will be paid only for the months that they preach. As we go along in the next year, we will keep the parish updated. We thank you all for your patience and understanding as we go through this process and know that God has a plan for us here at Harriet Chapel.*

*If you have questions or concerns in regards to this or any other matters regarding the interim process, please feel free to contact any member of the committee; David Sweeney, Joann Miller, Heather Clabaugh, Marcia Bell, Denny Hoffman, Karen Patterson.*

*May we all have a truly hopeful and blessed 2024.*

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by “the new” and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.





For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. ***Lord, have mercy.***

**We pray for: *The Rev. Richard Randall, Gladys F. Smith, Kathy Smith, Brett Kelly, Janet Nave, Richard Patterson***, Bob McAfee, Joan and Debbie Portner, Enid Shannon, Bob Stakes, Vanessa Pryor, Carl Keeney, Tracey Stottlemeyer, Margaret Cool, Paul Doyle, John Guillory, Richard Massey, Ursula Cole, Hawa Freeman, Ed Zinn, Kathryn Rentzell, Joe Loetell, Casey Gray, Nana T, Ben Ayres, Jo Mason, Susan Akins, Caroline Tate, Joan L., People of Ukraine and all the victims of the conflict in the Middle East and around the world.

**We also offer prayers for those with long-term needs:** Aaron Teitel, Mitchell Scott, Daryl and Susie Trout, Joan, Jimmy and Ira James Burrier, Nathaniel Rentzell, Virginia Rauth, Wilton III, Sue Shatto, Ed Joyner, Marcia Bell, Bobby Toms, Susan Hess, Danny Harman, Carla Beck, Adunni Dennis, Karen Hess, Robert L. Gray Jr., Mae Bolin, John Kent, Bonnie Miller, Cotton Harrison, Betty and Bob Gray, Robert Ricketts, Mildred Coshon, Rob and Becky Hankey, Susan and Jim Rauth, Shirley Long, Cheyanne Sanger, Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Bessie A., Deborah Boisvert, John Moser, Kim Grimm, Betsy Schoonover,



#### January Birthdays:

3<sup>rd</sup> – Karen Patterson

7<sup>th</sup> – Adunni Dennis

9<sup>th</sup> – Joe Loetell

15<sup>th</sup> – Enid Shannon  
Wayne Smith (Judy's son)

28<sup>th</sup> – Olivia Dingzon



Introducing our couple of the month:

*Kathryn Hauser*

and

*Shawn Donnelly*

Hello! We are pleased to introduce ourselves, as we are relatively new parishioners here at Harriet Chapel and still new to the Thurmont area. We both made our lives and careers in the DC area and overseas and are adjusting to the slower pace of life in Thurmont.

Kathryn was raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming and received a BA from the University of Southern California and a MA from Columbia University and moved to Washington DC in 1979. She served as an international trade negotiator in the White House in the Reagan years, worked on behalf of the high-tech industry to open foreign markets to U.S. products and services, and then led a CEO-level non-profit focused on expanding transatlantic trade relations. Most recently she taught graduate business students about the art of lobbying and how Washington works (or doesn't work!). She retired in August 2022.

Shaun was raised in Culver, Indiana, attended Culver Military Academy, received a BS from Lawrence University and a MA from Northwestern University. He spent two years in the Peace Corp teaching English in Tunisia before joining the State Department as a career Foreign Service Officer in 1972. He served in several posts in Africa and the Middle East, returning in between overseas assignments to focus on economic issues. His last overseas posting was as U.S. Ambassador to Sri Lanka (during their civil war 1997-2000). After retiring from the Foreign Service in 2008, he served in senior leadership roles in two trade associations focused on assisting American companies in navigating international trade policies and working with international organizations, such as the United Nations and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, based in Paris.

Our professional careers intersected many years ago through our work on international trade and investment issues. We came together as a couple after our spouses died (Tim Hauser in 2005 and Susan Donnelly in 2010). We have three grown sons, Alex (37) and Eric Donnelly (35), and Chris Hauser (34), all of whom are doing well and out on their own. We maintain a home in DC and have an active social life there and are busy with several passion projects, non-for-profit boards, and travel.

About 10 years ago as we were looking for a weekend property within fairly easy driving distance of DC, we were taken by the charm and history of the Catoctin Mountains. We purchased a property near the village of Graceham, which we used as a weekend get-away.



The history captivated us: In 1860, a family from the Graceham Moravian Church, located about two miles away, received permission from the church to leave what was then a closed community and acquired 160 acres under the Homestead Act. The family built a two story “bank barn” and lived with the animals while building the main house out of chestnut logs and stone. The house was completed in 1863, then a second story was added a few years later and the façade was bricked by about 1900. The remnants of the original barn have become our outdoor entertainment area, and the cement silo is now covered with wisteria. We have many weeping willow trees along the stream that runs along Graceham Road, hence the name of the property, “Graceham Willows”, and a large cutting garden that gives us great joy.

During the first few years we had this property we would occasionally attend Harriet Chapel. The pandemic pushed us over the edge, and we decided to make this our permanent residence and Pastor Sally agreed to preside at our wedding at Harriet Chapel in November 2021.

Kathryn is a cradle Episcopalian. (Coincidentally, in 1968, her mother wrote a book celebrating the Centennial of the founding of St. Mark’s Cheyenne.) She and her first husband were married at St. Alban’s Church on the grounds of the National Cathedral, and for many years attended the Jesuit church, Holy Trinity in Georgetown. Kathryn loves the small space of Harriet Chapel, the Episcopal liturgy and traditional hymns mixed in with contemporary music. (Note: Steve Hess is a national treasure!) Shaun was raised Catholic, back in the day of Latin masses and a priest with his back to the congregation. He, too, appreciates the architecture of Harriet Chapel, the openness and accessibility of the liturgy, and the history of the Catoctin Furnace. We are happy to participate in the life of the parish and look forward to getting to know other folks in the pews!



Presenting: Happy and Heidi Hauser

***\*You may remember Kathryn and Shaun’s fur grandbabies from our October issue.***

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night;  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,  
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

By Alfred, Lord Tennyson

## Alfred, Lord Tennyson

More than any other Victorian-era writer, Tennyson has seemed the embodiment of his age, both to his contemporaries and to modern readers. In his own day he was said to be—with Queen Victoria and Prime Minister William Gladstone—one of the three most famous living persons, a reputation no other poet writing in English has ever had. As official poetic spokesman for the reign of Victoria, he felt called upon to celebrate a quickly changing industrial and mercantile world with which he felt little in common, for his deepest sympathies were called forth by an unaltered rural England; the conflict between what he thought of as his duty to society and his allegiance to the eternal beauty of nature seems peculiarly Victorian. Even his most severe critics have always recognized his lyric gift for sound and cadence, a gift probably unequaled in the history of English poetry.

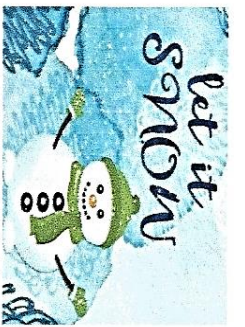


**"Ring Out, Wild Bells"** is a poem by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. Published in 1850, the year he was appointed Poet Laureate, it forms part of *In Memoriam*, Tennyson's elegy to Arthur Henry Hallam, his sister's fiancé who died at the age of 22.

According to a story widely held in Waltham Abbey, and repeated on many websites (see two examples below), the 'wild bells' in question were the bells of the Abbey Church. According to the local story, Tennyson was staying at High Beach in the vicinity and heard the bells being rung on New Year's Eve.

It is an accepted English custom to ring English Full circle bells to ring out the old year and ring in the new year over midnight on New Year's Eve. Sometimes the bells are rung half-muffled for the death of the old year, then the muffles are removed to ring without muffling to mark the birth of the new year. In some versions of the story it was a particularly stormy night and the bells were being swung by the wind rather than by ringers, but this is highly unlikely given the method of ringing English full circle bells, which requires a considerable swinging arc before the clappers will strike the bell.






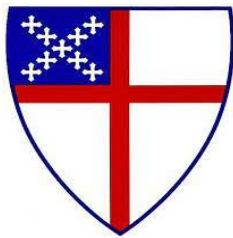
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Office AA: 8 p.m.	3	4 Office	5 AA: noon	6
7 Lessons and Carols, +Vestry meeting	8	9 Office AA: 8 p.m.	10	11 Office	12 AA: noon	13
14 Docent meeting — LWICC 1:30	15	16 Office AA: 8 p.m.	17	18 Office	19 AA: noon	20 FUND RAISER At Country Kitchen 4 p.m.—8 p.m.
21 POTLUCK @1015 ANNUAL MEETING Begins @ 11 — LWICC 1:30 p.m.	22	23 Office AA: 8 p.m.	24	25 Office	26 AA: noon	27
28 — LWICC 1:30 p.m.	29	30 Office AA: 8 p.m.	31			





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