



The Harriet Chapel Chimes Newsletter



February 2024

Dear Harriet Chapel Family and Friends,

February seems like a cold, sometimes lifeless month, but there are two meaningful events that we observe during February. The first is on Feb. 2nd when we remember that forty days after Jesus' birth Mary and Joseph brought him to the temple to be presented as their first-born son. Jewish parents were obligated to make a sacrifice of a lamb or, as in Mary and Joseph's case, they sacrificed two turtledoves if they couldn't afford a lamb. The awe-inspiring thing that happened that day was that two devout people who had been waiting for the savior recognized the baby Jesus as the one for whom they had waited. First, upon seeing Jesus, elderly Simeon prayed, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel". (Luke 2:29–32) Then the prophetess Anna offered prayers of thanksgiving for Jesus and began spreading the word about him.

The second event we observe in February is not a day of celebration. On Feb. 14th we will observe Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 40 days of Lent which commemorates the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before he was tortured and crucified. Ash Wednesday also, is a day that reminds us of our mortality. Typically, people give up something in Lent to stand in solidarity with Jesus and share his suffering. Some people take on acts of goodness and mercy to continue in Jesus' ministry.

It's rare that Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day. It happened in 2018 and before that it hadn't happened since 1945. It may seem odd that Ash Wednesday, which is solemn and penitential should fall on Valentine's Day when we usually celebrate with candy and roses and Teddy bears. But we often forget that there is sacrifice behind Valentine's Day because tradition has it that originally St. Valentine, who lived in the third century, was killed for performing Christian marriage ceremonies which was against the law in the Roman Empire. Valentine's Day now celebrates love and all things chocolate. For many fasting from chocolate and sweets will be a sacrifice but since Ash Wednesday is such an important day in the church, it may be best to observe Valentine's Day on the evening before when we will serve pancakes and strawberries at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on Feb. 13th from 4:30-7 p.m.. Pancake suppers actually came about as a way for people to get rid of all the tempting sweets and fats that were forbidden in Lent. Don't worry you'll have a chance to indulge yourself before Lent with pancakes, syrup and sausage and there will be chocolates on the tables and plenty of sweet items on the bake sale table.

On Ash Wednesday we will have a spoken Ash Wednesday Service at noon and a service with Music at 7:00 p.m. Ashes will be imposed at both times. During Lent I'd like to suggest that you take on Lenten disciplines such as fasting, prayer and reading the booklet "Forgiven" by Tim Chester that will be available in the Narthex. During Lent we will have additional services including a Taize Service at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 4th.

During February Fr. Doug will host Christian Formation after church and in March we will participate in preparing the church for the Taize service on March 3rd and will hold a group discussion of "Forgiven" on March 10th after church. We will share Soup and walk the Stations of the Cross on March 18 at 6 p.m. Our intention is not to stay busy but to engage in activities that keep us focused on Christ and his journey to the Cross.

Father Doug will be the Priest in Charge in February and I will be the Priest in Charge in March. If you would like to pray with one of us or confess a sin that weighs heavily on your heart you can use Lent as an opportunity to confess with one of us present. This is called the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent, and we can offer you assurance of God's pardon. Just speak with one of us about this anytime during Lent.

Have a blessed Lent,

Pastor Sally

Lenten Discipline:

**Fast from judging others;
Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
Fast from fear of illness;
Feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute;
Feast on speech that purifies.
Fast from discontent;
Feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger;
Feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism;
Feast on hope.
Fast from negatives;
Feast on encouragement.
Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion.
Fast from suspicion;
Feast on truth.
Fast from gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that sustains.
Fast from anxiety;
Feast on faith.**

- Author Unknown

Current Vestry Members:

Mary Allison, Marcia Bell, Edna and Joe Ferraro, Joshua Garvois, Kathryn Hauser, Karen Patterson, Susie Robinson, Debbie Sweeney

Current Church Officers:

Senior Warden: David Sweeney

Junior Wardens: 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

Welcome on board!

Mary Allison

Joshua Garvois

Susie Robinson



Here comes Peter Cottontail, Hopping down the bunny trail!

Yep, Easter will soon be here, so we would like to try doing what we attempted for the Christmas issue, BUT with Easter as the theme!

We are asking you to share any fond memories of Easter that you may have. I think it would be nice for us to see how traditions may have changed or how they are still held in your family gatherings. We would also like you to share any traditional recipes that may have been passed down in your family, or perhaps there is a favorite recipe you would like to share. Again, I think this would be great, especially if there are any ethnic or cultural recipes that your family may only prepare during Easter. For instance, one of my best friends belongs to the first-generation Americans in her family. They are Italian, and every year she treats us to a few of her mother's family traditional food.

Sweet
Rice Pie



Easter
Meat Pie



DATE 2024	GREETERS	LAY READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	ALTAR GUILD
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 Susie Robinson	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 Susie Robinson	Kathryn Hauser Fran Hennessy	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman

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TREASURER'S REPORT

PREPARED BY: HEATHER JO CLABAUGH
January 16, 2024

DECEMBER 2023

INCOME	Month	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget	Total Budget
PLEDGE	7,948.25	73,448.00	66,240.00	66,240.00
PLATE	427.00	4,105.77	3,900.00	3,900.00
EVENT REVENUE	322.00	17,851.33	21,000.00	21,000.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	733.00	3,093.80	2,900.00	2,900.00
FELLOWSHIP	0.00	155.00	250.00	250.00
OUTREACH	495.00	770.00	200.00	200.00
SUBTOTAL	9,925.25	99,423.90	94,490.00	94,490.00
NON-BUDGET INCOME	535.00	22,586.64	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	10,460.25	122,010.54	94,490.00	94,490.00

EXPENSES				
DIOCESAN PLEDGE	957.00	11,440.00	11,440.00	11,440.00
RECTOR SALARY	2,000.00	25,785.73	70,000.00	70,000.00
RECTOR BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	3,860.00	3,860.00
PAYROLL	3,549.02	21,119.61	33,844.00	33,844.00
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	781.89	2,173.01	2,465.00	2,465.00
ADMINISTRATION	663.65	5,215.76	6,250.00	6,250.00
BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	0.00	6,253.92	6,000.00	6,000.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	1,396.98	12,557.22	12,015.00	12,015.00
INSURANCE	891.00	3,508.50	3,365.00	3,365.00
EVENT EXPENSE	0.00	1,584.32	2,800.00	2,800.00
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSE	372.45	607.33	250.00	250.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	327.50	2,834.89	3,900.00	3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
OUTREACH	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00
EVANGELISM	115.20	1,504.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
SUPPLY CLERGY	36.04	36.04	1,250.00	1,250.00
SUBTOTAL	11,490.73	95,020.33	159,839.00	159,839.00
NON-BUDGET EXPENSES	25.00	10,554.86	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,515.73	105,575.19	159,839.00	159,839.00

BALANCE	-1,055.48	16,435.35	-65,349.00	-65,349.00
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CHECKING ACCT BALANCE (Woodsboro)	16,435.35
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	14,108.24
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STIFEL NICOLAUS STOCK ACCOUNT	513,503.13	<i>AS OF 12/31/2023</i>
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MONTH-TO-MONTH CHANGE	33,130.08
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ANNUAL CHANGE FROM 12/31/2022	44,923.13
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2023 WITHDRAWS	-
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A FEW NOTES FROM THE JANUARY 14TH VESTRY MEETING

+as you remember with our Annual Meeting, our Vestry meeting was moved forward so everyone could get their reports ready and to be prepared to answer any questions which should arise.

+Rector's Report and topics for general discussion:

*a meeting was held prior to this meeting to work on the 2024 church calendar of special events and happenings, based on what is known now. With last minute tours, any unscheduled reservations for our parish hall, etc, our calendar may be changed many times. To ensure that everyone is aware of what is going on, please check the announcements in your weekly bulletin and also look in your monthly Chimes newsletter.

*Vestry Vitality Day is an event held by the dioceses for any and all church members, this year it will be held via ZOOM at several locations in Maryland. Our closest location is All Saints Episcopal Church in Frederick. Registration is required and you must bring your lunch with you as this will be a working through lunch meeting. There are several 15 minute breaks scheduled throughout the day.

*Pastor Sally has contacted our financial advisor, Michael Clabaugh, who has agreed to attend our next Vestry meeting in February to go over everything.

+Senior Wardens Report:

*3 persons going off Vestry, their terms have expired. They are Fran Hennessey, Joann Miller and Judy Sweeney Smith.

*persons willing to run for the above seats: Mary Allison, Joshua Garvois, Mimi McReal is considering.

+The meeting went rather quickly, basically going over purposed reports for the Annual Meeting.

Meeting was closed with a prayer.

Annual Meeting, January 21st, 2024

If you attended the Annual Meeting and if you have any remaining questions, please go over your handout with all the committee reports. If your questions haven't been answered, please seek out a Vestry member and they will help you find the answer.

As Pastor Sally and Father Doug stated during the meeting, we must be patient during these days of transitions. We are all doing our best.

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"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#))

I'm human—which often makes me oblivious to what's around me. I'm in so much of a hurry to get my own stuff done, I forget to stop and notice what's going on with everyone else.

Nudge me when I get distracted and caught up in myself. Remind me that I need my family and friends, and they need me. Thank you for knowing we weren't meant to walk through life alone and for giving us the opportunity be Jesus to each other. Thank you for helping me shine for you. **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.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for:

Joan Portner, Jeannie Springer, Ed Joyner, Becky and The Rev. Scott Slater, Betty Grossnickle, Betty and Bob Gray, Joan Wisner, Clara Moore, Roy and Cathy Betteridge, Kathy Smith, Brett Kelly, Janet Nave, Richard Patterson, Debbie Portner, Enid Shannon, Bob Stakes, Vanessa Pryor, 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: Bob McAfee, Aaron Teitel, Mitchell Scott, Daryl and Susie Trout, Nathaniel Rentzell, Virginia Rauth, Wilton III, Sue Shatto, 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, Robert Ricketts, Mildred Coshon, Rob and Becky Hankey, Susan and Jim Rauth, Shirley Long, Cheyanne Sanger, Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Bessie A., Deborah Boisvert, Kim Grimm,





Introducing our couple of the month:



Joe and Edna Ferraro

We are Joe and Edna Ferraro, New York state transplants, who followed our 4 sons who had made their moves much earlier to this area. It was a hard move for all of us. There is something magical, captivating, and fixating about living in the Hudson Valley (winters included), nestled at the foot of the Catskills and on the banks of the Hudson River. However, the state's economy began to suffer, and employment opportunities were not sufficient to support our 4 college graduates with college loans, so one by one, each headed to Maryland.

Why Maryland? Our oldest, Milo, fell in love with a Westminster girl (now his wife) while doing an internship in Towson; our next in line, Orion, attended and graduated from Salisbury. So, there was some history here. The move for each immediately led to success, so the younger two, Rafael and Jesse, followed. Milo has his own physical therapy practice in Germantown, Orion has his own custom carpentry business, and Rafael and Jesse have professions linked to cyber space and software programming that Joe and I don't even pretend to understand. As a family, we were blessed with the comfort, love, support and nearness of extended family on both sides, but when Joe and I no longer had those family members to be with and care for, we made our move, too.

Joe and I were high school sweethearts, but we had different plans and goals that took us separate ways. It was the 60's, after all. For Joe, it was the Marines, Vietnam, and then some understandable wandering. For me, it was college and a job. Meant to be, we returned to the Hudson Valley and each other. Besides the divine providence of our family, we've been fortunate to have had careers that supported our passions and talents. Joe owned a construction business, restored stone homes, and oversaw the county's buildings. I had the time of my life teaching, primarily 8th grade English, for 46 years. Additionally, Joe is a fisherman, and we both cannot live without four-legged companions by our sides. We have had wonderful pets that have been instrumental to our joy in life...our dogs, our cats, a very special pig, and truly, our best two life coaches, our horses, Sunny and Buddy.

Faith, as well as family, has been a constant in our life. In our new home, we were blessed to have mountains and a river out our back door, and our sons and their families within reach, but the one unfilled void was church. COVID didn't help, although it was the despair and emptiness the pandemic created, along with a Google search, that brought us to Harriet Chapel. From the moment we entered, we were at peace, felt God's peace, and shared that peace with those closest to us, Fran and Joann. Never did "the Peace that passes all understanding" have more meaning to us. We found what we were looking for and what we were missing.

We are enjoying the immediate connections and friendship with all we have met; we like working alongside others in tending to the Chapel grounds and in contributing to its events. Our time and energy tend to go to our family, especially our five grandchildren, Lyla, Maya, Carlina, Enzo and Josie, first, but we look forward to helping, serving, and being present in Harriet Chapel all the ways we can.

FEBRUARY — this year happens to be a leap year, so this year the month of February has 29 days. It also plays host to Valentine's Day and Presidents Day, of course when most of us were in grade school we celebrated Washington's birthday and Lincoln's birthday. As also happens from time to time we get to enjoy overindulging in Fasnacht's or donuts on Shrove Tuesday while in the deep south folks are enjoying Mardi Gras. We also welcome the church season of Lent, with Ash Wednesday following Shrove Tuesday. Our ancestors planned those two events accordingly, we stuff ourselves and overindulge in feasting and drinking on Tuesday and come Wednesday morning we wash, dress and head to church to make our confession and to repent. We will partake of the Holy Eucharist and when we leave and enter the outside world, everyone will notice the black cross on our forehead.

We are now in the season of Lent, a period of reflection and prayer. Our weekly scriptures have been paving our way to this day. Since Epiphany we have been hearing readings from Deuteronomy and Jonah explaining and reminding us of laws and punishments which God has passed on to us through the prophets. In St. Paul's letters to the folks in Corinth, we are once again reminded of the consequences of failing to live by God's law and His Son's teaching. There have been a few uncomfortable lessons to read and hear.

But let's not forget the Gospel readings, we are reminded of Christ's love and devotion to us. From John hear of the selection of the first disciples. They are just plain people, laborers, your everyday fishermen. In Mark's Gospel we learn of John the Baptist's arrest and imprisonment. What is Christ's response, *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."* Several more fishermen are selected as disciples and his ministry on earth begins. He heals the infirmed and sick. The bent over folks now are standing tall, the blind gain sight, the lame are walking, the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Crowds follow Jesus and his disciples from town to town. These crowds hare hearing the law of Moses in a new way. They are experiencing the love of God through the words, parables and teachings of Jesus, the Son of God. How are these people rewarded for their belief and faith? Jesus stands on a hillside and gives instruction if praying.

Our introduction to Lent, a time to repent, reflect and to re-examine our prayer life. How often do I talk to God? When do I seek Him out, is it only in times of stress and sorrow? We have been reminded recently that God knows all, sees all and hears all. I find that frightening, but if that is the case, do I still need to pray to Him? You betcha, you have too. We can't take our faith in God or even in his Son for granted. We need to reach out to our heavenly Father and ask or if necessary to beg for His intervention in our lives. Remember, *"all things are possible with God"*.

*"Ask and it will be given to;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
the one who sees fines;
and the one who knocks, the door will be opened".*

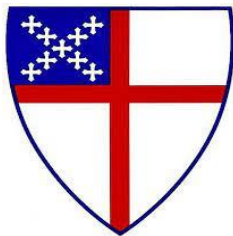
Matthew 7:7-8



Hello February 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office	2	3
4 Service with Healing 9 a.m.	5	6 Office	7	8 Office	AA—noon	10 Fotp meeting 9 a.m.
		AA—8 p.m.			AA—noon	
11 Service 9 a.m. Transfiguration Sunday	12	13 Office SHOVE TUESDAY ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER 4-7	14 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES NOON & 7 p.m.	15 Office	16	17 VESTRY RETREAT 9—1
LW/ICC 1:30 p.m.		AA—8 p.m.			AA—noon	
18 First Sunday In Lent Service 9 a.m.	19	20 Office	21	22 Office	23	24 KITCHEN - DEEP CLEANING 8:30-10:30 AM
— LW/ICC 1:30 p.m.		AA—8 p.m.			AA—noon	
25 Second Sunday In Lent Service 9 a.m.	26	27 Office	28	29 Office LEAP DAY		
— LW/ICC 1:30 p.m.		AA—8 p.m.				



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