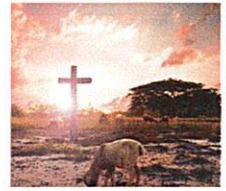




The Harriet Chapel Chimes Newsletter



March 2024

There are times when it seems as though life at Harriet Chapel centers around the things that we do such as the Iron Festival and Fall Fest, of meetings, social gatherings, diocesan conventions and the like. We get very busy in the weeks leading up to these various occasions. Now is a relatively slow time of year in that regard as our next big event is the Iron Festival in May about three months from now. However, in a far more important way this is a very busy time in our church.

This is Lent as Easter is March 31 this year. This newsletter will be published and read in the heart of that liturgical season. This is the time when we work from centering our lives in things human to centering them on things that are divine. This is the season when we look at how our sins of self-centeredness, greed, lust and all the rest, of which we are all guilty, and understand how they thwart the will of God for us. This is not a time of gloom and doom and saying to ourselves, "Oh woe is me for I am a sinful and fallen and without hope." We all might be sinful and fallen but we DO have hope. Being kind to ourselves, let it be a time of purging, of cleaning out the crusty baggage that we have accumulated since last Easter.

To live in the rhythm of the church's liturgical seasons is to live in a rhythm of love, grace, confession and forgiveness. It is to live a life fully aware of our human failings and equally aware of God's grace and forgiveness. Now is the acceptable time in this season of Lent for you to take a truthful and maybe painfully honest look at who you really are and where you are headed.

In the invitation to Lent (BCP p. 265) we read, "I invite you therefore, in the name of the church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination, and repentance, by prayer and fasting, and self-denial, and by reading and meditating on God's holy word." This is hard work. Even though we may not have a church event on the immediate horizon, there is plenty to do at Harriet Chapel.

This may cause some to roll their eyes, because the Lenten disciplines have fallen so far out of favor as if they were meant for people of long ago, or perhaps we might think that they don't work, but nothing could be farther from the truth. NOW is the time to help God create order in our lives that may be in some disorder. No one's life is perfect, there is some discord, some worry about ourselves or our finances or our children or our health or our country, or any other of a million issues that may be grinding away inside of us. We cannot think that the burdens we bear in our personal lives or public lives in a very uncivil world, cannot be eased or lightened, that our listlessness cannot be righted, without the help of God and our personal efforts in this season of Lent. The work of Lent is very important, very difficult, and very necessary.

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The preface for the 3rd Sunday in Lent:

"Stir up your power O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

+Fr. Doug



Current Vestry Members:

Mary Allison, Marcia Bell, Edna and Joe Ferraro, Joshua Gervais, 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

Priests: The Rev. Douglas C. Smith

The Rev. Sally Joyner Giffin

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

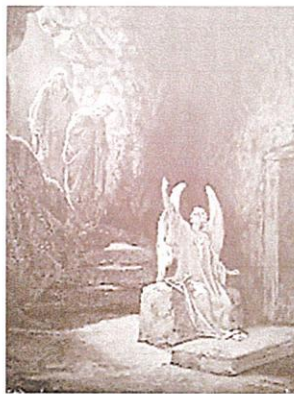
In the words of Pope Francis

- + Fast from judging others; Feast on Christ dwelling in them.
- + Fast from complaints; Contemplate simplicity.
- + Fast from words that pollute; Feast on speech that purifies.
- + Fast from anger; Be filled with patience.
- + Fast from sadness; Be filled with hope and gratitude.
- + Fast from hurting words; Say kind words of encouragement.
- + Fast from bitterness; Fill your hearts with joy.
- + Fast from selfishness; Feast on compassion to others.
- + Fast from grudges; Feast on reconciliation.
- + Fast from words; be silent so you can listen.
- + Fast from pressures and problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that sustains.
- + Fast from anxiety; Feast on faith.



Are you worthy?

Am I worthy?



**Yes,
We are!**



Lenten Services:

Monday, March 4th – Lenten Taize Service, begins at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 18th – Soup and Stations,
we begin in the parish hall with soup at 6:00 p.m. and
adjourn to the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 24th – Palm Sunday, service begins at 9:00 a.m.
in the parish hall for the Parade of Palms to the sanctuary

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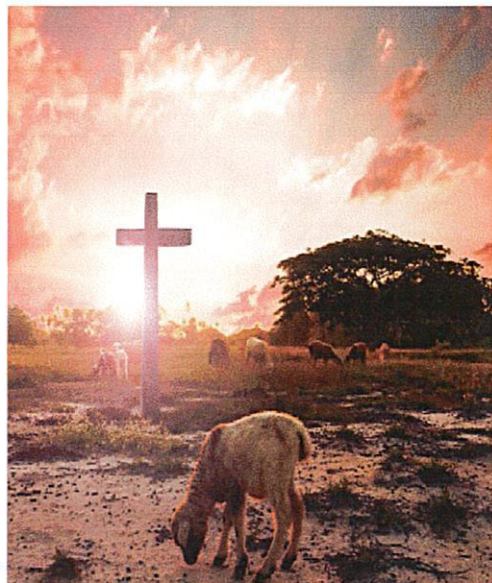


This is also the start of **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday, March 28th – service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29th – service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31st – service begins at 9:00 a.m.



DATE 2024	GREETERS	LAY READERS	ALTAR SERVERS	ALTAR GUILD
MARCH				
3rd	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Stephen Hess Judy S. Smith	David Sweeney Susie Robinson	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 Mary Allison	Kathryn Hauser Fran Hennessy	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Danny Harman
APRIL				
7th	Danny Harman Susie Robinson	Stephen Hess Pat Plum	David Sweeney Denny Hoffman	David Sweeney Joann Miller
14th	Susan and Jim Rauth	Judy S. Smith Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Donna Clabaugh	David Sweeney Mary Allison
21st	Lorraine and Denny Hoffman	Karen Patterson Mimi McReal	David Sweeney Gary Bell	David Sweeney Susan Rauth
28th	Fran Hennessy Pat Plum	Susie Robinson Susan Rauth	David Sweeney Susie Robinson	David Sweeney Danny Harman

CATOCTIN EPISCOPAL PARISH TREASURER'S REPORT

PREPARED BY: HEATHER JO CLABAUGH
February 19, 2024

JANUARY 2024

INCOME	Month	Year To Date	Year To Date Budget	Total Budget
PLEDGE	9,673.00	9,673.00	5,456.67	65,480.00
PLATE	193.17	193.17	375.00	4,500.00
EVENT REVENUE	380.00	380.00	1,583.33	19,000.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	12.00	12.00	233.33	2,800.00
FELLOWSHIP	0.00	0.00	20.83	250.00
OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	16.67	200.00
SUBTOTAL	10,258.17	10,258.17	7,685.83	92,230.00
NON-BUDGET INCOME	16,781.35	16,781.35	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	27,039.52	27,039.52	7,685.83	92,230.00
EXPENSES				
DIOCESAN PLEDGE	1,134.00	1,134.00	1,134.17	13,610.00
RECTOR SALARY	2,149.37	2,149.37	2,250.00	27,000.00
RECTOR BENEFITS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
PAYROLL	2,248.80	2,248.80	2,550.00	30,600.00
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE	0.00	0.00	291.67	3,500.00
ADMINISTRATION	200.41	200.41	500.00	6,000.00
BUILDING REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	423.72	423.72	479.17	5,750.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
UTILITIES	1,177.67	1,177.67	1,112.83	13,354.00
INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	321.92	3,863.00
EVENT EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	187.50	2,250.00
FELLOWSHIP EXPENSE	130.00	130.00	20.83	250.00
WORSHIP & ALTAR	353.30	353.30	325.00	3,900.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	33.33	400.00
OUTREACH	0.00	0.00	41.67	500.00
EVANGELISM	84.60	84.60	125.00	1,500.00
SUPPLY CLERGY	0.00	0.00	104.17	1,250.00
SUBTOTAL	7,901.87	7,901.87	9,477.25	113,727.00
NON-BUDGET EXPENSES	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,051.87	8,051.87	9,477.25	113,727.00
BALANCE	18,987.65	18,987.65	-1,791.42	-21,497.00
CHECKING ACCT BALANCE (Woodsboro)	18,987.65			
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	14,111.23			
STIFEL NICOLAUS STOCK ACCOUNT	510,082.37	AS OF 01/31/2024		
MONTH-TO-MONTH CHANGE	-			
ANNUAL CHANGE FROM 12/31/2023	(3,420.76)			
2024 WITHDRAWS	-			

A FEW NOTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 21ST VESTRY MEETING

+Pastor Sally opened our meeting with a reading. Our new Vestry members were sworn in, they are Mary Allison, Joshua Gervais and Susie Robinson. Our church treasurer went through our January report and then the meeting was turned over to our Financial Investment Broker, from Stifel Nicolaus Stock, Michael Clabaugh. Mr. Clabaugh spent a considerable amount of time going over our investments and accounts. He really knows his stuff. We are doing good with what we have.

+Rector's Report:

- *Pastor Sally will be with us for March.

* Lenten Schedule:

- * March 4th – Taize Service beginning at 7 p.m. Set up is planned to take place Sunday, March 3rd after our worship service. Since it is the first Sunday of the month, LWICC will not be worshipping here.

- * March 16th – Vestry Retreat to be held in the parish hall beginning at 9 a.m., snacks and lunch will be provided. ALL VESTRY MEMBERS, THOSE JUST ELECTED AS WELL AS THOSE WHOSE TERMS JUST ENDED ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND. The first half will be our monthly regular Vestry Meeting; the retreat will follow. The retreat is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- * March 18th – Soup and Stations. Soup is being provided by Kathryn Hauser and Marcia Bell. We will begin in the parish hall with soup and bread at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. we will go to the sanctuary for The Stations of the Cross.

- * March 30th – we are asking for volunteers to meet at 10 a.m. to decorate the sanctuary and parish hall for Easter.

- * March 31st – Easter Worship Service, both Fr. Doug and Pastor Sally will be celebrants. Pastor Sally is planning to prepare an Easter brunch for those wishing to partake and Karen Patterson will head up our annual Easter Egg hunt. As the day draws nearer, Karen will be asking for folks to take a bag of empty plastic eggs home, fill them with candy and then return them to the church by Easter morning for the hunt.

+ Senior Warden – reported for the Junior Wardens reported that the water system filter had been changed as had the air filter in the sanctuary. And the emergency light in the church had also been changed. Our AED has been installed and is ready to use, it can be found on the wall between the restroom and the Altar Guild room. Marcia Bell requested that someone check the range hood filters. They need to be cleaned.

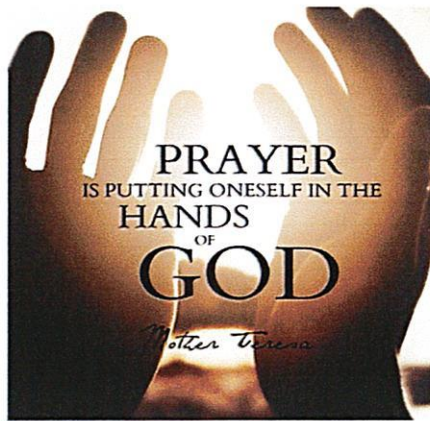
+ Outreach report – Karen presented the idea of a cooking class to those who use the food bank. It seems not many were interested. Pastor Sally will make another attempt, now that the idea has been placed before them, perhaps they have had time to give the idea some thought.

+Pastoral Care – hoping that with the updated directory, members will call to check up on their friends and fellow members. Home and hospital calls and visits are being made.

+Christian Education – after worship, studies are ongoing and copies of the book, 'Forgiven' which were passed out to those who wanted a copy, will be the focus of Pastor Sally's Lenten study.

+ Fellowship & Welcoming – the Coffee Hour/Fellowship time seems to be going well. It has been a great way to integrate Bible Study. Marcia Bell has stepped up to chair this committee. Thank you, Marcia.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.



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:

Trevor Shriner, Rick Moser, Bud and Gertie Whetzel, Johnny and Susie Portner, Donald Fuss, Denny Edwards, Missy Moser, Sharon Hann, Jeannie Springer, 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, Enid Shannon, Bob Stakes, Vanessa Pryor, Tracey Stottlemeyer, Margaret Cool, Paul Doyle, John Guillory, Richard Massey, Ursula Cole, Hawa Freeman, 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 pray 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, Cheyanne Sanger, Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Bessie A., Deborah Boisvert, Debbie Portner,

March Birthday's



2nd – Pat Plum

9th – Ann Hess

12th – Lorraine Hoffman

14th – David Sweeney

23rd – Wyatt Smith

TODAY is YOUR day!
Your **MOUNTAIN** is waiting.
so... **GET ON YOUR WAY!**
- Dr. Seuss





Introducing the first of our new Vestry members:

Mary Allison

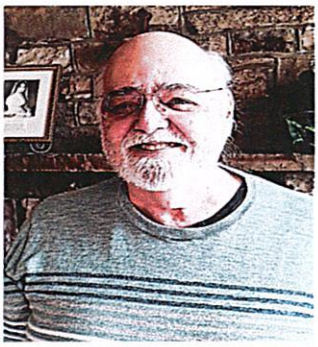


Hi, my name is Mary Allison and I have recently been elected to the Vestry. I have been asked to write a short bio about myself. I am a Jersey Girl who transplanted to Maryland 8 years ago for the birth of my 1st grandson, Michael, who is the keeper of my heart. My family consists of my son, Chris, daughter in law, Sharon and grandsons Michael and Chris. When I first moved to MD, my family lived in Laurel, and after my son's retirement from the US Army in 2019, we moved to Walkersville for a better school system and to be closer to my daughter in law's family in Frederick. I have an apartment in their home, so I am Blessed to see my grandchildren every day and I am very involved in their milestones and achievements, plus bus stop duty and babysitting.

My career for many years was as a Physical Therapist Assistant, mostly working with the elderly in Skilled Nursing facilities. Being a PTA is a very physical job, and I am Blessed that I was able to walk away without any back, neck, shoulder pain or injuries. I loved my work but getting older and not being as strong as I used to be, I knew it was time to retire. COVID gave it a push and moved my retirement up by about 6 months. I keep busy by volunteering at the Thurmont Food Bank, happily being Pastor Sally's shopping assistant. I also try to go to the gym several times a week and I donate platelets every other week and I try to help with many of the activities here at Harriet Chapel. And, as you may be aware, I am the official Bell Ringer at the start of the service.

I found Harriet Chapel by accident. I was taking Michael to the Zoo for the first time, took a wrong turn, and there SHE was in all her beauty. I returned the next day to attend a Service, but it was the last week of August and still on the summer schedule, so I was too early. But David Sweeney was there, and he ran out to the parking lot and scooped me right up. He invited me in to meet Pastor Sally, we got talking for a while and then I decided to run home, grab Michael and return that same day and attend my first Service at Harriet Chapel. I feel in my heart that that wrong turn which brought me to Harriet Chapel was a Blessing from above, and that this is where I belong, and it is where Our Lord wants me to be.





Introducing our second new Vestry member: Joshua Gervais



My full name is Joshua Francis Gervais and I was born in the Heart of the Hill Country, Kerrville, Texas. Truth is, I grew up in the suburbs of Chicago and was raised Catholic, but I returned to my birthplace every summer and attended church and Sunday school at First Baptist Church with my maternal grandmother. I am actually what you might call an homogenized Christian because in the past, I joined the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches in my quest for a comfortable place to worship. I never felt at home until I discovered the Episcopal Church. I have always loved to sing and so I know a lot of songs by heart...or I used to.

I was married and have three wonderful daughters and six grandchildren. I currently live with my partner, Michael Duncan, in Detour. When I went to school as a young man, I went to the Maryland Institute, College of Art for painting. I never pursued an art career and my life after graduation is a long, checkered story...too long to relate here. Suffice it to say that God is faithful and good. I worked at Job Corps as a teacher and later in administration. Next, I went into the field of working in administration for agencies that provided for persons with disabilities. It was at this point that I went to Johns Hopkins and received my Masters to be a Transition Coordinator, to help persons with disabilities acquire the skills to work in the community. Nineteen years later, I would retire, and shortly after, you would meet me.

When I visited Harriet Chapel, I recognized the sweetness of the spirit of Christ in the congregation, the genuineness of people's worship, and the truth spoken from the pulpit as well as the very active mission work that is so important and basic to Christianity. I knew then that I had found a place that I could rest in and be a part of this Christian family that worships and works together. I think we have a lot to brag about when it comes to making older people feeling welcome and comfortable!

As you may know, I am currently trying to keep the new website running and updated. It is a learning curve for me. I also volunteer at the Thurmont Food Bank and sing with the church choir on special occasions.



MARCH – the third month of the year. Known for St. Patrick's Day, Daylight Savings Time and the official start of Spring. This year we find that March also plays host to Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. It's been a very long time since this last occurred.

March, the month that welcomes new growth. Spring is the season of rebirth. Lent the season to look deep inside ourselves to find Christ and to strengthen our faith. Palm Sunday is such a joyous celebration to begin one of the darkest and most dreadful weeks ever to be witnessed by mankind. **HOLY WEEK**, when we are to travel the road to Calvary with our Lord Jesus.

We have been traveling this path since his presentation at the temple. But like the days of winter which are short, and the nights are long and dark, so are the events which we will witness if we stay on this path. In the past month with the passing of friends and family, I have been granted time to reflect on death, my death. During last Sundays Bible study (Feb. 25th) Fr. Doug asked us 'What is in a name'? How do we want to be remembered? Ah, it's time for reflection and some deep thinking! Am I really listening in church on Sundays? Am I hearing the words, the messages which are being explained? Are the prayers which I repeat every week, am I just speaking the words absent mindedly on queue like in a play or are they being spoken from my heart, my soul? Dark days indeed!

I have often been accused of having an overactive imagination, those folks are a hundred percent right! I guess that is why I love to read, I can easily picture in my mind the scene and the actors. I believe that God has given us the ability to choose the path we want to travel. I also believe that God gives us little nudges to keep us moving in the right direction. In the past when walking The Stations of the Cross, I have felt that I am a part of it, a part of the crowd, BUT I am not close enough to help, not close enough to offer comfort. This year I am traveling the Stations with the women who made the journey with our Lord. I just finished reading, 'Women of The Passion, a Journey to the Cross' by Katie Sherwood. It takes the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross, but each Station is narrated by a woman whose life was forever changed by an encounter with Jesus. It gives a different outlook of the journey, yes, the ending is the same, but the experience of taking this path gives a feeling of hopefulness, of love. As Mary holds her Son's lifeless body and mourns her loss, she also realizes that she and all believers have gained a promise of everlasting life and an unbreakable bond of love through her Son to our heavenly Father. There is hope, a new life and a bright new tomorrow in our future. A rainbow's end!

Did I mention my overactive imagination? On the way home from church on Sunday, I started my vehicle, and this song was playing, (just so you know I love listening to Frank Sinatra). The lyrics were written by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

*When you walk through a storm
Hold your head up high
And don't be afraid of the dark*

*At the end of the storm
There's a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark*

*Walk on through the wind
Walk on through the rain
For your dreams be tossed and blown*

*Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone*

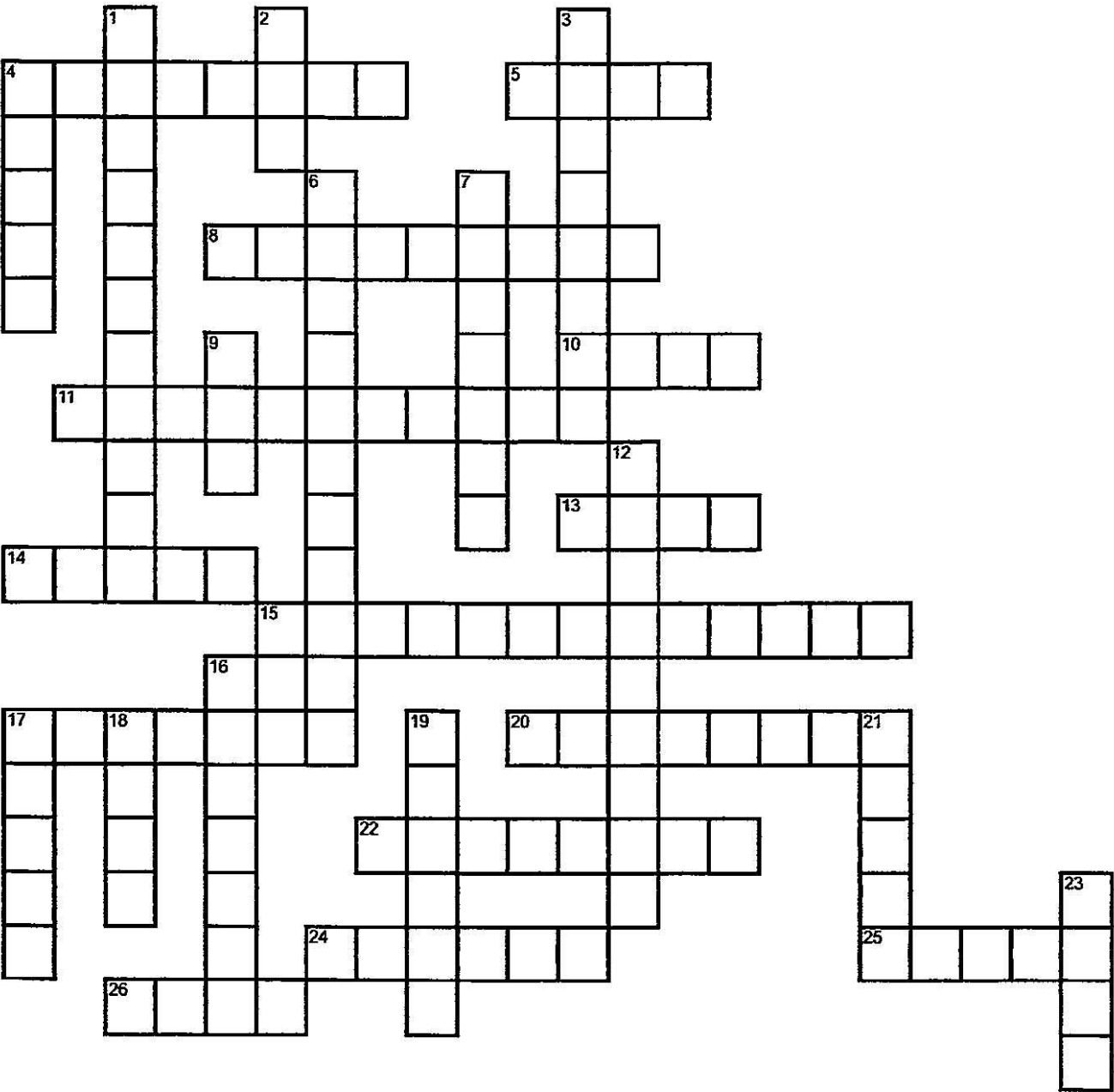
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*Walk on, walk on
With hope in your heart
And you'll never walk alone*

You'll never walk alone

Thoughts by Susie Robinson

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — crossword puzzle



Word clues found on next page.

Across

- 4 What station shows the removal of Jesus' body from the cross?
- 5 Who does Jesus meet after he falls for the first time?
- 8 The city in which Christ's Passion occurs
- 10 After his death on the cross, Jesus' body is laid in a ____.
- 11 Religious order entrusted with the holy sites of Christ's Passion
- 13 The number of wounds Jesus suffers during his crucifixion
- 14 Pontius Pilate sentences Jesus to ____.
- 15 Who helps Jesus carry the cross? (3 words)
- 17 What tears at the Temple in Jerusalem when Jesus dies?
- 20 How many stations are in the Stations of the Cross?
- 22 Who wipes Jesus' face after he falls?
- 24 What station shows the death of Jesus?
- 25 What station shows Jesus falling for the second time?
- 26 Jesus takes on the ____ of the world for our salvation.

Down

- 1 Latin title for the "Mournful Way" (2 words)
- 2 What station shows the guards stripping Jesus of his clothes?
- 3 What do the soldiers strip from Jesus before his crucifixion?
- 4 How many times does Jesus fall?
- 6 What punishment does Jesus suffer during his Passion?
- 7 Name of the hill on which Jesus is crucified
- 9 What station shows Pontius Pilate sentencing Jesus to death?
- 12 Latin title for the "Way of the Cross" (2 words)
- 16 The Stations of the Cross commemorates Jesus' ____.
- 17 Christ is crucified on a ____.
- 18 A large crucifix in a church that symbolizes the Passion of Christ
- 19 What station shows the soldiers nailing Jesus to the cross?
- 21 What fastens Jesus' hands and feet to the cross?
- 23 Latin initials for "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews"



MARCH 2024



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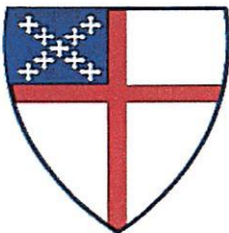
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 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Set up for Taize	4 Taize Service 7 p.m.	5 Office AA—7 P.M.	6	7 Office	8 AA—NOON	9
10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Daylight savings time Begins LWICC—1:30 p.m.	11	12 Office AA—7 P.M.	13	14 Office	15 AA—NOON	16 Vestry Retreat 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  LWICC—1:30 p.m.	18 Soup And Stations 6 p.m.	19 Office START OF SPRING AA—7 P.M.	20	21 Office	22 AA—NOON	23
24 PALM SUNDAY	25	26 Office	27	28 Office MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7 P.M.	29 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7 P.M. AA—NOON	30 Decorate The sanctuary For Easter 10 a.m.
31 EASTER SUNDAY 		AA—7 P.M.				



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