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*Disciples Making Disciples*

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***Welcoming the weary,  
Dedicated to discipleship***  
*“Come to me, all you who are weary  
and burdened, and I will give you  
rest. Take my yoke upon you and  
learn from me, for I am gentle and  
humble in heart, and you will find  
rest for your souls.”*  
(Matthew 11:28-30)

# CommonLife

Dear brothers and sisters,

As I write this to you, we are approaching the feast of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came to make a permanent home with God's people. Pentecost is a joyful feast, but compared to the great feasts of Christmas and Easter, most Christians seem to have a much less clear understanding of its meaning and importance. The problem, I think, is that we don't have a very robust concept of who the Holy Spirit is. The Father we know through his Creation, which is present to our senses every moment. And the very name, Father, that Jesus gave us to address the first Person of the Godhead provides us with an image of intimacy and strength and watchful care. Jesus we know in his incarnation, his full humanity, as it has been revealed to us through the gospel witnesses. We have the vivid images of the Christ Child in the arms of his mother, of Jesus the Teacher and Healer walking the dusty roads of Galilee and Judea, of Jesus the willing sacrifice, torn and bleeding on the Cross, of the risen and glorified Jesus of Easter morning. But who or what exactly is the Holy Spirit?

It is a strange but significant thing that the word for Spirit in Hebrew and Greek – which are two very different languages – both mean “breath” or “wind.” I believe this can help us understand the nature of the Person of God we know as the Holy Spirit. It is helpful, first of all, because both breath and wind are ever-present realities that are invisible to us. We are aware of wind because we see the movement of trees and clouds and white-capped waves on a body of water. We feel the push of the wind moving us onward when we're in a sailboat. We see the wind moving the vanes of the wind turbines when we drive through Chateaugay. We sense the presence of breath when someone blows out the candles on a birthday cake, or whispers into our ear. Gentle or powerful, we know the presence of breath or wind by the way they affect the things around us.

And so it is with the Holy Spirit. In Luke's account of the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost, the sound of a rushing wind fills the room where Jesus's disciples were gathered. There were about 120 of them there on that day, and we have seen throughout the gospels what sort of people they were: uneducated fishermen, a tax collector, a political radical, the faithful women, and others. But we don't really recognize the Holy Spirit until we see



The Rev. Kathryn M. Boswell, Rector

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TO:



## Rector's Message -Continued

what has happened to them. Peter gives a sermon so powerful that thousands are converted. A lame man suddenly leaps for joy. The gospel begins to spread like a wildfire. Churches spring up all over the Roman Empire – and beyond! Throughout Luke's second book, the Acts of the Apostles, the wind of the Spirit is clearly visible in the powerful changes we see in people's lives.

We might have a little more trouble recognizing the wind of the Spirit in our own lives, but if you stop to take a long look at the course of your life, you will see the work of the Holy Spirit there, too. In what ways can you see that you have grown and changed over the years? What troubles have you come through, when it seemed like you would never get to the other side of them? How many times have you found your way to the dawn at the end of a long, dark night? How many things do you see yourself doing today that you never, ever thought you would be able to do? These are all sure signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life – sometimes gentle, sometimes powerful, but always faithful.

The words for Spirit also mean "breath." Our breath, like the beating of our heart, is so essential and constant a part of our lives that unless something goes very wrong we don't even think about them. We can't see our own breath, but if we were to stop breathing we could no longer go on living. And the presence of the Holy Spirit in us is equally essential to living the abundant life we have received through Jesus Christ. Most of the time we aren't even aware that the Holy Spirit is within us. But without her, we could not share in the divine life that belongs to us as children of God – because the fruit that grows in us through the steady breath of the Spirit's presence is everything that we need for abundant life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control.

Pentecost is often called the "Birthday of the Church." On the day the Holy Spirit was poured out on those 120 disciples in Jerusalem, the Body of Christ on earth was born. Through the centuries that have followed the Church has grown and multiplied and traveled to the farthest reaches of the globe. She has often lost her way, often been unfaithful, often acted and spoken wickedly. But the breath of the Holy Spirit has never failed to keep her alive. And the wind of the Spirit has never failed to keep her moving and growing in accordance with the will of the Father, by the grace of the Son. No matter how many times people have been tempted to give up on the Church, God has never deserted her, and his Holy Spirit has never stopped guiding, teaching and refreshing her. And that is the deep and momentous meaning of Pentecost.

May the Holy Spirit comfort and teach, guide and strengthen you, each and every day.

Love,  
Kathryn+



## Prayers for our Nation on this Independence Day

### For our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. BCP pg. 820*



### For the Poor and the Neglected



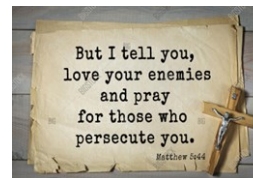
Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. BCP pg. 826*

### For the Oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. BCP pg. 826*



### For our Enemies



O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. BCP pg. 816*

*All these prayers are from our Book of Common Prayer.*

O God our Father, whose beloved Son took children into his arms and blessed them: Give us grace to entrust your beloved children of Uvalde to your everlasting care and love, and bring them fully into your heavenly kingdom. Pour out your grace and loving-kindness on all who grieve; surround them with your love; and restore their trust in your goodness. We lift up to you our weary, wounded souls and ask you to send your Holy Spirit to take away the anger and violence that infects our hearts, and make us instruments of your peace and children of the light. In the Name of Christ who is our hope, we pray. Amen.

Love in Christ, +David Reed  
Bishop of West Texas



A LITANY FOR THE CHURCH

WE PRAISE AND GLORIFY your name, O Lord, that you have called together from every language, race, and nation, a Church to proclaim your gospel, to live in witness to your truth, and to celebrate the sacraments of the New Covenant.

For Andrew, first to follow and first to call his brother,  
we praise you.

For Mary Magdalene and the other women, first to  
Announce the Resurrection,  
we praise you.

For Paul, the Church’s enemy who became an apostle and  
martyr,  
we praise you.

Give us courage to answer your call,  
and follow where you lead.

For Ignatius of Antioch and all who suffered persecution,  
we praise you.

For Gregory, Hilary, Ambrose, and Augustine, who taught the  
faith with clarity,  
we praise you.

For Columba, Patrick, David, and Augustine of Canterbury,  
missionaries and pastors.  
we praise you.

Give us courage and wisdom.  
To give faithful and articulate witness to the Gospel.

For Thomas Cranmer, Richard Hooker, and Nicholas Ferrar who  
reformed the Church,  
we praise you.

For Samuel Seabury, William White, and all who led this Church  
through its first decades,  
we praise you.

For Edward Pusey, John Keble, and James DeKoven, who rea-  
wakened us to our catholic heritage,  
we praise you.

Give us courage and energy  
that we may build up the church in our own day.

For Absalom Jones and Florence Li Tim-Oi, who answered your  
call to serve your people.  
we praise you.

For William Pocher DuBose, Evelyn Underhill, and William Tem-  
ple, who taught and inspired us.  
we praise you.

For Paul Jones and Jonathan Daniels and all who witness to the  
Gospel’s call to peace and justice,  
we praise you.

For each person who has shaped our prayers, deepened our  
faith, and encouraged our service,  
We praise you.

Give us courage and gratitude,

That we may be fervent and generous in the mission  
before us.

O Christ, your Church is the pillar and ground of truth.  
Lead us into all truth.

O Christ, your Church is a holy nation and a royal priesthood,  
Make us worthy of your promises.

O Christ, in your Church you have broken down the divisions of  
hostility,  
Unite us in peace.

O Christ, your Church is sent to proclaim the Gospel and to teach  
all nations,  
Inspire our witness.

O Christ, your Church is sent to serve the least among us,  
expand our generosity.

O Christ, your Church stands always under your judgment,  
awaken our conscience and give us true repentance.

LORD CHRIST, YOU PROMISED to abide with your Church forever. Make us grateful for your presence, and let that gratitude shine forth in lives of service and in a common life that gives glory to you, now and forever. Amen.

—Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book

Basil-Mint-Chia Limeade  
Makes 8 servings.

ingredients

2 quarts water                      3 Tbs whole chia seeds  
1 C fresh lime juice              2 fresh mint sprigs  
1/2 C Sugar                          1 fresh basil sprig

instructions

Combine water, lime juice, sugar, and chia seeds in a pitcher and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Allow to sit for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally to help hydrate the chai seeds.

To serve, fill glasses with ice and pour in limeade. Garnish each glass with some mint and basil, and serve.

“taproot”



One  
Last  
Easter  
Reflection

As Eastertide comes to glorious completion with the inrush of the Spirit at Pentecost – one last Easter reflection:

"It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."  
Luke 24:39 (NIV)

How many Christians settle for worshiping a mere ghost at Easter?

We followed the real, solid, human body of our Lord through the sorrow and agony of the Passion in the days leading up to the celebration of the Resurrection. We washed the bare feet of our brother or sister, remembering Jesus, towel around his waist, kneeling at the feet of his astonished disciples. We kissed the rough wood of a cross, painfully calling to mind the vicious reality of nails piercing flesh, of blood flowing freely from many wounds. We went home in hushed silence from the services of Holy Week, the weight of death heavy on our shoulders.

But in the joyful dawn of Easter morning, despite our lilies and trumpet fanfares and Alleluias - or maybe because of them – is it possible that the Risen Christ, radiant in celestial light, somehow lacked the palpable heft, the reassuring warmth and solidity, of the man of Galilee: companion of fishermen, hugger of children, the man who wept at his friend's graveside? In the exaltation of our victorious theology and festive liturgy we are sometimes in danger of leaving the homely, tangible humanity of our Lord behind in the tomb.

We are in good company. The disciples, huddled together fearful and heartbroken in Jerusalem, babbling about the proliferation of baffling rumors like so many hens in a henhouse, hardly knew what to make of the Risen Jesus when he appeared among them. Disbelieving the evidence of their eyes for sheer joy and wonder, they were sure they must be seeing a ghost. It was too good to be true that the battered, lifeless body of their Lord now stood among them more full of life than ever. He spoke to them. He invited them to touch him. And then, in an act most gloriously and wonderfully mundane he chewed and swallowed a piece of broiled fish. "See! It is I myself!"

This is the truth we proclaimed at Easter: that God entered into the tortured humanity of our world as a Savior who is more solidly real and human than ourselves, not less: Divine Grace clothed in living flesh, Forgiveness with bones that bear real weight, Perfect Love through whose veins runs human blood, warm and red, to this day, and forever. The Good News of the Resurrection is joy beyond belief, but thanks be to God, it is not too good to be true. The Risen Lord of our Easter jubilation is both God and man still, only-begotten Son of the Father and Rabbi Jesus of Galilee, joyfully and tangibly and everlastingly alive in the Presence of Almighty God.

Mtr. Kathryn+





How important are these church missions to you? Rate each of the following questions on a scale of 1-5 (1=Low; 5=High)

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Support of existing congregations	2.28% 20	1.13% 10	9.93% 88	28.22% 250	58.47% 518	886	4.40
Conflict resolution between Groups/leagues/diocese	2.03% 18	4.06% 35	15.58% 138	28.67% 254	49.66% 440	886	4.20
Ministries to youth	2.15% 19	3.96% 35	16.93% 149	30.91% 272	46.02% 405	880	4.15
Ministries to young adults	1.57% 14	3.70% 33	16.58% 148	35.20% 314	42.94% 383	892	4.14
Pastoral concerns (spouse and child abuse, addiction, sexual and physical abuse)	2.25% 20	4.74% 42	19.62% 174	33.60% 298	39.80% 353	887	4.04
Issues of social justice and peace (racism, hunger, poverty, violence, environmental issues)	7.74% 69	5.39% 48	16.84% 150	22.11% 197	47.92% 427	891	3.97
Development of clergy and lay ministers	2.37% 21	5.41% 48	21.20% 188	37.66% 334	33.37% 296	887	3.94
Pastoral care of clergy and clergy families	2.04% 18	5.08% 45	23.19% 205	35.75% 316	33.94% 300	884	3.94
Ministries to older adults	1.69% 15	4.40% 39	26.83% 238	39.80% 353	27.28% 242	887	3.87
Ministries to adults (adult classes, lay Eucharistic ministers' training, vestry training, church musicians)	2.47% 22	6.51% 58	26.04% 232	39.73% 354	25.25% 225	891	3.79

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Promote cultural diversity	9.34% 83	8.44% 75	20.02% 178	26.43% 235	35.77% 318	889	3.71
Episcopal Charities and Community Services	2.59% 23	9.35% 83	28.72% 255	35.59% 316	23.76% 211	888	3.69
Race and Reconciliation ministry	8.84% 78	8.84% 78	24.26% 214	25.62% 226	32.43% 286	882	3.64
Ecumenical dialogue	6.16% 54	9.13% 80	35.84% 314	29.11% 255	19.75% 173	876	3.47
Programs for spiritual growth (Cursillo, Alpha, Education for Ministry, Daughters of the King, Brotherhood of St. Andrews, annual Bible Symposium, etc.)	5.52% 49	13.53% 120	32.92% 292	27.17% 241	20.86% 185	887	3.44
Campus/college ministries	5.53% 49	13.66% 121	36.57% 324	28.10% 249	15.14% 143	886	3.36
Stewardship education	3.73% 33	13.35% 118	40.05% 354	30.66% 271	12.22% 108	884	3.34
Prison ministry	6.70% 59	16.12% 142	37.23% 328	27.70% 244	12.26% 108	881	3.23
Sanctity of life (e.g. abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, etc.)	15.57% 137	15.11% 133	26.14% 230	19.55% 172	23.64% 208	880	3.21
Development of new congregations	12.60% 111	14.42% 127	33.60% 296	23.16% 204	16.23% 143	881	3.16
Embrace Anglo Catholic, Evangelical and Charismatic spirituality	19.32% 170	14.20% 125	26.02% 229	21.02% 185	19.43% 171	880	3.07



June 2022

- 2 Mtr. Kathryn & Carroll—Anniversary
- 5 June Wilkins—Birthday
- 12 Ryan Dafoe—Birthday
- 23 Anna Merchant—Birthday
- 25 Peggy & Chris Theodore—Anniversary
- 26 Aiden Knight—Birthday
- 27 Alexander Hargrave—Birthday
- 29 Lynn & Lloyd Howe—Anniversary
- 30 Ellen Galo— Birthday

Congratulations and Best Wishes!!

July 2022

- 1 Jorji LaBarge—Birthday
- 3 Russell Colbert—Birthday
- 7 Helen Harris—Birthday
- 10 Anna Crump—Birthday
- 12 Irene Hargrave—Birthday
- 13 Anneke Chudzinski—Birthday
- 14 Victoria Boswell-Garcia—Birthday
- 14 Brooklyn Moses—Birthday
- 20 Carolyn Gould— Birthday

Congratulations and Best Wishes!!



Profile and Search Committee Update

The Profile and Search Committee continues to labor diligently to fulfill our charge and mission. We are getting closer to our first goal – to produce a comprehensive profile of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany. We have reached out to the people of the diocese through our on-line survey and the structured listening sessions. Our profile is intended to present a holistic, honest, and transparent description of the diocese, including our past, our present, and our hopes and dreams for the future.

Once the profile is completed and published, we will embark on the search process to plot the course for electing the Tenth Bishop of Albany. There is an established vetting protocol by which nominees will be screened and recommended to the Standing Committee. Dates for the election and consecration will be scheduled. All of this needs to be undergirded with prayer.

It is needful to restate the purpose of the Profile and Search process and the role of the committee. Each of the eight deaneries elected a clerical and a lay representative. The Standing Committee elected six at-large members. In addition to these 22 voting members, a non-voting chaplain and a paid confidential secretary round out the committee. We have a diversity of geographies and theological perspectives – truly a “wide tent.”

Members of the Profile and Search Committee have covenanted to work together in harmony and Christian charity across our differences. We are intended to be a neutral presence, not favoring any group or constituency, not political

He Feels Our Pain

John Stott

I could never myself believe in God, if it were not for the cross. The only God I believe in is the one Nietzsche ridiculed as “God on the Cross.” In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it? I have entered many Buddhist temples and stood respectfully before the statue of Buddha, his legs crossed, arms folded, eyes closed, the ghost of a smile playing round his mouth, a remote look on his face, detached from the agonies of the world. But each time

after a while I have had to turn away. And in imagination I have turned instead to that lonely, twisted, tortured figure on the cross, nails through hands and feet, back lacerated, limbs wrenched, brow bleeding from thorn-pricks, mouth dry and intolerably thirsty, plunged in God-forsaken darkness. That is the God for me! He laid aside his immunity to pain. He entered our world of flesh and blood, tears and death. He suffered for us.

Source: *Bread and Wine*



St. Philip’s held its Annual Election and Meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2022. To be noted, St. Philip’s Bylaws state that the Annual Election and Meeting are to be held

on the Fourth Sunday in January in the Season of Epiphany. However, due to the COVID pandemic over the past three years, St. Philip’s Vestry had to change the Annual date to a time which was medically safe for the parishioners to attend the meeting.

This year’s meeting was very brief. Our Rector, Mtr. Kathryn opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. prior to the Divine Service. At the end of the Mass the meeting reconvened. The two items of business were to elect a Vestry member to a three-year seat and to present the Vestry-approved budget for the year, retractive to January 2022, to those present. There was one candidate for a three-year Vestry seat, Romi Sebald. As no other names were brought forward, the Clerk of the Annual Meeting was instructed to cast one ballot to elect Romi Sebald to a three-year term ending in the year 2025. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to elect Romi Sebald to the three-year position on the Vestry.

The Vestry approved budget was presented with explanations of items, specifically those items which have changed from last year. The total amount of the budget for 2022-2023 is \$65,751.00. If anyone who was not able to attend the Annual Meeting would like a copy of the detailed budget, please contact Karen Morgan, Treasurer, and I will be happy to give you a copy.

So many thanks are given to the members of St. Philip’s Vestry for their faithful and dedicated service as stewards of the church and its ability to function, to its repairs, and the faithful support.

Vestry Members are: The Rev. Kathryn M. Boswell, Irene Hargrave, Lynn Howe—Clerk, Errol McLean—buildings & grounds, physical plant, Karen Morgan, Warden, Romi Sebald, Lucille Waterson.

Thank all of you for your continued service in the leadership of the Vestry.



PEOPLE AND OTHER BLESSINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR...

Within the Church there are several organizations and people who work tirelessly to maintain programs, etc.



At this time, appreciation is given to the following people who work tirelessly for the opportunity to serve those in our communities who are in need for one reason or another.

**Clergy:** The Rev. Kathryn M. Boswell, Rector/Priest

**Support:** Carroll Boswell, husband of Mtr. Kathryn

**Vestry:** Mtr. Kathryn, Irene Hargrave, Lynn Howe, Errol McLean, B&G, Karen Morgan, Romi Sebald, Lucille Waterson.

**Women’s Guild:** All women in the parish, but specifically Irene Hargrave, secretary; Sharon Yousey, treasurer, Nancy Levison—hostess, and so many faithful members—

**Altar Guild:** Irene Hargrave, Directress, Romi Sebald, Lucille Waterson, Millie Weaver, Karen Morgan, and Mtr. Kathryn.

**Acolytes:** Lynn Howe, Errol McLean, MaryEllen Casselman, Linda Dafoe, Nancy Levison, Charlie Colbert.

**Readers of the Lessons and of Prayers of the People:** Carroll Boswell, Lucille Waterson, Ellen Galo. Romi Sebald, Cheryl Woodward, Anna Crump, Irene Hargrave, Sharon Yousey.

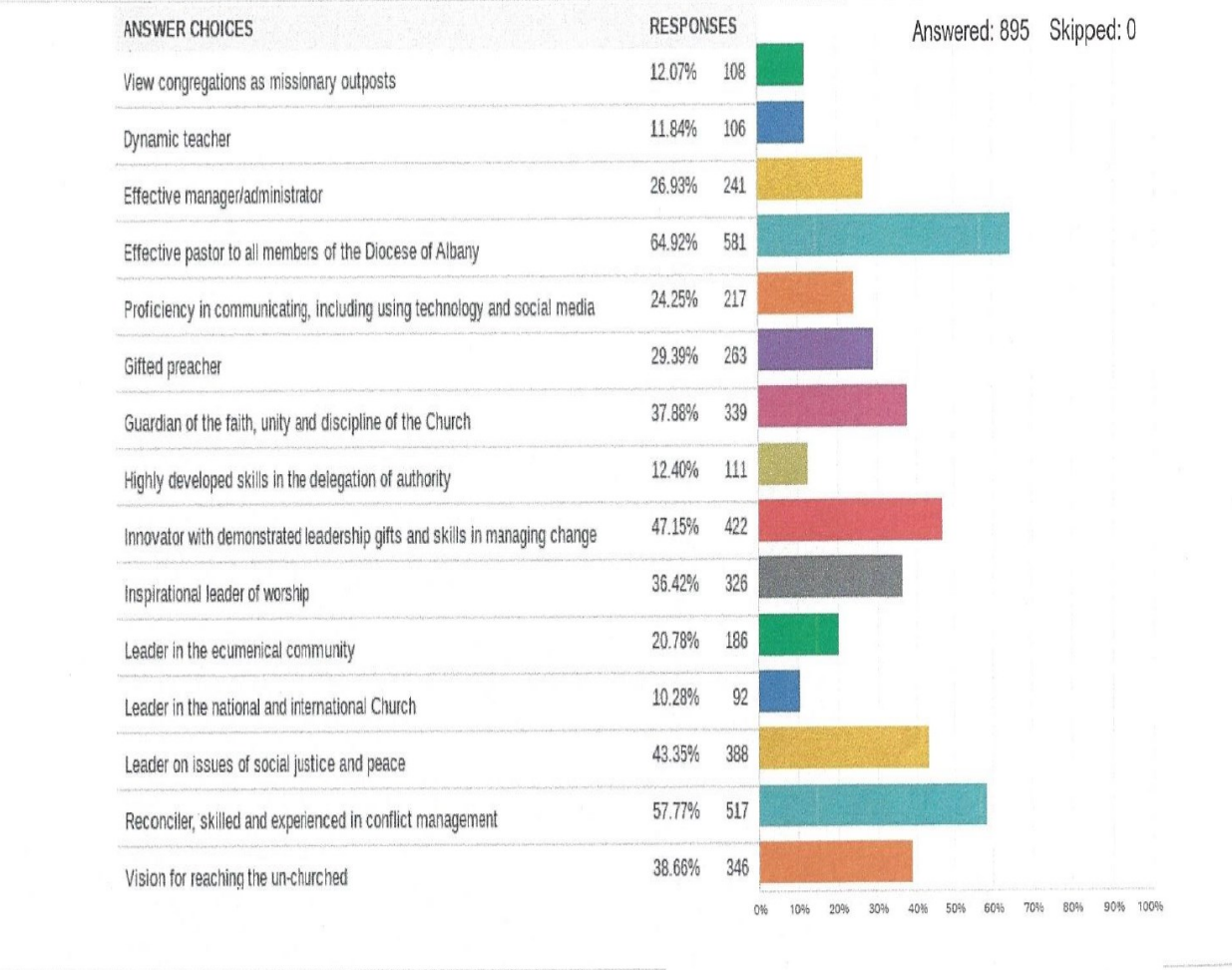
**Daughters of the King:** Mtr. Kathryn, Chaplain, Irene Hargrave, Romi Sebald, Secretary, Anna Crump, Cheryl Woodward, Millie Weaver, Lynn Howe, Karen Morgan, President.

**Music:** Ellen Galo, Karen Morgan, Mtr. Kathryn

**Lawn Maintenance:** Floyd and Janice Casselman.



What skills and interests should our new bishop have? (Choose up to five).



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or partisan. We acknowledge that there are issues and grievances among the people of our diocese, but the task of the committee is to facilitate the election of a bishop who will shepherd us through these issues and the difficult conversations that will ensue. It is anticipated that it will be an arduous and multi-year process. Nevertheless, it is our fervent hope that healing and reconciliation will finally come.

To summarize, the Profile and Search Committee has two specific functions: First, to accurately describe the Diocese of Albany via the profile and second, to facilitate the nomination for the episcopal election in concert with the Standing Committee.

I encourage the people of the diocese to pray for us and for the Tenth Bishop of Albany, whoever that will be. Please plan to share your specific issues and concerns with our next shepherd, who will be called “... to be in all things a faithful pastor and wholesome example for the entire flock of Christ.” (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 517)

Sue Ellen Ruetsch, Chair  
Profile and Search Committee



**WHEN STORMS COME YOUR WAY,  
REMEMBER YOU KNOW THE  
MASTER OF THE WIND.**

**WHEN SICKNESS FINDS YOU,  
REMEMBER YOU KNOW  
THE GREAT PHYSICIAN.**

**WHEN YOUR HEART GETS BROKEN,  
JUST SAY I KNOW THE POTTER.**

**IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT  
WE GO THROUGH,  
GOD IS THERE FOR US ALWAYS.  
*AMEN.***

**Bless again this day the mysterious computer**  
which awaits your power and my human effort.  
Grant wisdom, knowledge, and a clear memory to my  
mind as I sit before this new creature of your  
infinite power.  
Bless my heart with endless patience whenever needed.  
Guide my hands that I may be your faithful servant in  
every key I press.  
Enable my limited efforts to bring glory to your Name  
and blessings to your people everywhere.  
Delete me not from your Kingdom  
and save me from all fear and from all error of sin and  
ignorance.

I whisper this prayer, mindful of the needs of all with  
whom and for whom I work,  
through the power of your Word and the life-giving  
energy of your Spirit.

*Amen.*

Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba

JESUS LOVES ME ( no matter what age I am!

Jesus loves me, this I know – Though my hair is white as  
snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim, still He bids me trust in Him.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so!

Though my steps are oh so slow, with my hand in His I'll go –  
On through life, let come what may, He'll be there to lead  
the way.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so!

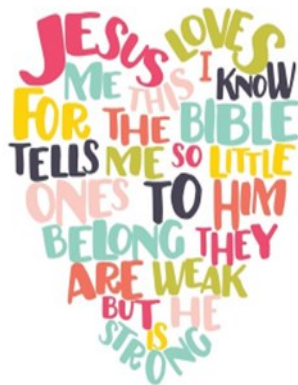
Though I am no longer young, I have much which He began.  
Let me serve Christ with a smile, always go the extra mile.

Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so!

When the nights are dark and long, in my heart He puts a  
song,  
Telling me in words so clear, "Have no fear, for I am near."  
Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so!

When my work on earth is done, and life's victories have  
been won,  
He will take me home above, then I'll understand His love.  
Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so!

I love Jesus – does He know? Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say – that I love him every day.  
**Yes, I love Jesus - Yes, I love Jesus.**  
**Yes, I love Jesus – I'll tell Him when I pray.**



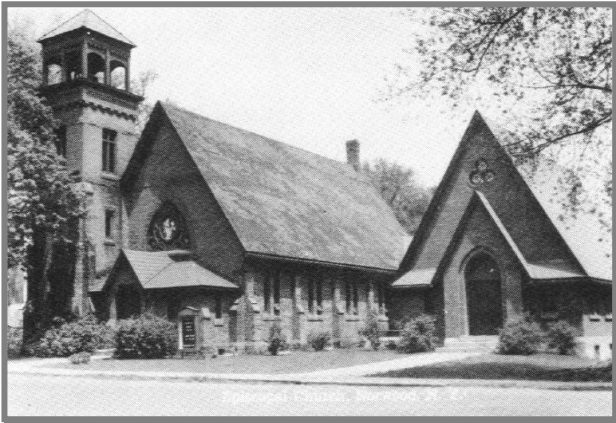
Local Church History Continued—

The Rev. Searing's ministry also included prisoners as a newspaper report in 1905 read, "The Rev. S.S. Searing visited the State Prison in Charlestown MA each month to minister to those of his faith, who have become a company of nearly forty, whose devotion to instruction and the truth he has given them makes an impression in the prison of no mean value in favor of right purity and obedience to the Master who calls them."

He died at the age of 50 on October 5, 1910, survived by his wife and a son, Stanley, and was buried near his parents in Saratoga Springs.



Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk, NY



St. Philip's with original tower bell

**Some Summer Poems**

**Who made the world?**

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean -  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and  
down -  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated  
eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes  
her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the  
fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

*Mary Oliver*

**God's Grandeur**

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the  
soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright  
wings.

*Gerard Manley Hopkins*

## Local Church History

*The second article in MaryEllen's series of local church history*

Many of us have grown up hearing stories about our families: grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles and aunts – all the people that make our family uniquely itself. Churches, too, have a family history. Who were the people that came before us, making St. Philip's the wonderful church we know today? In this issue of CommonLife, MaryEllen Casselman, a scholar of local history, brings to us the second article a the series of stories about the people that have made us who we are. Enjoy!

The Rev. Elmer Ralph Earle

Elmer Ralph Earle was born February 5, 1848, in Charlestown, South Carolina, a son of Ralph Earle (1819-1860) and Amanda Carle (1828- 1903). His father was from Massachusetts and his mother from South Carolina. At the age of 16 he enlisted in the Union Army on January 4, 1864. He was mustered in on February 10, 1864, in Massachusetts to serve in the 3<sup>rd</sup> H.A. Artillery as a musician (drummer boy).

It is unknown where he served or was mustered out, however in 1870 at the age of 21 he was attending school in Springfield Massachusetts. He graduated from Tuft's University in 1878 and was employed as a Unitarian Universalist pastor in Belpre, Ohio in 1880 and in Johnstown, Nebraska in 1885.

On September 1, 1886, he married Ada Hancock, daughter of William and Sarah Hancock of Oswego. He was ordained an Episcopal priest in Grace Church, Syracuse in May 1887 by Bishop Huntington of the Diocese of Central New York. He served Trinity Church, Fayetteville in 1888 and in 1889 accepted a call for a three-year assignment, to Grace Church, Carthage which also included Christ Church, Sackett's Harbor.

The Rev. E.R. Earle is found living in Norwood in June 1892. From old newspapers: "On July 12, 1894, he baptized seven young persons and children at Grace Episcopal Church in Norfolk." In August 1894, "The Rev. Mr. Earle of Norwood will supply the pulpit in St. Paul's Waddington on Sunday. He and his family are enjoying the cool breezes of the St. Lawrence for a few weeks and are the guests of the Rev. A.C. McDonald who preaches in Norwood on Sunday." During his ministry at St. Andrew's an altar rail was added as well as a robing room and space for the choir. Stained glass windows were also installed in addition to a baptismal font, prayer desk, pew cushions, chandeliers, a bible prayer book, organ, altar cross, hymn board and most importantly, a furnace. May 23, 1894 was the consecration of the church and the name was changed from St. Andrew's Mission Church to St. Philip's Church. The Rev. Mr. Earle resigned August 1, 1895.

The entirety of his later assignments is unknown, however in 1898 he was serving St. Stephen's Church in New Harmony, Indiana and in 1900 a church in Carrollton, Missouri where he was living with his wife Ada who died November 1, 1901. On October 18, 1905, at the age of 57 he married Ella May Davis, age 31 in Arapahoe, Nebraska. He died 14, 1910 in Red Willow, Nebraska and is buried in the McCook Cemetery there, with a G.A.R.\* marker.

\*G.A.R. was the Grand Army of the Republic, a fraternal organization composed of Civil War veterans.



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NY

### Maggie's Poem

Do you know  
do you understand  
that you represent Jesus to me?"

Do you know  
do you understand  
that when you treat me with gentleness,  
it raises the question in my mind  
that maybe He is gentle, too.  
Maybe He isn't someone who laughs when I am hurt.

Do you know  
do you understand  
that when you listen to my questions  
and you don't laugh,  
I think, "What if Jesus is interested in me, too?"

Do you know  
do you understand  
that when I hear you talk honestly about arguments  
and conflict and scars from your past  
that I think, "Maybe I am just a regular person  
instead of a bad, no good little girl who deserves abuse."

If you care, I think maybe He cares --  
and then there's this flame of hope  
that burns inside of me  
and for a while I am afraid to breathe  
because it might go out.

Do you know  
do you understand  
that your words are His words?  
Your face is His face to someone like me?  
Please -- be who you say you are.  
Please, God, don't let this be another trick.  
Please let this be real. Please!

Do you know  
do you understand  
that you represent  
Jesus to me?

Maggie Gross



**Community Lunches**  
**on the last Wednesday of the**  
**month**  
**11:30-1:00**

***We are thankful for the opportunity  
to welcome our neighbors  
to share food and fellowship with us once  
again!***

**June 29**

***A Strawberry Shortcake Feast!***  
***Delicious local strawberries***  
***Baking powder biscuits***  
***Ice Cream***  
***Whipped Cream***



**July 27**

***Summer Salads***  
***A variety of fresh salads***  
***Rolls***  
***Home-made desserts***





# June 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2 Common Cents 10-2	3 Diocesan Convention— June 3—5, Silver Bay, NY	4 Common Cents 10-noon
5 Feast of Pentecost— Come Holy Spirit! Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. 	6	7 Common Cents 10-2	8	9 Common Cents 10-2	10	11 Common Cents 10-noon
12 Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. 	13	14 Common Cents 10-2	15 Women's Guild—Noon	16 Common Cents 10-2	17 Bible Study— 10–11	18 Common Cents 10-noon
19 Second Sun- day after Pen- tecost— Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	20	21 Common Cents 10-2	22	23 Common Cents 10-2	24 Bible Study— 10-11	25 Common Cents 10-noon
26 Third Sunday after Pente- cost—Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.	27	28 Common Cents 10-2	29 Community Lunch— 11:30—1:00	30 Common Cents 10-2		

# July 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 No Bible Study	2 Common Cents 10- noon
3 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost— Holy Eucha- rist—10 a.m.	4 Independence Day 	5 Common Cents 10-2	6	7 Common Cents 10-2	8 No Bible Study	9 Common Cents 10- noon
10 5th Sun- day after Pen- tecost—Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m.	11	12 Common Cents 10-2	13	14 Common Cents 10-2	15 No Bible Study	16 Common Cents 10- noon
17 6th Sun- day after Pen- tecost—Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m.	18	19 Common Cents 10-2	20	21 Common Cents 10-2	22 No Bible Study	23 Common Cents 10- noon
24 7th Sun- day after Pen- tecost—Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m.	25	26 Common Cents 10-2	27	28 Common Cents 10-2	29 No Bible Study	30 Common Cents 10- noon
31 8th Sun. after Pentecost Holy Euch. 10 a.m.						