

SMC Newsletter March 2022

We have a busy month of March with Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent. Please send me any information you would like included for next month. Many blessings, Patty



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An Update from the ECW

The next ECW meeting will be Friday, March 18th at 10:30am. ECW will be hosting and serving the second Lenten luncheon on Monday, March 14, from noon to 1pm in the Parish Hall. There will be soup, bread, and cookies. There will be a **brief meeting** right after the service on **Sunday, March 13th after church** to discuss Lenten Lunch the following day.

Lenten Lunches in Hadley-Luzerne

The theme of the lunches is **Lament for Uncertain Times**. Lunch is from **12 - 1pm on Mondays**. A Lenten Lunch consists of soup, bread, cookies, coffee and tea. The lunches are free but donations will be accepted for the Maxfield Community Food Pantry. Please join us for lunch!

March 7 - Rockwell Falls Presbyterian

March 14 - St Mary's Episcopal Church

March 21 - Hadley-Luzerne Wesleyan Church

March 27 – First Methodist (location TBD)



Annual Meeting

Thank you for everyone that attended annual meeting (and cooked or baked). The event was well attended. Kathy Crannell was elected warden, serving with Noel Dawes. Jackie Gallagher was elected to vestry, filling Katy Crannell's one-year unexpired term. The current vestry members are Barbara Breen, Jackie Gallagher, Cathy Littlejohn, Anson Williams, Erich Kaminsky, and Jennie Peters. Please see the pictures at the end of the newsletter of the annual meeting.



An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

The birthdays for March are:

Brent Underwood March 3rd, Bruce Lawrence, Mark Peters, Paula Hughes March 8th, Barbara Caldwell March 13th, Harry Balla March 15th, and Nancy Watts March 15th/

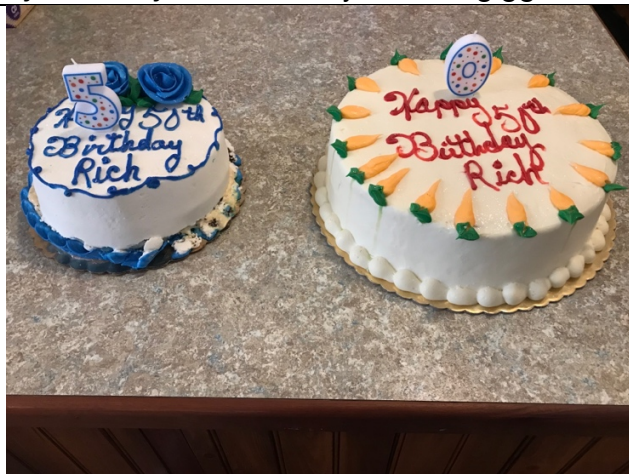
The anniversaries for March are:

Nancy and Peter Watts March 1st, and Jack and Jackie Gallagher March 13th.

Please give Meryl your birthdate so we don't forget anyone's birthday! You do not need to give the year! Please notify Meryl of any upcoming anniversaries. Photos are also welcome from these occasions.

Rich Willoughby's 50th Birthday Party

Thank you for everyone who attended Rich's birthday (and cooked or baked). It was completely joyous to have Nolan in the church service scream out Yes! when Fr. Lou asked if anyone had a birthday for a blessing. I replayed it on youtube.com just for a giggle.





Bible studies-Lent

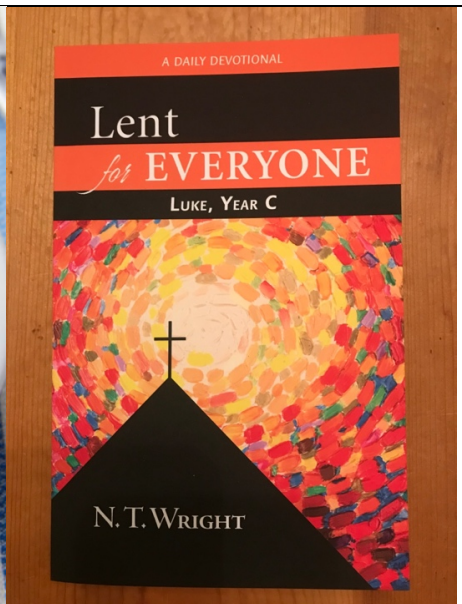
Fr. Lou will continue his Facebook morning prayer on Thursday mornings at 8:30am. About 10-15 people attend per week.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is March 1st from 4:30 – 7pm. The menu is pancakes, sausage, fruit, and whipped cream. The men of the parish will be doing the cooking. Eat in or take out.

Ash Wednesday Services are Wednesday, March 2nd, at 12pm and 7pm.

The **Lenten Study is *Lent for Everyone* by N.T. Wright.** It starts **Wednesday, March 9th** in the Parish Hall. The **Wednesday morning study** will have Eucharist with the study at **10am**. The **Wednesday evening study** will have a shortened **Eucharist at 5:30pm** and the **study** will begin at **6pm**.

The liturgical color for Lent is purple or unbleached linen. Pictured above is Fr. Lou making our ashes from palms.





DOK

There is a meeting for the DOK on Sunday, March 13 after 15 min of coffee hour in the Sanctuary.

The DOK class for new or rededicating members started and we had a Service of Preparation for Membership on February 11th. March meeting dates for the study sessions are March 15th and 28th at 10am.



DOK Valentine Bags

The Daughters of the King in partnership with our generous congregation donated a total of 30 Valentine's bags to the Domestic Violence Project in Glens Falls (9 bags) and to the Healing a Woman's Soul (21 bags). These bags included personal care items, a Valentine's card, a caring coin (you are never alone), and a scripture verse tag of Numbers 6:24-26. We received lovely thank you notes stating how thankful they were and how appreciative they were of our shared compassion for their work. There is a note from Gretchen Coyner of the Healing a Woman's Soul at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who blessed us with donations.

Coffee Hour Update.

Coffee hour is every Sunday after church. **Please signup to volunteer for March with Jennie or Patty.** Jennie's email is violin1965@hotmail.com, #518-696-5129. Patty's email is midurapatty@gmail.com, #802-989-3213. We need 1-2 volunteers per Sunday!!

Prayer Requests.

***Please Pray for:** Linda & Mason, Amy H. & Maddie, Sylvia C., Meaghan and baby Cole, Sharon K., Jeff R., Carol, MaryCarol and Alan, Jennifer, Judy, Kailee and Dante, Claudette, Bob and Schuyler, Michelle, Paul B., Mary W. and family, Mark M., Marissa, Shaunna, Marika J., Eduard & Mariana, Joyce L., Jack G., Sonia, Carole, Greta H., Peter & Nancy W. and their family, the Bennett family, Sue Ellen R., our community's youth, the men and women in law enforcement and in the armed forces of our country, the victims and families of the COVID-19 pandemic, those who need healing from the virus, healthcare workers and first responders who are confronting this disease, and those who are struggling with isolation or emotional distress due to the pandemic. All those whose needs are known only to our Lord.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for Bishop Smith, the Standing Committee, the Profile and Search committee, and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian. Additionally, please see: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

****It is time to update the prayer list. Please contact Erich Kaminsky by email at erichkaminsky@yahoo.com or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.**

Sock Ministry

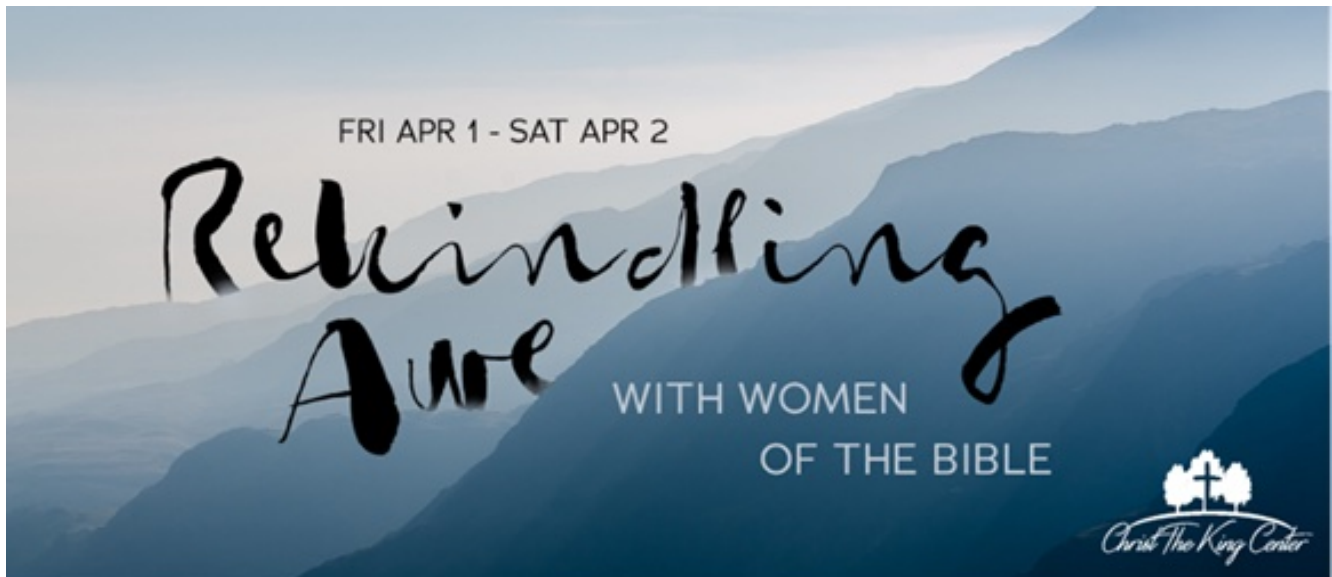
One of our St Mary's church ministries, for the Lenten season, will be to provide socks for the children at Hadley/Luzerne Elementary school. This ministry will be otherwise known as "Socks to put a spring in our school kid's steps".

Cathy Littlejohn has been in contact with the school nurse, Annie Horn, for the information, needed for this ministry. There will be a poster at both the main and hall entrances of the church with a tote to collect them in. Cathy wants to **start** this ministry on **Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Dinner**. The posters will hold post-its with the recommended size, number, and gender on them. **Sunday, April 3rd will be the last day to collect the socks.**

We will also be reaching out to the community to participate in this ministry to make it an ecumenical and community venture. St Mary's will be the drop off point and coordinating facility for this ministry. **Drop offs can be made on Tuesdays during morning rectory office hours, at church before or after the 9:30 services and on Wednesday during bible study at 10:30 am-noon and 6 pm – 7:30 pm.** Remember that April 3rd will be the last day to collect socks.

Let's see how God Blesses this ministry. We may find ourselves, and the community, reaching out to the Junior and Senior High school Children next year. **If you have any questions, please contact Cathy at 518-480-2465, Email her at rcil@twcny.rr.com or talk to her at church.**





Women's Retreat

Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Women's Retreat at Christ the King Center.
<https://ctkcenter.org/events/9-events/225-2022-women-s-retreat-event>.

Rekindling Awe with Women of the Bible

April 1-2, 2022

With guest speakers Laurel Bissett, Hope Johnson and Erica Renaud. These past few years have been challenging at best. Many are feeling overwhelmed and worn down ... physically, emotionally and even, perhaps, in our relationship with our LORD. Now is the time to come into His presence and rekindle that relationship. Join us for the 7th annual women's retreat for a sweet time of rest, renewal and peace. Our speakers, three current-day women of the Bible, will relate the challenging context of our world today to three women in the Bible who also had challenging world contexts and how they still maintained their awe for our sovereign LORD throughout it all.

Expect your favorite things and more:

Vibrant Worship, Inspiring talks, Expanded Marketplace Hours, RV housing options, Friday night social with a SUNDAY BAR, Opportunity to attend more than one breakout session, Time to just be, Dinner to Go on Saturday afternoon...who wants to cook after a wonderful retreat?

MISSION: NO CHILD WET BEHIND DIAPER DRIVE. This year the women's retreat will be featuring a breakout with the Alpha Pregnancy Care Center. If you would like to join us in supporting this ministry, please bring a box (or more) of diapers with you to the retreat. Drop them in the Welcome Center at registration. Thank you!

Odds and Ends.

Dan Novak and his family are looking for a place to rent in Luzerne for any or all of four months including June, July, August and September. They would like to buy a place but are also prepared to rent. Please let him know if you hear of any place for rent within walking distance to the church. We would pay cash in advance to rent the right place at a reasonable price. Please contact Dan at 941-323-8685 / 518-930-1462.

An announcement from Barbara Brewer La Mere. Lucinda Brewer, daughter of Barbara Brewer La Mere, married Rich Eckrote on February 4th in Burlington, VT. Congratulations to Cinda, Rich, Bo, and Patterson on their new family. See the picture below.

Lucy and her friend had a great time snowtubing, redeeming their gingerbread house winner certificate. See the picture below.

Pictures below from Annual Meeting and Valentine Bag packaging.

A Note from Ruth:

NOTHING AHEAD OF YOU IS BIGGER OR STRONGER
THAN THE POWER OF GOD BEHIND YOU

I can't figure it out---I will direct your steps Proverbs 3-5&6

I'm too tired---I will give you rest Matthew 28/30

It is impossible--All things are possible Luke 18/27

It's not worth it--It will be worth it Romans 8/28

I am not able--- You are able 11 Corinthians 9/8

I feel alone---You are never alone Hebrews 13/5







Hi Barbara and Friends from St. Mary's Church,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Valentine gift bags for women in Shelters. It was my honor to distribute the 21 colorful bags to several locations. I traveled to the Saratoga Domestic Violence Shelter in Malta, NY to give 8 of the wonderful bags to their shelter residence. I met the shelter assistant director who could not believe how many needed items you were donating. She was so happy to get them to residents and remarked that they were so thoughtful to include individual Valentine cards with a Bible verse on each. I let her know that they had been blessed.

Next, I drove to Catskill, NY to distribute the remaining bags to women who are residents of Riverside Rehab Facility. Through research, my group has found that many times women recovering from alcohol and drug abuse are victims of domestic violence, either in their upbringing or in their marriages. Statistically, it is 1 in 4 women who are affected by domestic violence. The women at Riverside were so pleased to be remembered on a day that is devoted to love, and yet they often don't think of themselves as being lovable. They were so happy to see so many thoughtful items in a red bag!

Thank you for contacting Healing A Woman's Soul. I really enjoyed meeting with Barbara, a fellow Guidance Counselor! Your Daughters of the King group is so generous! I know your donation is being used as I write this Thank You!

Gretchen Coyner