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Rector's Address

Annual Meeting

January 24, 2021

All Saints' Church, Johnson City, NY

All Saints' has been here before—big time. Probably about ten years ago, on All Saint's Sunday weekend, I wanted to pay tribute to some of All Saints' cradle Episcopalians and discovered at that time that Helen Chase, Ruth Furman and Arlene Foley—all in their early 90's--were among the first people baptized at All Saints' first little white church. But oddly although Helen was born in 1918 and Ruth in 1919, they were baptized within weeks of Arlene who was born and baptized in 1920. I asked Ruth and Helen if they knew why they were baptized when they were toddlers rather than babies and neither knew. Ruth in fact thought it was odd as her father was among the founders of the church. When I did research on the founding of All Saints' for the 100th Anniversary celebration I was focused on 1918 as being just two years after the village changed its name from Lestershire to Johnson City, the end of World War I, and the role that Endicott Johnson played in its history. When All Saints' stopped in-person worship in March 2020 because of the COVID pandemic it hit me—1918-1919 were the years of the Spanish Flu pandemic! The Spanish Flu pandemic was the reason babies were not brought to church and baptized in 1918-1919!

But think about the faith of the founders of All Saints' Church. They incorporated the parish in November of 1918! They did this at the height of the first wave of the Spanish Flu pandemic: when in Broome County there were 3,000 cases and 175 deaths in just October-November! Not only that, but they also built the little white church that stood where the shed now stands. But wait, there's more, they began to plan to build the stone church we have now. They bought the land in 1919! The cornerstone was laid in 1922—just four years after the Spanish Flu pandemic—and they never looked back!

Now it's our turn to walk by faith through the COVID pandemic and plan to go boldly into an eventual post-pandemic world. How do we do this? Let's start with All Saints' Mission Statement:

“We are members of the family of God who gather for prayer, worship, and service, together we commit ourselves:

- To love and care for one another;
- To learn and grow in faith throughout our lives;
- To share our resources in the furthering of God's work; and
- To serve our community and the world as God calls us.

We, the people of All Saints', carry out our mission through the ministries of all our members."¹

We do this by living into our Baptismal Covenant. In our baptism we promise to follow Jesus and to:

- Continue in the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, prayers and in the breaking of the bread;
- Persevere in resisting evil and to repent and return to the Lord;
- Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ by word and example;
- Seek and serve Christ in all persons and love one's neighbors;
- Strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.²

And we do this by working the Diocese's Rule of Life every day:

- Pray: We are in constant conversation with God
- Listen: We listen and learn, especially to the voices of silenced and marginalized people
- Connect: We build relationships within and beyond our congregations
- Speak: We tell the truth with courage and integrity
- Share: We boldly share the stories of our lives of faith
- Respond: We steward all we have and all we are for the kingdom of God

All Saints' can do this. After all, when New York State shut down and the Diocese of Central New cancelled in-person worship in mid-March 2020, All Saints' coped. Using the Rector's MacBook Pro and iPhone from Lent 4-Pentecost 4, March 21-July 2, all of All Saints' worship services went online: on ZOOM and Facebook Live. Unable to celebrate Eucharist in-person, Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Liturgy of the Word went digital. The Lenten Program, Advent Program and "Dwelling in the Word" went on ZOOM. Vestry meetings and the "Lunch Bunch" met on ZOOM as well. After Easter Deacon Dorothy Pierce began to lead Compline on ZOOM every Thursday. One thing that did not go online and could not continue in-person were nursing home visits and Eucharists.

Not all parishioners worship with All Saints' digitally. Some parishioners have no computers, tablets, smartphones or wi-fi. Some parishioners have the above but do not want to worship online. Some parishioners prefer to call into the digital worship services by telephone. Some parishioners like ZOOM worship because they can "see" each other, hear the readers and "see and hear" John Isenberg play. Some parishioners like Facebook Live after the fact because they can watch the service at a time that works for them. And most surprising, there are many people who watch All Saints' services who may have never come to an in-person service or who join us after they have moved away!

Meanwhile All Saints' CHOW Pantry and Soup & Sandwiches Saturdays were considered "essential services" and asked to remain open. So, All Saints' CHOW Pantry and volunteers led by Ida Taft continued to serve everyone who came for food Monday-Thursday at 10:00am. Debbie Thorpe coordinated five Soup & Sandwich Teams to continue to serve lunch every Saturday at noon—no longer a sit-down meal but a take-out lunch with "Grab and Go" at the Third Street door and "Drive-Thru" from the back door: serving an average of 100 people every Saturday.

Once All Saints' submitted its Covenant for Gathering Anew with the Diocese, All Saints' began to offer small services of Holy Communion—at first limited to 12 people and then to 25—from Pentecost 5-Pentecost 18/St. Francis Weekend, July 4-October 4 and live-streamed the services via ZOOM and Facebook Live. Sextons Kim and Bill Trowbridge cleaned the church following strict COVID protocols. Parishioners called to reserve their spot for worship; signed a logbook; wore a mask, used hand sanitizer, and maintained 6 feet of physical distance.

The first week of October, New York State declared Johnson City and the West-side of Binghamton a "Yellow" COVID micro-cluster and the Vestry decided to close in-person worship because of the high rate of infection. Everything went back online. All Saints' received a Diocesan Grant to purchase IT equipment for virtual worship services: laptop, tablet,

¹ All Saints' Mission Statement

² *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*, Pg. 304ff (paraphrase)

cables, tripod. COVID continued to rise throughout the Diocese and at the end of November all churches in the Diocese were closed.

This year Christmas Eve looked different. With a chancel worship team of four (priest, deacon, organist, and reader) Christmas Eve Eucharist was celebrated in the afternoon and live streamed on ZOOM and Facebook Live. Then Holy Communion was distributed for two hours for everyone who came. Even Lessons and Carols was done online!

All Saints' can do this and thrive in 2021 and beyond! God is good all the time! All the time God is good!

So on to some of the numbers! (Other numbers will be shared in other sections of the Annual Report: Stewardship, Financial Reports, etc.) The numbers for 2020 are strange. With in-person Eucharists from January 1-March 14; then July 4-October 4 the average weekend attendance numbers are low—no kidding! Until the first shut-down the average weekend attendance was 59.64. But then with lower capacity it eventually drops to 35.60! While there were only 24 weekends with in-person; there were 28 weekends which had digital worship. In total there were 155 digital worship services, most on both ZOOM and Facebook Live, with a total digital attendance 1,319. Here's what the numbers look like:

What	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
IN-PERSON Average Sat/Sunday Attendance	84.04	80.9	72.3	79.64	68.29	35.6
IN-PERSON Easter	144	119	129	102	113	0
IN-PERSON Weekend Number of Holy Eucharists/Morning or Evening Prayer	134	127	129+	128	128	52
IN-PERSON Weekday Eucharists	68	48	25	22	23	5
Private Eucharists	28	13	20	18	31	3
NUMBER OF VIRTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	155
ATTENDANCE FOR VIRTUAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	1319
Marriages	0	1	1	1	0	1
Burials	11	14	7	6	5	3
Baptisms	5	4	1	1	1	0
Confirmation/Receptions	1	0	0	0	0	0

Probably more remarkable than the parochial numbers are the Stewardship numbers.

What	Final 2018	Final 2019	2020 Final	2021*As of 12/31/20
Number Pledges	56	47	45	42
Dollar Amount	\$116,366	\$98,512	\$94,768	\$93,084
Average Pledge	\$2,078	\$2,096	\$2,106	\$2,216

*There is 1 outstanding pledge for a total of \$ 780.

In the midst of the COVID pandemic, in 2020-2021 our stewardship numbers have been steady. Well done All Saints'

Let us walk by faith, follow Jesus, dream, and plan to go boldly into an eventual post-pandemic world!

**FEBRUARY WORSHIP AND STUDY
OPPORTUNITIES ONLINE UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Until the Vestry decides to also offer in-person worship opportunities, worship and study will be online using ZOOM and Facebook Live. Watch your e-mail inbox and snail mailbox for updates.

Saturdays, Liturgy Of The Word at 5 pm by ZOOM and Facebook Live

For ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/554520322>

For Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/allsaintsjcny>

Sundays at 9 am "Dwelling in the Word" by ZOOM only

<https://zoom.us/j/410030305>

Meeting ID: 410 030 305

Sundays Liturgy of the Word at 10:30 am by ZOOM and Facebook Live

For ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82789763563?pwd=Y1RpRmlmWTdxT2hQQmtQeng0cE5NZz09>

Meeting ID: 827 8976 3563

Passcode: 232719

For Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/allsaintsjcny>

Sundays Evening Prayer at 5 PM by ZOOM and Facebook Live

For ZOOM:

<https://zoom.us/j/558434363>

Meeting ID: 558 434 363

For Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/allsaintsjcny>

Thursdays Compline at 8 pm by Zoom only

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89685218858?pwd=QzBraExXc01UeVRxajFwRE5xNGdMQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 8521 8858

Password: 079826

Here is a reminder on how to use ZOOM or Facebook Live. You do not need a ZOOM user id. You can ZOOM by means of a smart phone or a computer that has a camera and microphone. If you are connecting by computer use the link in the weekly e-mail: put your curser over the "Join Zoom Meeting https: etc." If that doesn't work go to the [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) website and join the meeting by using the "Meeting ID" and the "password" if necessary. Remember to click "use computer audio" and to use the "camera icon" at the bottom to start the video. You can use the "microphone" icon to mute and un-mute yourself. If you call in, dial 1-646-558-8656 then follow the prompts for the meeting ID, password , etc.

Even if you are not on Facebook account, you are able to view the worship services and Evening Prayer by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/allsaintsjcny/videos> . When all else fails digitally, there is still the telephone. If you let Deacon Dorothy (607-624-1523) or the Rector (607-237-9276) know ahead of time, we can connect about 6 people by phone for a service.



DWELLING IN THE WORD CONTINUES SUNDAYS AT 9:00AM VIA ZOOM

"Dwelling in the Word," Bible Study, will continue Sundays at 9:00am via "Zoom." "Dwelling in the Word" is a way of spiritually listening to the text as one-way God speaks to us, with a willingness to be shaped by what God might want to say through the Scripture.

Beginning Lent 1, Sunday February 21st, "Dwelling in the Word" will begin to dwell on a passage from Mark's Passion Gospel.

Sound interesting? Then to connect to "Dwelling in the Word" go to the Zoom site (<https://zoom.us>); then "join a meeting" using the following Meeting ID: 410 030 305 or use this url and Join Zoom meeting <https://zoom.us/j/410030305>

**ALL SAINTS' SUPER BOWL LV (55) POOL
32 SQUARES LEFT
RESERVE ONE, TWO OR MORE TODAY!**



Last year's All Saints' Super Bowl Pool was such a fundraising success that the Vestry decided to do another one in 2021. Of course, COVID-19 has changed some of those plans—no in-person Super Bowl watching party with good things to eat. But the gist of it remains the same and it is oddly well suited to a pandemic!

First there is a chart with 10 squares across and 10 squares down. We sell 100 squares at \$20 = \$2,000. We distribute \$1,000 in winnings and All Saints' keeps \$1,000. In other words, each square costs \$20. One's name is put onto each square purchased. After the entire 10X10 chart has been sold, the vector going across is labelled AFC and the down vector is labelled NFC, or vice versa. Then by drawn by lot the numbers 0-9 are placed on each vector. Game day arrives and winners are determined by the last digits of each team's score at end of the first quarter, the end of the 2nd quarter, the end of the 3rd quarter and the final score.

Right now, we have sold 68 squares. We need to fill the sheet and we have two weeks until the magic night Sun, Feb 7th. Time is short! Send Tom Johnson e-mail or a text to reserve your squares. Either leave cash with Linda Barkman at church or leave Tom checks at the church or send checks to Tom in the mail (payable to Thomas Johnson). Tom's e-mail is Tajosc@aol.com and his cell number for calls or text is 607 725-2613.



Our Special Thanks to John Isenberg, Marijane and John Wojtowitz, Lonna Pierce, and Sam McMullen for the lovely music for Christmas. Also, our special thanks to Mother Chris and Deacon Dorothy for delivery of Christmas bags to parishioners.

**WANTED VOLUNTEER
A/V OR
COMPUTER TECHNICIAN
TO FACILITATE ALL
SAINTS' ZOOM AND FACEBOOK
LIVE SERVICES**



All Saints' has received a grant to purchase a laptop, tablet, and accessories to do All Saints' Zoom and Facebook Live worship services. Prior to this grant, All Saints' services and meetings have been done on the Rector's personal MacBook Pro and iPhone! This volunteer technician will be responsible for setting up the equipment prior to both the weekend services in the church or chapel, using the Church's Zoom and Facebook accounts, troubleshooting, and helping parishioners connect. Please contact the Rector if interested in running the devices! If you can only volunteer to do either the Saturday or the Sunday service but not both, perhaps a second person can be found for the other service.



RESULTS OF VESTRY ELECTIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Elected by acclamation at the 2021 Annual Meeting of All Saints' were:

- Warden: Tom Johnson
- Vestryperson: Joy Kasmarcik
- Vestryperson: Barb Freed
- Vestryperson (One Year): Ida Taft completing Matt Labosky term

We thank the outgoing vestrypersons for their service: Ida Taft (regular term), Linda Barkman., and Matt Labosky. Tom Johnson was reelected as warden.



Vestry Synopsis for January

- ✓ Stewardship Report: As of January 13th, we have 42 pledges.
- ✓ Rector's Report: Discussed continuing of Zoom and Facebook Live, and what we could do for Ash Wednesday, the Lenten Program (Sunday Nights at 6:00 pm), Palm Sunday and Easter.
- ✓ Treasurer's Report: Went over the budget for 2021 made some changes, voted and passed.
- ✓ Virtual Annual Meeting – January 24, 2021 It will start at 10:30 with a service and polls opening. The actual meeting will start at 11:30am.
 - Tom Johnson, Linda Barkman and Ida Taft will be the nominating committee.
 - Reports must be in the office by January 19th please.
 - There will still be a Saturday night service.
- ✓ Scouts: They are not meeting at this time. Someone in the group has COVID.
- ✓ Hospitality & Fellowship: Silver Bells – Gifts to seniors. They picked up the gifts on Tuesday December 15th
 - They sent a Thank You note to all who participated in this crazy year.
- ✓ Fundraising: We have a Football Pool circulating for the Super bowl.
 - No other fundraising until we do our Chicken BBQs on Saturday of Mother's Day weekend as well as Saturday on Father's Day weekend
- ✓ Building and Grounds:
 - Elevator is fixed, but they need to return as the doors do not close correctly at the bottom. Linda Barkman will call them again.
 - Gary Zurn, along with Debbie and Don Thorpe and Mother Chris helped to contain the damage being done on Christmas night. A big thank you for all that was involved. The walls on the west side of the Christian Education room and the entrance to the Christian Education room are compromised due to continued water leaking through the wall. To fix correctly will be a very expensive job.
 - We also had some lights replaced and replacement of the photosensor to turn off the lights during the day again.
 - Much damage to shrubs was done by the snowstorm and will need to be removed and possibly replaced.
 - Front steps to main entrance as well as the steps to where people come for Soup and Sandwich are in desperate need of repair after winter. This will be a very expensive job.
- ✓ Outreach: Soup and Sandwiches: received donations from the mosque and a private person.
- ✓ Chow – Numbers are still down. Our pantry is well stocked and ready to serve.
- ✓ Diocese & Beyond: Bishop DeDe will be with visit us virtually on Last Epiphany on Feb.14th. We will have a church service at 10:30am on Zoom and Facebook Live and a Coffee Hour to follow.
- ✓ Next Vestry Meeting will be February 10th by Zoom and 6/6:30pm.



SCOUT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 7th

All Saints will celebrate "Scout Sunday". Boy Scout Troop 110 and Cub Pack 100 and Girl Scouts will participate in the 10:00 am service via ZOOM as readers of lessons and Psalm.

VESTRY TO MEET BY ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10th AT 6:00/6:30 PM



The January meeting of the Vestry will be held on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm via Zoom. God willing Agenda, Minutes, and Financial will be sent to you by e-mail. The **actual start time is 6:30 PM** but those who wish to connect earlier, and chat are welcome to do so from 6:00 - 6:30 PM.

To connect to the meeting go to the Zoom site (<https://zoom.us>); then "join a meeting" using the following Meeting ID: 810 0922 6188 and Password: 322527. Or you can use this link: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81009226188?pwd=QTZMRHNNNzJFMjl3VTNqQ3E1MWxaZz09>

Remember to click "use computer audio" and to use the "camera icon" at the bottom to start the video. You can use the "microphone" icon to mute and unmute yourself. If you call in, dial 1-646-558-8656 then follow the prompts for the meeting ID, password , etc.



THE BISHOP IS COMING, THE BISHOP IS COMING: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 at 10:30 AM BY ZOOM TO WORSHIP AND MEET WITH US IN A DIGITAL "COFFEE HOUR"!

Once upon a time, before COVID-19, our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe would come to All Saints' every 2-3 years for a "Visitation." We would worship together, Bishop DeDe would preach, perhaps someone would be baptized, confirmed, or received, the parish records would be examined, and then the parish and the Bishop would gather for an extended coffee hour or potluck lunch.

So does the COVID pandemic mean all "Visitation" are postponed or cancelled? No! We go virtual ala ZOOM Worship and "Coffee Hour." So please join plan to join Bishop DeDe and All Saints' for Worship on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 10:30am on ZOOM. More than 25 parishioners participated for the Annual Meeting, so let's do it again to spend some quality "Visitation" and worship time with Bishop Duncan-Probe on the Last Sunday of Epiphany, February 14th.



**ASH WEDNESDAY IS GOING VIRTUAL AND
“ASHES-TO-GO” ON WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 17th AT 10:00AM AND 5:00PM**

Sometimes Easter is in March and other times it is in April. As the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979 (BCP)* so eloquently states on page 880, “Easter Day is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21, [a date which is fixed in accordance with an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and which does not always correspond to the astronomical equinox]. This full moon may happen on any date between March 21 and April 18 inclusive. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, Easter Day is the Sunday following. But Easter Day cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25.” Clear as mud, right? This year Easter is April 4th and Ash Wednesday is February 17th.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self-examination and penitence. Lent is a time for concentration on fundamental values and priorities and is not a time for self-punishment. Throughout Lent, the worship services of the church take on a simpler tone, appropriate to this season. The word “Alleluia” is not used in the words of the liturgy or hymns. These practices help the worshipping community to mark this season of renewal as a special time in the Church year.

The first day of Lent is marked with a special liturgy. The theme for the day, though not for all of Lent, is that we stand as sinners condemned to die, but for God’s grace. This is symbolized by the imposition of ashes on the forehead, with the words, “You are dust and to dust you shall return.” In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of penitence (feeling regretful at offenses) and mourning. Ash Wednesday is one of two days of special observance (the other being Good Friday) for which fasting is recommended. While this usually refers going without food for the entire day, this practice is not practical for all persons, including, but not limited to, diabetics, the elderly and those with medical conditions. Use your own discretion in determining how you can best observe this day.

On Ash Wednesday, February 17th, there will be one “live-streamed” from the Church’s chancel at 10:00am Ash Wednesday liturgy with music and one totally virtual Ash Wednesday service at 5:00pm. Both services will be on ZOOM and Facebook Live. After both services, at 11:00am and 6:00pm, for one hour “Ashes-To-Go” will be offered from the parking lot. “Ashes-To-Go” is the imposition of the ashes along with a prayer. Obviously, everyone will need to wear a mask, use hand sanitizer, etc. If the times for either the online services or “Ashes-To-Go” don’t work for you, you can pick-up packets of the ashes on the steps of the church from 12 noon-5:00pm on Ash Wednesday.

Here is the ZOOM and Facebook Live information:

Join Zoom Meeting

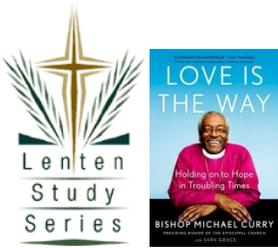
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For Facebook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/allsaintsjcny>

In the words of that day's liturgy, you are invited "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." (BCP pages 265).



ALL SAINTS' LENTEN PROGRAM: "LOVE IS THE WAY: HOLDING ON TO HOPE IN TROUBLING TIMES" BEGINNING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21st at 6:30PM BY ZOOM

First it was a book for Book Club, now Bishop Michael Curry's book, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* has become a 6-week Lenten program that uses *Love is the Way* as a basis for discussing and for developing a personal Rule of Life. We will meet by ZOOM on Sundays, beginning February 21st at 6:30pm. Each session will include an opening devotion; examination of scriptural background; discussion and a brief closing worship. Here's a sample of the discussion questions: What is love? How do I find God's love? Can love really change the world?

Copies of *Love is the Way* can be purchased in hard cover or e-format. Here's the reading and scripture schedule for February:

February 21st: Chapters 1 & 2; plus, pages 249-box on page 251;
1 Corinthians 13 and Romans 8:35-39

February 28th Chapters 3-4; plus, page 251;
Isaiah 64:8; Romans 12:9-21,
Philippians 4:12-13, and Song of Solomon 8:7

Interested? Pick up a copy of the book, read the assigned chapters and tune into ZOOM on Sundays, at 6:30pm beginning February 21st. Here is the ZOOM information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84174496093?pwd=eXNqa09SOTZhQzRvcjh4M1RwY1VvUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 7449 6093

Passcode: 064066



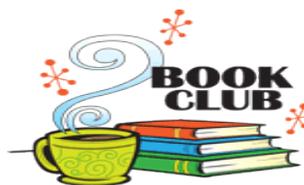
LENTEN SOUP BOX OFFERINGS

Our Lenten special offering supports our Saturday Soup and Sandwich Lunch program. We are now strictly take-out. The number of people we serve has climbed from 60 in March to about 80 each week. We serve walkers and bus people at the 3rd Street door and drive through is done at the back door. With the pandemic our lunches have become even more necessary to many of our fellow community members.

With totally take-out a new expense has been added to costs. Everything must be served in disposables. My hope is that through our Lenten parish offering we can raise enough money to continue our mission of feeding people as Jesus calls us to do.

This is how it works. Many people give something up during Lent such as candy, between meal snacks or their daily lottery ticket for example. The money each parishioner saves with their sacrifice is then labeled “Soup and Sandwich” and given with the Easter offering. Checks work the best. Questions? Speak to Debbie Thorpe.

**BOOK CLUB TO MEET WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 24th at 5:30PM BY ZOOM:
READING
ISABEL WILKERSON'S
CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENT**



Since Bishop Curry's *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* will morph in Lent into a six-week Lenten Program, the Book Club has decided to read Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*. *Caste* is an Oprah's Book Club selection, a #1 *New York Times* best seller and was named #1 Non-Fiction Book of the Year by *Time* magazine. Book Club meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month and the pace of the reading is set by the members. Book Club will meet on Wednesday, February 24th at 5:30pm by ZOOM.

Here's the publisher's blurb:

“The Pulitzer Prize–winning, bestselling author of *The Warmth of Other Suns* examines the unspoken caste system that has shaped America and shows how our lives today are still defined by a hierarchy of human divisions.

“In this brilliant book, Isabel Wilkerson gives us a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched narrative and stories about real people, how America today and throughout its history has been shaped by a hidden caste system, a rigid hierarchy of human rankings.

“Beyond race, class, or other factors, there is a powerful caste system that influences people's lives and behavior and the nation's fate. Linking the caste systems of America, India, and Nazi Germany, Wilkerson explores eight pillars that underlie caste systems across civilizations, including divine will, bloodlines, stigma, and more. Using riveting stories about people—including Martin Luther King, Jr.,

baseball's Satchel Paige, a single father and his toddler son, Wilkerson herself, and many others—she shows the ways that the insidious undertow of caste is experienced every day. She documents how the Nazis studied the racial systems in America to plan their out-cast of the Jews; she discusses why the cruel logic of caste requires that there be a bottom rung for those in the middle to measure themselves against; she writes about the surprising health costs of caste, in depression and life expectancy, and the effects of this hierarchy on our culture and politics. Finally, she points forward to ways America can move beyond the artificial and destructive separations of human divisions, toward hope in our common humanity.

“Beautifully written, original, and revealing, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* is an eye-opening story of people and history, and a reexamination of what lies under the surface of ordinary lives and of American life today.””

Want to read and discuss? Pick-up a copy (hardcover \$19.02 and e-copy \$14.99) and then tune into the Zoom Book Club meeting on Wednesday, February 24th at 5:30 pm. To connect to Book Club, go to the Zoom site (<https://zoom.us>); then “join a meeting” using the following Meeting ID: 810 8769 3464 and Password: 843148 or use this url to Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81087693464?pwd=Y0RKbEw5cFVrUmVlaHcrU1VPQ0VVUT09>

You can also just participate by any phone by dialing +1 646 558 8656 and then keying the Meeting ID: 810 8769 3464 and Password: 843148



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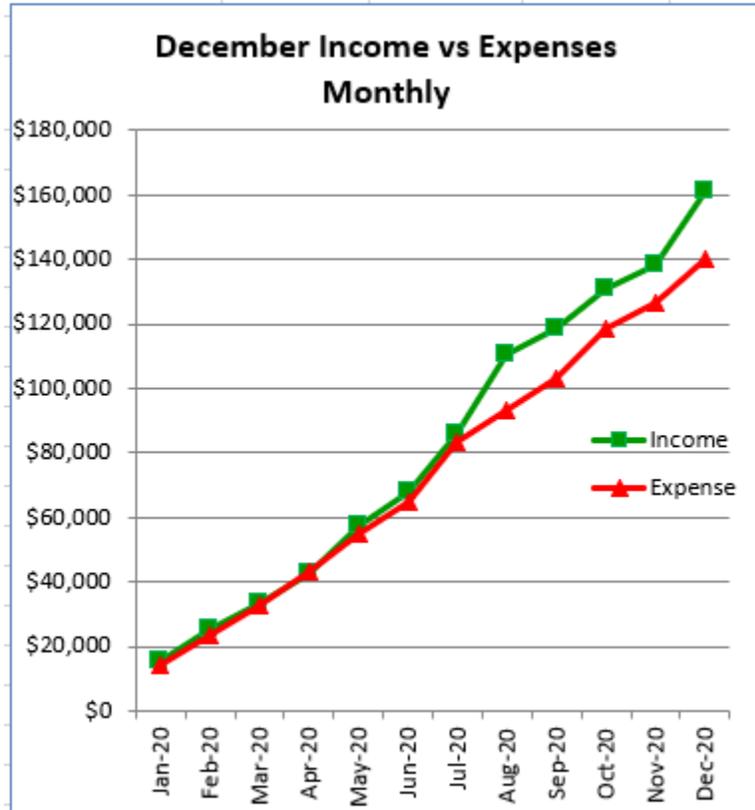
The following is the link to the [Diocesan News](#). Look here to see a copy of the Diocese's *Plan for Gathering Anew for Central New York Episcopalians* and other COVID-19 Pandemic information and resources.

You can subscribe to the *Messenger* at cnyepiscopal.org/messenger for more information.

DECEMBER 2020

Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Matthew. 19:26). This is the total year end statement.

	Actual December 31, 2020	Annual Amended Budget 2020
Offering & Pledges	\$103,087.52	\$105,798
Fundraising	\$6,607.74	\$12,750
Other Income	\$51,186.76	\$29,494
Total Income	\$160,882.02	\$148,042
Total Expenses	\$140,343.45	\$148,042
Profit(Loss)	\$20,538.57	\$0
Income Needed from Equity Surplus	\$0	\$0



Year 2021 Pledge Envelopes — Please pick up your 2021 pledge envelopes. **Please do not use envelopes from a prior year for 2021 contributions**, as new numbers are assigned each year and you may not receive credit for your contribution.

Year 2020 Pledge Statement Reminder — Please pick up your pledge statements.



**ANNUAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR 2020
ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX! IF
YOU WANT ENVELOPES, PLEASE SEE
THE OFFICE.**

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MAKE A PLEDGE FOR 2021
INCREASE A PLEDGE FOR 2021 OR REQUEST ENVELOPES!
CALL TREASURER BARBARA FREED**

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After the service, the pastor noticed one elderly woman who was sitting in one of the back pews, nearly in tears, rocking back and forth. Concerned, the pastor walked over to her and heard her say, "How long, O Lord? How long?"

Touched, the pastor laid a hand on her gray head, and said, "Ma'am, God is merciful and has heard you. I am sure He will help you." She smiled and thanked him.

The pastor turned and was about to walk away when he heard the old woman shout, "Praise the Lord!" He saw the old woman run into the now-vacated women's restroom.

– via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft
Dover, DE



When his eyes began to give him trouble, a Czech man went to an ophthalmologist in Prague. The doctor showed the patient the eye chart, displaying the letters CVKPNWXSCZ.

"Can you read that?" the doctor asked.

"Can I read it?" the Czech replied. "I dated his sister!"

– via George Goldtrap
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL





PRAYER LIST BEGINNING FEBRUARY

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short-term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector. **Also, we are trying to be sure that our prayer lists are as updated as possible and certainly do not want to remove someone that should be on it. If you know of someone that should be removed please let the office know. Thank you.**



Short Term: The Labosky family, Erica and Amanda Steber, Austin Steber, The Estelle and Barkman families, Lucy Bedell, Jenna S., Shirley O'Keefe, David Patch, Sharon Phillips, John Cook, Corrine Rea, Johanna Masters, Steve Kasmarcik, Mary Padula-Malchak, Ryan Lane, Richard Benson, Audrey Fluck, Sharry Doyle, Lucy Grabowski, Marion Kohickel, Sam McMullen, Patricia Wheller, Jim Schofield, Hannah Burrell, Teresa Perkins, Darlene Byarley, Bryce Johnson, Herb Lake, Martin Kasmarcik, Tom Stout, Bill Kasmarcik, Jeanette Cook, David & Judy Horton, Margaret Isaming, and Sarah Harrison-Pautard



Long Term: Doug Carlson, Karen Zimmer, Dorothy Pierce, Noelle Benson, Larry Kiley, Eli Bedell, Tony Szwalla, Ralph Holloway, Bob Gillmer, Stacy Matto, Kenneth Barkman, Jenna Knapp, and Nanette McIntosh

Military: Ben Holbus



Shut Ins: Thelma Barkman, Clark Byarley, Jane Chomyszak, Sally Cole, Arlene Foley, Ruth Furman, Lee Grabowski, Patricia Holloway, and Ardis Rogers

Celebrations in February

Birthdays

- 01 Mike McMullen
- 07 Ardis Rogers
- 10 Dave Barkman
- 16 Scott Cramer
- 18 Ann Day
- 23 Jeanette Cook
- 24 Patricia Donnelly
- 26 Oliver Lake
- 27 Anna Harrison-Ayers
Ella Isabel Hrebin



Anniversaries

- 10 Dave and Linda Barkman
- 26 Kim and Bill Trowbridge



Sanctuary Candle

February 7 - Open

February 14 - Open

February 21 - given in memory of Michael Buckel Sr. by Linda Barkman

February 28 - Open



Altar Flowers

February 7 – given in thanksgiving of Dave Barkman's birthday and the anniversary of Linda and Dave Barkman by Linda Barkman

February 14 – Open

February 21 – Open

February 28 – given in thanksgiving birthday of Katie Holbus by Debbie and Don Thorpe

The following prayer is from the Evening Prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.

The Final Word 

Adversity: Jonah 2:2 – *“God listens to every prayer we offer and responds to every one, sometimes saying no, sometimes saying yes, and sometimes saying wait. From the belly of the big fish in the depths of the sea, Jonah cried out, and God heard. No place is too remote for God. God listens and he cares.”*

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The calendar on the following page is based on church activities as usual. Many meetings are via ZOOM or Facebook Live see above for information.



February

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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM <i>Dwelling in the Word via ZOOM</i> 10:30 AM Liturgy Of The Word via Zoom and Facebook.	1 Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	2 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Scouts 6:30 PM Jr. League BD Meeting	3 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM <i>Rector Official Office Hours</i>	4 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 8:00 PM <u>Compline via Zoom</u>	5 Office Closed Rector Off Day	6 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM Liturgy Of The Word via Zoom and Facebook.
7 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM <i>Dwelling in the Word via ZOOM</i> 10:30 AM Liturgy Of The Word via Zoom and Facebook. AND Scout Sunday 11:30 AM <i>Rector/Wardens' Meeting</i> 6:00 PM Scouts Committee Mtg	8 Office Closed 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	9 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Scouts	10 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM <i>Rector Official Office Hours</i> 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 5:15 - 6:30 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting	11 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CHOW Pantry 8:00 PM <u>Compline via Zoom</u>	12 Office Closed Rector Off Day	13 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Soup & Sandwich Lunch 5:00 PM Liturgy Of The Word via Zoom and Facebook.
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