



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH—BOZEMAN, MT

In relationship with Gethsemane Episcopal Church—Manhattan, MT

FROM THE RECTOR ...

Spring is here, and with it new life! Flowers are blooming, birds are singing, and the Montana sun is warming our faces.

There is renewed energy all around us. This is true at St. James as well. We are experiencing the arrival of quite a few new young families and their beautiful children. This is, of course, exciting. Please embrace them with love and thankfulness.

Three programs that are important to our young families are Godly Play (Sunday mornings), Family Night (Wednesday evenings) and Youth Group (Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings). These programs require the ministry and participation of faithful volunteers. We are thankful for all of those who have given their time and efforts in the past and are eager to identify new volunteers for next fall.

Godly Play provides volunteers with the opportunity to work with the children of our parish family. Being a part of a child's spiritual development is extremely rewarding. I hope you will consider joining the Godly Play team. With enough team members, working one or two Sundays each month would be the norm. If you are interesting in joining the team, please contact Emily Thrasher, our Christian Formation Associate.

We are hoping to see Family Night continue and grow next fall. Though the program has experienced success, we believe that new ideas and creativity will make the ministry even better. To do this, we are forming a Family Night Steering Committee. The committee will be made up of lay people, and it will brainstorm and dream of new ways to enhance and grow the weekly program. We believe that the ministry's success, like Godly Play, will be grounded in the participation and leadership of the laity. If you are interested in serving on the new and important committee, please let me know right away. We want to "hit the ground running" next fall.

Emily Thrasher, who directs our youth ministry, is always looking for spirited volunteers to work with parish youth. Sunday morning and Wednesday evening programs offer ways through which parents and parishioner can become involved. Though we have talented and committed ministry interns (college students), we always need volunteers to complete our youth ministry team. If you would like to become involved, please let Emily known right away. She has already made plans for the summer and has begun to do so for the fall.

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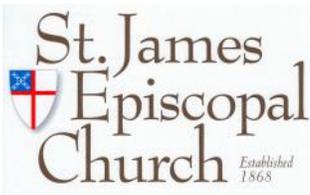
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MAY ADULT POTLUCK

The May adult potluck will be hosted by Mary Ruebush on Friday, May 13, at 6:30 P.M. Her address is: 55 Black Bear Spur Rd., Bozeman. A map will be available at the back of the church after worship, or you can call Mary at (406) 587-1736. Mary is a member of the church choir and has hosted these events at her lovely home in years past... delightful times, they were! She is most anxious to share her home with all of us.

Please bring a dish to share and a beverage of your choice.

New members of the Parish are encouraged to come – definitely a great way to meet other church family members. These kinds of events are also a great way for

“old” members to meet those who are new and to visit with those they do know.

Interested in hosting a potluck? **A host is needed for November 2016.**

Please call Deacon Roxanne at (406) 580-4748 or (406) 586-9093, Ext. 3, to volunteer. This is a great way to host a party the easy way – you provide the place; others bring the food – such a deal!

NOTE: Jim and Kim Puckett in June, Lee and Diane Selby in July, Stan and Daryl Todd in August, Nancy and Rich Winget in September, Phil and Lori Rotherham in October, Deacons Connie and Roxy in December...lots more details to follow.

Future hosts? PLEASE VOLUNTEER!



COMMUNITY & WORLD CONCERNS

We will soon be celebrating Mother’s Day on Sunday, May 8! In honor of this special day, I want to highlight one of the fantastic organizations your donations to CWC support that helps women throughout the world, The Fistula Foundation.

The Fistula Foundation treats women suffering from birth injuries. According to the Fistula Foundation website, “Obstetric fistula most commonly occurs among women who live in low-resource countries, who give birth without access to medical help. If a woman’s labor becomes obstructed, she could remain in excruciating pain for days...” by the time her baby is born, it likely dies and she is left with a birth injury from the constant pressure of the baby, which leaves her incontinent. These women are often rejected by their husbands and communities due to their incontinence. At least one million women in the world suffer from these untreated injuries. The Fistula Foundation is “dedicated to ending the suffering caused by the childbirth injury of obstetric fistula. We believe that no woman should have to suffer a life of shame and isolation for trying to bring a child into the world.” – See more at:

<https://www.fistulafoundation.org>

Fistula Foundation is providing surgical treatment in partnership with local medical clinics by training surgeons and educating women to help relieve the suffering of women who Pulitzer Prize winning New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof calls “the world’s modern-day lepers.”

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/20/opinion/sunday/the-worlds-modern-day-lepers-women-with-fistula>

Thanks to all who donate to CWC through the first Sunday plate offering or with your designated donation. Please learn more about the organizations our church family supports by checking out the posters Joan Coffin has been displaying in the Narthex. Call Carol Sharrock at (406) 539-3205 with any questions or concerns.

FROM DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS...

Dear St. James Family,

I hope you are having a wonderful Easter season and perhaps some warmer spring weather. I have only a few weeks left in my first year here at Seminary of the Southwest. It has gone by incredibly fast, and yet it has been full of wonderful life-forming experiences.

In March I was voted as the rising Head Sacristan for Christ Chapel on Campus. Each year there are two senior and two middle-year Sacristans who are in charge of maintaining and running the chapel. With three services a day, this job keeps me quite busy but is very rewarding. We rearrange the chapel seating depending on the liturgical season and cycle through Rite I, Rite II and Enriching Our Worship. I greatly enjoy having the opportunity to worship in a variety of ways, learning what's available and broadening my liturgical experiences.



Choral Evensong in Christ Chapel.



Bryan and Reagan Gonzalez outside Christ Chapel on Easter 2016.

My classes were challenging and engaging this semester. I was enrolled in History of Christianity II, Biblical Studies II, Introduction to Missiology, Liturgical Music and Theology.

In May I will begin my summer internship in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), a required hospital chaplaincy course. I will be working at Baptist Hospital in San Antonio and will stay with my in-laws for the summer.

Bryan is currently working at Reagan High School as a graduation assistant. His work consists of helping students apply for college, grants, scholarships and financial aid, as well as chaperoning students to the local community college to take college courses. Bryan is very active in the seminary community, volunteering to be in charge of the annual Easter egg hunt and planning the spring prom.

We are both very grateful for all the love and support we have received since our move to Texas. We ask for your continued prayers as we move into the summer and new academic year.

*With love,
Reagan Gonzalez, Seminarian*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

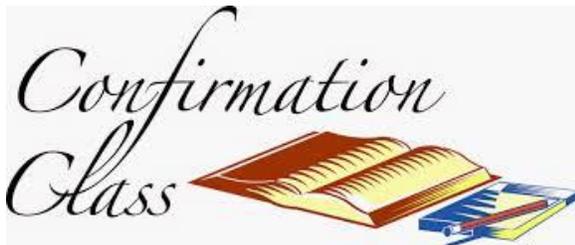
We are the Body of Christ. Christian Formation is the heart of our shared life in Christ. No matter our age, we are growing in faith; programming is offered for all ages. You may find out more about it here.

Your presence and participation brings life to our community and draws us closer to God. You are not only welcome but necessary. To find out more about serving or participating in the many offerings for faith formation in our community contact: Emily Thrasher, Christian Formation Associate, emilythrasher.stjames@gmail.com (406) 586-9093, Ext. 5. Cell: (702) 236-3153 Office Hours: Wednesday and Thursday 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Call for Volunteers:

Consider becoming a trained Godly Play volunteer!

Including Easter, our average of weekly attendance is 19 kids per week. We have only a few available volunteers. We have three volunteers in our ranks who currently have none of their own children attending Godly Play, yet they find time at least once a month to help out. Maybe you'd like to join us and keep our program strong? Please see Emily Thrasher or ask a current volunteer how rewarding it is to be charged with the Christian Education of our youth. See how you can give back to the program that supports the spiritual leadership of your children, your grandchildren and your friends' children at St. James.



Confirmation Classes starting May 11: Youth who will be 16 this year are encouraged to continue their Episcopalian education through Confirmation of their faith. Father Greg and Emily Thrasher will be leading the weekly classes on Wednesdays in May and Sundays thereafter in June and July with consideration for family and summer holidays. Confirmation is on July 24, which also is St. James Day and Bishop's Sunday.

Wednesday Night Family Night:

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped continue St. James' Wednesday night celebration of this wonderful ministry! Please join us again for food and fellowship followed by various Christian Education Classes for all ages in the fall.

Ongoing Events:

Nursery in the Todd Center – Provided during the 9:30 and 11 A.M. services. Attendants play games and watch over your little ones up to age 2 while you attend the service in the Nave. Please retrieve your children directly after the service and no later than 12:15 P.M.

Godly Play in the Todd Center & Upstairs – Offered during the 9:30 A.M. Sunday service. Three distinct age groups up to 5th grade are led by parent volunteers as they impart our Christian beliefs and Episcopalian traditions to your children through this Montessori-based curriculum. Sign up when you arrive in the Nave. May 22 is the last day for the program until fall.

Youth Group – Stay connected throughout the summer! Upcoming events for Youth Group may include: Bozeman Hot Springs Outing – Laser Tag – Camping Trip – Museum Days – Scavenger Hunt – Library Day

Youth Group 2 You - Do you have a project around the house for which you need assistance? Being the wonderful and thoughtful kids that they are, the Youth Group has expressed a desire to help out the congregation at large with any home projects that you just can't accomplish on your own – maybe organize your garage, tidy up your overgrown lawn or assemble that Ikea computer desk you had delivered to your home? Please make a request to Emily Thrasher (702) 236-3153 or emilythrasher.stjames@gmail.com, and she will see what the Youth Group can cheerfully do for you!

MORE CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Episcopal Youth Retreat – May 13 to 15

Wren Blessing of Camp Marshall, our very own Episcopalian camp on Flathead Lake to the north in Elmo, MT, has recruited the help of Emily Thrasher to plan a youth retreat down here in our neck of the woods at Rockhaven Camp in the Gallatin Canyon. Please register your child 6th grade and up for a weekend of faith, sharing, games, service, and learning how we can be part of the greater Episcopal community of Montana. Reasonably priced at \$60/person, please inquire if you need assistance to attend the event. Register here: <http://diomontana.com/christian-formation/spring-youth-retreat-2/>

ASK • SEEK • KNOCK

Episcopal Diocese of MT
Spring Youth Retreat

WHEN: MAY 13-15, 2016

WHERE: ROCKHAVEN CAMP & RETREAT
66850 GALLATIN RD.
GALLATIN GATEWAY, MT 59730

WHO: YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12

LEARN MORE AT DIOMONTANA.COM



Adult Volunteer Opportunities for the Episcopal Youth Retreat!

Please consider providing a meal for a whole mess of hungry kids and weekend leaders for the retreat being held at Rockhaven Camp.

There is a full kitchen available. So if you'd like to donate your time to come cook or if you'd rather prepare a casserole for us to take with us, Emily Thrasher would love to hear from you.

Meals would include breakfast on Saturday morning, lunch that afternoon, dinner that evening and Sunday morning breakfast. We also need the fixin's for s'mores.

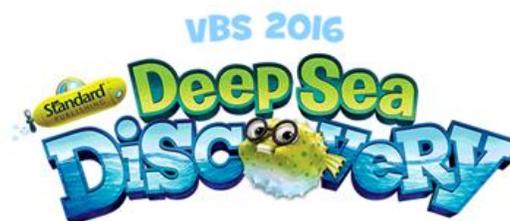
If you'd like to make a monetary donation so that all our youth can attend, please see Emily.

Vacation Bible School – June 20 to 24

St. James youth are welcome to register for the All-City VBS, Deep Sea Discovery! Classes will be held in neighboring church buildings within our two-block radius and promise to be fun, educational and a wonderful way to connect ecumenically with other churches. Emily Thrasher is recruiting both adult and teen volunteers for what will be “an experience of God's love, grace, and joy for over 140 children and 150 youth and adult volunteers. It is where our larger Christian family can come together to learn about and celebrate the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

- Please register your aged 4 to entering 6th grade child here:
<https://yellowstone-reg.brtaapp.com/BozemanVBS2016child>
- Register as a Youth Assistant (and let Emily know) here:
<https://yellowstone-reg.brtaapp.com/BozemanVBS2016youth>
- Register as an Adult Volunteer (and let Emily know) here:
<https://yellowstone-reg.brtaapp.com/BozemanVBS2016adult>

You **MUST BE REGISTERED** to participate because spaces are limited. We would hate to have to turn anyone away if they show up without being registered, but capacity is capacity.



A.B.B.A! MUSICIANS

News from A.B.B.A! A(wesome).B(and).B(ringing). A(duration)! It is our purpose to impart in a musical way the love and adoration of Jesus Christ and to celebrate His love of each one of us.

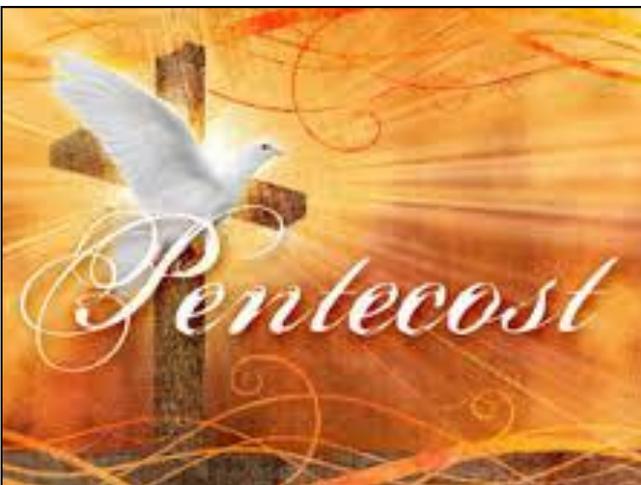
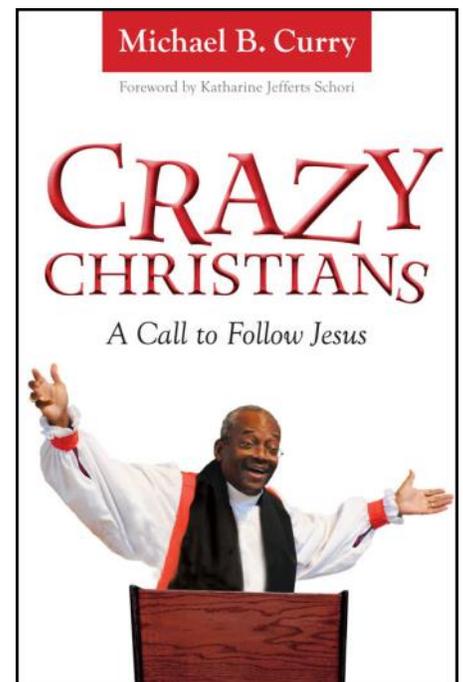
Our core group continues to be Connie Campbell-Pearson (piano & organ), Heidi Jones (vocals), Lynn Lavinder (vocals and excellent “roady”), Jesse Wilmer on drums, Susan Johnston (guitar, selects music with some original compositions completed) and Carla Neiffer, who has been singing with us for a while now.

We rehearse every Thursday at 5 P.M. in the Nave. Even if you can only sing occasionally, you are all welcome! Contact me at bnmusiclady@gmail.com or at (406) 587-0278 for more information.

I sincerely hope than all of you have noticed and have enjoyed the new pew copies of *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, which we will be using more and more so that the music is “at your fingertips” and easier to handle in size and bulk. The Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, has verbally praised this particular hymnal in meetings (Livingston, MT, on March 31) and in his book *Crazy Christians*, which is a great read.

Connie, Heidi and I had the honor of meeting Bishop Curry during his visit to Montana, and we all were impressed by his faith, powerful spirituality and vision for the Episcopal Church. We are blessed that he has been called to lead us in these uncertain times, which are not really unlike the Galilee in which Our Lord lived and ministered.

A.B.B.A! has received a portion of a private bequest, and we are ordering some more microphones and microphone stands to accommodate more singers. Please note my contact information above because the additional singers could be you!



A.B.B.A! will join the St James’ choir in a blended service for Pentecost on May 15, and that should be a very powerful worship event for all of us. There is power and harmony when we all gather to share our faith, to celebrate His love for us and to say “happy birthday” to the church.

He is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

*Respectfully Submitted,
Susan C. Johnston*

UNITED THANK OFFERING

A traditional way for Episcopalians to give thanks for the nice little things that happen every day is to slip small coins into a blue mite box – the United Thank Offering box.

This year the annual ingathering for the UTO is centered on Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day). Envelopes will be available on three Sundays – May 1, May 8 and May 15 – for putting your thanksgiving gifts toward the Offering. The boxes in the offering plates get a little problematic for the ushers, so envelopes are preferable.

The United Thank Offering was started by Episcopal women in 1889 to fund missionary endeavors in the United States and abroad. In 2015, 55 projects were funded at a total of \$1,558,000. Of that, Camp Marshall received \$8,000 to establish a healthy food-growing and eating initiative at the camp, targeting underprivileged children.

The website for UTO information is:
www.episcopalchurch.org/page/united-thank-offering

Sharon Eversman



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Pentecost will be a special day for us as we welcome back our seminarian, Reagan Gonzalez. We will have one worship that day, May 15, at which Reagan will preach. I hope you will be present to welcome her home. Reagan has excelled during her first year at The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. She has finished the year with academic honors and is loved by students and faculty alike. Don't forget, you can support Reagan's seminary education by donating to our Seminary Support Fund. I hope you will consider doing so.

On another note, I will be taking my Sabbath leave during the month of June. I will, as in years past, be in Wisconsin for spiritual direction and personal discernment and reflection. During my absence, liturgical and pastoral leadership will be provided by Fr. Greg, Dn. Roxanne and Dn. Connie. Parish oversight will be provided by Sr. Wardens Mollie Eckman and Nancy Blake. In the absence of the Rector, canonical authority falls to the Sr. Warden. So, for things temporal and eternal, St. James will be in wonderful hands.

Please remember that Bishop Brookhart will be with us for St. James Sunday again this summer (July 24). The day will feature confirmations, worship and fellowship at our annual picnic. We will also induct the newest members of The Order of St. James (for meritorious service to the parish). Please make plans to join us for this exciting occasion.

I wish you all a joyous springtime, filled with God's blessings.

Faithfully, Fr. Clark

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

St. James Episcopal Church welcomes all parishioners, new members and visitors who enter our doors!

The St. James Membership Committee is **ALL ABOUT HOSPITALITY** through programs and activities (visitor guest book, St. James Welcome Packets, monthly adult potluck suppers, special church-wide events). Please ask the ushers at Sunday services or any of the clergy and staff if you would like church information or have other needs. Visitors, please sign the guest book in the foyer of the church, and as desired, share your contact information.

Newcomers – We are so glad that you are interested in St. James! **If you would like to become a member of St. James**, we hope that you have signed the guest book or called the Church Office at (406) 586-9093 and talked with Hilary, our Office Manager, or with Deacon Roxanne. If anyone desires further information about St. James, Welcome Packets, ministry brochures and monthly/weekly church newsletters outlining the nature and ministries of St. James are available from the ushers at Sunday services.

May Adult Potluck – Please notice the article on Page 2 in this Pilgrim about the adult potluck supper, which is another opportunity for parish fellowship.

St. James Day on July 24 – Please mark your summer calendars for Sunday, July 24—St. James Day! This will be an extra-special day with a lovely church service, a visit from Bishop Brookhart and a potluck picnic at the Bozeman Ponds Pavilion!

Coffee Hours – Our St. James Coffee Hours, **after the 8 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. services**, are hosted in the Guild Room. May is our last month of Coffee Hours before the summer break. (Sunday, June 5, will be the last Coffee Hours Sunday until September.) Please contact Nancy Winget for more information or if you would like to host or provide goodies. Marcella Babineaux hosts the once-a-month “Fellowship Coffee Hour” after the 11 A.M. service. This ministry occurs on the fourth Sunday of the month (May 22). If you are interested in contributing your time and/or goodies, please contact Marcella at (406) 451-9998. Thank you, Marcella!

St. James Photo Directory – Thank you St. James parish family for assisting the Membership Committee to make this church photo directory project a success! The photo directories (for those parishioners whose photos are published in the directory, parishioners who sat for Lifetouch portraits or submitted photos and paid the submittal fee) are **available from the Church Office**. This has been a very successful and fulfilling project, and we look forward to creating another church photo directory in four to five years.

St. James Name Tags – Names are special and important; have you ever wondered the name of that nice person who sits in the next pew every Sunday? A St. James name tag is so welcoming and helpful! St. James name tags may be ordered through the Church Office using the Name Tag Order Form found there, in the foyer and in the back of the church. The name tag (magnetic, pin or clip) cost is \$10.50 and is available in about two weeks from the order date.

Membership Committee members – Carla Christ, Cassie Cusick, Linda Hoseth, Deacon Roxanne Klingensmith, Margo McGinness, Caryle Merrill, Markie Nathan, Jim Puckett, Lori Rotherham, Eileen Thompson-Sale, Daryl Todd, Nancy Winget. Co-chairs are Markie Nathan and Daryl Todd.

Would you like to join the Membership Committee and help with HOSPITALITY at St. James? Please use the Church Directory to contact any of these members for information or call the Church Office at (406) 586-9093. Thank you!

Written by Markie Nathan, khn@aggienetwork.com

TREASURER'S JOURNAL FOR MAY 2016

Overall, March income exceeded operating expenses by \$44.6K.

Here are explanations of the significant March variances.

Revenues:

Plate offerings were \$47.9K above the budget estimate (including \$40K gift from the Robert Myers estate).

Pledges were \$4.8K below the budget estimate.

Expenses:

Building & Grounds costs were \$0.8K above the March forecast due to snow removal costs in February.

Utilities costs were \$0.6K below the March forecast because of the billing rate reduction from NorthWestern Energy.

Finance & Operations costs were \$0.2K under the forecast due to not receiving the Easter advertising bill from the newspaper.

Payroll was \$0.9K over the forecast due to additional effort to prepare for Easter services.

Designated/Restricted Funds:

The total of all funds decreased by \$2.9K to \$229.9K.

Rector Discretionary Funds decreased by \$0.1K to \$4.7K.

The latest financial reports are always located on the St. James website. After you login, you can visit <http://stjamesbozeman.org/members/vestry/financials> to download the reports.

Please send any questions to sjbkkpr@gmail.com or leave a message for Mandy Bowker at (406) 586-9093, Ext 7. You can also reach Wendy Wilson at (406) 579-4382 or me at (406) 551-3921.

Keith Nathan, Co-treasurer



EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting local church partners in Texas, Ecuador and Japan as they respond to recent floods and earthquakes.

Throughout, local churches are reaching out in their communities to assess needs and accompany people as they cope with the immediate aftermath of the emergency. In addition to pastoral care, churches are also providing temporary housing assistance and emergency supplies such as food, water, fuel and other site-specific needs.

For more information about the situations in Texas, Ecuador and Japan, please visit:

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

Nancy Blake

ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST—MAY 2016

If you would like to add or remove a name from the Prayer List, please contact the St. James church office at (406) 586-9093, Ext. 1, or sj5westolive@gmail.com.

Prayers for the Church: For the Anglican Communion worldwide; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Episcopal Relief and Development.

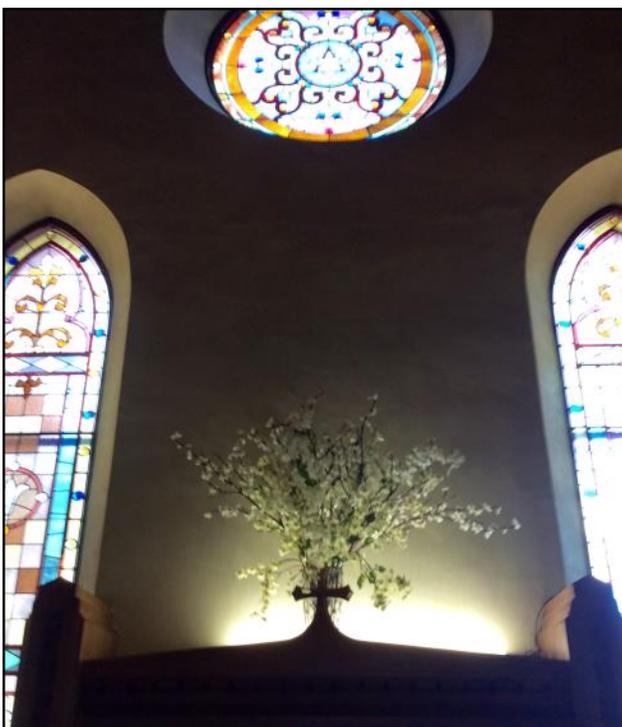
Prayers for the Diocese: For Franklin, our Bishop; For Carol our Assisting Bishop; For St. Andrew's, Livingston, David Gunderson, Rector; For Gethsemane.

Prayers for Healing: Christina Harrell, Jake Sherman, Bud Austin, Emily and Jon, Bob Farrington, Kelly Larson, Alan Dapore, B.J. Wright, Lester Wooden, Joyce Barton, The Jones Family, Jane Stifter, Jerry Henderson, Ken Nelson, Daryl Nelson, Jay Treadwell, Patrick Eckman, Henry Auvil, Terry and George Bailey, Aaron and Lynn Holsinger, Abigail, A. J. Hancock, Jack Olson, Jenny Tucker, Mary Ken Chandler, Angus Macdonald, Thomas, Everett June, The Rev. Denise Rogers, Molly Baxter, Kathleen Collins, Rachel, Arlene Fiscus.

Prayers For the Homebound: Joyce Barton, Joan Bray, Patty Carkeek, Arlene Fiscus, Jan McAndrew, Penny McClelland, Angus MacDonald, The Rev. Denise Rogers, Bev Wallace.

Continuing Prayers Requested For: Patrick Riesch, Ronald Riesch, Christopher Riesch, Cynthia, Pamela Duescher, Sarah, Janet R., Christina, The Jones Family, Seth F., Leslie P., Margo, Annie M., Roxanne, Doug Hallesy, Ginny Martin.

Prayers for Those Involved in the Defense of Freedom: Christian Lavinder; Andrew Gifford, U.S. Navy; James Fuemmeler, U.S. Navy; Skylar Gifford, U.S. Navy; and for those awaiting their safe return.



Prayers for the Departed: Edmund P. Sharrock, Archie Daws, Margory McDonald, Bob Olson, Annabelle Anderson, Evelyn Hammer, Don Borgeson, Josephine Earl, John Duncan Kerr, Annette Alderson, S. Joe Nicholson, Frank Cowan, Mary Dye, Florence "Sis" Saunders, Gregory Merrill Scheie.