Dear all,

It is so good to be able to see so many of you in person on Sunday mornings. We are talking about adding our coffee hour back and will let you know as soon as we do. Fellowship is an important part of our community in which we deepen our friendships, and keep up with what is happening in each other's lives. It is an integral part of our identity as brothers and sisters in Christ, and the coffee isn’t too bad either!

Like Bishop Moreland asked in his sermon at our first Diocesan Convention in 1911, “What are we here for?... we are here to expand our ideas and deepen our sense of responsibility for our brothers and sisters everywhere. The buildings, the priest and sacrament, the church and parish are not to minister to church members but to furnish a base from which you may operate powerfully in winning others to the way of Christ.”

One of the vestry goals this year is to do just that. We are looking at a variety of ways to expand, to reach out to others to share the love of Jesus Christ. One of the ways we are doing this is through Invite • Welcome • Connect, a ministry of transformation that equips and empowers congregations and individuals to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging rooted in the gospel directive to, “Go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19).

One way to deepen our own faith and lead others to a deeper relationship to Christ is through a new class that is being offered by the diocese called Journey to Baptismal Living. It is an interdenominational organization that brings together congregational ministers, catechists, liturgists, and seminary professors in dialogue and support of each other. Find out more about this program at the following link https://journeytobaptism.org. If you are interested in taking the training please let me know. There is a $100 fee for the course which the church will pay.

Again, in the words of Bishop Moreland, “Our material advances will be but a mockery of our religion unless we make it a base for more efficient and unselfish service. The great asset of the diocese is not its funds and buildings, not its real estate and endowments, but the character of its people. Let every communicant try to be as near as possible like Christ. Look about you at the needs of humanity as they appear in your own communities and in the state.”

May we continue to be the hands and heart of Christ in the world today.

With love in Christ,

Rev Deb
Parish News and Events

Neighborhood Prayer Walk

After a prayer walk around the neighborhood, the painted rock pictured below was dedicated and displayed. It’s now a spot where prayer by all who pass will be encouraged. All are invited to write their own prayers on the pieces of fabric that are supplied next to the rock. Contact Becky Leighton (530-721-5130) or Sheryl Trainor (530-306-8487) for more details.
Looking for Building and Grounds Helpers

Would you be interested in helping with our Building and Grounds Team? A substantial number of participants in the ministry will help ensure that the work does not overburden anyone, problems do not get out of hand, and sufficient back up is available for this ministry.

Building and Grounds oversees the building maintenance, insures that the systems are functioning properly, and keeps vestry informed of maintenance problems and issues.

We are going to have a couple of projects this year, in addition to regular maintenance including:

1. Remodel the bathroom in the Parish Hall
2. Repair windowsills and broken window in the Library

Regular maintenance includes:

- Heating and Air Conditioning,
- Change filters on a schedule. Maintain control over the system as to temperature levels, times and zones of operation. Develop a written schedule for maintenance operations in conformance to the manufacturer’s operations manual,
- Periodically inspect water and drainage system for proper operation. Perform routine plumbing maintenance such as faucet washer repairs, toilet tank repairs, sink drain repairs, etc. Maintain exterior drainage system. Perform any specified periodic water system tests and inspections. Change light bulbs as required including those requiring special equipment in the worship area.

Blessing Bags

All,

I just bought 50 of these recyclable bags to use as Blessing Bags. I am going to fill them and give them to The Lighted Candle, a local group that helps the homeless in our area. Who would like to help get supplies to put in these bags? I could give you bags that you could fill and bring back to the church so I can deliver them to The Lighted Candle.

The kinds of things we want to fill the bags with include:

Ready to eat food:

- Bumblebee tuna salad kits (tuna salad and crackers)
- Bumblebee chicken salad kits (chicken salad and crackers)
- StarKist tuna salad kits (tuna salad and crackers)
• Bumblebee “Lunch on the Run” (tuna salad, crackers, fruit cup, cookie)
• Mott applesauce cups
• Jif Peanut butter cups “to go”
• Ritz cracker packages
• Fruit roll ups
• Raisins
• Juice boxes
• Bottled water

**Personal hygiene:**

• Toilet paper
• Baby wipes
• Sanitizing wipes/liquid
• Toothbrush
• Toothpaste
• Kleenex
• Lip balm
• Moisturizing lotion

**Other personal products:**

• Emergency blankets
• Toe warmers
• Hand warmers
• Socks
• Thick-soled flip-flops

Please let me know if you would like a couple of Blessing Bags to fill.
News from the Diocese

Catechumenate Basics: Methods, Rites and Reflections for the Way

Are you interested in starting a catechumenate in your parish or congregation? Get answers to your basic questions:

- What is the catechumenate?
- How do we start?
- How do we lead the meetings?

Trainers with years of pastoral experience as catechumenate ministers will answer these questions and more. Journey to Baptismal Living (JBL) is offering a new four session interactive online training course for new catechumenate ministers.

This course is a wonderful tool for forming disciples. The sessions cover periods of the catechumenate, methods and content of the meetings, and celebration of the rites. Each Zoom session is one to two hours long, with a break in the middle. Groups will be limited to nine participants with each trainer in order to allow all to participate fully in discussions. JBL recommends two to three participants from your congregation in order to start your team right away. The JBL trainers will continue as mentors when you start the catechumenate in your parish. Please note: This is a train-the-trainer course.

The cost: only $100.00 per person for the entire course!

Journey to Baptismal Living is the interdenominational organization that brings together congregational ministers, catechists, liturgists and seminary professors in dialogue and support of each other. JBL supports all of us in this ministry as we support each other in the sharing of questions and answers. Find out more about this program at journeytobaptism.org.

Ready to register? Click here

Please note: All individuals interested in attending the course must register separately.
**News from ECUSA**

**Climate Migration Abroad and At Home**

Imagine waking up to water filling up your home. Imagine the panic setting in as your house slowly floats away beneath your feet. Imagine the sea swallowing your country. For people in Small Island Developing States like the Maldives and Marshall Island, this is their new reality. With rising sea levels and increasing floods, the daily decision to stay becomes more of a fight against nature. When these islands disappear, we don’t just lose land. We lose stories of our past, stories of who we are.

Many of our biblical ancestors were climate migrants. Naomi and her family resettled in Moab during a severe famine (Ruth 1). Joseph’s brothers similarly traveled all the way to Egypt to plead for food during a drought, eventually immigrating to Egypt with their entire family when Joseph revealed five more years of famine were still to come (Genesis 42-45). As Christians we are called to respond to moments like these with compassion and action.

**International Climate Migration**

As temperatures continue to rise and global ecosystems shift, geographically remote and low-lying island populations will remain most vulnerable to environmental challenges. Small island nations such as Tuvalu, the Maldives, and Mauritius face the risk of going completely underwater by the end of the century. In total, an estimated 65 million people will be forced to relocate.

Most vulnerable communities, however, will suffer because climate change acts like a “threat multiplier.” Storms are stronger; droughts are more intense; extreme heat lasts longer. These environmental disasters destroy homes and livelihoods, cause food and water shortages, and increase the risk of civil unrest. As stability erodes, those with the ability to voluntarily migrate often do, leaving the poorest and most vulnerable trapped in an increasingly unlivable community.

Most climate migration occurs within a country’s borders. As climate change shifts local weather patterns and makes subsistence agriculture increasingly unsustainable, rural workers move to cities hoping to find a new source of employment. If urban centers fail to accommodate this rapid urbanization, slums grow, social services are overwhelmed, and the gap between rich and poor widens.
Back Home in the U.S

The U.S. will have to grapple with its own internal climate migration. Unlike other regions, the U.S population has grivated towards environmental perils, building along coastlines from California to Florida and settling across the deserts of the Southwest. Eight of the nation's largest metropolitan cities, including Miami, New York, and Boston, will be impacted by sea level rise, affecting almost 50 million residents. Additionally:

- In 2020, 900 California wildfires incinerated six times as much land as all the state’s 2019 wildfires combined, forcing 100,000 people from their homes.
- Nearly 1 in 2 Americans will experience a decline in their environmental quality due to heat waves or water shortages in their lifetime.
- By 2070, 4 million Americans could live outside the ideal niche for human life, given current warming patterns and sea level rise.
- Decreasing crop yields throughout the Great Plains region could cause rampant food insecurity.

Homeowner’s insurance policies that mandate rebuilding on the disaster sites and federal agriculture programs that pay growers to replant failed crops encourage unsustainable development, increasing the risk of sudden and catastrophic migration in the future. Private insurance companies are beginning to respond to climate risk, withdrawing policies from high-risk areas or raising premiums. For example, Florida property owners experienced a pseudo-crash in homeowners’ insurance after Hurricane Andrew as companies recognized this $16 billion disaster would likely occur again and declined to renew policies, moving their business out of state. The Florida State government created a state-run company to insure properties itself, but this cost taxpayers $511 billion in liabilities, seven times more than the state’s total budget.

On an urban planning level, coastal cities will need to fortify existing infrastructure to withstand greater storm surges and build more retaining walls. Fort Lauderdale, New York, and even Philadelphia might soon require sea walls and bridges to connect neighborhoods. But not every city can spend $100 billion on a sea wall, and rural areas along the coast without a strong tax base may need to consider mitigation or even planned retreat strategies.
Moving On

As followers of Jesus, we ask ourselves, “How can I love my neighbor?” Passing a federal infrastructure bill would create resilient communities and infrastructure better equipped to handle extreme weather events. International development programs and funding mechanisms that integrate climate planning and resiliency allow more people to safely live and prosper in their home communities. General Convention resolutions encourage humanitarian assistance in recovery and prevention of natural disasters which often results in climate migration. Resilience is possible and necessary as we respond to a warming world.

Additional Resources

- [President Biden’s Executive Order on Refugee Resettlement and Climate Migration](#)

Episcopal Church Resolutions

- [2018-D007](#): Support Disaster Relief, Recovery, and Prevention
- [2018-A011](#): Affirm Commitment to Address Environmental Racism

**Episcopal Church Foundation**

Introducing: A New App for Spiritual Practice

For 30 years, Second Breath Center, located at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in North Carolina, has offered life transforming spiritual practices and teaching rooted in the Christian Wisdom Tradition. As a mission partner, the Episcopal Church Foundation's passion to be a catalyst for transformation, renewal and growth in the Episcopal Church has long resonated with the vision of Second Breath. And now, with the encouragement of ECF, Second Breath has launched an app designed to be a spiritual companion that creates space to reconnect with God, refill your tanks and cultivate what Jesus of Nazareth described as “fullness of life." The
Second Breath app has hundreds of guided spiritual practices that focus on heart, mind, and body, plus inspiring audio reflections, monthly series, and a daily centering to help you make spiritual practice a habit. There is a lot of free content and additional premium perks are available at less than $5/month for an annual subscription. Learn more about the app on the Second Breath website.

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**Vestry News**

*Vestry Notes ~ April 18, 2021 Meeting:*

Finances continue to be sound. Our Saviour passed the 2019 Diocesan audit and the 2019 PPP loan was forgiven and becomes a grant that does not have to be repaid.

The Lighted Candle program is requesting parking their washing machine trailer at Our Saviour once every other week for a couple of hours in the late afternoon/early evening. Eventually they will be parking at county owned facilities, so this is an interim request.

Vestry discussed a variety of needed repairs and possible improvements around the church buildings. The windows in the library are of particular concern. Updating the bathroom adjacent to the Parish Hall will be explored. The kitchen faucet next to the dishwasher, which tends to leak if not shut off fully, was discussed. Lyman Dennis, our Junior Warden, is looking for input on other areas in need of repair or improvement.

Cherie and Leslyn will be contacting people who serve in various ministries around church as part of the next stage in “Invite • Welcome • Connect”.

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### 2021 FINANCES FOR MARCH

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# May Calendar

See the Calendar on our website for more details: [www.oursaviourplacerville.org](http://www.oursaviourplacerville.org).

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(1:30 PM to 4:30 PM) |     |     | Ascension Day |     | Armed Forces Day |
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Vestry Meeting  
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| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| Pentecost (Whit Sunday)  
Rite I - Holy Eucharist (8:00 AM)  
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And always remember...

Why you should be gentle with people.

What you know about it?

Someone's life.
TIME DATE MATERIAL. PLEASE EXPEDITE