



SANCTUARY

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE

Grace and peace to you, brothers and sisters.

We have celebrated the beginning of Lent with the imposition of ashes and each week we have walked together through the healing Eucharists that get us ready for the mystery of Holy Week and Easter.

As we continue to read the Bible together and look for meaning and direction, let us also continue to share. We find the "true bread" and "water of life" to give not only to each other but to Elberton and the world.

Denni +

Prayers & Sympathy:

Prayers for health and healing:

- Marcia Jenkins has undergone radiation therapy to reduce the tumor in her spine and is now scheduled for a vertebroplaste procedure to strengthen the damaged vertebra. She is confined to bed due to the pain and thanks you all for your prayers so far.
- David Moss is recovering from his surgery to replace faulty connections on his pacemaker.

Prayers for our service people in the Military: including Andrew, Britt, Colleen, Melissa, Michael, Randy, and others in our hearts.

Prayers of thanksgiving for rain in this season, and for recovery from the drought, here and elsewhere.

Transitions:

Betsy Grinstead turned 98. Happy Birthday, Betsy!

TAKING NOTE

- Church Work Day: Saturday March 8th at 9:30 am til 2 pm. Come!
- Lenten Services are Tuesdays, March 4th and 11th at 6 pm. Healing and Eucharist services are followed by Soup Suppers.
- The Church of the Mediator in Washington will host a Seder on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 19th. at 6 pm. Ask Denni for details.
- Bible Study, Mondays at noon in the Parish Hall. Topic: The Kings. Denni leading.
- Packets have been sent to all parishioners to sign up for the Mission Trip to New Orleans, May 6th through May 10th. Denni leading.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

MAR. 23 @ 9 AM

JOIN US!!

Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' John 3: 3



The New Orleans Mission Trip

Plans for a work-trip to New Orleans have been re-scheduled. New dates:

May 6th through May 10th.

We will have a pre-mission meeting at St. Alban's to hear about the trip and learn something about the disaster and its effects. Date and time to be announced.

Information packets have been mailed. They include release forms and health forms for the trip as well as descriptions of the different mission opportunities. Please contact Sara Baldwin if you would like to join us. 706.549.0809 or email sbaldwin @war-nell.uga.edu

Holy Week & Easter

March 16th. Palm Sunday we will have a procession and celebration at 9am.

March 20th we will have a Maundy Thursday Service at noon with stripping of the altar.

March 21st Good Friday we will have a service at noon with Holy Communion.

March 23rd, Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection at 9am.

Natural Spirituality

Denni as well as Sara and David Baldwin attended the Annual Gathering at Camp Mikell February 8th

through 10th. Ask David what he thought!

Sufi Spirituality

Sara attended a one day Lenten retreat on Christianity and Sufism at the Convent of St. Helena in Augusta on Saturday, February 23rd.

We had beautiful meditations on love and God as the source of love. Photo is a swinging nun from the Convent garden.



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