

Happening.....

An Epiphany (January 6th) service will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Luke. Come early and enjoy some chili and cornbread, and stay after for star cookies and celebrate 12th night (weather permitting)

Please save your Christmas cards and bring them to the church. Ann Lilly is collecting them to use in creating ornaments for next year.

The Blessing Boxes are in need of: hats, gloves, scarves, hand warmers and feminine hygiene products. Please remember to add to our collection each week.

January is the time for our annual parish meeting, and therefore vestry elections and convention delegates. We would love to have another one or two people agree to serve on the vestry. We schedule monthly meetings, but in reality we only meet five or six times a year. We keep the meetings on point and finish within an hour. The only requirement is that you are an active member, regularly at worship and other church functions. Please see Mother Susan or a member of the vestry to volunteer.

What a beautiful celebration we had on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. *Thank yous* are due for Donna Burnside, Robert Burnside and Jason Hogie for music, to the altar guild for their hard work preparing the sanctuary, to Jack and Eli our acolytes, to Parr Claytor for streaming the service and to the readers and other assistants.



The flower charts are posted. Please sign up to provide altar flowers for a special day in your life.

As a Christian, I think the hardest trait for us to embrace is humility. Maybe I am wrong, but our struggle to think more of others than ourselves seems to underwrite all the other sins- greed, selfishness, pride, care for the other. When you are in front of people a lot, and they often think you have something intelligent to say (at least once in a while), it can give you a big head! True confession here. So I want to share with you this story, which I keep in the front of my mind when I am getting a little full of myself.

I am honored to say I met Archbishop Desmond Tutu once. At Virginia Theological Seminary, the underclassmen work the graduation ceremonies for the class ahead of us. I was the keeper of the vestments. This means making sure all the professors', clergy and visitors' vestments and collars are steamed and ready to be on stage at the service of graduation. Many clergy have a special vestment bag, which is very long and they are identical. So extra funds are paid for fancy monograms on most of the bags. I unpacked and hung up the vestments as the people brought me their bags.

This particular year, Archbishop Tutu was the guest speaker. I was excited to meet this man and honored to serve him if only in a small way. He quietly entered the room assigned for the vestments and approached me. His vestments were simple, and hung on a wire coat hanger with a dry-cleaning bag over them. No fancy bag. No monograms. And I am pretty sure that was not a fresh dry cleaner bag, but one that was in regular use. He was, of course, kind and polite. His speech was great. And I learned a lesson about how we need to approach the workings of our vocations, and reminded that even the smallest acts speak volumes of our understanding of our ministries. And our lives. And our commitment to Jesus Christ. Every small act. Oh yes, all the trappings of our life and how we use them. We all need reminders to walk lightly and keep our priorities in good order.

Thank you to all you have pledged for 2022. If you wish to use offering envelopes for your regular donations, please pick up a box from the narthex or contact the church office. Donation statements will be sent out this week. And pledge cards are still welcome !



Hello
2022
Happy New Year



January Birthdays

- 5: Georgianna Reid
- 13: Richard Reid
- 16: Jane Morton
- 23: Donna Holt
- 27: Denise Schroeder
- 30: Kayla Asbury

January 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 NA 6:30 |
| 2 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Rite II | 3 AA 8:00 pm SADD 6 pm | 4 | 5 Vestry 6 pm | 6 AA 6:30 & 8:00 | 7 NA 7:00 | 8 NA 6:30 |
| 9 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Rite II | 10 AA 8:00 | 11 | 12 DOK 5 pm | 13 AA 6:30 & 8:00 | 14 NA 7:00 | 15 NA 6:30 |
| 16 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Rite II | 17 AA 8:00 | 18 | 19 | 20 AA 6:30 & 8:00 | 21 NA 7:00 | 22 NA 6:30 |
| 23 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Rite II | 24 AA 8:00 | 25 | 26 | 27 AA 6:30 & 8:00 | 28 NA 7:00 | 29 NA 6:30 |
| 30 8:00 Rite I 9:30 Rite II | 31 AA 8:00 | | | | | |

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Readers & Chalice

- Jan 2: Grif Callahan & Danielle Stewart
- Jan 9: Ann Lilly & Lori Vargo
- Jan 16: Debbie Ventura & Doug Wills
- Jan 23: Gary Schroeder & Jim Vargo
- Jan 30: Matt Elder & Grif Callahan

If unable to serve, please find a substitute and let Mother Susan know