

THE MESSENGER

Lent 2020



From the Rector

LENT: WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?

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Our Vision:

Church of the Messiah seeks to be an inviting, welcoming and compassionate Christian community, nurturing spiritual growth through the Word, our actions, and gifts; thereby inspiring and uniting people to be examples of Christ's love.

The forty days of Lent are set apart each year as a time dedicated to faith-filled meditation, fasting, prayer, study and repentance. In this season, the faithful are encouraged to acknowledge and wage war against our human desires that may be contrary or lead us away from God's Word. In Lent, Christians around the world take on a mantle of spiritual discipline as a way of deepening their faith in God. Observing Lent looks different for every believer, though fasting is often a major focus. Some choose to fast in the traditional way, giving up a meal or certain types of foods. Others determine to give up some luxury or change some behavior, such as turning off the television or avoiding screen time, or cutting back on sleep to devote the early morning hours to prayer and Scripture reading.

The options are endless, but the important thing is to recognize and be obedient to the movement, intervention and stirring of the Holy Spirit in your life and follow through on exercising self-control in the area God is highlighting for you. Whatever you decide to give up, make sure you are in line with what the Bible says about fasting. Fasting is not to be done to lose a few pounds or "dry out" for six weeks. In the Gospel of Matthew

(6:16-18), we are encouraged to fast in "secret," without fanfare or pride or in pursuit of recognition and praise.



In other words, be careful that your motivation for fasting and observing Lent is to honor God and not to stoke your own self-righteousness or self-centeredness.

Just as Jesus resisted sin in the wilderness for the forty days following his baptism, be purposeful to remain steadfast during this time of renewed and reinforced consecration to God. Temptations will come each day and will continue through this season, as it did during Christ's wilderness testing. Resist.

The Gospels record many times when Jesus went away from the disciples and crowds to be alone and settle into solitude in order to focus his attention on his Father in Heaven. In the same way, Lent is a set-aside time for us to do the same.

Fasting and prayer, Bible study and reflection are integral parts to the observing of Lent. As you prepare for this somber and sobering season, ask yourself how you will engage these disciplines this year. then stay strong to the calling you have in this season.

God's blessings are greater than the momen-

tary pleasures we are giving up. God's goodness is better than what our human minds and hearts could ever imagine.

Mourning is also part of the Lenten season as we remember Jesus' death on the cross, but it's also a time for great joy as we remember his resurrection. Let that be the lesson we all learn during this time of consecration.

Lent, what is it good for? Absolutely everything . . .

- *Keith*

2020 GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP RECAP

First Annual Adult Mission Trip Quite Successful and Rewarding!!!

For a week in January, seventeen **members of Messiah traveled to Guatemala to minister and work in the** mountain villages of Los Encinos and Bolo de Oro, located outside Parramos and Chimaltenango. In the course of their week of ministry, the team built eighteen eco stoves and installed over forty water filtration systems in homes. Installing these stoves and water systems eliminates the need for open cooking fires which lead to serious burns and chronic lung conditions, and water-borne illnesses from drinking and cooking with unfiltered water. Materials for the team's efforts were purchased through the donations of many Messiah members. Thank you! As a result of the team's efforts and the Messiah congregation's generosity, more than sixty families have dramatically improved health and living conditions! Bravo!



In addition to their mission work, the team worshipped with a newly-organized Episcopal mission in Antigua. St. Alban's, under the leadership of The Rev. Neli Miranda-Lopez, is an English-speaking congregation ministering to the many ex-pats, tourists and students in the ancient capital of Spanish Central America. The Messiah missionaries were warmly welcomed during and after the service, held within the grounds of a 16th century convent.

On the final day of the trip, the team was treated to a day of sight-seeing which included a tour of a major coffee plantation, Finca Filadelfia; a walking tour of Antigua, ending at a museum and workshop featuring the beautiful and many-hued Guatemala jade; and some shopping time at a market offering handmade Guatemalan arts and crafts. The evening ended with an open-air dinner with the staff of Adventures in Mission, our hosts for the week.

As a result of the success of this first initiative, exploration of an ongoing companion relationship with St. Alban's and preliminary planning for next year's *second annual* mission trip for adults of Messiah has already begun. And even after their return, team members are researching how best to address identified medical and educational needs within these communities, particularly among the children, youth and elderly. Stay tuned for the release of more details . . . And check the website for photos and videos



Help meet our financial goal of \$5140.80. Raised so far: \$735 Help meet our Volunteer Goal: 150. Registered: 24.

In order to defray the Church's costs for the meals, there is a required minimum ten dollar (\$10.00) donation per person - of course, we would **gladly** accept more. Rise Against Hunger **does not** have a provision to accept a donation from more than one member in the group or family on the **same** registration. So, each person must register as a **separate** individual and each must contribute his/her own contribution of at least \$10. They also only accept registrations **only** in the **exact** amounts of \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100. Therefore, if you wish to contribute a different dollar amount, or perhaps **more** than their highest selection of \$100, please contact Susan Miller of Messiah, and she will handle it for you. Susan's email address is: susanrickcory@aol.com.

Click here for link to Donate and Register

1. Click on the above-link and you will be direct to Messiah's Pack A Thon Page.
2. Please **FIRST** go to the "**DONATE AND REGISTER**" TAB ON THE LEFT of the SCREEN.
3. Once you Donate you will then be directed to a **Confirmation Page**
4. The Confirmation Page has a **REGISTER** tab in GREEN.
5. Click on the **REGISTER** tab to register.
6. YOU CAN OPT TO MAKE A DONATION ONLY - IN WHICH CASE AFTER YOU CLICK ON THE LINK, TO TO THE DONATION TAB ON THE RIGHT OF THE SCREEN.

LENT BOOK GROUP & DISCUSSION

Tattoos on the Heart: the power of boundless compassion
by Father Gregory Boyle

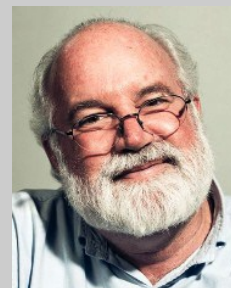
Five Lenten Wednesdays: March 11th through April 8th

Day sessions: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Evening sessions: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Guild Room, Messiah Parish House

Led by the Rector



For twenty years, Father Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest, has run Homeboy Industries, a gang-intervention program located in Los Angeles, the gang capital of the world. In *Tattoos on the Heart*, he distills his experience working in the ghetto into a breathtaking series of parables inspired by the Christian faith. Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these essays offer a stirring look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally. From giant, tattooed Cesar, shopping at JCPenney fresh out of prison, we learn how to feel worthy of God's love. From ten-year-old Lula we learn the importance of being known and acknowledged. From Pedro we understand the kind of patience necessary to rescue someone from darkness. In each chapter we benefit from Fr. Boyle's gentle, hard-earned wisdom. These essays about universal kinship and redemption are moving examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair. Gorgeous and uplifting, *Tattoos on the Heart* reminds us that no life is less valuable than another.

Sojourners, a respected Christian magazine, reports: "Jaw-dropping. Boyle takes us through the human lifecycle of fall/grace/redemption/repeat again and again. Reading this book is a spiritually cleansing experience that won't leave you the same. *Tattoos on the Heart* welcomes all of us to join in the 'no matter whatness' of God's unconditional love." Sign-up sheet and copies of the book and course syllabus are available in the narthex. Cost: \$10.00.

PARISH HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

Plans continue to evolve and progress for the first phase of the Messiah Parish House. Phase One of the multi-year, multi-phased project focuses on the Guild Room and Foyer, with follow-on phases anticipated to address other areas of the building: restrooms, kitchen, large parish hall. It has been over fifty years since any major work has been accomplished in the Parish House and many spaces require upgrades to meet modern needs, requirements and expectations.

During the coming summer months, work in the Guild Room and Foyer will include:

- installation of air conditioning, extending the comfortable use of the space throughout the year;
- paint and carpeting;
- upgraded window treatments
- new chairs.



Completing these upgrades over the summer will provide improved spaces for the opening of the parish program year in September.

Conversations continue with The William Penn Inn regarding their occasional use of Messiah's facilities for catered events, and it is hoped that members of the congregation and the larger community will be encouraged to consider renting the "new" Guild Room for family gatherings, bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, business retreats, and such.

An application has been submitted to the Diocese of PA for the annual property grant program that makes funds available to parishes seeking to upgrade their facilities in order to engage and embrace the needs of the larger community. Bringing the community into the parish facilities throughout the week, not just Sunday morning, is key to promoting a strong and healthy image and partnering with local groups to address local needs. In addition, increased rental of these spaces to both parishioners and outside groups will enhance the parish operating budget, as well as providing seed money for the follow-on phases. In addition to the award of the diocesan grant, a variety of other financial sources are being investigated and considered to assemble a package to finance the first phase of this important and necessary project.

Members of the Renovation Team include the Rector, Senior and Junior Warden (Dave Prezuhy and Jean London), Karen Givnish and Marv Walters. As we move out of the planning and into the work phase of the project, additional skills and more people are needed to enlarge and "round out" the team. If you have skills or experience with similar projects, project development, grant writing, fund-raising or other applicable talents, please step forward and offer your assistance. It is the team's intention to maintain transparency and continue to provide updated information to the congregation, so watch for ongoing reporting; and if you have questions, comments or ideas, please communicate with any member of the team.

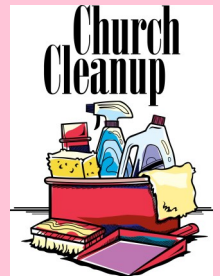
READYING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, popularly known as Easter, is the prominent and most important day in the church year. This year, Easter occurs on Sunday, April 12th. In order to prepare the church for the celebration, a couple of events and dates are announced - and everyone – all ages! - is invited to participate and assist! Coffee, juice and refreshments will be provided for energy boosts.

CHURCH CLEANING DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Bring a bucket and a sponge and other cleaning supplies and join us for the deep cleaning of the sanctuary and narthex. On this morning we will wash all the woodwork – pews, window sills, wainscoting, paneling, altar, narthex and altar furniture – with oil soap. Windows will be washed by some, and others will straighten the children's area, and ensure that hymnals, bibles, prayer books and other materials are neatly displayed in each pew. The morning will finish with a thorough vacuuming of the carpeting in the church and foyer.



CHURCH DECORATING DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON



Each year, the church and narthex are decorated with an abundance of spring flowers. Lacking flower elves to do the work magically, we need your help! On the Saturday morning preceding Easter Day, volunteers are needed to assist in transforming the church spaces from the stark nature of Lent to reflect the glory and beauty of Easter. When you arrive on Saturday morning, all the resources will be waiting for you, as well as instruction and assistance from our “floral experts” who decorate the church on a weekly basis.

LENT DEVOTIONALS

I invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and, self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

Those words, from the Ash Wednesday liturgy, exhort the Church's faithful, in addition to other Lenten disciplines, to read and meditate on Scripture. In this sobering season, many people find it helpful to accomplish this through the daily readings, reflections and prayers featured in Lenten devotionals. These small books contain a brief daily exercise for the period of Lent, the forty days leading up to Easter.

A variety of these devotionals, from different authors, and with varying focus are available in the narthex. Look them over and select one that appeals to you. And you may have a neighbor or friend or co-worker who might appreciate receiving one; perhaps the same one you selected for yourself so that discussion or comment can occur between the two of you.





Shrove Sunday



Come out for our Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast! We are continuing with our new tradition of having a Breakfast on **February 23rd** following the 9:30 am Service. This will be the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent. You can purchase your tickets ahead of time at our table in the Narthex. The ticket sales will go towards our 2020 Mission Trip to Boston. Don't like pancakes? We will also have plenty of breakfast casseroles, side dishes, and of course desserts and coffee. How can our teens help out? Come help us sell **tickets on Sundays up until our event, following the 8:00 and 9:30am services. Visit our Sign Up Genius site to see more details and add your name to our volunteer lists. You can help us decorate, cook, and serve food the morning of February 23rd.** If you aren't a teen, be sure to purchase your ticket and join us for a delicious breakfast before the Lenten Season begins! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Rise Against Hunger

No doubt you have all heard the word; that Messiah will be hosting another Pack-A-Thon through the Rise Against Hunger organization on **March 29th!** This year our church has committed to packing 15,000 meals. Last year, our YOMs filled an important role by assisting with setting up before the event, as well as packing the boxes of meals then loading them into the truck. By increasing the amount of meals we are packing, our teens will have no shortage of boxes to load. We are excited to have our ministry support this event by filling a specific job for the day. If you have a teen at Messiah be sure to check your email for more details, and connect with our group on the day of the event on March 29th!



2020 Mission Trip

Last month we announced our 2020 youth mission trip to Boston, Massachusetts. Right now we are already taking reservations for our trip. We have limited spaces and they are already filling up. Be sure to sign up so you don't miss out! You can find the information and reservation forms on our YOM bulletin in the Parish Hall, or check your email for those of you on our parent email list.

—Dave Reichley, *Director of Family Ministries, Youth*



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 26TH

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

On this somber day, we are encouraged to reflect on the finitude of our human nature in light of God's infinite nature and our adoption into the life of grace and eternal life through Christ's ultimate sacrifice. The ashes smeared on our foreheads on this day remind us of this fact and the great gift of redemption and salvation won for us on the cross.

Make an effort to attend one of the services offered on this important day.



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY & COMMUNION
12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

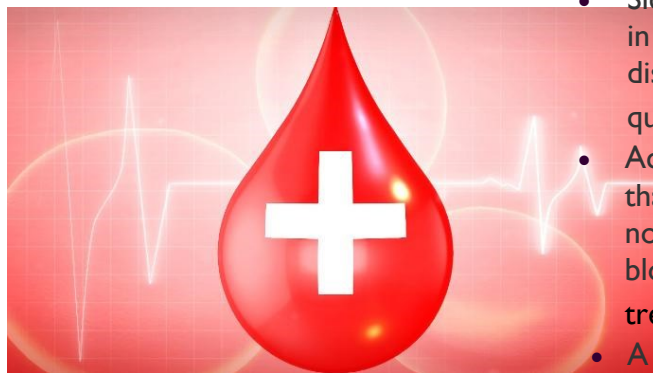
Red Cross Bloodmobile, Monday April 6 2 to 7 pm

Messiah will host a bloodmobile at Messiah and we need your help!



Facts about blood needs

- Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
- Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.
- Nearly 21 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- Sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.8 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2020. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.



For more information, or to sign up, please contact Cheryl Sargent at cherylsargent623@gmail.com.

ALTAR GUILD SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Due to some recent retirements from this important ministry, the Altar Guild is seeking new members to serve on this rewarding and important ministry. Altar Guild members work behind-the-scenes to support the clergy in their role as worship leader and

ensure that the elements for our parish Sunday worship are readied and set out properly. In addition to these weekly duties, the members prepare for special services (weddings, burials, baptisms), are responsible for the upkeep of altar communionware and vessels (washing, polishing, storage).

Ideally, members of the Guild are divided into five teams of four to five members. This provides for each team to cover vacations and other absences, as well as making it possible for each team to only serve every four or five



weeks on a rotating schedule. Unfortunately, some teams have been reduced to two or three members, making coverage difficult or requiring additional service.

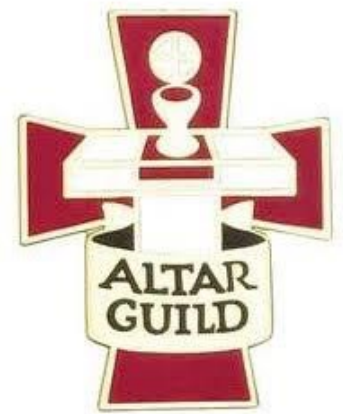
*** **Please note:** This is not just “women’s work”; men are also welcome to volunteer and serve.

If you are willing to serve in this important ministry, or if you have questions or want to learn more, please contact Brenda Weir (805-407-8992; weirhome251@yahoo.com), or the Rector.

ALTAR GUILD APPRECIATION BRUNCH & TRAINING SATURDAY, MARCH 28th - 10:00 AM

The work of the Altar Guild, like that of a good waiter, is best done quietly, unobtrusively, and unseen, noticeable only when things go wrong. Unfortunately, this means that it can often be overlooked. (*And unlike that good waiter, you don't receive tips!*) So, to thank you for your dedicated efforts and quiet service, the Rector is inviting all Altar Guild members – present and retired – to a brunch in your honor. In addition to fellowship, good food and conversation, a short training session will be held and an opportunity to get questions and concerns answered.

Please RSVP by calling Brenda Weir, at 805 407-8992. or email weirhome251@yahoo.com.



Vestry Nominations for Election May 3

VESTRY NOMINEE RECOMMENDATION FORM

We are seeking nominations for election to the Vestry. The **deadline for nominations is Monday, April 9**. Elections will take place at the Annual meeting, during the 9:30 am service, on **May 3**. Four parishioners will be elected to serve a three-year term. **Forms must be received by Tuesday, April 14.** Forms may be placed in the box in the Narthex.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of the persons whose terms end this year: Marsha Althouse, Rich Dunlap, Jennifer Marsh and Brenda Weir will present a slate of candidates. The proposed slate is then approved by the Vestry and presented to the congregation for selection at the annual meeting. * *The Youth Representative is selected for a 1-year term by the Youth of Messiah.*

National and diocesan canons stipulate that parish Vestry members must be:

- • at least 16 years of age; and
- • a 'communicant in good standing,' defined as:
 - a baptized member of the Episcopal Church;
 - who receives Holy Communion at least three times annually;
 - is faithful in attending the corporate worship of the parish;
 - and is faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

Serving on the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah is a very important and rewarding ministry. Please tell us if you or someone you know meets these requirements and is willing to serve a member of the Vestry.

Tear above and return this form to the box in the church, or to the alms basin

Vestry Nominee Recommendation Form

I recommend to the Nominating Committee that

be **considered** as a nominee for election to the Vestry of Church of the Messiah.

*** **PLEASE NOTE:** From the pool of individuals suggested by parishioners, the Nominating Committee will select the slate of nominees which is then approved by the vestry.

I think that the person above would be a good Vestry member because:

_____ I have spoken with this individual and they are willing to be contacted by a member of this year's Nominating Committee.

My name is _____

Children's Ministries

Each year the season of Lent brings a new meaning to all of us based upon our previous year's experiences, joys, and hurts. The call to prayer, fasting and giving may feel motivating or overwhelming depending on how we are doing. These acts can feel especially difficult for children without learning why we choose to enter this solemn period of reflection. As a church family we have the ability to travel this Lenten journey together, guiding our children as a group. Just as Moses and God's people made their way through the desert for forty years, learning to live as free children of God together, we too can grow closer as a church family during these symbolic 40 days. Using the



Episcopal Church's resources for children as lesson guides, we will take the children through this season of Lent, beginning with the story of how God's people escaped from slavery in Egypt. We will focus especially on the

promises that God made to his people even while they were in slavery and how His promises guided them to freedom. That story of trial, tribulation, faith and freedom will get the fire stirring in our hearts as we do activities like making Lenten calendars so that the children can keep track of their spiritual journeys. We will also have a sand bowl in our classroom where we can add symbolic items each week to mark our journey through Lent and the Holy Week stories that we will explore. We can't wait to spend this season with our little disciples and our church school family!

Our **annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place after the 11:00 am Service on Easter Day, April 12. The egg hunt will take place right outside the church in the graveyard since it was very suc-



cessful last year. All children are invited to participate. Bags will be provided for the egg hunt.

Peace Valley retreat to Nature is happening again! On **Sunday, April 26** please join us we pack lunches together and head to Peace Valley Park following the 9:30 service. If you are not familiar with Peace Valley Park, it is a park surrounding Lake Galena in Doylestown and contains miles of walking trails, scenic views, fishing, a nature center and playgrounds. We will meet at Sailor's point on the Lake where we can have a nice lunch together at the picnic tables. Everyone is then invited to spend the day as they please enjoying God's beautiful creation! There is no fee to access the



park or nature center. It is suggested that you wear comfortable clothing and bring along sunscreen, bug spray and a water bottle. Carpooling from church can be arranged for anyone who does not feel comfortable driving. There will also be optional devotional activities for both children and adults. Directions will be available closer to the event as well as a sign up so that we make sure we have enough lunch supplies for everyone.

Children's Ministries (continued)

Vacation Bible School!

We are excited to announce that our 2020 Summer VBS theme is going to be Rocky Railway!! VBS will take place **June 29-July 2** in the evenings. We are asking for the church to help us get the word out about Messiah's VBS. We think that we offer a unique spin on the traditional VBS set up and we offer an intimate and meaningful evening program.

Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about this great event as summer begins to approach. In addition, keep your eye out for flyers to distribute and more detailed information as registration begins to open. Sharing information on facebook is another great way to help us spread the word.

Of course we will also be looking for volunteers very soon! Please consider helping us, whether you are a VBS-pro or brand new to the experience. We really need all the help, support and involvement from the Parish that we can get!

This past summer we had a visiting parent

comment how nice it was that we had church members as our main volunteers for VBS, because it gives the children a chance to bond and become closer with the adults of the Parish. We would like to continue this trend! So when sign ups become available, don't be afraid to say I'LL DO IT!

You may also be able to help by donating to our supply fund or donating requested items. We will certainly accept any railroad themed items to help decorate and create a fun themed atmosphere. Stay tuned for more info



Lifeline Screening 9 am to 3 pm

If you're planning on making resolutions this year, congratulations! But there's more to improving your life than just proclaiming that you're going to change your habits this year.

You also need to figure out how to stick to resolutions long after the initial excitement and motivation of a fresh new year wears off. Come get screened in the Parish Hall on April first, 9 am to 3 pm. Only \$129 for all these screenings (normally \$330):

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque) Ultrasound evaluation of the carotid arteries that screens for buildup of fatty plaque — the leading cause of strokes.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening--Uses ultrasound and blood pressure measurements to check for peripheral arterial disease (plaque build-up) in the lower extremities.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm--Ultrasound is used to screen for the existence of an aneurysm (enlargement) in the abdominal aorta that could lead to a ruptured aortic artery.

Atrial Fibrillation--A quick and easy test using EKG electrodes placed on the arms and legs to identify the presence of an irregular heartbeat at the time of screening. Atrial fibrillation increases the risk of stroke by 5 times.

Osteoporosis Risk--An ultrasound measurement of the shin bone to determine abnormal bone mass density.

Call to make an appointment: 800 636-0186.





The Anglican Communion
Compass Rose Society



ANGLICAN COMMUNION COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY NAMES BISHOP DANIEL G.P. GUTIERREZ PRESIDENT

The Compass Rose Society, an international charitable organization supporting the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry in the global Anglican Communion, has named the Rt. Reverend Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, as its president. Gutiérrez succeeds the Rt. Reverend Andrew Doyle, bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Texas, who served as president of the society for six years.

Gutiérrez is the 16th bishop of the second oldest and fourth largest diocese in The Episcopal Church. He serves as one of only two Hispano/Latino bishops in The Episcopal Church outside of Province IX. Before his calling as Bishop, Gutiérrez had a distinguished career in both The Episcopal Church and in public service in New Mexico. At the request of the Presiding Bishop, he provided administrative oversight for The Episcopal Church in Navajoland, including serving as vice-president of the Navajoland Economic Development Corporation.

His career in public service included serving as chief of staff to the mayor of Albuquerque and director of economic development. He also taught political consulting and marketing as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico.

In 1998, he founded Mensajes, a strategy, marketing, media, and political consulting company. In 2018, Gutiérrez served as vice-chairperson of The Social Justice and International Policy Committee for the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church.

He currently serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees for Episcopal Community Services, The Church Foundation, and the Widows Corporation; and as a board member for The Church Farm

School, Episcopal Academy, The Gathering of Leaders and Forward Movement. He also is a trustee of the General Seminary of The Episcopal Church. In addition, Gutiérrez is a conferee of the Venerable Order of St. John; a co-convenor of the Bishops United Against Gun Violence; and on the Religious Leaders Council of Philadelphia.

A native of New Mexico, Gutiérrez comes from a family that settled in "the Land of Enchantment" in the 1500s. He received Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and History and a Master of Public Administration from the University of New Mexico where he was named a Graduate Scholars Fellow.

Gutiérrez earned a diocesan certificate in Anglican Studies through the Trinity School for Ministry and a master in theological studies from St. Norbert College. He is married to Suzanne and they have one son who is a member of ROTC and will be commissioned in the United States Army.

About the Compass Rose Society

Founded in 1997, The Compass Rose Society comprises 393 members located primarily in the U.S., Canada, and Hong Kong. It takes its name from the symbol of the Anglican Communion.

In 2018, the Society provided nearly \$900 thousand to support the reconciliation and communication initiatives of the Anglican Consultative Council, the Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities in the Diocese of Jerusalem, hospitals in Gaza and Nablus, and Canterbury Cathedral. In 2018 the Society raised a total of \$1 million, the first time it has achieved this.

Since its founding, The Compass Rose Society has donated over \$11.5 million to support the mission of the Anglican Communion. In 2018, the Society provided approximately 20 percent of the funding of the Anglican Consultative Council, the governing and coordinating body of the Anglican Communion. Membership information is available at the Society's web site, www.compassrosesociety.org.

Pe[😊]ple and Transiti[😞]ons

March and April birthdays (through 4/3)

3/1 Fran Hillman	3/17 Susan Kriebel	4/1 William Wallace
3/1 Barb Tudgay	3/18 Marss Senteio	4/1 John Krail
3/2 Bill Griffiths	3/18 Shirley Wacyk	4/3 Bette Hancock
3/2 Pam Daveler	3/18 Hayden Dunlap	
3/2 Grayce Hoffman	3/20 Jean Brown	
3/3 Helen Vanderslice	3/21 Cali Nelson	
3/4 Mary Ann Sabokbar	3/22 Peggy Kern	
3/4 Molly Unangst	3/23 John Sangston	
3/5 Diana Mulroy	3/23 Nathan Merritt	
3/5/ Jami Behm	3/23 Jackson Marshall	
3/6 Doris Griffiths	3/24 Amanda Knowles	
3/9 Carol Lawrence	3/24 Carter Dunlap	
3/10 Barbara Osborne	3/25 Bob Duffield	
3/10 Thea Kriebel	3/25 Kaylynn MacMinn	
3/12 Tammy Hoffman	3/26 Ed Steel	
3/12 Trey Evangelisto	3/29 Jim Hautzinger	
3/13 Suzanne Shank	3/30 Kenneth Melberger	
3/13 Linda Clement	3/31 Dan Moulton	
3/14 Cameron Ruff	3/31 Jackson Flowers	
3/15 Patricia Wurts	4/1 Bill Heinz	
3/16 Cecilia Ferullo	4/1 Lawrence Backlund	



Baptisms: “Marked as Christ’s own forever”

Bennett Hudson Eudy, son of Taylor Eudy and Allie Raifsnider






Deaths: “Let light perpetual shine upon them”

Glenn Harold Johnson, Gail Rusnak’s father

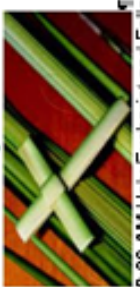




Address Change: My people shall abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwelling places, and in quite resting places:

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MARCH 2020

Sundays	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 → 1 LENT 8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church School and Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist -no coffee 10:45-AM Adult forum class on "Ruth"-Guild-Room	2 OPEN VESTRY - NOMINATION S 7:00-PM Fellowship Ministry Meeting-Guild Room	3 6:00-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen Anniversary Meeting	4 9:30-AM OAA 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	5 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm 7:00-PM Outreach Committee Meeting	6 9:00-AM Office hours 9-12a	7 9:00-AM Harmony Theater--snow-date for prior week--so possibly till 3 pm 
8 → 2 LENT Daylight Savings Time begins-set clocks ahead-one hour 8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church School and Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist-no coffee 10:45-AM Adult forum class on "Ruth"-Guild-Room	9 6:00-PM Montgomery County AA Zone Meeting-Parish Hall	10 11:15-AM Holy Eucharist and Brittany Pointe 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	11 9:30-AM OAA 11:00 am till 12:30 pm-Rector's Lenten Study-Guild Room 7:00--8:30 pm-Rector's Lenten Study-Guild Room 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	12 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm	13 9:00-AM Office hours 9-12a	14 9:00-AM Harmony Theater
15 → 3 LENT 8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church School and Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist -no coffee 10:45-AM CHILI-COOKOFF 	16 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE -Holy Week/Easter (4/3-5/31) 7:00-PM Vestry meeting-Guild room	17 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	18 9:30-AM OAA 11:00 am till 12:30 pm-Rector's Lenten Study-Guild Room 7:00--8:30 pm-Rector's Lenten Study-Guild Room 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	19 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm	20 9:00-AM Office hours 9-12a AAUW-auction	21 9:00-AM Harmony Theater
22 → 4 LENT 8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church School and Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist -no coffee 2:00-PM Holy Eucharist at Meadowood 6:00-PM YOM (Youth of the Messiah)	23 7:00-PM Vestry meeting-Guild room	24 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	25 9:30-AM OAA 11:00 am till 12:30 pm-Rector's Lenten Study-Guild Room 7:00--8:30 pm-Rector's Lenten Study-Guild Room 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	26 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm	27 9:00-AM Office hours 9-12a	28 9:00-AM Harmony Theater  10:00-AM Altar Guild Appreciation Brunch and-Talks
29 → 5 LENT 8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church School and Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist -no coffee 10:30-AM PACK-A-THON for Rise Against-hunger 	30 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	31 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings				

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5.....EASTER DAY</p>  <p>8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church-School and Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Church-School 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist and fellowship 6:00-PM YOM (Youth of the Messiah) a</p>	<p>6 2-7 pm-Red-Cross-Bloodmobile </p> <p>7:00-PM Fellowship-Ministry Meeting-Guild-Room a</p>	<p>7 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings a</p>	<p>11 9-5 Lifeline-screening </p> <p>9:30-AM OA 11:00-12:30 pm-Lenten-Study-Guild Room 7 pm-8:30 pm-Lenten-Study-Guild Room 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom a</p>	<p>21 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm 7:00-PM Outreach-Committee Meeting a</p>	<p>3 9:00-AM Office hours 9-12 a Day till noon </p>	<p>4 9:00-AM Church-Cleaning Day till noon 9:00-AM Harmony-Theater a</p>
<p>12.....EASTER DAY</p>  <p>7:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:00-AM Holy Eucharist and fellowship 9:15-AM Church-School & Nursery-Care 11:00-AM Holy Eucharist-Egg Hunt and Festive Coffee-Hour a</p>	<p>13 Office-Closed 6:00-PM Montgomery-County-AA-Zone Meeting-Parish Hall a</p>	<p>14 Vestry nominations close 11:15-AM Holy Eucharist at Brittany-Pointe 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings a</p>	<p>15 9:30-AM OA 4:30-PM Belfry-Bargains-Thrift-Shop-Appreciation-Cocktail-Party-in the Guild Room 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom a</p>	<p>16 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 6:00-PM Prayer-Shawl Ministry 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm a</p>	<p>17 Newsletter-Deadline 9:00-AM Office hours 9-12 a</p>	<p>18 9:00-AM Harmony-Theater a</p>
<p>19.....2-EASTER</p> <p>8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church-School and Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist and fellowship 6:00-PM YOM (Youth of the Messiah) a</p>	<p>20 7:00-PM Vestry meeting-Guild room a</p>	<p>21 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings a</p>	<p>22 9:30-AM OA 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom a</p>	<p>23 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm a</p>	<p>24 9:00-AM Office hours 9-12 a 9:00-AM Harmony-Theater a</p>	<p>25 9:00-AM Harmony-Theater a</p>
<p>26.....3-EASTER</p> <p>Peace-Valley Retreat-see pg. 10 8:00-AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:15-AM Church-School & Nursery-Care 9:30-AM Holy Eucharist and fellowship 10:00-AM Cub scouts in parish hall 2:00-PM Holy Eucharist at Meadowood a</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Election Day ELECTION DAY 7:30-PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings a</p>	<p>29 9:30-AM OA 7:30-PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom a</p>	<p>30 6:00-PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00-PM Music--7 to 9 pm a</p>		

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