



THE CANTERBURY CROSS

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

February 2017

Bishop Mike Is Coming to Town!

The Rt. Rev. Michie Klusmeyer is visiting St. Thomas à Becket on Sunday, February 12. He will preach and celebrate at both services. Be sure to join us as we welcome him and learn about the progress of the search for our new priest.

Our New Vestry Members!



Congratulations to our new Vestry members! During the annual meeting last month, our parish elected four new members to the Vestry as well as three individuals to serve both as Diocesan convention delegates and deanery representatives.

New Vestry members are Ann Claycomb, P.J. Henry, Richard Morris, and Kristina Smith. Representing St. Thomas at convention and deanery meetings will be Jeff Fedan, Vicki Iber, and Hap Rudolph.

After the annual meeting, Vestry members convened in the Parish Parlor to elect this year's officers. For 2017, officers are Corey Farris, senior warden; Matt Heiskell, junior warden; and Beth O'Neil, secretary. Mary (DeDe) Burnell agreed to continue serving as church treasurer (ex officio member of Vestry).

Serving three-year terms, the Vestry members are:

Term Ending 2018: Corey Farris, Anne Greza, Beth O'Neil, and Jason Robbins.

Term Ending 2019: Matt Heiskell, Florita Montgomery, Beth Royall, and Tom Waggoner.

Term Ending 2020: Ann Claycomb, P.J. Henry, Richard Morris, and Kristina Smith.

The next Vestry meeting will be 7 p.m. Thursday, February 9. Held on the second Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall, Vestry meetings are open to the public. The approved minutes of the previous month's meeting are posted on the Vestry bulletin board (on the wall across from the kitchen doorway).

Thank you to all who ran for Vestry and all who participated in our annual meeting.

Deficit Starting to Shrink, Keep Praying About Pledges

by Linda Yost, Parish Administrator

As of Wednesday, February 1, our pledges for 2017 have increased by \$14,000. Our deficit is beginning to shrink. *That's the good news!*

Thank you to those who pledged before the January 22 annual meeting.

Thank you to those who increased your pledges in response to the annual meeting.

Thank you to those who turned in pledges after the annual meeting.

Now for the not-so-good news: As of Wednesday, Feb. 1, our new deficit total is about \$53,000.

We still need new pledges. We still need increased pledges.

If you're thinking about taking either of those steps, you still have time. The Finance Committee will meet in a few weeks to balance the budget (i.e., cut programs as needed). That balanced budget must be presented to the Vestry on March 9.

For information about the budget and for other annual reports, check the written reports distributed via email (attached to the January 26 Parish Post) and placed on the table in the Narthex. Also on the table are blank time, talent, and treasure offering forms.

Again, thank you for prayerfully considering your contributions to our church.

February 5 Is 'Souper' Bowl Sunday

It's called the "Souper" Bowl of Caring, and each parishioner is asked to give one dollar as they leave worship the morning of the big game. The money is then sent directly to The Community Kitchen housed at Trinity Episcopal Church.

This annual event started in 1990 at a church in South Carolina with a pastoral prayer, which included the line, "Lord, as we watch the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup." And thus the Word and giving has spread.

The Sunday School children are asked to bring soup to Sunday School, and all money collected in the Sunday School offertory plate that day will be given directly to the Community Kitchen.

Memories for Stewardship . . .

Did You Know?

Did you know that the physical St. Thomas space took many forms before the blessing that is our current building? During the first couple of years, St. Thomas à Becket met at the Drummond Chapel United Methodist Church, sometimes with our services happening at 1 p.m. on Sundays because of the double use of the space.

In 1980, High Hill Lodge (belonging to the area Girl Scouts) became the new home of St. Thomas after extensive remodeling efforts by the congregation—along with the help of Episcopalians and other Christian workers from throughout the state and beyond. During the next 14 years, Becket remained in the old High Hill Lodge with a mobile home addition for Sunday school use. By 1993, ground was broken for our new building, and it was dedicated in February 1994.

The financial means by which our building came to be are truly inspiring. Creative fundraising happened in ways too countless to list here, but a very interesting success was international travel as a fundraiser. Marty French led a trip tagged as “English Churches, Castles, and Countryside Tour,” which raised more than \$8,000 for the building fund. Then Marty, Ted Walton, and Elizabeth French led a trip to France, which earned over \$7,600 for the fund.

Besides benefiting from international travel, St. Thomas received blessings from nearby places. Many furnishings, railings, windows, and other accoutrements came from churches and kind benefactors in Follansbee, WV; Charlotte Hall, MD; Lansford, PA; Baltimore, MD; and Redwood, NY—to name a few. Our wonderful space was truly a global effort!

Valentine Flower Sale

The Flower Guild will be taking orders for flower arrangements for St. Valentine’s Day, with the proceeds benefitting the Capital Projects Fund.



Three styles are offered: (examples of each pictured). Bouquets and arrangements will be available on Sunday, February 12, through Tuesday, February 14.

Your choices include: 1 Dozen (Red) Roses for \$55.00, mixed flowers (Pink) with 6 Roses for \$45.00, and 3 Roses in a bud Vase for \$20.00 (please indicate pink or red)

If you are interested in ordering an order form is available on the table in the narthex or you can contact Linda Yost by email (thomasabecket.wv@gmail.com).

Some Local Baby Bottoms Missing Diapers, Ointments

by the Outreach Committee

Did you notice that we now have a changing table in the Parish Hall? It’s our visual reminder that some babies in our community regularly lack the supplies they need to keep their bottoms healthy and dry. The table also reminds us that we can help them.

Led by Ann Pahl in August 2016, the Outreach Committee stopped talking about babies’ hygiene needs (we had been reading articles!) and began asking Scott’s Run Settlement House employees about ways our church could be part of the solution.

During our visits, we learned that the SRSB Baby Pantry provides—and regularly runs out of—every type of daily nursery item (from formula to clothing) for about 50 babies each month. The limited-resource families are screened via federal poverty guidelines and can only visit the pantry once a month.

Our church’s ongoing baby project will focus on the babies’ greatest needs: **diapers, pullups (especially sizes 5 and 6), wipes, diaper rash ointment, and Ivory Snow detergent.**

The Outreach Committee delayed introducing the Healthy Baby Bottoms project to the congregation until January 2017 because we did not want the kickoff to detract from the Sunday School’s annual Diaper Derby in October (which will continue) and other outreach programs in November and December.

Next time you’re at Kroger or the Dollar Store, think about helping Scott’s Run keep those baby bottoms healthy. Purchase an item to drop off at the changing table. Thank you to the Flanagan family for lending their changing table to the church for this vital project.



Episcopal Church Men (ECM) Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cost will be \$6 per person regardless of age.

Funds from the supper are used to provide scholarships for Peterkin Summer Camps.

All men in our parish are invited to join ECM! If you are interested, please contact Bob Acciavatti at aurielbob@comcast.net.

HELP COMBAT LOCAL HUNGER

faithfull FOOD DRIVE

February 11th & 12th

Join with our faith community as we help combat local hunger by collecting non-perishable food items to support Empty Bowls Monongalia.

Suggested Items
Soups
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Cereal
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruits
Boxed Potatoes
Pasta
Pasta Sauces
Dried and Canned Beans
Canned Meats
Dry Milk
Snack bars
Crackers
Juices
Cake Mixes & Frostings
Coffee
Canned Meals



www.ebmon.org

A new list of ministry/committee leaders and their contact information is on the bulletin board nearest to the Sunday School room and on the back of this newsletter calendar.

One ministry that is without a leader at this time is the Columbarium Committee. If anyone on that committee or anyone else is interested in chairing that committee, please let Linda know.

To You: Thanks for Your Prayers

To Our Friends in Faith,

Last year, my husband was diagnosed with lung cancer. He had two masses that were inoperable due to the size and location near his heart. My dear friend Corey Farris asked him to be placed on your prayer list.

After multiple chemo and radiation treatments, the tumors have been eradicated. This is certainly God's work!!! While we will continue to fight this disease, God blessed us with this win.

Thank you for all our prayers!!! We know how blessed we are to have friends like Corey and others who have prayed for my husband and family.

Thank you and God bless,
Brett and Trish Cendana

Are You on a Ministry List for 2017? Do You Want to Join One in 2017?

At the annual meeting on January 22, 2017, Linda Yost handed out ministry membership lists to the ministry leaders. She compiled the list from the information that you provided if you returned the Gifts/Ministry forms. She added new and changed information into Servant Keeper, which printed a complete list for each leader.

If you joined a new ministry for 2017, your name should be on your ministry leader's list. If you did not indicate that you were dropping off a ministry, your name is still on the list the leader received. The leader will contact you. It's up to the leaders to look at the lists, contact members, and make any changes.

If you are interested in a ministry or committee at any time during the year, contact the leader and let him or her know of your interest. The leader can inform you of any upcoming meetings or activities.



SOUP AND BREAD LUNCHEON
February 25, 2017
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Hazel & JW Ruby Community Center
500 Mylan Park Lane - Chaplin Hill Rd.
Morgantown, West Virginia

*Tickets on sale now for a minimum donation of \$20 each.
Children under 10 eat free, but do not receive a ceramic bowl*

We are still looking for people to make cookies. If you are interested in making cookies for the event, please put your name on the cookie signup sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Tickets are also being sold after our church services!

Coming in March...

- ✚ Our fourth and final Becket Arts concert for the 2016-2017 series will be on Sunday, March 26.
- ✚ The Diocesan Acolyte Festival is planned for Saturday, March 25, at St. Paul Episcopal Church, Weston.
- ✚ More information to come in the March edition of the *Canterbury Cross*.

Our Worship Schedule

The Rev. Dn. Al Prichard



Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Rite I, spoken)

10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with music)

Nursery care and Sunday School with children's worship are offered during the 10:30 a.m. service.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Acolyte Training 10 a.m.
5 "Souper" Bowl Sunday Bishop Alex Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Finance Comm. Mtg. Sp. Events Comm. Mtg.	6 Parlor RSVD- Board of Examining Chaplains 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	7	8 Backpack Feeding Program at SRSH 12:30 p.m.	9 Vestry Mtg. 7 p.m.	10	11
12 Bishop Mike's Visitation 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Faithfull Food Drive	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26 Bishop Alex Black 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir Stewardship Comm. Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch.	27 Parish Hall RSVD- Spears	28 EMC Pancake Supper 5:30 -7 p.m.	<i>See the back of this calendar for the list of our 2017 ministry leaders.</i>			