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St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church, Morgantown, WV

February 2018

Welcome New Vestry Members

by Linda Yost, Parish Administrator



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Congratulations to our new Vestry members! During the annual meeting on Sunday, Jan. 21, our parish elected four new members to the Vestry as well as four individuals to serve both as diocesan convention delegates, deanery representatives, and alternates.

New Vestry members are Amanda Bostian, Stacey Elza, Cary Johnson, and Neha Lal. Representing St. Thomas at convention and deanery meetings will be Jeff Fedan and John Beall. Kathy Fedan and Carol Beall will be their alternates.

After the annual meeting, Vestry members convened in the Parish Parlor to elect this year's officers. For 2018, officers are Matt Heiskell, senior warden; Beth Royall, junior warden; and Ann Claycomb, secretary. Mary (Dede) Burnell agreed to continue serving as church treasurer (ex officio member of Vestry).

Serving three-year terms, all Vestry members are:

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.

Term Ending 2021: Amanda Bostian, Stacey Elza, Cary Johnson, and Neha Lal.

The next Vestry meeting will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8. 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. The parish is also grateful to the outgoing Vestry members, who served the church for the past three years. They are Corey Farris (senior warden), Beth O'Neil (secretary), Anne Greza, and Jason Robbins.

Vote at Souper Bowl of Caring For Your Team, Local Kitchen

by Aurie Acciavatti

It's "Souper" Bowl time again. Time to vote for the team you would like to win the Super Bowl while you also help feed hungry people.

On Sunday, Feb. 4, as you leave church you are invited to put one dollar (or more) into the soup pot of your favorite team. All monies collected will be donated to the Morgantown Community Kitchen (MCK), which is housed at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Want to also bring cans of soup? If you do, the soup will be donated to Scott's Run Settlement House.

MCK is a non-profit organization, established in 1984 with a much-focused goal: Help the less-fortunate members of our community. The kitchen provides a safe, clean, uplifting environment five days a week for those in need of a nutritious meal. It serves the homeless, the working poor, the unemployed, and their families. In short, MCK helps people who through no fault of their own find themselves in crisis. As with all non-profits, MCK always needs funds.

Since 2003, when St. Thomas à Becket started being part of the local Souper Bowl of Caring, our parish has donated \$2,480 to MCK. Let's see how much we can contribute this year.

Observe Lent: Give Up Chocolate for Shampoo

Most people have a custom or two they observe for Lent. This year, the Outreach Committee invites you to add the Health Right's Showering Program to your Lenten observance by purchasing needed hygiene supplies.

The project's donation baskets in the Parish Hall have been somewhat forgotten since the holidays. The holidays are gone. But homeless people's need for hygiene supplies continues.

Please clip the supply list (*on page 2*). Keep it in your wallet. (Or snap a photo of it with your phone's camera.) Have the list handy when you're shopping for your supplies.

Sunday School Notes

by Sally Tolka

Come paint! During church on Sunday, Feb. 11, we will be painting bowls to give to the Empty Bowls fundraiser. It should be a fun—albeit messy—event. Please bring your little ones, but be sure to stay and paint a bowl yourself.

In February, we also are collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes for Scott's Run Settlement House.

Lend a hand. I am currently working on reorganizing and redecorating the Sunday School room. If you have any questions about what is planned, please be sure to ask. I am in need of some helping hands for patching and sanding holes and imperfections on the walls, and for painting walls, trim, and cabinets. We also need someone good at minor carpentry. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

I will set dates for the renovations very soon.

Marty French has volunteered to sew some things that I have planned for a special project. If there is anyone that has an old globe lying around and has no use for it, I would be happy to take it off your hands. Please feel free to email me (sallytolka@gmail.com) with any thoughts or questions.

Thank you for donations, dollars, and gifts. In December, we had a successful sandwich sale. Thank you to the Sharleys and the Beards and to all of the Sunday School parents for their donations. We raised \$332, which will be used to buy three schools of fish and a beehive through Heifer International.

The "white tissue Christmas gifts" that were purchased for infants were delivered to Scott's Run Settlement House. We also collected canned soup for Scott's Run in January.

The Christmas pageant was a success as well. Thank you again to all of those who helped. Liza Heiskell took wonderful pictures that you can see on the church's Facebook page.

Health Right Needs Many More Hygiene Supplies for Homeless

Showering gel *

Body wash*

Shampoo

Conditioner

Spray shaving cream

Small tubes of toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Razors

Travel packs of tissues

Sunscreen

Chapstick

Underwear (new) for adult females

Underwear (new) for adult males

White athletic socks (new)

Female hygiene pads

Gloves

Hats

Deodorant

*No bar soap



Episcopal Church Men's Annual Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

St. Thomas à Becket's Parish Hall

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

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

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



SOUP AND BREAD LUNCHEON

Saturday, February 24, 2018

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.*

✠ *Ministry Leaders 2018* ✠

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***NOTE—The parish still needs someone to lead "Ministry to Each Other," which coordinates meals or any other assistance parishioners require in times of need. Please let Linda Yost know if you are interested in this ministry.**

Comedy Solos, Surprises Among Next Becket Arts Scheduled for Feb.11

The next performance for Becket Arts will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the church. Rebeckah Valentine, Rosemary Hathaway, and a surprise guest will sing one or more musical comedy solos. Duets will be performed among the three.

One of the songs is intriguingly entitled "Rhode Island Is Famous for You." Another is "Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most." And one song has the unusual title of "Blah, Blah, Blah." There will be smiles aplenty.

"Quiet finger food" will be on the tables during the performance, which will take place in the Parish Hall.

Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$8 for a general ticket, \$6 for seniors, and free admission for students.



Congratulations to the Skidmore Family!

Dorothy and Bill Skidmore announce the arrival of their

granddaughter, Gwendolyn Faye Skidmore, born to Elizabeth and Dan Skidmore (above) on Dec.12. Born at 8:07 a.m., she measured 12 inches long and weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Please wish the family all the best as you celebrate with grandparents Dorothy and Bill.

Observe Centering Prayer in Chapel; All Are Welcome to Come, Learn

by Tom Waggoner

In January, St. Thomas à Becket resumed holding regular meetings in the chapel to practice Centering Prayer. (Because of weather conditions, the first session was postponed until 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.)

At this first meeting, parishioners discussed the nature of Centering Prayer, how to get started, and engaged in one or two short meditations.

The Centering Prayer group will meet again at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and is scheduled to meet every other Saturday from that date (same time). All are welcome. For a copy of Centering Prayer Guidelines, contact Tom Waggoner ([412-691-4106](tel:412-691-4106) or Landtwaggoner@gmail.com).

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.

Please contact us at

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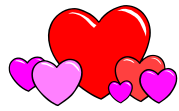
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion at each service. 12:00 Noon The Rev. Dn. Al Prichard, Officiant 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Tony Setley, Celebrant				1	2	3 Memorial Service for Carol Brown 2 p.m.
4 “Souper” Bowl Sunday Rev. Tony Setley 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch.	5	6	7 Parish Post Deadline	8 Vestry Mtg. 7 p.m.	9	10 Centering Prayer 9 a.m.
11 Rev. Tony Setley 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir Outreach Comm. Mtg. 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch. Becket Arts! 3 p.m.	12 Parish Hall RSVD- Spears	13 EMC Pancake Supper 5:30 - 7 p.m.	14 Ash Wednesday Services: Noon 7 p.m. Backpack Feeding Program at SRSH 12:30 p.m. Parish Post Deadline	15	16	17
18 1 Lent 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch.	19	20	21 Parish Post Deadline	22 Newsletter Articles Deadline	23	24 Centering Prayer 9 a.m. Empty Bowls
25 2 Lent 8 a.m. Rite I 9:15 a.m. Becket Choir 10:30 a.m. Rite II Sunday Sch. / Youth Ch.	26	27	28 Parish Post Deadline	Empty Bowls Soup and Bread Luncheon February 24, 2018 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hazel & JW Ruby Community Center 500 Mylan Park Lane- Chaplin Hill Rd Morgantown, WV		