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Dear Friends in Christ,

It is something of an inside joke in our home that Erin can remember where we were for every birthday and anniversary, and I can remember what we ate. There isn’t a morsel of food, a meal or snack, that I cannot, given some time and a few clues, remember and recount. For me, food, like smells or sounds or music for others, connects me to memory. There was the restaurant on the shores of Phuket, in Thailand that only served “the catch of the day”, fried or grilled whole, and paired with either red, green, or massaman curry. We ate there every night during our stay and I can remember each fish, each curry, and each preparation. There was the breakfast of fresh venison steak and instant oatmeal and wild blueberries served by my father and cooked over a small fire of juniper branches, when we were stranded on a mountain top after a particularly bountiful deer hunt. The discovery of a new restaurant or the introduction of a new food to one of my boys - seeing their delight and pleasure in something I have known and loved - I can remember each of these as clear as day.

For some, food is merely sustenance. For me, it is almost always an experience and an event. So it was that when I had the chance to prepare an application for a grant to go on sabbatical, I knew that food would be at the center. So it is that I also wanted food to be at the center of the sabbatical experience for our whole faith community. As the sabbatical team wrote in that application, we are a busy people, intent on doing, working, fixing, and shaping the world in which we live... we “crave time, but often don’t take it, to sit across the table from one another to break bread and share our stories, discovering the tapestries of people’s lives and faith. Consequently we struggle to identify and articulate how our story fits into the narrative of God’s hospitality and the wider story of where we’ve come from and where we’re going.”

The Spring-Summer mailer, arriving in June, will contain opportunities to sign up for dinner parties being hosted over the summer, books to read that tie into the themes of the sabbatical, and I hope you will participate. More than this, I hope you will consider ways that you can break bread spontaneously outside the events and opportunities created for you. Introduce yourself to someone new over cookies at coffee hour. Invite a new member to lunch. Arrange a coffee or beer with someone you’ve been wanting to get to know better. Ask questions that move you past the superficial: What keeps you coming to church when so many people don’t go? What keeps you up at night? What are you hungry for in your life?

What breaks your heart?
What gives you hope?

The theme of the sabbatical is “Companions in Transformation: Meals, Stories, and Our Future” and invites both you and me into our own process of considering our stories and doing so in the context of shared hospitality. As the word “companion” implies, we believe transformation happens when we break bread (pan) with (com) one another. Parker Palmer notes in his class on healing political divides, we cannot solve problems by talking about others who are not in the room. We can only change the global by being transformed on a very local level, on a personal level. And personal transformation happens in relationship, over stories and meals.

Priest and writer Robert Farrar Capon describes this reality in his book The Supper of the Lamb: A culinary reflection, using humor and anecdote to describe the recipes and necessary accoutrement for an ideal dinner party. Capon describes such a meal of lavish hospitality, formality and informality, attire and menu items as echoing the great apocalyptic “supper of the lamb” - a meal set at the end of all things when God has gathered all to his banquet table. Capon describes the incarnation of Christ as having assumed all things human - meaning that God now loves like we do, enjoys the fleshly realities of food and feast and storytelling as we do. So it is at the last, when all things are reconciled, God in Jesus will lift us too in our fleshly realities, to be like Him. All that is created and incarnate will not be lost or dissolve. Capon writes:

“We can, you see, take it with us. It will be precisely because we love Jerusalem enough to bear it in our bones that its textures will ascend when we rise; it will be because our eyes have relished the earth that the color of its countries will compel our hearts forever. The bread and the pastry, the cheeses, the wine, and the songs go into the Supper of the Lamb because we do: it is our love that brings the City home.

There is nothing lost in this great feast. It is a feast that echoes the Eucharist, a place where we find our earthly loves lifted up and all our selves reconciled and united in Christ. So, companion with others here at St. John’s. Break bread together. Share stories of loss and love. Find your life united with his. Be transformed.

I’ll see you in worship, for a little longer. I am praying that you and I will have a true sabbath - a time of rest, restoration, renewal, and that when we come together again, we will have such stories to tell one another, that we will see where God is calling us together next, in mission and in ministry.

Faithfully,
PLANTING AND PLANNING
A THEOLOGY OF PLANNED GIVING

By the Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson

All things come of thee

Every Sunday at the 8 o’clock Eucharist, we conclude the offertory, the moment we collect and receive the gifts and oblations of our life and labor, by saying the words adapted from 1 Chronicles “All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.” These words perfectly summarize the Jewish and Christian belief that God is the source of all that is. There is nothing in existence that came to be without the creating and sustaining power of God. That includes the things we claim as personal belongings and acquired wealth. These things come from God. So, in humility, we offer back to God what was rightfully God’s all along. This giving back is an act of gratitude and a way to train our hearts and minds to acknowledge our place in the cosmos as finite, mortal, and interdependent.

Healing the world

More than this, our giving back is an act of healing the world. Our gifts, faithfully given, are used to further the work of restoration and reconciliation that we, as the body of Christ, are called to be about. We feed hungry mouths and souls, house the homeless, equip others for the work of pastoral care, steward the implements of liturgy and sacred space so that we can worship God in the beauty of holiness, nurture children and adults in the knowledge and love of God, bring healthcare to other lands, and practice the most radical thing we can do in this age of division - share hospitality and stories and relationship with people who may not all be exactly like us. This is where our gifts given in and through the church go to furthering the work of healing the world.

Our gifts are most often and appropriately given in the context of the Eucharist - the liturgy wherein we give thanks and praise to God. But, our gifts require planning and preparation - just as God planned for creation and all that is in it, so our giving back requires great intention and foresight. Each year we plan for the work of the church in our annual Pledge Campaign. We ask each member to consider his or her own gift and how it can help us accomplish the work we’ve been given to do. Another lesser known way that we invite our members to intentionally give a gift is through what is traditionally called “Planned Giving”.

Plants gardens and trees

Theologian and philosopher Søren Kierkegaard writes that “It is quite true what philosophy says: life must be understood backwards. But then one forgets the other principle: that it must be lived forwards.” Planned giving takes seriously the reality of death and invites us to faithfully prepare for our end and live towards it by making plans to provide for God’s mission in the world even after we’re gone. If annual giving represents planting a garden to feed the community, planned giving represents planting trees that will shade and protect that garden and community for many many years. Our prayerbook invites this approach of beginning with the end in mind at the conclusion of the Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child, saying “The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people ...to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.”

An Invitation

St. John’s practices planned giving by willingly accepting planned gifts in a number of different formats including (but not limited to) Life Estates, Charitable Annuities, Remainder Trusts, Retirement Plans, Life Insurance, and much more. In the coming weeks you will be receiving information about St. John’s planned giving program. We invite you to take this opportunity to consider faithfully how God is using St. John’s to further the work of God’s reconciling mission in the world, and how you can be a part of that work long after you are gone. Of course as your rector I or a member of our stewardship committee would welcome speaking with you about your planned gift, and how to ensure it goes to the work we share through this faith community.
By the Rev. Barbara Mraz

I’ve always had a garden. It’s in my blood. My grandfather grew exquisite roses behind his St. Paul home and my dad’s garden featured a little bridge spanning a tuberous begonia patch and also an arbor with pink, white and purple Sweet Peas (my favorite flower) and climbing beans. I favor the old-time blooms: lilacs, peonies, hollyhocks, daisies and, of course, roses.

Whether a garden spans acres or a couple of pots on a balcony, the impulse is the same: to grow things in the soil of the earth, things to eat, things to heal, and things to admire. To participate in a miracle.

Gardening imagery appears frequently in Scripture. We are told that human life begins in a garden, called “Eden,” and while Noah was rounding up pairs of animals for the Ark, I like to think that Mrs. Noah was gathering seeds.

Jesus compared the Kingdom to a mustard seed and spoke a lot about vineyards. He also used flowers to teach important truths: “Consider the lilies; they spin not and neither do they reap, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane shortly before his death. The women at the tomb confuse Jesus with the gardener.

Many flowers are immigrants to this country. For example, early Czech settlers brought lilac bushes with them, and planted them outside their homes; many lilac hedges we see today are older than we are. Daylilies and daisies came from China. The salt spray rose (Rose rugosa) came from a Japanese ship which broke up in a storm off the Massachusetts coast. The rosebushes washed ashore, rooted, and grew.

Gardening can be a consolation in times of peril. The acclaimed English gardener and writer Vita Sackville-West wrote:

Small pleasures must correct great tragedies. Therefore of gardens in the midst of war I boldly tell.

Perhaps she is speaking about the “victory gardens” which sprang up in backyards throughout England during World War II, feeding civilians so that more food from large farms could be sent to the troops.

Gardens teach us about mortality. “To every thing there is a season,” Ecclesiastes tells us, “a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.” Each plant has its life cycle, although sometimes we can “force” blooms early, like the Forsythia branch I have blooming on my windowsill. But none of us can rush spring!

ROOTS & BLOOMS
THE GARDEN AND THE SOUL

Gardening reflects the seasons of our lives: from youth to old age. Sometimes we are the bloom, other times the root, as in this poem by the Native Cherokee poet Marilu Awakta:

MOTHEROOT

Creation often needs two hearts one to root and one to flower One to sustain In times of drouth And hold fast Against winds of pain The fragile bloom That in the glory Of its hour Affirms a heart Unsung, unseen

The Church is a microcosm of this duality. We are rooted in the traditions, stories, and gifts to us of those who have come before us. At our best, we show forth this heritage with glorious blooms of love and service that are our lives now, at this time, in this place.
LEARNING FROM LENT MADNESS

By Ellie Watkins

Every year, the Episcopal resource Forward Movement puts on “Lent Madness.” This online devotion pits 32 saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout the penitential season. It offers a humorous and interactive way to learn about the holy women and men we honor and celebrate. This truly was the “year of the woman”: women made up half the bracket and three of the final “Faithful Four.”

Parishioners Keith Davis and Ailsa Schmidt were Lent Madness “co-champions” at St. John’s: handing out scorecards and updating the bracket in the Gathering Space. Ailsa handled all the online duties, faithfully writing fun Facebook posts for each of the daily matchups.

Keith has been participating in Lent Madness since 2011. “I love the commentary,” he says. “Love clergy with a sense of humor. I also enjoy reading the blog posts of participants explaining their selections, especially one 8-year-old boy. A sense of community forms online, and in our parish. People want to know: who did you vote for?” Parishioners flocked to the scoreboard after Mass to learn how their selection fared or who was facing whom in the upcoming week. A couple visiting from Indianapolis found it so engaging that they signed up and will introduce it to their parish next year.” He adds, “Every year I’m amazed at the stories of these incredible examples of courage, faith, stamina, and strength.”

While every saint in the bracket is inspiring, this year’s winner offers an example that is particularly resonant to us at St. John’s. Deaconess Anna Alexander was the first African-American Deaconess of the Episcopal Church and was a leader and educator in her community. We can see parallels between her work and that of Hallie Quinn Brown, in whose honor our local community center was named. As we continue to strengthen our partnership with them, we can follow Anna’s examples of dedication, love, and the ministry of “being with” those she served.

Deaconess Anna Alexander
(adapted from Lentmadness.org)

Anna was born around 1865 on Saint Simon’s Island in Georgia. Her parents were emancipated slaves who believed in the power of education, and instilled in their daughter a strong belief in the idea that change occurs in the relationships built within our communities.

In 1907, Bishop C.K. Nelson named Anna a deaconess. At that time, it was virtually unheard of for a woman to be recognized as a leader in the church—especially an African-American woman. Her zeal for her fellow brothers and sisters in Christ did not just begin or end at the Altar of God. She walked the talk right out into her community, building a school and educating children who went on to become teachers, nurses, and advocates in their own communities.

Her love established something that the community recognizes it needs more than ever today: how do we love others enough to not just fix things on the surface, but to strive for a change that makes the world a better place? She made a place for her children, assured their future, established a place for women and African Americans in the Episcopal church, and lived the words that Jesus charged to us when he said, “Love one another.”

In just one of the ways we are strengthening our partnership, St. John’s recently held a staff meeting in one of the Hallie Q. Brown Center’s conference rooms. They were able to meet the director, tour the center, and learn about the history of the Rondo neighborhood and the prominent African-American citizens who helped build it.
COME, HOLY SPIRIT

When you come to church on Sunday, May 20, wear red.
Bring your fire sticks, too!
We’ll have symbols of Pentecost for children to use during worship.

By Children, Youth, & Family Minister Jean Hansen

In Godly Play, Pentecost is one of the three great mysteries of our liturgical calendar. The other two are Christmas and Easter. Many people walk right through these mysteries and don’t even realize what’s there. Therefore, we need time to draw close to these mysteries. What can we do to get ready for Pentecost?

Just as the Holy Spirit was given to the Apostles that day, the power of the Holy Spirit was given to each of us in our baptism. Honoring Pentecost in your household helps focus on the gift and the work of the Holy Spirit, which fills us at all times and in all places (not just at church).

To prepare for and practice Pentecost at home, use the symbols of Pentecost, based on the description from Acts: wind and fire. Make your own fire sticks to use on Pentecost and the time after Pentecost to help you remember the power of the Holy Spirit.

Making a Fire Stick

Materials Needed

- A stick, such as a wooden dowel or a stick from outdoors
- Several long pieces of ribbon: red, gold, and orange
- A short piece of ribbon.
- Glue, hot-glue, or other method of fastening the ribbons to the stick.

How To Do It

- Gather your household: consider inviting friends and neighbors, too. Read scripture: Try the passages from Acts 2 or John 14 (see at right).
- Make your fire sticks: Glue or fasten the long pieces of ribbon to one end of the stick. Then use the shorter piece of ribbon to wrap around the glued ends so that everything looks tidy.
- Take your fire sticks outside: Watch the wind bring them to life. Remember that like wind, we cannot see the Holy Spirit, but we constantly see and experience its movement and effects.
- Enjoy: Leave your fire sticks out for the season after Pentecost, which lasts until Advent.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

John 14:15-20

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”
By Jeff Olsen, head of Greeter Ministry

Think back to the last time you visited another church. What was that experience like? Did you feel welcome? Would you go back?

On a trip to Maine, I found an Episcopal Church to worship at for Easter. Prior to church I was greeted warmly by the rector, but after church, as I wandered around the fellowship hall, not a single person came up to say hello, to welcome me, or to offer a means to get more information about the church. I noticed small groups of people talking to each other, and I smiled and walked slowly past them before I went to my car and left. I was hoping to hear some of the history of this lovely church and instead left feeling disappointed.

At St. John’s, we take the ministry of hospitality very seriously. We believe—as our nickname, “Church of the Open Door” indicates—that all are welcome into the body of Christ. We’re called to practice the ministry of hospitality by extending a warm welcome to visitors, sharing our stories with one another at coffee hour, and inviting our visitors to sign our guest book so we can pray for them by name and invite them to join us again next week.

I remember well being greeted and welcomed to the St. John’s community. Even on days when I am not assigned as a greeter, I look for people I don’t recognize and introduce myself to them: “Hello, I don’t believe we’ve met before, my name is …” Using simple words such as this helps me to be the person I had hoped to meet in Maine.

Another way to welcome the stranger is to participate in wearing a name tag at church: before, during and after the service and coffee hour. To help with this, St. John’s has added beautiful magnetic name tag boards to the two closets adjacent to the front doors in the Narthex. This was done under the direction of our Building Committee, especially Julia Ferguson, Jim Johnson, Dusty Mairs, Rick Moore, with a generous donation from Gopher Signs.

If you have not already started using them, please take a peek next Sunday and find your name tag. It may be hanging on the board already, or in the filing box in the left-hand closet. If you don’t see your name tag, please ask a greeter to help you.

Everyone is worthy of being known. Learning each other’s names is a good place to start. In this way, you also can practice the radical act of hospitality to others by being your usual friendly self, wearing a name tag, and reaching out to those you don’t know.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER

Hello, St. John’s! I am Hanna Stenerson, the new Administrative Assistant in the parish office. Most of you probably haven’t had a chance to see me around though, because I am working only on Fridays. I’ve been loving this new community I get to be a part of!

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in December with a Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing Communications and a Minor in Political Reporting. I grew up in the small town of Prescott, Wisconsin – Our claim to fame: grilling the world record longest brat! I met my husband Karl in high school. We have two wonderful and beautiful children. Our daughter Eden is 5 years old and in kindergarten this year. Our son Barrett is 6 months old and full of smiles. We just moved from Prescott to Eagan where we bought our first house. In our free time we like to go hiking and camping in our renovated 1970s pop-up camper.

I feel very blessed and am excited to get to know St. John’s more!
Richard and Paula Day

Richard and Paula have been attending St John’s since November of 2017 and are currently finishing up the Basics Class. They picked St John’s after checking out other churches. They are here because of the music, liturgy, and outreach.

They are relative newlyweds, having been married for just about a year and a half now. Richard was living in Madison and Paula in Eden Prairie when they met via the internet. They clicked and picked a middle-ground location in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood of St. Paul to settle together in.

Richard is a widower and has a married daughter with two teenage children. Paula has two sons from her previous marriage. Richard is retired from medicine, an internist; Paula still works as a media buyer and planner.

Richard knows several languages and Paula several more. Richard plays the organ (they have one in their house!) and enjoys musical performances, while Paula enjoys reading, music, politics, and travel (and her work).

Megan August-Hau and Andrew Kampa

Megan & Andrew are planning to marry in February, 2019. After graduating from Cretin DH, Andrew went to UW-Stout, but decided to move back to St. Paul and found his calling attending Dunwoody College for HVACR Systems Servicing. He is now an HVACR Service Technician.

Megan grew up in St. Paul and spent her early years at St. John’s, leaving to continue her education at U of MN – Morris. She then returned to St. Paul, completing her degree in Social Science at Metro State University. Megan is now a Logistics Program Manager.

Megan and Andrew enjoy spending time outdoors, camping, and relaxing at the lake. When asked if they have a “favorite” part of the liturgy, Andrew mentioned the Homily; Megan enjoys the passing of the Peace.

Mike, Jamie, Louie, and Charlie Bents

Mike and Jamie Bents have a very busy household. Besides two energetic boys— six-year-old Louie and two-year-old Charlie, they both have careers and lots of hobbies.

Mike is a software engineer with Target, having received his MS from St. Thomas. Jamie is a transportation planner, working in Environmental Studies out of Chicago, and is able to work from home.

When not working or tending their boys, you will find Jamie in her potter's studio or with her plants and gardens. She is also very involved in social action campaigns. Mike likes hockey (playing and watching) and is interested in baseball stats.

Their quest for finding a mutual church home has been an interesting one, as their backgrounds are very different. Jamie comes from a Reformed Jewish background in Iowa, while Mike was raised as a WELS Lutheran. While living in Chicago, they gravitated to the Methodist Church, but began looking at the Episcopal Church. After moving to this part of St. Paul, they found St. John’s and feel as though they have found a real fit.
CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME
ST. JOHN’S RECEIVES A GRANT TO HELP RECYCLING

By Eric Odney

In June of 2015 Pope Francis issued his encyclical (letter) titled Laudato Si. The encyclical dealt with many issues but chief among them was a concern for the environment and a “…care for our common home…”.

In 1991 the Episcopal Church General Convention called on “all citizens of the world, and Episcopalians in particular, to live their lives as good stewards with the responsible concern… for the environment” and urged all Episcopalians “to reflect on their personal and corporate habits in the use of God’s creation.”

In a very small and fundamental way, we here at St. John’s can participate in this effort by renewing our commitment to recycling.

A few weeks ago, we applied for and received a grant from BizRecycling (a program of the Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board) for new recycling bins and signage. With this grant, we hope to improve and expand our recycling efforts, and to send less trash to the landfill.

(This also benefits the stewardship of our financial resources, along with our environmental ones. Ramsey County charges a 53% on garbage collection for non-residential customers — but recycling is not taxed!)

Be sure to look for the new bins and signs and “know what to throw.” For example, we can recycle bulletins, inserts, and other paper; and all food containers except Styrofoam. We cannot recycle ceramic dishes and vases, light bulbs, napkins, or plastic bags. “Know What to Throw” guides will be posted around the church, giving the full list of what the county will accept in recycling bins.

We offer our thanks to you for participating, and a prayer that we may be good stewards of God’s creation and our common home!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

May
1 David Borton
2 Todd Johnson
3 Cameron Gemlo
4 Bill Lindeke
5 Jackson Scheel
6 John Kinkaid
7 John Nicholson
8 John MacBain
9 Amelia Brandt
10 Susan McCarthy
11 Maxwell Spencer
12 Ailsa Schmidt
13 Monica Cook
14 Anne Howie
15 Charlie Docherty
16 Elaine Sutton
17 Phyllis Merrill
18 Melissa Ek
19 Jim Johnson
20 Estelle Berger-Thompson
21 John Madsen
22 Andy Olsen
23 Margo Georgeson
24 Richard Brynteson
25 Tony Grundhauser
26 Judy Diedrich
27 Barbara Lindeke
28 Kathy Brown
29 Maren Johnson
30 Samantha Noonan

June
3 Peno Pyne Neepaye
4 Christopher Matter
5 Barbara Sommers
6 Harrison Smith
7 Oliver McInroy
8 Patrick Schmidt
9 Betty Myers
10 Sue MacIntosh
11 Sam Ryan
12 Craig Linderde
13 Betty Myers
14 Laura Holland
15 Cynthia Bronson
16 Steve Thompson
17 Dagan McCann
18 Ed Cook
19 Diane Wallace-Reid
20 Bill Sherfey
21 Rianna Matter
22 Ian Hansen
23 Eva Gemlo
24 Jeff Olsen
25 Patty Voje
26 Genevieve Solid
27 Henry Powers
28 Susie Ragland
29 John Kinkaid
30 Craig Solid

Is your birthday missing or incorrect? Have your address or phone number changed? Log on to My St. John’s (tinyurl.com/mysaintjohns) to update your records.
SERVICE SCHEDULES

USHERS:
May 6: Diane Power, Barbara Lindeke, Kevin Wall
May 13: Patty Byrne Pfalz, Cammie Beattie, Lynn Hertz, Don Weinkauf
May 20: Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff, Gary & Paige Hagstrom
May 27: Alden Drew & Mimie Pollard, Mary & Peter Gilbertson
June 3: Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Sally Sand
June 10: Marv Cadwell, Rick Moore
June 17: Julia Ferguson & Rick Rinkoff
June 24: Patty Byrne Pfalz, Lynn Hertz, Shirley Sailors, Jennifer Frost Rosendale
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May 13: Judy Stack, Alice Johnson, Don Weinkauf
May 20: Josh Colton, Chris Matter, Diane Wallace-Reid
May 27: Jennifer Kinkead, Brad Parsons, Jamie Van Etten
June 3: Don Postema & Gabrielle Lawrence, Sally Sand
June 10: Mary Ann Mason, Jennifer Frost Rosendale & Peter Rosendale
June 17: Barbara Lindeke, Judy Southwick, Diane Wallace-Reid
June 24: Gabrielle Lawrence, Eric Odney, Judy Stack
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May 13: Keith Davis  June 10: Linnea Krall
May 20: Bill Sherfey  June 17: Keith Davis
May 27: Pyne Neepaye  June 24: Bill Sherfey
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May 6: Jill & John Thompson
May 13: Sister Julian Smith-Boyer & group
May 20: The Conklin-Docherty Family
May 27: open, volunteer needed
June 3: Kathy Brown
June 10: Wavenley Bishop
June 17: Ellie Watkins
June 24: Paul & Barb Tani
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May 13: Roan Weinkauf, Charlie Docherty, Maren Johnson, Tessa Johnson
May 20: Linnea Krall, Sabine Krall, Will Rinkoff, Thomas Rinkoff
May 27: Madeline Jacobs, Maggie Baxter
June 3: Thea Bischof
June 10: Matt Brooks
June 17: Will Rinkoff
June 24: Maren Johnson
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ALTAR GUILD: Diane Power, Altar Guild Coordinator (powerdianep@gmail.com)
May 6: Diane’s team  May 20: Colleen’s team
May 13: Dusty’s team  May 27: Terri’s team
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READERS:  Bob Linehan,
Reader & Verger Coordinator (rlinehan@gmail.com)
May 6: 8am Marshall Smith
May 13: 8am Jay Debertin
May 20: 8am Sister Julian Smith-Boyer
May 27: 8am Joan McCanna
June 3: 8am Bob Linehan
June 10: 8am Jay Debertin
June 17: 8am Sister Julian Smith-Boyer
June 24: 8am Marshall Smith
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Please Rush—Dated Material

Hosanna in excelsis!
Palm Sunday worship began with an outdoor procession of noisemakers and song.