

## A word from the Vicar

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"O God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life giving spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen"

We are an Easter people. Being Easter people means we live in the freedom that comes from knowing we are loved by God. It is not an abstract, warm, fuzzy feeling kind of love. It is love that is backed with power and strength, the same power and strength that defeated everything that is not of God. When we find ourselves thrashing around in the muck and mire of bad choices or unexpected circumstances, we can trust that God is present. We can rely on God's guidance and we can expect that God will provide the gifts we need. Over the next fifty days

we will hear stories written by those first Christians who themselves were amazed at what had been made possible. Over and over again, through the power of God, they saw lives transformed and discovered new ways to live faithfully in a time of strife and confusion. God was present at every turn. Peter found his voice. Thomas found his trust. The body of Christ grew exponentially. Today, we are just as human and fraught with fear as they were and we have the same charge as they did--to represent Christ and his Church. May we follow their example as we

continue to serve  
courageously and live  
faithfully.

Blessings,




## The Senior Warden

As you may recall last month I wrote Part I of a two part series on the former Calgary Protestant Episcopal Church in Townville, PA.

As mentioned in Part I the CPE Church in Townville was admitted to convention in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on June 15, 1870. Bishop Kerfoot, who was the Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh at the time, appointed Rev. G. W. Lewis of Corry to take charge of the CPE. He traveled by train to Tryonville and was met by some members of Mr. Rose's family. Rev. Lewis held services on Thursday evenings twice a month. After Rev. Lewis no longer provided services, there was a lengthy list of ministers who conducted services on occasion i.e. Rev. Henry Purdon, who was Rector at St. James from 1862-1898! There were a few years when no minister was available to conduct services. In order to keep the doors open to the Church, the attention focused on Sunday School work. During the Christmas season of 1864 a Christmas tree was displayed in the vestry room. Many of the presents were handmade by Mrs. Eliza Rose and her daughters.

In 1910 the Diocese of Erie was established. Roger Isreal, former rector at Meadville was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Erie. Bishop Isreal was very interested in the CPE Church. In 1914 Rev. Albert Broadhurst, Rector of St. James in Titusville, supplied services on Sunday afternoons at

CPE. Rev. Broadhurst was accompanied by the choir from St. James as well as several parishioners who supplied transportation for the choir. Upon Rev. Broadhurst's retirement from St. James in 1947, he moved near Townville and continued to serve CPE on Sunday evenings during the summer months. Rev. Broadhurst died in 1966. The information I have states that no services were held at CPE after Rev. Broadhurst's death. I discovered through conversations with Eda Scales and Vic Kinnunen there were services held at CPE after the death of Rev. Broadhurst. Vic recalled two Episcopal ministers from Christ Episcopal Church in Meadville provided services on occasion at CPE. In fact, Vic filled in for one of the ministers at CPE when the assigned minister was not available for the scheduled service.

Here is some additional information about items in the CPE and whom they are in memory of. The Baptismal Font is in memory of Rev. S. Lord, who was a minister from the Meadville Episcopal Church. The Deacon Bench is in memory of Peter Rose, who was Sr. Warden from 1867-1882. There is a kneeler in front of the church in memory of Eliza Rose wife of Peter Rose. The altar was dedicated in memory of Rev. Maycock in 1884. He provided services at CPE. There are several stain glass windows in the church. One of the windows was given by St. Stephens S.S. in New

Hartford, NY. Another one of the windows is in memory of Ann T. Costa given by the Girls of the S.S. of Christ Church, Philadelphia, PA. There is letter in the Narthex from the PA Historical & Museum Commission that states the church and its contents have been evaluated by the staff and determined worthy of inclusion as a historic place. The letter was addressed to the then owners of the CPE Mr. and Mrs. James Gillette, Freemont St., Townville. The Gillette's lived next to the church for several years. The church has been owned by a few Townville families. The current owners are Wilbur & Gladys Graybill.

A note of interest re: the graveyard at CPE. When I first began my work there, you could not read the names, dates of birth & death of those buried there. You can now read the information on each headstone. With the help from a couple friends we cleaned-up around the headstones, raked leaves, used a chain saw to cut limbs, etc. Even though the cemetery is small it looks respectful and peaceful. As I went about my work at the CPE, I couldn't help but think of those faithful parishioners who are buried there.

Love,

*Nani*

# NEWS to share

## SOUP KITCHEN

In the Baptismal Covenant, two promises we make are especially meaningful to those who serve at the Soup Kitchen on Tuesdays. 'Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?' And 'Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?' Preparing and hosting a meal every week for one hundred plus people of diverse background and experiences presents challenges and opportunities to our living into our Baptismal Covenant. Add to that mix, twenty volunteers with various opinions and

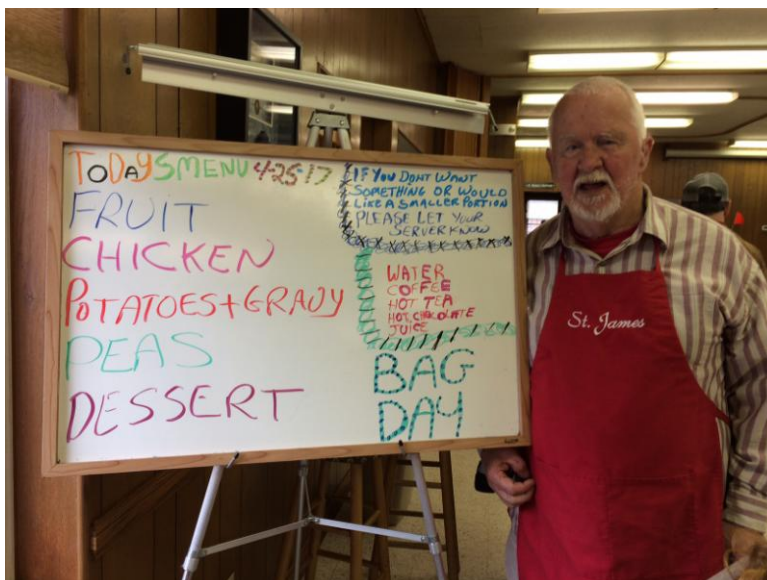
expectations, situations occasionally arise that cause us to pause and ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" or WWJD. Living into our Baptismal Covenant is not hypothetical but is played out in real time every Tuesday. Serving Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor, and respecting the dignity of every human being are not always easy but the spiritual rewards are always great. God has truly blessed the Soup Kitchen by providing an abundance of food for our Titusville community, providing the willing hands to serve and giving us abundant opportunity for spiritual growth as individual children of God and as a church.

Next Bag Day food give out -- May 9 and 23. Barb Ives visit to help with VA, SSA, Medicare and Housing questions -- May 2 and 16. A limited number of grocery store gift certificates are available for those with food emergencies.

Meals served in March -- 465  
Food bags given out -- 116  
Meals served in April -- 553  
Food bags given out -- 147

Submitted by

Eda Scales



Gene Brown  
prepares the menu  
board every week  
at Soup Kitchen.

## Youth headed to EYE

Congratulations are in order for AJ Scott and Andrew Scott. They have been selected to be part of our diocesan delegation to the Episcopal Youth Event. EYE is a triennial gathering of hundreds of youth from throughout the Episcopal Church. EYE17 will be held on July 10-14, 2017 on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK in partnership with the Diocese of Oklahoma. The theme of the gathering is *Path to Peace*. "Path to Peace represents both the inward and outward actions

we are called to engage as members of the Jesus Movement," explained Bronwyn Clark Skov, Presiding Bishop's Staff Officer for Youth Ministry.

We are very pleased that they were accepted and the Bishop's Committee is in full support of their participation. Please keep them in your prayers. We will keep you updated as more details are available.



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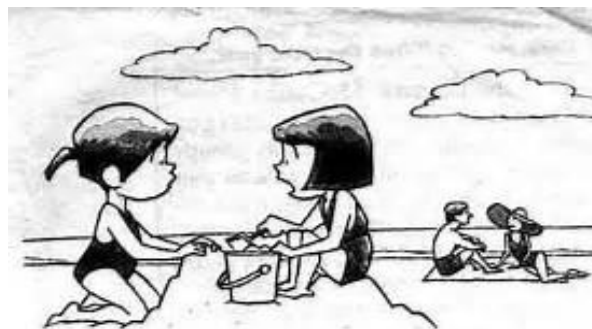
## From "A New Dictionary for Episcopalians" The Rev. John N. Wall, Jr.

**Communicant:** A *communicant* of the Episcopal Church is a member who has received Holy Communion in the church at least three times in the past year. An *adult communicant* is someone who meets the basic requirement and who is also sixteen years of age or older. A *communicant in good standing* is one who has received Holy Communion at least three times ("unless for good cause prevented") and who has also been "faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God." One must be a communicant in good standing to be eligible for election to the vestry or mission committee. All parishes and missions are required to keep rosters of their members and communicants. See **member**.

**Member, Membership:** Because the church is both the Body of Christ and a very human institution which has to

care about membership numbers, the definition of what makes one a member of the Episcopal Church has recently undergone change. At one time, only those who had been confirmed by an Episcopal bishop could receive communion. Those who had been baptized as Episcopalians were members of the church but were not communicants until they were confirmed. Those baptized in non-Episcopal churches were considered Christians but not Episcopalians until they were confirmed by an Episcopal bishop (or received into the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches). Recently, however, we have recovered the full implications of Baptism as the full rite of initiation into the Body of Christ. The institutional consequences of this are still being worked out, and consultation with the rector or vicar is recommended. At the moment, however, a member of the Episcopal Church is one who has been baptized by water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit in the

Episcopal Church or in another Christian church and whose Baptism has been duly recorded in the Episcopal Church. An Adult member is a member sixteen years of age or older. The Episcopal Church also expects that its adult members will have made, after appropriate instruction a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities and promises made by or for them at Baptism and have been confirmed or received by a bishop of the Episcopal Church or a church in communion with the Episcopal Church (such as another member church of the Anglican communion). Members who have received Holy Communion at least three times in the past year are also considered communicants. See **communicant**.



"I'm never having kids. I hear they take nine months to download."

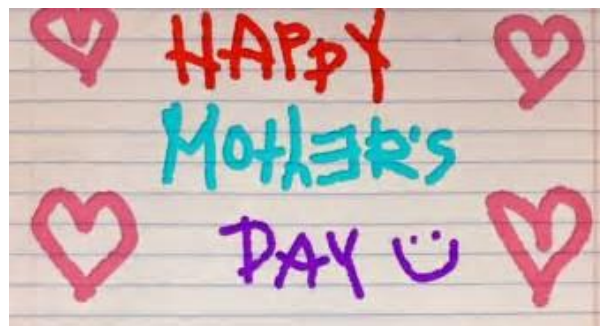


## Liturgical Participants' Schedule

	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	LECTOR	EM	USHERS	COFFEE
May 7	Patty Butler	Aaron Scott Briana Ives Virginia Ives	Barb Davidson	Dona Clendenin	Barry and Lisa Kellogg	
May 14	Patty Butler	AJ Scott Adeline Hartshorne Ave Hartshorne	Terry Kerr	Randy Galmish	Mark Conrad Dave Gagnon	
May 21	Carol Courtwright	Andrew Scott Kylee Propheter Ava Hartshorne	Jan Carr	Eda Scales	Jan Carr Nancy Brown	
May 28	Carol Courtwright	Noni Stanford Seth Propheter Kylee Propheter	Dave Gagnon	AJ Scott	Clyde and Carol Courtwright	

### COUNTERS

**May 7:** Dave Gagnon-Richard Orner  
**May 14:** Lynn Gagnon- Terry Kerr  
**May 21:** Kenny Beatty- Noni Stanford  
**May 28:** Lori Powell- Dave Gagnon



# MAY

## CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:30am H.E. 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter	8 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	9 Noon – Soup Kitchen Youth Christian Education 3:30pm  7:00pm- AA	10 Choir Practice 7:00pm	11 5:30 Adult Education	12	13
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28 10:30am H.E. 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter	29 Memorial Day Office Closed  Girl Scouts 6:00pm	30 Noon – Soup Kitchen  Youth Christian Education 3:30pm 7:00pm – AA	31 Choir Practice 7:00pm			

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