

Sunday, Apr 28

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 am Centering Prayer
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am Sunday School

Sunday's Bulletin

Upcoming Week

Apr 30 - 8:30 am Morning Prayer
1:30p VBS Crafts

May 1 - 8:30 am Morning Prayer
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II
6:45 pm Choir Rehearsal

May 2 - 8:30 am Morning Prayer
1:30p VBS Crafts
3:30 pm Chair Yoga

May 4 - 9 am Food Pantry

A Message from the Vestry



The Fragile State of Faith

A couple of weeks ago, your vestry members gathered for dinner as a retreat and orientation for new members. Fr. Hill kept us all on task with a number of pointed questions divided between new and seasoned members of the vestry.

Questions like "what did you enjoy or dislike as an old member" and "what do you expect or advice you might want as a new vestry member".

My suggestion for new members was not to wait until the last minute to prepare your message of the E-dove. Madison is texting me now.

For the most part, I have enjoyed my time on the vestry. Mostly it is rewarding, but sometimes a little work. I have gained a much better understanding of what it really takes to keep the business of the Church and congregation going. It is similar, yet at the same time very different from my work life. Money and budgeting are pretty much the same everywhere, but how it is generated may differ. And the day-to-day operations or processing of tasks are handled way differently.

What stuck out to me while we were answering Fr. Hill's questions was the fragility of the operations of Holy Comforter. What I mean by that is so much is done on faith. Not with demand, goals, or material compensation. We are so very dependent upon the volunteerism of one another. Things just seem to get done around here. I have never heard "that's not my job".

The kitchen gets cleaned, fridges get fixed, ushers and greeters cover for one another. Have you ever taken wine from a dirty chalice when some folks from the alter guild were sick? And the show always goes on in the choir even without filling all the seats.

Who mows the grass and returns all these kids safely from Sunday school? Wet floors get wiped up, squeaky doors get a shot of WD-40, and broken coffee makers just seem to start working again. You get the picture.

Maybe I should not be surprised but be grateful. To which I am, and this is a sincere thank you. I should also remember this when I cannot make it on time to usher or out of town when it is my turn to lockup. By the way, who cleans my apron in the kitchen?

Your Brother,
Sterling

Children's Ministry

Feeling Crafty?

The VBS team could use your help with insects!

We're talking fireflies, bees, butterflies and such. Our theme is the great outdoors and we need to make it happen. No fine arts skills required.

Simple materials and tools include glue sticks, scissors, construction paper, markers, maybe some cardboard, etc. All are provided.

If you want to have fun and unleash your creative potential, this is your opportunity. **We'll be in the VBS workroom Tuesday, April 30 and Thursday May 2 at 1:30.**

Come see us!

Questions? Contact [Lisa Peerson](#) or [Julianne Chester](#).

Oh, did I mention there will be snacks?

The Vine & the Branches

Jesus likened himself to a vine and his followers as branches to the vine.

This was to help people understand that they needed the vine to grow and bear fruit, or to do good deeds. Without a vine, branches would have no way to get nourishment or support.

Unlike farmers - who plant a crop and then after it matures harvests and tills the remains into the soil - grape growing is quite different. The vinedresser takes great care in pruning away the branches that do not produce fruit, making way for those which do. The vinedresser also prunes the ones that produce fruit so that their fruit is even bigger and juicier.

Just like the vinedresser is diligent, loving and attentive in caring for his vineyard, so too is Jesus in our lives.



Nursery Re-Opening

May 5, 2024 @ 9am

Join us in welcoming Arianna Brinson to the Holy Comforter family! We are excited to open the nursery and foster the love for Jesus in our little hearts.

Every Sunday, starting May 5th, the Nursery will be open from 9a to 12p.

Joke: How did Joseph make his coffee?

Riddle: I am always running, but never get tired or hot. What am I?

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