

APRIL 2025

## St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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# The Epistle to the Elizabethans

## A WORD FROM FR. NORM.....



So what now?

We are about to finish Lent and enter the Holy Week preceding Easter. Our Lenten journey began when ashes are placed on our forehead with the words, "remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." This began our six week preparation time of getting ready for Holy Week. Beginning with the Palm Sunday liturgy and receiving of palms we started in on the journey that would eventually bring us to the cross of Christ and his death.

Remembering our roots in the Seder meal and finally getting past the dark time of standing at the foot of the cross while we watch an innocent man die for our sins. We are able to bring the new light into the church with the celebration of the Easter Vigil on Saturday night.

Finally, we get to the joy and colors of Easter as we gather once again on Easter morning and await with anticipation the Easter story when the sun will rise proclaiming the risen Christ. What an experience it is when the sun returns in the morning after the darkness of night has past. But then, I ask the question, "what now"?

Each year we see many faces that we don't normally see around the church. Each year people come together in anticipation of this new experience with hopeful hearts in the Resurrection of Christ. Each year many walk away disappointed because they were not able to find what they were looking for. It was the same way even in Jesus day. The disciples went back to the upper room and hid in the darkness for fear the Romans might find them and they would receive the same fate Jesus did. The women couldn't find him at the grave and felt they had lost Jesus forever. Such disappointment seems to accompany Easter every Year.

Yet along with Mary, many do hear the voice raised about the waves of the ocean that ask the question, "whom do you seek?" This voice for many is accompanied by a recognition that He is alive and not dead as we thought. Suddenly it all makes sense. The gift of the Resurrection for all who believe is eternal life.

A life that will be spent with Christ in the Kingdom prepared for all of us. What a wonderful Easter that is when we can see the true colors and glory of the Easter season. All is not lost but all is gained.

I return to the question I opened with and ask "what now"? For many it will be a time to return to our homes and wait for the next Easter in hopes that we receive what we are looking for. For some of us it means that the glory of Easter asks us to serve and love. We are called to go forth and share the story of Easter with all we shall meet. Just as Mary returned to the disciples to tell them he is not dead but alive. We should be prepared to share our own experience with others.

God has a plan and ministry for all of us to fulfill in this season. When we ask the question "what now" may our answer be, now I will serve God with all my heart, soul, and mind. I pray you all have a blessed Easter season.

*Fr. Norman +*

April Birthdays		April Anniversaries	
Dorothy Gurka	1	Jack & Rita Shepard	14
Valerie Nubi Collins	5	Michael & Michele Colangeli	20
George Powell	6	John & Kelly Dixon	22
Finn Grimison	8	Deacons Bob & Carolyn Quinnell	25
Elaine Kirkcaldy	9	Larry & Phyllis Thomas	28
Paul Trickett	9		
Deacon Bob Quinnell	11		
Laurel Matthews	12		
Dominic Adams	13		
Dalton Tyre	16		
Dylan Kapp	18		
Sheila Robinson	19		
Lloyd Thomas	19		
Martha Harris	21		
Marie Berg	22		

## EASTER FLOWERS



Would you like to make a dedication or in memory of someone for Easter? Please submit your Easter Flower envelope **no later than Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday)**

We are collecting CANDY for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 20th (Easter Sunday) after the 10:00am service. Please bring your CANDY in by April 13th (Palm Sunday) and place in kitchen. **Thank you for your donation!**



<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	April 13th	8:00am/10:00am
<b>MAUNDAY THURSDAY</b>	April 17th	7:00pm ~ <i>Stripping of the Altar</i>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	April 18th	Noon ~ <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	April 20th	8:00am/10:00am

# APRIL 2025

## Church Picnic Sunday, April 27, 2025

Immediately following the 10:00am Rite II service  
One service on this day. Volunteers are needed.  
See bulletin board for more details & sign up sheets.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - VBS is coming **July 14-18** for all kids in Grades K-8. Volunteers are needed! Please see bulletin board for Volunteer sign up! More details will follow at a later date!

**THANK YOU TO ALL** who helped to feed the Clients at The Source on March 31st. We served almost 40 people and we were able to provide them with enough food left over for breakfast on Monday. It is a joy to be able to pray and show God's love to the many clients that gathered.

**Chrissie Grimison**

### *DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ~ Service of Admission*



Congratulations to Judy Delz & Amanda Watson ( *new daughters of the DOK* )  
Sarah Kelley - *Rededicated*

*A message from our Sr. Warden, Denise Bersos... Ephesians 4:15-16*

Speaking the truth in love we must grow up in every way into him who is the head into Christ from whom the whole body joined. Knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped as each part is working properly promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. The Vestry has been meeting, praying, and working together as we search for a new Pastor for St Elizabeth's. We have joked about finding a "mini-me-Fr. Norm." Each Vestry member has the body of St. Elizabeth's in mind as we assimilated question for the candidates. The surveys you filled out and returned have helped us keep our focus as to what is important to you. The Vestry held there first zoom interview on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Canon Dan Smith, Canon Ellis Brust & Fr. Norm are in contact with us and guiding us from the outside. Deacon Lori, Deacons Bob & Carolyn are with the Vestry every step of the way with their expertise and have proven once again to be indispensable. We have a rock foundation that we are building on because of all of you. Please continue to pray and do the work Jesus has called us to do as we find our new Priest. God Bless you all!

*A message from our Jr. Warden, Guy McKenzie*



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**



I would like to send out a big HUG and THANK YOU to all our Volunteers who made St. Patrick's Day dinner, which was held on Saturday, March 15th a huge success. Good food and entertainment was enjoyed by everyone.

***Maintenance & Grounds Crew***

A big THANK YOU to all our Maintenance/Grounds crew who spend many long hours maintaining our grounds and buildings. We are in the process of improving our "curb appeal". This ministry, as well as all ministries at St. Elizabeth's, is always looking for volunteers. If anyone has the time, talents and a "nudge" in our direction to help out, please come see me or any Vestry member. We can help get you to the right person for each ministry.

## Tithes, Gifting, Donations and Endowment Funds

### Where does it go?

St. Elizabeth's is supported by your pledged tithes and Sunday plate offerings. The projected operating expenses for this year are almost \$3600 a week. Many prayers and many checks support the mission and ministries of our church. The details are listed on the posted Annual Budget and further explained at the Annual Meeting in January.

### Directed Donations

Elizabethans also make donations for specific purposes specifying how the money is used. Examples include Initial Offering Envelopes, Altar Flowers, VBS, building improvement projects or outreach ministries like Quarterly Quarters and Helping Hands or the Endowment Fund. Specify on your check or in a letter how you would like the money to be applied. If the money is not spent or applied in the current year the funds will be carried over to the next year.

### Gift Acceptance Policies

St. Elizabeth's has a gift acceptance policy regarding special and designated gifts. If a donor specifies a purpose for the gift **“the Vestry will guarantee that the funds will be used according to the donor's wishes”**. Bequests with St. Elizabeth's as beneficiary go to the General Endowment Fund unless the Rector or Senior Warden request an exception.

Donations naming St. Elizabeth's Endowment Fund are automatically transferred to the Endowment Fund. If given for a specific purpose, the assets will be placed within an appropriate sub-fund of the Endowment Fund if the gift is accepted (*restrictions apply*).

### Endowment Income

Annual income from the General Endowment Fund is available to fund outreach, ministries, scholarships and capital improvements, but not for normal operating expenses. We currently do not have any Restricted Endowment Funds designating other purposes. In event of an emergency, as defined by the Vestry, additional distributions from the General Endowment Fund may be made under special conditions. In this manner the General Endowment Fund acts as an Emergency Fund.

*Bill Curtis*