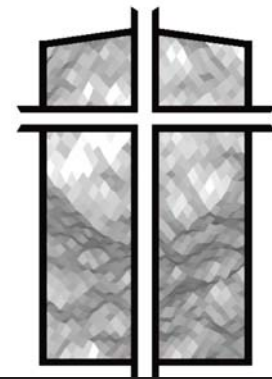


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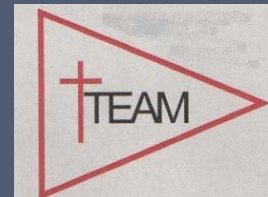
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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



Sunday, December 1	First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 8	Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.
Holiday Brunch	(following service)
Sunday, December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.
Greening of the Church	(after service)
Sunday, December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist	9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25	Christmas Day
Holy Eucharist	9:30 a.m.



Please remember

T.E.A.M.

Suggestion:

- Instant potatoes,
- Rice/Dry Noodles.
- Stuffing Mix,
- Canned Vegetable,
- Stew , Chicken,
- Dry Gravy Mixes
- Protein Bars



December 13th and January 17th at 12:00 p.m. will be the next *Friday Lunches*. Please sign-up. The sheet is available on the table outside Tudor Hall.)

Thanksgiving Note from the Bishop-elect,
The Rev. Deon Johnson



November 27, 2019

Dear Friends in the Diocese of Missouri,

Author Anne LaMott says that there are three types of prayer, “help, thanks and wow.” Since the election on Saturday I have at some point prayed each prayer in turn. “Wow” has been most frequent. My family and I have been overwhelmed by the prayers, well wishes, support, and love we have received from members of the Diocese and around the world.

My 14-year-old self could not have dreamed or imagined this day. I am more keenly aware of the great cloud of witnesses -our spiritual ancestors- who sacrificed and gave of themselves over time, to make this possible. Our God is truly a wonder-working God!

As you are gathering with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, I am so very thankful for you, and your witness to God’s abiding love in calling me to serve with you as the Eleventh Bishop of Missouri. The Holy Spirit has brought us all to this day for such a time as this and I am grateful to the Search, Transition, and Standing Committees for their gracious hospitality, careful preparation, and loving-kindness along this journey.

I am especially thankful for the leadership of Bishop Wayne and the Christ-centered willingness of Stacey and George and their families in offering themselves to the process of discernment and discovery.

You have inspired me in countless ways along this journey and I am convinced that God will continue to move us from strength to strength, as together we seek to follow Jesus. Know that I am holding you in my prayers.

My husband Jhovanny and I, along with our family, are excitedly looking forward to being with you in the New Year as we continue the holy work of transition.

May God continue to richly bless and keep in all ways and a happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Deon K. Johnson

Convention Address 2019 - Friday, November 22, 2019

The Rt. Rev. George Wayne Smith

I think that the theme of this Convention is about bishops, and more to the point it is about electing a bishop, and to make it local, it is about electing an 11th bishop for Missouri. And I need to begin by recognizing those who have labored long and hard to bring us to this moment. Search and Nomination Committee, chaired by Deborah Nelson-Linck. (Would all committee members stand.) Transition Committee, chaired by Jane Klieve.

The Standing Committee, who have appointed these committees and overseen their work. Dawn-Victoria Mitchell is president. And Standing Committee members, please stand. My staff, who have stood in the background but made everything work. The best staff that I have ever had. And I express my gratitude to Stacey Fussell, Deon Johnson, and George Smith, who have given themselves over to this arduous and very public work of discernment, as we choose the 11th bishop of Missouri.

Wherever in the world Anglicans have gone, we have taken three things with us. Bible, Prayer Book, and bishops. I used to carry a Bible and a Prayer Book with me, everywhere I would go. Paper copies, between covers. I serve on the Church-Wide Task Force for Revising the Book of Common Prayer, and I think that it is fair to say that we will likely update that list to say that Episcopalians take two things with us, wherever we go: Bishops. And smart phone.

I carry the Greek Testament, the Hebrew Bible, about a hundred English translations, and every Prayer Book in the American lineage right here. We will continue to have a standard for Common Prayer in our Church. It might not ever be published between boards again. Such is the state of technology. But the standard will remain.

Remember that a revolutionary technology made possible this thing called Anglicanism in the first place, the moveable-type printing press, and the printing of many Bibles, and Prayer Books. The technology shaped our way of being Christian. I still carry the Bible and the Prayer book with me. Everywhere I go. Thanks to this revolutionary technology.

The Anglican way of being Christian is first of all radically incarnational. More so than it is technological. Incarnation provides the lens through which we make sense out of bishops and Bibles and Prayer Books. The Word of God who is none other than God has become flesh—this stuff—and has dwelt among us. That truth endlessly fascinates us. And marks how we believe. Our Anglican way is bookish, yes, intellectual and thoughtful, yes, because of those books and devices we carry with us.

But even more so, we look to what is human, and struggle to be humane, and look toward what is personal, between and among people. We confess belief in a three-personed God. Let me give you an example about how incarnation works itself out in the common life of our Church.

I have been ordained long enough to remember a time when ordained women were rare and exotic. And it was easy for Episcopalians to oppose the idea of women's ordination, because women priests were not much to be seen. Some people made more-or-less plausible arguments against ordaining women. While many of us argued in favor of it.

And then the Church actually began to ordain women. And more women. People started knowing ordained women. The arguments were no longer theoretical, but flesh-and-blood human beings among us. Whom we loved. And disagreed with. And depended upon for the work of pastor and priest. The incarnation matters to us more than theory alone. Oh, we are about ideas, but we really like them to come to us in the flesh.

Another example. We don't have an Episcopal Racial Reconciliation day, despite that being a priority in our Church's life. But we do keep Martin Luther King's birthday. And the anniversary of his martyrdom.

A flesh and blood human being, deeply flawed, spectacular witness. Who showed up once in this place, and preached from that pulpit. People and not just theory, not just ideas. That is our way of being Christian.

Any cleric who has worn clerical garb and walked, unannounced, into a ICU waiting room, has certainly felt the temperature change in the place. Who we are and what we represent in that setting absolutely matters. That's incarnation at work. Again.

So we don't shy away from investing our best dreams about the faith in flesh-and-blood people, who I invariably disappoint. At our best, whenever we disappoint or are disappointed, we pick up the pieces and give it another go. So we give our ordained leaders audacious names. Servant. Prophet. Priest. Teacher. Pastor. Heir to the apostles.

A Baptist theology teacher of mine once said that the scandal of Anglicanism is that those people (that would be us) actually believe that the Church is the Body of Christ. And he was right about scandal, because the Church ultimately disappoints. But we are not going to give up on what we believe is God's project for us and among us. Who chooses a body, this body, to re-present Christ to the world. With our myriad imperfections, that is a scandal.

So we also don't just have a theology of an apostolic Church. We put our best dreams about being heirs to the apostles upon people called bishops. We personalize the Church, whenever we pray for our bishops. Don't get me wrong. Bishops do not have a corner on the Church's apostolicity. But we are to embody that quality so clearly, that believers might thereby recognize that all the baptized are heirs to the apostles.

The Western Church customarily has named its bishops after the diocese whom they serve. That's how personal it gets. It has fallen out of practice. Not in England, not in some other places in our Communion. So closely identified can be bishop and people that a naming me Wayne Missouri is not absurd.

Imagine whomever we elect to be our bishop as someone who will belong to this place, specifically, irreducibly. We do not elect bishops-in-general but for a specific place, in an exact time, among a people with gifts and limitations that cannot be replicated. We are going to elect a bishop for Missouri. Not some generic bishop, to fill in the blank and serve anywhere.

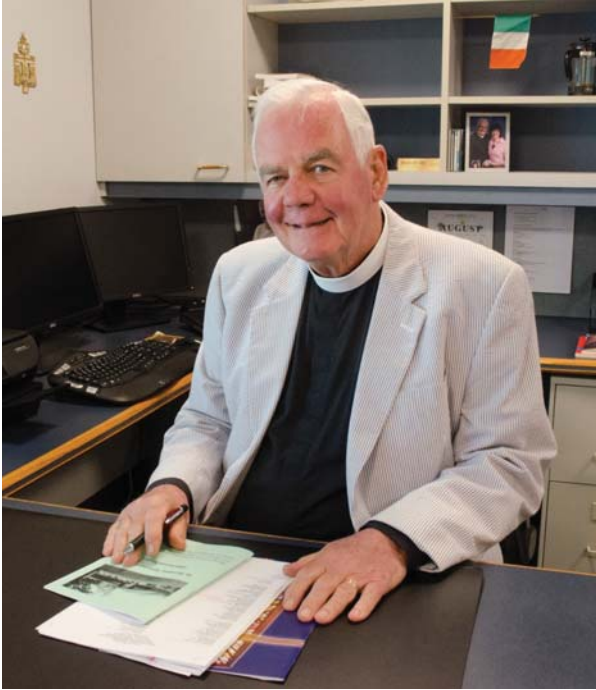
People will mess up, and the bishop will mess up. We are not thereby allowed to give up. But pray for the grace to pick up again, and give it another go. In some quarters of our Church, it has become all the rage to show disappointment and even contempt toward bishops in general. Perhaps it is because we bishops disappoint so often, and there is impatience with giving it another go.

You, dear people of God, have not treated me this way. I have disappointed you. You have disappointed me. But I think that we have had the grace to shake ourselves off, whenever this has happened, and go again. I do not say such a thing for sentimental purposes. But to encourage you to expect the same grace, when it comes to the 11th Bishop of Missouri.

And more: despite a countervailing narrative, the House of Bishops in our Church is in a better place than I have ever seen it. It is a different place than the community that I joined in 2002. Mutual respect is real. Finger-wagging is not the done thing. Morale is high. Laughter is more common than pedantic tones.

This is crucial for me to say: The newest bishops among us are the ones leveraging the greatest change. Expect that from your new bishop. Expect it soon. For the season allows no dilly-dallying. The Church is changing even as I speak. I have been blessed to be a bishop for Missouri. Not among some theoretical people, but with this people. Who have challenged me and maybe even helped shape me into the person whom God has in mind. Fallible, God-shaped human beings that we are, I have found among you a season of grace. For which I give thanks.

The Rev. Michael Dunnington Priest-in-Charge



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

We have now begun the Advent countdown to Christmas. Unlike Lent, Advent is not so much a penitential season as it is a season of preparation, waiting, and watching. With the Incarnation of God's Son at

Christmas, God was doing something new and totally unexpected. Having reached out to us struggling humans by way of covenants and prophets, God decided that the best way to reach us was to actually become one of us and live with us on this earth. That really is new and unexpected.

So I invite you to prepare your hearts and minds to receive our Incarnate Lord once again at Christmas by waiting, watching, and listening during the darkened days of Advent.

The Christmas season quickly gives way to the Epiphany season, which begins officially on January 6. "Epiphany" means "manifestation," and the season presents us with several episodes of Jesus being "manifested" to different groups as the Messiah, the Incarnate Lord. It's also a season of Light, as we begin to move back out of the dark time of winter.

I pray that, with the arrival of Christmas, each of us will come to an ever newer and deeper relationship with our loving God in Jesus.

Peace,
The Rev. Michael+

Message from the Senior Warden



Dennis Haefner

It may seem as if the Vestry is not doing much with regards to the future of the Parish. In my September Salter article I mentioned that many changes occurring for our Parish as well within the Diocese and that we were essentially resetting the process. You may recall the Reverend Canon Doris Westfall, who is the Interim Canon to the Ordinary visited us on October 3rd. The Vestry met with Rev. Canon Westfall after the service to discuss the future of St. Barnabas.

We discussed our current situation regarding numbers of members, facility needs, financial, situation and our desire for a part time priest as that is what we are able to afford. I felt the discussion was very uplifting. Although we are a small Parish we are still doing great things both spiritually for our membership and for the community. During that conversation she enlightened us on the current shortage of available Clergy within the Episcopal Church. This is no secret. She spoke on that topic at a recent Clergy conference held in October of this year. There are more positions open than there are Clergy or Clergy coming out of Seminary. This is not unique to the Episcopal Church. Google “clergy shortage” and you will find what appears to be an endless list of articles on the subject. The Clergy shortage specifically applies to part time which may Parishes find themselves needing as we do. We also discussed that the typical protocols for placing Clergy in positions has changed in some situations. The Diocese is taking a more active role assisting with that process.

Reverend Canon Westfall also presented us with an opportunity. She has a part time candidate who will be available mid-year 2020. The Vestry will review the candidate’s information at our next meeting and begin discussions.

As the year comes to a close I would like to thank all of you for your support this past year. It is hard to comprehend we are turning the decade and it will be 2020. I feel that we continue to thrive in caring for each other and reaching out as best we can to the community. May you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Your Friend,
Dennis Haefner, Sr. Warden

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 First Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Vestry Meeting	2 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	3 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th)	4	5	6 7:00 a.m.- 4 p.m. ECW Craft Fair Set-up	7 7:00 a.m.- 4 p.m. ECW CraftFair 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
8 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Holiday Brunch to follow	9 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	10 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th)	11 10:00 a.m. ECW (th)	12	13 12:00 p.m. Parish Lunch, FH	14 8:30 a.m. Croppettes (th) 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
15 Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Greening of the Church to follow	16 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	17 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th)	18	19 6:30 p.m. Bunco (th)	20 11:00 a.m. La- dies Bridge Group (th)	21 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance 6:30 p.m. Gourmet Group (off-site)
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Service	23 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th) 9:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist	25 Merry Christmas Office Closed 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	26 Office Closed	27 Annual Reports Due	28 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
29 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed				

JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Office Closed Happy New Year			9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
5	6	7	8	9	0	11
8:15 a.m. Christian Education 9:00 a.m. Choir 10:00 a.m. Feast of the Epiphany Holy Eucharist	7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th)	9:30 a.m. ECW (th)			8:30 a.m. Croppettes (th) 9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Baptism of the Lord 8:15 a.m. Christian Education 9:00 a.m. Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11:15 a.m. Vestry Meeting	7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th)		6:30 p.m. Bunco (th)	11:00 a.m. Ladies Bridge (th) 12:00 p.m. Parish Luncheon (th)	9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance 6:30 p.m. Gourmet Group (off-site)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:15 a.m. Christian Education 9:00 a.m. Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist	Martin Luther King Day Office Closed 7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th)				9:00 a.m. Weekly Maintenance
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:15 a.m. Christian Education 9:00 a.m. Choir 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Service and Annual Meeting	7:00 p.m. N.A. (u)	10:00 a.m. Al-Anon (th)				

SERVING SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Bursars</u>	<u>Babysitters</u>
12/01 10:00 am.	Harry Goff Lana Maggart	Harry Ragland Debbie Haefner	Ethan Grames	Holly Garrett	Carolyn Stout Nancy Heinz	Arbie Hollenberg Nancy Heinze	Jim Hollenberg John Palmer	Ryden Grames Debbie Haefner
12/08 10:00 a.m.	Ron Grames Clark Burton	Lynn Grames Sharon Love	Kelly Snider	Holly Garrett	Jim Birr Karen Birr	Diana Howarth	Jim Howe Dusty Hassler	Ryden Grames Arbie Hollenberg
12/15 Greening of the Church 10:00 a.m.	Karen Birr Holly Garrett	Clark Burton Susan Oris	Dusty Hassler	Lynn Grames	Jim Hollenberg Arbie Hollenberg	All Altar Guild	John Palmer Dennis Haefner	Ryden Grames Sharon Howe
12/22 10:00 a.m.	Lynn Grames Clark Burton	Mary Dobbs Dennis Haefner	Ethan Grames	Holly Garrett	Jim Hoefener Jim Birr	Terry Toolen Nancy Heinze	Dusty Hassler Jim Howe	Ryden Grames Julie Manton
12/24 Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m.	Holly Garrett Harry Goff	TBA	Kelly Snider	—	John Palmer Lana Maggart	Diana Howarth	—	—
12/25 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.	Ron Grames	Nancy Heinze	—	—	Carolyn Stout John Holmes	Nancy Heinze	—	—
12/29 10:00 a.m.	Clark Burton Lana Maggart	Mary Dobbs Harry Goff	Dusty Hassler	Holly Garrett	John Palmer Nancy Heinz	Arbie Hollenberg	Dave Palmer Dennis Haefner	Ryden Grames John Palmer
01/05 10:00 a.m.	Ron Grames Karen Birr	Ron Grames Harry Ragland	Ethan Grames	Harry Goff	Jim Birr John Anselmo	Diana Howarth Terry Toolen	Jim Hollenberg Jim Howe	Ryden Grames Debbie Haefner

January 2020 – Revised

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Bursars</u>	<u>Babysitters</u>
01/05 10:00 a.m.	Ron Grames Karen Birr	Ron Grames Harry Ragland	Ethan Grames	Harry Goff	Jim Birr John Anselmo	Diana Howarth Terry Toolen	Jim Hollenberg Jim Howe	Ryden Grames Debbie Haefner
01/12 Baptism of the Lord 10:00 a.m.	Harry Goff Diana Howarth	Lynn Grames Clark Burton	Kelly Snider	Holly Garrett	John Holmes Nancy Heinz	Diana Howarth	John Palmer Dusty Hassler	Ryden Grames Arbie Hollenberg
01/19 10:00 a.m.	Lynn Grames Karen Birr	Dennis Haefner Sharon Love	Dusty Hassler	Harry Goff	Jim Hollenberg Arbie Hollenberg	Carol Stout Nancy Heinze	Jim Howe Dave Palmer	Ryden Grames Sharon Howe
01/26 10:00 a.m.	Carol Stout Clark Burton	Debbie Haefner Nancy Heinze	Kelly Snider	Harry Goff	Jim Hoefener Jim Birr	Diana Howarth	Dennis Haefner Jim Hollenberg	Ryden Grames Dusty Hassler
02/02 10:00 a.m.	Holly Garrett Ron Grames	MaryDobbs Harry Goff	Dusty Hassler	Lynn Grames	John Palmer Lana Maggart	Arbie Hollenberg	John Palmer Jim Howe	Ryden Grames John Palmer



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Kimberly Boyd	December 1
Sally Boyd	December 6
Cameron Graham	December 7
John Palmer	December 14
Charlotte Williams	December 23
Karen Birr	December 29
Margaret Nwaobasi	January 15
Leah Milton	January 18
Sheron Howe	January 21
Mary Johnston	January 22

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Alternate Delegate:

Diana Howarth (2020)



**Rev. Dunnington
serving at our
Holiday Dinner,
November 2, 2019.**