



# FEBRUARY TIDINGS

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## Don't Forget!

- \* Family Worship  
February 10 & 24
- \* Food pantry items:  
pancake mix, maple syrup,  
jelly, cereal (fun types)
- \* Sponsor Nicholas, our  
sponsor child, for a month in  
2019! The sign-up sheet is  
on the back table of the  
church



The main point of the Epiphany season is for the faithful to come to look for God in the ordinary, and anticipate seeing Divine life in people all around them. The Epiphany (old Greek for “appearing,” or “to make manifest”) is marked by three events in the life of Jesus that show Him to be Divine. These events are the coming of the Magi led by the star to the crib of the infant Christ; the Baptism of Jesus when God’s voice states, “This is my Son, the beloved;” and the changing of the water into wine at the wedding in Cana – Jesus’

mastery over all life and creation is on display.

Epiphany also makes it clear that if we hang out with Jesus; then pretty soon we start to act, talk, and love like Jesus. The scriptures are full of examples: St Peter, he betrays witnesses to the Risen Christ at the point of death, and demands to be crucified upside down as he is not worthy to die in like manner as Christ.

Zacheus invites Jesus to his home (where he shows off the wealth he stole as a tax collector) and soon chooses to give it all back – for the privilege of holding Christ near. Prayers are made for others; food is shared, not hoarded; community is formed

and together is found the strength to overcome the world of privation and persecution.

Keep company with Jesus a little while, and you will reflect Him back for all the world to see! And that, my friends, is the meaning of Epiphany!!! You’ll never stop God from entering into our mortal lives, and you will find absolute holiness overcoming our timid fears and selfish wants. It is a Kingdom of Love He brings, to become our deepest aspiration!!

Peace in Child of our sister Mary!!!

(The Reverend)  
Richard S. Signore

## Souperbowl of Caring Soup Sale

On **Sunday, February 3**, there will be a wide variety of soups available for purchase in the parish hall after service. Proceeds to go to *Foodshare in Southbridge.*

**Suggested Donation:**

**Quarts: \$5.00**

**Pints: \$3.00**



If you have any questions or if you are interested in making soup for the event, please contact Lana Pieczynski at [лана.pieczynski@gmail.com](mailto:лана.pieczynski@gmail.com)

## Mission and Outreach

We will continue the collection this month for DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we really did have peace on earth and goodwill toward men! When I hear about the millions dying and suffering in Yemen, especially the children, I pray that a truce will last and that food and aid will be available to all in need. DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS is right there in the war

zone providing medical aid to the injured and starving. 85,000 children have already died, and 14,000,000 are at risk of starvation!

Perhaps our Mission Plate donations could save a child from starvation and treat the diphtheria that takes their breath away.

Please let us reach out to the Yemenis in their struggles by

helping DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS do their lifesaving work.

Suzy Sharp  
774-230-3426



## Bible and Wine Bible Study

**Bible & Wine** is on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

**Our gatherings, through April 1, will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, due to the winter parking situation on Hamilton Street.**

Join us for a three-part study:

1) a 7-minute video and discussion on How We Read the Bible

2) 30 minutes of reading through a book of the Bible

3) 30 minutes of discussion on the Word we heard speaking to us.

As your priest, I believe this will be a wonderfully enriching opportunity to understand the scripture in new ways.

Fr. Richard

## February Birthdays

2—Tamsin Lucey

5—Nancy Waugh

6 – Briella Bousquet

15 – Jones Lowery

18—Judith Reich

23—Emily Waugh

*If you have a birthday this month and are not listed but would like your name to be included in our monthly Tidings for birthdays, please contact the office. Thank you!*

## Alleluia Poster

Mardi Gras is the day we put our "Alleluias" away until Easter. This year at our Mardi Gras dinner we will do this physically! We will create an Alleluia banner: each person can write Alleluia or draw pictures on the banner throughout the evening. We will also sing songs with the word Alleluia in them. At the end of the evening we will roll the banner up and lock it away in a special chest.

The key to the chest will be baked into one of the cupcakes that will be served to the children who are present that evening. Whoever finds the key in their cupcake will become The Keeper of The Key and have a special duty.

The chest will stay on the altar until Easter. On Easter morning The Keeper of the Key will come up on the altar with Fr. Richard

and will unlock the chest. They will unfurl the Alleluia banner in front of the congregation.

So come join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and lots of Alleluias!

Lynn Garland



## Treasurer's Report

### Operating Budget

**Income:** overall income exceeded budget by \$3,953. Budget: \$112,235; Actual: \$116,188.

A few reasons why:

- Fundraisers: \$222 over budget
- Rental income over budget by \$185
- Plate offering over budget by \$2,826
- Checking interest \$234 over budget
- Trust income was \$240 over budget
- Other miscellaneous unbudgeted income

**Expenses:** Expenses will be discussed in two categories: Operating expenses and Capital Improvement Expense:

- Operating expenses were \$116,030 which is about \$4,000 over budget. This is primarily due to the church repair and maintenance budget and the funds needed were drawn from savings.
- The capital improvement expense was \$26,560, which is \$22,950 over budget. The building committee, with vestry approval, recommended a number of necessary building projects, and the needed funds were taken from savings. (See Building and Grounds report for details.)
- Oil was over budget so that we could fill the tank at a good price.
- After vestry consideration, all lines over budget were paid for with reserve funds and income over budget.
- Many lines were under budget, some because funds were not needed and others because of frugal spending, which offset the overbudget lines.

**Non-operating Budget:** The non-operating budget contains un-budgeted funds received and designated or restricted for a particular mission or purpose.

- We received \$3,300 in donations to the Holy Trinity Building Fund in honor of Tamsin Lucey's and Susan Grant's 60th birthdays.
- A gift of \$150 was given to the Fitzpatrick Fund by Carol Hanson.
- We submitted an insurance claim for roof damage and received \$1,979, which was transferred to the Building Fund to offset the roof repair.
- The Parrettie Fund income was \$7,915.15.

**Outreach:** Total \$13,957.36

- Childreach/PLAN \$396 was donated and sent to Childreach to sponsor Nicholas in Kenya.
- The 2018 United Thank Offering was \$1,015.42.
- Food Share: The 2nd Sunday loose plate for Food Share was \$303 with an additional \$217 from the "SouperBowl" soup sale.
- The mission plate offerings were \$1,345.17 and were given to various missions (separate report).
- Parrettie Fund alms given to various people in need: \$4,855.79
- The Rector's discretionary fund inflow for 2018 was \$2,400 funded from the Parrettie Fund, with \$2,438.60 given in alms to various people in need.

Please see the Statement of Financial Position and 2018 Budget vs. Actual Reports for the total financial picture.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Howland, Treasurer

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**The Episcopal Diocese of Western  
Massachusetts**

The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

**Sunday Services**

*9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist*

**Celebrant and Preacher  
The Rev. Richard Signore**

### **Save These Dates**

**Sunday, February 3 – 10:30 a.m.** – Souperbowl Soup Sale  
**Wednesday, February 6 – 6:30 p.m.** – Bible Study – BLC  
**Sunday, February 10 – 9:30 a.m.** – Family Worship  
**Wednesday, February 13 – 7:00 p.m.** – Vestry Meeting  
**Sunday, February 17 – 9:30 a.m.** – Healing Service  
**Wednesday, February 20 – 4:00 p.m.** – Daughters of the King  
**6:30 p.m.** – Bible Study – BLC  
**Sunday, February 24 – 9:30 a.m.** – Family Worship



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