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November Birthdays

6—Barbara Kalber
8—Paige Spooner
8—Carolyn Wynkoop
23—Lana Pieczynski
23—Josh Spooner
25—Eileen DeMings



Dear Friends,

We are watching with great interest and great trepidation as the Covid-19 virus appears poised for a "second wave," as it has begun to re-surface in Europe. Present news reports have indicated the disease is spreading in 50 states across the entire USA. The first consequence is to cause us to review the criteria by which we deem it safe to hold in-person worship. We may go back to Facebook Live broadcast only, and when safe allow a small number of individuals to participate; perhaps on a 'rota' to give everyone a fair chance at participation. And so we endure, while the "end of all things" is waiting to be revealed. This one will end; our task is to be flexible enough to act with care

and wisdom until we can be present to one another and still be safe.

All told, this is the theme of November. We are rounding to the end of the year; the harvest of God's people (Nov. 1, All Saints Day) declares God will hold His own in life and feast with the Church in triumph. Our friend Diane has gone ahead of us; but each in his or her own time - the teleology is the same; for we, too, live in God. She loved the church while on earth; and she loves it still. Her prayers are for us; we should pray for her as she goes "from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in God's heavenly Kingdom." The year end, Nov. 22nd; with the liturgical celebration of the pending "reign of God;" (the harvest festival of 'Christ

the King') in which we struggle even now, until we are ready to face the harvest. So the teleology of all things is bound up within the one and only reality: all life lives in God, and lives for God. And God takes us, and burns off the dross, and seats us at the banquet! Table, please! For God is gracious; and "the end of all things."

Return Love for Love,
and let God rejoice your soul. I remain,

Yours in Christ,
(The Reverend)
Richard S. Signore



Mission & Outreach

The Mission Plate funds for the months of November and December will be going to "FINCA". FINCA International is a global network that provides small micro-loans to the poor which has the power to transform entire communities in a sustainable way. FINCA is committed to market-based solutions to global poverty.

It has served the needs of 39 million low-income people worldwide. These market-based solutions (loans) enable the world's poor to achieve growing businesses and building livelihoods through their own hard work. It creates a cycle of self-sufficiency rather than dependence. FINCA funds are also used to support essential services in low-income communities including clean

energy, water and sanitation, education, healthcare and agriculture worldwide. "If you give a man a fish, he eats for a day. If you teach him how to fish, he eats for a lifetime." This organization empowers the poor to fish for a lifetime.

Sincerely, Susan Grant
President of the Martha and Mary Chapter of the Daughters of the King

Winter Coat Closet

SATURDAY MORNINGS
9:00 - 11:00 AM

November 7 - December 12

Strict CDC State guidelines will be in place.



WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF CLEAN, GENTLY USED COATS!!!
Please no dry clean only or light weight coats or other types of clothing.

Adult Social Studies Group

Our fourth Social Studies group met by Zoom on October 20. Our focus was on current events. We find it helpful to have a safe space to share our questions and fears and our deep desire for healing and reconciliation for all people. As we allow ourselves to honestly engage with these difficult issues, we lift each other up and remember that with God all things are possible. We plan to continue our conversations and welcome all who would like to join us. Our next meeting will be **November 17 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**. We hope to see you there!

RESOURCES SHARED IN THE GROUP:

- United Shades of America - a TV series that explores diverse communities across America
- Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson
- The 1619 Project - NY Times initiative to recognize the role of slavery in our country's origins

For any questions about the class, please free to contact: Fr Richard, 617-281-5183 richard.signore@verizon.net
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Wanted: RECIPES!!!!

We know you cook! We have tasted your delicious recipes at Coffee Hour, International Dinner, Souperbowl Sunday! We need recipes for our new cookbook (and because of COVID, our menus are getting monotonous!). Please share!!!

The submission deadline of November 1 is quickly approaching! We have collected 8 to date. You can submit your recipe(s) by filling out this Google Form:
<https://forms.gle/uhTZRhjANcbFbb5G7>

All instructions are on the form. No computer or internet? No problem! Call the church 508-765-9559 and ask Chris Bolte to mail you a form. Thank you!!!



Annual Pledge Drive

The Pledge Drive in the time of COVID? Yes! It's time for our annual pledge drive. As with so many things, we have to change the way we have always done this. Some things will remain the same. We continue to have inspirational stories from the Diocese included as a bulletin insert and on the church webpage. And you have probably already received the letter from me with your pledge cards included. Some things will be missing. We will not have testimonies from parish

members or share brunch at the end of the drive, which will be November 22, but we plan to try a new way of gathering in the pledges. Of course, mail is still an option, and you received a stamped envelope with your pledge card. But we also plan to offer a Drive Through In-Gathering on Saturday, November 21 (location to be determined). If you chose to bring in your pledge card this way, you will be given a special snack of some kind and have a brief

human-to-human encounter from the safety of your car. Of course, we will follow all CDC guidelines to ensure the exchange is safe for all participants. So STAY TUNED for further details.....

Lynn Garland
Stewardship Chair



In-person Worship Guidelines

For those who are not ready to worship in person, the service will continue to be streamed via Facebook Live.

Please abide by the following COVID-19 guidelines:

- The Governor's Office mandates limited seating to 40% of the minimum occupancy levels as stated on the Building Permit;
- All persons who are not of the same household shall be seated at least 6 ft. apart;
- All persons of the same household are permitted to sit together and do not have to observe the 6 ft rule;
- Pews shall be blocked off and kept empty to allow for sufficient social distancing;
- All persons in attendance shall wear a face covering or a mask upon entering the building, participating at worship service, and when leaving the building;
- A person who declines to wear a face covering or a mask because of medical or disabling condition shall not be required to produce documentation verifying the condition;
- Children between the ages of 2 and 5 will wear masks at the parent's or guardian's discretion. Children under the age of 2 should not wear a mask;
- Please follow the instruction of the Ushers before taking a seat in the church;
- If you are not feeling well, PLEASE do not attend service. Those 60 and older and those with underlying health conditions should carefully consider whether or not they should attend service;
- To ensure the safety of all the diocesan restrictions and state guidelines, please note the following:
 - No handshaking or hugs at the Sign of the Peace (please use a slight bow)
 - No Communion from the cup
 - Communion in the hand ONLY
- No social gathering after service.

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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

Saturdays—9:00—11:00 a.m.—Winter Coat Closet
(November 7 to December 12)

Tuesdays—8:00 p.m.—Service of Compline

Thursdays—8:00 p.m.—Zoom Fellowship Hour

Wednesday, November 17—7:00 p.m.—Adult Social
Studies Group via Zoom

Saturday, November 21—Stewardship Drive-Thru
Ingathering



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