



January - February 2019 Newsletter

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

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CALENDAR

January 2019

January 1 - New Year's Day
January 6 - Epiphany
January 20 - Annual Meeting Following Service
 Vestry Meeting after Annual Meeting
January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 25 - The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

February 2019

February 2 - Groundhog Day
February 13 - Vestry Meeting at 9:30 A.M.
February 14 - Valentine's Day
February 18 - Presidents' Day

ANNIVERSARIES

January 2019

January 17 - Barbara & Karl Marsh

February 2019

No anniversaries

ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 20

Please mark your calendar for January 20, 2019, and attend St. Christopher's Annual Meeting. A shortened service will conclude at 9:30 a.m. so that the Annual Meeting can begin shortly thereafter. Find out what the past year has wrought and what the new year will bring for St. Christopher's and its parishioners. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We need a ten-person quorum to avoid the necessity of postponing the Annual Meeting until a quorum is met. Coffee (half) hour will follow the meeting, as usual. Please Come!

Prayer for a Birthday

(from the Book of Common Prayer, Page 830)

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on your servant (_____) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness in all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BIRTHDAYS

January 2019

January 1 - Thomas Guback
January 15 - Kate Mason

February 2019

February 4 - Molly Harrison
February 12 - Ed Arnfield
February 20 - Irene Nelson
February 20 - Roger Fitch
February 22 - Dawn Parker
February 25 - Janet Dickerson

JANUARY 2019

A month that contains Epiphany (January 6), the commemoration of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle (January 25), and the beginning of a brand new year has many special joys. Happy 2019!

ONGOING CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Vestry Clerk – We are seeking a volunteer to attend vestry meetings and to prepare vestry meeting minutes.

Search Committee - We are seeking volunteers to fill three open positions on the Rector Search Committee. We have lost two members through relocations and one member who is currently Co-Senior Warden. We will need your help in this critical matter when the next candidate is identified.

Please contact Marilyn Zimmerman and/or Carol Ispording if you are interested in serving St. Christopher's.

SUMMARY OF VESTRY MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2018

Minutes of the prior vestry meeting: The minutes for the prior Vestry meeting held on November 7 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Vestry reviewed the Statement of Assets as of October 31, 2018, and the Statement of Revenue and Expenses for the ten months ended October 31, 2018. A general discussion of the financial statements ensued. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Rector Search Committee Report: Ed noted that advertisements for the rector position were placed on several tables located outside the meeting hall at the Diocesan Convention in Lansing. Ed also noted that the Bishop talked about 23 seminarians who are in training. We do not know the status of these seminarians or the impact that this will have on St. Christopher's rector search. The Vestry agreed that we should discuss this with the Rev. Canon C. Anne Hallmark when she visits St. Christopher's on November 11. Ed will coordinate this brief post-service meeting.

Senior Warden's Report:

Supply Priests - The Vestry discussed the availability of supply priests for November and December.

Sunday Bulletins/Readings- The Vestry discussed the preparation of service bulletins for the November and December services.

Senior Warden Duties- Margie, as Junior Warden, will assume the Senior Warden duties during the absences of Marilyn and Carol from the parish. Marilyn and Carol reviewed those duties with Margie.

December Vestry Meeting- Margie will chair the December Vestry meeting and Ed will prepare an agenda. Mike Fleishman, Treasurer, will be invited to attend the meeting to discuss the 2019 budget. Ed will distribute the 2019 budget, along with other appropriate meeting information, to the Vestry members who cannot be in attendance at the meeting. Annual Meeting Reports- Marilyn stated that the various committee reports for the annual meeting should be delivered to her (electronically or by mail) by December 31. She will prepare the annual meeting report booklet for distribution at the annual meeting, which is scheduled for January 20.

Advent Mailing- Marilyn discussed plans for an Advent mailing to the congregation.

Christmas Eve Service- Marilyn stated that arrangements and details for the Christmas Eve service will be discussed with Rev. Guback.

Canon Hallmark Donation- The Vestry approved a donation in lieu of a payment to the Rev. Canon Hallmark for serving as a supply priest on November 11.

Membership Transfer Forms- Marilyn noted that she has ordered Membership transfer forms from Church Publishing. This is in response to one couple transferring their membership out of St. Christopher's and one couple desiring to transfer their membership to St. Christopher's.

Flower Delivery Issue- The Vestry discussed future arrangements for flower delivery should flowers be purchased from the flower shop.

Church Secretary's Vacation- Marilyn noted that the church secretary will be away from Northport from December 21 through the first week in April 2019. The Vestry discussed arrangements for the bulletin, the annual meeting booklet, and the newsletter during the absence of the church secretary.

Cancellation of Service Procedures in the Event of Snow/Ice- Marilyn reviewed the call procedures to be used in the event that a Sunday service is cancelled due to snow or ice.

Expanded Morning Prayer Service Bulletins- Carol and Marilyn discussed the need to revise/expand the Morning Prayer bulletins to make the service easier to follow for parishioners.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship and Volunteers- Margie reported on her work to organize a St. Nicholas Day dinner at the Leland Lodge. The date of Monday, December 3 was approved.

Building and Grounds- Marilyn noted that the Rev. Canon Hallmark requested a portable microphone for the service on November 11. Chuck stated that he will make the arrangements.

Ecumenical Relations and Service - Christmas Charity: Margie discussed efforts to coordinate a Christmas 'Giving Tree' with Karen Weatherbee at the Northport Public School. A discussion ensued regarding past problems with the 'Giving Tree' and the arrangements for this Christmas. Ed moved that, in the event that not all of the 'Giving Tree' tags are chosen by parish members, St. Christopher's will fund up to \$50 per tag for a maximum of six tags, not to exceed a total commitment of \$300. The Motion carried.

Old Business:

Personal Property Inventory- The Vestry rescheduled the personal property inventory until 2019.

Labyrinth Update- Marilyn stated that all work on a labyrinth project must be deferred until next summer.

Extra Kitchen Space- Marilyn stated that the effort to obtain additional storage space in the kitchen will be deferred until next spring.

New Vestry Members- Marilyn noted that Jill Forester has agreed to fill the one year remaining in Moonyeen Fitch's Vestry term. Marilyn also stated that John Husken has agreed to stand for election to a three-year term on the Vestry.

New LEM- Marilyn noted that Susan Husken has agreed to train and serve as a LEM.

No other business came before the vestry.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Edward Ruffley, Acting Vestry Clerk

MESSAGE FOR LECTORS

Rev. Dr. Thomas Guback

Your calling to be Lectors is among the important roles in worship. It has a long history. You might recall that Jesus read scripture in the synagogue. Luke 4:16-20 tells us: "When [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me....'"

What should Lectors do? They should familiarize themselves with the texts they are to read so that punctuation and emphasis are respected. They should have a feeling for what the text is saying. And they should locate these texts in the Lectionary book that is on the lectern. The appointed Psalm, or part of the Psalm, can be read from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Finally, the Lector should follow the guidelines in our *Book of Common Prayer*, page 406. "It is desirable that the Lessons and Gospel should be read from a book or books of appropriate size and dignity." In other words, do not read the lessons from the bulletin insert. The bulletin insert is for the convenience of the congregation. The Lector reads from the Lectionary book, which incidentally has larger type than the bulletin insert, and so it is easier to see.

You have more to read each Sunday than the celebrant, who only reads the Gospel. Blessings on your ministry!

PRAYER LIST/PROCEDURE

Please keep in mind, and prayer, the following parishioners: Ed; Tom; Jerry; Ellen. Janet D.; Joy; Irene; Janie; and also the following friends and family: JoAnne; Rose Mary; Sandy; Don; Christy; Jeff; David; Capt. Mark Folchi; Bob; Doug; Wesley;

Royce; Ed; Dave; Chris; Jim and Molly; Katie; Mike K.

The prayer needs of the parishioners, family, and friends constantly change. In order to better address these circumstances, beginning in January 2018 (for both weekly Sunday services and the Newsletter) those on the Prayer List will be listed for three months. If inclusion on the Prayer List is requested for an additional three months, then please contact JOY HAM; ph. 231-386-7531; email: hamjoy@gmail.com to request a continuation on the list. And, of course, Joy should always be advised of any other changes at any time. The intent is not to reduce prayers, but, rather, to make certain that the Prayer List is current to fulfill its best purposes of focus, clarity, and concentration.

Many prayers are included in the Book of Common Prayer: pages 208; 823; 828-831; 814-841. Personal prayers are always special; prayerful reading to all.

A SYNAGOGUE
Rev. Dr. Thomas Guback

This is not a story about my old friend, Lynn Slovonsky – but there would not be a story about a synagogue without him. So I begin with him.

He and I met years ago when we were on the faculty of the University of Illinois – he in the Journalism Department and I in the Institute of Communications Research. We became instant friends. Lynn came from New Castle, Pennsylvania. His father owned a clothing store there. After Lynn received a degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, he worked for the *Youngstown Vindicator* in Ohio, and later was hired by the Journalism Department at the U of I. Eventually Lynn retired and returned to New Castle.

Once, when I was heading back East with Sylvia, we stopped in New Castle for lunch with Lynn. Sylvia also was a graduate of Northwestern University. Over lunch she and Lynn talked about NU and discovered that they had been there at the same time, had several

friends in common, and maybe had met at some point.

Lynn and I corresponded fairly regularly, but not with letters. It was with short notes attached to newspaper articles that each of us found interesting or unusual. I remember sending him a story about a couple of guys who had been arrested for stealing a small iron truss bridge from over a creek just outside New Castle. I asked Lynn what was in the drinking water in his town. Lynn loved sports and, though he had never met my brother, he occasionally read his stories in the old *Washington Star*. Though I didn't care much about sports, that I had a brother who did, in a big way, legitimized me in Lynn's eyes.

Lynn had some health issues that he would slightly mention in his notes to me. Then came a period when Lynn's notes came irregularly. That's understandable. But on one occasion, I had not heard from Lynn for a few weeks. I was worried and called his home, but there was no answer. I left a message on the answering machine, but still no answer. I knew Lynn was very active in his synagogue, so I called there only to learn that Lynn had just died.

That is how Temple Hadar Israel, and Sam Bernstine its president, came into my life – and how I received occasional emails keeping me informed, as a friend, about the synagogue.

Lynn had told me once that the congregation was shrinking. Young people with children were not coming, the old were dying, and the whole Rust Belt area was not as robust as it had been. As Sam Bernstine said, “we never ran out of money, but we ran out of people.”

So on December 30, 2017, members of Temple Hadar Israel held prayer services in the sanctuary for the final time. The synagogue's sacred books and furnishings had been donated to other congregations around the world. Some things remained: prayer books, prayer shawls, curtains for the Torah ark, and many *yahrtzeit* plaques (remembrances for the dead). What to do with them? The congregation decided to bury them in the Tifereth Israel Cemetery in New Castle. That happened on December 31.

Let the next part of the story be told by Professor Alanna Cooper, the director of Jewish Lifelong Learning at Case Western Reserve University:

A BURIAL AND UNVEILING FOR A SYNAGOGUE CONGREGATION.

By Alanna E. Cooper | November 14, 2018

Synagogue congregations, much like living organisms, are born, flourish, decline, and die. But it's not often that congregations self-consciously acknowledge when they are at the end of that life cycle. The 125-year-old Jewish community in New Castle, Pennsylvania has.

Almost one year ago, members of Temple Hadar Israel closed the doors of their building, disbanded, and held a burial service for the sacred objects that they were not able to pass on to others.

This past Sunday, I attended the unveiling, where a modest salisbury pink granite gravestone was revealed. Each of those gathered for the short service placed a stone upon the etched words, which read, "Final burial of books and artifacts of Temple Hadar Israel."

During the years and months that the congregation carefully and deliberately prepared for their synagogue's closing, they worked hard to find new homes for their ceremonial possessions. Their ten Torah scrolls were donated to congregations across the world. Many of the yahrtzeit plaques were given to family members of the deceased. And the magnificent Lions of Judah sculpture that once stood above their Holy Ark was given to Congregation B'nai Abraham in Butler, Pennsylvania, which raised funds to refurbish the historic piece, and mount it in their sanctuary. Today, the lions watch over B'nai Abraham congregants, reminding them that they are now part of New Castle's Jewish legacy.

Despite efforts to find new owners for all their community items, the closing down of many small congregations across the rust belt, combined with a general glut of material culture, has meant that new homes could not be found for everything. Some books, prayer shawls, dedicatory plaques, and yahrtzeit plaques were orphaned. Rather than simply throwing these out, the congregation took solace from the Jewish tradition of burial, as a respectful way to dispose of honored, sacred items.

While burial of holy books is a prevalent Jewish practice, installing a gravestone to mark the spot, and holding an unveiling for it is not. Rabbi Howard

Stein who conducted the service in New Castle, and Sam Bernstine, who served as the congregation's last president and who organized the service, both told me that they had never heard of any synagogue holding such an event. But it offered the group a sense of closure. "We hold unveilings for our parents who are buried here in this cemetery, we thought we should do it for our congregation as well. We did it out of respect," Bernstine explained.

The event was also a way to gather together the city's few Jews – many of whom have joined other congregations in Youngstown and Pittsburgh – who no longer have a regular opportunity to meet. With quivering lips, and a tissue to catch her tears, Sybil Epstein – one of the elders who grew up in New Castle – explained, "When we are gone, and people come here to the cemetery to visit their ancestors, they will see this marker here. And they will know that we were a group that really cared, and mattered."

Professor Cooper's report was circulated by Sam Bernstine to the congregation and to friends of Temple Hadar Israel.

Days before the ceremony of dedication for the gravestone on November 11, Sam also wrote to congregants and friends explaining the importance of the ceremony and asking people to attend. His closing words, if I remember his email accurately were: I have arranged for security.

The murders at the Tree of Life-Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh, hardly 60 miles away, had been on October 27.

And so I ask you, parishioners of St. Christopher's, what is becoming of America where we have to fear for our lives as we worship God?

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ALTAR GUILD, BOOKS & WEBSITE THANKS

The Altar Guild, that dedicated band, is headed by Janie Neuharth. New members are always welcome; please contact Janie if you would like to help.

The Jan and Bob Hunt Library is very well stocked and updated, thanks to Librarian Ronnie Alff. Please check it (and the books) out!

The St. Christopher's Website is maintained by our website whiz Marilyn Zimmerman. Please check it out for information, schedules, and photos (www.stchristophersnorthportmi.org).

COFFEE (HALF!) HOUR

Coffee hosting is helpful and fun, and available to all. Hosts may present the coffee however they wish, but remember that you can always K.I.S.S. (Keep It So Simple). Coffee is always already made; napkins, plates, cups are all provided on the premises. All you need to do is bring the edibles; suggestions include your choice of cookies, pastry, fruit, or cheese and crackers. Store-bought is just fine. If the church kitchen is unfamiliar, just ask, and several folks will help in an instant. These brief social gatherings help keep us connected. And whomever wields the coffee pot wields the power of hello.

NEWSLETTER AND MONTHLY SCHEDULE INFORMATION

For any comments, suggestions, corrections, etc. as to the Newsletter: please contact Mary Ruffley (cell 248-202-5363; or e-mail me at mjr3ms@gmail.com)

For information as to the Monthly Schedule: Please contact Jill Foerster (phone 213-271-3023; email foerjill@gmail.com). PLEASE NOTE that any changes or substitutions as to the Monthly Schedule must be made directly by the listed parties, who are responsible for making those changes or finding substitutes if a problem arises.....and then noting those changes on the Monthly Schedule posted on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall. Thank you.

CONTENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Unless otherwise noted, all Newsletter content is written by Mary Ruffley, Editor. Jill Foerster

prepares the attached Service Schedule, which is completed for the next two months of January and February. Due to Jill's winter travel schedule, however, the Service Schedule for the months of March and April, 2019, will be completed to every extent possible.

Thank you Jill! **THE DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS FOR THE MARCH/APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 15, 2019.**

Winter travels mean that the scheduler, Jill Foerster, the church secretary, Dorothy Schobel, and Newsletter editor, Mary Ruffley, will be away for varying periods during the coming winter months. Never fear! The Newsletter will still be published on its usual schedule during the winter months. As always, the powers of communication and e-mail will be at work.

PIECEMAKERS

The Piecemakers meet on Monday from 1:00-3:30 P.M. at St. Christopher's Fellowship Hall. However, due to hall usage, a regular session can be cancelled. Please contact Joy, Janet D., or Rea, to confirm any Monday session. The group breaks for tea at 2:00 PM, so please feel free to come in any time, join us, and say hello. The Piecemakers will continue to make quilts as their ongoing centerpiece project, but they are expanding their work to make items (lap robes, pillow cases, baby quilts, etc.) for veterans, homeless shelters, and similar groups. Quilting expertise is not required! Anyone can learn, and help. Also, this is a true "reading" bunch as well, and many recommendations for various books can add to your reading list. Please join us!

CHILDREN'S READ AND LEARN BASKET

Margie Beers and Marilyn Zimmerman have launched the Children's Read and Learn Basket, now located in the Fellowship Hall. Parishioners are asked to add to the Basket, and donate related items

(children's table and chairs, appropriate books and materials) if possible. Perhaps a Children's Corner will result.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

1. All the Stops. The newly-renovated 7,069-pipe organ at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue in New York City is back in action. Generally, an organist never uses all the stops; it is the operation of the pipe organ that generated the phrase "pulling out all the stops" to mean using every available resource. (The Living Church, 11/18/18, pages 10-11.)

2. Both John Calvin and Martin Luther were often critical of the monastic life, believing that it resulted in a "two-layer" preferential notion of Christianity, and therefore at odds with Biblical teaching. (The Living Church, 11/18/18, page 20.)

3. Are you ready, boots? In Dee Brown's book, The American West, he defines the 19th century phrase "Methodist Feet" as a popular reference for people who do not dance, due to either inclination or strongly-held religious belief.

4. Celebrating Las Posadas. The 12/02/18 issue of The Living Church (pg. 6-8) contains an article about Episcopal parishes in the United States adopting and incorporating the liturgy of Las Posadas, which is the story of Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter. A Las Posadas celebration can include prayers, processions, and singing, as Mary and Joseph go house to house in search of a place to stay; when they finally arrive at a refuge, a fiesta is held. Las Posadas combines the biblical story and the Spanish culture; it is being adopted in various ways in some Episcopal churches around the country.

5. Do you know Etaoin Srhldcu? Everyone does! These are the letters which occur most frequently in the English language - in the order of their frequency. (Wall Street Journal, 11/17- 11/18 issue, page A2.)

AN ONGOING CALL FOR FLOWERS

If you wish to use Forget-Me-Not Florists, they can arrange delivery of the flowers on Friday afternoon. Or you can bring them yourself early Sunday morning, placing them on the stand(s) behind the Altar prior to the service. (Urn Liners are in the vesting room.) Flowers remain in place for St. Gertrude's Sunday service; you can pick them up on Monday afternoon when the Piecemakers are at the church. At pick-up, please return the urn liners to the shelf in the vesting room and also place the brass urns back in the box.

Please sign-up for flowers on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up far in advance, at any time. HOWEVER, if you wish to sign up for the immediate next month, you MUST sign-up by the end of the current month. This avoids "gaps" and last-minute scrambling. Contact Margie Beers, Marilyn Zimmerman, or Carol Ispording by the Monday BEFORE your scheduled flower donation to insure that your special occasion or memorialization is properly included in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you to each and all.

A PRAYER FOR A RECTOR

(Prayer for the Election of a Bishop or Other Minister from the Book of Common Prayer, page 818)

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH

1. Thank You to Peg Deal for taking on the task of preparing and sending birthday and anniversary cards to St. Christopher's parishioners. It is always nice to be remembered, and we appreciate Peg's assistance in sending out those happy messages.

2. St. Nicholas Dinner, held on December 3rd, was yet another happy reason for St. Christopher's

parishioners to get together for this seasonal event. Approximately 20 people attended and enjoyed good food and, even better, each other's company at the festive Leland Lodge. Thanks to Margie Beers for all her work in organizing the event.

3. The 144th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Western Michigan was held in Lansing, Michigan on November 2nd and 3rd, 2018. Ed and Mary Ruffley represented St. Christopher's at the convention. Ed presented a summary of convention activities during the announcements at the service on Sunday, November 4th. The two main speakers, our own Bishop Houglund and Bishop Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, both spoke on the importance of racial reconciliation efforts within the Church. Delegates voted on and approved five resolutions. The convention eucharist was held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing. Special guests at this service included the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Gospel Choir from Flint, Michigan. It was a very energetic and inspiring service. Materials from the convention are available in the Jan Hunt Library. Ed and Mary will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

4. In the event that winter weather causes the cancellation of St. Christopher's Sunday service, a 'call tree' procedure has been established by the Vestry. If the weather poses treacherous road conditions, be on the alert for a Sunday morning phone call. If St. Christopher's service is cancelled due to weather, other local churches may or may not have Sunday services. As a reminder, Bethany Lutheran Church has a service at 10:30 a.m. and Trinity United Church of Christ has a scheduled service at 11:00 a.m.

THE ASTRONOMER'S DIAMOND

There is nothing like winter to provide clarity. Bare branches allow all of the sky (mostly gray at this latitude) to hover over us, unencumbered by leafy shadows. On cold clear nights, the skies above dazzle with countless stars. Here, in northern Michigan, we are sometimes privileged to view the crystal smudge of the Milky Way. If we had a

powerful enough telescope, the Milky Way would appear as a stupendous number of single stars against a black velvet curtain similar to a scattering of diamonds on a jeweler's velvet tray. For jewelers and astronomers do have some things in common. Jewelers have more than a nodding respect for the time and the pressure that create diamonds, as they look for cut, color, clarity, and carat when peering through their lenses. Astronomers also look for clarity, and bring concentration and curiosity when they mount those steps to the telescope's eyepiece and look through that lens. It is yet another way of looking back into time.

In Chile, the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT) is under construction in the driest and coldest mountaintop desert in the world. The workers at the 16,000-foot level have to wear space suits. But what heavenly clarity can be found in that place! The GMT will capture images ten times sharper than the Hubble Space Telescope (see New York Times article, 11/25/18).

Since telescopes enable us to look backward in time, we see light that may be millions of years old by the time it reaches us. Like so many facts astronomical, that concept can be hard to grasp. But when that idea is connected to our own origins, the optics somehow fit, and allowing ourselves to be swept backwards through time immemorial is perhaps not so difficult after all.

People have always been attracted by reflected (mirror) images, and, later, refracted (lens) images, from the very first glance of an early human into a still pond, through the development of advanced optics. We are now placed on the threshold of even greater astronomical discovery. Yet all of it, at its core and from the beginning, could be viewed as the pursuit and study of the origin of light: the light that is defined in the American College Dictionary as: "that which makes things visible".

The Book of Genesis tells us that there was void and darkness until God said: "Let there be light": the very "First Light" that made things visible. Sometime in the year 2024, when the GMT turns its tremendously powerful lenses to the heavens, all of the mathematics, the physics, the chemistry, the

astrophysics, the meteorology, the decades of preparation, the lens grinding, and the computer programming, will finally culminate in the moving of that multi-faceted and magnificent machine into position. The gears will whirr; the dome will open; the computers will engage; the mirrors will adjust for light refraction as often as a thousand times per second. At the inauguration of a new telescope, astronomers have a special phrase for the very first moment that a telescope is placed into use. Astronomers call that moment "First Light".

By Mary Ruffley

Service Schedule for January - February 2019

Date	Day	Lector	LEM 1	Clergy	Altar Set Up	Altar Clear	Greeter	Coffee	Pick Up Sarah S.
January 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ	Jim Ham	J. Foerster	Rev. Guback	J. Foerster	Joy Ham	C. Dickerson	M. Fleishman	
January 13	First Sunday after the Epiphany	D. Nelson	Joy Ham	Rev. Guback	M. Beers	S. Husken	C. Dickerson	J. Crane	
January 20 Annual Mtg.	Second Sunday after the Epiphany	R. Bombaugh	Joy Ham	Rev. Guback	J. Neuharth	M. Beers	C. Dickerson	B. Marsh	
January 27	Third Sunday after the Epiphany	M. Fleishman	C. Isphording	Rev. Guback	S. Husken	J. Newharth	C. Dickerson	I. Nelson	
February 3	Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	R. Bombaugh	C. Isphording	Rev. Guback	M. Beers	S. Husken	C. Dickerson	M. Fleishman	
February 10	Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	M. Fleishman	S. Husken	Rev. Guback	S. Husken	J. Newharth	C. Dickerson	J. Crane	
February 17	Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	D. Nelson	C. Isphording	Rev. Guback	J. Neuharth	All Clear	C. Dickerson	S. Husken	
February 24	Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	R. Bombaugh	S. Husken	Rev. Guback	M. Beers	J. Neuharth	C. Dickerson	B. Marsh	

If you are unable to serve when scheduled, please arrange a trade and note it on the parish bulletin board

