

THE EPISTLE

DECEMBER 2025



For me one of the most compelling facets of our Christian faith is the mystery of the Incarnation. God takes on flesh and comes among us, not as an arcane idea or a distant force, but as a person who breathed and cried and needed to be held. The Incarnation tells us that life with God is lived in bodies and communities, with all the beauty and strain and vulnerability that come with being human. I find myself pausing often this season to remember that God chose this way of coming near.

When I sit with that mystery, I am reminded that God's presence usually becomes clear through the texture of daily life. The holiness of this season does not depend on our ability to make everything serene. It depends on God's willingness to meet us exactly where we are. Incarnation means that God works through our limits and our longings, through our relationships and responsibilities, through moments that feel ordinary as well as moments that take our breath away.

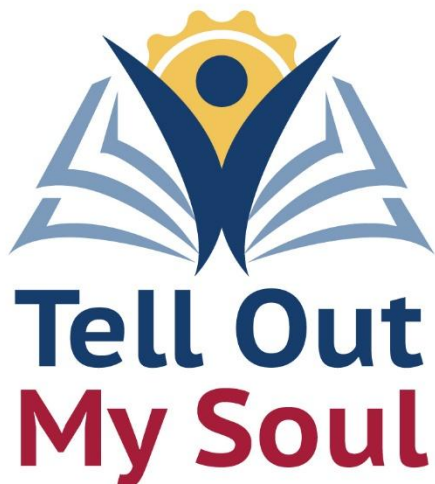
Because God meets us in embodied life, our own varied experiences shape the ways we serve and love. In addition to being rector of St. John's I am a spouse, a parent, a child, a sibling, and a friend. I also have professional roles that reach beyond our walls, like my recent appointment as dean of our mission region in the new diocesan structure (you may have noticed the addition of a "very" to my honorific—"the Very Reverend Alissa" doesn't mean I've suddenly become more holy; it's a designation of this temporary diocesan role). These many facets of embodied life and ministry are not in competition for my time and attention, even if some days it feels like it. In truth, they help me pay attention to time and presence in deeper ways. They teach me to listen with compassion, to honor the gifts and limits of others, and to trust that God works through the full complexity of our lives.

This incarnational truth is also part of our parish life. Ministry grows from the real people who gather, pray, serve, and learn together. It grows from the time we choose to give and the gifts we choose to share. Every committee meeting, choir rehearsal, pastoral visit, and outreach project is part of the way God takes on flesh again among us. Our connection to and work with the diocese expands this ministry as well, as we're able to collaborate with and learn from others with varied experiences and perspectives.

Embodied ministry is holy because it reminds us that God does not work apart from human life. God works through hands that prepare a meal or hold another hand in grief. God works through voices raised in song and in prayer. God works through the choices we make about how to use our time and energy. All these actions become part of the way Christ's presence continues in the world.



As we prepare to welcome Christ again this year, I hope we notice the nearness of God in our shared life. May this season give us courage to honor our own embodied experiences and to trust that God is already moving within them. May we continue to offer our gifts to the life of this parish and the wider church. And may the love that comes to us in Jesus guide us toward deeper connection with one another and with the world God longs to heal.



And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..."

– Luke 1:45-47, NRVS

If you have already pledged, thank you so very much! If not, there is still time. Thank you for your generosity and prayerful consideration of your promise to St. John's. If you need a pledge card, they are available on the table in the Narthex or from the parish office. Alternatively, you can pledge online by [CLICKING HERE](#) or pointing your smartphone camera at the QR code.



Sunday, January 25, 2026

Nominations are now open for positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting in January: three members of the *Vestry*, three members of the *Endowment Committee*, and three *delegates* plus one *alternate* for the *Diocesan Convention*. All adult (over 18) members in good standing are eligible. Members in good standing are baptized, faithful in corporate worship, and received Communion at least three times

in the past year. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall. If you would like more information about any of these positions, please ask Mother Alissa or a member of the Vestry.

Save the date!

Nominations close on Sunday, January 4.



Attention Ministry Leaders



The end of 2025 is fast approaching! Take this opportunity to inform the parish about your ministry's activities and accomplishments over the past year.

Please submit your reports to Ellen, in the parish office (office@sjec-midland.org), **BEFORE** the end of the year. Don't worry about formatting; Ellen will make it look good. Just take the time to put together some words; photos are always nice as well. People don't know what you're doing unless you tell them. Regale us with your stories and you may very well peak the interest of someone who will want to join you!!





November Worship Links

Below are direct links to last month's worship services.

If viewing electronically, **click on the date to view the video from that day.**

All Saints' Sunday (Nov. 2) Holy Eucharist	23rd Sunday after Pentecost (Nov. 16) Holy Eucharist
22nd Sunday after Pentecost (Nov. 9) Holy Eucharist	Last Sunday after Pentecost (Nov. 23) Holy Eucharist
1st Sunday of Advent Pentecost (Nov. 30) Cancelled due to severe weather	

You can find older services on this page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsepisopalchurchmid8944/streams>

WE APPRECIATE YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

St. John's depends on the generosity of our friends and members. Pledges and gifts to St. John's can either be made by check and sent via US Mail to 405 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, MI 48640, or by visiting

tinyurl.com/Give2SJEC. This link will take you to a screen where you will enter the amount of your donation, and designate a specific purpose or fund. Enter your email address as well, and you'll receive an electronic receipt.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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Welcome to St John's Episcopal Church

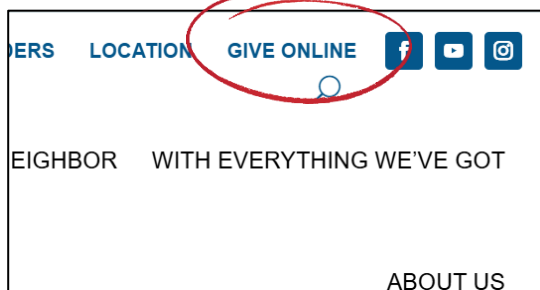
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You can also access electronic giving from the upper right-hand corner of our [webpage](#)... or by pointing your phone's camera at this QR code.



If you have any questions about your continued financial support of St John's, please call the church office and your call will be directed to the appropriate staff person. Thank you for your generosity!



the feast bite-sized

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 3 - 17, 2025

service for the rt. rev. catherine waynick

carpooling available for service in indianapolis

Bishop Waynick will be remembered as a courageous and thoughtful leader who served the Church faithfully with quiet strength and grace.

Bishop Cate's funeral will be live streamed at 12 p.m. EST on Friday, December 12, 2025 at <https://www.stpaulsindy.org/burial>

If you wish to attend the funeral on site in Indy and are interested in carpooling, visit forms.greatlakesepiscopal.org/carpool to indicate interest. We cannot guarantee a spot in a carpool, but will do our best to help connect those driving with those who need a ride.



immediate grant opportunities

There are two grant opportunities which have quickly approaching deadlines:

Social Service Networking Grants are only open to legacy Diocese of Eastern Michigan congregations. **The deadline to apply is 12/15.**

The UTO Grant is open to the whole diocese *but it does require the endorsement of our case the Standing Committee because each diocese may only make one application.* **The deadline for SC consideration is 12/29.**

Find all the details, including how to apply to these grants here:
greatlakesepiscopal.org/decembergrants

pray for the bishop search process

The Bishop Search Committee has concluded listening sessions and received the survey responses.

The committee is working hard to process, review, and synthesize all of the feedback from across the diocese to help shape the profile that will be published in early 2026 to call for applications. **Please commit to prayer for the committee, anyone who may apply, and our first bishop diocesan.**

Check out our social media channels for invitations to pray throughout Advent with hope, peace, joy, and love.



Scan to keep up to date on events and announcements at our online home for people, parishes, and ministries, greatlakesepiscopal.circle.so



[CLICK HERE to read the most recent full issue of THE FEAST ONLINE](#)

Awaken: Advent

This Advent, we're listening for what God is stirring in us and around us. Our theme is "Awaken: Advent," a gentle invitation to pay attention, not only to joy and beauty, but also to the deeper truths we often move too quickly past.

Each Sunday in Advent, we'll reflect on a different kind of awakening: to wonder, to change, to joy, and to love. These awakenings help us prepare not just for Christmas, but for the ways Christ keeps arriving in our lives.

Between services, you're invited to a simple, discussion-based offering in the parish hall. Each week includes a short reading, a brief reflection, and some open-ended questions—no preparation required; this is an invitation to space to reflect and share in good company. All ages and perspectives are welcome.

Come with whatever you're carrying—there's room for you here.



Christmas Eve

4:00 pm **7:00 pm**

All Ages Traditional
Eucharist Eucharist



Christmas Day

11:00 am

Casual & Contemplative
Eucharist in Williams Hall

St. Martha's Guild Silent Auction and Sale

The St. Martha's Guild Annual Basket Auction (and sale) continues! This is our major fundraiser for the year, and we use these funds to bless a number of charitable endeavors around Midland. We have some assembled baskets as in years past, though we also have some homemade decorative items directly for sale as well. The auction will end on Sunday, December 14th at 11:30 am. If you would like to purchase a direct-purchase item you may take that item before December 14th. Please see Denée Koonce or Christy Hopper for payment options for those items. **Thank you ALL as always for your generous support!**





Christmas Decorations Fund

Christmas is a special time for adorning the church with seasonal decorations in traditional colors. You are invited to make a contribution to the Christmas Decorations Fund in thanksgiving or in memory of loved ones. A minimum donation of \$35 is requested and must be received by December 18. Forms will be inserted in your bulletin this Sunday and are also available on the table in the Narthex or from the church office.



Join us **Sunday, December 14**, after the 10am worship service for our next **Sunday Sharing** covering the duties and responsibilities of serving on the vestry. Members of the vestry will be in attendance to answer any questions about the honor and blessings of serving.

Community

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The next Game Night is Friday, Dec. 12, 6-10 PM, in Williams Hall. Play our games or bring your favorites! Bring your friends or join in with us! All ages welcome!

Advent materials are now available in Williams Hall on a table near the windows (next to the St. Martha's auctions). These include devotionals, information, and calendars. Note, the calendars are marked 2024 but go from Dec. 1-24, so are good for any year! Books of devotionals, poetry, and information for Advent and Christmas are also available on the Feature Shelves. Check out the possibilities and plan for a few minutes of quiet in each day of Advent!



FUN FACTS ABOUT THE BUDGET

We budgeted \$176,000 for Outreach in 2025

Of that, the largest items are:

\$43,276 assessment to the Diocese

\$55,000 for Samaritan Fund

\$70,000 for Endowment Committee grants

\$5,000 for SAMS Pantry (in addition to cash donations from individuals)



Double Match Day is almost here!

On December 13, every \$10 Simply Give card purchased at Meijer turns into \$30 for local food pantries, including SAMS, thanks to Meijer's Double Match Day. Stop by Meijer and help fight hunger in our community!



November Children and Youth



Sunday School

The upper elementary kids continued and finished their *Harvesting Gratitude* lesson series. Each week had a theme around gratitude. They recognized God's blessings,

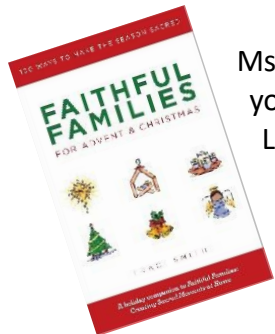


expressed God's blessings, shared God's blessings, and were reminded to always be grateful. Understanding all aspects of gratitude is hard especially during the holidays, so the kids were encouraged each week to write something different they were grateful for and hang it on our paper chain in the downstairs hallway. We had gratitude for many things including family, friends, volunteers, coworkers, video games, sports, toys, church family, and food to name a few. The kids really got into our mini skits with this series that helped to pull the lessons together. Our shyer kiddos enjoyed playing a farmer, a baker, and a neighbor friend.

Since Advent started the last weekend in November, we have started a new lesson series called *Humble Beginnings*. Give us prayers because trying to explain humility is a tough one, but Mary gave us a good start on demonstrating humility.

Ms. Alicia was able to fit in a Godly Play story about Advent 1. This is always a beautiful way to show what the Advent season is about, and Ms. Alicia never disappoints with her Godly Play stories! After our Advent 1 Godly Play lesson the kids each took a turn lighting a candle for Hope. This is always a highlight each year as the kids get to light the candles and extinguish them.

More adventures to come during Advent! Bring your kids and they can learn the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of Advent and have some fun doing it!



Ms. Alicia and Ms. Linda found two Advent books to share with our young friends. If anyone is interested in either, please reach out to Linda or stop in the office to look at them, Ellen has them at her desk. I promise they are easy to guide your child through or depending on their age to do on their own. Abby is enjoying the one that she is working through.



We will be decorating the church on Sunday, December 21st after the 10am service. Please join us if you are able for some church community fun.

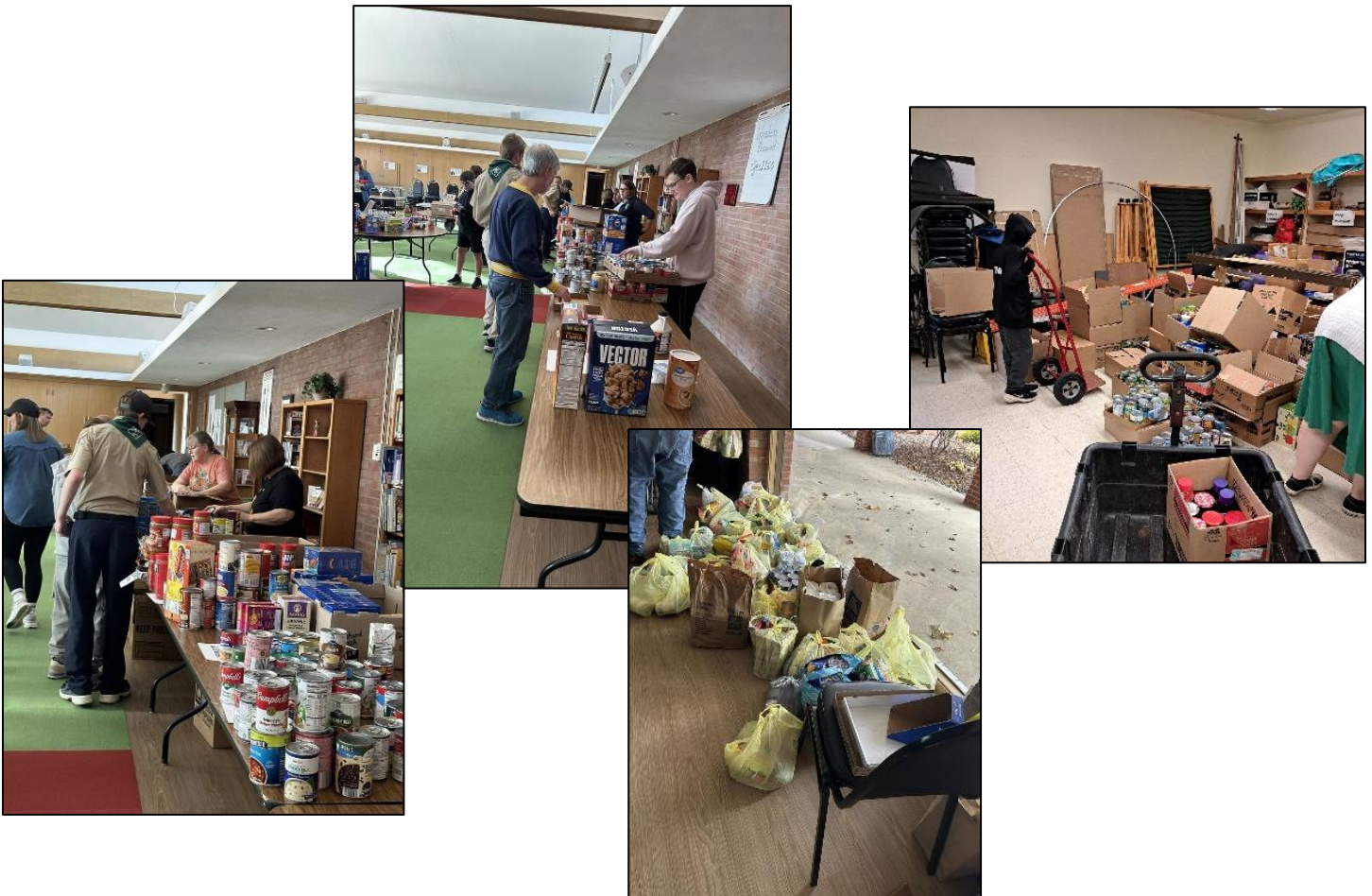




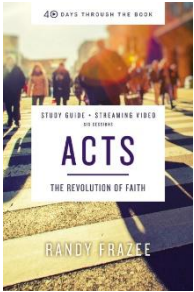
EYE Youth Group continued our *Identity* study series in November. The youth helped with setting up the Sharing Tree and getting the donations over to the Salvation Army. Thank you everyone who was able to help with donations. We had our last meeting for 2025 on December 7th. **We will resume youth group meetings on January 18th at 4pm.** We hope to see our middle and high school youth come explore some new adventures in our Bible study and have some social time.

Scouting for Food

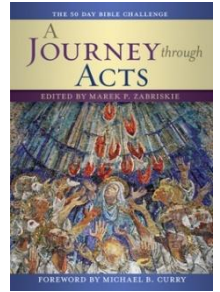
Several of our children, youth, and parishioners participated in Scouting for Food this year. It was led by Tony Germain who is in leadership in Cub Scout Pack 3768 and is also a member at St John's. The efforts put forward by various Cub Scout, Girl Scout, and BSA groups brought in around 9K items in donations from the community. This took two weekends to complete. Bags were distributed by Scouts on the first weekend of November and then Scouts went around and picked up donations the second weekend in November. St John's supplied Williams Hall for sorting of the food, to then be taken to SAMS Pantry and Memorial Presbyterian Church HELP pantry. Thank you to everyone involved, especially Tony Germain for all the coordination and last minute changes that occurred.



Women Journeying Together



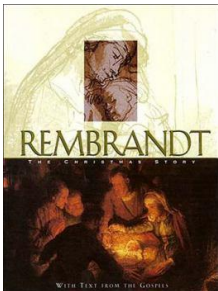
On January 8 we will begin the second part of our Luke-Acts study as we begin our study of Acts of the Apostles, the second half of Luke's story. We will be guided in our discussions by the DVD study, *Acts, the Revolution of Faith* from Randy Frazee, and *A Journey Through Acts* from Forward Movement. Many of us are familiar with the Gospel of Luke, but somewhat less familiar with Acts, so we look forward to interesting and exciting discussions on the story of how the church developed from a band of about 120 followers of Jesus to a "worldwide" church following Jesus' resurrection. Come and join us Thursday afternoons as we follow the *Acts of the Apostles*.



Women Journeying Together meets each Thursday afternoon during the school year from 1:00 to about 2:30. We gather in the Activity Room, at the bottom of the stairs across from the church office. We study, share, pray for and with each other, laugh frequently, and occasionally have lunch together. Women of all ages are welcome to join us, for a special study or "forever". If you have questions, please contact me, Marnie Bash, at mpbash@ameritech.net.

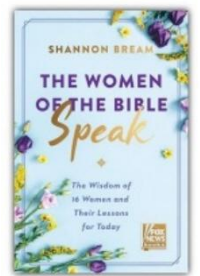
Library News

by Marnie Bash



This month books on the Feature Shelves are devoted to celebrating the Advent/Christmas seasons. All of the "old favorites" are there: devotionals – *Watch for the Light*, *Readings for Advent and Christmas* from the Bruderhof Foundation, *Let Every Heart Prepare* by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, or *Love Came Down* by Christopher Webber; history – *The Origins of Christmas* by Joseph Kelly, or *The First Christmas* from Borg and Crossan; activities for the season – *The Jesse Tree* or *Tree of Hope*; art and music – Rembrandt's *The Christmas Story*, and *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems; and many other books to enjoy. These will be found on the first set of shelves, those closest to the hallway.

On the next set of shelves are a variety of NEW Books. Several are books of history, donated by Eric Carlson (see his column for a discussion of these); included are *Paul, a Biography* by N.T. Wright, and texts of the prayer books of 1549, 1559, and 1662; this is kind of fun to just page through and see how it relates to our prayer book today. Also among the new books is a large print copy of Adam Hamilton's wonderful book on *The Lord's Prayer*. Shannon Breem presents *The Women of the Bible Speak*, a discussion of 18-20 women in the Bible and what their part was; this includes both a book to read and a workbook to dig deeper into her ideas. Also, you will find *Season 5 of The Chosen* DVD there.

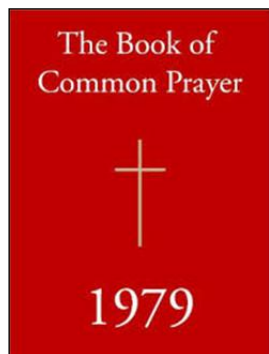


Finally, on a table in front of the windows, you will find pamphlets for the Advent/Christmas seasons. There are devotionals, information, and prayers, as well as calendars. Pamphlets are available for families, for teens and young adults, for seniors, and for all. The calendars are designed to be used from December 1-24, and are short, enjoyable activities to be considered during Advent.

Advent can be a crazy, busy period; find a book, pamphlet, or other and plan to make a few minutes of quiet and peace in each day. May you have a blessed Advent and a very joyous Christmas!

LIBRARY NOTE: For those brave enough to go beyond the bookshelves in Williams Hall and venture into the library itself (in the Waring Room, across from the church office), I have placed there an updated “map” of the library. It may be found in a display folder on the wall to the left side of the window in the Waring Room. The bold words at the top of each column are the general category with each shelves’ particular topic(s) listed below. Please note that most of the children’s and parenting books are in Williams Hall on the two sets of shelves closest to the kitchen. If you are having difficulty finding a specific book or have other questions about the library, please feel free to see me after church or contact me at mpbash@ameritech.net.

WARING
ROOM
and
Parish Library



BCP Spotlight

by Ellen Mc Vey

The people standing... The people sit... The people stand or kneel

I didn’t grow up in the Episcopal Church – we were Presbyterian. Our services were practical, plain and simple, a reflection of the Iowa farming community. When, as a young adult, I began attending the Episcopal Church I had a lot of trouble getting used to the “showiness” of the service –the vestments, the fancy altar vessels, and even the formality of the liturgy. I also struggled with when to sit, stand, kneel, etc. And yet there was something that kept drawing me back (besides my boyfriend who later became my husband!)...and here I am nearly 50 years later. I have since figured out generally when to sit, stand or kneel (I follow the rubrics!), I am still unsure of how and when some Episcopalians engage their body during the liturgy in other ways – be that bowing, genuflecting, making the sign of the cross, etc. When is that done and why? Is it “for show” or is there more to it?

While I find some actions distracting and awkward at first, I am learning that with time, they can begin to feel more natural and can enhance worship as my body’s physical posture aligns with my heart’s intention. Below are some other potential benefits of incorporating movement into our worship...

- Worship becomes more participatory and engaging. Movement can improve focus and reduce distractions as we stay alert and engaged in the service.
- There can be a spiritual significance to postures. Both standing and kneeling are signs of reverence. For example, we stand when we sing praises – not only does this allow us to sing more fully but it is a posture of respect and honor.
- Knowing why we do things and acting intentionally vs. out of habit or obligation makes worship more meaningful

Since we are entering the time when we celebrate God among us in the flesh, I thought it was time to explore how I might more fully engage my body in worship and see if it’s helpful. Something to keep in mind about all this is that classic Anglican adage “all may, none must, some should”, though it’s arguable if any “should”. Over the next couple of months, the focus of the BCP Spotlight will be postures and actions that may be helpful as we look to engage more fully in our worship experience. If you have questions you’d like to see addressed or comments about how movement enhances your worship, I’d love to hear from you.



STAND



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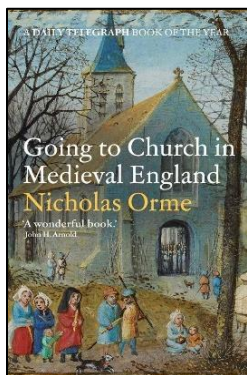


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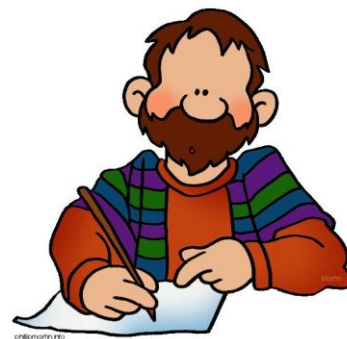
Church History in Three Minutes (or Less)

by Eric Carlson

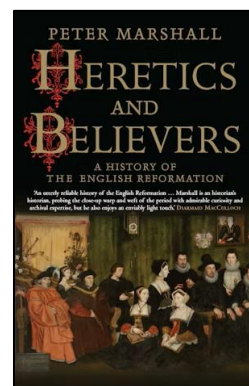
Our library's church history holdings are growing! Several new books are available in Williams Hall until mid-February. After that, they will be in the Waring Room in the "Classical Interest" section. This month's article is on four new books on English church history. In 2026, I will cover the other new titles.



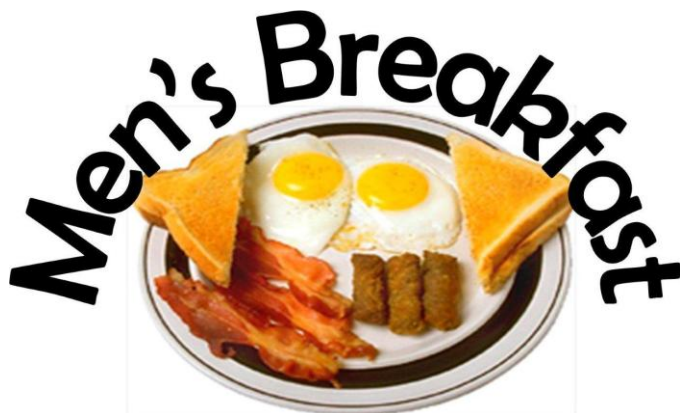
Nicholas Orme's *Going to Church in Medieval England* (Yale University Press, 2021) is a richly-illustrated volume that describes pre-Reformation Christian life in England. Orme explains the origins of the parish system, its buildings, and the people who served it. Most of the book is about what Christianity involved in practice for the laity. Orme explains their worship and prayer, the sermons they heard, the sacraments which they received, the processions they witnessed and joined, and so on. He looks at the seasons of the church year and special life cycle events connected to the church. It's not a short book but it's organized to make it easy to pursue individual topics of interest, and it is written for non-specialists.



We also now have *Heretics and Believers: A History of the English Reformation* (Yale University Press, 2017) by Peter Marshall. This is the best overview of the topic, and it won the prestigious Wolfson Prize, an annual [literary award](#) which recognizes excellence in history writing for the general public. Marshall places the Reformation in the context of early attempts to reform the church, and covers the various developments through the 1580s that shaped Anglicanism as we know it today. While there is attention to political and theological issues, this book stand out for the attention paid to how lay people participated in, resisted, and were affected by religious change. If you are curious about the English origins of the Episcopal Church, this is the place to start.



Finally, two books on our Prayer Book. The first is *The Book of Common Prayer: A Very Short Introduction*, by Brian Cummings (Oxford University Press, 2018). In just over 100 pages, Cummings sets out the origins of *BCP*, how it changed worship and prayer from pre-Reformation practice, and how the *BCP* spread around the globe as Britain's Empire developed. Finally, we now also have a handy one-volume compendium of the actual texts of the 1549, 1559, and 1662 versions of the *BCP* (with an introduction also by Cummings).



Monday, January 5, 8:00 AM

Join us at the Big Boy Restaurant, 1513 S. Saginaw Rd., for our monthly **Men's Breakfast**. Once in the restaurant, walk through the big room to the smaller room located at the southeast end of the restaurant to find our table.

JOIN US for food and fellowship!!



Each month the *Prayer Corner* includes the church's prayer list as well as the anniversaries and birthdays for the month. The prayer list is updated weekly and included in the Sunday morning worship service bulletins, along with the *Daily Prayers for the Wider Church*. The most recent version can be found at any time by clicking the "[Announcements](#)" link on the SJEC web page:

<https://www.sjec-midland.org/>

Please keep the following people in your prayers...



Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Susan & Bob, Char Bakeman, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene & John Adams, Lynn Miller, Linda Johannsen, Phillip, Tellie & the Wright family, and the Gwaltney family.

Give thanks with those celebrating Dec. Birthdays...

1 – Lillian Stoll	20 – Vicki Leigeb
5 – Mike Staloch	Carole Adams
6 – Rebecca Wieland	22 – Lynn Pottenger
10 – Clara Kretz	25 – Michael Hart
Harrison Kretz	26 – Betty Kirkley
15 – John Adams	Andrea Burditt
19 – Georgia Wilson	30 – Judy Ellis

Contact the church office

989-631-2260 / office@sjec-midland.org

- To add someone to the prayer list
- Request receipt of the weekly Worship++ email
- Request receipt of the monthly Epistle
- To update your membership directory info

Give thanks with those celebrating Dec. Anniversaries...

23 – Lowell & Judy Youngquist
28 – John & Charlene Adams

Members of the congregation who have received Pastoral Care training are available all year for friendly visits. Members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound may request a visit from our team to receive communion, a comforting prayer shawl or a pocket cross.

Team members include:

The Rev. Alissa Anderson and parishioners	
Chris Esquivel	Chris Schuster
Jan Marcou	Fred Schuster
Pat Roush	Michelle Spencer
Dave Schafer	



Call the parish office (989-631-2260) with a pastoral care request. In the case of a pastoral emergency outside office hours, please contact **The Rev. Alissa Anderson at 616-540-9102 (cell)**.



ACT Uganda – Still looking for the perfect Holiday Gift for the one who has everything!? Give a donation in the name of a loved one to help ACT continue supporting and initiating social businesses in the Rubanda District of Uganda. These social businesses are revenue-generating businesses that are owned by ACT, provide employment in Rubanda, and provide products and services needed in the community. All profits then go back into the programs of ACT. There are currently two ACT Social Businesses: our Uniquely Uganda Handcraft business, and the ACT Hardware Store. **Why are social businesses important?** Because over 50% of the people of Rubanda live in deep poverty, surviving on less than \$1.79 a day, with 10% in near famine conditions. Your congregation has been a faithful supporter of ACT over the years. Please continue that support and help us move forward with these social businesses. To donate, visit actuganda.org/donate and choose "Long-term sustainability for ACT by Supporting ACT Social Businesses". THANK YOU!

**How to Connect
with Mother Alissa**

**Schedule a time via
Calendly**

[CLICK HERE](#)



**Drop in Coffee Shop Office Hours
Thurs., 9-11 AM.**

This month you'll
find her at Live Oak
(711 Ashman St.)



HEAD OF THE CHURCH – JESUS CHRIST
MINISTERS – ALL OUR MEMBERS

**To get in touch with any Clergy, Staff
Member or Member of the Vestry, call or
email the parish office:**

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OUR VESTRY – OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Clergy

The Very Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*Rector*

Staff

Dr. Amon Eady*Director of Music*

Travis Fader*Organist*

Linda Germain.....*Children & Youth Director*

Colleen O'Dell*Bookkeeper*

Ellen Woodard.....*Administrative Assistant*

Nick Lowthian.....*Sexton*

Vickie Densmore*Janitor*

Class of 2026

Deb Blackhurst

Angela Garcia, *Co-Warden*

Gail Hoffman

Class of 2028

John Adams

Doug Germain

Ann Wright

Class of 2027

Eric Heglin, Clerk

Susan Rye

Fred Schuster, *Co-Warden*

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday

8:00am	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
8:30am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
9:00am	Fellowship Hour	Williams Hall
10:00am	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary & YouTube
11:00am	Fellowship Hour	Williams Hall
11:30am	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	Bell Zone
4:00pm	Youth Group (every other)	Activity Rm
5:00pm	NA.....	McNab Room
7:00pm	Bible in the Basement (1 st /3 rd)	Activity Rm

Monday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

12:00pm	AA.....	McNab Room
6:00pm	Popup Bible Study	Library

Tuesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:00am	Samaritan Fund Clients	Library
10:00am	St. Martha's Guild (2 nd)	Activity Room
1:00pm	Knitpickers	Williams Hall

Wednesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:30am	Women's Bible Study.....	Library
12:00pm	Holy Eucharist.. Chapel (use office entrance)	
1:00pm	AA	McNab Room
5:30pm	Tai Chi	Williams Hall
6:30pm	Christian Meditation	Williams Hall

Thursday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

9:00am	Alissa's Drop-in Coffee Office Hrs. Live Oak	
10:00am	Love Knots (2 nd /4 th)	Williams Hall
1:00pm	Women Journeying Together ..	Activity Rm

Friday (Parish Office open 9am-noon)

12:00pm	AA	McNab Room
5:45pm	Peer Support Meeting	McNab Room
7:00pm	Community Game Night (2 nd)	Wms Hall

Saturday

12:00pm	AA	McNab Room
7:00pm	NA.....	McNab Room

The 10:00 am worship service is livestreamed on YouTube. At the time of the service, go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsepiscopalchurchmid8944/streams>. A live service will have a prominent "LIVE" badge on the video thumbnail or title indicating the video is currently being streamed live. Previous services can also be viewed here at any time.



We joyfully gather to pray, worship, learn and serve as we seek to follow Jesus, and invite all to join us on a sacred journey of hope and transformation.

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