



November 28, 2019
Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Mary's MESSENGER

This Week:
Nov 25-30

Tuesday

11:00 AM
Morning Prayer

7:00 PM AA

Wednesday

12:00 Noon
Eucharist

Thursday

7:00 PM AA

Friday

7:00 PM AA

Next Week:
Dec 2-7

Tuesday

11:00 AM Morning
Prayer

7:00 PM AA

Wednesday

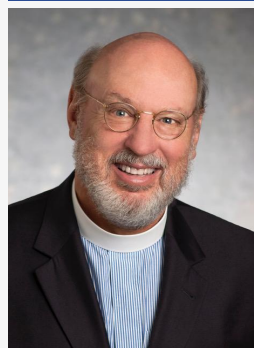
12:00 Noon
Eucharist II

Thursday

7:00 PM AA

Friday

From Your Priest:



"The Unexpected Hour"

Matthew 24:36-46

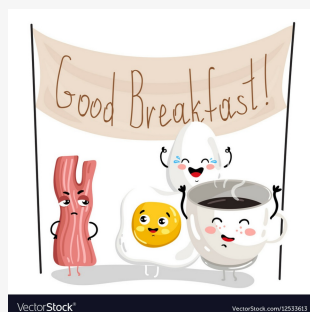
Do you like surprises? It probably depends on the surprise, right? We say, "*What a pleasant surprise!*" when things happen to support our sense of well being. Not so much when the surprise is, well, unpleasant. Think of the sorts of surprises that delight you, and those that upset you. Jesus asks us to be ready for the unexpected—the things about which God rarely gives much notice. The coming of the Christ is at the very center of God's plan for the human condition. The mission of the Church is to proclaim the coming of Christ, a celebration that makes us glad, puts us up to rejoicing, and makes us ready for the unexpected hour.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist

Rev. Bill has resumed Wednesdays at NOON.
At the mid-week Eucharist, he preaches on the "Holy Women, Holy Men" calendar. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY ROLL-OUT! We are serving a hot breakfast starting at **8:30 - 9:45 EVERY SUNDAY!** From 9:10 to 9:50 during breakfast, Rev. Bill will offer a lesson and reflection on being "*Unabashedly Episcopalian.*" Join us as we break bread together and



This Sunday
Dec. 1, 2019

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrants:

Rev. William Fowler

Eucharistic

Minister:

Richard Hammett

Acolyte

Tulisha Wendele

Altar Guild:

Judy Lansford/Jo

Wooten

Ushers:

Judy Lansford

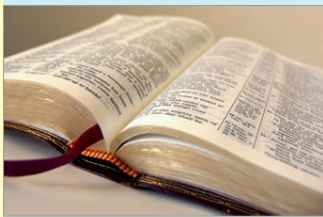
Vestry person:

Betty Maxey

QUICK LINKS
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fellowship! No worries about being "on time" - come when you can!

Many thanks to Rev. Keith Pozzuto & Rev. Robert Chambers for filling in with us while Rev. Fowler was on vacation in merry old England!

The Lampasas Mission is in need of some supplies for the month of October. If you can help donate to this amazing program, it would be greatly appreciated! We have a basket in the foyer of the sanctuary for these items.

Dried pinto beans (in sack)

White rice (in sack)

Canned peas

Canned tuna

Canned diced tomatoes

Tomato sauce

Canned spinach

Also, the Mission hours for accepting donations are Mondays 5-8 pm, Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-3 pm.

Thank you!!

THINK ON THIS:

An excerpt from the article "*Thankfulness - Our Hiding Place*," by Cindy Koen:

Few things have touched me as deeply as the book, *The Hiding Place*, which I read at the age of 15 as a part of my homeschool curriculum. It is the story of Corrie Ten Boom's life during World War II, following her from the years that her family spent hiding Jews in their home through her time in a Dutch prison, a Dutch concentration camp and finally the German concentration camp where her sister, Betsie, died. Throughout their trials, Betsie's faith was a constant inspiration to Corrie, who understandably struggled with feelings of hatred and anger toward the Nazis.

The part of the story that has always stayed with me was when Corrie and Betsie were moved to a barracks that was plagued by swarms of fleas. Betsie had a Bible that, because of God's grace, she was able to keep hidden from the guards. The women in their barracks regularly gathered around Betsie for Bible studies in the midst of that terrible place. One day, Betsie read out of 1 Thessalonians 5: "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus." Joyfully, she told Corrie and the others that they were to give thanks for everything and even in the most dire of circumstances. The women began to pray together, thanking God for literally every single thing about their situation, concluding with Betsie thanking God for the fleas. While this prayer was inconceivable to Corrie, who didn't believe that she would ever be able to be thankful for fleas, they later found out that it was this very annoyance that kept the guards out of their barracks, granting them freedom from the constant abuse that faced other prisoners as well as allowing them to continue with their Bible Studies.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!



Bow the Knee

"Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee." -Chris Machen

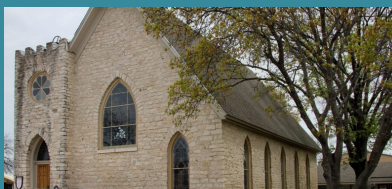
Prayer List:

Mary Casbeer, Larry & Becky Hart, Roz & J.M. Finley, Wilder Brown, Anne Brown, Jim Richardson, Jim & Pat Anderson, Margaret King Cole, Jerry Richardson, Hudson Glimp, Katherine Metzger, Robert, Glynda, Kiersten, David, Mary JP, Norman, Karal, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, Bryant, Darren, John, & Buddy.

Remember those traveling for the Thanksgiving holidays. All bishops and ministers and those in authority in government.

Blessed be God who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.
Psalm 66:18

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