

A Grace Note from the Rector  
March 7, 2024

Dear Ones,

Spring is just around the corner which, of course, means our clocks will spring forward. Please remember to **change your clocks on Saturday night** as we shift into Eastern Daylight Time.

Next week, **I will be away** at Waycross for two different gatherings. Our annual Clergy Conference will be from Monday-Wednesday, followed by the Commission on Ministry/Standing Committee retreat on Thursday and Friday. I'll be back in Muncie by Saturday. There will be **no Wednesday Eucharist on March 13**. While I'm away, I will be reachable by phone, but have limited access to email. If you have a pressing need, please reach out to David Blakley, the Junior Warden.

#### **PARISH CLEANUP DAY – THIS SATURDAY**

Come one, come all on **Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>** between 9-3 for a deep cleaning of the Nave and Parish Hall in preparation for Bishop Jennifer's visit and Easter. People of all heights are needed; cleaning supplies will be provided. **Beverages and snacks** will be provided to tempt you to come, as well as more substantial food around lunch time.

#### **Bishop Jennifer's Visitation – THIS SUNDAY**

Bishop Jennifer will preside and preach at the 9:30 Eucharist, join us at Coffee Hour, then meet with the Vestry. On that day, any undesignated offerings go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for support of emergencies and non-budgeted ministries that arise in the course of the year. **If you would like to** contribute to that fund, please indicate "Bishop's Discretionary Fund" on your check.

#### **Midweek Ecumenical Lenten Gatherings**

Study Book: *The Love That is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith* by Frederick Bauerschmidt

6:00pm light dinner

7:00pm program

March 13: Hazelwood Christian Church

March 20: First Presbyterian Church

***Thank you to everyone who helped us welcome our ecumenical friends  
in fine style yesterday evening!***

#### **SERVICE TIME PREFERENCE MAPPING**

Thanks to those who provided data in the kinetic mapping project. Here are the numbers:

9:30	8
10:00	24
No preference	13

The next step of the process will be for the Vestry to discuss this input at its March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as a way of advising me on a decision. So...stay tuned!

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Karen Sullivan** (March 7)

**Barbara Wills** (March 12)

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

### **GATHERING GRACE**

Gathering Grace served **95 people** last Sunday. The meal this week will be ham, green beans, and potatoes. Please consider donating **candy and/or cookies** for **Easter** Sunday. Donations can be placed in the buckets by the Gathering Grace kitchen.

### **A BETTER WAY ~ MARCH NEEDS**

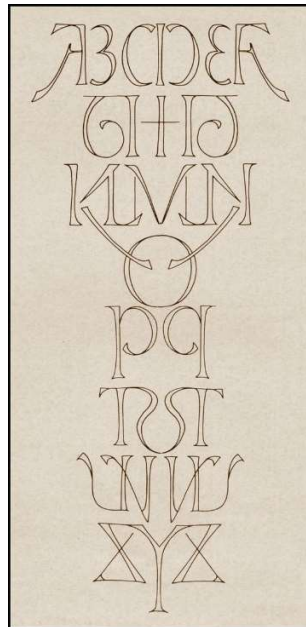
**New** bed pillows (Walmart has prices as low as \$5), pillow cases, hair brushes, body lotion, body wash and disposable razors. Thank you for your continued support!

### **CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES ~ ONGOING NEEDS**

**Food Pantry:** Canned fruit, meats, and soup, crackers, cereal, pasta & sauce, mac & cheese.

**Personal Care Items:** Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, lg/med diapers, towels, washcloths, and blankets.

Recently, I came across this beautiful **ambigram**. It is a perfectly symmetrical mirror alphabet from puzzle-designing wizard Scott Kim. It is immediately recognizable as the modern Latin alphabet, but the ingenious warping and blending required to make it symmetrical gives it a striking, quite exotic appearance. Ambigrams are “so purely visual,” Kim has said: “You can explain them in words, but it’s like describing a dance.” The image is copyright © Scott Kim, [scottkim.com](http://scottkim.com), and is used with permission.



God bless you in your Lenten journey,

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