

March 2023

The Canterbury Cross

Monthly newsletter of St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church
Morgantown, WV

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a Success

By Bob Acciavatti

St. Thomas à Becket Episcopal Church Men put on a very successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21, 2023. There were 46 parishioners in attendance which raised \$426. This total came from \$251 for dinners and \$105 from donations plus \$70 from the sale of maple syrup produced by Jeffrey Carver from maple trees on our church property.

Thanks go to all those you helped make this event a success, especially John Beall, Roy Spears, and Bill Skidmore for cooking pancakes, and Jim Sharley for managing the money collected. All funds raised are designated to go toward ECM Peterkin Scholarships to defray the cost for parish youth interested in attending a Peterkin Summer Camp.



Her Story Piano & Violin Concert



Date & Time: Friday, March 10 @ 7:00 pm

Location: St. Thomas à Becket Church

Artists: Pianist Clara Yang & Violinist Sunmi Chang

Works by: We are so excited to present pieces by various women composers (Amy Beach, Liliya Ugay & Florence Price) to celebrate International Women's Day!

Tickets can be purchased online at summitcms.org

Ticket Price: \$30 for adults / \$10 for students

Online ticket sales stop at on March 9.

At-the-door ticket prices are \$33 for adults / \$12 for students.

Formation Class: Survey of the Bible

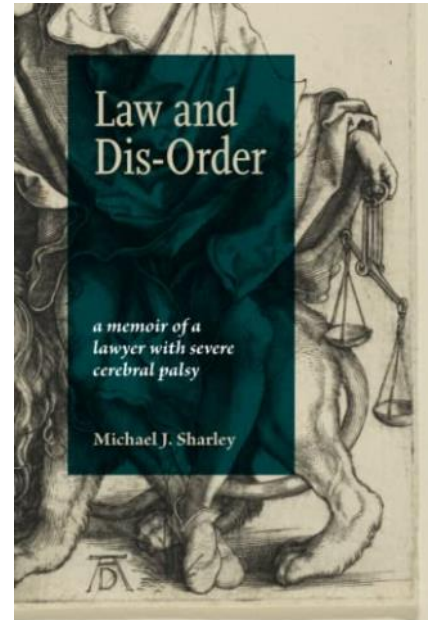
The Rev. Dan Bryan will be leading us for the next two months in a survey of the Bible. We will be meeting at the usual time and place: 9:00 am Sundays at the church. We will be meeting every Sunday in March and April except for Easter, April 9. Please bring a Bible with you for easy reference.

Date & Subject	Readings
March 5 <i>Overview of the Bible</i>	No assignment
March 12 <i>The Pentateuch</i>	Read Exodus 20 Leviticus 23 Genesis 1-4,7, 11, 17
March 19 <i>Religious History of Israel</i>	Read Judges 16, 17 1 Samuel 8, 10, 16 2 Samuel 11-14
March 26 <i>The Writings</i>	Beginning and end of Job A few Psalms and Proverbs A selection from Ecclesiastes A glance over the Song of Solomon
April 2 <i>The Prophets</i>	Isaiah 2, 9, 11:6-9 Amos (all)
April 16 <i>The Gospels</i>	Read Matthew 1, 2, 5-7, 17, 20, 29-33 Mark 1:1-19 Luke 2, 9:1-6, 11:1-4, 15:11-32, 22:14-23, 23:26-49, 24:1-12 John (the seven signs) 2:1-12, 4:46-54, 5:1-15, 6:5-14, 6:16-21, 9:1-7, 11:1-45
April 23 <i>The Letters</i>	Read Romans 5 1 Corinthians 12-15 Galatians 3 Ephesians 5:21-33 1 Timothy 3 James 2
April 30 <i>Early History & The Revelation to John</i>	Read Acts 1, 2, 6, 9, 16:23-21:38 Revelation 1-5, 21



Law and Dis-Order: A Memoir of a Lawyer with Severe Cerebral Palsy

Our own Michael Sharley has published his memoir and it can be acquired through [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). The price is \$8.00 for a Kindle edition; \$15 for paperback. Below is the information about the book as found on Amazon. From childhood through law school and into professional practice, Michael Sharley pursued his goals despite his severe cerebral palsy. As a defense lawyer representing those at the margins of society, he found that his clients, too, were treated as something less than equals in a world that favors “regular, normal” people. In a lively, engaging voice—and with a hint of sardonic humor—he shares some of the burdens borne by people with disabilities, some professional anecdotes, some outspoken observations on the state of justice in America, and the story of his own decisive encounter with the forces of conformity.



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“... an insightful view into the life and mind of an individual who demonstrates that the only true handicap is within one’s own mind. Sharley, though severely restricted physically, continually amazes us with his ability to find joy and fulfillment. His story is a reminder that the human spirit is far more important for a life well-lived than any advantages with which one might be born. We all can learn much about ourselves if we would but ride a mile in Sharley’s wheelchair.”

—Rev. Al Prichard & Dr. Cheryl Prichard

There will be a book launch / reception in the parish hall on Saturday, March 25 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm.



Community Kitchen Says Thank You

By Aurie Acciavatti

The Community Kitchen thanks everyone who voted for their favorite team in the Souper Bowl event. Although the team with the most votes, the Philadelphia Eagles, did not win, the Community Kitchen did! Thanks to the donation of \$227.00 the Kitchen will be able to continue to serve a hot, nutritious lunch five days a week, distribute weekend meal supplement bags, and continue to provide a Sunday lunch and snacks to the warming shelter located at Hazel's House of Hope.



Migrant Worker Kits

By Karen Kostol

The St. Thomas à Becket Outreach Committee is co-operating with The Daughters of the King in collecting items to put in Migrant Workers Kits. Elsie Carvell was very involved in this ministry for many years and the Daughters of the King would like to honor Elsie by dedicating the 2023 collection in her memory.

The items listed below may be brought to church and placed on the table in the Parish Hall. The deadline for donating items is **Sunday, April 2**.

Items needed are:

- Body towels and wash cloths (colors suitable for men)
- Bars of soap
- Mens black combs
- Toothpaste (full size) and toothbrushes

The DOK will put the kits together. The kits will be distributed to migrant workers in the eastern pan-handle of West Virginia. The Daughters of the King is open to all Episcopal women. Although St. Thomas à Becket does not have a chapter, Trinity has an active chapter which women from St. Thomas à Becket are welcome to join.



Milestone Birthdays

The Special Events Committee will celebrate first quarter birthdays in March. If you are celebrating 80, 85, 90 years or above in January, February, or March, please let Aurie Acciavatti or Margot Racin know so the Parish can celebrate with you.

Updating Directory

We are updating the church directory for 2023. If you would like to update your family photo, or if you have moved recently and haven't let the office know / need to update your contact information, please email parish@stthomasabecket.org by **March 20**.

Special Events Committee Chair

The church is in need of a chair for the Special Events Committee. The Special Events Committee is responsible for organizing a variety of enjoyable events for members of the congregation and the community. Traditionally, the funds raised from these events have supported the church's capital projects.

If you are interested in chairing this committee, please email

Senior Warden Corey Farris: cfarriswv@gmail.com
or Chair Jerrey Hoyt: jhoyt13025@gmail.com

Peterkin Camps 2023

June 11 - 17: Counselor Training

June 18 - 24: Senior Camp (entering 9th grade through graduated high school seniors)

June 25 - July 1: Junior Camp (entering 4th-8th grades)

July 5 - 8: Alpha Camp (children and their grownups)

July 9 - 15: Family Camp (families of all types and ages)

July 16 - 22: Music, Art, Drama Camp (entering 4th-12th grades)

Online registration forms are [available here](#).

Photos from Bishop Cowden's Visit



Photos from Shrove Tues. Pancake Supper



Upcoming Clergy Supply Schedule

Mar. 5 (2 Lent) - DM II - The Rev. Al Prichard presiding;
The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen preaching

Mar. 12 (3 Lent) - HE II - The Rev. Dr. George Moses
presiding; The Rev. Al Prichard preaching

Mar. 19 (4 Lent) - DM II - The Rev. Al Prichard presiding;
The Rev. Dr. Lynn Cartwright preaching

Mar. 26 (5 Lent) - DM II - The Rev. Al Prichard presiding;
The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen preaching

Apr. 2 (Palm Sunday) - The Rev. Al Prichard presiding;
The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen preaching

Holy Week Schedule

April 6 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm

April 7 - Good Friday - 7:00 pm

April 8 - Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm

April 9 - Easter - 10:30 am

February Vestry Meeting Highlights

By John McFerrin

We have had an igniter replaced on one of our furnaces. We have had the remaining five furnaces serviced. The technician who worked on them reported that they were all about 30 years old (original equipment when the building was expanded). We are in good shape now but they are approaching their dot-age. We are probably looking at replacing them some time in the next three years. The last furnace we replaced cost about \$8,000.

There have been difficulties with earth movement under and around the church in the past, manifesting itself in cracks. Corey and Linda Yost measured the cracks about two years ago and did not detect any recent movement. There is now available more sophisticated monitoring equipment which we can install and track movement, if any, more precisely.

A student of organist Bill Haller has been using our organ to practice. Now she wants to use the church for her recital. The Vestry would not object and would not want to charge her a fee.

Natalie is working on the Parochial Report. In addition to objective numbers such as attendance, etc. it also asks more open ended questions about future plans, etc. She is going to circulate the open ended questions to the Vestry to see if anyone has ideas.

Last month Al reported that there might be a difficulty with the copyright on the music we use. Now Al has done some checking and concluded that we are in good shape. If it turns out that there is a violation, the consequences would be small.

There has been some movement toward a Sunday School program. There have been a couple of volunteers to form a committee to work on a plan.

Beth Royall raised the issue of credit cards. We have cards from Office Depot and Lowes which we use to purchase supplies. We also have a MasterCard issued by Kroger which we use to buy flowers. Now the Outreach Committee wants to start regularly buying supplies for the Rock Forge Pantry and would find it more convenient to use the Kroger-issued credit card for this. The Vestry voiced no objection.

Bernie Schultz reported on the proposed strategic plan. Last Fall, Bernie and Carol Beall distributed a questionnaire to Vestry members and prepared a document containing our current mission statements, the responses from Vestry members, and some suggestions moving forward. He has since revised that document for the Vestry members to review. The next step will be a discussion among the Vestry, followed by a discussion with the entire congregation. The discussion will include finances since we have some major expenditures looming (organ, furnaces, maybe correcting earth movement).

Bernie Schultz wants to do a program on the Passion of Christ in Art. It would involve readings from the Bible followed with examples of how those passages have been treated in artistic works. He would make the presentation during or instead of coffee hour on March 19. The Vestry is enthusiastic about this, as is Bernie.

Stewardship Giving Report			
January	Giving	Expenses	Variance
Monthly	\$26,306	\$13,154	\$13,152
2023 YTD	\$26,306	\$13,154	\$13,152*

* Amounts reflect information from the Treasurer's report given February 16, 2023 on the previous month's finances.

Sunday Worship Schedule

The Rev. Al Prichard, Deacon

10:30 am Holy Eucharist II
(in-person and livestreamed on YouTube)



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5 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>Survey of the Bible</i> 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Al Prichard presiding; The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen preaching 2 Lent	6 Parish Hall RSVD: Spears	7	8 12:30 pm Backpack Feeding Program @ SRSH	9	10 7:00 pm Summit Chamber Music Series Concert	11
12 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>Survey of the Bible</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Dr. George Moses presiding; The Rev. Al Prichard preaching Coffee Hour <i>Finance Committee Meeting</i> after church 3 Lent	13 Parish Hall RSVD: Spears (backup)	14	15	16 7:00 pm <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>Survey of the Bible</i> 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Al Prichard presiding; The Rev. Dr. Lynn Cartwright preaching Lenten Presentation during Coffee Hour by Bernie Schultz & Beth Royall 4 Lent	20 7:30 pm <i>Outreach Meeting</i> (Zoom)	21	22	23 6:00 pm <i>Property Committee Meeting</i>	24	25 2:00 - 4:00 pm Michael Sharley Book Event in the Parish Hall
26 9:00 am Formation Class: <i>Survey of the Bible</i> 10:30 am Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion II (in-person and on YouTube) The Rev. Al Prichard presiding; The Rev. Dr. Timothy Allen preaching Potluck Luncheon & Milestone Birthdays Celebration 5 Lent	27	28	29 12:30 pm Backpack Feeding Program @ SRSH	30	31	



Birthdays

- 1 - Van Swearingen
- 3 - Daniel Crawford
- 7 - Charlie Heiskell
- 8 - Byron Nelson
- 11 - Katherine Henneberger
- 11 - Gloria Sullivan
- 11 - Lynda Waggoner
- 12 - Carolyn Nelson
- 13 - Bradley Omanson
- 16 - Theo Tolka
- 17 - Laura Conner
- 17 - Liza Heiskell
- 18 - Margot Racin
- 18 - Daniel Reed
- 18 - Mark Yost
- 25 - Patti Kisner
- 31 - Brenda Swearingen

Anniversaries

- 21 - John & Carol Beall
- 21 - Jeff & Kathy Fedan
- 23 - Bernie & Cookie Schultz
- 30 - Mark & Linda Yost

Service Ministers' Schedule: March 2023

<p>March 5 2 Lent</p>	<p>Acolytes: Jeff Fedan, Scott Williams, Bob Acciavatti Altar Guild: Kathy, Florita, Cheryl, Liz, Carol Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, PJ Henry Eucharistic Minister: Bob Acciavatti Intercessor: Margot Racin</p>	<p>Producer: Corey Farris Readers: Lynda Waggoner, Tom Waggoner Ushers: Roy Spears, Carol Roberts Spears Vestry Closer: Scott Williams</p>
<p>March 12 3 Lent</p>	<p>Acolytes: Carol Beall, Bob Acciavatti, Theo Tolka Altar Guild: Alice, Hap, Mary Lou, Bernie, Cookie Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Susan Seitz Eucharistic Minister: Jeff Fedan Intercessor: Kathy Fedan</p>	<p>Producers: Jeff Fedan, Kathy Fedan Readers: Linda Durfee, Paul Henneberger Ushers: TBD Vestry Closer: TBD</p>
<p>March 19 4 Lent</p>	<p>Acolytes: Scott Williams, Bob Acciavatti, Shepard Tolka Altar Guild: Natalie, Alice, John, Lynda Counters (Monday): Linda Yost, Linda Durfee Eucharistic Ministers: Carol Roberts Spears, Bob Acciavatti Intercessor: Aurie Acciavatti</p>	<p>Producers: Corey Farris Readers: Beth Royall, Alice Meehan Ushers: TBD Vestry Closer: Corey Farris</p>
<p>March 26 5 Lent</p>	<p>Acolytes: Tara Steed, Bob Acciavatti, Caroline Beddow Altar Guild: Grace, Patty, Anne, Susan Counters (Monday): Kathy Fedan, Nancy Mosser Eucharistic Minister: Tara Steed Intercessor: Corey Farris</p>	<p>Producer: TBD Readers: John Taylor, Bernie Schultz Ushers: TBD Vestry Closer: Lisa Holland</p>