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## From Our Pastor

My Dear Family in Christ,

Thanks to all of you who came out for the great services of Palm Sunday, Maundy (Holy) Thursday, the starkness of the Solemn Good Friday Liturgy, the inspiring candlelit Vigil of Easter with the first Eucharist of Easter and the electric atmosphere and riotous alleluias of the Easter Day Eucharist.

Many thanks to all who assisted in the services, especially our ushers, Roxiee Dollar and Sheila Sanchez, assisting ministers, the wonderful music by our choir, led by Lee Hendricks, the gifts of Easter lilies, the beautiful bulletins our parish secretary, Anne Combes, produced, and many others behind the scenes who see that things go smoothly each Lord's Day (and the weekdays as well), your generosity in more than keeping our congregation afloat financially, our Church Council, and simply the plain joy of being able to be with each other, breaking, for at least an hour, the "solitary confinement" and isolation so many of us have had to endure during the long COVID19 Pandemic.

The fellowship was medicine for the soul as well as the body and all of were sights for sore eyes, so to speak. Continue, though, to be "safe" through the duration of this terrible pestilence, keep safe distance, wear your mask and get your vaccination.

May in "merry olde England" was also the "merry month of May" with feasting, dancing, celebration and festivity. May is also the month we honor our mothers, both our biological mothers, and the women who have the gifts of motherly love, care and nurture. May is also, in many Roman Catholic cultures, the month for honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord, the model for motherhood and the example of unwavering, complete obedience to the will of God, and therefore a model for us as disciples of Jesus Christ as well.

So, to each of you, a "merry month of May" and Happy Mothers' Day.

Pastor Don

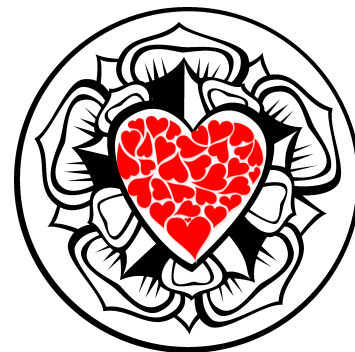


## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am  
Worship Service

## OUR MISSION

*We are a family  
of Christ,  
committed to serving,  
teaching, welcoming  
and loving  
all God's people.*



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Council Minutes  
March 8, 2021

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Pastor Don, Jackie Wilson, Gail Davidson, Maria Hoyt, Sheila Sanchez, Carolyn Moran, Roxiee Dollar, Jim Dollar, Karen Sutton.

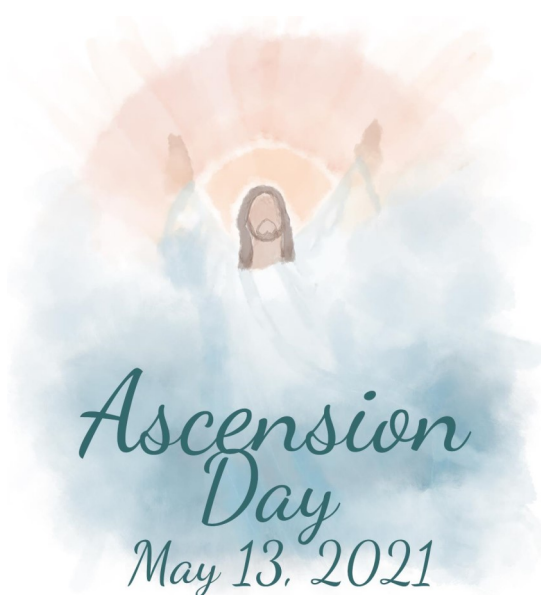
ABSENT: Ellen Wilson, Tim Garvin

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Updating 2021 directory and Council call breakdown
- B. Stove status - selling the one not used
- C. Organ stored in St. Matthias Hall
- D. Driveway paving/repair. POC Karen Sutton - Tabled until estimates are received

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Scouts of American use St. Matthias Hall for Pinewood Derby on March 20th. POC: Tara Taffe  
Approved: 1st Sheila Sanchez, 2nd Karen Sutton
- B. Scouts of America to use outside property for Bayside District Award Banquet. POC: Marianne West, tabled until more information is received
- D. Exterminator requires 60 day notice, tabled until April.



**The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ**, commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches. Following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension, Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter.

**Prayer for Ascension Day:** Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***Worship Attendance for March 2021***

Date	Congregation	Choir/ Assistants	Nursery	Total
March 7, 2021	18	6	0	24
March 14, 2021	17	4	0	21
March 21, 2021	18	6	0	24
March 28, 2021	17	6	0	23

The Season of Easter is upon us as we walk toward Pentecost and the Ascension of our Lord. As Roxie mentioned, Council will consider returning the Sunday service to the Sanctuary at our May meeting. I am so ready to return to some semblance of normal-whatever that looks like!

Geraniums will be available for purchase beginning May 2nd and ending May 16th. The cost remains at \$8.00, payment due when ordering. We celebrate Pentecost on May 23rd. Watch the Sunday inserts for details.

Please remember our members dealing with issues that prevent them from attending Sunday worship! Those on the prayer chain receive regular requests for prayers.

Home Communion remains on hold until further notice. Now that many have been fully vaccinated, if you would like to receive the sacrament at your home, please contact the church office and leave a message.

Prayerfully consider what more you can do for your church, school and church family. "God's Work, Our Hands" is not only for the September celebration - there are various needs all year!

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Davidson, Chair



## Call Committee Update

After a period of receiving no new profiles to consider, the committee currently has three to review and discuss/decide on a course of action.

On behalf of the committee, I want to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of Pastor Don; he continues to lead us and inspire us with his weekly message and delivery of the liturgy. While I recognize continuing the Call Process, part of me wants to see that decision made once we have more information on moving forward and our status as a congregation. I appreciate those faithful parishioners who fill seats Sunday mornings. Please continue supporting this congregation. The committee welcomes your input as we embrace this process. We will persevere!!

Gail Davidson, Call Committee Chair



## May Anniversaries

19 - Rev. Don ♥ Sue Wilson  
37 years

27 - Stephen ♥ Stephanie Chivers  
20 years

Let us take the opportunity to  
congratulate them on their years together,  
and wish for them to have many, many more.

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## May Birthdays

10 - Deborah McLaughlin  
10 - Gerard Gebler  
13 - Lee Hendricks  
20 - Regina Starling  
23 - Barbara Stockman  
28 - Cindy Lewis  
28 - Robert Lingo  
29 - Alexis Chivers



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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

President: Roxiee Dollar  
Vice President: Gail Davidson  
Council Secretary: Ellen Wilson  
Financial Secretary: Karen Sutton  
Director of Music: W. Lee Hendricks  
School Director: Sheila Sanchez  
Parish Bookkeeper: Carolyn Moran  
Parish Secretary: Anne Combes

**If your mailing information has changed,  
please notify the Church Office.**

**Thank you!**



## Pentecost Sunday May 23, 2021

Help to adorn the Altar for Pentecost  
Order Your Geraniums early

Cost - \$8.00 each

Look for order forms in your Sunday bulletin  
on May 2nd, 9th and 16th.

Geraniums may be taken home following the  
conclusion of the service on Pentecost.

Last day to order:  
May 16th!

Any orders received after the deadline will not be filled.