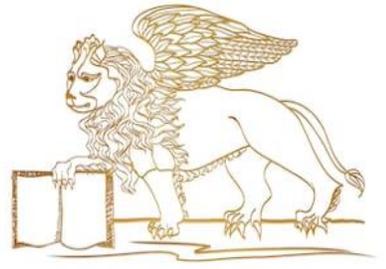


# The Messenger



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## *A Pastoral Letter: Pentecost and Living in a Post-Election, Post-Covid World*

Dear Christian Friends,

As a nation and as a Church, living in the post-election, post-Covid world may be a difficult challenge for many people who feel they have been pulled apart, gravely divided from each other by politics and the politics of the pandemic. But, God in His wisdom sent the Holy Spirit at Pentecost as an agent for unity where a Southern Baptist, Tea Party Republican, NRA member can find unity with a Catholic, Sanders Socialist, Planned Parenthood member! Yes, it is hard to believe that could happen. But, as Richard Rohr says, **“unity is not the same as uniformity.”**

Christian unity, in fact, is the reconciliation of differences, and those differences must be maintained. We must actually distinguish things and separate us, ***usually at a cost to ourselves***, before we can spiritually unite them (*Ephesians 2:14–16*). Perhaps if we had made that simple distinction between *uniformity* and *true unity*, many of our problems could have been overcome. **The great wisdom of Pentecost is the recognition that through the Spirit, Christians even Episcopalians, can have an underlying unity amidst the many differences!** (*Read High Church – Low Church*)

Saint Paul already made this universal principle very clear in several of his letters. For example, “There is a variety of gifts, but it is always the same Spirit. There are all sorts of services to be done, but always the same Lord, working in all sorts of different ways in different people. It is the same God working in all of them” (*1 Corinthians 12:4–6*). We see this beautiful diversity and yet unity in the universe itself—from Latin, *unus + versus*, **“to turn around one thing.”** Paul already made this universal principle very clear in several of his letters. For example, “There is a variety of gifts, but it is always the same Spirit. There are all sorts of services to be done, but always the same Lord, working in all sorts of different ways in different people. It is the same God working in all of them” (*1 Corinthians 12:4–6*). We see this beautiful diversity and yet unity in the universe itself—from Latin, *unus + versus*, “to turn around one thing.”

As we at Saint Mark's begin our process of rebuilding our congregation post Covid, we will need to find a unity of spirit. Unity, so that Republicans and Democrats, Pro vaccine and No vaccine, Pro Life and Pro Choice, Pro Tax and No Tax Christians can **have the love and humility to turn one thing around**. So, what one cherished belief or opinion could you put on “hold”, in order to serve with a person with an opposing view? What one deeply held conviction could you put on “hold” to join others who differ, in inviting people into fellowship at Saint Mark's? What could you, turn around or put on “hold”, to join others in dreaming about Saint Mark's future ministry? The Holy Spirit can manage to bring a language of humility and love to anyone who is willing to turn one thing around. It is especially appropriate to remember the unity of spirit by very diverse religious and political citizen soldiers, this Memorial Day. Soldiers of the Cross could take a lesson from them.

**Out of Many, One.**

Fr. Kim

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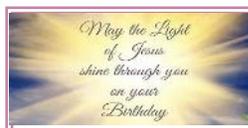
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## Happy Birthday

Ivanna Freeman 6/5  
Chris Pasela 6/12  
Jamie Hartranft 6/14  
Breanna Dunlap 6/17  
Rose Dienna 6/22,  
Becky Hartranft 6/25  
Wanda Kosempel 6/29  
John Macomber 6/29



## Happy Anniversary

Paul & Lisa Colombo 6/16  
Frank and Holly Weaver 6/21  
Bill & Ivanna Freeman 6/25

## ECW

June fellowship will be pizza, please sign up for appetizer and dessert.

Healthing Corner: "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." 2 Corinthians 6:16

Important Medical check-ups: Through-out Adulthood A Tetanus booster every 10 years, annual Flu vaccine, every few years check for Blood Pressure, cholesterol. And Diabetes (the older you get the higher you risk.)

Starting in your 40's Colon Cancer screening, Breast examination.

Starting in your 50's For Men prostate screening, Shingles vaccine, An Aspirin regimen after discussion.

Starting in your 60's Pneumonia vaccine and Bone Density test (this is for both men and women)

ECW March Challenge Collected was \$3400.00 with the ECW contributing \$100.00

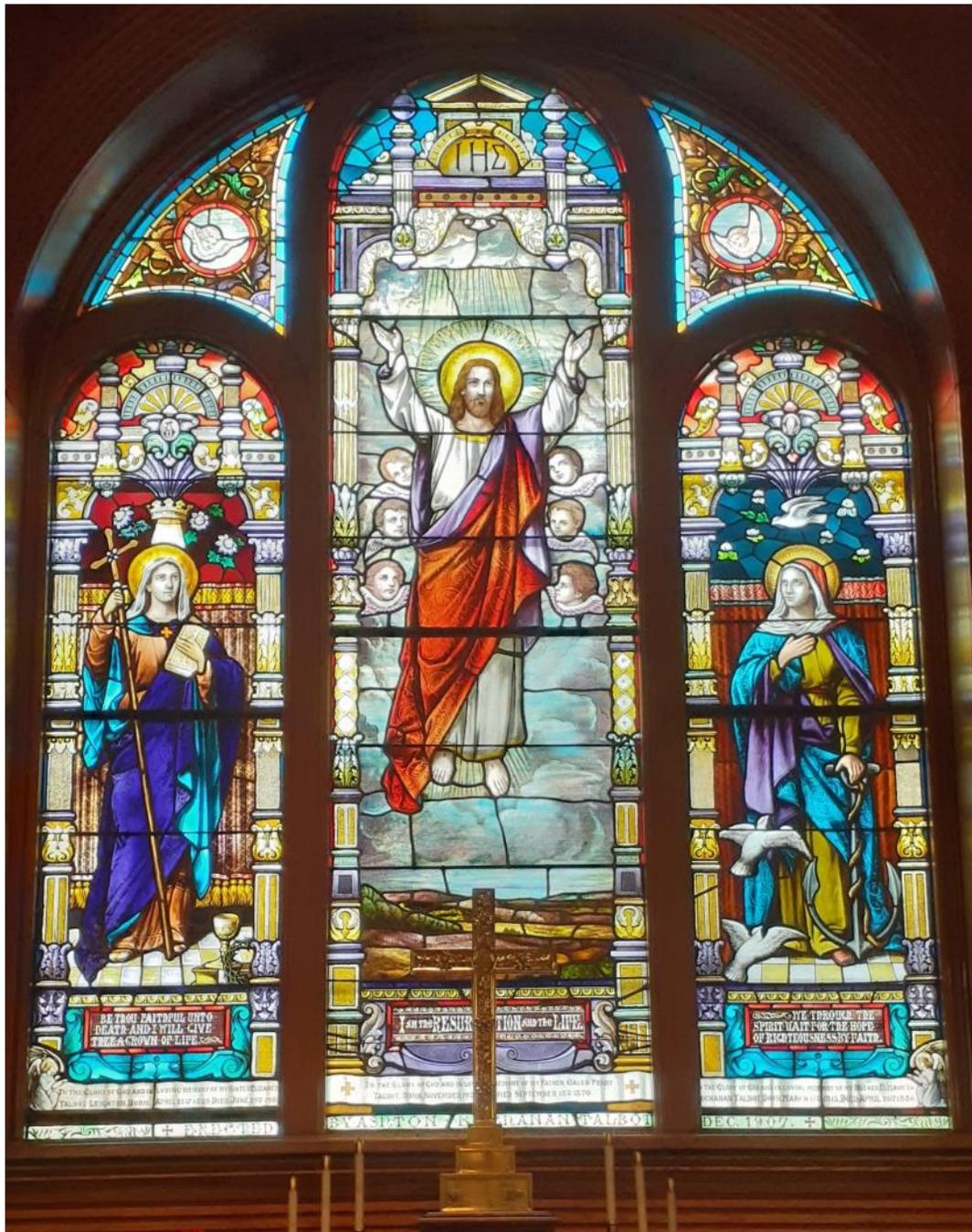
Hoping your Memorial Day was Fun and Safe.

Holly Weaver

# The Center Picture Window

The stained glass behind the altar was installed after a major renovation of St. Mark's in 1907. There has been much discussion about "Who" the people are on the left and right panels. After some research, it was discovered that they are not so much "Who" but "What".

1 Corinthians 13:13 "And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is Love." The figure on the left panel is Faith, carrying the cross. The right panel is Hope, symbolized with the anchor, and of course the center panel is "The Greatest is Love", represented by Jesus and the descending Holy Spirit. Please take a moment to read the inscriptions on the bottom of each panel. The one on the left talks about Faith and the one on the right talks about Hope. (The stained glass was done by the Willet Studios in Philadelphia".):



## Sally's Corner

We Need Fathers,

June is a busy, busy month. The Schools will be closing their doors for the summer. There will be Proms, Graduations, Parties, Picnics, Class Reunions, Weddings, Flag Day, and Father's Day. I saw the following poem in The Fish-wraper in 2017 and wanted to share it with all the Dad's, especially the young ones.

(Author Unknown) **Walk A Little Plainer Daddy**

"Walk a little plainer daddy," said a little boy so frail, "I'm following your footsteps and I don't want to fail. Sometimes your steps are plain, sometimes they are hard to see; So walk a little plainer Daddy, for you are leading me. I know that once you walked this way many years ago; What you did along the way I'd really like to know. For sometimes when I'm tempted, I don't know what to do So, walk a little plainer Daddy, for I must follow you. Someday when I'm grown up, you are like I want to be; Then I will have a little boy who will want to follow me. And I want to lead him right, and help him to be true; So, walk a little plainer Daddy, for we must follow you."

Most sons try to follow in their father's footsteps. Most fathers are by no means perfect, nor do they have all the answers; but to your son or daughter you are perfect. Treat them with love and respect and take time to listen to what they have to say.

Have a wonderful Father's Day!  
Faithfully yours,  
Sally Nickle

**Mark Combs Graduation from High school, headed to Penn and his accomplishment as a Boy Scout. We are so happy for you Mark!!!**



Hello St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Honey Brook,



Words cannot express how much we appreciate you being a part of the Ketto family and helping us spread goodness in the society. However, a reward, on the other hand, certainly will!

It is with great pleasure that we present you with a **Certificate of Appreciation**. We hope this encourages you to keep doing what you're doing.

**City Gate Men's Mission:** St.  
Mark's continues to supply dinners to City Gate in Coatesville. If you would like to help with cooking, contact Frank Weaver or Fr. Kim before the second Saturday of each month. The next dinner is on June 12, 2021

**LET US PRAY FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN NEED: Charles Blosenski, Billy Brennan, Shaun Chandler, The Combs family, Donald Combs, the Darby family, John & Elizabeth Deering, Sandy Dawson, Betty Gallagher, Nick Gehman, Gary Gray, Janice, Piper Hatfield, Rick Hilferty, Judy Ink, Katie, Greg Leinweber, John & Sally Macomber, Karen Mannke, Margaret Moore, Fran O'Neil, Rory O'Neil, The Pasela Family, Virginia Pavero, Susan Peet, Dick Rainer, Ruth Rainer, Trish Rhoads, Ronnie P., Trent Rutt, Bob & Dawn Schell, Bob, Lois & Elisabeth Schultz, Diane Spath, Sue Staton, Doris Stacey, Nancy Summers, Richard & Kathy Wilson, Jim Woolwine, Andrew Yambor, David Corrigan, Elizabeth Lorah, Michael Mann, Claudia Petrus, The Comstock Family, Harry Orlando, Taryn Miller, Sheri Monti, Steve Attis, Beth Knoedler**

**ST. MARK'S OUTEACH UPDATE**  
**JUNE 2021**  
*Ivanna Freeman*

To Steeple to People- 3 bags of groceries.

# Unity of Spirit

## BULLETIN BOARD



Let us know what you would like to see in our newsletter!



Please submit pictures for the May Newsletter. All pictures are welcome, pets, children, seniors .

Join us for a Zoom coffee hour and Gospel discussion every Sunday at 12:00 following Mass.

The May vestry meeting will be held via Zoom on May17 at 7 pm.

