



# Loaves & Fishes

MAY 2026

## Carrying One Another's Burdens

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

~~Galatians 6:2

Bearing (or carrying) one another's burdens was the theme of diocesan convention this year and it was, in part, a recognition that there were many things in our cultural life that had made everyday matters a challenge. Food insecurity is a particular problem in many parishes; one of the most conspicuous examples is San Mateo (or St. Matthew's) in Hyattsville, many of whose members struggle to meet everyday dietary needs.

A number of the parishes of Southern Maryland recognized that helping in this ministry is a weight we could bear, and so, after some discussion with the people in Hyattsville in charge of food distribution, we decided to help with the purchase, packing and delivery of corn flour, a staple for making tortillas.



We have set up a fund at St. Andrew's to help finance this project, and our neighbors, both individuals and parishes, have been generous indeed in their contributions. St. Mary's and St. Andrew's have been the places doing the packing; Joyce and Ned Austin have taken on the delivery component. The feedback suggests that it has been a great deal of fun, and

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☛ May looks like a busy month—a yard sale, mother's day tea, garden club luncheon, and—very important—it's time for our Holy Mowers to be back on the job. Can you help?

☛ Sunday School will end its year May 24, but never fear, Vacation Bible School is on the way. This will be June 28-July 3, 9:00 a.m. till noon. The theme this year is We Are All God's Children, and it will be addressed with songs, stories, crafts, physical activities, and, of course, snacks. Register at [churchschool64@gmail.com](mailto:churchschool64@gmail.com) or see Joyce after church any Sunday.

☛ Yard Sale coming up June 4-6. Can you help?

☛ And, if you'd like to help with the flour-for-San Mateo but can't hang around to measure and bag it, you can donate—a check in the Sunday collection, San. Mateo food ministry in the memo line.

we are likely to continue with this activity through the rest of the year.

Our next flour-packing session will be after services on May 3. If you are interested, please join us. Carrying each other's burdens can be deeply satisfying, especially in the company of friends.

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***From the Great Fifty Days Into Pentecost***

As we search out Jesus in all the corners of our lives during the Great Fifty Days following the Resurrection, we have innumerable opportunities to see Christ among us, not only in church but in the parts of our lives when we experience discord or even acrimony. One of my favorite sayings was cut in stone on Carl Jung's front door: *Vocatus atque non vocatus, Deus aderit*—Called or not called, God is present. The same is true for Jesus, who is present in all parts of our life, often in the quietest ways.

With the coming of the Ascension on May 14 and Pentecost on May 24, we have a different experience of the Jesus among us. As the former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has said, Jesus becomes no longer the thing we see but the *way* we see. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, which we hear in many voices on the Day of Pentecost, we are invited to see the innumerable ways in which God is present for us and our communities. We are not particularly adept at seeing the Holy Spirit but we know its work in creating chances for work in our church and beyond it, to see the work of God in innumerable new ways.

Pentecost is also when Sunday School finishes, people begin thinking about trips and the like. I plan to look for the work of the Spirit in the places I will be going, among family and strangers, to see the work of God on a broader canvas. I hope you all can join me.

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*O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

~~Book of Common Prayer

***Doing and Being***

*We are so obsessed with doing that we have no time and no imagination left for being. As a result, men are valued not for what they are but for what they do or what they have - for their usefulness.*

~~Thomas Merton

I once heard a professor in seminary, a retired bishop who had spent his life in the church, say that priests are the most useless people imaginable. While there was a time I would have argued with him (if I hadn't been interested in passing his courses), I have noted in the intervening years that he did not say we have no worth.

We simply operate outside the rhythm of most peoples' everyday lives. Utility is not the primary qualification for what we offer and I believe this fact goes to the heart of what Merton was saying. We are worth far more for what we are than for what we can do, whatever our action in the world.

We are not used to thinking this way but, as we look toward the end of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, I am reminded that we are loved by God simply for what we are, exclusive of our ability to change the oil, cook dinner or cut the grass (I invite you to check with Kelly about this). God takes joy in us simply as God's creatures; utility simply doesn't enter into the equation. So, if you are beginning a vacation or planning one, I invite you to take reciprocal joy in what God has created around us, beloved creatures that we all are.

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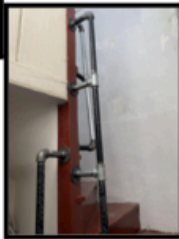
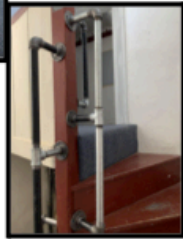
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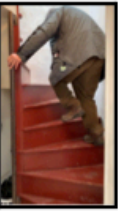
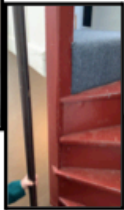
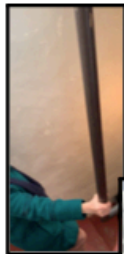
*Our Minister of Music Has Something to Say*

**South Tower Staircase Handrail System**

A big thank you to Senior Warden Susan Bennett and Junior Warden Peter Woodside for the approval to install a new staircase handrail system, for which Peter oversaw the project. A very special recognition also goes out to Steve Carroll for designing, fabricating and installing a custom, cost-effective solution in the south tower, which will help ensure safety and accessibility for generations over years to come!



~AFTER~



~BEFORE~

*The Church Poured Out*

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
 6 who, though he was in the form of God  
 did not regard equality with God  
 as something to be exploited,  
 7but emptied himself,  
 taking the form of a slave,  
 being born in human likeness.  
 And being found in human form,  
 8 he humbled himself  
 and became obedient to the point  
 of death—  
 even death on a cross.  
 9Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name. . .  
 ~~Philippians 2:5-9

I was thinking of many of my colleagues on Palm Sunday when we heard this passage. I was thinking about what it is to live a “poured-out” life for the church; I was also thinking of what it means to let that mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, to be poured-out not only for the love of God but for the sake of the Church that nourishes us. I had forgotten about an article written by Barbara Brown Taylor, a retired religion teacher at Piedmont College in North Georgia and world-famous preacher and author.

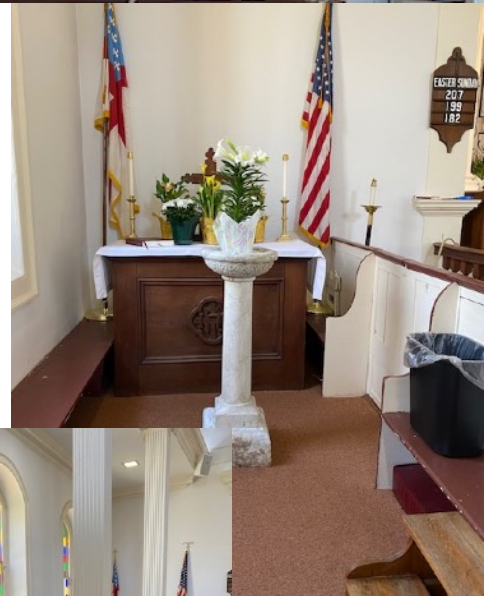
Years ago, she wondered aloud what it would be like if the church lived by the same self-emptying (the fancy Greek word is *kenosis*) that Jesus did. That is what we are doing culturally, people in every church sorting out what it means to reevaluate their faith.

Part of Brown’s speculation was a rhetorical question: How can the institutional church, constantly devising new ways to preserve itself, be faithful to someone whose own faith was defined by self-emptying? Every endeavor we attempt is to find that place where we are offering ourselves and allowing the Holy Spirit to do the rest. It seems to me that we can be at least that faithful.

We are not the same people we were on Palm Sunday, not in the light of the Resurrection. We all have worries, about money, about where God is leading us and the church. But I believe the best way out of those anxieties is to continue to be the stand-up people we are, welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, clothing the

naked and binding their wounds. The most faithful model we have, in my view, is the one Paul gives us, where we can continue to be the church poured out; we can allow God to take care of the rest.

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***The Senior Warden Reports  
on Parish Life***

On May 16, we will be having a Parish Potluck Dinner. The theme will be Cinco de Mayo! Meats will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. And, if you have something special you like to drink, bring that too! Starting time is 6:00 p.m. Thanks go to Cindy Kilcoyne for organizing this.

Most of the slots for the 10:30 Coffee Hour through June have been filled. Thank you to all who have volunteered for this hospitality ministry. It is a wonderful thing to sit with friends and newcomers after church and catch up. And it is nice to have a little snack while we do it. We are grateful for anything which is provided. Please keep in mind, though, that we are not asking for, nor do we expect, folks to provide brunch. We are happy with whatever you bring.

The folks at Beth Israel will be participating in our upcoming Yard sale. They are very excited to be joining us for the event which will be held June 4-6

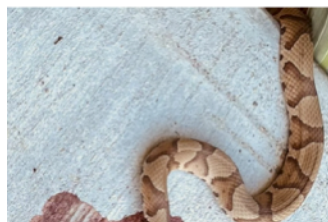
Susan Bennett



***The Junior Warden Considers Repairs  
and Wildlife***

Wildlife on the church grounds continues to evolve with some new residents sighted, and others that are sorely missed. I mention this in caution given Nancy Ridell's recent experience by the garden shed located near the outdoor bell.

Nancy and Bill Riddell volunteer several hours each week landscaping the property by planting flowers, laying mulch and weeding. In the process of removing a bag of dirt Nancy encountered an photographed this copperhead snake recently. Our familiar black snakes haven't been spotted yet this year, but the season is just beginning. Please be careful when pulling weeds or moving leaves and sticks.



Groundhogs have been spotted behind the Church and out front by the sheds. Who knows what else (who else?) shares St. Andrew's with us?

On the safer side of ongoing work, Randy Gillies put his

nautical expertise to good use replacing our flag pole's thirty-four-year-old lanyard. His patience and effort provided a substantial saving.

Speaking of in-house effort, Steve Carroll and Sonny Brown hope to start work soon on one of the colored glass windows. They will reglaze it to restore its watertightness. The outcome of this experiment, and time, will determine if the remaining windows can be refurbished in house over time.



Steve's installation of the new stair railings in the South tower has enabled the bell ringers to resume practice in the church's loft. His ingenious installation has been welcomed with sincere gratitude by many folks at the 10:30 service. The old railing will be installed in the North Tower upon renovation completion.

We need volunteers to help paint the parish hall basement with Drylock later this summer. This, we hope, will reduce the moisture in the basement. Paint can be applied using rollers. Please contact me ([pmwoodside@yahoo.com](mailto:pmwoodside@yahoo.com)) if available for a couple of hours. This will be an August project before the Head Start returns for the fall opening.

Peter Woodside

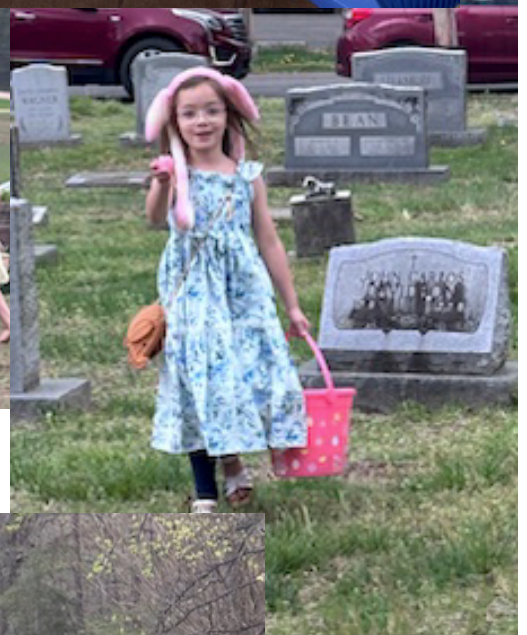


***Tea Time!***

It's a bit unusual to be talking about afternoon tea so soon after discussing snakes and ground hogs, but here we are.

Our Mother's Day tea is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Saturday May 9. Do come, motherhood is not actually a requirement, nor are fancy hats, although they are not discouraged.

Photographs by Joyce Austin



**Did You Know. . .**

that Mary Hall (yes, our Mary Hall) recently spoke at St. Mary's College about her book, *From a Yankee to a Rebel Diary* ?

In an evening sponsored by the college's Center for the Study of Democracy and the St. Mary's

County Historical Society, she talked about her book and Civil War prisoner-of-war camps.

In March she spoke at the U.S. National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville, Georgia, and next month she will address the Fort Delaware Society.

You can find her interesting talk on YouTube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kF\\_DQUwKWY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kF_DQUwKWY).



**Yes, It's Yard Sale Season**

It's coming June 4, 5, 6, and of course that means Steve would appreciate it if you can let him know soon if have donations to be picked up (240 925-2599).

If you can help with setting up (9:00 a.m. June ) and cleaning up afterward (noon June 6), that would be much appreciated.



*The spiritual life of individuals has to be extended both vertically to God and horizontally to other souls; and the more it grows in both directions, the less merely individual and therefore the more truly personal it will be.*

~~ Evelyn Underhill



**Farewell to a Friend**

Many of us remember with fondness our interim rector the Rev. Michael Pumphrey and his wife Elizabeth—and little Sophie who joined us faithfully every Sunday.

And no doubt some of us will want to be there for his burial July 19 at Arlington. Details will be available as they are finalized.



*Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



*The traditions of fighting men are long and honorable.  
They are based upon the noblest of human traits: sacrifice.  
~~ Gen. Douglas MacArthur*

**May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

**8:00 a.m.** Lector: Mary Larson

Altar duty: Lynn Duff and Margaret Hallau

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Dee McRae Lector: Margaret Hallau

Acolytes: Alice Dunn, Barrow Dun, Jo Dunn

Coffee hour: Chris Ferraro

**May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-2

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Ron Leonard

Altar duty: Susan Bennett

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Susan Bennett Lector: Robert Abell

Coffee hour: Johnson/Groggel families

**May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Mary Maker

Altar duty: Kim Stickney and Mary Hansen

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Kim Stickney Lector: Ginni Stein

Acolytes: Amelia Moran, Lucas Anisko, Chris Moran

Coffee hour: Dunn family

**May 24 Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 1

Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21

John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Jerry Gehrig

Altar duty: Mary Maker and Michael Dyson

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Nancy Edwards Lector: Mary Maker

**May 31 First Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Mary Larson

Altar duty: Mary Maker

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Mary Maker Lector: Susan Bennett

Coffee hour: Stein family



**Please Hold in Your Prayers**

Braden Abell, Patrick Afoakwah, the Anderson family, Pam Baake, Melanie Baisley, Jan Barnes, the Bateman family, Eunice Benson, the Blackwell family, Caroline Bradford, Carol Brimm, Pete and Nancy Brown, Christine Butler, Amanda Cain, Misty Cantu, Susan Carroll, Donna Carter, Donnie Carter, Judy Cavin, Jennifer Ceriale, Brandan Chan, Judy Consoli, Lanette Cowles, Erica Day, Judi Donnelly, Billy Doughty, Phyllis Doughty, William Doughty, Erin Dugan, Karol Dyson, Ruby Dyson, Dean G., Brian Gardner, Paula Gardner, Jerry Garner, Susan Geary, Gloria Gehrig, Gavin Gillies, Alexi Greene, Jerry Himmelheber, the Hunter Bennett family, Ryker Hurst, Greta, Helen Kundacik, Kelly, Terrie Leonard, Thomas Leonard, Elinor Mattingly, Dee McRae, Artie Miller, Bob and Doreen Misener, Bernice Nunes, Kyle Patrick, Skylar Patron, Natalie Reed, Jane Roderick, Mark Stutso, Jonathan Tanner, Taylor Isabella Tenczar, Charlene Townsend, Harvey Tyler, Paula Wayland, Angelica Wilkinson, the Willet family, Brandn Woehlke, Stuart A. Wood, first responders, and all who serve in the military and their families..



*We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever.*

*Amen.* 8

## May

- 1 **Friday**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 2 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 3 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
Corn-flour packing
- 4 **Monday**
- 5 **Tuesday**
- 6 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 Bible Study
- 7 **Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. ALAnon
- 8 **Friday**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 9 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
1:00 p.m. Spring Tea
- 10 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 **Monday**
- 12 **Tuesday**
- 13 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 Bible Study
- 14 **Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. ALAnon
- 15 **Friday**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 16 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m.—Cinco de Mayo potluck
- 17 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 18 **Monday**  
Noon Garden club luncheon
- 19 **Tuesday**
- 20 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 Bible Study
- 21 **Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. ALAnon
- 22 **Friday**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 23 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 24 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 25 **Monday** Memorial Day
- 26 **Tuesday**
- 27 **Wednesday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
12:30 p.m. Healing Service  
1:00 Bible Study
- 28 **Thursday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop  
6:00 p.m. AA  
6:30 p.m. ALAnon
- 29 **Friday**  
6:00 p.m. AA
- 30 **Saturday**  
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 31 **Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. H.E. I  
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. H.E. II  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

*Okay—Celebrations get a page  
for themselves this month—*

*Happy birth and wedding anniversaries to all.  
May your life be filled with blessings.*

- 5 Clyde and Julie Hartshorn
- 6 Warren and Sarah Robinson
- 10 Andrew and Catherine Walls
- 19 Richard & Brenda Wolcott
- 20 Ted and Judy Ersek
- 31 Chris and Jill Wagoner

- 1 Don Schramm
- 3 Elizabeth Drayton
- 4 Brent Johnson
- 6 Charlie Drayton
- 8 Hal Pease
- 9 Susan Bennett
- 10 George Weeks
- 16 Zachary Werrell, Drew Wolcott
- 20 Chuck Stein, Jake Ersek
- 21 Steve Wible, Mary Hansen
- 23 John Duff
- 25 Jamison Wood
- 26 Phyllis Doughty
- 26 Barry Knouse
- 29 Dee McRae, Barbara Collison
- 30 Paul Appleby

## Looking for Someone?

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Ethan Chan

Randy Gillies

Mary Hansen

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Clara Stark

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## Food for Thought

*When Craig Newmark started Craigslist in the 1990s he says, he didn't expect to get rich. He was just helping friends who were looking for things to do. Before long, people sent pictures of things they wanted to get rid of. Then it was job openings, apartment vacancies. "It turns out keeping Craigslist an easy page to use without a lot of distractions made people want to spend time there. Meanwhile, the small fees, paid mostly by commercial posters, added up." He happened to be lucky, "Millions—even billions — were made simply by being in the right place at the right time."*

That's too much money for anyone to have, so I'm giving most of it away to people and causes that need it. . . .

I grew up in Morristown, N.J. My dad served in World War II and my mom was a bookkeeper. I'm not a jet, yacht or vacation home guy. I like buying books and I have a really nice house, but that's about it. It's always been my attitude that others could benefit from what I didn't need. Rich people never seem all that happy, either.

When I became accidentally wealthy it meant a lot to me that I could help people who were less lucky. Last year I signed the Giving Pledge, founded by Warren Buffett, Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates. The idea is that people with a lot of money agree to give most of it away before they die or through their wills. After donating more than \$450 million over the past decade or so I was well on my way to doing it on my own. But I thought being more public about giving might help convince someone else with a lot of money to give it away, too. . . .

Patriotism has always been important to me, in the founding father sort of way. We owe a lot to those who keep us safe. I give my money to organizations that help veterans and military families — people like my dad and others who served. I fund a public service campaign to help people avoid online scams because those really tick me off. I support independent, trustworthy journalism, the kind that holds leaders on both sides accountable and protects our democracy. I also donate to pigeon protection groups, because I like pigeons.