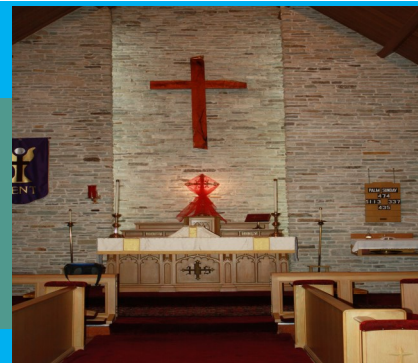


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*“But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;” 1 John 2:1*

# The Advocate

FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER



Inside this issue

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Before I begin writing about the New Year, I want to thank all of our congregation for their love for, and dedication to, Advent. We have completed a year and a decade in which there were many challenges as well as many celebrations which we met with love and caring for each other through the grace of God. We may continue to struggle with some things, but we will do it together given the strength and guidance of Christ our Lord.

Although I am writing this before the Christmas celebration, I am thankful for all of the participation in preparing and decorating the church and making the Christmas Party joyful for children and adults alike.

Our Christmas Eve worship service is one of my favorites. The general feeling of joy and love shared with children, friends and family, and the special music and decorations help us all to embrace the wonder of Christ’s birth.

In January we continue the Twelve Days of Christmas until we reach Epiphany on January 6<sup>th</sup>. It is when we are told that the Magi arrived at the birthplace of Jesus and it is the manifestation to the world of Jesus as the Messiah. (There is more about Epiphany further in the newsletter.)

Other plans for January include our Annual Parish Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. I, and other leaders of various ministries, will present our annual reports and the congregation will elect three vestry members, three delegates and three alternates for the 2020 Diocesan Council.

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## FROM THE HEART (CONT'D)

This is also a time when we can discuss other business of the church, provide for comments on matters of interest to the entire congregation and give us the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and hospitality. What could be better?

On January 19<sup>th</sup> we will install the elected officers of the Men of the Advent and the Women of the Advent and the newly elected members of the vestry during our worship service.

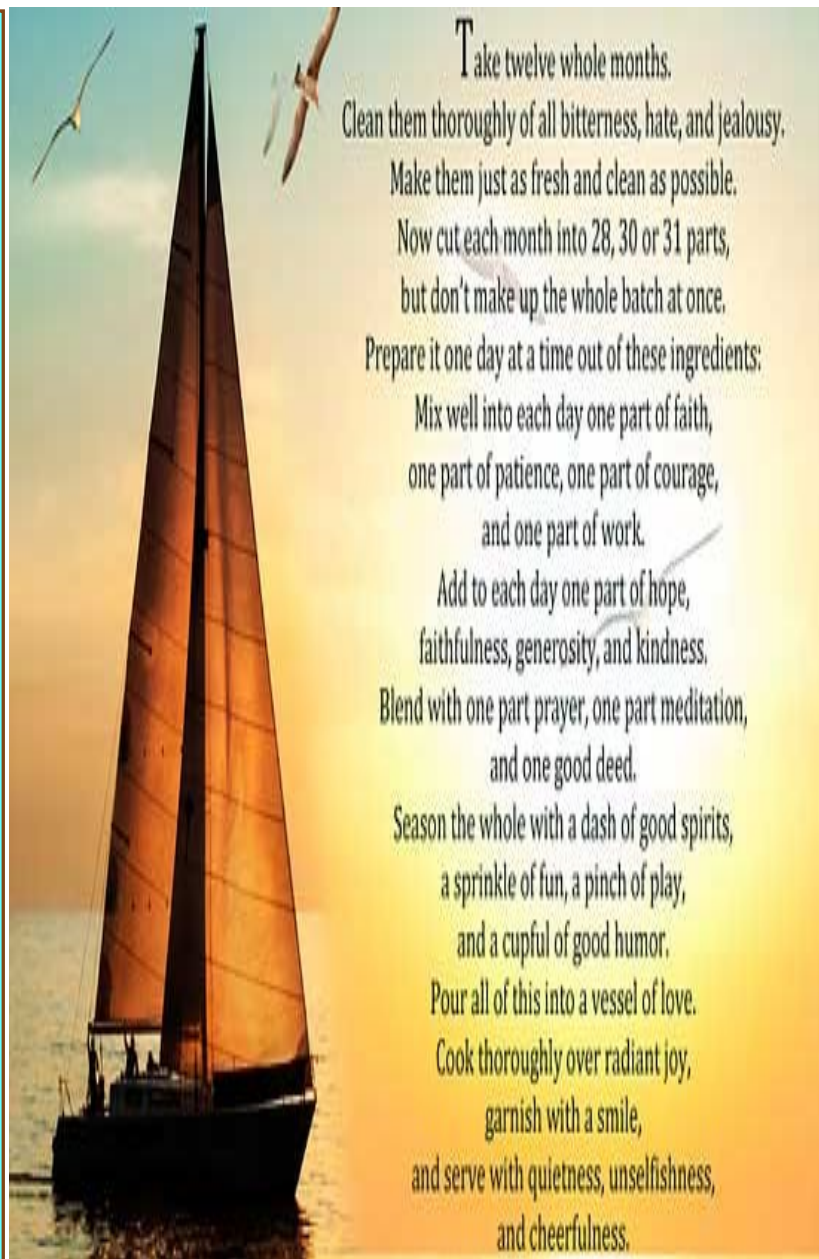
Finally, on January 26<sup>th</sup> we will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday luncheon.

I am sure there will be other opportunities to serve that will come up in January, making it a very busy month. Thank you for your continued faith and service.

Thanks be to God, Tom



# Church of the ADVENT





# Worship Schedule

## JANUARY 2020

**January 5 2nd Sunday after Christmas**

**Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner**

**Eucharistic Minister: Cookie MacCord**

**Lectors: Juliette Wood & Bruce Hoffman**

**Oblationers: Roge & Liz Hoffman**

**Usher: Clif Hammock**

**January 12 1st Sunday after Epiphany  
Annual Parish Meeting**

**Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner**

**Eucharistic Minister: Cookie MacCord**

**Lectors: Cookie & Phil MacCord**

**Oblationers: Steve & Eddie Findley**

**Usher: Bruce Hoffman**

**January 19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany  
Installation of 2020 Officers**

**Celebrants: Rev. Tom Turner**

**Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley**

**Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman**

**Oblationers: Andy & Aaronette Housley**

**Usher: Clif Hammock**

**January 26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany  
5th Sunday COC Luncheon**

**Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner**

**Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman**

**Lectors: Juliette Wood & Clif Hammock**

**Oblationers: Bruce & Roge Hoffman**

**Usher: Steve Findley**

**February 2 4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner**

**Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman**

**Lectors: Phil MacCord & Clif Hammock**

**Oblationers: Andy & Aaronette Housley**

**Usher: Steve Findley**



## What is The Lectionary Page

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/index.html>

This site was created to support all those who need access to the lesson texts of the Episcopal (TEC) Eucharistic Lectionary.

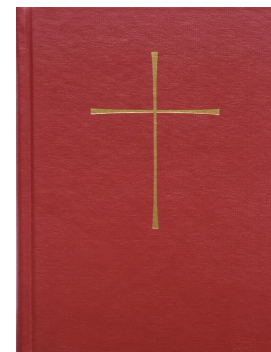
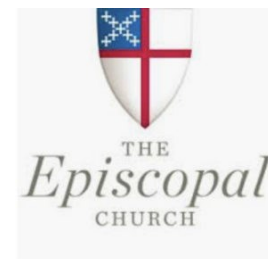
The year which ended at the beginning of Advent 2019 was Year C. Beginning with the first Sunday of Advent in 2019, we will be in Year A.

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The collects and the Psalms are from the Book of Common Prayer. The collects use the contemporary wording.

The liturgical color appropriate for the day is indicated, when the color is green, red or purple, by the color of the numeral against a light grey background. When the liturgical color is white, the numeral is black against a white background.

On weekdays, other than major Holy Days, the color indicated is the color appropriate to the season. When celebrating the feast of a martyred saint, scarlet is also appropriate.



# Your 2020 Officers

WOA

MOA

**PRESIDENT: Cookie MacCord**

**VICE PRESIDENT: Juliette Wood**

**SECRETARY: Linda Kelm**

**TREASURER: Liz Hoffman**

**PRESIDENT: Phil Mac Cord**

**VICE PRESIDENT: Bruce Hoffman**

**SECRETARY: Steve Findley**

**TREASURER: Roge Hoffman**

*Vestry and Council Delegates/Alternates below to be nominated and confirmed by vote at the January 12th Annual Parish Meeting*

VESTRY

Council 2020

**Rev. Tom Turner**

**Roge Hoffman, Sr. Warden**

**Andy Housley, Jr. Warden**

**Gail Hoffman, Clerk**

**Liz Hoffman**

**Cookie MacCord**

**Steve Findley**

**Juliette Wood**

**Steve Kelm**

**David Sullivan**

**20-21-22 February**

**DELEGATE: Bruce Hoffman**

**DELEGATE: Liz Hoffman**


**DELEGATE: Juliette Wood**

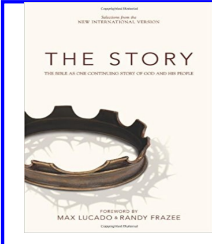
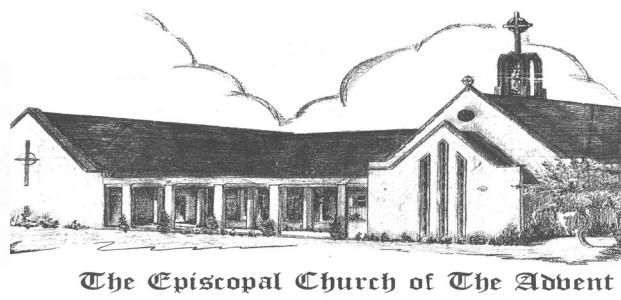
**ALTERNATE: Gail Hoffman**

**ALTERNATE: Cookie Mac Cord**

**ALTERNATE: Aaronette Housley**

# January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3	4
			<b>Tom Gone</b>			
5 <i>2nd Sunday after Christmas</i> <i>9am HE Rite I</i> <i>10:30am Bible Study</i>	6 <i>The Epiphany</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>1st Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>9am HE Rite II</i> <i>10:30am Light Brunch</i> <i>11:00am Annual Parish Meeting</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>5:15pm</i> <i>Book Club</i>	17	18
			<b>Cookie Gone</b>			
19 <i>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>9am HE Rite II</i> <i>Installation of 2020 Officers</i> <i>10:30am Bible Study</i>	20	21 <i>5:15pm Vestry</i>	22	23	24	25
<b>Cookie Gone</b>						
26 <i>3rd Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>9am HE Rite II</i> <i>10:30am WOA/MOA Meetings</i> <i>12:00pm Community of Churches 5th Sunday Luncheon</i> <i>Hosted by Advent/WOA</i>	27	28 <i>All February Newsletter, final input, due to Cookie today.</i>	29	30	31	



**Bible study continues with our study of the Bible through "The Story". Come join us on Sunday morning after the 9:00am service and coffee hour.**



**Book club members voted not to meet in December due to the business of the holidays. So the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16, at 5:15 in the church library.**

**Juliette Wood will host a discussion of *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.**

**Members are encouraged to attend even if you did not read or finish reading the book, as it is the varying opinions that make these discussions stimulating and interesting. There are no right or wrong opinions! Please plan to join us and invite a friend!**

**Year End Reports are due into the church office NO LATER THAN, 6 January, 2020.**

**Please, let's help Ms Debbie by getting these reports in as early as possible.**

**2020**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**Sunday, 12 January, 2020**

**Immediately following the 9:00am Service.**

**WOA will host a light brunch prior to the meeting. A sign up sheet to bring something is in the parish hall .**

**INSTALLATION OF 2020 OFFICERS**

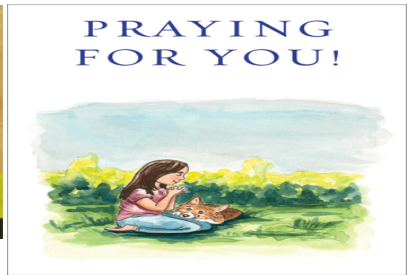
**Sunday 19 January 2020**

**During the 9:00am Service**

**Habitat For Humanity has broke ground on their 17th house in Alice, Jim Well County.**

**The Care-A-Vanners will be arriving this month. WOA will be hosting a luncheon for them. Schedule still to be set and will be announced in the Sunday pew sheet when available.**





**Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:**

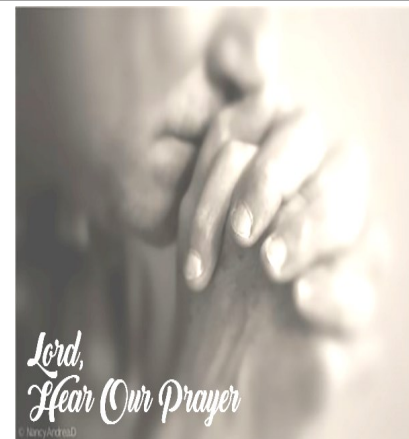
**Bill Acker, Molly Antilla, James Appleby, LaVearne Backus, Anne Bayless, Lydia & Marie Bertrand, Denise Bowen, Jack Bradford, Keith Breaux, Mike Carper, Cindy Case, Aspen Coffee, Anne Currie, Linda Duplantis, Kathleen Eddlemon, Mark Emblar, Gracie Fields, Delfi Flores, Billy Fortenberry, Janet Foy, Melba Gafford, Anita Garcia, Marisol Garcia, David Garza and family, Gracie Gruber, Aaron Henson, JW Holms, Carolyn Hunter, Kelly Hunter, Mary Jan Jenkins, JoOnni Johnson, Kristin Johnson, Jill Kirby, Juanice Kirby, Amy Koenig, Lewis Kutschke, Darla Lee, Richard Light, Alex Lopez, Jeffrey Lynd, Phil MacCord, Gerri Ann Martin, Ian Milligan, Ned & Kathy Morris, Owen Murray, Mickey & Pat Myane, William Nash, Beatrice Nwosu, Jon O'dell, Susan Paul, Ramon Perez, Jean Poorman, Shirley Powers, Bill Reed, Joye Reed, Pearl Riddle, Delores Rodriguez, Hillary Sanchez, Isaul Santos, Irene Seidel, Jan Sierman, Jim Siverd, Jimmie Alice Smith, Avery Stein, Nick Stokes, Bill Storgion, David Sullivan, Roberta Thomure, Lainey Topacio, John Gust Tsesmelis Jr., Wayne Waltrip, Jane Wieser, Susie Wilkerson, Carey Woods and Cinco Woods.**



**ONE NATION UNDER GOD!**

**Pray for our Military Family**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; especially; Benjamin, Brittany, Caitlynn, Caton, Correy, Drew, Jared, Joseph, Luke, Noah, Phillip, Sean, Shawn and William. 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~





## OUR JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

This month we celebrate the birthdays of Daniel Broesche on the 2nd, Autumn Lemieux on the 3rd, Phil MacCord on the 4th, Joy Reed on the 5th, Ashton Broesche on the 10th, Robert (Bob) Powell on the 11th, Dalhia Maldonado on the 12th, Jayden MacCord Hoffman on the 13th, Christine Keliehor Visosky on the 15th, Gabriel Hoffman on the 19th, Rachel Turner on the 21st, Tyler Teigen Hoffman on the 21st, Jean Paul on the 22nd, Christian Garcia Longoria on the 24th, Brent Hoffman on the 26th, Evan Hoffman on the 29th, Martha Walker on the 30th, and Debbie Brown on the 31st.

*If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.*

## OUR JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

This month we celebrate the Wedding anniversary of .....

*If we have overlooked someone, please let Debbie, in the office, know.*

**The WOA Executive Board will meet in the library following the Sunday service on:**

**2 February 2020**

**3 May 2020**

**6 September 2020**

**If you are a WOA, Executive Board Officer, please mark your calendar accordingly.**



## ANNOUNCEMENT's

Get your garage sale item (NO clothing) to the church by early January at the latest. Contact Ms Debbie in the church office or Liz Hoffman 361-664-5864 for assistance/arrangements/questions.

VESTRY's next scheduled meetings will be at 5:15pm on Tuesday, January 21st.

WOA/MOA will meet on Sunday January 26th.

Please check the weekly pew sheet for calendar updates of scheduled meeting.

If you have a loved one to add to or remove from the Birthday/Anniversary list — or just want to correct a name on our list, please contact Ms. Debbie in the office.



“Wireless communication is nothing new. I’ve been praying for 75 years!”

***The December --5th Sunday Community of Churches Luncheon— has been rescheduled to January 26th, 2020 and will be hosted by Church of the Advent.***

**All February newsletter input is due to Cookie No Later Than Tuesday, 28 January.**



# From the kitchen of

## Matt Taylor

### Easy Homemade Fudge (3 Ingredients)

I love chocolate and I love fudge. My mom has an excellent classic fudge recipe that she made all the time during the holidays. But what if you don't have a lot of time but still want to make a great fudge? That is where this easy homemade fudge recipe comes in. And it only requires 3 ingredients. Pretty cool right?

11x9 or 9x9 pan (depending on how thick you want your fudge)

#### Ingredients

1 can sweetened condensed milk 14 oz

1/4 cup unsalted butter

2 1/4 cups of chocolate milk chocolate, dark, semi-sweet, or a combination of them

#### Optional Ingredients

1 tsp vanilla extract

1/2 to 1 cup chopped walnuts

#### Instructions

First let's combine our sweetened condensed milk and our butter in a large microwave safe bowl. Then let's heat it up in the microwave for 2 to 3 minutes until the butter has melted and the mixture is hot, I usually give it a good stir at the 1 minute mark.

Now let's add our chocolate. This recipe is awesome you can use all semi-sweet chocolate chips if you like, or all milk chocolate, or all dark chocolate, or a combination of all of them, as long as you have around 400 grams total. Place the chocolate in the hot condensed milk and butter mixture, and push it down a little bit with a spoon, then just let it sit for 3 to 4 minutes in the hot liquid.

Next after the chocolate has bathed in the sweetened milk, take a spatula or spoon and start to mix, the chocolate should combine very easy with the liquid. Once all melted and combined, the mixture will resemble a frosting or brownie batter.

Now let's take a 8x11 or 9x9 pan and add some parchment paper to it, I like to spray the bottom of the pan first with kitchen spray, this just helps the parchment paper stick to it. Next pour your chocolate mixture into the pan and smooth it out with your spatula. Then all you need to do is put it in the fridge for 2 to 3 hours until it sets up completely. Simple as that!

Now take the large piece of fudge out of the pan and cut it up however you like. This dessert is fairly rich, so I generally cut mine up into small squares. You can store it back in your same pan and just cover it with plastic wrap, or put it in Tupperware, or create little gift bundles and give it away. :) Enjoy!

***NOTE: Try mint chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, butterscotch chips, or any combination of chips that sound good to you.***



# FROM AROUND OUR DIOCESE

January 2020

REGISTER

## Mid-Winter Camp Camp Capers

Session I : January 3 - 5, *ninth through twelfth grade campers*

Session II : January 10 - 12, *sixth through eighth grade campers*

Session III : January 17 - 19, *third through fifth grade campers*

Camp Capers hosts three weekend sessions of exciting and meaningful Mid-Winter Camp in January, focusing on a different age group each weekend. Each session has a separate staff and clergy team. Cost is \$165, and scholarships are available. [Click here](#) for more information, or contact [camp.capers@dwtx.org](mailto:camp.capers@dwtx.org).

REGISTER

The Order of the Daughters of the King,  
Diocese of West Texas Winter Assembly  
St. Alban's, Harlingen  
January 24 - 25, 2020

**Senior and Junior Daughters, and all women, are invited to attend the Order of the Daughters of the King Diocese of West Texas Winter Assembly, featuring guest speaker the Rev. John Inserra, Rector at St. Alban's, Harlingen. Gather with Daughters of the King chapters from throughout the diocese for fellowship, worship, study, and break out sessions. Registration costs \$35 for Sr. Daughters for the weekend, \$25 for Saturday only Sr. Daughters, and \$5 for Junior Daughters. [Click here](#) to register online, and [click here](#) to save the paper registration form and flyer. Questions? Contact Kim Najera, DOK President, at [dwtxdaughterspres@gmail.com](mailto:dwtxdaughterspres@gmail.com). **Registration deadline: Monday, January 13, 2020****

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# DID YOU KNOW?

## **Epiphany**     *e·piph·a·ny*



**noun:** Epiphany; noun: epiphany; plural noun: epiphanies

A season of four to nine weeks, from the Feast of the Epiphany (Jan. 6) through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The length of the season varies according to the date of Easter. The gospel stories of this season describe various events that manifest the divinity of Jesus. The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Epiphany. The Baptism of our Lord is observed on the Sunday after Epiphany. The gospels for the other Sundays of the Epiphany season describe the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples, and various miracles and teachings of Jesus. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany is always devoted to the Transfiguration. Jesus' identity as the Son of God is dramatically revealed in the Transfiguration gospel, as well as the gospel of the baptism of Christ. We are called to respond to Christ in faith through the showings of his divinity recorded in the gospels of the Epiphany season.

## **The Epiphany**

The manifestation of Christ to the peoples of the earth. The winter solstice was kept on Jan. 6 at some places during the first centuries of the Christian Era. In opposition to pagan festivals, Christians chose this day to celebrate the various manifestations, or "epiphanies," of Jesus' divinity. These showings of his divinity included his birth, the coming of the Magi, his baptism, and the Wedding at Cana where he miraculously changed water into wine. The day was called "The Feast of Lights." Celebration of the Son of God replaced celebration of the sun. Baptisms were done, and a season of preparation was instituted. It was later called Advent.

The solstice was kept on Dec. 25 by the fourth century. Jesus' birth was celebrated on this day in both eastern and western churches. The western church commemorated the coming of the Magi on Jan. 6. The eastern church continued to celebrate the Baptism of our Lord and the Wedding at Cana on Jan. 6. In the east the day was called "Theophany" (manifestation of God).

The coming of the Magi is celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, in the BCP. The Baptism of our Lord is celebrated on the First Sunday after the Epiphany.

<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/epiphany-season>





# From one Kitchen to Another

## One-pan Honey Garlic Chicken!

### Ingredients

for 6 servings

6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

1 tablespoon unsalted butter

3 cloves garlic

1 tablespoon brown sugar

1/4 cup honey

1 teaspoon dried thyme

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 lb green beans



### Preparation

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C)

Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat. Add chicken, skin-side down, and sear both sides until golden brown. (The skin side will take much longer, in order to properly render the fat and crisp up the skin.)

Remove chicken thighs and set aside. Pour out any excess fat, but leave some in for the sauce. Add garlic, stir until fragrant, then add brown sugar, honey, thyme, and oregano, and stir. Reduce heat to low.

Return chicken to the skillet. Coat the chicken in the sauce. Add green beans to skillet.

Bake for 25 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Enjoy!

## 30 MINUTE DINNER ROLLS

### Note:

**If baking in a 9x13 pan, I make 15 rolls.**

**If baking in a 10x15 pan, I make 18 rolls.**



### Ingredients

1 cup warm tap water

1/3 cup oil

1/4 cup sugar

2 tablespoons yeast

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 egg beaten

1 tablespoon softened butter

3 to 4 cups all-purpose flour I used closer to 3

1/8 cup milk room temperature

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine 1 cup water, oil, sugar, and yeast. Let sit until yeast is bubbly (about 8 minutes). Stir in beaten egg softened butter and salt.

With a stand mixer or by hand, add flour, one cup at a time until you have a soft dough that isn't sticky. Knead by hand 10 minutes or 5 minutes with a stand mixer.

Divide dough into 18 even pieces, and form into balls. Place in a greased pan and cover with parchment paper and a kitchen towel.

Let rise 10 minutes in a warm place. (You can allow them to rise up to an additional 30 minutes if time allows).

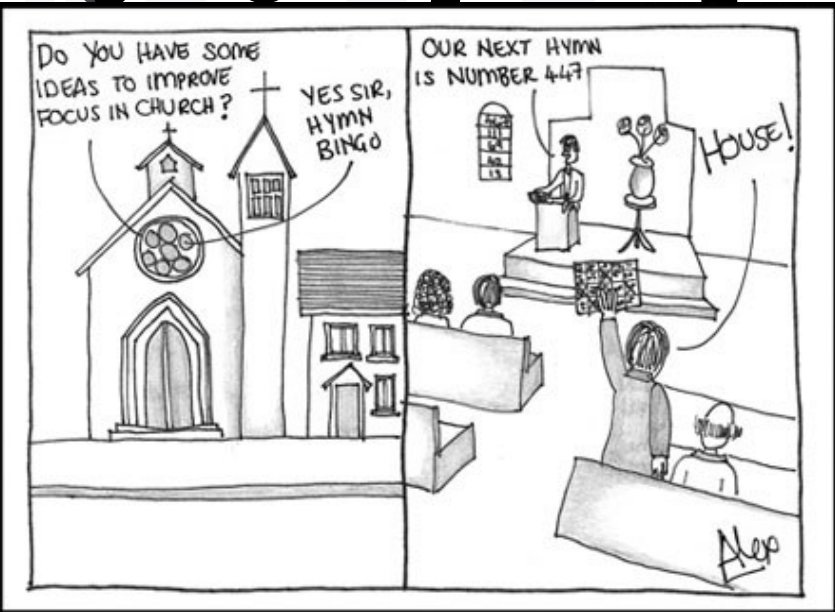
Lightly brush with milk and bake on the middle rack for 10-12 minutes or just until browned.

# December Challenge SOLUTION

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# January CHALLENGE

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# JANUARY coloring page



*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matthew 2:10*



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## 2020 VESTRY

*“The Vestry is the body of elected parishioners called to cast vision, care for finances and property, and collaborate with the Rector in servant leadership of the church.”*

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