



Sixth and Main Streets

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A Priest's Ponderings

Merciful God, your creating power called us forth from the dust of the earth, and your redeeming love shaped us anew in your divine image: in this holy season, lead us inward to be at peace with you; impel us outward to be reconciled to our neighbor; that, embracing the disciplines of Lent with broken and humbled hearts, we may come to the blessed joy of Easter cleansed and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We offered this prayer as the post communion prayer at our Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time of, "self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word." If we pledge ourselves to this six-week journey it can change our lives and leave us walking more closely in the footsteps of Jesus at its end.

My prayer for each of us is that we would truly give ourselves to this holy time by doing new things, different things that help us lean in to God, depend more on God and recognize the spirit of God in each of us.

Maybe that something new or different this season is renewing your commitment and participation to your Church community. We have lots of food for your Lenten journey.

You can find out about all the different offerings on the website, www.christchurch1853.com

And the Winner is.... Tina Clark

Tina brought in 14 guests to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper! She wins the prize. Reverend Anne will soon be cooking up a delicious dinner for Tom and Tina and their friends.

Thanks to Bill Saviers and Chuck Critchfield, the lofty leaders, and everyone who helped to make our Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper a huge success. We served over 100 people, were showcased on WBOY and raised over \$450 dollars for Backpack Blessings, the Clarksburg Mission, Our Easter Basket Outreach and support of the Farmer's Market hosted at Christ Church. Get ready for 2015 I predict an overflow crowd!

Church Directory in the Works



We have begun the process of putting together a new Parish Directory.

During the month of March we will be taking photos. Depending on which service you most regularly attend make sure you have signed up with Pam Riggs, Kipp Martin, Carol Rogers or Pam Critchfield for a sitting time for your picture.



knowing, living, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Youth of All Ages

Anne hopes to meet briefly with all youth, all ages, following the 10:30 service **today**.

Food for Thought

for Our Thankful Tuesdays During Lent

Through Lent the teens and adults will be viewing a series titled, *Embracing Spiritual Awakening*. Our Presiding Bishop offers this as an introduction, "Diana Butler Bass leads a thought provoking discussion of what it means to be spiritual, to be religious, and how Christians today might be grace-filled witnesses to the reality they know and experience."

Come and join us each week for a simple soup and bread supper, viewing and discussing the series and close with a quiet Lenten meditation.

Serving Ministries

For Sunday, March 16

8:00 am at Christ Church

Chalicer/Lector, Jody Morse

Usher/Greeter, Zachary Steed

10:30 am at Christ Church

Chalicer/Lector, Jody Morse

Ushers/Greeters, Dee Trimbach
and Kitty Clovis

Crucifer, Josh Limbers

Altar Guild, Kitty Clovis, Ann Kennedy,
and Jeannie Smith

5:30 pm at St. Barnabas

Chalicer/Lector, Elaine Coppula

Usher/Greeters, Joe Martin

Altar Guild, Elaine Coppula

Attention all Acolytes!

You are invited to the first ever Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia

Acolyte Festival!

April 5, 2014

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 247 Willey Street, Morgantown, WV

This will include Holy Eucharist with Acolyte Procession in the morning and workshops in the afternoon — Church Scavenger Hunt, Ecclesiastical Dress-Up, Communion Bread Baking, and more.

Registration is free but required to ensure adequate seating and for workshop planning.

Talk to Bill Saviers for more information.

Don't forget your

Lenten Offering Bag for 2014

A Season for Gratitude

Each day during Lent you will draw a card from the Bag and seek to accomplish the offering of gratitude it suggests. When you draw a card replace it with a monetary offering..

Our Youth will be choosing where this Lenten offering will go.



Are you keeping up with Lent Madness?

Charles Henry Brent, Christina the Astonishing and Ephrem of Edessa have already been eliminated