



# ST. CHRISTOPHER BY-THE-RIVER

## JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

As Charley mentioned in his letter, I will be on sabbatical leave from March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Since clergy only take sabbaticals after six years of service in a parish, many of you may not be familiar with this practice in the Church. Sabbaticals are intended to benefit both the parish and the clergy; opening a space in their day-to-day lives for God's Holy Spirit to move in new ways. Following this letter, I am providing more detailed background information on how sabbaticals work in our Diocese, but first I want to share with you what this sabbatical time will mean for St. Christopher's.

My first concern, of course, is for your worship, pastoral, and faith development needs to continue being met. We are very fortunate to be finalizing our agreement with The Reverend Richard (Rich) Israel, who has agreed to cover all of these vital areas of my parish responsibilities while I am on sabbatical. Rich is an ordained Lutheran Pastor who recently retired from being the Pastoral Assistant at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights. Rich will be preaching and recording worship services with John Irwin, as well as officiating at Thursday Evening Prayer, Coffee (half) Hour, and Sunday morning Family Worship. He will contribute a monthly newsletter article, beginning with our February newsletter, and will also continue the weekly mini-newsletter reflections that we mail to those members without internet. He will engage with Stephen Ministry, our Grief Support Group, and both of our weekday Book Discussion Groups. He will take my place at our weekly Wardens Meeting and our monthly Vestry Meetings, helping to support the ongoing work of our Wardens and Vestry. Rich will also be responsible for your pastoral care needs during my absence.

As you will see in the article on sabbaticals, our Diocese encourages parishes to regularly set aside funds that over time will provide for the costs of clergy coverage during the sabbatical time. Our Vestry has set aside \$2,000. each year in anticipation of this need so we are able to employ Rich on a half-time basis for three months as well as additional hours prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>, and following my return on June 1<sup>st</sup>, in recognition of the importance of good transitions. This means that you will have the opportunity to meet Rich (via Zoom) before my sabbatical begins. The February Newsletter will include specific dates and times when you will be able to use the links in our weekly News & Notes to join a meeting that will provide you with the opportunity to meet Rich before I begin my sabbatical. It is my hope, and belief, that this sabbatical will be a time of renewal and refreshment for the parish as much as it will be that for me.

My own sabbatical plans changed dramatically due to COVID-19 but I am excited, none the less, by the possibilities that are before me. I will be doing some intense reading, studying, and writing on a theological issue that has been of interest to me since my seminary days. I also look forward to extended time with Ted, particularly as we were separated for all but two weeks in 2020 – and one of those weeks was prior to the pandemic. Finally, I look forward to more time spent outdoors in nature and on nurturing a creative response to that experience. Clergy spend most of their time sitting; I look forward to shaking that up a bit!

While I am truly excited by the opportunities that these three months offer, I also look forward to our reunion in June. I expect that we will be worshipping together in person by then, whether inside our Church or outdoors on the lawn. It will be a joy to reconnect with one another and to hear about each other's sabbatical experiences and, most of all, to finally celebrate and share Communion together again. I hope this gives you a sense of what this time will look like but please call or email me with your questions; I am "in the saddle" until March 1<sup>st</sup>!

With Love, Ann+

### Vestry

Charley Marston Senior Warden  
Becky Everett Junior Warden  
Tom Matthews Clerk  
Mary Murray Treasurer

### Class of 2022

Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes,  
Charley Marston

### Class of 2021

Elise Bennett, Tom Matthews,  
Sean McMillion

### Class of 2020

Becky Everett, Mary Murray,  
James Pender

### Northeast Mission Area Council

### Representatives

Peter Batcheller, 2020  
Linda Webb, 2020

## DIOCESAN SABBATICAL INFORMATION

The following information reflects the practice of clergy sabbaticals in the Diocese of Ohio. I hope that you will find it helpful in terms of “big picture” information about sabbaticals.

In Biblical tradition, a sabbatical, or recurrent period of rest and renewal, is a full year every seventh year. Such an extended absence is rarely practical in parishes of the Church, yet a periodic sabbatical leave holds great benefit for ordained clergy in parochial or diocesan employ and is a standard practice recognized across the Church as a means for clergy to keep their ministry vibrant. Because the work of clergy is unique and intersects with the lives of those they serve beyond a typical workday or week, the only way for clergy to truly have time away for deep renewal is in the form of a sabbatical. Therefore, a sabbatical leave is not a gift but a normal and expected part of spiritual and professional development for clergy.

A sabbatical is not merely a leave intended for rest, relaxation, and a change of routine. Such is already provided for clergy as annual vacation. Nor is a sabbatical necessarily or simply an extended continuing education program. Sabbath time is for the opening of one’s self to the working of the Holy Spirit and for renewal of one’s sense of vocation. Sabbatical leave offers time for extended reflection, research, writing, and other opportunities not possible in the clergy’s annual allotted continuing education time. Sabbatical leave also provides time for less structured personal and spiritual renewal which might or might not have immediately apparent benefits or measurable outcomes. Any plan for sabbatical leave needs to leave room and time for the gracious and often surprising movements of God’s Holy Spirit.

For the parish, sabbatical time is an opportunity to hone the ministry of the laity. It is also a time to consider and explore new avenues of ministry to which God may be calling the parish. It is recommended that one or more de-briefing meetings for all interested be held soon after the conclusion of

the sabbatical. The purpose of such meetings is not simply to welcome the clergy person home but for clergy and lay leadership to recognize and discuss learnings, opportunities, and hopes as the clergy-parish relationship is re-established.

### Definition of a Sabbatical Leave

- In the 7<sup>th</sup> year of a cleric’s active ministry, he or she may take a scheduled sabbatical.
- A recommended diocesan standard for sabbatical leave is three months.
- A sabbatical is understood to be time released from regular duties for the purpose of spiritual renewal, study, theological reflection, and strengthening of skill according to a plan developed by the cleric.
- A cleric preparing for sabbatical leave shall compose a proposal that identifies the time requested and that describes his or her plans for sabbatical and present the proposal to the vestry.
- The parish retains the responsibility to continue to pay the normal salary and benefits to and on behalf of the cleric for the duration of the leave. The parish also remains responsible for paying for supply priests who assist in the priest’s absence. With this in mind, parishes may want to set aside a designated fund for supply so that financial support will be available when the cleric takes their sabbatical leave. Such a fund could be accrued over a period of several years in anticipation of the sabbatical year.
- The cleric and parish may also wish to be in conversation about setting aside additional designated funds for the cleric’s use during sabbatical. Common designations are for education, travel, and other sabbatical-specific expenses.
- The cleric preparing for sabbatical leave shall take primary responsibility, in consultation with the vestry, for making satisfactory arrangements for worship services, pastoral care, and parish administration during his or her absence.

# VESTRY MINUTES

-Tom Matthews

## NOVEMBER 5, 2020

Present Mother Ann Kidder, Elise Bennett, Charley Marston, Judy Holmes, Mary Holmes, Mary Murray, Sean McMillion, Tom Matthews

The meeting came to order at 6:03 pm. Mother Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.

The review of the September 24th meeting minutes was the first order of business. Charley M. recommended a minor correction. Elise B. moved for approval of the meeting minutes with the proposed correction. Becky E. seconded, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

The next order of business was a review of the Pre-K Program Feasibility Report presented by Annemarie Amefia. In this presentation Annmarie covered possible learning models, licensing requirements, facility utilization and associated space options, local market pricing and proposed pricing models, start-up investment and ongoing financial/budget expectations, and recommendations for next steps and related key tasks to accomplish. A Q&A and general discussion followed the presentation. Overall, the report did a great job covering what is required to set up and run a Pre-K Program and with this was very beneficial for all to better understand what will be involved for the church to pursue this opportunity. Due to time constraints, it was agreed to continue the discussion in following vestry meetings.

Mother Ann then covered the confirmations for the nominating committee (Charley Marston, Becky Everett, Kitty Thomas, and Charlene Currutt) and the activities the committee will be working through in the upcoming months.

The budget review for September was the next order of business. Mary Murray was in attendance, presented the key points, and added clarifications as needed. The key takeaway is the shortfall on the intake budget leading to the need for additional funds through the end of the year. This led to a review of the details linked to the intake shortfall and a discussion around proposals to address the shortfall. During this discussion Mary Holmes proposed possible recommendations for future budget proposals, specifically associated with pledges. For the near term, Mary will take the lead on the identified steps to address shortfall. The discussion highlighted the challenge for next year's budget and specifically the progress needed towards next year's pledge campaign.

In the Senior Warden update, Charley Marston brought up the need to reach out to our parishioners and stay connected during the pandemic. This led to a discussion of planned contact activities, associated contact methods and from this, areas of possible improvements.

Becky Everett then covered the Junior Warden update. She mentioned that while the gutters were getting cleaned on the rectory, it was discovered that part of the sunroom's roof and the fascia board need to be repaired. Based on the provided information, all agreed that this is something that should get addressed. Becky mentioned she was going to get 3 quotes and requested an approval vote via email prior to the next vestry meeting. All agreed that this made sense. Mary H. moved to proceed per the proposal, Judy H. seconded, all agreed and the motion passed.

Mother Ann then provided the following updates,

- a review of the details that led up to the decision to suspend services for the foreseeable future. All agreed that due to the increased COVID cases it was the right decision.
- due to the suspended services, Mother Ann is looking into creative activities for Advent and Christmas
- with the uncertainty of services, we will need to look into alternatives for the Bishop's visit
- a priest has been identified to fill in during Mother Ann's sabbatical and she may need some flexibility for the dates.
- the family zoom meetings are going well and one item we are looking into is a video for the Christmas pageant.

The next Vestry meeting is planned for December 3rd, 2020.

Mother Ann then led a closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

## SENIOR WARDEN

*-Charley Marston*

Hallelujah – the Winter Solstice has come and gone and the people in the know tell us the sun is getting stronger and the days are already ten

minutes longer (although I haven't seen the sun in two weeks).

Hallelujah – Jesus and his followers, past and present, have celebrated his 2020<sup>th</sup> birthday and we enter the new year with lots of exciting things ahead.

Our incredible pharmaceutical companies have vaccinations on the way. One year ago, experts were predicting that this highly contagious virus would infect at least 150 million US citizens, and more than 1.5 million would die. Thanks to our change in lifestyle, we have slowed the infection rate and, depending on how quickly vaccinations can be administered, there should be a further drop in the number of infections and deaths. While we can make no forecast, there is reason to be optimistic that it won't be much longer before we will be able to have live services again. For the time being, patience remains a necessity pending further guidance from the office of the Bishop. Please keep checking News and Notes for details on our activities.

In the Episcopal Church and other denominations, it is a standard practice that priests take a sabbatical leave. We have always known that Mother Ann would, and have planned for it. She originally had penciled it in for 2020 but, recognizing our Covid challenge, she postponed it to March, April and May this year.

I am pleased to announce that we have a terrific pastor coming to us to take her place. Richard Israel has retired from the position of assistant for pastoral care at St. Paul's Cleveland Heights, thus freeing him up to fill in where he is needed in times like this. I will be meeting him for the first time shortly but have been advised by many who know him that he is the perfect substitute to take Mother Ann's place.

As we begin the new year, on behalf of Mother Ann, Becky, John, Lydia, your vestry, and our entire staff, I thank you for your financial support, your willingness to zoom, to make many other adjustments, and remain stalwart members of our congregation. We are all thankful 2020 has come and gone.

The days are getting longer, sunny days are ahead, and while patience is required a little longer, I pray we will

soon be gathering at 7601 Old Mill Road and I look forward to standing on the front steps greeting each and every one of you.

Hallelujah and Happy New Year!

Yours Truly Charley Marston

## JUNIOR WARDEN

*-Becky Everett*

Happy New Year to you all! I have high hopes for the coming year and am relieved to leave 2020 behind us! I pray that God blesses us with health, happiness, peace, and,

most importantly, an end to this pandemic as we enter the process of getting everyone vaccinated against this deadly disease!

As I look back on the past year, I am so moved by how we were able to weather months and months of isolation, fear of infection, rioting, unrest and unhappiness in the country around us. We are still surrounded by many challenges and the need for us to give of ourselves to those who are suffering and have so little, but I am confident we will face what lies ahead with love, kindness, determination and hope!

I have seen this parish's kindness and love in the way you have continued to be good stewards of St. Christopher's, its ministries, and its staff and operations. In a year when it would have been so easy to get overwhelmed by the misfortune around us, you didn't let St. Christopher's slip through the cracks! Your generous support, both financially and personally, have helped us to finish off the year in good stead. This support continues as we have seen a meaningful response to the 2021 Stewardship Campaign! You each are such an inspiration to me when I see your dedication and love for this parish. I will be forever thankful to be a part of such a loving parish family. One of the hardest things for me, this past year, has been the inability to see you every Sunday at church. What a glorious day it will be when we can gather together for worship! I have total faith that, in the fullness of time, this will become a reality. I look forward, with great anticipation, to that day! May God bless you all in 2021 and continue to keep you in the palm of his hand!

## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

-Kathy Pender

### WHEN MIGHT A STEPHEN MINISTER...NEED A STEPHEN MINISTER

As many of you may have read before in articles that have been written in the newsletter, Stephen Ministers at St. Christopher's are lay members of the church trained to provide one to one care to those who are experiencing a difficult time in life such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. The Stephen Minister meets with a person he or she has been matched with on a weekly basis to listen to, care for, and walk with those who are going through difficult times. This becomes an important confidential relationship that lasts as long as the Stephen Minister and Care Receiver feel it is necessary.

What should happen if the Stephen Minister is suddenly confronted with his or her own difficulty in life such as an illness or a death in the family and feels overwhelmed?

It is important to know that part of the Stephen Minister's training is to know when and how to take care of themselves when needed. This would be one of those times that I, as the Stephen Minister leader, might suggest that this Stephen Minister take some time off to focus on his or her issues or those of the family. Temporarily or maybe longer, the Stephen Minister would take a "leave of absence" as being actively responsible for a care receiver. He or she might attend the educational meetings that are scheduled but not be in an active Stephen Minister /care receiver role. We are all human and in need of healing and "time out" now and then. Asking for help is often hard but this is also what God asks us to do so that we can continue to bring Christ's love to others.

As a Stephen Minister and Leader, myself, I know how important it is that I and all the Stephen Ministers constantly assess ourselves to be sure that we are spiritually and emotionally and physically healthy to act as caring and supportive Stephen Ministers to those in need. We are available to serve all of you in our parish and hope that you will call on us. Please call me, Kathy Pender 440-463-7378 or Mother Ann if you have questions or want to learn more about this ministry.

*"Love one another -as I have loved you."* -John 13:34



<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Mtg Dates</u>
Kathy Pender	Jan 11
Becky Everett	Jan 25
Janet Hargrave	Feb 8
Peter Batcheller	Feb 22
Fran Meyers	Mar 8
Sally Conley	Mar 22
Judy Holmes	Apr 5
Nancy Irwin	Apr 19

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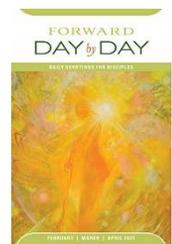
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**Zoom link to be sent  
prior to meeting**

Please contact  
Kathy Pender for  
more information  
or to register and  
receive the link.

### FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The Feb-Mar-Apr Forward Day by Day is now available. You may stop by and pick one up or please call the office if you would like one mailed to you. Please indicate if you like the large or regular print.



### Flower Dedications Season of Advent and Christmas

- Dan & Courtney Schmidt in memory of Matthew Schmidt and Jim Huber
- Cindy Costello in memory of Linda Costello
- Whitney and Clarke Jones in memory of Joyce & Dick Williams and Quarrier Cook and Robert Jones
- Jon Lindseth in memory of my good friend J. Tucker Marston
- Brian & Cindy Murphy in memory of William & Eleanor Calfee
- The Advent/Christmas wreath on the front door is provided by Sue and Charley Marston to the Glory of God and in loving memory Bunny and John Marston.

3 Rik Bole  
Griffin Butler  
Tony Lammers

5 Margaret Douglas  
7 Becky Everett  
8 Tom Holmes  
9 Jim Halloran  
11 Jim Pender

22 Chandler Everett  
23 Mary Bole  
25 Brian Murphy  
30 Peggy Reda



**Minutes, NEMAC, Thursday, October 22, 2020 6:00 — 7:00 p.m. VIRTUAL Meeting with Zoom**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Your Notes</i>
<b>Attendance</b>	Epiphany: Rev. Rosalind Hughes, Nancy Geiger, Bob Thompson; St. Andrew: Rev. Lisa O’Rear; Andy Spiesman; St Chris: Linda Webb; St. Hubert: Diane Hunt; St. Luke: Rev. Chris McCann; St. Martin: Cheryl Gray; St. Peter: Laura Nielsen Guest: Al Muller, St. Hubert [Representing Los Amigos Episcopales, and former NEMAC rep.]
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	RAL+ offered a Prayer for Social Justice in these challenging times.
<b>Minutes from Wednesday, July 22, 2020</b>	Motion: RAL+, Approve the minutes. Seconded: Chris McCann. Approved.
<b>Financial Report, Chris McCann</b>	Our balance as of 9/30/20 is \$3,260. There are no outstanding checks; there is one request pending. [See New Business]
<b>New Business</b>	
<b>Funding request, Los Amigos Episcopales [Al Muller, St. Hubert’s, group President]</b>	<p>Los Amigos Episcopales has been a 501(c)3 peace and justice ministry working within the Diocese of Ohio since 1992. In El Salvador, the group supports elementary education and Montessori schools — and provides food insecurity relief after storms Amanda and Cristobal in May and June. It is also the sole outside support provider for the school of La Divina Providencia, providing laptops and funding for four senior seminarians to be ordained in early 2021, with a cohort of priest and deacon postulants to follow.</p> <p>The Covid pandemic forced the cancellation of the group’s fall’s fundraising efforts. To overcome the shortfall, Al Muller, president, St. Hubert parishioner — and former NEMAC rep is reaching out to funding organizations for assistance. He requested \$1,500 from NEMAC in support of the missions described above, noting that several northeast Ohio parish members are in a collaborative organization for this work.</p> <p>After discussion and Q&amp;A, the group moved to grant the Los Amigos Episcopales request.</p> <p><b>Motion: Given that our NEMAC balance has the funds — and that there are no other funding requests anticipated through the 2020 year-end, Chris moved and Rose Anne seconded a motion to provide LAE funding in the requested amount of \$1,500. The vote was unanimous.</b></p> <p><i>AI: Al will send Chris the needed information so Chris can issue a check.</i></p>
<b>Jubilee Garden Support, St. Andrew The St. Andrew/Advent Choice Pantry</b>	<p>Lisa O’Rear reported that the Garden project did exceedingly well in its first season. There were eight raised beds growing tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and beans and other vegetables. St. Andrew shares the produce with food pantry neighbors. They have asked for input from pantry guests about what to plant.</p> <p>A support group for the garden is being nurtured, including community members, pantry guests, at large supports — and St. Andrew members. Volunteers have now pulled up the raised beds and plowed the grounds in order to have a larger garden this year. Winter rye will soon be planted to ameliorate the soil, and ground planning and raised beds are will be begun in spring, 2021.</p> <p>St. Andrew seeks to find additional collaborators from the parishes and will provide support for volunteers that may be new gardeners. Mother Lisa O’Rear thanks NEMAC for our support in 2020.</p>
<b>Secretary’s short update</b>	The secretary reports that the “Voting Priests and Lay Reps” Google contact list has been reviewed and is being updated. By year end, she will upload files such as agendas, minutes — and funding requests to folders in the account’s Google Docs area. If anyone needs a copy of access instructions to the Gmail account and contact list, please contact Linda.
<b>Covid Update</b>	Just this week, Lake and Geauga counties have moved to Code Red. Chris reports that the Berkshire schools have closed. Trumbull and Ashtabula remain Orange. Nancy shared that there are 2500 cases in her area. Some schools in Lake County are closing; others are staying open. Willoughby-Eastlake schools are closed.
<b>Prior Projects and Business</b>	
<b>Diocesan Council and Anti-Racism Updates [Lisa O’Rear]</b>	The council plans to make a resolution before convention regarding the expansion of focus for the Committee for Racial Understanding [CRU]. Three online training session presentations were well-received. Diocesan Council is taking an active role in support of educating, listing issues and collaboration. They are also working to further support this work and nurture leaders. Lisa reported that the Bishop is very supportive of the expansion of all the good work already done.

<b>Human Trafficking, St. Martin, Cheryl Gray</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 123 masks were distributed on July 30 to victims at the Renee Jones Empowerment Center and to homeless and missing youths through Bellefaire.</li> <li>• The Renee Jones Empowerment Center has created a Youth Ambassador Training Academy to help young people ages 16-24 to equip and inspire young leaders to work to affect social change, and ultimately global change on preventing and fighting human trafficking through prevention &amp; awareness education/advocacy at schools, conferences and community events.</li> <li>• Three human trafficking advocate members met with OH Attorney General Dave Yost's Human Trafficking Task Force. His group expressed a willingness to support the committee's Human trafficking initiative.</li> <li>• The newer Youngstown State University Coalition Against Human Trafficking aims to raise awareness, educate the YSU community — and prevent human trafficking from happening in and around campus. Their in-person activities have been suspended due to Covid precautions, but they continue to convene through Zoom, meeting last Friday. They will approach supporting member communities such as St. Martins.</li> <li>• Garfield Heights, Chagrin Falls and Willoughby are all working to pull community-wide programs together.</li> <li>• The Renee Jones empowerment Center is providing Zoom tours documenting the trauma that victims encounter. There is an accompanying video. They will approach supporting member communities such as St. Martin and Trinity when the churches are open.</li> <li>• Rev. Anna Sutterish has expressed interest in having her Diocesan youth group learn about the issues and challenges working with human trafficking victims and assistance.</li> <li>• Cheryl is looking to find members in NEMAC to join her Episcopal Anti-Human Trafficking Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Sanctuary Efforts, St. Andrews [Ongoing]</b>	<p>Lisa O'Rear reports that Laura Martinez and her two sons continue to live independently. She thanks NEMAC for our support. They are still waiting for their U-Visa and work permits, so for now, Laura cannot legally earn a living. They did receive some assistance from AMIS [Americas Making Immigrants Safe] with the help of Ann Hill. St. Andrews continues to provide food. Laura continues trying to be self-supportive. More space was added to their mobile home so they could continue efforts to support themselves. Clothing is needed. Joshua, a U.S. citizen, now in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, needs medical care. Lisa suggests sending gift cards from retailers such as Walmart and Target through St. Andrew. They need blankets, clothing — and an electric space heater. But thank goodness, they are all well.</p>
<b>Blessings Bags</b>	<p>There was no update this meeting.</p>
<b>Facebook Page</b>	<p>There was no update this meeting.</p>
<b>Other Business</b>	
<b>Upcoming election of officers, Jan. 2021</b>	<p>Each January, each mission area group elects officers for the year. For NEMAC, this will occur at our meeting on January 18, 2021. Please consider volunteering, or asking another to serve.</p>
<b>Parish Updates: 2 or 3 sentences only... about Parish return to in-person and/or continuing online worship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Martins is holding services; St. Christopher and St. James have suspended in-person worship.</li> <li>• Currently worshipping outdoors, St. Andrew has planned their first indoor service on 11/21. However given the Code Red notice this week, that is now pending.</li> <li>• St. Luke's services continue inside the building.</li> <li>• It was noted that there are several metrics to measure Covid risks. The rate of increase of infection has less to do with the schools, and more to do with the fact that people are relaxing their vigilance.</li> <li>• One member noted that all churches are doing the best they can given all the Covid challenges.</li> <li>• Epiphany has been meeting outside every second Sunday outside. They alternate communion with morning prayer. On the second and fourth Sundays, they worship through Zoom and Facebook live. They are considering communion inside church 11/1. Nancy and Rosalind run the zoom sessions. They held their blessing of the animals as well.</li> <li>• Grace is worshipping via Zoom and FB live. Their Vestry Zooms weekly.</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<p>NEMAC meets the third week every three months. Dates proposed for 2021 are: Monday 1/18; Tuesday 4/20; Wednesday 7/21 and Thursday 10/21.</p>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<p>Lisa O'Rear offered our closing prayer, in part a thank you to NEMAC followers. She asked that all be safe and well.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<p>7:05 p.m.</p>

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**Sunday Services**

No In Person worship.  
Find our weekly worship on  
[YouTube](#).

**Parish Office**

Currently closed to visitors.  
Staffed T-W-TH 8:30-2:30  
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[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu\\_QqAANDzOu-Bwf8gh-t6Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu_QqAANDzOu-Bwf8gh-t6Q)

# Faith & Fellowship

**CARILLON CONCERTS**

**SUNDAYS 10:30-11:00 AM!**

Due to the rise in Covid 19 cases, we ask that you park by the church and stay in your cars for the duration of each concert.

All Services may be found on line at the link above.

The following are offered via Zoom:

- Book Group Tues 10AM or Wed 9AM
  - Currently studying *Come & See*
- Thursday Evening Prayer 5:00
- Thursday Evening Fellowship 5:30
- Sunday morning Family Worship 11:00 AM

