



March 2022

### Notes from the Rector



January and February were the season of Epiphany, the celebration of the Light of Christ coming into the world and our experience of incorporating that new light into “ordinary time,”

our everyday lives.

We had the **Seeking the Way in Our Time: An Epiphany Study** videos to help us see where we have been and the history that have shaped who we are, what we are capable of doing, and where we can choose to go as the Church of the New Frontier, Episcopal Style. Now, as we enter the season of Lent, it’s time to reflect on what we have learned from those video conversations and see what we as individuals and as a congregation need to do to prepare ourselves for life as the Church of the New Frontier.

During the coming 40 days of reflection and repentance, we will be worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the Diocese using the resources provided by the Wyoming Worship Committee.

These resources were created to help us frame our living into our calling as a Body. Lent is a time set apart specifically for us to deepen our spiritual lives and broaden our spiritual reach.

It is a time for us to follow Archbishop Thomas Cranmer’s instruction about scripture, to “hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.”

Last month Pat recommended we see the Bible as God’s Valentine’s Day gift of love for us. Lent is the perfect time to read that valentine. As Brian MacLaren said, we need to realize that the stories of the people in scripture are our stories.

We need to see that in scripture God is always moving in front of God’s people and leading them to new places, not standing behind them demanding they live in the past. God is in front of us at the edge of the frontier that is our future, calling us into new ways of being the Body of Christ broken for the sake of the world.

Just as Jesus’ 40 days in the wilderness were his preparation to answer his call to ministry in and to the world, the 40 days of Lent each year are our time of preparation to answer our calls to ministry in and to the world as well. You are invited to use this time—set apart for you—to increase your knowledge, deepen your faith, and prepare for the ongoing work of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven near to us.



Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday

**Sublette County COVID Update** As of February 18, Sublette County Public Health has had 15 new cases and another death from COVID-19 in the past week bringing our total to 27. As of February 14, 3,424 people have been fully vaccinated in Sublette County, which means that 34.83% of our population has been vaccinated.



**I Found A Quilted Heart** The evening of our Service of Solace and Renewal Service on the Winter Solstice (the longest night of the year), a small heart ornament appeared on one of St. Andrew's crabapple trees. On it was a little tag:

I Need A Home  
www.ifaqh.com  
#IFAQH

### I Found A Quilted Heart

After putting it on the St. Andrew's Christmas tree, I looked up the website. Here's the story of how the project got started.

"The most random thing happened while vacationing in Nevada. Three sisters and our husbands took a day trip to Valley of Fire State Park. After an afternoon of hiking, exploring, and soaking in the beauty, we drove to Rainbow Vista. Being the only location in the park with cell phone service, we took this time to check in for our return flight. While the three sisters searched for cell service, the husbands searched a cave off in the distance. Following a deserted trail around the back side of the cave, the most incredible gift was found: a little quilted heart with a tag reading, "I need a home." Well, it certainly found a perfect home! We may never know who placed that quilted heart in the desert of Nevada, but we are thankful for it. This beautiful little heart started a whole new purpose for us: blessing others with the same simple act of kindness."

Want to know more? Would you like to create handmade quilted hearts to participate in this project? Go to <https://www.ifaqh.com/>. Please follow their rules on where to put hearts so that your ministry can be a gift to a stranger who needs it.

**Buy a Brick, Build a Pathway** The Buildings and Grounds Committee of St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in Laramie is working on constructing a pathway from the sidewalk to their labyrinth's entrance. For a donation of \$75.00, you can have a brick with your name or the name of another inscribed on it that will be used to form the path. We will also have individual bricks with the names of each Episcopal church in Wyoming inscribed on them as this path represents everyone in the diocese. We will be offering these bricks all winter in preparation for creating the path in the spring. To sponsor a brick, please send a check to St. Matthew's Cathedral, 104 S. 4th Street, Laramie, Wyoming 82070, with the name you wish inscribed on the brick.

**Taco Tuesday Celebration** Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent). This year instead of a pancake supper we're going to have Taco Tuesday. If you're willing to help set up, cook, or clean up, please put your name on the sign-up sheet at church on February 27 and come March 1 at 4:45 pm. Otherwise, come on March 1 at 5:30 pm, eat tacos, and have fun!

*Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering.... Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You will be changed from the inside out.*  
*Romans 12:2*



**Photos of the joint service with UCC Community Church by Jocelyn Moore.**



**Cross country skiing with the Boroffs, photos by Julia Cook.**

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### UPCOMING DATES IN MARCH

**March 1:** Taco Tuesday dinner at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Set-up at 4:45 pm.

**March 2:** Ash Wednesday Administration of Ashes and Eucharist services at 7:30 am, noon, and 5:30 pm.

**March 5, 12, 19, 26:** Saturday Taizé services in-person and by Zoom at 6 pm.

**March 6, 13, 20, 27:** Sunday services in-person and by Zoom at 9 am.

**March 14:** Vestry meeting in-person and by Zoom at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

**March 23:** Deadline for the March Newsletter at 5 pm. Please email submissions to Sukey at [sukeybook@gmail.com](mailto:sukeybook@gmail.com).



### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Matt David	3/2
Kristi Kainer	3/3
John Lund	3/3
Joni Mack	3/3
Sarah Hixson	3/5
Monte Skinner	3/6
Nancy Norris Lutje	3/11
Jamie Rellstab	3/11
Karson Hecht	3/16
Ward Wise	3/17
Mckile Karsch	3/23
Roewyn Crowell	3/27
Stephanie Lund	3/31

Present: The Rev. Melinda Bobo, Rector; Joni Mack, Sr. Warden; Caitlin Baxley-Mansur; Sheryl Boroff; Andrea Paulsen; John Lund, Sue Holz, The Rev. Randy Belton, Priest Associate.

**Call to Order:** 5:37 pm

**The Vestry prayed together,** the Affirmation of the Church's Mission.

**Treasurer's Report:** December 31, 2021 statements: the statements will be turned over to the Diocesan Canon for Finance and Administration for input and correction. MSPd to approve using the new software and appoint Joni Mack as Treasurer. Postpone the Annual Meeting until finances are updated in the new software; February 27 will be the goal.

**Outreach:** \$199.26; total in the fund is \$1,332.25.

**Minutes:** December 13, 2021 minutes were approved as distributed.

**Visioning/Dream** – part of this is the Epiphany Study starting Tuesday for 6 weeks, which includes all the presentations made at Convention last fall. The Bishop's opening statement is included.

**COVID situation:** As of January 7, 20 new cases in the county; total of 24 deaths in the county.

**Software transition status:** Joni will be working with Jessica Reynolds this week to train on the software and to input data.

**2022 Budget:** Under construction; will enlist Jessica Reynolds' help.

**Grant updates:** New application for collaborative grant with St. Hubert's from Diocesan Foundation for \$50,000. MSPd to send out the explanation via email to the parish.

**COVID funds:** One landlord for a family we approved for rent is postponing the due date until their ERAP comes through and asked if we would like to help them with food, utilities or gas. MSPd to make funds up to \$1,500 available for their needs.

**Youth Mental Health update:** Melinda meeting with all of the members of the Mental Health Coalition to clarify what the funds can be used for. There are guidelines to be clarified.

**Possible assistance for HCBH patient and SAFV client:** Dental care needed for 2 separate people. MSPd to approve \$500 each from Outreach Funds.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Suggested that Julie Maxam, our outgoing Treasurer, be given a \$250 gift card and flowers. MSPd to give this gift in appreciation of her many years of service.

*Mission: Joy* is a documentary about the Dalai Lama and Bp Desmond Tutu and will be screened here at St. Andrew's January 28 through the Diocese.

**Epiphany study** is every Tuesday 6:30 pm and will feature the Bishop's opening and closing statements and the presentation.

Adjourn: 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Mack

Sr. Warden