

From the Rector



The last week of June, representatives from all over the Episcopal Church will gather in Louisville for our General Convention. Every three years, Episcopalians gather to make important decisions for the future of the denomination. These people make up the House of Deputies (priests, deacons, laypeople) and the House of Bishops, all elected as deputations of their dioceses. It's important to note that they aren't "representatives" of their diocese, but rather, encouraged to vote according to their own experience and conscience.

This is by design. From the outside looking in, a <u>legislative session of the Episcopal Church</u> may seem like a very dry thing indeed. A bunch of church nerds arguing about prayer book revisions and bishop election processes. Surely this isn't what early church leaders had in mind?! Where is the work of charity? Where is the radical love? Jesus didn't say anything about the tedious process of amending a canon (a church "law"). Yawn!

Here's the thing though. We count on the Holy Spirit to be present in each order of business. Each day of legislative sessions begins with worship, making sure that Christ is truly present in the room and in the day. Where two or three are gathered, God is there. So while the process might seem dry from the outside, from within the process, we've witnessed the Holy Spirit moving in powerful ways. Everything from allowing women's ordination to marriage equality to divesting in fossil fuels to make sure our finances match our values. All of these landmark decisions were decisions made by faithful deputies and Bishops that were seeking not their own will, but God's.

One of the most important things that General Convention will accomplish is the election of a <u>new Presiding</u> <u>Bishop</u>. This person presides over the House of Bishops and acts as a spokesperson and key leader of our church. The Office of the Presiding Bishop also administers several national church programs. It should be noted, however, the Presiding Bishop doesn't hold any "executive" power. (No PB vetos!) The Presiding Bishop votes on important matters alongside the House of Bishops. We count on the office of the Presiding Bishop to guide, inspire, and empower the entirety of the Church during their 9-year term.

The Diocese of Missouri has put out a <u>primer</u> on how to learn more about this important gathering. It has a lot of great information, including a fun infographic on how legislation moves through General Convention. If you're feeling extra adventurous, Louisville is a short car ride away! You can <u>register</u> as a visitor or a volunteer and check out the festivities yourself! (Your intrepid rector is going to be there exploring as well!)

Whether you are present in person or not, I ask that every member of St. Timothy's pray for the work of General Convention June 23-28. The future of our Church is known to God alone. We call upon the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into the coming years. That call always begins in prayer. It is the powerful foundation upon which our polity was built, and it's the fuel that leads us into the next generation.

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Fast facts about the General Convention of The Episcopal Church

- GC meets every three years (the schedule got messed up in 2021-22 because of COVID)
- The first GC was held in 1785 (only the House of Deputies)
- Bishops began participating in 1789
- The first lay President of the House of Deputies was elected in 1946
- The first women deputies were seated in 1970
- The first President of color was elected to the House of Deputies in 1976
- The first Presiding Bishop of color was elected in 2015
- The first woman President of the House of Deputies was elected in 1991
- The first woman Presiding Bishop was elected in 2006
- The first women President and Vice President of color were elected to the House of Deputies in 2022

Taken from: <u>Get Ready for General Convention 2024 | Epis-</u> <u>copal Diocese of Missouri (diocesemo.org)</u>

Read about the candidates to be the next Presiding Bishop on pages 6 - 8.

Easter Message from Presiding Bishop Curry

This is a transcript of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Easter 2024 video message recorded on 3/28/24:

Hello to my beloved family in Christ. I want to take this opportunity, first of all, on behalf of my wife, Sharon, and our family, to thank you. To thank you for your prayers, to thank you for your well wishes, your expressions of support and kindness. We are equally thankful for the blessing of remarkable medical care and pastoral support. As you may know, I've been working a bit from home—at a reduced level, to be sure, but I'm gradually increasing that.

Just two weeks ago, my medical team approved me to drive locally and to resume short domestic flights. I can't tell you how much your prayers have sustained me and my family through this medical journey. Prayer matters. We don't always know how. We don't always know or understand the outcome.

But prayer matters, and it makes a difference. Over the last several months, I have not known how this would all work out. But I've been very aware, and in some particular moments, consciously aware of being upheld in prayer by you. Without consciously deciding to do it, I actually found myself praying some words from Psalm 31, which says, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit."

Before surgeries and treatments, through some long nights, difficult days, "Into your hands, I commend my spirit." These words are part of a prayer that is Psalm 31 in the Hebrew scriptures. The late night service of Compline uses that psalm as a prayer before going to sleep at night.

Luke's Gospel records Jesus praying these very words, that psalm, on the cross, when he had a sense of what lay before him, but could not know the outcome. He didn't know with any certainty if and how God would act. He didn't know, as the old preachers used to say, Good Friday's always happened, but Sunday's always



coming. He didn't know with any certainty that resurrection would become real and not a mere metaphor. But as he died into the unknown, he did one thing: He threw himself completely into the hands of God. "Father, into thy hands, I commend my spirit."

And in that moment, after saying that, Luke's Gospel says, he breathed his last. And though he died, death did not have the last word, though he did die. He died into the hands of God and slipped out of the grip of death.

And as we now know, on the third day he rose again, and he lives. As William Cowper said in a poem that later became a hymn, "God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform, he plants his footstep in the sea and rides upon the storm."

So God love you. God bless you. May the God who rides upon our storms and raised Jesus of Nazareth from the dead hold us all, the entire human family and all of God's grand and glorious creation in those almighty hands of love. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.

To watch the video, click or go to <u>https://</u> <u>www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/presiding-</u> <u>bishop-michael-curry-easter-2024-message/</u>

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To read The Rev. Phil Hooper's Easter sermon, "What Is Loved Is Resurrected," click or go to: <u>https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sermon/what-is-loved-is-resurrected-easter-day-b-march-31-2024/</u> Hooper is rector of Saint Anne Episcopal Church, West Chester, in the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

"...This has been the curse, the bitten, bitter fruit of inescapable insight: that even if our love—for God, for neighbor, for earth, for self—somehow manages to endure, our bodies and the work of our hands do not. We are burdened with the degeneration of even our purest efforts, our most precious bonds. The inescapable presence of death has driven the world mad with grief, desperate with the longing for something other than goodbye..."

Tell the Easter Story Every Day

By The Rev. James H. Purdy, Retired Clergy Associate

Nearly thirty years ago the parish I served in Massachusetts gratefully celebrated the life of a long-time, magnificent member, a dear friend of the Purdy family.

In her mid-nineties, Aunt August died as she lived with her contagious wit and impish smile, her fierce determination about life and remarkable courage she mowed her upper 40 on her tractor in her late eighties. She died as she lived with her deep, abundant trust in God and her love for St. John's Church and its people (her family) and for all of God's world.

Following the service in Beverly Farms, we went to the Nightingale plot in Swan Point Cemetery overlooking the Sound in Providence, Rhode Island. As I walked up the hill preceding the casket, birds chanted in the trees overhead, gulls lifted on the ocean's gentle breeze, and Spring seemed to be underfoot and all around.

The Easter sentences rang inside my head: I am the Resurrection and the life, saith the Lord. She that believeth in me, though she were dead, yet shall she live.

The casket was placed and the American flag was folded back. After the Opening Sentences, a centering prayer and other prayers of the day, I poured a bit of God's earth and sand from West Beach on the casket and signed the baptismal cross in the soil and sand. I prayed the familiar words: In sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life... In firm and abiding faith that, as she hath borne the image of the earthy, so (also) doth she bear the image of the heavenly.

As I recall that moment, I paused. I don't know how long I paused, but something unusual happened then, there. Having said those words, having proclaimed Resurrection, I said within myself, Aunt Augusta, let God raise you. Let God stand you up.

I experienced a strange, wonderful vision. Augusta rose out of the casket and stood atop it. All 58 inches or so of her stood looking down at me, at us. She had that marvelous, impish smile and squared back shoulders, standing, as she always did, on tip-toe as she spoke her famous line: This is fascinating. This is fascinating. Don't forget, Jim, don't forget to tell the Easter story every day, every day. The vision vanished. A lark that had been standing quietly on a branch above my right shoulder left its perch and soared into the cloudless sky as the interment concluded.

Don't forget to tell the Easter story. What IS the Easter story? Christ is risen! And because Christ is risen, Augusta Harrison Nightingale is risen. You are risen. I am risen. All of God's children are risen. God's precious planet is risen. That's the Easter story. All of us are standing up in Easter faith, now, eternally, or we can be. We should be standing up in Easter faith.

I think that's what Augusta meant. Don't forget to TELL the Easter story every day. Don't forget to LIVE the Easter story every day. Don't forget to let the risen Christ stand up in us, to let the Christ rise in us, full of life, full of power, full of love.

Don't forget to proclaim the 'stand up' news of Easter. Don't forget to invite the world to stand up. Don't forget to let the risen Christ stand up in us.

We can deny the new life that God is crafting in us, for us. We can spend our whole lives mourning over what we used to be. We can fix our gaze in the rear mirror of life and ignore the road ahead. We can define ourselves in terms of losses, of endings, of deaths. We can do that now. We can do it at the end of our lives. We can spend eternity being dead if we want to.

But we don't have to. You and I are asked to be the Fifth Gospel—the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and each of us—the Gospel of God according to US.

That's what Easter is about: the resurrected Christ standing up in us, living in us, day by day by day, not only on Easter Day, not only in The Great 50 Days, but next Summer, next Fall, two years from now, ten years from now, generation after generation.

There is a long line of Easter messengers. We began back beside the tomb outside Jerusalem. The message started with the women, the first visitors, the first witnesses. It continues through a vision in another cemetery.

The risen Christ IS standing up. The risen Christ seeks to stand up in your life, in my life. And, through our lives, the risen Christ stands up in God's world.

Don't forget to tell the Easter story every day. Don't forget to live the Easter story every day.

It's almost here!

Don't miss the great reveal of...

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> Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.

COME INTO THE LIGHT!



The 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church The Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop

All nominees for Presiding Bishop, including any nominated by petition, will address General Convention attendees from 4-6 p.m. EDT on June 21. That session will be livestreamed and available for on-demand viewing. The nominees' names will be formally submitted to the General Convention during a joint session of the two houses on June 25. Any petition nominees will be submitted during that session as well.

Following the Convention Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. on June 26, the bishops with seat, voice, and vote will travel to Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Louisville, where the election will take place during a sequestered session in the context of prayer and reflection. The House of Deputies will then be asked to confirm the election.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry's nine-year term concludes Oct. 31, 2024. The presiding bishop-elect's nine-year term officially begins Nov. 1, 2024.

The Rt. Rev. Scott Barker



Bishop J. Scott Barker serves as the chief pastor of the 53 Episcopal worshiping communities planted across Nebraska's 77,000 square miles. He is a passionate follower of Jesus, committed to evangelism and personal patterns of discipleship that help nurture a deep life in Christ.

Ordained as bishop in 2011, Bishop Barker "came home" to Nebraska after serving for ten years in the Diocese of New York. Born and raised in Omaha, Bishop Barker received a B.A. in Religious Studies from Yale College and an MDiv from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Upon ordination to the priesthood in 1992, he served in Omaha for the first ten years of his ministry.

In addition to his work as Bishop, Scott serves on the House of Bishops Planning Committee, the College for Bishops Board, the board of Dominican Development Group, and the board of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry. He has previously served on the Virginia Theological Seminary Board, the Bishop's Court of Appeals, and the General Convention Program, Budget and Finance Committee. He is a board member of the River City Mixed Chorus, Nebraska's largest LGBTQ+ choir.

Bishop Barker is the co-author of several pieces of sacred music, an avid reader, a runner, a loving spouse, father, and (new!) grandfather. <u>Barker FULL BIO</u>

The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe



The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe was elected on August 6, 2016, and consecrated as the 11th Bishop of Central New York on December 3, 2016. The Diocese of Central New York comprises nearly 80 parishes and stretches from Canada in the north to Pennsyl-

vania in the south and from Utica in the east to Elmira in the West.

Since 2019, Bishop DeDe has served as President of Province II and a member of the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice. In 2018, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry appointed her to chair the planning committee facilitating the House of Bishop's Service of Lament and Repentance for sexual abuse, exploitation, and harassment that was held during the 2018 General Convention. She has served on various committees, including as co-Chair of the General Convention task force for Building Community Across Difference and currently as Chair of the Committee for Safety, Wellness & Mental Health.

She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Stephen F. Austin State University, a master's degree in psychology from Pepperdine University, a Master of Divinity degree from The General Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in theology from The Graduate Theological Foundation, completed at Oxford University. She and her husband, Chris Probe, have three college-aged children. Bishop DeDe enjoys golfing, hiking, music, snowshoeing, tennis, pickleball, and the culinary arts. <u>Duncan-Probe FULL BIO</u>

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez



Bishop Gutiérrez believes The Episcopal Church has an important role to play in our nation and world. "We have a historical past, yet as a church, we cannot simply live the past and slowly recede into irrelevance. Let's honor our history and then endeavor to make history. Through

our faith, voices, and lives, let us rise with Christ. Where he is the center of every thought, word and action. Jesus told us not to fear; we must step into the widening breach between faith and secularism and speak to the truth of new life, found only in Jesus Christ. We must reorient our faith, the church and our lives. As Jesus said: 'God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'"

Before his calling as bishop, Gutiérrez had a distinguished career in both The Episcopal Church and in public service in New Mexico. Rebuilding and growing churches were the hallmarks of his time in key leadership positions at The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande. At the request of the Presiding Bishop, he served in an administrative oversight position for The Episcopal Church in Navajoland, which included being vice president of the Navajoland Economic Development Corporation.

Aside from his faith, Gutiérrez counts as his most important role and greatest responsibility was when he became the extremely proud father of his son Jude, now a graduate from the University of New Mexico with a degree in criminology. Jude is a High School basketball coach and earning his Elementary School Teacher's certification. It is a joy he shares with his wife, best friend, and partner of 35 years, Suzanne Fletcher Gutiérrez. <u>Gutiérrez FULL BIO</u>

The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe



The Rt. Rev. Sean W. Rowe was ordained bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. He previously served as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 2014 until 2018.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, the bishop graduated from Grove City College in 1997 with a B.A. in history. "I grew up in western Pennsylvania, and came to know and to love that culture," he said in a <u>2019 interview</u>. "I come from a family of primarily steel and mill workers. That part of the world is resilient, but it was in the process of becoming what we now call the Rust Belt."

The bishop graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2000 and returned to the diocese. "I came back to serve a church, a congregation in a small town in western Pennsylvania, and had a tremendous relationship with the community — the church more than doubled in size in a declining demographic," he said. "I was doing ministry in a place I know and love."

Rowe was 32 in May 2007, when he was elected bishop on the first ballot. For almost 12 years, he was the youngest bishop in the church. He earned a Ph.D. in organizational learning and leadership at Gannon University in Erie in 2014.

He serves as parliamentarian for the House of Bishops and the Episcopal Church Executive Council; chair of the Episcopal Church Building Fund; and as a member of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, and Constitution and Canons. He also serves on the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. In 2018, he became the first bishop to serve on the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church, a position he held until 2023. He is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator, and they have an eleven-year-old daughter, Lauren. <u>Rowe FULL BIO</u> Continued p. 6 \rightarrow

Nominees for 28th Presiding Bishop, cont.

The Rt. Rev. Robert Christopher Wright



The Rt. Rev. Robert Christopher Wright is the 10th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. He was elected on June 2, 2012. He is the first African-American to become bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta which is comprised of 120 worshipping communities throughout middle and north Georgia.

Wright was born in a Roman Catholic orphanage in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and adopted at the age of nine months. After graduating high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as helicopter crew-chief and search and rescue diver before attending Howard University in Washington, D.C. Wright graduated with a degree in history and political science and began working for the Children's Defense Fund and later for two mayors of Washington, D.C. as a child advocate. He holds a master of divinity degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria and was ordained a deacon in June 1998 at the Washington National Cathedral and later priest in February 1999 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. He holds certificates from Ridley Hall, Cambridge University, Oxford University and The Harvard Kennedy School of Public Policy. He has also been awarded honorary doctorates from Virginia Theological Seminary, the School of Theology at Sewanee, The University of the South and the General Theological Seminary.

At the time of his election as bishop he was rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia, where he served for 10 years.

Presently, Wright is a lecturer at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, serves on the boards of Habitat for Humanity International, the Board of Trustees at the University of the South and is a Georgia Supreme Court appointee to a committee that reviews law and policies facing the youth of the state of Georgia. He has previously served as a board member of St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire, The Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, The National Association of Episcopal Schools and was the former chair of the board of The General Theological Seminary.

He is married to Beth-Sarah Wright and they are the parents of five children. <u>Wright FULL BIO</u>

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Did You Know?

...that there's nothing like the failure of an HVAC system to get us hot under the collar? Currently we have three air conditioning units that have outlasted their anticipated 15-year life-times. One was purchased in 2004 for \$8,000, another in 2006 for \$8,500 and the third in 2008 for \$8,000. We're fortunate to have these units function so long, but we know we're living on borrowed time.

It sounds like "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we may die (of heat)!" Odds are those A/C units will give up the Holy Ghost pretty soon, and I bet each one now costs \$10,000 to \$15,000 to replace! Speaking of HVAC, that huge 35-ton unit installed on our roof in 2003 (costing \$56,000) is nearing its 25-year lifetime. Fortunately, individual components will fail rather than the entire unit, so we won't incur the full cost all at once. I think we need to put some of our treasure aside to be good stewards of our property.

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Did You Know?

...that there are only 2 or 3 people in this parish (and perhaps the world) who know how to use the large kitchen stove properly? If it's done improperly, volatile gas is leaking out from the appliance, and any sort of spark could set off a great ball of fire! Also, we aren't able to offer our renters the use of a stove if they're needing the kitchen, which decreases the attractiveness of our facility.

Well, we certainly don't want to deter folks from using our facility, and we want to be able to safely use the stovetops and oven for our own meetings, dinners, pancake breakfasts or youth making pretzels. We can look into some reconfiguring of the ignition system and gas line routing on the current stove or purchase a new large stove—for between \$1,500.00 and \$7,000.00!!!

Did you know the electrical panel that handles all of our fire alarm, electrical outage, elevator emergency notifications and communications is now obsolete, and has been for several years? Any of the components is irreplaceable, short (ha-ha) of searching for other systems which have been junked and cannibalizing them. Hmmm. I'm not sure about cannibalism at church.

Well, as I'm sure it says somewhere in Proverbs, "Better safe than sorry." I also seem to recall some mention of "making all things new" in one of those rambling epistles. Perhaps these exhortations have application to our electrical, fire, (etc.) protection panel. We were quoted a price of \$10,000.00 several years ago to replace it. I wonder what it costs now?!

St. Tim's Ongoing Food Pantry Donations

St. Timothy's Food Ministries collects food for the Trinity Food Ministry and Circle of Concern and food pantries year round. As you are doing your own shopping, please check these lists and get some items for those in need.

Trinity Food Pantry request list: (Collecting for April)

Canned meats – roast beef, Spam, chicken, ham Canned veggies – corn, green beans, mixed veggies

(no carrots, please) Ravioli with meat Ramen Noodles Cereal – hot and cold Bar Soap - (esp. Irish Spring, Dial, and Dove) Toothpaste

- Warm weather creates the need for these items: -Deodorant -Ponchos & rain gear
- -Insect repellent
- -Men's t-shirts and shorts, new or gentlyused

Make a donation to the Trinity Food Pantry: <u>https://</u> <u>www.trinitycwe.org/donate</u>

Circle of Concern request list: (Collecting for May)

Canned Chicken Salsa Tuna Salad Dressings Mayonnaise Ketchup BBQ Sauce Cooking oil Sugar Flour Baking mixes Kid Friendly Cereal



Circle of Concern's food pantry serves approximately 2,000 individuals monthly and more than 1,200 households annually. For more information, go to: https://

Report from the Treasurer March 2024



Overall income in the month of March 2024 was strong, coming in at \$48,500. It included \$1,500 of plate income and \$1,600 in Other Parish Support from our Easter Offerings. Pledge income has kept pace with the budget and our income from the use of our facility by outside groups produced \$1,300 for the month.

On the expense side, our administrative expenses were up a bit for the month due to the quarterly charge we receive from Xerox for copies that are made over the contracted number of copies and also the purchase of stamps for various mailings. Office systems expenses were also high due to repairs needed to address an outage of our internet. Telephone expenses included charges from prior months that were paid in March. We had a few unusual items hit our Maintenance expense this month. They included labor (\$2,400) to replace the heat exchanger for the roof top unit over the office. Fortunately, the part itself was covered under warranty and did not cost anything additional. We also had to replace 2 contactors in that same unit for a cost of \$652. Maintenance also included a \$1,500 expense as a down payment to do some preparatory work on the drainage laterals prior to implementing repairs. If you recall, in February, our utilities expenses were \$0 due to the delayed timing of our payments. Those payments showed up in March!

Overall expenses in March were \$58,500, which gave us a shortfall for the month of \$10,100. However, we still have a YTD surplus of \$12,000. This still compares favorably with the budgeted deficit of \$22,000 for all of 2024. Our cash on hand to support ongoing operations also remains strong and now stands at \$301,800.

To view our monthly financial statements:

2024 March Profit & Loss

2024 March Balance Sheet

As always, our sincere thanks to you all for your continued generosity in supporting St. Tim's. Please keep making your pledges payments on a timely basis, so our faith community can remain vibrant and strong.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the treasurers.

- Kurt Zwikelmaier, Treasurer

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Did You Notice?

At the Annual Meeting the presenters repeatedly ran into trouble with the microphone making loud, obnoxious noises. It seems like every time we have a presentation using our audio/visual system in Fleming Hall there's some sort of problem. That's another item to put on the list for future attention. I bet that might cost a pretty penny!

Several windows in the Gathering Space are cloudy and permanently fogged up – not a good look inside or out. Some are not properly sealed, adding to our indoor humidity problems and increasing utility costs. Clearly, this is another matter that will need to be addressed to beautify and properly maintain our church.

Dates to Remember

April Birthdays

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4	Alice Fritsch	18	Marc Vanacht
	Linda Wilson	19	Mark Schuerman
6	Joan Coots	20	Will Bolden
	Rita Podolsky	21	Russel Nemer
10	Amelia Shirley	24	Anesu Mazhou
11	Ray Burch		Anopa Mazhou
	Mora Collins	25	Julia Amies
	Robert Roberson		Tony Corey
12	Jacob Conard	26	Wini Crock
14	Brian Rouse		Fitzy Richardson
16	Amelia Pooley		Lennox Richardson
17	Joyce Helton	27	Declan Fowler
	Colette Schuh		Jeff Johnson
	Genevieve Wischnowsky	29	Georgia O'Brien
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April Anniversaries

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May Birthdays

May Anniversaries

Laura & Jeff Catalano

Louann & Craig Boyd

Joan & Robert Coots

Jane & Cletus Coughlin

May & Jim Mullins

Sara & Keith Doll

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- 1 Nathaniel Pyron
- 3 Rick Sharp
- 5 Laura Hellebusch
- 6 Grant Schuerman
- 10 Sheila Morse
- 11 Brendan Johnson
- 13 Don Hammond
- Rob Muschany
- 16 Alonzo Collins Jared McAvoy
- 17 Julia Holland
- 21 Liam Denkler
- 22 Tedlin Schuering

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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An ECM Birthday Celebration!

It's almost time for a birthday party! As many of you know, ministering to children in St. Louis City and County detention centers is exclusively led by the Episcopal church, including monthly birthday parties. The Episcopal City Ministry (ECM) leads this effort.

Each church hosts a different month – all children attend the party, and we provide a special gift for those children celebrating their birthday that month.

St. Timothy's is hosting the county's next birthday party on **Friday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m.** We need both volunteers and contributors. Here's how you can help:

- Join us at the Clayton Courthouse to help host the party. We deliver pizza, soda, cake, and ice cream to the kids. *Please contact Tina Warhover If you'd like to participate to complete the volunteer paperwork in advance.*
- Pick up Ted Drewes on May 10 Ted Drewes donates 50 custard cups for the party
- Buy a \$20 \$25 gift or make a monetary donation for party supplies by **May 5**:
 - Boy Gifts Cardinals, Blues, or NBA shirts or hats, AXE Body boxed gift sets
 - Girl Gifts Lotion or manicure/nail polish gift sets
 - Unisex Gifts Earbuds, phone chargers & cords (iPhone-compatible is most popular)

Other supplies needed that you can purchase or donate for us to purchase by May 5:

- 60 medium-sized inexpensive gift bags
- 60 individual packs Chips
- 60 individual packages Hostess & Little Debbie Treats. No peanuts or suckers, please!
- Soda 5 two-liter bottles of soda or punch. They love root beer, orange, and fruit punch.
- Birthday Plates & Napkins 60
- Large Red Plastic Cups 60

Ways you can donate:

- Reach out to Tina Warhover for porch pickup
- Drop off donations at St. Timothy's

Please contact Tina Warhover with questions. **Also let her know if you've purchased any items.** <u>tinawarhover@gmail.com</u> cell: 314-750-7009.

Monetary donations: Check – Mail/Drop off at St. Timothy's or Online Giving - specify "ECM Birthday Party"

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