



ST. AIDAN'S STAG & STAFF

The growing community of St. Aidan's is called to be God's light and loving presence through faith, sacrament, and outreach.



A Season of Mercy and Peace

March

- 4 5:00-6:30 pm**
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- 5 6:30 pm**
Ash Wednesday Eucharist Service
- 9 9:30 am**
Sunday Eucharist, Lent 1
- 12 6:30 pm — Wednesday**
Ecumenical Service @ St. Kilian's
- 16 9:30 am**
Sunday Eucharist, Lent 2
- 19 6:30 pm — Wednesday**
Ecumenical Service @ St. Aidan's
Irish Potato Bar – @ 5:00 pm.
- 23 9 :30 am**
Sunday Eucharist, Lent 3
- 26 6:30 pm — Wednesday**
Ecumenical Service @ St. Aidan's
- 30 9:30 am**
Sunday Eucharist, Lent 4



Men's Breakfast
First Saturdays

MARCH 1

Cooking 8am — Eating
8:30am



March Fourth!

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner — 5 pm
What to bring?
Family, friends, neighbors
Great fun for everyone!

**IT'S RUN-TO-CHURCH-
SLIGHTLY-LATE SUNDAY:
THE DAY THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD
March 9**





Esther's Epistle

Dear Friends,

I sincerely believe that the month of March is a great time of the year to make a resolution, perhaps better than January! March begins in winter and ends with the hope of spring! Like any time of the year, we make choices about the way we live as spiritual people, but the month of March presents special opportunities for thinking and behaving in new ways that can affect the rest of our lives.

This year, the Lenten season begins on March 5, with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a season in the church often associated with physical darkness and going to dark places; however, the central message of Lent is hope. As we anticipate Easter during these weeks of March and into the month of April, we might resolve to think and behave in ways that demonstrate a deeper commitment to showing compassion. Our theme for Lent and Holy Week is "A Season of Mercy and Peace," and this year I invite you to join me in considering how we are called to serve Christ in our interactions with others, especially with those who feel hurt and are struggling.

Each Wednesday evening in Lent, March 12 through April 9, we will gather for worship with our ecumenical friends from First Methodist Church, Redeemer Lutheran Church and the St. Kilian Catholic Congregation. On these evenings, we will consider the message found in Matthew 25: 34-40, which challenges each of us to expand our awareness of one another and recognize the real impact of showing compassion. I hope you will resolve to participate in these Wednesday evening services, resolve to participate in our regular Sunday worship, and resolve to engage with the services of Holy Week.

The month of March promises renewal in many ways. I hope that together we can make lasting resolutions to consider the meaning of compassion, and as spring arrives, we will live in a new way and feel more at peace.

Mother Esther +



Those elected to office and those thanked for their service : **Laura Johnston, Eric Wetzel, Micki Hoffmann [Dio. Convention Delegate], Mike Weber, Gerianne Kelly, Mike Morgan, Donna Dinco [past Sr. Warden], Charles Gardner [past Vestry], Eileen Schmidt [past Vestry], Lynn Molenda.**



From Eric's Desk —

Stone...

As a younger, thinner lad, I was all about the reaction. School, home, sports. Quick reactions. You say something, BOOM, light on my feet and here is the comeback. Rebound in basketball. Turn. Bang up the court. Let's RUN. I had this thing, where I would try to anticipate conversations and practice responses in my head.

Nights were long on the farm...

As I seasoned through the years, the quickness in foot and mind faded. I was frustrated with this for a long time. How do I keep up?

Stone...

I transitioned my approach to be as the stone in the stream.

Everything flowing around it, but the stone does not react, doesn't need to. It's a stone. My younger brother figured this out long before I did. "Eric, stand still, and most things you need will come to you." He was the younger brother, so admitting he was right took some time. But right he was.

As the stone, you're the observer. No more running around trying to anticipate which way the river will flow. More being in the moment and ready to respond, with an honest reaction, in the moment. Away with the pre-planned, quick witted response and reaction. Which, if I'm honest, was just about being seen and was false in most ways.

I won't profess to being in a fully formed stone frame of being. I do love a quick retort. As Ty Cobb said about Babe Ruth, "He moved pretty good for a fat man."

But walking into church last Sunday, and the Sundays moving forward, I now have a great reminder about why I am striving to be the Permanence, the Durability and the Honesty of the stone.

Eric Wetzel
Senior Warden

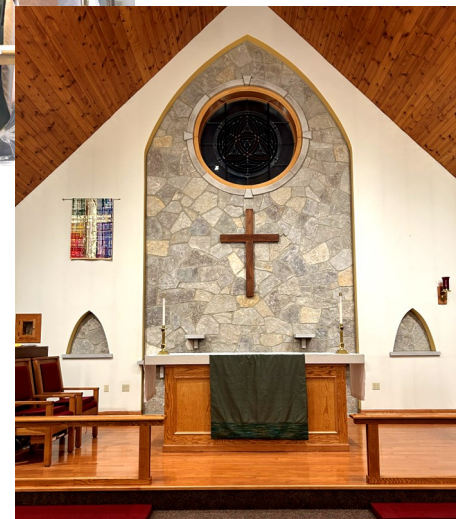
*Solomon beautified the sanctuary,
and multiplied the vessels of the
temple.*

Mary and Tom Barnes beautified St. Aidan's sanctuary with their generous donation of a stone reredos — from a local stone quarry and cut by Tom and his workers to fit the niche behind the altar. We give thanks for the skill that created such beauty!



In process . . .

Finished!



The blessing ceremony with **Mary, Tom, and Mthr. Esther**



Alice's Restaurant

I can see the light earlier in the morning! We have one of those dogs with a built-in alarm clock. It has two settings, breakfast and supper. The rest of the time is Perpetual Nap, apparently. When it's six AM he stands up on his bed and groans. He is 10, but then I, too, often groan on standing up in the morning. He shakes his head to rattle his brain and starts pacing back and forth until one of us capitulates and gets up to feed him. Most days this performance is a duet with the cat mewing like Pitiful Pearl outside the bedroom door. Repeat performance guaranteed at 5 PM.

But to get back to the light! Not long ago this routine was done in total darkness, but now it is gray and getting lighter every morning! I can even decide what to wear without having to consult the little cloud weather app on my phone. There is snow as I write this. I know it will gradually disappear into the ground to water all those lovely plants in the spring. While it does, I will enjoy the gradually brighter days, the gradually warmer weather, and begin to think about salads. However, it is still chilly for a while, so I will give you one last easy soup (until October or so). It is quick and you probably have most of it on hand in the pantry. Stay warm, but enjoy the sunshine!

Easy Pumpkin Soup

- 1 T. olive oil
- 1 medium onion chopped
- Heat oil and sauté the onions until translucent.
- 3 C. pumpkin puree (two cans)
- 1 can coconut milk (or evaporated milk or half and half)
- 1-2 T. red curry paste
- Stir in and heat gently. (You can puree with a stick blender if you want to)
- Pepitas for garnish

Alice Pollock

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Lenten Potato Bar – is truly an outreach of time, talent, and resources to the ecumenical church community who share Lenten services with us. This outreach of hospitality establishes connections among our faith communities.

St. Aidan's Baked Potato Bar March 19, 2025 — 5 pm

We will serve 100 to 125 potatoes — with lots of sour cream, butter, taco sauce, broccoli, ham, taco meat, bacon bits, melted cheese, and sautéed mushrooms!

We need helping hands with the preparation (scrubbing, chopping and mincing), servicing, and clean up.

Please sign up in the narthex to donate food items; make cash donations, or help work in the kitchen to support this ecumenical event.

Love thy neighbor —
Amanda Mercado and Linda Weber worked with the youth to fill Valentine treat bags, labeled with the reminder to “love thy neighbor” for patrons of the Little Pantry.



STAG & STAFF



Deaconspeak

musings from the left shoulder

Praying as a Vocation

As a deacon, one of my “orders” (being ordained is “one who is under orders”) from the Church – you – is to “...interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.” [BCP pg. 543] An example of this is when I offer the specific intentions of the parish prayer list during the Prayers of the People – bringing needs, concerns and hopes to St Aidan’s – you. Even so, let me defer to a more authoritative source regarding prayer:

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Paul, the Apostle, wrote this many years ago, and it is applicable to us especially now in the 21st Century. Consider “praying unceasingly” in context with rejoicing and giving thanks. We gain a wonderful understanding to do all things as prayer, with joy and thanks. Sitting in a pew at church, driving down the highway, hanging out with friends, or even changing diapers -- we should do everything with a purpose. Our purpose or call (vocation) is to share God’s love! That is prayer in thought, word, and deed.

St Aidan’s has great experience as a praying community. As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting, we also need to consider how we might improve. This includes our praying experience -- praying more and/or praying differently. You already have experienced me periodically asking for updates to the parish prayer list, because we want to be current with the needs of the parish, the community, and the world.

We should ask ourselves when requesting prayer additions to or removals from the prayer list:

Is the need something that calls the whole worshipping community to prayer?

If so, is it a onetime, a short time, or a long-time request?

For example, the people in Ukraine certainly need our prayers, but is this a focus for us every Sunday? At times we lift them in prayer together, then each of us is encouraged to include this in our personal devotions.

Along those lines:

Is the need something individual, a personal crisis?

For example, when something happens to us, including others in lifting prayers provides the support and comfort in going forward.

On a personal note, when I was undergoing my

cancer diagnosis and therapy a few years ago, I am convinced I would have had a much more difficult path without the prayers of the faith community. I cannot yet say that I am cancer free, but I am at a point now where others need prayers more urgently, and I am no longer on the prayer list.

Offering prayer(s) is an important – even critical – call in our lives as well as the lives of others. Please continue to share your prayers, especially during the opportunities in our Prayers of the People. At the same time, when you feel that prayer requests are no longer necessary for the whole community, let us know that as well.

Love through Christ
terry



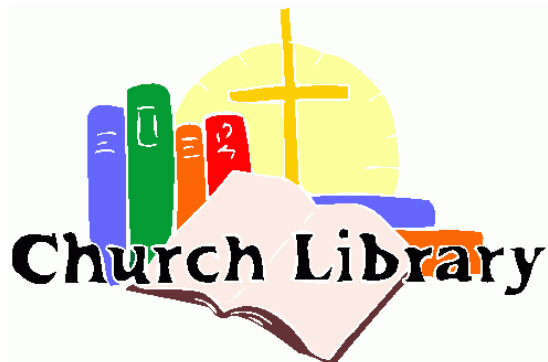
3rd Sunday — Sharing Sunday

The “loose” [paper and coin] collection supports Mthr. Esther’s discretionary fund. She uses it to help people in our community in need — more often than you might think!



Hartford Community Lunch
Saturday, March 29
11:30 am
1st United Methodist

Lunch is served at 11:30am. Come for a free hot meal with the Hartford Community! To volunteer [9 am—2 pm], just show up on the day.
If you have questions, please contact **Larry Thomas at 262-955-4900**.



Great reads for Lent!

Strict Library Rules:
Take books! Return them!

ST. AIDAN'S MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

MARCH



2025

	2	9	16	23	30
Reader	D. Bemi	M.B. Moran	B. Schrunk	M. Hoffmann	B. Pollock
Prayers	A. Pollock	L. Molenda	C. Gardner	D. Bemi	T. Schlaefer
Acolyte	A. Schrunk	L. Daley	S. Schmidt	J.P. Schrunk	L. Daley
Usher	Schrunks	Pollocks	L. Molenda	Webers	Schmidts
LEM	M. Weber	J. Pierce	M. Hoffmann	A. Pollock	B. Schrunk
Counters	M-Meigs/Schnorenberg	Gardner/Fairchild	Moran/Hoffmann	M-Meigs/Pierce	Fairchild/Weber
Cleaners	Weber	Trewyn/Johnston	Pollock	Weber	Schnorenberg/Johnston
Altar	g. Hefti				

APRIL



2025

	6	13	20	27
Reader	B. Mendoza	T. Schlaefer	C. Gardner	A. Pollock
Prayers	M. Hoffmann	E. Schmidt	B. Pollock	L. Schrunk
Acolyte	A. Schrunk	S. Schmidt	L. Daley	J.P. Schrunk
Usher	Shrunks	J. Pierce	Pollocks	L. Molenda
LEM	M. Weber	A. Pollock	M. Hoffmann	J. Pierce
Counters	Schnorenberg/Moran	Hoffmann/Gardner	Pierce/Fairchild	Weber/A. M-Meigs
Cleaning	Gardner	Mercado/Johnston	Weber	Trewyn/Johnston
Altar	A. Pollock			

If you cannot serve your appointed time, please arrange for a substitute. Thank you.

Any **permanent** changes to the schedule should be reported to

Gail Hefti at gail.hefti@gmail.com or 920-740-3997.

PARISH EVENTS — MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Birthdays & Anniversaries 10 Aimee Hennings Virginia Petermann 11 Thomas Schlaefer 13 Geri Kelly Louise Schrunk 19 Virginia & Bob Petermann 20 Dwight Behrendt 21 Dave Komp Dee Kaker 22 Kailie Schellinger 25 Judy Pierce 26 Michal Daley 30 Virginia & Dave Komp 31 Mary Moran Bob Petermann						1  Men's B'fast 8:30 am
2 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am	3	4 Pancake Supper 5 pm  FEAST THEN FAST	5 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm	6  Choir 6:30 pm	7	8 
9 Lent 1 Worship — 9:30 am Confirmation	10	11	12  St. A. B'fast 7 - 9 am St. Kilian's 6:30 pm	13  Choir 6:30 pm	14	15
16 Lent 2 Worship — 9:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am  Sharing Sunday Stag & Staff articles due	17 	18	19  St. Aidan's Potato Bar 5 pm Service 6:30 pm	20  Choir 6:30 pm	21	22
23 Lent 3 Worship — 9:30 am Confirmation	24	25	26  St. A. B'fast 7 - 9 am St. Aidan's 6:30 pm	27  Choir 6:30 pm	28	29  Community Lunch 11:30 am 1st United Methodist
30 Lent 4 Worship — 9:30 am	31					

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 —Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



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Prayer Chain

If anyone has a prayer need for someone or something, please call **Alice Pollock** [262-707-3456] or the church office.

Mondays --		
Men's AA	7 - 8 pm	Parish Hall
Tuesdays --		
Women's AA	Noon	Parish Hall
Wednesdays		
Office Open	9am - Noon	
Thursdays		
Choir Practice	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Fridays		
Office Open	9 am - Noon	
First Saturdays		
Men B'fast	8 am	Parish Hall
Sundays		
Worship Service	9:30 am	
For information about groups or scheduling the building, contact the Church Office.		

Weather Cancellation Information

If the weather outside is frightful, check your email for worship service cancellation information from the church.



**GET YOUR
 RID OF
 STUFF**

St. Aidan's

Rummage Sale!

Friday, April 25

Saturday, April 26

LENT 2025

March Calendar

This week, we invite you to notice and give thanks for the people who offer welcome in your communities.

This week, we invite you to consider and give thanks for organizations that welcome those in need of help.

This week, we invite you to consider and give thanks for those who welcome immigrants, refugees, and migrants.

This week, we invite you to consider and give thanks for the ways we are welcomed by other cultures.

9 Dear God, thank you for all of the people who offer welcome, let them know our gratitude for their words and actions, even when we forget to acknowledge them.

16 Dear God, thank you for all of the people who offer welcome to those in need in our community, from medical professionals to social service agencies. Bless and uphold them.

23 Dear God, we give you thanks for encouraging us to be the sign of your love when we offer welcome and hospitality to the stranger. Uphold those that do this work on behalf of the church and help us support them in it.

30 Dear God, we give you thanks for the diversity of cultures and traditions in the world around us. Thank you for the richness this brings to our lives and communities.

10 Running errands this week? Notice and respond to anyone who welcomes you as you enter a store.

17 Notice and give thanks for the free or low cost health offerings in your town such as Planned Parenthood or a free clinic.

24 Today we give thanks and pray for the Episcopal congregations and ministries on the border of their country.

31 How is welcome and hospitality expressed in your culture? Give thanks for the way this has informed your life.

11 Are you a regular? Do you go to the same store or coffee shop each week? Do you go because you feel welcome? Tell the staff thank you!

18 Notice and give thanks for those that offer welcome and help to the unhoused.

25 Today we give thanks and pray for the Episcopal congregations and ministries offering welcome to migrants.

Ash Wednesday 5 Reflect on a time when you felt or experienced welcome. Why was that experience so memorable for you?

12 Social Media invites? Say thank you to the community groups that organize events in your town to help connect people.

19 Notice and give thanks for those that offer welcome and help to those suffering from substance use disorder: AA groups, overdose clinics, etc..

26 Today we give thanks and pray for Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) and the refugees they welcome and support on our behalf.

6 Reflect on a time when you felt or experienced being unwelcome. Why was that experience so memorable for you?

13 Welcome wagon? Notice how your town welcomes people when they visit or move to town. How can or do you offer welcome?

20 Notice and give thanks for those that offer welcome and help to people in crisis: therapists, crisis hotlines, domestic violence shelters, etc..

27 Today we give thanks for the contributions of immigrants to our community and society. Instead of scrolling the news, search for inspiring stories from these change-makers.

7 If you had to explain what "welcome" means to someone what would you say?

14 Enjoying a Friday night out? Notice and give thanks for the actions of others that help you feel welcome when you go out.

21 Notice and give thanks for those that offer welcome and help to those who are isolated: social workers, home visitors, etc..

28 Spend some time today thinking about the immigrant community in your area and learn how to say 'hello' and 'welcome' in their language.

8 **Self Care Saturday:** Do something today that helps you feel welcome at home, in your neighborhood, or in your body.

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22 **Self Care Saturday:** Spend some time today cleaning out your house, donate gently used items to a local domestic violence shelter, or volunteer.

29 **Self Care Saturday:** Spend some time today learning about your family's story - were they immigrants, Indigenous people, or refugees?

Gratitude is a journey...come journey with UTO and EMM this Lent.

This calendar begins with Ash Wednesday and goes through Easter to help you spend a little time each day during Lent reflecting with gratitude on the ways welcome is offered in our world. Each week will focus on a new area of welcome. Sundays will offer a prayer to help us focus our thoughts, while Saturday will give an opportunity to care for ourselves through opportunities to reflect, learn, grow, or engage. You can also receive these prompts via text message each day or on our social media platforms or join our weekly book group. For more information visit: www.unitedthankoffering.com/lent



Choosing the Next Archbishop of Canterbury

How will the next Archbishop of Canterbury be chosen?

The selection process unfolds over several months and involves multiple stages to ensure the needs of the Diocese of Canterbury, the Church of England and the global Anglican Communion are met. Here's a concise breakdown:

1. Resignation and reflection
2. Consultation and input
3. Crown Nominations Commission
4. Nomination and approval
5. Formal appointment

Who is on the Crown Nominations Commission?

The CNC for the Archbishop of Canterbury is a 20-member body, including 17 voting members and up to three non-voting members.

Voting members (17):

- ◆ **Chair:** A lay Anglican in public life, appointed by the Prime Minister having consulted "such persons or bodies as the Prime Minister thinks fit". The Standing Orders of the General Synod state that they "must be an actual communicant lay member of the Church of England".
- ◆ **Five Anglican Communion representatives:** One from each of the five regions of the Anglican Communion – Africa, Americas, Middle East and Asia, Oceania, Europe.
- ◆ **Three Canterbury diocesan representatives** elected by the Diocese of Canterbury's Vacancy in See Committee.
- ◆ **Six General Synod representatives:** Three ordained and three lay members drawn from the CNC Central Members elected by General Synod.
- ◆ **The Archbishop of York** participates unless they opt out, in which case it will be another person in episcopal orders elected by the House of Bishops.
- ◆ **One bishop from the Southern Province** elected by the House of Bishops. They must be residing in the Southern Province but could be a retired person in Episcopal Orders.

Non-voting members (up to three):

- ◆ **The Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments** also serves as the Secretary to the CNC.
- ◆ **The Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary.**
- ◆ **The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion** may join if they accept the invitation to participate.

Diversity requirements for Anglican Communion representatives

One from each of the 5 regions of the Anglican Communion (and, for this purpose, the Europe region includes the provinces of the British Isles other than England) of which there should be:

- ◆ At least one primate, one priest or deacon, and one communicant lay person,
- ◆ At least two males and two females and,
- ◆ At least three Global Majority Heritage/non-white.

Key people in the process

- ★ **The Crown Nominations Commission** is the (up to) 20-member body responsible for nominating the Archbishop.
- ◆ **The Prime Minister** submits the name of the chosen candidate.
- ◆ **The King** provides final approval.
- ◆ **The Church and the public** contribute through consultations.