

# The Messenger...February 2023

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**LOOKING UP**

**REACHING OUT**

**GATHERING IN**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Lent is a season of whiplash. Just as soon as we come down from the high of Christmas, we are forced into the wilderness of Lent. Lent is not just a time to be dour for dourness' sake. It's not a time where we are forced to be joyless. Rather, it is a time to focus on the fact that true joy comes from Christ. We fast, not just to get healthy, break a bad habit, or prove that we can abstain from something. We fast to remind ourselves that this earth and the things of this earth are temporary. They may provide a little bit of comfort or happiness, but they do not sustain. It is only Christ that provides true peace, true comfort, true happiness. As we begin to head into Lent, I encourage you to fast from something, but do not let the fast become the focus. Instead, let us shift our eyes to the source of joy, peace, and happiness.

Fr. Webb+

## SIMPLY JESUS

Jesus is fascinating. You can see images of Jesus on billboards and murals. Political parties of all stripes try to claim that Jesus would vote for them. Everyone has an opinion on Jesus. But who is Jesus? Who was he? Who did he say that he was? Who do we say he is? Why does he matter?

Join us on Wednesdays as we read "Simply Jesus" by Bishop N.T. Wright. Bishop Wright is one of the world's foremost Anglican theologians and scholars. His book is an accessible look at the historical, Biblical Jesus, who meets the needs of our complex world.

## **TAI CHI THURSDAYS**

Join us Thursday at 10:00 am for light workout suitable for all ages and abilities. Tai Chi is a great way to improve your coordination, balance, and agility. This 10 week course starts on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$100 per person and covers all 10 classes. See Mike Horton for details.

## **HUNGRY BUNCH**

This month we'll get together for food and fun on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cedar Creek Country Club at 6:00 pm.

## **T.E.A.C.H.**

We will be taking a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer. Sure we say it every week, but we will be discovering what we are actually saying and why we say it. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a few minutes following coffee hour each week for a brief time of discussion and fellowship.

## **BISHOP SUMNER'S LENTEN STUDY**

Sign up now for Bishop George Sumner's Lenten education series "ON BEING OLD: SECULAR WISDOM AND THE GOSPEL" on Zoom, scheduled for Wednesday evenings, at 7-8 p.m., starting March 1, and lasting through April 29.

Each week we will discuss our reading for one hour as we bring to bear or experience (though you don't have to be old to sign up!) What can we learn about aging as a Christian? Sign up on now at [edod.org](http://edod.org).

## **JOINT DOK/ECW PROVINCE GATHERING**

All Episcopal women are invited to attend the **Joint DOK/ECW Province VII Hybrid Gathering at the Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, TX February 24-25-2023.**

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers and The Rev. Canon Carrie Headington will present on the topic of how we respond, as Christian women, to the changes and challenges of the world. We'll gain insight into how faith inspires us to respond to injustice and need while sharing God's love. Canon Spellers brings a unique perspective from her work with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and her own

social justice work. Canon Headington, as well, will inspire us to look at our lives and what we can do to heal and reconcile diverse viewpoints. Registration is \$60 for in person and \$20 to attend virtually.

You may register online at: <https://provinceviiecw.wordpress.com/joint-ecw-dok-event-feb-24-25-2023/>

## **EVENTS FOR THE MONTH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Simply Jesus Study – 11:00 am, Mass – noon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tai Chi Thursdays – 10:00 am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hungry Bunch
- 8<sup>th</sup> Simply Jesus Study – 11:00 am, Mass – noon
- 9<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi Thursdays – 10:00 am
- 15<sup>th</sup> Simply Jesus Study – 11:00 am, Mass – noon, Vestry Meeting – 5:00 pm, FEAST – 6:00 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi Thursdays – 10:00 am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mardi Gras – 6:00 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist – Noon and 6:00
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Tai Chi Thursdays – 10:00 am

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 – Bruce & Carol May    | 14 – Glenn & Claire Stout |
| 2 – Willene Trotter      | 19 – Derek Drab           |
| 9 – Charlie Davis        | 19 – Bob & Terry Keller   |
| 12 – Bill & Linda Shehee | 23 – Peggy Reder          |
| 13 – Jo Miniati          | 25 – Ray Brown            |

## SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 2023

DATE	DOK	GREETERS	ALTER GUILD	ACOLYTE	LESSON
2/5	DeLois	Tina and Mash	Barbara & Sunny	Mike	Terry Dahlman
2/12	Gail	Kitty and Gail	Linda & Deanna	Kelley	John Antonisse
2/19	Marian	Terry and Susan	Susan & Kitty	Sandy	Tina
2/26	Willene	Ray and Marian	Sandy & Tina	Carol	Sunny

DATE	COFFEE	CHALICE	ORGAN	VESTRY**
2/5	Susan & Kitty	Kelly-Paul	Linda	Kelley
2/12	Nancy & Carol	Paul-Tina	Bonnie	Tina
2/19	Tina & Bonnie	Mike-Paul	Linda	Peggy/Kelley Prayers
2/26	Gail & Deanna	Kelley-Mike	Bonnie	Paul

\*\*Vestry will add the duties of Prayers of the People starting Jan 2023

**Please remember that if you cannot serve on your scheduled date, you need to make sure you have a replacement.**