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LOOKING UP

REACHING OUT

GATHERING IN

FROM THE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It is hard to believe that it is already 2023. Christmas has come and gone and Lent is just around the corner. This time of year can feel like a whirlwind, bouncing around from one thing to the next. The gray winter sky looming just overhead. Sometimes it seems as though spring will take forever to get here. But the beauty of the Incarnation of Christ shows us that no matter what, God finds a way.

Every time it seemed as though it was the end for the people of God, God always made a way for them. The story of the people of God is the story of the provision of God. Whether it was leading them through the Red Sea or feeding them in the desert, God always took care of his people. It's something that continues to this day. Throughout history, we see God making a way where there seems to be no way. We see in a light in the dreary darkness. Although the winter feels endless, Easter is always right around the corner.

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 19th. The cost is \$100 per person and covers all 10 classes. See Mike Horton for details.

HUNGRY BUNCH

We are all going to check out the newly remodeled Jalapeño Tree. We'll get together for food and fun on Friday, January 6th at 6:00 pm.

T.E.A.C.H.

T.E.A.C.H. will resume on January 15th. 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.

PARISH LEADERSHIP DAY

Saturday, January 14 is the Diocesan Parish Leadership Day. Parish leaders, both lay and ordained are invited to St. John's, Dallas to learn and grow. There are several workshops on the practical aspects of church life, such as prayer groups, vestry membership, Sunday School leadership and much more. For more information, or to sign up, please visit the diocesan website at edod.org

EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

- 1st New Years Day Service – 9:00 am
- 6th Hungry Bunch
- 8th Baptism Sunday – 9:00 am
- 9th MAGS Meeting and Lunch
- 11th Simply Jesus Study – 11:00 am, Mass – noon
- 18th Simply Jesus Study – 11:00 am, Mass – noon,
Vestry Meeting – 5:00 pm, FEAST – 6:00 pm

- 19th Tai Chi Thursdays – 10:00 am
 25th Simply Jesus Study – 11:00 am, Mass – noon,
 26th Tai Chi Thursdays – 10:00 am
 29th Annual Parish Meeting after the morning service (refreshments provided)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th Bill Miniati
 10th Bob Keller
 16th Georganne Langeloh
 20th Terry & Susan Dahlman
 25th DeLois Bomberger

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY 2023

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DOK</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>ALTER GUILD</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>	<u>LESSON</u>
1/1	DeLois	Tina and Mash	Barbara & Sunny	Sandy	Bob Jenkins
1/08	Sunny	Terry and Susan	Linda & Deanna	Kelley	Annette
	Jenkins				
1/15	Annette	Ray and Marian	Kelley & Carol	Mike	Ray Brown
1/22	Carol Mayo	Deanna & Gail	Tina & Sandy	Sandy	Claire Stout
1/29	Tina	Bob & Annette	DeLois & Claire	Carol	Sunny Lasiter

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CHALICE</u>	<u>ORGAN</u>	<u>VESTRY**</u>
1/1	Nancy & Carol	Paul-Mike	Linda	Kelley
1/8	Gail & Deanna	Kelley-Tina	Bonnie	Tina
1/15	Tina & Bonnie	Mike-Paul	Linda	Peggy/Kelley Prayers
	of the people			
1/22	Ann & Peggy	Kelley-Mike	Bonnie	Paul
1/29	Barbara & Lorna	Tina-Gail	Linda	Mike

****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.