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"We interrupt our regular programming to bring you this special report."

If you predate 24 hour cable news and TIVO you will remember words like those breaking into your favorite programs as a child. My guess is that they would elicit a groan from you and you would hope they could get it over with so you could go back to your program without missing too much of the plot line.

No doubt those interruptions were warranted and the news was important, even if we did not quite understand what was happening.

So today. Our regular programming has been interrupted by the announcement (that I am certain you have heard) that The Episcopal Church has been "disciplined" and "suspended" from the Anglican Communion.

This is important news, even if we do not quite understand what and why it is happening. That this decision was made will come as no surprise to anyone who has kept their pulse on the Anglican Communion for the last decade. The final straw, it seems, for two-thirds of the Primates of the Anglican Communion was the changing of the official marriage canons, and thereby the

The Good News

January 15, 2016



Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

Bible Study

Continues on Wednesday at 6PM. We will finish Genesis this month and begin preparing for the Lenten Series which will start on February 17.

During Lent we will study the lives of the Apostles after Pentecost. Each evening will begin at 6PM with soup and salad and conclude at 7:30 with Compline.

Poverty Simulation

Fr. Dave will be participating in a poverty simulation alongside the staff of Oakland School on January 19. Principal Lafrance is looking for volunteers to staff the event. If you are interested in helping that day, please call or email St. Matthew's office.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31. We will have one service at 9AM that day with the meeting immediately to follow. All reports from committees and ministries should be turned into the office by January 24. No reports will be published after that date.

Two additional candidates are needed to fill the vestry elections, if no candidates are nominated the vestry will proceed with whomever is elected.

Two delegates to Diocesan Synod are also needed. If no nominations are made, the vestry will consist from its own membership.

doctrine, of The Episcopal Church at last year's General Convention.

Now, the details as I have received them, and I am writing before the official ending press conference occurs, is that the Primates of the Anglican Communion, meeting in Canterbury, have essentially suspended TEC representatives from having vote in official Anglican Communion meetings, thought they will retain their "voice" at those meetings. This will last for a period of three years.

What this looks like will take a while to work out. What this means will take even longer to work out. I ask that space be given for all of us to work out what this means.

I know that we will run the gamut of responses to this announcement. Yet, this is not the time for despair, anger, resentment, or even triumphalism. It is a time for prayer and reflection.

It is no secret that we are not all of one voice on the issue that is dividing the Communion, but I will stress that no member of this congregation will be treated differently due to a disagreement on this issue. All who wish to follow Jesus Christ are welcome at St. Matthew's and all will be treated with dignity, respect and love.

And that, my friends, is our regular programming. I, for one, will not allow the turmoil which is Anglicanism deter us from what we are called to do and be. We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to call others to the new life of discipleship.

Now, let us return to our regular

made, the vestry will appoint from its own membership.

If you are interested in being nominated for either of these positions, please let a vestry member know.

Parish Mission Trip

If you are interested, please see Fr. Dave. The trip will leave the week of June 27 and return on July 8. The cost of the trip is \$1500 (inclusive).

The goal of the trip is 1) to build relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and 2) to rebuild a roof at St. John Church, Owia, St. Vincent.

No shots are required, but a passport is. All ages are welcome and you don't have to know how to swing a hammer.

Local Mission Opportunities

ITEMS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016-The old year goes and the new year comes, but the need never ends. The Salvation Army is always there to help; and we can all help this fine, historic organization feed, clothe, and shelter those in need by donating food for the Safe Harbor Shelter and the Army's food pantry. Please place supplies and imperishable foods in the Outreach baskets in the narthex and the hallway beside the fireplace. We bless and thank you!

Here are some suggestions from The Salvation Army: Ketchup--Mayo--Hot Sauce; Italian & Ranch Dressing; Butter, Sugar & Syrup; Coffee & Kool-Aid; Fruit Juice & Tomato Juice; Jell-O (not pudding); Cereal (hot or cold) & Grits; Canned Meats; Canned Fruits/Vegetables; Boxed Meals; Mac-N-Cheese; Cereal; Crackers.

COATS-donated to The Salvation Army will still be welcome through the end of January.

Coffee Hour

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

A big thank-you to all who served as Coffee Hour hosts in 2015! But please don't stop now. We want you to serve sometime during February through July 2016. If you are currently on our schedule, you'll be on the new schedule UNLESS you tell us to drop you. (Please don't.)

If you are not on our current schedule, we urge you to come back or to join for the first time. We will instruct you. You need not offer large and varied amounts of food unless you really want to: all we ask is that you keep the coffee going (St. Matthew's provides the coffee and tea) and provide snacks after the 10 a.m.service. Thanks again.

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C O N T I N U E

programming.

Dave+

PS The Primates did discuss much more than "disciplining" TEC, despite the headline grabbing of the former, and have written a substantive communique that can be read [here](#). I do commend it to your attention to contemplate the entirety of the meeting.

Service Schedule for the week of January 17, 2016

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

10:00 AM

Evensong 5:00 PM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday 7:00 AM
and Thursday 7:30 AM

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:40 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for January 17, 2016

Hymns: #7, #381, #339, #135

Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

Dixit injustus

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O Lord.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! *

your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the

same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Gospel

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Ministry Assignments for January 17 & 24

17-Jan

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Lector: Julie Bennett

Acolytes: Shelley Brennehan Carter & Hally, Alley Roberson

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Shadow: Sean

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Char Wald, Carole Cox & Robin Levine

24-Jan

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Martha Carroll

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Lector: Brad Bauman

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman
Shadow: Daniel
E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter
Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis
Coffee Hour: Chris Embree & Gary Ploense

Birthdays & Anniversaries January 15 - 31

Tina Kaufman
Brad Dyson
Paul Schmidt
Alicia Perry
Philip Brooks
Megan Holderby
Wayne Dean
Rachael Kimmerling

Collect for Sunday, January 17th

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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