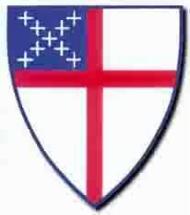


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# The Anchor



## Office Hours

**Thursday**

**10:00 a.m.**

**to**

**1:00 p.m.**

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**The ANCHOR of our soul is Jesus - Hebrews 6:19**

**From the Pastor's Pen** 

Greetings,

We all know that the way we divide up time is quite arbitrary. The time planet Earth takes to travel around the sun we call a year. A month is the time it takes for the moon's reflected light to wax and wane.

A more precise measurement of time these days comes from the "atomic clock." Wikipedia explains how it works: "[An atomic clock] uses the microwave signal that electrons in atoms emit when they change energy levels . . . National standards agencies in many countries maintain a network of atomic clocks which are inter-compared and kept synchronized to an accuracy of  $10^{-9}$  seconds per day (approximately 1 part in  $10^{14}$ ). These clocks collectively define a continuous and stable time scale, International Atomic Time (TAI). For civil time, another time scale is disseminated, Coordinated Universal Times (UTC). UTC is derived from TAI, but approximately synchronized, by using leap seconds, to UT1, which is based on actual rotations of the Earth with respect to the solar time." I hope you don't have any questions, because all I can say is, "Wow!"

In the church we mark time by the liturgical calendar. We keep one in the office which tells us of the season and which Sunday of the season. We need to know this in order to select the color of the paraments (the veil and burse that cover the chalice and paten on the altar each Sunday) and the "propers" (collect prayer, readings, and psalm) for the day. Online resources can assist us with this task as well. Statements, such as, "Christmas IS twelve days, not just one" and "Easter lasts for 50 days [Alleluia!]" come from how we mark time in the church.

Yet there is another measure of time people of faith find important: God's time. In Greek the two words for time, *chronos* and *kairos*, distinguish between the way human beings think about time and the way God does. Often when we talk about something happening in God's time, we promote patiently waiting for God to make a situation clear to us or to redeem it. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a Roman Catholic priest and theologian, wrote that we should "trust in the slow work of God."



From personal experience I find this a challenging spiritual discipline. And yet, I know that we only can remain hopeful as we journey in faith by trusting in God's time as the "stable time scale" for measuring our days.

Let's ponder during this Eastertide about how we can identify God's slow, but steady, work in our hearts.

*Peace, Elizabeth+*

## *Announcements*

### AUCTION

We are planning to have an auction in October. We would like you to all consider things that you can auction off at this event, which will be accompanied by a dinner. You all have talents, some are "crafty", some have slightly used items to be used in the silent auction, some provide catered dinners -- you get the idea! Let's make this a way to kick off our Christmas shopping and have it benefit our Outreach programs.

If you haven't joined us before for this fun activity and have questions, just let me know. Thanks. Carolyn Bowman, Parish Life

### SUPPER CLUB

There has been a suggestion to reactivate the supper clubs that we have had in the past. The Supper Club is a small group of people that get together monthly to go out to dinner or have someone in the group host a dinner. There is a sign up for those interested and then small groups are set up. In the past it has been a special way to get to know each other in a different setting than church. Please let me know if you are interested in doing this fun activity again. Thanks. Carolyn Bowman, Parish Life

### OUTREACH YARD SALE - May 16

As the "food vendor", I am looking for people to bake items for the bake sale and to help with cashiering. Please let me know if you would like to help out. Thanks. Carolyn Bowman, Parish Life

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ST. NICHOLAS GIVES TO THE BLOOD BANK -

For many years, a number of the members of St. Nicholas joined together to be a team of donors to the Delmarva Blood Bank. Although many of us worked for companies who sponsored membership in the Blood Bank, there were a few who did not have that option. St. Nicholas gave them the opportunity to earn "free" blood for themselves and their families. Lately, the Blood Bank has changed their procedure so members no longer are obliged to donate blood to earn it. Now, we are focusing on being able to donate to help meet the Delmarva need for at least 350 pints of blood a day.

We're not big enough to become a donor site, especially when there is a permanent one just across from Christiana Hospital, but we are big enough to make a difference in meeting the need for different types of blood, which we as a group can offer. The dozen or so St. Nicholas donors have been doing this for years. If more members are willing to sign on, then we can make even more of a difference.

A representative from the Blood Bank has been invited to speak to us after our service on April 19th about what we can do to help and to answer any questions you might have about their work.

Nick Simons



**An excerpt from a meditation on Jesus as the Gardener, whom Mary Magdalene encounters on Easter morning:**

"The risen one still offers life to those who will look for evidence of his gardening - hope, friendship, healing, reunion, restoration - to all who have been uprooted, cut off, to those who are parched and withered, to those who lie wasting in the desert. Why do we weep or run away when that promise abides?"

--The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

***Blessings on your . . .*****APRIL****Birthdays**

2 Aurora Madison  
 7 Renee Robinson  
 8 Elizabeth Osborne  
 17 Margaret Prothero  
 17 Jennifer Meredith  
 22 Carolyn Bowman  
 27 Sara Hughes  
 28 Don DeGraff

Belated Birthday Blessings:  
 7 March - Martha Lovitch

**Baptisms**

7 Denisha Fanning  
 7 Dakarai Judah King  
 7 Alanii Belgrave  
 11 Jean Meredith  
 12 James Clemens, Jr.  
 12 Crisandy Ortega  
 16 Savannah Schulte  
 17 Tyler Wallace  
 22 Liz Hankins

**Marriages**

29 Linda & Richard Wallace

**Maundy Mandate ---**

The great Anglican preacher and theologian John Wesley was right when he said, "There is nothing more repugnant to capable, reasonable people than grace."

And yet, this grace that Jesus gives comes with a mandate; or, recalling our Anglican heritage, a *maundy*. Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Excerpt from sermon by the Rev. Marshall A. Jolly

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