

St. A Pews News

*Keeping you up to date
with what's going on at
"The A"!*

MARCH 2026

Scripture of the Month

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A Word from the Rector

In our verse for the month, Paul stacks the questions on purpose. Hearing requires speaking. Speaking requires sending. Faith, it turns out, is not a solo project. Lent is a season that sharpens our ears. We slow down, we simplify, we make space. We give things up not because God enjoys deprivation, but because clutter makes us hard of hearing. In the quiet, we begin to notice how much of life is noise and how little of it is truly a voice worth following.

Paul reminds us that faith comes through hearing, but Lent reminds us that hearing takes practice. We

learn again to listen for God in Scripture, in prayer, and, perhaps most challenging of all, in one another. Sometimes the holiest thing we can do is stop talking long enough to hear what God is already saying.

So, we can't comfortably silent. Someone has to speak. Someone has to be sent. Lent is not only about listening better; it is about letting what we hear change how we live. The Word we receive is meant to travel. If the gospel stops with us, it has missed its destination.

This season invites us to ask a simple but bracing question. Who is God sending me to, not with a sermon, but with a faithful word, a patient presence, a life that quietly points beyond itself? You do not need a pulpit to preach. You only need ears that have been trained by grace and a mouth willing to speak truth with love.

Lent tunes our hearing so that Easter can send our feet. Listen carefully. Then, when the time comes, speak boldly. God has always worked that way, and He is not about to change His habits now.

upcoming Church events

MARCH 4, 2026

Evening Prayer/Lenten Study

5:30 pm

March 6, 2026

Feed My Sheep food distribution

8:30 am – 10:30 am

March 7, 2026

Stations of the Cross (DOK)

10 am – Holy Nativity

March 14, 2026

Fish Fry Friday (\$12)

5 pm – 7 pm

MARCH 20, 2026

Feed My Sheep food distribution

8:30 am – 10:30 am

March 28, 2026

ECW Lenten Tea

**COMING SOON...
SAVE THE DATE
FISH FRY FRIDAY!!**

March 14th

Changes are Coming.

The vestry will have their annual retreat this month. Some of the discussions that will be on the agenda will be fundraising ideas to support the mission of the church.

In addition, they will be discussion a safety plan for the church exploring options for making our buildings safer. This will help eliminate the risk of "floating keys" and "code sharing."

Our goal is to upgrade our locks and security system so that our everyone feels safe while working, our property is protected from theft, and our everything are easier to manage. This isn't about building a wall; it's about being good stewards of the house God provided for us.

Prayer List, Celebrations, Etc.

Please pray for our sick and shut-in

Shirley Beckley, Leonard Cahoon, Sonya Grant, Fr. Frazier Green, Geraldine Kennedy, LoDoris Leavell, Cassandra Oliver, Rudine Oliver, Luther Peltzer, Charles Scott, Lovenia Shepherd, Fr. David Sommerville, Louis Tucker, and Clyde Williams

March Birthdays

Sandy Jones-5, Makalea Everett-6, Linda Herbert-6, Shirley Everett -8, Brandi Whitfield-18, Chad Ridinger- 21, Charlene Parker-24, Louis Tucker-30

Vestry News

At the latest meeting, the Vestry elected **Ben Scott** as the new **Junior Warden.**

The Junior Warden is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the church. Please contact him with any concerns that come up.

Lenten Prayer Candle

Support the ECW fundraiser by purchasing a candle for \$18. Please see **Sandy Jones.**

Financial Status

This is a summary of the financial report presented at the February Vestry meeting.

Balance brought forward: \$37,709.00; Total Income: **\$5,729.00.**

Total Expenditures: \$15,842.57; Ending January Balance: **\$27,595.27.**