

JOYOUS NEWS

February 2021

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*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



Have you ever found yourself wanting to do something to serve God and advance the kingdom, but you just don't know where to start? Or you have ideas that you want to pursue but you are worried about having the right approach to be successful? It can be paralyzing sometimes trying to figure out what to do or how to make a difference. Kevin DeYoung wrote a book several years ago that gives the best advice you can have on this issue: Just Do Something.

I am not going to go into the book, but as I was thinking of writing this, the title of the book popped into my mind as summarizing what I wanted to say. Don't spend all of your time worrying about doing things right. Don't worry that maybe God has something different for you to do. Don't worry that you have to find the most efficient and effective manner to minister to God's people. Just do something.

There is a time and a place for proper planning and worrying about all of these things. As a church we may not want to spend ten thousand dollars on a project that reaches one person (though under the right circumstances we might) because we are an organization that wants to be good stewards of what we have been entrusted with. On my own, if I feel compelled to spend ten thousand of my own dollars to reach one person, then I have done good because I am using my own resources, the gifts God has given me, and I am willingly giving back to help his people.

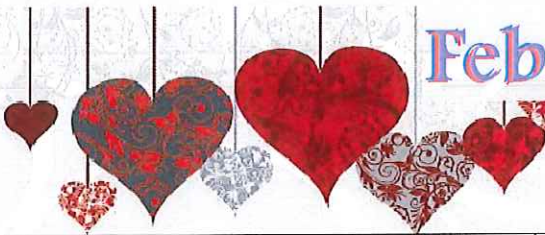
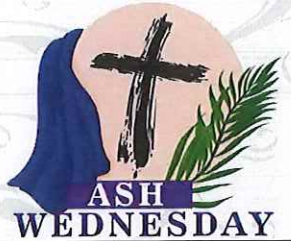
What I am getting at is that I can feel in my heart that I should do something or help someone and never act on it because I don't have the perfect plan for how to maximize my effectiveness. Worldly concepts of success can greatly affect our ability to be comfortable just doing something for God's kingdom and not worrying about having all the details worked out. God isn't worried about us having a perfect five-point plan. He isn't concerned that we have maximized how far our dollar goes or that we are super organized. He is concerned that we are serving him by serving people in his kingdom.



If you feel in your heart that God wants you to help people by gathering meals to distribute, then your faithfulness is not reflected in how many people come to receive the meals, but in your willingness to gather meals and distribute them. God's purpose for placing something on your heart may be to see others served, but it also may be about what he is doing in you. He may not be ultimately concerned with how many people get the meals; he may be working on you to see you become more faithful. Will you feed the hungry? Will you answer the call that God has placed on your heart and put the effort into serving in his kingdom?

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at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Adult S. S. 9am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Sally & Mia	1	2 Groundhog Day 	3 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Book of Exodus Study	4 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	5	6
7 Adult S. S. 9am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Howard Bates	8 February Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	9	10 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am 6:00pm Pizza 6:30pm Book of Exodus Study	11 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	12	13
14 Adult S. S. 9am Youth S.S. 10am Happy Valentine's Day! Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Greenwells	15	16 Shrove Tuesday 	17 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am ASH 6:30pm WEDNESDAY	18 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	19	20
21 Adult S. S. 9am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Wandries	22	23	24 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am 6:00pm Lenten Meal & Study	25 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	26	27
28 Adult S. S. 9am Youth S.S. 10am Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Bowmans	1	2 Joyous News Deadline March Issue	3 Men's Breakfast @ JW Filmore's 8:30am 6:00pm Lenten Meal & Study	4 Morning Prayer 8:00am Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	5	6

New Life's Local Outreach

*Twelve Christmas boxes were distributed this year.
A big thank you to everyone for making this happen.
We learned a lot and hope to make this an annual event.*



LITURGICAL SEASON —

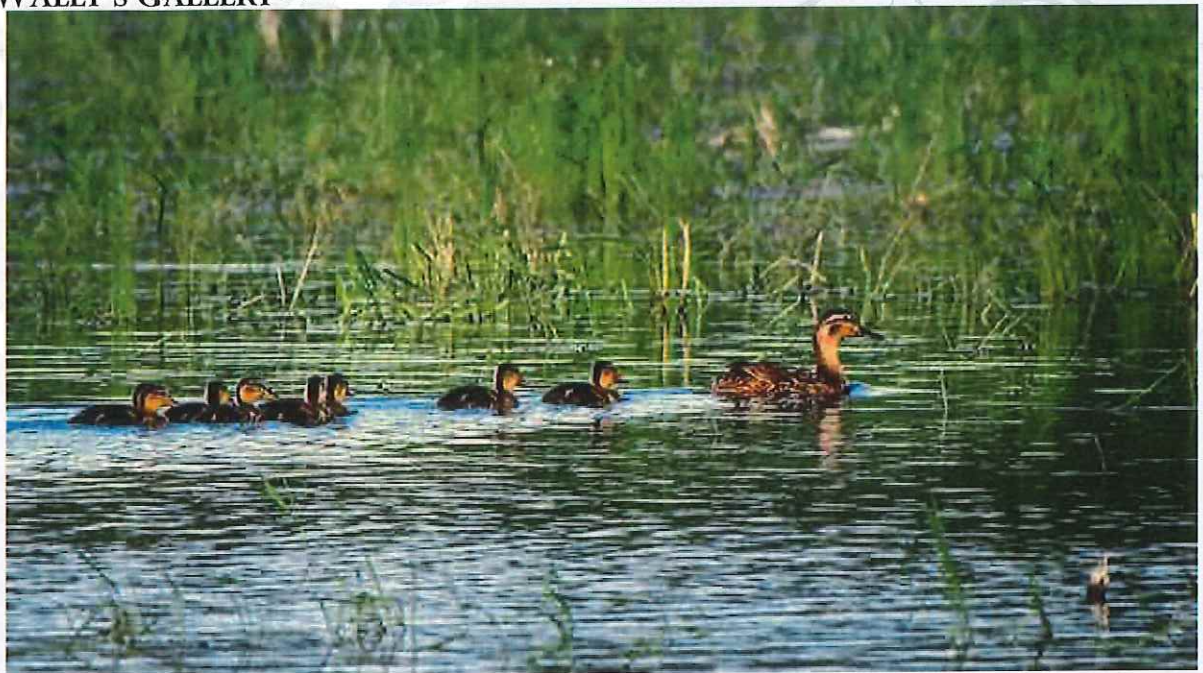
THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany, celebrated January 6th, also known as "Three Kings Day", is a Christian holiday, marking the twelfth day of the Christmas season and the revelation of Christ as the son of God. It is also often the focus on the three magi (or "wise men") and their visit to baby Jesus in Bethlehem. The story goes that the three kings found baby Jesus by following the guidance of a mysterious star. This ends the season of Christmas and then begins a new season of ordinary time, growth and new life, color green, leading up to lent.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent

Lent is the observance of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It lasts a total of 40 days beginning with Ash Wednesday and ending Saturday, Easter Eve, at 6:00 P.M. It is, at this time, our church community is reminded of the pardon and absolution of our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and how we need to renew our repentance and faith. In so doing, we examine ourselves and repent by prayer, fasting, and self denial; by reading and meditating God's holy Word, the Bible. To make right the sins we have committed.



February is the month of Valentines Day. It is a time associated with love and romance. The history of Valentines Day dates back to the 3rd century AD. As many as three different individuals named Valentine are credited with its origin. As uncertain are its origins, so is the legend as how it became associated with love and romance. However, it came about suffice it to say, that February, Valentine and love now are inseparable.

It is a shame then that the word "Love" is used so carelessly and freely in the English language. One word with five letters to signify a profound concept that encompasses many meanings. Such is not the case with the languages used in the original manuscripts of the Bible. Almost all of the Old Testament was written in Hebrew. The only exceptions are a few chapters in Ezra and Daniel and one verse in Jeremiah which were written in Aramaic. The New Testament was written in Greek.

Like English, Hebrew also has only one word for "Love" - אהבה. In Hebrew it is pronounced "Ahava". To us Hebrew is written backwards since it is read from right to left. With that in mind, the first three letters (אהב) that comprise the word have significance and are broken down into two parts. One part are the letters (הב) which have the meaning "to give." The letter (א) is the first letter of the Hebrew word and is meant to give meaning to the other two and represents the concept of love. So, "Ahava" associates love with giving and in so doing brings into view both a giver and a receiver in a relationship. This relationship is most meaningful when mutual giving takes place. The giving may be physical, emotional, intellectual or a combination. So in Hebrew love is not some concept in isolation; it is about a relationship in which one gives or sacrifices to benefit another. The greater the sacrifice the greater the love.

WALLY'S GALLERY —

“In my father’s house are many mansions” (John 14:20); “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

These familiar words that we read in our English Bibles come from the pen of a man rarely known. There are no streets named after him or universities yet if we speak or even think in English we owe

it to this one man: His name was William Tyndale.

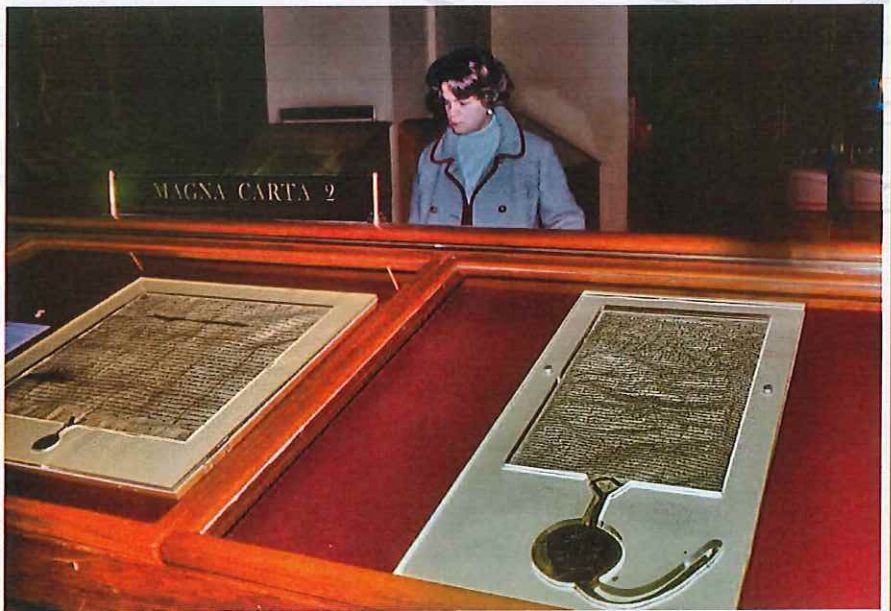
He was born in England in 1494 and attended Oxford University at an early age by today’s standards. While attending Oxford he learned Greek and became a scholar in that language. Like John Wycliff, who lived a 100 years before Tyndale, Tyndale wanted to provide the English people with a Bible in their own language.

At the time Wycliff made his translation, however, there were several factors that significantly limited the successful distribution of Wycliff’s translation.

There weren’t any Greek or Hebrew manuscripts in Western Europe for Wycliff to base his work upon. It was only with the impending Muslim invasion Turkey and Constantinople (1453) that original Greek and Hebrew manuscripts were carried to the West for their safety and preservation. Consequently Wycliff had to make his translation from Jerome’s Latin Vulgate; it was a translation from a translation without the benefit of the original manuscripts. Additionally, the Gutenberg did not invent the printing press until 1455; well after Wycliff’s death in 1384. Consequently, it took Wycliff and his followers months of diligent work just to hand produce each additional copy all while under persecution for doing so. By the time of Tyndale much would change.

In 1516 German scholar named Desiderius Erasmus was now able to gather some biblical manuscripts and for the first time produce a Greek New Testament. Unlike Wycliff, Tyndale would have a Greek New Testament to translate into English; a translation from the original language, and now with the invention of the printing press, the ability to mass produce it.

Tyndale using Erasmus’ Greek New Testament began to translate it into English. Before doing so he had to have permission from the Bishop of London who under papal authority refused.



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This is the point of the phrase, "Just do something." Serve God. See a need and seek to meet it. If you feel like you need to pray for or with someone, do it. If you feel the urge to feed the hungry, don't be paralyzed by thinking over how best to do it; find some food, find some people who need food, and feed them. The urge or call may turn into an ongoing ministry. It may become something that you develop and become more effective at. It also might be a one time deal that God is using to develop faithfulness in you.

If God has called, answer. Don't worry about the big picture. Worry about your faithfulness to your Lord. If you want to serve him, find a need and just do something. ~ Fr. Mike

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Hebrew uses one word that entails different concepts while Greek uses several words to highlight individual meanings. "Agape" refers to selfless love in which a person gives all of his or her love for the benefit of another. It is distinguished from "Eros" or the physical love shared between a husband and wife. "Phileo" is the Greek word for the affection, emotion, or fondness one person has for another. The last is "Stereo" which refers to the love between a parent and their children. These translations of Greek words for love can be further expanded to make other distinctions in meaning.

These understandings of "Love" in Hebrew and Greek came from several sites on the internet. It is interesting to me that I can see underlying in each understanding is the concept of "giving." When the concept is mutually shared there is both giving and receiving but in all instances "giving" is paramount.

When I began thinking about an article for the month of February, I looked at the calendar to see what might be unique to the month. That was when I was reminded about Valentines' Day and began to think about love as it was used in the Bible. I knew Greek had different words for love, but I had no idea that the Hebrew word was wrapped in so much wisdom. Now as I read through biblical passages that address "love," I can not escape the realization of how "giving" plays such a vital role in understanding its meaning. I will end with two examples that I think bring all this to light. The first is probably the most popular.

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

Although "giving" is not mentioned in these verses that does not mean that it is not present. Can one be patient or kind to another without the giving of self? And then there are the sins of the flesh of which "love" is the opposite: envy, boasting, resentfulness, and wrongdoing. These sins turn the focus from "giving" to "taking" for personal satisfaction and motive. They reflect the absence of love.

I'll end with the verse that reflects the greatest example of giving in love.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

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Tyndale realized then that if he was going to provide an English Bible to the people it would have to be translated and printed in Europe and then smuggled into England. Tyndale went to Germany where he worked with several printing shops first in Cologne and then in Worms. He completed his first translation of the New Testament in 1526.



This would be the first Bible in English to be translated from the original Greek. Given the constant threat to his life, this was an amazing accomplishment; but its significance does not end there.

At the time Tyndale began his work, Middle English was language of England. It was the language of Chaucer and was only spoken in the British Isles due to its difficulty. It, like French and Latin, was structured around the noun. Tyndale, however, would change all that. Tyndale reinvented the English language to conform to the structure of Greek, and even Hebrew, by making the verb the central focus. The English we speak today was given to us by Tyndale and is the most spoken language in the world.

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow” (Matthew 6:28); “Meek and lowly in heart” (Matthew 11:29); “in whom we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28). These words and so many others, that resonate with our being, and have been remembered down through the ages came from the pen of William Tyndale. He could have conveyed the same message with other words, but he wanted the Bible to live in our hearts with words we could not easily forget.

After years of eluding capture by English Bishops, he was finally betrayed and imprisoned near Brussels, Belgium. On October 6, 1536, after 500 days in a cold dark cell in Vilvoorde Castle, he was tied to a stake and executed. His last words were: “LORD open the King of England’s eyes.”

That prayer would be answered. After his death his influence would grow far beyond what it had in his life. His translations became the bases for: the Coverdale Bible; the Matthews Bible; The Geneva Bible; the Bishops Bible and the King James Bible (83% of the wording being Tyndale).

Tyndale did far more than give us a Bible in our language, he gave us a Bible so that we would know the God of the Bible written in a language that would minister throughout the world.


(Note - The photos shown were taken in 1975 when Betty and I visited the British Museum. The Magna Carta brought liberty to England and made even the King subject to law.

The Gutenberg Bible was the first book printed from movable type.)

February 2021 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.


	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28	March 7	March 14
ALTAR GUILD	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Gretchen Lucky	Liz Ostrander	Liz Ostrander
SOUND/ MUSIC	Ferd	Scott	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Ferd & Wes	Scott
USHER/ COUNTER/ GREETERS	Scott R / D.W. / The Bowmans	Dan W / Scott R. / Sally Stump	Don L / Dan W / The Bowmans	D.W. / Don L / The Flynns	Scott R / D.W. / Greeter Needed	Dan W / Scott R. / Sally Stump
LECTOR	Gretchen Lucky	Dan Wandrie	Karen Dielman	Erika Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Gretchen Lucky
LAY MINISTER	Wally Stansbury	Kim Redman	Erika Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Karen Dielman	Kim Redman
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Howard Bates	The Greenwells	The Wandries	The Bowmans	Toni DuBois	The Luckys



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:00am
at
New Life




ALTAR GUILD
Feb..... Gretchen Lucky
Mar..... Liz Ostrander
April..... Karen Dielman
May..... Ginny Poquette




Birthdays

Randy Flynn 2/2
George Renton 2/8
D.W. Lucky 2/11

February



**Wedding
Anniversaries**



Bob & Elaine
Hameister
Feb. 20th

May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.

Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

Altar Guild:	Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
Altar Flowers:	Karen Dielman..... 231/347-3532
Music/Sound:	Ferd Dielman 231/347-3532
Ushers:	Scott Redman 616/439-9454
Greeters:	Carol Bowman 231/459-4566
Lectors:	Tracey Jepsen 231/347-3448
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
Acolytes:	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
Prayer Team:	Betty Stansbury..... 231/439-0773
Children's Sunday School:	Darlene Wandrie .. 231/347-5871
Youth Sunday School:	Don Lucky 231/622-2058
(middle & high school)	
Adult Sunday School:	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
	Wally Stansbury ... 231/439-0773
Nursery:	Bonnie Bridge 231/445-1810
employee(s):	
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Shelly Kumfer 231/348-2878
Prayer Chain:	Ron Davis 517/617-5015
Women's Ministry:	Karen Dielman..... 231/838-5376
Study Leader	Karen Dielman..... 231/838-5376
Study Leader	Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
Study Leader	Kim Redman 616/648-8911
Study Leader	Catherine Carey.... 231/348-3775
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge..... 231/330-0689
Inreach:	Gretchen Lucky 231/622-2057
Outreach:	~ LEADER NEEDED ~
Evangelism:	Betty Stansbury..... 231/439-0773
Missions:	Kim Redman 616/648-8911
Building and Grounds:	Don Greenwell..... 231/347-1808
Art and Architecture:	Susan Davis..... 231/881-3106
Church Historian:	Liz Ostrander 231/348-2802
Communications:	Bonnie Bridge..... 231/445-1810
(newspaper articles, etc.)	Lou Zako 231/526-5095
Student Visitor's:	
(Recreational Liaison)	Scott Redman 616/439-9454
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander 231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis..... 231/881-3106
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump 231/881-2818
Stewardship:	Dan Wandrie..... 231/347-5871

New Life Anglican Church 2020 Vestry

Sr. WardenHoward Bates
Jr. WardenDan Wandrie
TreasurerWes Ostrander
Susan Davis
Mia Kennedy
Don Lucky
Scott Redman

Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting an article or item of interest for the next issue of the Joyous News.

Submission deadline
is March 2nd



SAVE YOUR OLESON'S RECIEPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts from Oleson's Food Stores. You may leave your receipts in the coffee hour donation basket, in the Outreach shopping cart or on Tracey's desk.



Stop by read, leave comments, engage in our discussions.
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We were therefore
buried with Him
through baptism into
death in order that,
just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too
may live a *new life*.

Romans 6:4



ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

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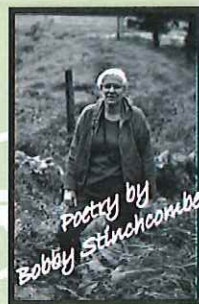
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Parish Notice:
New Life
Anglican Church
~ 2021 ~
Special Meeting
Sunday, March 7th
11:45am
~ following
the service at
NLAC
219 State St.
Petoskey, MI

*In a speedy path
of flight
a blue jay glides
through early morning light.
It hasn't heard the weather report
and, if it could,
it probably would retort
by gliding still to another tree,
not caring a fig
what the report
might mean to me
For here I am
in my snow bound world,
totally flightless*



*unlike this bird.
Such freedom to fly,
in the early morn!
It sets my mind
in a fit of scorn.
Course, I wouldn't like
what it has to eat
and feed on snow
for an ice cold treat.
But, look at it now,
this upstart thing,
has flown even higher
on its widespread wings.*



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