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The First Sunday in Lent

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Our Staff:

The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon

Jolene Johnston, Director of Children's Ministry and

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Marty Blake, Director of Youth Ministry Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator Bethany Paden, Music Director Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday from 9 AM -2PM

The Vestry:

Senior Warden Ben Paden, **Junior Warden** TBD; *Treasurer* Betty Bogeman; Ian Johnston (youth), Fred Stahly, Susie Beard, Debbie Talbert, Doug Tannas, Lauren Wilson, Lee Cahalan, Hillary Blake, Chris Brown, Ruth Everett; *Clerk* TBD

The next vestry meeting will be held on February 24th.

Serving this Sunday, February 18th:

Celebrant: The Rev. Larry Walters
Homily: The Rev. Larry Walters
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden

Greeter: Larry Pickens

Ushers: Joe Spangler, Troy Everett

Readers: Betty Bogeman, David Emerson, Bryan Luce,

Greta Wilson

Prayers: Wade Nichols, Joan Head

Chalice: Sandra Cline, Scott Wilson, Jim Taflinger Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Thomas Canter, Matthew Beard,

Mikaila Blake

Healing: Nancy Thomas, Barb Spangler

LEV: Barb Spangler

Almoners: Debbie Talbert, Ruth Everett

AG Sat. Set Up: Kris Brown AG Bread: Chris Brown AG Sun. Set Up Amy Mundie

AG Clean Up: Kris Brown, Jenny Barker

Hospitality: Spangler

9 AM Sunday School and Childcare

Adult Forum: 40 Acts: Faith In Deed "The Importance of Welcoming All People"

Godly Play: Heather Tannas Believers: Stephen Canter Disciples: Bryan Luce

Youth Group: Ruth Everett, Susie Beard

Sign up to volunteer **HERE**.

10 AM Childcare

Nursery: Charly Tunison

PreK-1st grade: Assistance requested



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22 Gospel Mark 1:9-15

Our Mission

We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

Worship and Feast Days

<u>Lenten Devotions:</u> Lenten devotions booklets from Episcopal Relief & Development are now available in the Narthex. You may also view this program online.

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be held at 6:15 PM on Monday, February 19th in the sanctuary.





Holy Week Services

Details about our Holy Week services are available HERE. You are warmly invited to share this special week with family and friends.

Rector Search

We will make every effort to keep all members of the congregation updated on our progress during our search for a new rector. Currently we are in the rector discernment phase. Questions about the search process may be directed to our Senior Warden Ben Paden: benpaden@hfec.org You may also follow our updates ONLINE.

Search Prayer: Holy Spirit, inspire and guide our Search Committee as they discern candidates who have made application to be our Rector. Grant our Committee clarity, wisdom, and vision as they work together in this important task. Likewise, prepare the heart of the priest who will answer our call for leadership and grant that individual wisdom and peace in their prayerful discernment. May all decisions spring forth from our desire to please God. Grace us with perseverance and patience as we continue to bear witness to the light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Christian Education



<u>Lenten Adult Forum</u>: Our first session of "40 Acts: Faith in Deed" begins with a discussion of the connection between faith and action. You can follow along and take the 40 Acts Lenten challenge by signing up for the <u>daily emails</u>.

Feb. 25: Importance of welcoming all people

March 4: Power of our words

Sunday School Teachers Wanted: Classes are available for Godly Play (PreK-grade 1), Believers (grades 2-4), Disciples (grades 5-6), Youth Group (7-12), and adults. Volunteers are needed in our Children's Ministry program - please sign up **HERE**. Registration forms are required for children and youth. Registration forms are available at the welcome desk.

<u>Lent-Easter Bible Study</u>: Join Episcopalians around the world in studying the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles during Lent and Easter. Holy Family will host a weekly Bible study on Luke and Acts, each Wednesday evening, 6-7 PM, from February 21-May 16 (no sessions on the Wednesdays during Holy Week and after Easter Sunday – March 28 and April 4). We'll meet in the conference room off the



narthex and share a meal of bread and soup or salad each session. You can also <u>download a list of daily readings</u> from Luke and Acts. For more information, see Deacon Cathy or Bob Murray. cscott@hfec.org



Confirmation Class Forming: Confirmation is the service in which we make a mature public commitment to Christ and receive strength from the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands by a Bishop. To prepare for confirmation, any baptized person 16 years or older is welcome to participate in the class, including adults who want to be received into the Episcopal Church or those who want to reaffirm their commitment to Christ. Submit the online form or see Deacon Cathy or Bob Murray for more information. cscott@hfec.org

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Outreach Opportunities

<u>February Outreach - Delaware Township Trustee</u>: Donations of non-perishable and personal hygiene items are gratefully accepted by the Delaware Township Trustee's office food pantry. Items can be placed in the gray baskets in the narthex near the coat racks.

<u>Flip Your Lid</u>: Girl Scout Troop 183 is raising money to buy a Buddy Bench for Hoosier Road Elementary by collecting caps and lids to recycle. A collection bin is in the Narthex.

Global Missions Pilgrimage: The Diocese of Indianapolis is coordinating a trip to Haiti planned for July 25-30 of 2018. Both clergy and lay persons are welcome to attend. A group from Global Missions just came back and put together a website with information and pictures from the trip as well as the latest projects. You may view the website HERE. Anyone who is interested in participating in the pilgrimage or who would like more information may contact Bryan Luce or the church office, admin@hfec.org.

Fellowship Gatherings

Youth Group Monthly Dinner Meeting: Youth Group students (grades 7-12) are invited to our monthly dinner meeting on February 18th from 5:30-8:00 PM. Please bring \$5 for a pizza dinner. This month's special guest is Victoria Hoppes from Waycross. Please contact Youth Director Marty Blake to RSVP or for more information. mblake@hfec.org



<u>Game Night</u>: Join us on Friday, March 9th beginning at 6 PM for our monthly game night. We'll play board games and card games - fun for the whole family. Food and drinks will be provided. See you there!

Other News

<u>Childcare Volunteers Needed</u>: All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese and must have been active members of the church for at least six months. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer. Please use <u>this link</u> to access the 10 AM Nursery sign-up sheet. Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up to supervise 10 AM Childcare for children in PreK-1st grade.

<u>Hospitality Help Wanted:</u> Sign up to serve as hospitality hosts by clicking <u>HERE</u>.



Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, March 7th.

Spring Flower Sale: Spring is just around the corner and that means it is time to order flowers through our annual Spring Flower Sale. Proceeds from the flower sale help the church meet its annual expenses. Order forms are available in the Narthex and are due on March 11th. Flowers and plants will be available for pick up on May 2nd from 1-5 PM at the church.

Thanks Be to God

- The Reverend Larry Walters for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his homily HERE
- All those who attended our Coffeehouse Talent Show, participated in an act, worked at the event, or donated dessert items
- Volunteers who helped set up, prepare food, and clean up our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Those who participated in our Ash Wednesday blood drive

Nolan Stahly February 16
Debbie Talbert February 18



Church Budget Through End of December:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$189,884	\$177,174
Expenses	\$165,352	\$175,159
Difference	\$24,532	\$2,015

<u>Pledging Options:</u> Did you know that you can issue checks from your bank directly to Holy Family? As more and more people stop carrying checkbooks with them, this is an easy option to set up recurring payments to fulfill your pledge for the year. If you prefer, you can pay your pledge via credit card through the church website. Simply use the secure PayPal link on the <u>Contact Us</u> page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org

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