



Christ Church Cathedral Catedral Iglesia de Cristo

The Grapevine

February 2017

Discipleship: Our Lenten Theme

In 2016, we spent a significant amount of time living out our baptismal covenant as apostles. Our call to serve God's people and participate in God's mission kept us active and engaged in numerous mission activities.

As our Cathedral Chapter and Cathedral Congregation continue to be faithful to the movement of the Spirit in our midst, we will remain engaged in missional activities that deepen our understanding and practice of apostleship. It is also important that as we embrace these practices, we nurture our sense of discipleship.

In the past few years you may have heard our bishops sharing a narrative in terms of apostleship and discipleship as visible ways in which we participate in God's mission.

Our Cathedral lay leaders responsible for coordinating Healing Ministries and Christian Formation have joined efforts to offer a Lenten Series focused on discipleship. It is my hope that as we explore and deepen our understanding of discipleship, we will deepen our relationship with God.

We will have an opportunity to explore new spiritual practices, engage in conversation about ministry in daily life and discuss the basic aspects of our role and calling as disciples of Jesus.

As we start preparing our hearts and minds to experience the Holy Season of Lent, which is soon approaching, I invite us to explore in what ways we are nurturing our relationship with God on a daily basis.

May this upcoming season provide us an opportunity to reflect, meditate and rejoice in God's peace.

Faithfully,

Lina+
The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, Dean

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- April 9- Palm Sunday
Combined bilingual service-10:30 a.m.
- April 11- Clergy Renewal of Vows
- April 12- Tenebrae- 6:00 p.m.
- April 13: Maundy Thursday- 6:00 p.m.
Agape Meal and Washing of the Feet
- April 14- Good Friday
Stations of the Cross-12:00 p.m.
Viernes Santo - 5:00 p.m.
Solemn Service - 6:00 p.m.
- April 15- Easter Vigil and Regional
Confirmations- 7:30 p.m.
- April; 16- Easter Day
8 & 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Our Cathedral Hosted Conversations and Prayers in preparation of the Women's March

On Saturday, January 21, throughout the country, many women and allies gathered to participate in the nationwide Women's March. The Women's March sought to lift up women's voices and rights.

Around 10,000 gathered outside of the Capitol building for a rally. Several hours before the March, our Cathedral opened its doors to gather approximately 129 Episcopalians for a moment of prayer and conversation by our Dean and various clergy women from ECCT. The group walked together towards the Capitol building in the company of a giant puppet prepared by local artist Anne Cubberly.

This gathering is one of the many ways in which our Cathedral serves as a catalyst for mission and apostleship in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.



Participants of the Women's March sharing in Dwelling in the Word during our hour of prayer. Photo: Rowena Kemp



Dean Howell and ECCT women attending the Women's March. Photo: Rowena Kemp

SAVE THE DATE **Book Study** **9:00 am**

In these challenging and changing times, in what ways are we called to follow the teachings of Christ?

Our Adult Faith Formation Ministry invites all to its 2017 Cathedral Book Study Series on Sunday, February 5th at 9AM.

Successive readings and discussions continue on Sunday, February 19th and Sunday, February 26th.

Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus by Presiding Bishop, Michael B. Curry is our source for reading, thinking and discussion

Candlemas Observance on February 2

Candlemas is the traditional Sunday when the Altar Guild presents candles to be blessed for the coming year. It celebrates when Mary presented the baby Jesus to God at the Temple in Jerusalem. This was done after the traditional 40-day period of purification of mothers after a child's birth. In the Gospel of Luke (2:32) we are told of a Jewish man named Simeon who held the bin in his arms and said the child would "be the light to lighten the Gentiles." His words are the reason for calling the event Candlemas to held on February 2 at the 10 a.m. service.



Happy February Birthdays

Joan Bolton
Victor Brathwaite
Judith Cooke
Kate Dixon
Christine Dunn
Anthony Gilkes
Carolyn Gilkes
Terrence Greaves
Gladys Gummer
Wilbert Hales
Sarah Higbie
Dolores Howard
Miguelina Howell
Nancy Jacobs
Aidan Johnson
Heather Jordan-Greaves
Lillian Kezerian
Mark McBride
Enuma Mokel
John Rogers
Samuel Scinto
John Spence
Rousseau Taylor
Mark Warner
Elizabeth Yebram

Save the Date

February 26

Pancake Brunch



Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service

Ash Wednesday

March 1



**Services at our Cathedral:
12 noon and 7 p.m.**

**Ashes to Go:
11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Front of Cathedral on Main Street
Capital Community College
Hartford City Hall**



Our bishops and three newly ordained deacons of ECCT.



Meeting of the Coalition Against Expansion of Casino in CT

From the Register

Baptism

Martin Harris – January 1, 2017

Burial

Fred Thomas - January 14, 2017



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