

CTK: January News 2020



The Roaring Twenties

The roaring twenties. That's what they called the 1920's. That was a decade known for flappers, prohibition, woman's voting rights, prosperity followed by the stock market crash, and much more. Who knows what name will stick for the new 20's—the 2020s. I welcome finally having a decade with an actual name. The last time we had that was in the '90s. So as time marches on, let us give thanks for life's blessings, and look with hope because of the grace of God and the love of Jesus.

Here are a few upcoming events of note:

- **Instructed Eucharist: January 12th & 19th**

Have you ever wondered why we do certain things in worship? An *Instructed Eucharist* is a worship service where we explain why we do what we do in worship. January 12th will focus the instruction on the first half of the service (Liturgy of the Word), while January 19th will focus the instruction on the second half of the service (Holy Eucharist). The hope is these services will serve as a good reminder for why we do what we do in worship.

- **Annual Meeting: January 19th at 9:15 AM**

This meeting will summarize some of the key events of 2019. For those newer to the Episcopal Church, an annual meeting is one of our requirements, typically done in late January.

- **Bishop Fisher will be at Christ the King on February 2nd at 10:30 AM.**

We are excited to have Bishop Fisher with us and we will have a reception to follow. He will do Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. More details coming soon.

Yours in Christ,

—Fr David Nelson

The Second Page

Behind every New Year's resolution is a tiny spark of hope.



Sure you want to lose weight. Of course, you want to find love while increasing your net worth. And who doesn't want to be a better person? But no matter what the resolution, it's really all about *hope*.

New Years is the holiday of hope. It's the day that commemorates fresh starts and new beginnings. Though a public holiday, it's uniquely individual. There's no common tradition (Rose Parade, black-eyed peas and football aside) or cultural focal point. It's ultimately about *your* fresh start and *your* new beginning. It's your own articulation of hope that matters—your own vision of where you'd like to be 364 days down the road. That hope is usually expressed in the much-maligned New Year's resolution.

Cynics are quick to point out the most resolutions evaporate faster than a puddle in the Sahara. They point out that gyms, packed on January 2, have no waiting lines on February 2. They slyly note that the forlorn pastry carts of the first of the year are back in robust service long before the first bluebonnets make their appearance. In short, they do their best to extinguish that small spark of hope that we so bravely embraced as we bade farewell to last year. Unfortunately, we're forced to acknowledge that their pessimism is based on unhappy fact. We all too easily lose sight of our New Year's goal and in the process surrender the hope that accompanied it. But here's where the **Daruma doll** can help us out.

The Daruma doll is a round, self-righting, papier-mâché representation of Dharma; the son of the patriarch who introduced Zen Buddhism to Japan. The doll has no arms or legs because, as the story goes, after nine years of intense meditation, these appendages atrophied and fell off. A weighted bottom lets the doll right itself if tipped over, reflecting the Japanese proverb, "Nana korobi, ya oki," or for us English speakers, "Knocked down seven times, bounce back eight." Thus, the dolls are symbols of both patience and perseverance. But they have one other unique feature—they come without eyes. Instead you paint one eye on the doll when you make a resolution and paint in the other when your resolution is fulfilled. The belief is that the Daruma's one-eyed focus will serve as a visual reminder not to give up hope that you can reach your goal. Seems like a pretty good idea.

Whether you call it *kibou*, *esperanza*, *håbe*, *hopen*, *esperança* or *espérance*, it's still hope and it's the motivating spark that can make this year better than last. So, like the Daruma doll, keep your eye on the goal, bounce back from the inevitable adversity and look forward to fulfilling those resolutions. Here's hoping for the best! —*Ebert*

January at a Glance

Sunday Worship

January 5

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music and Children’s Chapel

January 12

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music and Children’s Chapel

January 19

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music and Children’s Chapel

January 26

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music and Children’s Chapel

Parish Activities

January 11, EYC

- 1:00PM – 3:00PM Roller Skating with Good Shepherd

January 12

- 6:00PM – 7:30PM Campfire , Spring Semester Kickoff

January 19

- 9:15 – Annual Parish Meeting
- 6:00PM – 7:30PM EYC

January at a Glance

Ongoing Meetings

January 7

- 8:00—**Breakfast Brothers** IHOP FM 1960
- 9:30—Red Hat Society (PH)
- 5:00 PM—Kingwood Memory Café (PH)

January 9

- 7:00PM - **DOK**

January 16

- Noon—**Ladies Lunch Bunch**, Marsala's on Atascocita Rd

January 21

- 6:00PM—**Vestry**

January 22

- 11:30—**Lunch Brothers**, La Villa Mexican Restaurant in Atascocita



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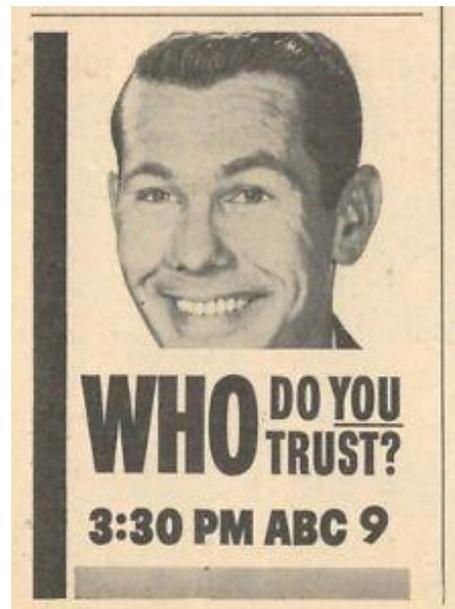


Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class continues through January. See Fr. David if you'd like to be Confirmed but have not yet signed up. Bishop Fisher will be here on February 2, 2020. Please save the date.

Who Do You Trust?

36% of people report that they trust the church (organized religion) according to a recent Gallup poll. That's better than the **11%** who trust Congress but a whisker less than half of the **73%** who find the military trustworthy.



Time to Celebrate!



January 1 Morgan Beesley
January 2 David Heaton III
January 4 Brett Lalor
January 6 Ann Rodriguez
January 7 Rosalie Pyle

January 10 Rosemary Sullivan
January 10 Sherry Herring
January 11 Lesley Exum
January 27 Valerie Fitzgerald
January 27 Nathan Yee

Happy Anniversary!

January 28 Robert and Susan Lunson



Who's Doing What?

Usher Schedule

January 5

- 8:00 – Rod and Ann Rodriguez
- 10:30 – Bruce and Diane Newport

January 12

- 8:00 – Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye
- 10:30 – Mike and Edie Mc Daniel

January 19

- 8:00 – Henry Lee
- 10:30 – Caren Thomas, Phoebe Aston, Michael McNeil

January 26

- 8:00 – Rod and Ann Rodriguez
- 10:30 – Hilary Sellar, Steve Goodson

Vestry Member of the Day and Counter

January 5 – Ann Rodriguez, Billie Bailey

January 12 – Shawn Sanders, Andy Yee

January 19 – Rachel Shaye, Debbie Lee

January 26 – Connie Brashier, John Dowell

Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer Schedule

January 5

- 8:00 – George Ebert
- 10:30 – Billie Bailey [LR], Valerie Bonnie [CB1], Susan Lunson [CB2]

January 12

- 8:00 – Deb Tisch
- 10:30 – Julie Langler [LR], Lesley Exum [CB1], Lynda Rought [CB2]

January 19

- 8:00 – Theresa Reed
- 10:30 – Rosalie Pyle [LR], Barbara Goodson [CB1], Dan Langler [CB2]

January 26

- 8:00 – Debbie Lee
- 10:30 – Fiona Aston [LR], Rice Aston [CB1], Valerie Bonnie [CB2]

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Making Your First Givelify Donation

First, download the free Givelify mobile donation app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). Then open the app and follow these step-by-step instructions to make your very first Givelify mobile donation:

Finding Your Place of Worship

To locate the place of worship you wish to donate to, you have two options:

- If you are within a 2-mile radius, you can use the Nearby tab and find the organization on the GPS map.
- *Note: To use the Nearby feature, your device must have location services turned on. Also make sure that the Givelify app has permission to access your location.*
- To search for the organization:
 1. Tap the Search tab at the top of your screen.
 2. Select Places of Worship.
 3. Enter the organization's name, city, and state into the spaces provided.
 4. Tap Search.
 5. Find the organization in the list of results and tap Give To.

Making Your First Donation

Once you find your place of worship's app profile, tap the green Give button. Then follow these steps:

1. Select the amount you would like to donate or tap Other to enter a different amount.
2. Select a donation envelope.
3. Tap Give Now.

How To Make Your First Givelify Donation

- 1 Download the free Givelify app

- 2 Locate our Place of Worship
- 3 Tap My Place of Worship
- 4 Tap the Give button
- 5 Tap an amount
- 6 Select an envelope
- 7 Tap Give Now
- 8 Create your account
- 9 Enter payment information
- ➔ Next time you use Givelify, save time with the  button

Please leave this slip here to help spread the word.

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Create Your Giving Account

To complete your first donation, you will need to create an account. Follow these steps:

1. On the popup, tap Sign Up.
2. Choose Sign-in with **Facebook** or **Sign Me Up by E-Mail**.

Signing up by e-mail:

1. Enter your name, e-mail address, and password into the spaces provided.
2. Tap the green Sign Me Up button.
3. An e-mail will be sent to the address you provided with an activation link. To activate your account, click the link in the e-mail.

- *Note: You can complete your first donation before clicking the activation link.*

4. In the app, tap Continue.

Completing Your First Donation

Now that you have created an account, you will be able to complete your donation. Follow these steps:

1. Tap the green Give Now button.
2. When prompted with a reminder about your activation e-mail, tap Cancel.
3. Securely enter your payment information in the spaces provided.
4. Complete your donation.

Future Donations Will Be a Breeze

Now that you have completed your first donation using Givelify, future giving will be a piece of cake. You will be able to give in just three taps, with no prompts to create an account or enter payment information.

To make the process even more simple, save the organizations you give to the most as Favorites or your Home Place of Worship using the star and heart icons on their profile.

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Vestry's Financial Summary as of November 30, 2019

Revenues and Expenses Year-to-Date	
Total Revenues	\$256,705
Total Expenses	\$258,158
Total Revenues Less Expenses	(\$1,453)
Cash Accounts	
Operating Account	\$26,403
Building and Capital Assets	\$13,720
Legacy	\$3,843
Total Cash	\$43,966

Concealed Handgun and Open Carry Restrictions

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with a Concealed Handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with an Openly Carried Handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter this property with a handgun that is carried openly.

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