

CTK: February News 2020

Final Edition!

If you're of a certain age you probably remember when a parish bulletin was typed, mimeographed and *mailed to your home*. The PC revolution brought word processing, much improved layout and Xerox copying before being *mailed to your home*. With the advent of the internet things changed even more. Now the bulletin had color, graphics and photos and was *delivered electronically*. But it was a format that increasingly made little sense. As newspapers and magazine across the country learned, a static product, like a newsletter, doesn't meet the needs of a busy community. Things change rapidly and a newsletter can't keep up.

Last year the Vestry conducted a survey of how parishioners prefer to learn of events. The weekly email ranked as the most popular and effective means of communication. The newsletter garnered only single digit support. In 2020 our website will be receiving a major overhaul. The information now found in the newsletter will be posted online and breaking news will be added during the month. Watch for the changes and let us know what you think.

Yours in Christ,

—Fr David Nelson

—George Ebert

The Second Page

I'm the guy that did it; I'll be the fall guy. It's not Phil's fault.

—Bill Deeley



If Bill Deeley sounds frantic, it's with good reason. As president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle, he's responsible for Phil. In case you're wondering, that would be Punxsutawney Phil, the Pennsylvanian groundhog who emerges from his burrow every February 2nd to make a weather prognostication. According to tradition, if Phil sees his shadow, there's six more weeks of winter weather to look forward to—no shadow means an early spring. Phil's spin machine claims he's right about 95% of the time. The more jaundiced folks at the National Weather Service put the number somewhere south of 39%. That difference is what's behind Deeley's sudden rise in blood pressure. It seems that in the late winter of 2013, Mike Gmoser, the Prosecutor in nearby (relatively speaking) Butler County, Ohio felt ill-used by Phil who had gamely predicted an early spring. With teeth chattering in the cold, Gmoser filed a criminal indictment alleging, *"Punxsutawney Phil did purposely, and with prior calculation and design, cause the people to believe that Spring would come early. Contrary to the Groundhog day report, a snowstorm*

and record low temperatures have been and are predicted to continue in the near future, which constitutes the offense of MISREPRESENTATION OF EARLY SPRING, a Unclassified Felony, and against the peace and dignity of the State Of Ohio." Gmoser reasoned that since Phil is already consigned to a cage year-round, the death penalty would be sought as a permanent remedy. Yikes! No wonder Deeley is upset. But how did this come about? How is it possible that a group of otherwise sober Pennsylvanians turned their entire community into a shrine for an oversized weather predicting squirrel (or large rat as less charitable critics claim)?

Some believe that Groundhog Day is a secularized version of Candlemas. Candlemas is Christian liturgical feast day celebrated on February 2nd. It commemorates the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. What this has to do with groundhogs and weather is anyone's guess, but English tradition has it that quite independent of the religious meaning, bears wake up on that day to check for signs of spring. Another possible link is the German holiday of *Siebenschläfertag*. For those of you not current on obscure German holidays, *Siebenschläfertag* or Seven Sleepers day is held on June 27th. The weather on that day is a predictor of weather for the next seven weeks. The story behind the holiday dates to 250 C.E. when seven Christian youths fleeing persecution, holed up in a cave and fell asleep. The crafty Romans took this opportunity to seal the cave. After the boys woke up 180 years later (you read that right), they were surprised to discover that Christianity had gone mainstream. After enjoying a snack and chat with the local bishop, they promptly died. This good news-bad-news story still doesn't explain the weather predicting rodent in Punxsutawney, but it does hint at the confusion surrounding Phil and Groundhog Day that got Gmoser's dander up.

Of course the lawsuit, and for that matter, Groundhog day is all in good fun. But humor can tell us something about ourselves. The idea of indicting a groundhog suggests just how thin skinned we can be. Something isn't impolite, it's INSENSITIVE! Something isn't in poor taste, it's OFFENSIVE! Too often we're too easily offended and then demand disproportionate recompense. This stifles creativity, collegiality and undermines trust. The solution is tolerance. Not everyone who disagrees with us is an idiot. A difference of opinion doesn't imply evil intent. Let's ratchet down the rhetoric and lighten up. And let's begin the process by starting a petition to pardon Phil! —Ebert

February at a Glance

Sunday Worship

February 2: One Service

- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music (Bishop Fisher)

February 9

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

February 16

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

February 23

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

Parish Activities

February 9, EYC

- 6:00PM – 8:00PM Oscar Pre-Party with Good Shepherd at CTK

February 23, EYC

- 6:00PM – 7:30PM

February 26, Ash Wednesday Services

- Noon and 7:00 PM

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Ongoing Meetings

February 4

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

February 13

- 7:00PM - **DOK**

February 18

- 6:00PM—**Vestry**
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February 19

- 11:30—**Lunch Brothers**, Contact [Steve Goodson](#) for the location





Bishop Fisher Visits CTK

The Rt. Rev. Jeff W. Fisher serves as the regional bishop of the Eastern Region of the Diocese. He was elected bishop suffragan and consecrated in 2012. In addition to his visitations to parishes and missions, Bishop Fisher serves as executive for pastoral ministries, including clergy and their families. He serves on numerous boards and institutions, including the Episcopal Church Women, Daughters of the King, Altar Guild, the Small Church Network, All Saints' Episcopal School in Tyler, St. Vincent's House in Galveston and St. James House, the diocesan retirement community in Baytown.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday was first recognized by the Church during the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE. The council also settled upon the 40-day fast period as the standard length to celebrate Lent.

In **601CE, Pope Gregory** moved the beginning of Lent from the fourth Sunday of the year to Ash Wednesday—46 days before Easter. This change allowed for 40 days of fasting with six Sundays counted as feast days, for a total of 46 days. Pope Gregory also instituted the tradition of marking parishioner's foreheads with ashes in the shape of a cross. Though the practices weren't strictly scriptural, covering oneself with ashes and fasting as a mark of repentance had long biblical roots.



Ash Wednesday services will be held at on **February 26 at Noon and 7:00PM.**

Adapted from bibleinfo.com

Time to Celebrate!



February 2 Paul Masters
February 3 Debbie Lee
February 3 Eric Clevenger
February 6 Kadence Nichols
February 6 Kourtney Nichols
February 7 Ruth Masters
February 9 Steve Goodson
February 9 Brooklynne Fitzgerald

February 16 Tristan Heaton
February 18 Rachel Taylor
February 23 Susan Lunson
February 23 Ashley Taylor
February 26 Elizabeth Padgett
February 27 Melissa Heaton
February 28 Bill Williams

Happy Anniversary!

February 1 Andy and Susan Yee
February 10 Brad and Tracy Painter
February 14 Ray and Mimi Buchman
February 17 George and Patsy Ebert
February 26 David and Tori Yee



Who's Doing What?

Usher Schedule

February 2

- 10:30 – Bruce and Diane Newport

February 9

- 8:00 – Henry Lee
- 10:30 - Mike and Edie Mc Daniel

February 16

- 8:00 – Rod and Ann Rodriguez
- 10:30 – Caren Thomas, Phoebe Aston, Michael McNeil

February 23

- 8:00 – Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye
- 10:30 – Hilary Sellar, Steve Goodson

Vestry Member of the Day and Counter

February 2 – Lesley Exum, Carol Martin

February 9 – Steve Goodson, Edie Mc Daniel

February 16 – Dan Langler, Billie Bailey

February 23 – Ann Rodriguez, Andy Yee

Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer Schedule

February 2

- 10:30 – Deb Tisch [LR], Theresa Reed [CB1], Deb Tisch [CB2]

February 9

- 8:00 – Debbie Lee
- 10:30 – Rosalie Pyle [LR], Lesley Exum [CB1], Dan Langler [CB2]

February 16

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

February 23

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

February 26—Ash Wednesday

- Noon – Lynda Rought
- 10:30 – Theresa Reed

FYI



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.

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- 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 December 31, 2019

Revenues and Expenses Year-to-Date	
Total Revenues	\$293,702
Total Expenses	\$324,602
Total Revenues Less Expenses	(\$30,900)
Cash Accounts	
Operating Account	\$35,911
Building and Capital Assets	\$16,595
Legacy	\$3,843
Total Cash	\$56,349

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.

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