

ST. JOHN'S JOURNEY UPDATE



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A Note from Tom

“pity this busy monster, manunkind...not.”

This quote from the well-known poet e. e. cummings always seems to ring in my ears whenever I am feeling particularly disgusted with mankind. And the recent invasion of Ukraine has me feeling particularly disgusted with mankind. Many innocent lives will be lost and much suffering will be inflicted on the people of Ukraine. The claims of the Kremlin sound shallow to me, and this invasion—like so many invasions in so many wars—seems to be about only power and territorial conquest.

And worse yet, I have recently heard the term “World War III” several times while listening to the news. Clearly there is a very real possibility that global tensions could spill into global war. As I write this, blasts are being reported in Kyiv, the country's capital, and it has been hit by cruise or ballistic missiles. Russian forces are now about 20 miles from Kyiv...

As Christians, it is up to us to be the voice of love in the world. It is very difficult for me to reconcile an act of war (any war!) with my Christian beliefs. When I think of what the people of Ukraine are having to endure—the

death, destruction, and suffering on all levels—it makes me...disgusted.

Disgusted because it all seems unnecessary. Are we not yet at the point where we can negotiate with neighbor countries for mutual benefit? Does it really have to come to this?

Please join me in praying for a quick ending to this military aggression:

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

With every blessing...

Tom+



The calendar says it will be on March 20th. I'm a little skeptical...

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Happy Birthday...

- Dianne Bishop
- Darlene Hernden
- Mark Wagner
- Sue Thornton

Dear Friends,

February was a quiet month at St. John's. Between snow storms and sub-zero temps, it was a good month to slow down a bit – especially after our annual meeting in late January. But there were a few things of interest. I traveled to Phoenix to spend time with family and while there, I met Rev. Deb Tickle from Jim & Corinne Fry's former church, Emmaus. Members of this church have knit and crocheted hats and scarves for our Dryden 6th graders for two years now. The hats and scarves are lovely and the children really like them. In fact, here's a picture of this year's class wearing their new winter gear.

We had a lovely chat. I had brought a collection of thank-you gifts for the occasion. Some Sander's candy, locally made maple syrup and gift cards for Michael's for future yarn purchases. It was heartening to talk with such an energetic young priest. I hope our connection continues for years to come.

March promises to be a busier month. For one thing, we can start having coffee hour as of the first Sunday in March! Hurrah! Since Sherry and Myron Petrie are still down south, the coffee will not be top notch but you can count on some delicious snacks and lots of smiles. I hope you will be

there. Taste & See Classes are starting up again. Check the announcement in this issue. And we'll continue to have a "modest" potluck before class. So, you have two reasons to attend.

Our Vestry is planning for the coming year. Including investigating a suggestion from our annual meeting to have some music focused events at our church. We are researching possible sources for talent (and associated cost). If you have any suggestions to share, please let us know. We probably will try to do something in late summer or early fall. That gives us time to plan AND for Covid to decline further. Also, we plan to have a formal blessing of our new shed (with appropriate fanfare and maybe another potluck) sometime in May. Then we need to deconstruct the old shed. Jack Dodd is already considering the best way to do this. Once that's done, that corner of the parking lot will look ever so sweet!

Lent is upon us. Spring is around the corner. May March be a month filled with blessings and with peace.



Dryden 6th graders modeling their new hats & scarves from Emmaus Church!

Taste and See Classes

Dates: **Monday, March 7 - Miracles of Jesus**

Monday, March 21 - White Like Me

Monday, April 4 - Church History: The Episcopal Church

Monday, April 18 - Spirituality – Taizé Service

Monday, May 2 - Tackling Theology

Monday, May 16 - Intro to Homeletics

Time: 5:30

Location: St. John's Parish Hall

Course materials will be provided.



And the winner is....Terry Manney! Lots of good stuff to help enjoy cold, snowy winter days. And it looks like there's still time to use them. Congratulations, Terri. Now it's Terri & Tom's turn to create a basket. Watch for it,



He was a captive, a warrior, a traveler, a healer, a preacher. He was beloved and revered. Now his name day has been transformed into a day full of green beer, leprechauns and pots of gold. Enjoy the day but try to remember the real St. Patrick and his faith.



Linked Hearts Sunday

Beginning in March, we will be gathering supplies to send to Linked Hearts on a monthly basis. Each month, we will post the items that Linked Hearts has requested in our newsletter AND in our bulletins. On the 3rd Sunday of each month (March 20th), we will bless these donations during the service and then transfer them to

Linked Hearts. All items must still be within their use-by date. The items Linked Hearts says they need currently includes:

- Ketchup
- Coffee
- Pudding
- Mayo
- Canned Ravioli
- Toothpaste
- Mustard

- Dish Soap
- Kleenex
- Pancake Mix
- Shampoo
- Paper Towels
- Cereal
- Rice Meals



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
 we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
 that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,
 for wisdom, discernment and compassion
 to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
 that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
 Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Immanuel Congregational Church is bringing back a favorite March tradition! Join us for our St Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner. Includes Corned Beef and Cabbage boiled dinner, salad, bread and butter, one of our famous desserts and beverages. \$10 for adults, \$8 for children under 12. Carry-out available. Call (248)628-1610. Proceeds will go to support our local ministries.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Videographer</u>	<u>Counting Member 1</u>	<u>Counting Member 2</u>
Mar 6, 2022	Wes	Mary	Rev Manney	Ida Lynn Dodd	Jack	Becky
Mar 13 2022	Jim		Kitty	Becky Foster	Ina	Neil
Mar 20,2022	Neil	Neil	Rev Manney	Mary Cameron	Becky	Wes
Mar 27, 2022	Tammy		Neil	Becky Foster	Neil	Jack
April 3, 2022	Mary	Tammy	Rev Manney	Sherry Wagner	Wes	Ina
April 10, 2022	Ina		Becky	Wes Wagester	Jack	Becky
April 14	Margaret	Corinne	Rev Manney	Ina Dockham	Ina	Neil
April 15	Darlene	Mary	Rev Manney	Ida Lynn Dodd	Becky	Wes
April 17	Kathy	Neil	Rev Manney	Becky Foster	Neil	Jack
April 24	Wes		Kitty	Mary Cameron	Wes	Ina



Bishop Singh's Service of Welcoming finally took place on February 24, broadcast live on the diocesan Facebook Page. Welcome Bishop Singh!



Sue Wright is interested in finding a home for her organ. It is a Lowrey Rhapsody Model SU/400. See Rev. Tom if you (or anyone else) are interested

Ok folks my favorite holiday is this month - St Paddy's day. Erin go Bragh and all that.

I suspect it's a 50/50 split on whether you love Irish soda bread or not. I don't know that many folks who whip up a batch every March 17th to go with that delicious corned beef.

If that's true for you, please consider this tea loaf version that is plenty sweet and goes swell with coffee to start your day of clogging and Irish Rovers music!

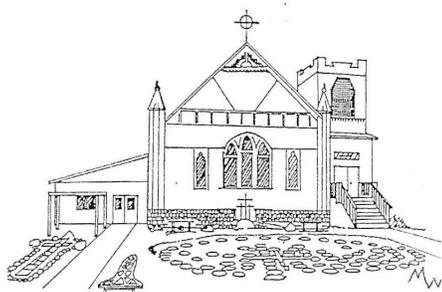
Connie

Irish Sweet Soda Bread

2 1/4c flour
1/2 c raisins (I prefer golden raisins for this - plumper)
2 1/4t baking powder
1/4t baking soda
3/4t salt
1c sugar
1 egg
2T vegetable oil
3/4c milk
1T caraway seeds (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place flour in a bowl. Toss in the raisins and stir to coat them. Add the rest of the dry ingredients and mix well. Whisk egg, oil and milk separately. Add to flour mixture and stir just until blended. Fold in caraway seeds if using. Pour into a greased and floured loaf pan - either 8 or 9 inch - your choice. Sprinkle some sugar on top. Bake 55 to 60 minutes using the knife inserted in the middle test for doneness.





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