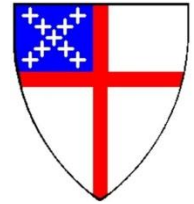




# Saint Mark's Messenger

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin Joann Ellis, Editor January 2017



## Walking Together



### *A New Song*

While growing up, my parents, brothers and I would gather every night during the time of advent to read and sing the story of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. We would gather with friends and neighbors around a nativity scene to sing and meditate on the long journey that Mary and Joseph took prior to the birth of Jesus. As we read the gospels, as we would sing hymns and carols, I would imagine Jesus' birth story not only as a written story but as a new song, a song written by God for you and I.

Imagine for a second that you are in the midst of an orchestra. In front of you stands the director while all musician and instruments sit around you. The purpose of the director is to guide us and lead us through the music. Even though the director is important, the musicians, their voices and instruments are important as well. It is a combination of all of them that make an orchestra a perfect organism that creates music for all to hear and enjoy. I believe the story of Christmas is about Jesus our Lord as well as you and I. It is about a New Song and all of us are called to sing it!

The birth of Jesus is a New Song written by God. As the director of this master piece God invites us all to participate and sing along. How do we do this, you might ask? As good musicians we need to listen to the director and each other, we need to listen to each other's voice, to accept our differences and love each other dearly just as God loves each one of us.

During this time of Advent and Christmas, you and I are invited to celebrate not only with presents and feasts, but with actions of kindness, by seeing each other eye to eye as God's living instruments. Jesus was born so you and I would experience God's eternal love. You and I are here to sing this New Song to the world, so others around us might experience God's eternal love.

Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Be an instrument of God's love.

Merry Christmas and May the Holy One bless you so you may bless others in God's name.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Oscar A. Rozo



### **Treasurer's Update ~ Fred Ellis ~ November 30, 2016:**

Year-to-date income:	\$ 81,552.83
Year-to-date expenses:	<u>\$ 73,742.94</u>
Balance	<u>\$ 7,809.89</u>



### **COOKIE WALK**

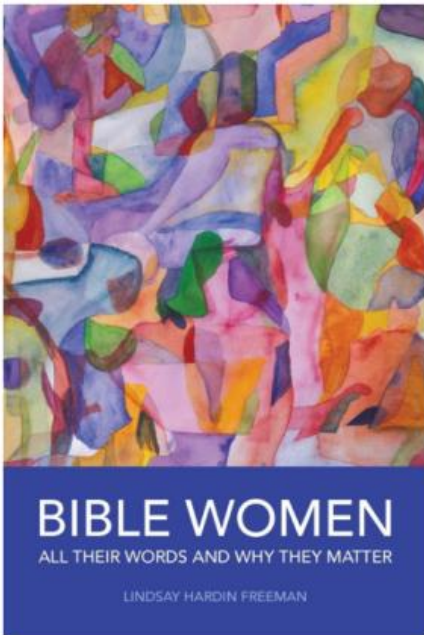
The annual cookie walk was a huge success. We even took platters of cookies to the Fire and Police Departments which brightened their days as they continued to keep our city safe. Thank you to all everyone who contributed to the most successful cookie walk in the St. Mark's History.

### **EXPERIENCE THE TAIZE WORSHIP AND EUCHARIST SERVICE**



On Wednesdays Rev. Oscar Rozo will be leading a Taize Service at 8:30 a.m. Come join us for this unique opportunity to worship together.

### **Epiphany Study ~ Wednesdays in Epiphany, January 18-February 22**



**(just six short weeks)** We will have the opportunity to have A Taize Service with Fr. Oscar at 8:30 am. We will be looking at "*Bible Women All Their Words and Why They Matter*". We will only be looking at a very small portion of this book, only six women. After our discussion we will hold an easy 45 minute chair yoga session and finish with a simple soup lunch. Thanks to the generosity of the ECW book lending library I have **TWO** copies of the book (**THREE COPIES ARE ALREADY OUT ON LOAN FROM THE ADVENT STUDY**). If you would like to purchase your own book go to Amazon.com the Kindle version is \$9.99 paperback \$22.00 ~ Joann Ellis 920-319-6694

**This Epiphany Study can be held on Tuesday Evenings from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.** We will need to eat and discuss the book from 5:30 to 7:00 and have yoga from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. . If interested please call Joann Ellis at 920-319-6694, so we will have a count of how many are interested in doing the Book Study.



**January 29, 2017 St. Mark's Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner.** Mark your calendar and make sure to come hear about the 2017 budget and all about what has happened in the past year and what great things we might continue to do to make next year even better.

**JANUARY 2017**  
**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**YEAR A**

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Date/ Ministry	Jan 1 The Holy Name	Jan 8 Baptism of our Lord 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Jan. 15 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany,	Jan 22 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Jan 29 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany
Acolyte	Leah Helmer	Fred Ellis	Jasmine Moore	Jim Merrill	James Cleary
Altar Guild	Linda Zamzow	Libbie Kacuba Deb Jensen	Sue Hilbert Joyce DeZarn	Gayle Elbert Betsy Lampert	Linda Zamzow
Chalice Bearer	James Cleary	Joann Ellis	Deb Jenson	James Cleary	Jim Merrill
Christian Formation	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow
Intercessor	Steph Moore	Deb Kuenzi	Dan Hilbert	Mary Ann Kenitz	Ken Peters
Reader	Joann Ellis <b>Numbers 6:22-27</b> <b>Galatians 4:4-7</b> <b>or Philippians 2:5-11</b> <b>Luke 2:15-21</b> <b>Psalm 8</b>	Mary Ann Kenitz <b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b> <b>Acts 10:34-43</b> <b>Matthew 3:13-17</b> <b>1 29</b>	Sue Hilbert <b>Isaiah 49:1-7</b> <b>1</b> <b>Corinthians 1:1-9</b> <b>John 1:29-42</b> <b>Psalm 40:1-12</b>	Fred Ellis <b>Isaiah 9:1-4</b> <b>1</b> <b>Corinthians 1:10-18</b> <b>Matthew 4:12-23</b> <b>Psalm 27:1, 5-13</b>	Dave Drexler <b><u>Micah 6:1-8</u></b> <b><u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u></b> <b><u>Matthew 5:1-12</u></b> <b><u>Psalm 15</u></b>
Ushers	Dave & Cori Drexler	Bab & Marsha Horne	Dan & Sue Hilbert	Bob & Linda Zamzow	Dave & Cori Drexler
Counters	Mary Ann Kenitz & Vanda Wiegert	Mary Ann Kenitz & Joann Ellis	Mary Ann Kenitz & Jim Merrill	Mary Ann Kenitz & Andy Harmon	Mary Ann Kenitz & Vanda Wiegert

**January**

**BIRTHDAYS**

9- Mark Tuel  
 13- Mary Chappa  
 18- Charlotte Snow  
 18- Clarence Clark  
 25- Rose Benson  
 27- Julie Sherwood  
 28- Emily Harmon  
 29- Judy Tischer



**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

5- Breanne Van Loo  
 8- Kelly Jenson  
 9 - Jasmine Horne  
 9- Kathryn Horne  
 9- Robert Horne  
 12- Phyllis Ecklor / Deb Jenson  
 18- Charlotte Snow  
 23- Linda Zamzow

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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**FEBRUARY 2017  
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Date/ Ministry	FEB 5, 2017 5 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	FEB 12, 2017 6 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	FEB 19, 2017 7 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	FEB 26, 2017 Last Sunday After the Epiphany
Acolyte	Fred Ellis	Joann Ellis	James Cleary	Deb Jenson
Altar Guild	Linda Zamzow	Libbie Kacuba Deb Jensen	Sue Hilbert Joyce DeZarn	Gayle Elbert Betsy Lampert
Chalice Bearer	Joann Ellis	Deb Jenson	Fred Ellis	Jim Merrill
Christian Formation	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow	Linda Zamzow
Intercessor	Bob Zamzow	Fred Ellis	Joann Ellis	James Cleary
Reader	Deb Jenson <a href="#">Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]</a> <a href="#">Psalm 112:1-9, (10)</a> <a href="#">1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]</a> <a href="#">Matthew 5:13-20</a>	Lindsey Cleary <a href="#">Deuteronomy 30:15-20</a> <a href="#">Psalm 119:1-8</a> <a href="#">1 Corinthians 3:1-9</a> <a href="#">Matthew 5:21-37</a>	Cathy Carlson <a href="#">Leviticus 19:1- 2,9-18</a> <a href="#">Psalm 119:33-40</a> <a href="#">1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23</a> <a href="#">Matthew 5:38-48</a>	Mary Ann Kenitz <a href="#">Exodus 24:12-18</a> <a href="#">Psalm 2</a> <i>or</i> <a href="#">Psalm 99</a> <a href="#">2 Peter 1:16-21</a> <a href="#">Matthew 17:1-9</a>
Ushers	Bob & Marsha Horne	Bob & Linda Zamzow	Dan & Sue Hilbert	Dave & Cori Drexler
Counters	Maryann Kenitz & Joann Ellis	Maryann Kenitz & Jim Merrill	Maryann Kenitz & Andy Harmon	Maryann Kenitz & Vanda Wiegert



**PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE (with up-dates)**

*Dennis Adams, Joshua B., James Brink, Jimmy Brink, Sam Budde, Barry Hilbert, Joshua Kent (is being deployed), Karl Krueger, Brian Lampert, Stephen Strube.*

**Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe, whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold them in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us. Amen**



**FOR SALE Farm Fresh Eggs** ~ fresh, large brown eggs at St. Mark's! The price is \$2.25 per doz. If you run out of eggs before Sunday, you can also call Libbie at 920-885-4791 or 920-296-1611 and request some more. ~ Libbie Kacuba

I thought these little stories were worth passing on....makes a person stop and think!!!!

(AUTHOR UNKNOWN-RECEIVED AS AN EMAIL-Joann Ellis)



1. Today, I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my Psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said, "Success is when you look back at your life and the memories make you smile."

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2. Today, I asked my mentor - a very successful business man in his 70s- what his top 3 tips are for success. He smiled and said, "Read something no one else is reading, think something no one else is thinking, and do something no one else is doing."

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3. Today, after my 72 hour shift at the fire station, a woman ran up to me at the grocery store and gave me a hug. When I tensed up, she realized I didn't recognize her. She let go with tears of joy in her eyes and the most sincere smile and said, "On 9-11-2001, you carried me out of the World Trade Center ."

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4. Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

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5. Today at 7AM, I woke up feeling ill, but decided I needed the money, so I went into work. At 3PM I got laid off. On my drive home I got a flat tire. When I went into the trunk for the spare, it was flat too. A man in a BMW pulled over, gave me a ride, we chatted, and then he offered me a job. I start tomorrow.

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6. Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."

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7. Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

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8. Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?" "Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.

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9. Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

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10. Today, a boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon."

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11. Today, I was feeling down because the results of a biopsy came back malignant. When I got home, I opened an e-mail that said, "Thinking of you today. If you need me, I'm a phone call away." It was from a high school friend I hadn't seen in 10 years.

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12. Today, I was traveling in Kenya and I met a refugee from Zimbabwe . He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "We can share it."

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## Recipe for Good Christian Living

Submitted by Mary Ann Kenitz

If you will allow this to simmer slowly through your thoughts it will make for thankfulness through the year.

**BLEND TOGETHER:** A Christian mother, with all the love and kindness which true Christianity gives, and the members of her family

**ADD:** The many blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon the family throughout the years.

**SEASON WELL:** With worship and attendance at all church activities

**FOLD IN CAREFULLY:** Prayer without ceasing

**LET RISE:** Within you, deep joyous spirit of thankfulness

**MIX WELL:** Until you feel the need to express that thankfulness in living service and abiding family affection.

**GARNISH:** With thoughtful planning for the future service in the Lord's work.

**SERVE:** The Lord by having service throughout your days.



Perhaps even this should be your New Year's Resolution to follow this recipe

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Meeting Minutes  
November 20, 2016

**Vestry Members Present:** Lindsey Cleary; Joann Ellis, Clerk; Jody Langfeldt; Bambi Tischer, Linda Zamzow

**Also Present:** Rev. Oscar Rozo; Daniel Hilbert, Sr. Warden; Ken Peters, Jr. Warden; Fred Ellis, Treasurer

**Vestry Members Absent:** Meredith Harmon; Sue Kuhn; Jim Merrill; Stephanie Moore;

**1. Opening Devotion**

The regular monthly Vestry Meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m., reading from C. S. Lewis, "Pray instead of Protest", led by Jody Langfeldt .

**2. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Linda Zamzow and second by Meredith Harmon to approve the Vestry Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2016 as submitted. **Motion Carried**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

a. The Treasurer gave a report for both the months' of September and October. There was a suggestion that the Camp Webb monies be combined (Accts. #251 & 252). The Bishop's Discretionary Fund received \$550.00 when he was here in October. Outreach and Seminary Support will be disbursed next month. A motion was made by Lindsey Cleary and 2nd by Jody Langfeldt to approved both the September and October Treasurer's reports. **Motion Carried**

**4. Old Business Christmas Events**

- a. **Christmas Parade Saturday, December 3**, signs have been made, garland is ready. We need a sign in Spanish. Decoration of the float will be at 2:00 pm in the St. Mark's parking lot, inclement weather plan is Vanda Wiegert's garage
- b. **Sunday School Play, Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, the Sunday School children are going to present the play "The Quiltmaker" during the Sunday Eucharist Service.
- c. **Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 10**, Lindsey Cleary will be at church all day on Friday for anyone who wants to drop off their cookies. Sale is Saturday morning, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - ???. We will need people to be present by 7:00 am on Saturday to prepare coffee and last minute details before we open at 8:00. The Sunday School Children will sign Christmas songs to those who are waiting up in the Narthex.
- d. **New this year is the Christmas Present Wrapping event, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 pm**. There is a \$5.00 fee, all you need to do is bring your unwrapped presents. Wrapping paper, tape, bows, etc, will be provided
- e. **Elections for the 2017 Vestry positions** - the election committee are the three persons going off from the Vestry: Joann Ellis, Meredith Harmon and Bambi Tischer. Joann has asked Gayle Elbert, Jerry Foster, Libbie Kacuba. Gayle's response was "no"; **Jerry and Libbie are still thinking about it. Suggestions were Deb Jenson and Andy Harmon. Both our senior and Junior Wardens have agreed to run for another year.**

**5. New Business**

**Rector's Report**

- a. Rev. Oscar reported the Taize service had six people in attendance.
- b. Every second Tuesday of the month Rev. Oscar meets with the Diocesan Convocation Clergy Group. (Diocesan Clergy have been split into smaller groups for monthly meetings).
- c. Rev. Oscar will be out of the office on December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> as he attends meetings in Madison. He will be in the office on December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.

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- d. Rev. Oscar and Senior Warden, Dan Hilbert will be working on the parochial report.
  - e. Rev. Oscar reported that the Latino population in Wisconsin is terrified about their future. Should we open our church as a sanctuary? Several questions arose and it was determined we should discuss this further.
  - f. Vestry Resolutions: Compensations for all staff will be discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting.
  - g. Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 6. Cookie Sale (Walk) December 10 at 8:00 AM**
- a. Stephanie Moore will work with the children and young adults for singing before the sale.
  - b. Meredith and Lindsey will co-chair.
  - c. Interest was shown to open the church in late afternoon to locals to wrap gifts for themselves. Cookies from our sale and coffee will be offered. A \$5.00 fee from each will go towards wrapping paper and tape. Child care services will be provided.
  - d. Interest also in giving left over or extra cookies to service organizations, (i.e. Firefighters, Police, ER staff, other ideas – {PAVE, homeless, our parishioners in assisted living/nursing homes.}) Bottom line – Bake more cookies. They are appreciated!
- 7. Christmas Services**
- a. Christmas Eve Service will be 6:30 pm. For Carols and 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
  - b. Christmas Day Service will be 9:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8. No Senior Warden's Report by Dan Hilbert**
- 9. Junior Warden's Report by Ken Peters**
- a. The posts to protect the shed from the snowplow or other vehicles have been installed
  - b. A walk behind lawn mower was donated by Dave Drexler's neighbor, Senior Warden Dan Hilbert to send thank you letter.
  - c. Plans for 2017 is to increase storage space by utilizing area on either side of the loft upstairs. Talked about selling or giving away the choir gowns.
- 10. Committee Reports**
- a. Scrip Profit for October was \$148.08.
  - b. Sunday School - Linda Zamzow said they could use a CD Player
  - c. Columbarium Committee - (Dave Drexler, Kit Marceil, & Jody Langfeldt) need to meet to come up with a plan to sell the columbarium niches to get the initial investment monies returned to the church. We could use that money for other uses and the \$12,000 was only meant to be a loan.
  - d. Stewardship Committee – Pledge cards were distributed during the 11/13. We still have approximately 30 members who have not returned a pledge card. A letter will be drafted by Joann Ellis with the help of Dan Hilbert and Rev. Oscar. The letter, a “pie chart” of the 2017 preliminary draft budget and a pledge card will be mailed out to those members 11/28 requesting their return by 12/5.
- 11. Next Meeting on Sunday, December 11, 2016 after church**
- 12. Linda Zamzow offered to do the December devotional.**
- 13. Closing Prayer by Rev. Oscar.**
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Joann Ellis, Secretary  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church





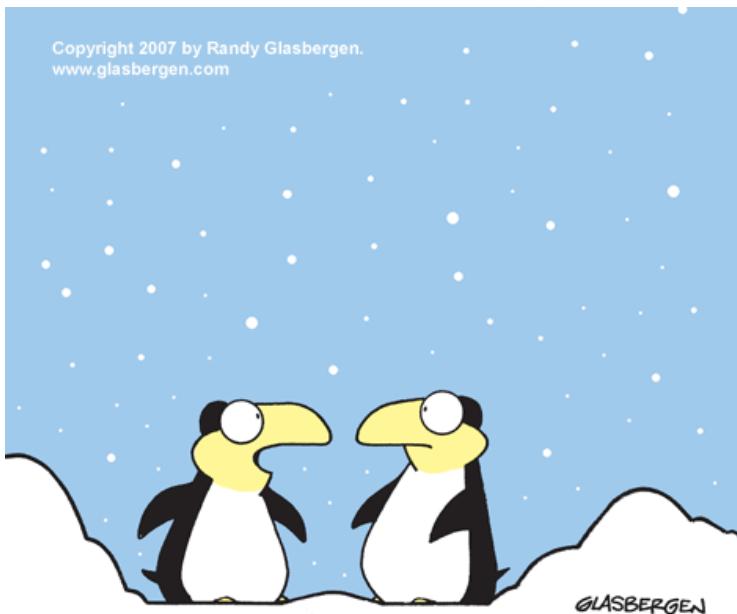
**James R. "Jim" Mertens**, 89, a resident of Kirkland Crossings Retirement Community in Pewaukee, and formerly of Juneau passed away peacefully in his sleep on Monday, December 26, 2016.

Visitation will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Beaver Dam on Saturday, January 7, 2017 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Funeral services will follow at the church on Saturday, January 7th at 11 a.m. with Rev. Oscar Rozo officiating. Interment will take place at Hartland Village Cemetery.

**From your Treasurer and Stewardship Committee:** Thanks to all of you who turned in your pledge cards earlier this year for the 2017 Budget. It really helps the Finance Committee to work on the upcoming year's budget and to see where we are at financially.

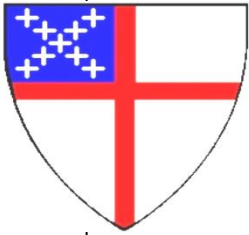
The Finance Committee is planning to meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> to come up with a budget for 2017. You all will have a chance to view and vote on the 2017 Budget at the Annual Meeting.

If you haven't turned in your pledge card please notify either one of the Stewardship team members (Joann Ellis; Steph Moore; Jody Langfeldt; or Linda Zamzow); or your Senior Warden, Dan Hilbert; or your Treasurer, Fred Ellis; to acknowledge your receipt of the card in the mail or at one of the Sunday Services. **If you have misplaced your pledge card**, please let Joann Ellis know as she can either mail you a new one or give you one at a Sunday Service.



"Faith means believing in things you've never seen...like your feet!"





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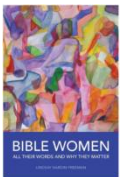
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**JANUARY 2017 ~ UPCOMING EVENTS ~ SAVE THE DATES**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



**Wednesdays**  
**Taize/Eucharist Service**  
**8:30 am**



**Tuesdays, 5:30 pm**  
**Soup; Bible Study; Yoga**  
**Wednesdays, 9:00 am**  
**Beginning January 18<sup>th</sup> (6 wks)**  
**Bible Women; Yoga and Lunch**



**Saturday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Jim Mertens Visitation 10-11:00**  
**am. Funeral**  
**11:00 a.m.**



**Sunday, Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
**After 9 am Eucharist**



**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Meeting**  
**After Coffee Hour**



**Sunday, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Vestry Meeting**  
**10:45 a.m.**



**Sunday, Jan 29**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**& Potluck**  
**After 9:00 a.m. Service**