



St. John's Episcopal Church

Ashfield, Massachusetts
Corner of Main and South Streets



April 2015

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday, April 2 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3 7:00 pm

Easter, April 5 10:00 am

Festive Potluck & Easter Egg Hunt following service

Presiding Bishop's Easter Message

"The only place we will not find him is in the tomb."

It's still dark when Mary ventures out to find the tomb. The graveyards around Jerusalem don't have much greenery today. The earth is mostly rock and stone, and it is far from easy to make a place to secure a body. Jesus' body was put in a cave-like space, with a stone rolled across the opening to close it up. Mary has made the journey from wherever she's sheltered over the last day, through darkened streets, perhaps hearing cocks begin to crow and townspeople start to stir.

She nears the place, but somehow it seems different than they left it – this can't be it, can it? Who moved the stone? A trip begun in tears and grief now has added burden– confusion, anger, shock, chaos, abandonment. His very body has been stolen.

She runs to tell the others. The three tear back to the tomb – no, the body is not there, though some of the burial cloths remain. Who has torn away the shroud and stolen him away? Why must the cruel torture continue, sacrilege and insult even after death? Who has done this awful thing? The men run away again, leaving her to weep at even greater loss.

She peers in once more – who are these, so bold appearing? "Fear not, woman... why do you weep?" She turns away and meets another, who says the same – why do you weep, who are you looking for? This gardener has himself been planted and now springs up green and vibrant, still rising into greater life. He challenges her to go and share that rising, great news of green and life, with those who have fled.

Still rising, still seeking union with Creator, making tender offering to beloved friends – briefly I am with you, I am on my way. Go and you will find me if you look.

The risen one still offers life to those who will look for evidence of his gardening – hope, friendship, healing, reunion, restoration – to all who have been uprooted, cut off, to those who are parched and withered, to those who lie wasting in the desert. Why do we weep or run away when that promise abides?

We can find that green one, still rising, if we will go stand with the grieving Marys of this world, if we will draw out the terrified who have retreated to their holes, if we will walk the Emmaus road with the lost and confused, if we will search out the hungry in the neighborhood called Galilee. We will find him already there before us, bringing new and verdant life. The only place we will not find him is in the tomb.

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori

Presiding Bishop and Primate

The Episcopal Church

ST. JOHN'S 194TH ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

On February 1st St. John's held our 194th Annual Meeting. The Rev. Eliot Moss led congregants in discussing two questions: What do we value about St. John's? What might we do to ensure St. John's vibrant future? Here are some of the answers (answers that are similar have been combined).

What we value about St. John's:

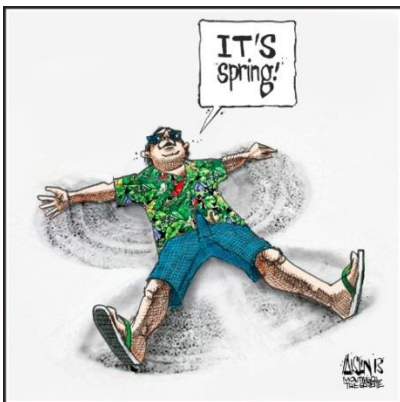
- ◆ Clergy
- ◆ Community gatherings at the church
- ◆ Community outreach & involvement
- ◆ Congregation is welcoming
- ◆ Leaders, vestry & clergy, who build upon the strengths of St. John's
- ◆ Memories of joyous and sad moments that are shared by congregation
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Opportunity to serve
- ◆ Sanctuary of peace
- ◆ Silence within the service
- ◆ Small congregation has potential for closer community
- ◆ Worship feels spiritual & the presence of the Holy Spirit can be felt

What we might do to ensure St. John's vibrant future:

- ◆ Assist Grounds Committee
- ◆ Attend services
- ◆ Bring others to church activities and worship
- ◆ Coffee hours
- ◆ Create a book of procedures & institutional knowledge with an index so that anyone can know how St. John's operates
- ◆ Discover the needs of people in the greater community and help address those needs.
- ◆ Explore possibility of bringing the Nurse Family Partnership to our region
- ◆ Help others to define their own mission
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Raise our pledges
- ◆ When asked to volunteer say, "Yes!"
- ◆ Work with Care Team
- ◆ Volunteer for activities before being asked: altar guild, choir for Christmas and Easter services, coffee hour, grounds maintenance, offertory collection, lead or help for special events, read during service.

Share the Warmth 2015 Report

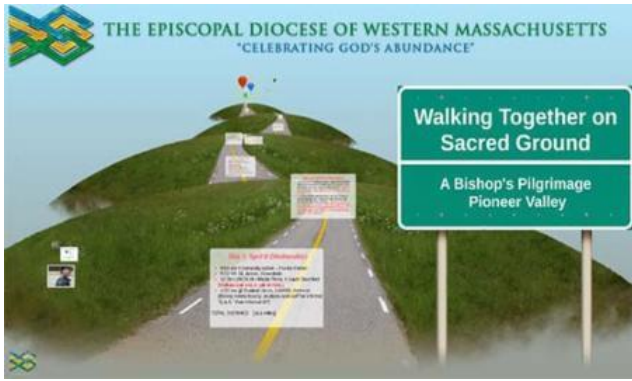
Share the Warmth collects warm clothing, boots and blankets from October through February. The clothing is given out at each Food Pantry day. Share the Warmth thanks all those who made donations. Ninety coats were given out as well as many other types of warm clothing and blankets. We are so grateful to everyone who gave to this wonderful program.



Project Bread

With the rising cost of heat during the winter, we know many families and individuals struggle with the "heat or eat" dilemma. ProjectBread's Food Source hotline can connect those struggling to make ends meet with the resources they need to stay healthy during the winter. Counselors can screen callers for SNAP eligibility and start the application over the phone. A counselor will also follow-up with them throughout the process to answer any questions or concerns that might arise. Counselors are also available to answer questions from current recipients and help to ensure they are receiving the maximum benefit. We have bi-lingual staff in Spanish, Portuguese, Cantonese, and Hindi as well as access to an interpreter service with interpreters in 160 different languages. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Carvalho at 617-239-2581 or by email at Kelly_Carvalho@projectbread.org.

Submission deadline for the May Newsletter is April 19th. Please, feel free to send anything that you think might be of interest to our St. John's community. Send submissions to Kristen at taurus1457@gmail.com.



Bishop Fisher is walking again...



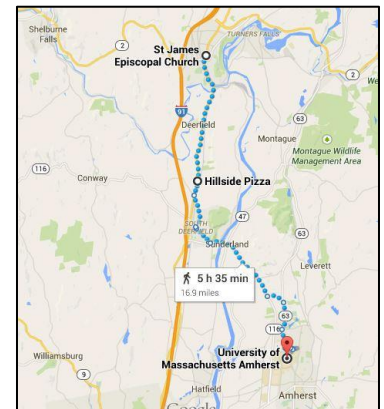
Pioneer Valley Corridor
April 8-11

Why walk? In ancient days bishops walked their territories – staff in hand – as a visible sign of the universal Church embodied in its leader. The Bishop continues to be that witness of presence and the bridge between local congregations and the larger Church. Although Bishop Fisher has visited each of the 60 congregations at least once in the past two years, he is setting out on foot to:

- ✚ LISTEN to the experiences and hopes of the people he meets
- ✚ TALK about the Gospel informally
- ✚ PRAY with people where they are – beyond church walls
- ✚ BLESS all who serve the poor, the imprisoned, the sick, the homeless and all who seek justice

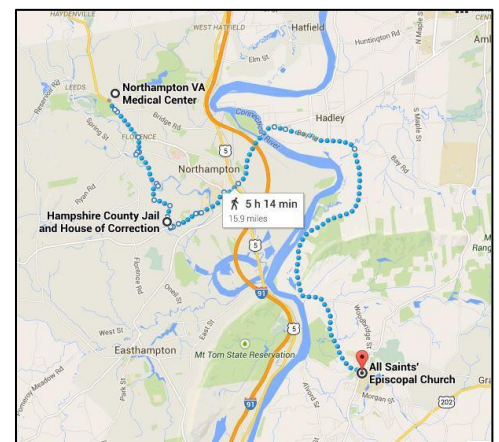
Day 1: April 8 (Wednesday)

- ✚ 9:00 am Community Action – Family Center
- ✚ 9:30 MP St. James, Greenfield
- ✚ 12:00 LUNCH @ Hillside Pizza in South Deerfield (Walkers can end or join in here.)
- ✚ 4:30 pm @ Student Union, UMASS, Amherst (Bishop meets faculty, students and staff for informal “Q & A,” then informal EP)
TOTAL [16.8 miles]



Day 2: April 9 (Thursday)

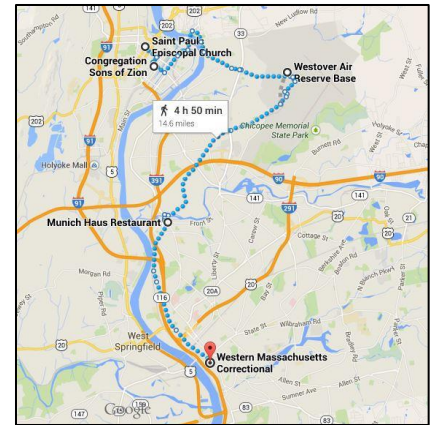
- ✚ 9:00 am @ VA Medical Center, Leeds/Northampton (Bishop Fisher will be greeted by Episcopalians who work at the VA, visit and pray with veterans. Walkers can anticipate a 9:45 departure from the entrance on Rt. 9.)
- ✚ 11:30 am @ Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections (Bishop Fisher will meet privately with the Sheriff and prison ministers. Hampshire County Jail and House of Corrections has an innovative “Decisional Training” Program and the first prison labyrinth. Walkers may join the Bishop at the entrance of the Hampshire County House of Correction at approximately 1:00 pm or on the Northampton side of the Calvin Coolidge Bridge between 1:30 – 2:00 pm.)
- ✚ 4:30 PM @ Lawrence House Volunteer Corps, South Hadley (Bishop meets with interns at LH ending with 5:30 pm EP at All Saints’.)
TOTAL [15.9 miles]



Day 3: April 10 (Friday)

- 9:00 am MP @ St. Paul's, Holyoke
- 10:00 am @ Congregation Sons of Zion (Bishop Fisher will stop briefly to meet Rabbi Saul Perlmutter.)
- 11:30 am Westover AFB (Walkers can end or join there.)
- 12:00 Lunch @ Munich Haus, Chicopee (Walkers can end or join in here.)
- 4:00 pm @ Western MA Correctional Alcohol Treatment Center, Springfield (Bishop Fisher will have a private tour of the Treatment Center.)

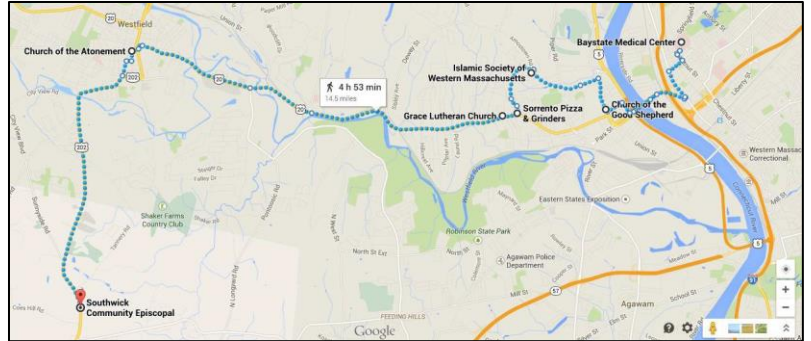
TOTAL [14.6 miles]



Day 4: April 11 (Saturday)

- 9:00 am @ Baystate Medical Center (Bishop Fisher will be greeted by Episcopalians who work at Baystate. It will be an opportunity to listen, learn and end with MP.)
- 11:00 am @ Islamic Society of Western MA (Bishop will meet briefly with the Imam, Wisam Abdul-Baki)
- 12:00 LUNCH @ Sorrento's Pizza and Grinders, West Springfield (Walkers can end or join in here.)
- 2:30 pm @ "Our House," Westfield (Bishop blesses the construction site and an icon to be hung in this future home for homeless teens.)
- 5:00 pm Vigil Eucharist, Southwick Episcopal Community, Southwick

TOTAL [13.6 miles]



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Printable PDF: https://www.diocesewma.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Bishop-Fishers-Route_Pioneer-Valley.pdf

Easter Traditions

There are a number of traditions that families use in their Easter celebrations. Many of the traditions that we use here in the USA can be traced back to pagan spring and Christian Easter celebrations found throughout the world.

The Easter Bunny is a pre-Christian symbol brought to us from Germany. The Pennsylvania Dutch called it the Oschter Haws. The rabbit was a symbol of fertility and the coming of spring.

Easter Eggs are also a pre-Christian symbol seen as an annual miracle and regarded the egg as a natural wonder and a proof of the renewal of life and were found throughout Europe. Christians adopted Easter Eggs as a symbol of rebirth; the eggs were dyed red to



represent the blood of Christ. They were traditionally forbidden during Lent and people looked forward to having them again after 40 days. Often people would bring baskets of eggs and other food to Holy Saturday services to be blessed for their Easter meal. Easter eggs are decorated with symbols to celebrate the Risen Lord. The countries in Eastern Europe are known for very elaborate decorations. Eggs from Poland and other Slavic countries are known for their vibrant colors and intricate details; the Russian nobility gave jeweled eggs created by the jeweler Carl Faberge. Easter egg hunts most likely began because hens were unconfined and their nests were found in unexpected places finding such a hidden nest before a hen has started to set and incubate the eggs was like finding hidden treasure.

Easter candy such as chocolates, jelly beans and other sweets began to replace the food brought to Holy Saturday Services in the 19th century. Advances made possible by the Industrial Revolution are responsible for this and the creation of candy for St. Valentine's Day. Marshmallow Peeps were introduced in 1953.

Lamb is seen as symbolizing the Passover lamb and Christ, the Lamb of God.

Ham is commonly eaten because the pig was considered a symbol of luck in pre-Christian Europe.

Hot Cross Buns are an English tradition; bread is a very common Easter food and in many cultures special

breads are made on Maundy Thursday to celebrate the Last Supper. In pre-Christian times special breads were baked in the spring to symbolize protection and new beginnings. The English custom of eating spiced buns on Good Friday was perhaps institutionalized in Tudor times, when a London bylaw was introduced forbidding the sale of such buns except on Good Friday, at Christmas, and at burials. It is thought that the cross appeared in 1733 the cross was presumably simply incised with a knife, rather than piped on in pastry. The fact that they were generally sold hot seems to have led by the early nineteenth century to the incorporation of hot into their name

Hot Cross Buns Recipe

Ingredients

Buns:

1 package dry yeast
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cups milk, warm
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups flour
1 tsp ground cinnamon
6 tablespoons butter, chopped
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup raisin
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup dried cranberries
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
1 egg
4-5 tablespoons water

Glaze:

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground ginger

Cooking Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°. Stir yeast into the warm milk in a small bowl and set it aside for 5 minutes until dissolved. Sift 4 cups flour and cinnamon into a large bowl. Work the butter into flour mixture with your fingers. Stir in raisins, cranberries and sugar. Whisk the egg into milk and yeast mixture, add to flour and mix with large spoon into soft, sticky dough. Knead the dough on a lightly floured board until it is smooth and elastic. Place dough into a lightly greased bowl, cover and set aside in a warm place until doubled in size. Punch dough with your fist to release the gas. Divide dough into 16 pieces, knead piece into round bun and place close together on a greased tray. Cover buns them aside until they have doubled in size. Place tray into preheated oven for 10 minutes. Reduce the heat to 375° and bake for 10-12 minutes or until brown. Combine the remaining flour with the water to form a paste, use this or spoon crosses onto buns. Make the glaze by simmering water, sugar and for 3-4 minutes, without stirring. Brush the glaze over the hot buns. Place buns on a wire cooling rack to cool.



Serve warm with butter!!

Recipe courtesy of the Coles Baby & Toddler Club
recipes.coles.au/recipes/2724/hot-cross-buns/

(Measurements have been converted from grams and milliliters to cups and spoons. Temperatures have been changed from Celsius to Fahrenheit.)

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Michael King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1934 his father attended the Fifth Baptist World Alliance Congress in Berlin, when he returned he changed both of their names to Martin Luther King in honor of the German religious reformer Martin Luther. King's father and grandfather were both Baptist ministers, while his mother was an organist and choir leader. Like many children, he chafed at his father's plans for him and did not see the ministry as his future.



King started attending Morehouse College in when he was 15. He graduated in 1947 with a B.A. in Sociology; by this time he had changed his mind about the church and enrolled in Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pennsylvania, from which he graduated with a B. Div. degree in 1951. He then attended Boston University and study systematic theology and received his Ph.D. in 1955.

He married Coretta Scott in 1953 and they had four children. In 1954 he became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Many of his speeches and sermons were based in Jesus' teaching of "love your neighbor as yourself" and "turn the other cheek"; both early signs of his belief in nonviolence. In April 1959 because of his admiration of Mahatma Ghandi he traveled to India and found a deeper understanding of nonviolent resistance.

In 1957 King was a co-founder and elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). In his capacity as their president he led numerous civil rights protests such as the 1963 march on Birmingham, Alabama, the "March on Washington," where over a quarter million people heard his "I Have a Dream" speech and of course the protest in Selma, Alabama which took place 50 years ago on March 7th.



It is truly amazing what Martin Luther King, Jr. accomplished using the power of words and acts of nonviolent resistance, such as protests, grassroots organizing, and civil disobedience to help improve the civil rights of oppressed people everywhere. In 1964 King became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize and he is one of only three people in our country to have a national holiday in his honor (the others are George Washington and Christopher Columbus).

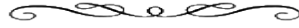
On April 3, 1968 King gave his "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speech at Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee, the world headquarters of the Church of God in Christ.

"Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. So I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

King was delayed in Memphis on April 4th because of a bomb threat to his plane. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored by the ECUSA on April 4th the anniversary of his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee in 1968.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Serving Schedule



Date	Sunday	Celebrant	Preacher	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour
April 2 	Maundy Thursday	Jennifer Walters	Jennifer Walters	Susan Todd	Susan Todd	
April 3 	Good Friday	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	David Bruffee	Susan Todd	
April 5 	Easter	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Lynnette Sievert	Susan Todd	Festive Potluck Brunch
April 12	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Clarence West	Susan Todd	Herb Libby
April 19	3 rd Sunday of Easter	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Jim Wagener	Susan Todd	Lou Ratté
April 26	4 th Sunday of Easter	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Sue Craft	Susan Todd	Susan Todd
May 3	5 th Sunday of Easter	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Mariel Kinsey	Sue Craft	Addison Hall
May 10	6 th Sunday of Easter	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Jim Wagener	Sue Craft	Jane Wagener
May 17	Sunday after Ascension	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Marilyn Berthelette	Sue Craft	Bambi Phillips
May 24 	Pentecost	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Arianna Burch	Sue Craft	Burch/Monds Family
May 31 	Trinity Sunday	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Kristen Wickline	Sue Craft	Marilyn Berthelette
June 7	2 nd Sunday after Pentecost	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Mary Snow	Marilyn Berthelette	Sue Craft
June 14	3 rd Sunday after Pentecost	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Susan Todd	Marilyn Berthelette	Clarence West
June 21	4 th Sunday after Pentecost	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	David Bruffee	Marilyn Berthelette	Lynnette Sievert
June 28	5 th Sunday after Pentecost	Eliot Moss	Eliot Moss	Clarence West	Marilyn Berthelette	David Bruffee

Becoming the Answer to Our Prayers, A Few Ideas

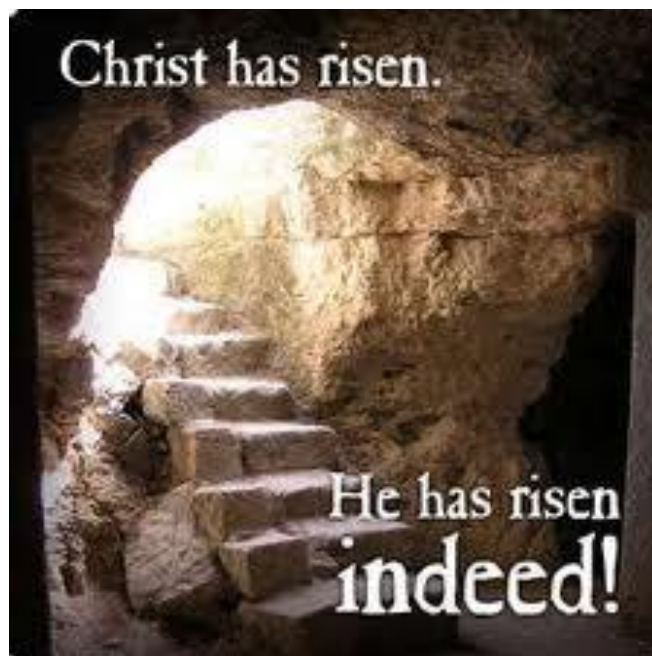
- ✦ Keep the Sabbath holy. Rest one day a week this year – DO NOT answer the door or the phone, and don't use the internet. Do something that brings you life that day.
- ✦ Go down a line of parked cars and add money to the meters that are expired. Leave a note saying something nice.
- ✦ Learn to sew. Try making some of your own clothes.

-Claiborne, Wilson-Hartgrove and Okoro, *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2010), pp. 203, 300.

April Calendar

2	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Foot Washing & Eucharist Service	St. John's Church
3	7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	St. John's Church
4	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil Service	St. John's Church
5	10:00 am	EASTER Service & Healing	
8 - 11	9:00 am - approx. 5:30	Walking with Bishop Fisher	Varies each day
12	10:00 am	Eucharist Service - 2 nd Sunday of Easter	
	12:00 pm	Vestry Meeting	St. John's Corner
14	10:30 am	Senior Center Outreach	St. John's Corner
	2:30 pm	Hilltown Churches Food Pantry - Volunteers	Congregational Church, Ashfield
	3:00 - 6:00 pm	Hilltown Churches Food Pantry - Distribution	Congregational Church, Ashfield
19	10:00 am	Eucharist Service - 3 rd Sunday of Easter	
26	10:00 am	Eucharist Service - 4 th Sunday of Easter	
28	2:30 pm	Hilltown Churches Food Pantry - Volunteers	Congregational Church, Ashfield
	3:00 - 6:00 pm	Hilltown Churches Food Pantry - Distribution	Congregational Church, Ashfield

<u>Sundays:</u>	Eucharist - 10:00 am	St. John's Church
<u>Mondays:</u>	MotherWoman - 11:00 am	St. John's Corner
	Al Anon - 7:30 pm	St. John's Corner
<u>Tuesdays:</u>	Double Edge Theater Studying - 8:30 am - 10:00 am	
	Ashfield Community Playgroup - 9:30 am	St. John's Corner
<u>Wednesdays:</u>	Centering Prayer - 5:30 pm	St. John's Corner
	Double Edge Theater Studying - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St. John's Corner
<u>Thursdays:</u>	Osteoporosis Class - 9:30 am	St. John's Corner
	Double Edge Theater Studying - 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm	St. John's Corner
<u>Saturdays:</u>	Double Edge Theater Studying - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	St. John's Corner



Announcing the Fifth Annual Ann Hutt Browning Poetry Series and Youth Poetry Contest

Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 4:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ashfield, MA

Readers for this occasion: **Richard Michelson**, recipient of both a Sydney Taylor Gold and Silver Medal from the Association of Jewish Librarians (only author so honored in its 47 year history). **Sarah Browning**, Ann's daughter and director of the Split This Rock Poetry Project in Washington D.C., a poet in her own right will also speak at the reading.

To honor the life and memory of Ann Hutt Browning, a group of her friends, family, and admirers, in collaboration with St. John's Church, has initiated a Poetry Series in her honor, to be held each year. It includes poets from near and far, as well as the winners of the Ann Hutt Browning Youth Poetry Contest.

The genesis of this idea came from former Ashfield resident, Mark Zenick, now of Shropshire England, who was so moved by Ann Browning's book of poetry, *Deep Landscape Turning*, published before her death, that he wanted to provide an enduring tribute for her in the form of this series. The event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for signing, courtesy of Boswell's Books in Shelburne Falls. Refreshments will be served.

Here are thoughts regarding Ann, written by her husband, Preston. "When I spoke about Ann at the reception following her memorial service, I said that four words came to mind: Vision, Courage, Compassion and Action.

- 1) **Vision:** awaking from a night of sleep weeks after seeing a dilapidated carriage house in Ashfield with a full-blown vision of it, restored and transformed it into a retreat for writers.
- 2) **Courage:** As a seventeen year old crossing the country from California by train to begin as a freshman at Radcliffe.
- 3) **Compassion:** Dozens of examples might be cited but let three suffice - helping to organize the Woodlawn Tutoring Project for low-income mothers on Chicago's South Side, setting up multi-racial playgroups, and spending many hours designing and overseeing the construction of a workshop for the *campesimo* (peasant) artists of Salentiname, Nicaragua.
- 4) **Action:** when Ann saw a need, she seldom delayed acting, as happened in Chicago when a group she was working with was planning to draft a proposal to the Board of Education for a community-supported school. When a couple who had been engaged to draft the proposal dropped the project, Ann said to a friend, "We can do it" and they did --- spending an entire weekend at our dining table. It was one of half a dozen proposals chosen and the school came into existence the following September, after much work by Ann and her colleagues. It's been designated "model school" in Chicago.

"Now, perhaps more to the point of your purposes: Ann was dedicated to her family, a mother whom her children always knew they could depend upon to support their efforts with encouragement and confidence in their capacity to follow through on projects but who gave wise advice when they faltered. She was *always dependable*.

"Ann was a lover of nature, as becomes clear in her poetry. And she was extraordinarily observant, really *seeing* the manifest beauties of the natural world. Preston III spoke of this quality at a reception, pointing out how Ann would take the time to identify flowers and trees and call attention to odd or especially colorful or startling features of a rock outcropping or huge oak or a waterfall. She also had a wonderful eye for the inherent beauty of human habitations made to conform to the natural contours of the given landscape, and hence her success as an architect.

"But she also loved language and *felt* perhaps more than *saw* the possibilities of words to plumb the depths of human experience - to embody in a figure of speech the anguish of a mother whose son has been killed by a gang member or a woman who, in moments of travail, seeks and finds solace in the sea. Ann's poetry, I think, expressed the emotional and intellectual life of a person of considerable complexity."

Ann Hutt Browning Youth Poetry Contest

Contest Theme: Young poets are asked to submit up to 3 poems that reflect the life and the values of Ann Hutt Browning. They include reverence for: social justice, the natural world, art and architecture, travel, adventure, family, and community.

Eligible Writers: Open to poets ages 12 to 18

Directions: Please print and complete the following application form with legible handwriting. Then send it by mail, email (todd_susan@msn.com) or by hand delivery to:

Ann Hutt Browning Youth Poetry Contest
c/o St. John's Church, 469 Main Street
P.O. Box 253
Ashfield, MA 01330

Application information: www.stjohnsashfield.org

Postmark Deadline: Monday, April 13, 2015

Questions: email Susan Todd at todd_susan@msn.com or call 413-628-3998

NAME _____ AGE _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ SCHOOL PHONE: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

TEACHER NAME/S: _____

TEACHER/S PHONE: _____

TEACHER/S E-MAIL: _____

The poet's work will be given a number and judged anonymously. Please, type or legibly handwrite up to 3 of your poems and attach to this application.

We Shall Overcome

We shall overcome, we shall overcome
We shall overcome someday!
O deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day!

We are not afraid, we are not afraid
We are not afraid today!
O deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace
We shall live in peace!
O deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day!

We shall stand together, we shall stand together
We shall stand together someday!
O deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day!

Black & white together, black & white together
Black & white together someday!
O deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day!

We shall all be free, we shall all be free
We shall all be free someday!
O deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome some day!

This song has progressed from traditional gospel to union, civil rights and anti-war movements. These are just a few of the many verses that have been created.

Peter Blood & Annie Patterson, *Rise Up Singing The Group Singing Handbook*, Sing Out Corporation, Bethlehem, PA, 1992, pp.63-64



THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
"CELEBRATING GOD'S ABUNDANCE"

Diocesan Prayer Cycle – April 2015

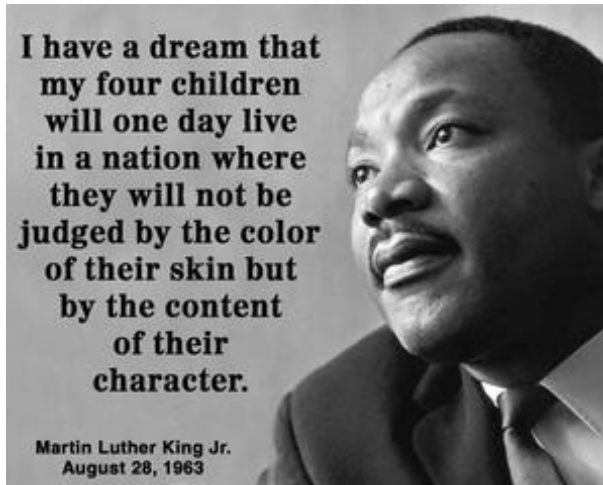
Diocesan Ministries

1. St. Andrew's Church, Longmeadow – The Revs. Derrick Fetz, and Harvey Hill
2. Outdoor Ministries
3. The Ministry of Altar Guilds
4. The Rev. Dr. Richard Simpson, Canon to the Ordinary
5. Good Shepherd, West Springfield -
6. Church of the Epiphany , Wilbraham - Rev. Nathaniel Anderson, ELCA
7. All Saints', South Hadley - Rev. Tanya Wallace , Dcn. Terry Hurlbut
8. Christ Church/Trinity Lutheran, Sheffield - Rev. Anne Ryder
9. St. David's Church, Agawam, The Rev. Harvey Hill
10. St. Paul's, Stockbridge
11. For the repose of the soul of The Rt. Rev. Alexander Doig Stewart, V Bishop of Western Massachusetts
12. Trinity, Whitinsville – Rev. Dr. John Derek Stubbs
13. For the Spiritual Life of our people and congregations
14. Clergy Living Beyond the Diocese
15. St. Paul's, Gardner - Rev. William Hobbs
16. Diocesan Missioner for Legacy Stewardship - E. John White

Wider Mission

1. For Regional Ministry Strategy Development in the Diocese
2. Reconciliation Seminars
3. Anti-Racism Advancement
4. Safe Church Programs
5. Archbishop Daniel and Mary Sarfo, Diocese of Kumasi
6. The Alban Institute
7. Episcopal Migration Ministries
8. Episcopal Appalachian Ministries
9. Episcopal Booksellers Assn., Inc.
10. B.E.S.T. (Bishops' Executive Secretaries Together)
11. The Rev. Tanya Wallace, Safe Church Trainer
12. Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Inc.
13. The Prayer Shawl Ministry
14. Episcopal Healing Ministries
15. Episcopal Public Policy Network
16. Church Pension Group

17. Believe Out Loud Congregations
18. St. Mark's, Leominster – Rev James Craig
19. The Rev. Pamela Mott, Canon to the Ordinary
20. Church of the Atonement, Westfield - The Rev. Nancy Webb Stroud
21. Diocesan Youth Ministry
22. The Rt. Rev. Andrew Wissemann, VI Bishop of Western Massachusetts
23. Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship - Bruce Rockwell
24. Church of the Reconciliation, Webster - The Rev. Janice Ford and Dcn. Audrey Cronin
25. St. Luke's, Worcester - Rev. Dcn. Jane Griesbach, and Rev. John Edgar Freeman
26. Christ Memorial, North Brookfield, Rev. Dr. Paula Winsor Sage
27. St. Michael's-on-the-Heights, Worcester, The Rev. Dave Woessner
28. Holy Trinity, Southbridge , Rev. Richard Signore
29. For stewardship in our churches and in our Diocese
30. Non-Parochial Priests & Deacons
31. Global Mission Team
17. The Living Church Foundation, Inc.
18. The Episcopal Church Foundation
19. Episcopal Church Missionary Community
20. Episcopal Communicators
21. Episcopal Peace Fellowship
22. Episcopal News Service (ENS)
23. Episcopal Church & Visual Arts
24. Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and United Thank Offering
25. Altar Guild
26. ELCA New England Synod
27. Faith Alive
28. Episcopal Relief & Development: Ms. Molly Robinson, Donna Sroka Jubilee Ministries
29. Historical Society of the Episcopal Church
31. Springfield Council of Churches



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Gracious God, may we share in the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr., that all races might live together in peace, and grant us courage to manifest that dream in our time, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.