

Greetings St. Richard's Community!



Below you will see a photo of Eve Carrington. Long time member of the St. Richard's Community, Eve was a psychologist with her own practice in Winter Park. For years, she and her mother Rose Carrington who attended the eight o'clock service

would come in early to make the coffee. Eve's daughter Leslie was married at St. Richard's. Eve contended for years with sclera derma, the hardening of the skin and a disease that also compromises the internal organs. Eve had several hospitalizations over the years and was always in good spirits despite what might be going on with her physically. In late March, Eve was hospitalized again at the beginning of the pandemic, put in the ICU where she died. Eve was 63 years old. Thankfully her mother Rose and her husband Juan were allowed to see her for 10 minutes before she died. This Sunday afternoon, her family has arranged a Zoom memorial service for her. Her sister Julie with whom Rodney Braisby, Eve's stepfather and Rose Carrington her mother live will gather at Julie's church to Zoom in and her other sister Jill and family and her daughter Leslie and family who live in the northeast will be able to share in the event. I will officiate. Eve was a beautiful part of the life of this church. Please remember her, and her family in your prayers on Sunday.



The time has come for us to hold our first in-person worship service since March. This Sunday, 8:00 a.m. in the Memorial Garden we will celebrate Holy Eucharist Rite I. We have six pop up tents that will cover most of the Memorial Garden. Full text printed bulletins will be provided. Please wear a mask and bring your own chair. The expectation is that you will keep a safe physical distance from each other. This will be a challenge given the fact that we haven't seen each other in many months, and it is hard to hear what we say to each other through the masks. However, at this point we want to continue to be able to gather together outside and that means keeping a safe physical distance and being satisfied with a wave and a short hello, instead of a hug and a longer conversation. Rich Wilson and I will be carefully distributing communion using prepackaged communion sets. Wafer is on the bottom and the wine is on the top of the tiny recyclable plastic chalice. Thank you to our vestry person Carmen Graham for discovering our True Vine communion sets that are enabling some of us to safely participate in holy communion.

In addition, this coming Wednesday, September 16, Bob McClure will resume his Wednesday Morning Bible Class entitled, "Words of Eternal Life". We will be meeting in-person in the Theological Library but only have room to accommodate 5 people safely in that room. The class will also be Live Streamed on Facebook and we will ensure you can access the class both on Facebook and YouTube.

As always, know you are prayed for as we all continue to stay on the mission to discover God's grace, change our lives and change this world, for the better, day by day.

-The Rev. Alison P. Harrity