

Opening Remarks: Fall Circle of Leadership



PattiJoy Posan, President

Thomas Merton wrote “Living the Benedictine life is simply living gospel without fanfare”

Our rule is flexible and invites changes, letting us know “we can always begin again.”

As I reflect on The Episcopal Community, I am aware that a community is not a location, and we can do things to foster the community by thinking outside the box.

For me there are no barriers to my commitment to Community, even though distance separates us we dedicate our lives to Prayer, Work, Study, Hospitality and Renewal.

As we seek to draw closer in the coming three years, we will be sharing with our members ways to foster community and draw closer to one another.

I return to Merton's Prayer of Unknowing over and over,

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

Amen.



Advent Book Study

Chris Butterworth, Spiritual Formation Chair will lead our Advent book study. The study will take place Sundays in Advent: Our book will be, “The 7 Spiritual Gifts of Waiting.” Look for more information in your inbox soon.

[Order Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting](#)

Weekly Compline

Sundays on Zoom at:

7:00 PM Eastern

6:00 PM Central

5:00 PM Mountain

4:00 PM Pacific

email covenant@theepiscopalcommunity.org for Zoom information.



Calendar

- November 21, 2021 – Compline & Installation of BB Vaughn and Carol Putnam
- November - December Advent Book Study
- January 11, 2022 - Executive Committee Meeting
- January 25, 2022 - Circle of Leadership Meeting
- April 12, 2022 - Executive Committee Meeting
- April 26 2022 - Circle of Leadership Meeting
- July 5th- July 14th - The Episcopal Church 80th General Convention, Baltimore, MD
- July 7th Episcopal Community Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- October 11, 2022 - Executive Committee Meeting
- October 25, 2022 - Circle of Leadership Meeting



Urgent Prayer Requests & Thanksgivings

Last week you all received an Urgent Prayer Request from Kathleen, a member of our Community. We encourage everyone to send their Urgent Requests and Thanksgivings to Carol Putnam, putnamcarol@aol.com. Carol will send all requests she receives to The Episcopal Community via email.

Spiritual Growth

The Society of St. John the Evangelist is offering online courses. Click on the link for more information on any of their offerings ssje.org/programs

- The Gospel Way of Freedom and Love
- Embodied Lament
- Fruit of the Spirit
- The Art of Discernment in Prayer
- Embodied Prayer
- What is God Saying to Me?
- Angels in Architecture
- How Then Shall We Live



Circle of Leadership

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 - Carol Putnam - Directory
- Spiritual Formation – Chris Butterworth
- Worship - RoseAnn Evans



*O God, enlighten my mind with truth;
in flame my heart with love ;inspire my will
with courage; enrich my lofe with service.
Pardon what I have been; sanctify what I
am; order what I shall be and thine shall be
the glory and mine the eternal salvation
through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

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Prayer of the Episcopal Community

Almighty God, you have called us into covenant through the promises made at baptism and strengthened us for service through your Holy Spirit. Renew within us the power of that Spirit, and lead us, that in our journey into the fullness of your peace, we may bear witness in the world to your redeeming love. Give us each an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Support us with your presence, O Lord, throughout our ministry. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Top: Chris Butterworth, Merry Keyser
Bottom: Patti Joy Posan, & Carol Putnam*



Sylvia James, Patti Joy Posan, Beck Scott



*Too much fooling around!
Sylvia, Merry, PattiJoy, Chris, Becky*