



# Rector's Forum

The Falls Church

10 September 2023



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# The Season Ahead

- Full and rich formation program for children, youth, and adults
  - Opportunities for
    - Outreach
    - Fellowship
    - Liturgical Ministries
    - Worship
  - Special events
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# Outreach Opportunities

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## Refugee Ministry

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- Partnership with Christ Church, Alexandria
- Providing assistance, support, and friendship for refugees newly arrived in the DMV.

*Fr. Matthew Machowski*  
[mmachowski@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmachowski@thefallschurch.org)



# Outreach Opportunities

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## Bailey's Crossroads Shelter

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**P**repares, cooks, delivers, and serves a hot meal to the residents of Bailey's Crossroads Shelter throughout the year. Second Sundays of every month.

*Barb Mantegani, [jm6775@yahoo.com](mailto:jm6775@yahoo.com)*

*Sam Blazek, [sam.blazek@gmail.com](mailto:sam.blazek@gmail.com)*





# Outreach Opportunities

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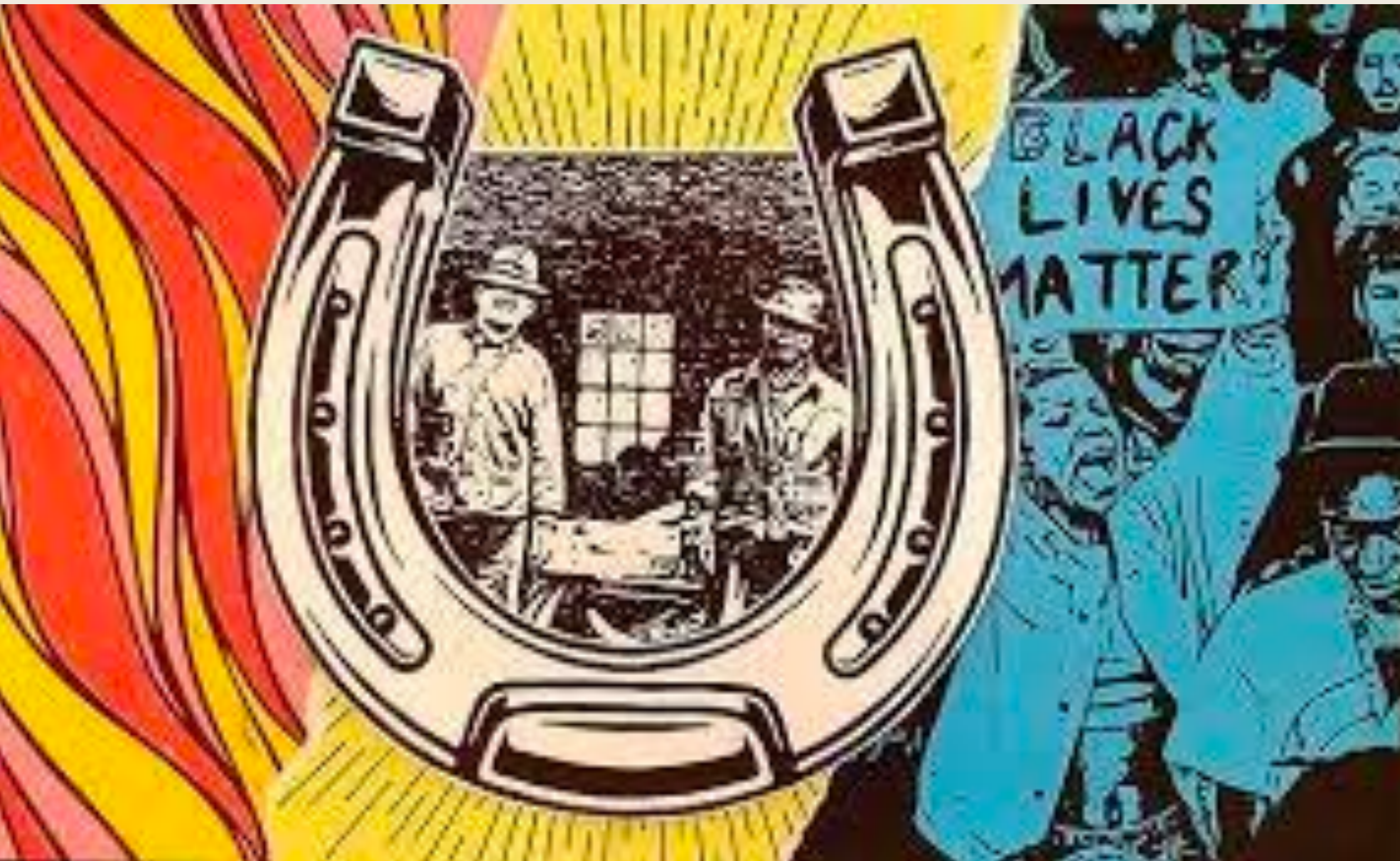
## Racial Justice Ministry

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**W**orks toward racial justice in the immediate community. Meets first Wednesday of the month

- Concentrating on a comprehensive racial audit of The Falls Church.

Jan Cornelius, [jbcst15@yahoo.com](mailto:jbcst15@yahoo.com)





# The Thrifty Church Mouse



*Thrift, Gift &  
Consignment Shop*

OPEN Friday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church, VA 22046, (703) 942-9831

## Outreach Opportunities

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### Thrifty Church Mouse

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**R**esale shop accepting donations and consignment for once-loved clothing and household effects, open Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 until 3:00, staffed wholly by volunteers.

*Bonnie Kreidler, [bonniekriedler@icloud.com](mailto:bonniekriedler@icloud.com)*

# Outreach Opportunities

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## Food Drives and Little Free Pantry

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**F**ood drives happen quarterly to benefit Falls Church Community Service Council food pantry.

*Dave Raglan, darags@ymail.com*

**L**ittle Free Pantry in front of the Thrifty Church Mouse, maintains an accessible outdoor pantry for non-perishable foods.

*Meredith Fath, meredith.fath@gmail.com*





# Building and Grounds Ministry

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## Caring for the grounds

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**L**ed by parishioner Joan Huber, this group helps maintain our church campus by weeding, planting, and other tending.

*Joan Huber1@verizon.net*



# Hospitality Opportunities

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## Invite-Welcome- Connect

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Invite • Welcome • Connect®

**V**ital ministry concerned with how we invite the world into our common life, welcome all who come into our common life, and establish and nurture relationships that draw us deeper into the love of God and community.

*Erin Muhlbradt, [erinmuhlbradt@gmail.com](mailto:erinmuhlbradt@gmail.com)*





# Fellowship Opportunities

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## **“This is my story” Parish Retreat Shrine Mont**

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October 6-8

*Robin Gardner [gardner101693@gmail.com](mailto:gardner101693@gmail.com);*

*Jim Councilor [councilor@verizon.net](mailto:councilor@verizon.net);*

*Walker Hardy, [walker.hardy@gmail.com](mailto:walker.hardy@gmail.com)*





# Theology on tap

Third Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m.

Various locations, check enews or contact Fr. Matthew:  
[mmachowski@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmachowski@thefallschurch.org)

*All are welcome!*

## Fellowship Opportunities

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### Theology on Tap

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Once a month, provides an opportunity to gather in a local pub/restaurant with a casual discussion around a theological topic.

*Fr. Matthew Machowski,  
[mmachowski@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmachowski@thefallschurch.org)*





# Fellowship Opportunities

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## Faithful Dinner Club

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**T**hroughout the year; small groups gather once a month in each other's homes for a casual meal and conversation.

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# Fellowship Opportunities

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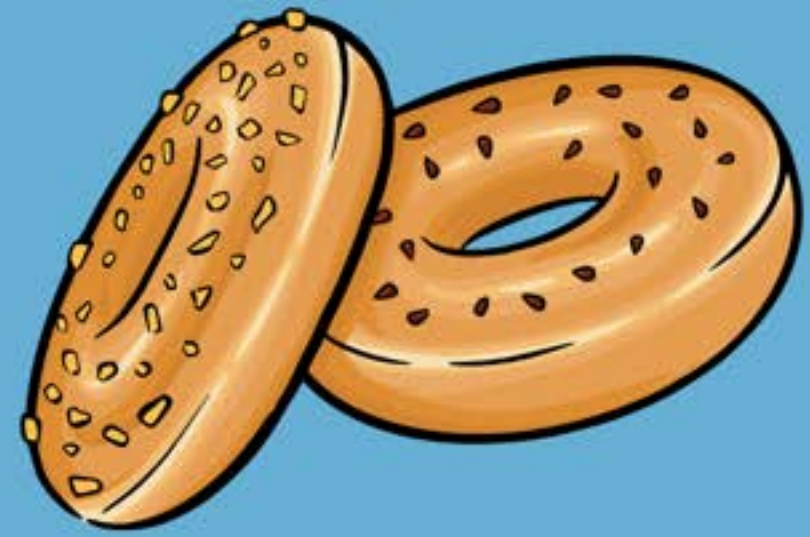
## Young Adults Fellowship

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**F**or folks who feel like they are young(!), adults offering opportunities to come together or social and spiritual community.

*Laura Shepler, [laura.d.shepler@gmail.com](mailto:laura.d.shepler@gmail.com)  
Matthew Harrington, [mharrington503@gmail.com](mailto:mharrington503@gmail.com)*





# Men's Breakfast

Third Tuesday of the month, 8:00 a.m.  
The Parish Hall

For more information contact Jason Matechak:  
[jasonmatechak@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonmatechak@yahoo.com)



## Fellowship Opportunities

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### Men's Breakfast

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**T** hird Tuesday of the month, 8AM,  
Parish Hall. Provides a casual  
opportunity to gather for  
conversation and relationship building.

*Jason Matechak, [jasonmatechak@yahoo.com](mailto:jasonmatechak@yahoo.com)*





# Fellowship Opportunities

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## Young Families Fellowship

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**P**rovides an opportunity for families with young children to spend time with one another, allowing the children to play and the adults to socialize.

*Louise Liebeskind, [janelouiseliebeskind@gmail.com](mailto:janelouiseliebeskind@gmail.com)*



# Fellowship Opportunities

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## Queer Faithful

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**P**rovides a safe space for parishioners who identify as queer to spend time together as well as to work together within the community.

*Fr. Matthew Machowski,  
[mmachowski@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmachowski@thefallschurch.org)*







# **New Fellowship Opportunity**

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## **Allies group**

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**P**rovides a safe space for families of queer and/or questioning loved ones to ask questions of one another and support one another. Forming now, stay tuned for dates.

*Fr. Burl Salmon, [bsalmon@thefallschurch.org](mailto:bsalmon@thefallschurch.org)*





# Learning Opportunities

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## Formation for all ages

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**O**pportunities for children, youth, and adults weekly throughout the year.

*Children: Lauren Breeden,  
[lbreeden@thefallschurch.org](mailto:lbreeden@thefallschurch.org)*

*Youth: John Wunderlich,  
[jwunderlich@thefallschurch.org](mailto:jwunderlich@thefallschurch.org)*

*Adults: Fr. Matthew Machowski,  
[mmachowski@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmachowski@thefallschurch.org)*



THE FALLS CHURCH  
*an Episcopal congregation*

# Under the fig tree

A three-part workshop to help  
newcomers make their place at  
The Falls Church

Three times per year for  
three Sundays  
4:00 p.m., The Parlor

For more information contact Kim  
McCleary: [kkimmccleary@yahoo.com](mailto:kkimmccleary@yahoo.com)



## Learning Opportunities

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### Under the Fig Tree

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**S**eries of three meetings, three times a year, introducing newcomers to The Episcopal Church and The Falls Church in particular. Includes a tour of the National Cathedral and dinner at the rectory.

*Kim McCleary, [kkimmccleary@yahoo.com](mailto:kkimmccleary@yahoo.com)*





# Learning Opportunities

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## Enquirers' Classes

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**M**eeting in the late spring, this series of eight-week classes explores the depth of Anglican/Episcopal theology and history. Especially designed for adults desiring confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation in The Episcopal Church.

*Fr. Matthew Machowski,  
[mmachowski@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmachowski@thefallschurch.org)*



# Learning Opportunities

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## Book Group

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Once a month, gathers via Zoom for discussion of popular book selections.

*Tiffany Smith, [tiffany.lmb.smith@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany.lmb.smith@gmail.com)*



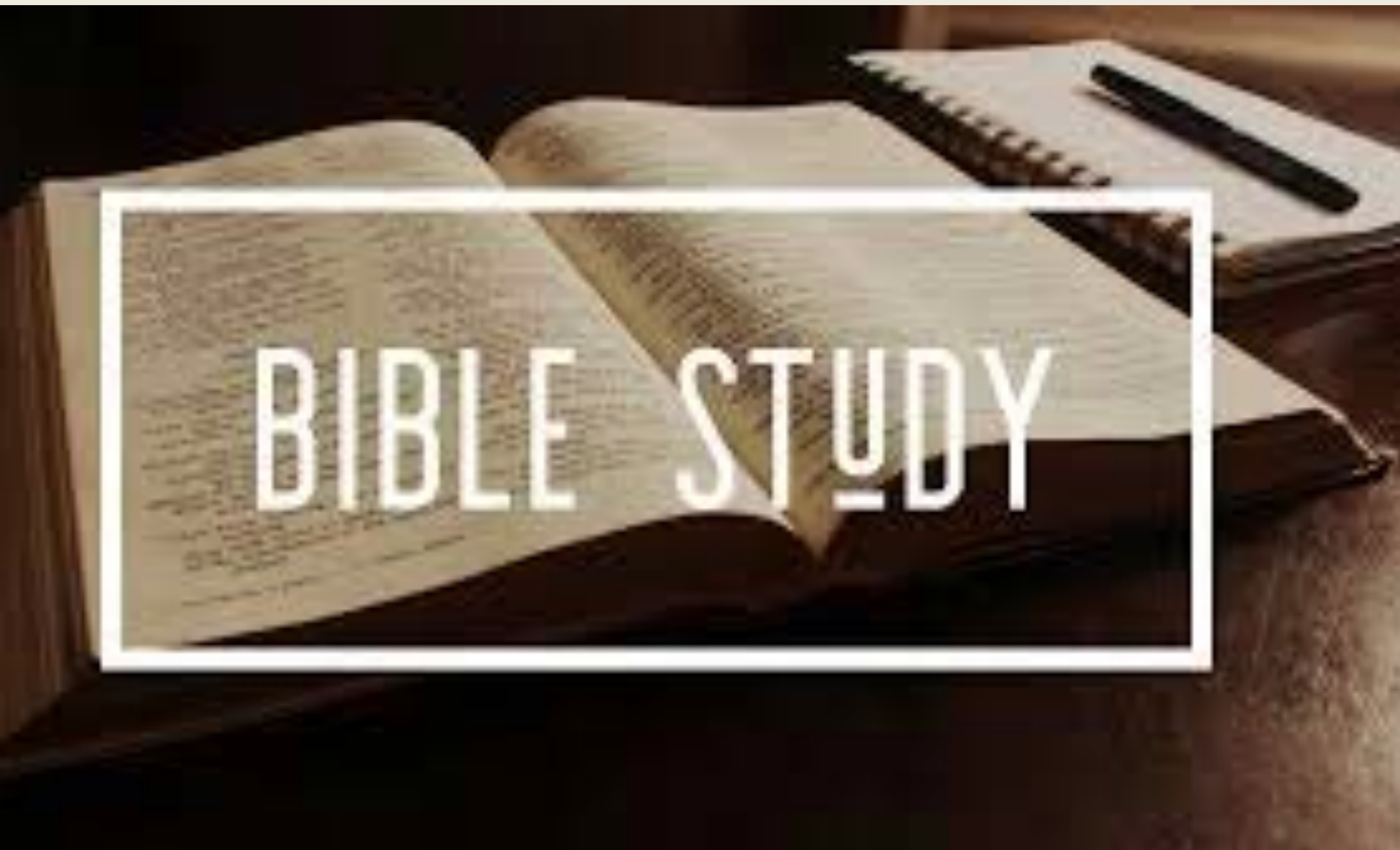


# Learning Opportunities

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## Bible Study

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**T**wice a month, gathers for small group study and conversation on Monday evenings.

*Fr. Matthew Machowski*  
[mmachowski@thefallschurch.org](mailto:mmachowski@thefallschurch.org)



# Learning Opportunities

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## EfM (Education for Ministry)

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A four-year, distance learning curriculum for theological education. An incredible opportunity to dive deeply into scripture, church history, and theology. Meeting weekly from September-May in small groups.

*Mary Cushing, [marycushing1010@icloud.com](mailto:marycushing1010@icloud.com)*





# New Spiritual Discipline

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## Centering Prayer

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Offered twice a month, beginning Thursdays (?) in October, this hour-long sacred time in the Memorial Chapel affords the opportunity to be still and know God.

*Suzanne Crawford, [suzannecrawford413@gmail.com](mailto:suzannecrawford413@gmail.com)*



# Liturgical Opportunities

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## Falls Church Family Choir & Falls Church Parish Choir

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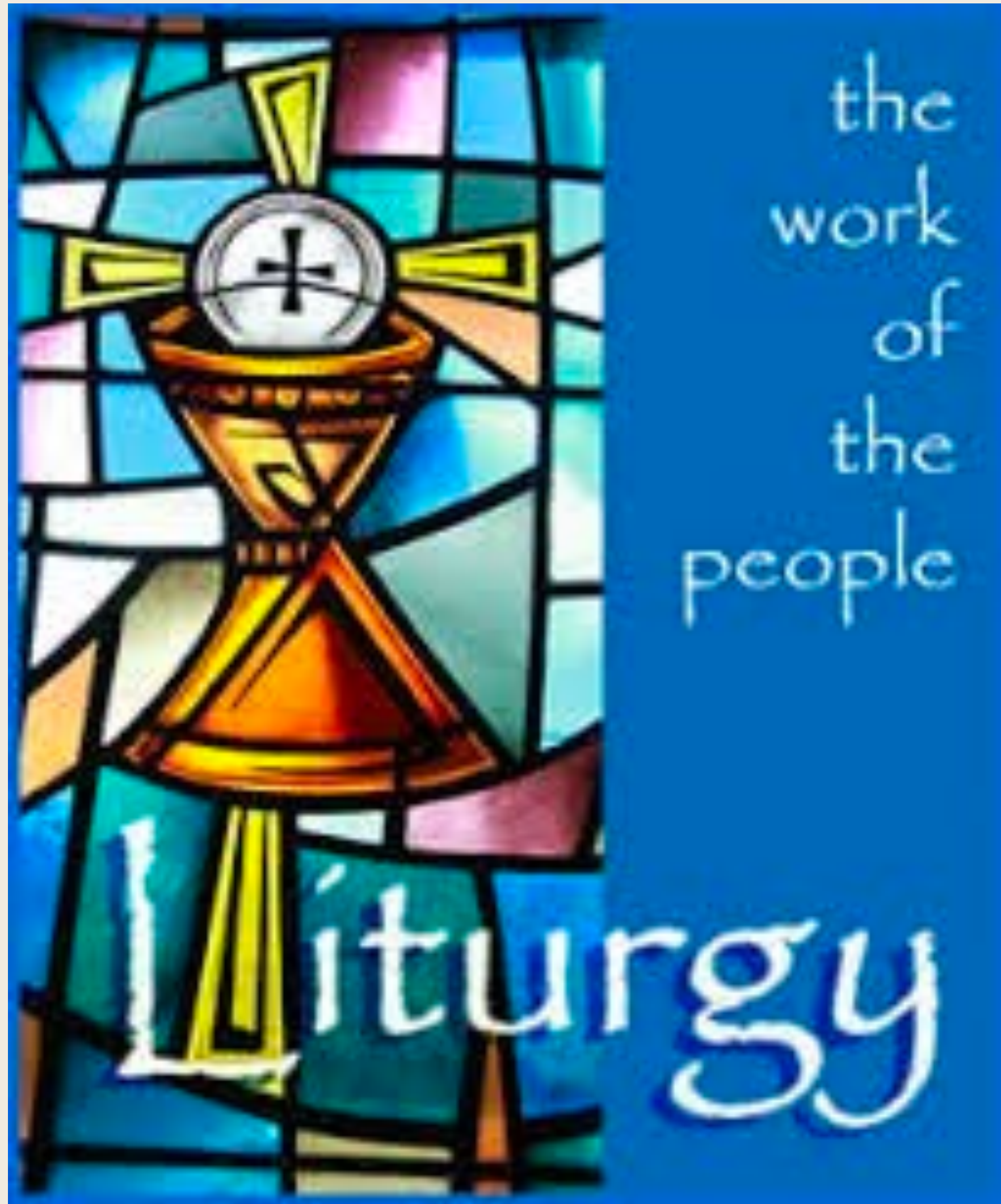
**T**wo great opportunities for persons interested in making music.

Intergenerational Family Choir  
meets Sunday mornings at 8:15

Parish Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7:00

*Sonya Sutton, [ssutton@thefallschurch.org](mailto:ssutton@thefallschurch.org)*





# Liturgical Opportunities

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## Altar Guild, Ushers, Greeters

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**V**itally important ministries that enable us to gather for worship.

*Altar guild: Danielle Rampton,  
[dhramp@yahoo.com](mailto:dhramp@yahoo.com)*

*Ushers: Paul Rosbolt, [prosbolt@spa.com](mailto:prosbolt@spa.com)*

*Greeters: Erin Matechak,  
[ematechak@yahoo.com](mailto:ematechak@yahoo.com)*





# Liturgical Opportunities

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## Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

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**E**ssential ministries for our common worship.  
(LEM's are confirmed communicants licensed by the diocese.)

*LEM's: Fr. Burl Salmon [bsalmon@thefallschurch.org](mailto:bsalmon@thefallschurch.org)*

*Readers: John Wunderlich,  
[jwunderlich@thefallschurch.org](mailto:jwunderlich@thefallschurch.org)*





# Liturgical Opportunities

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## Acolytes

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Intergenerational ministry,  
crucial to the liturgy.

Training 17 September, 1:00PM

*Geoff Kannan,  
geoff.kannan@gmail.com*





# Special Events

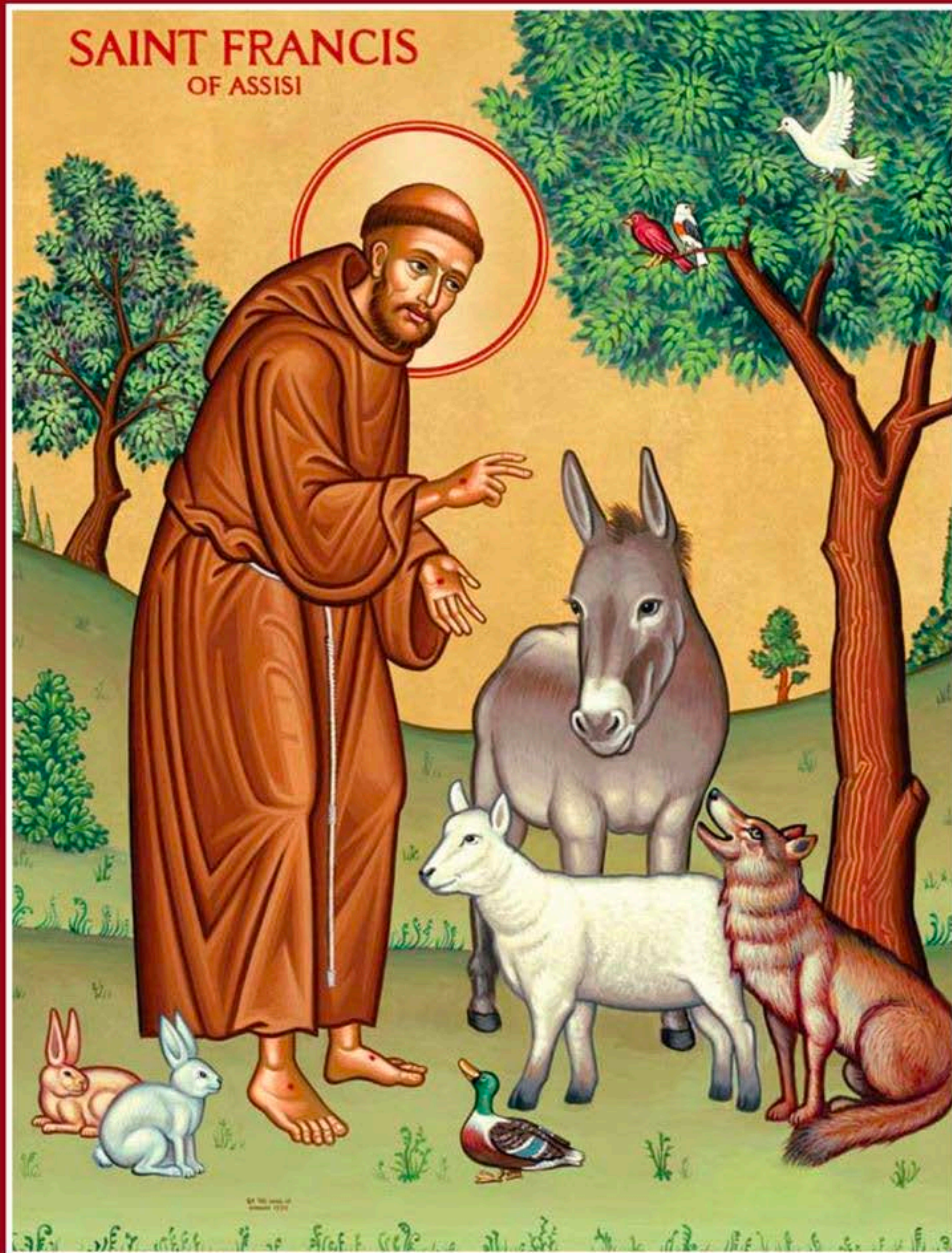
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## Women's Advent Retreat

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**A**n opportunity for women of the parish to gather in worship, conversation, and meditation during the season of Advent. 9 December.





# Special Events

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## Creation Care Sunday; Feast of St. Francis

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1 October

- Intergenerational formation
- Blessing of the Animals with pet supply drive



# Special Events

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## All Saints' Day

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**S**ervice in the churchyard.  
1 November

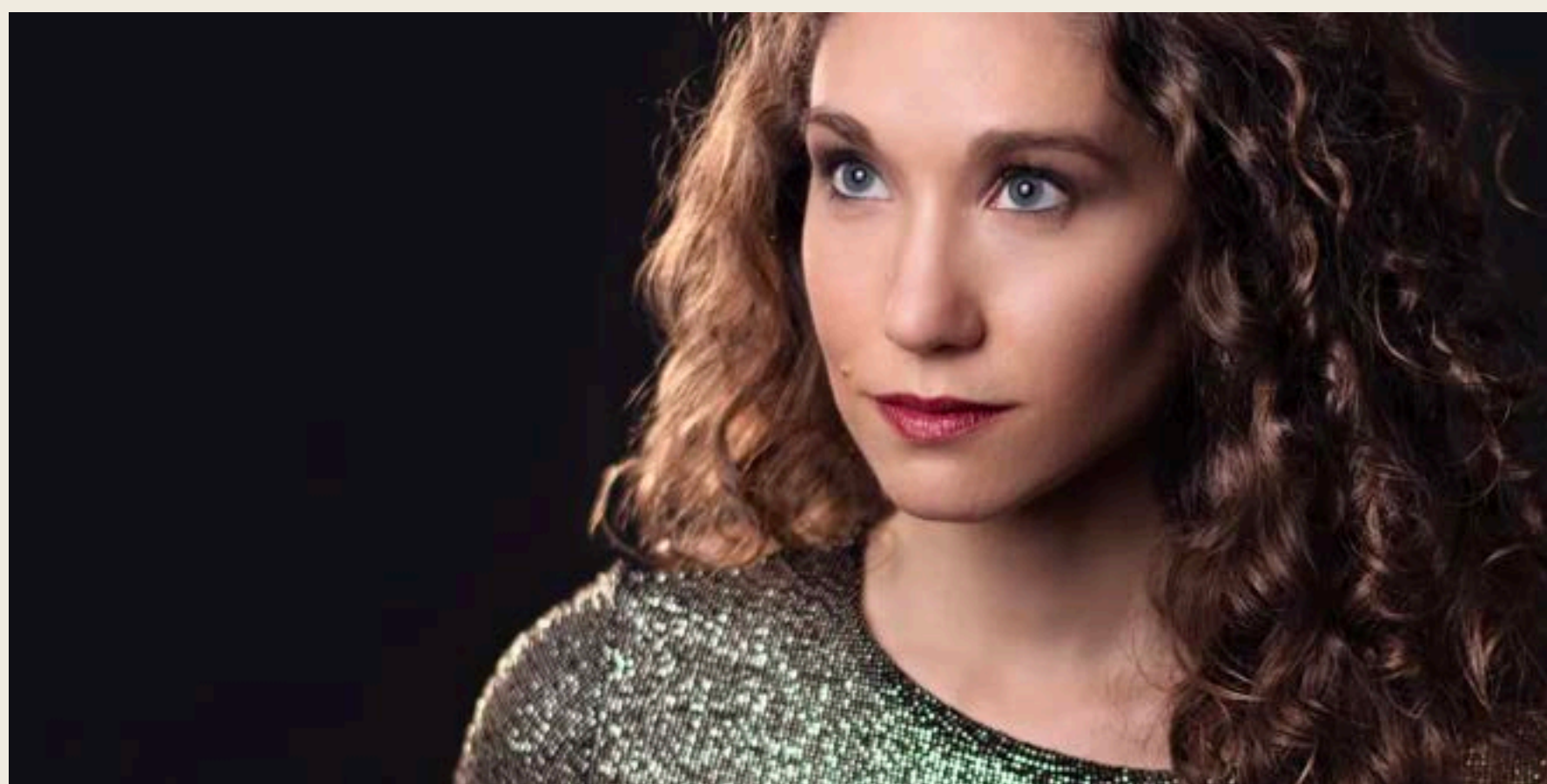




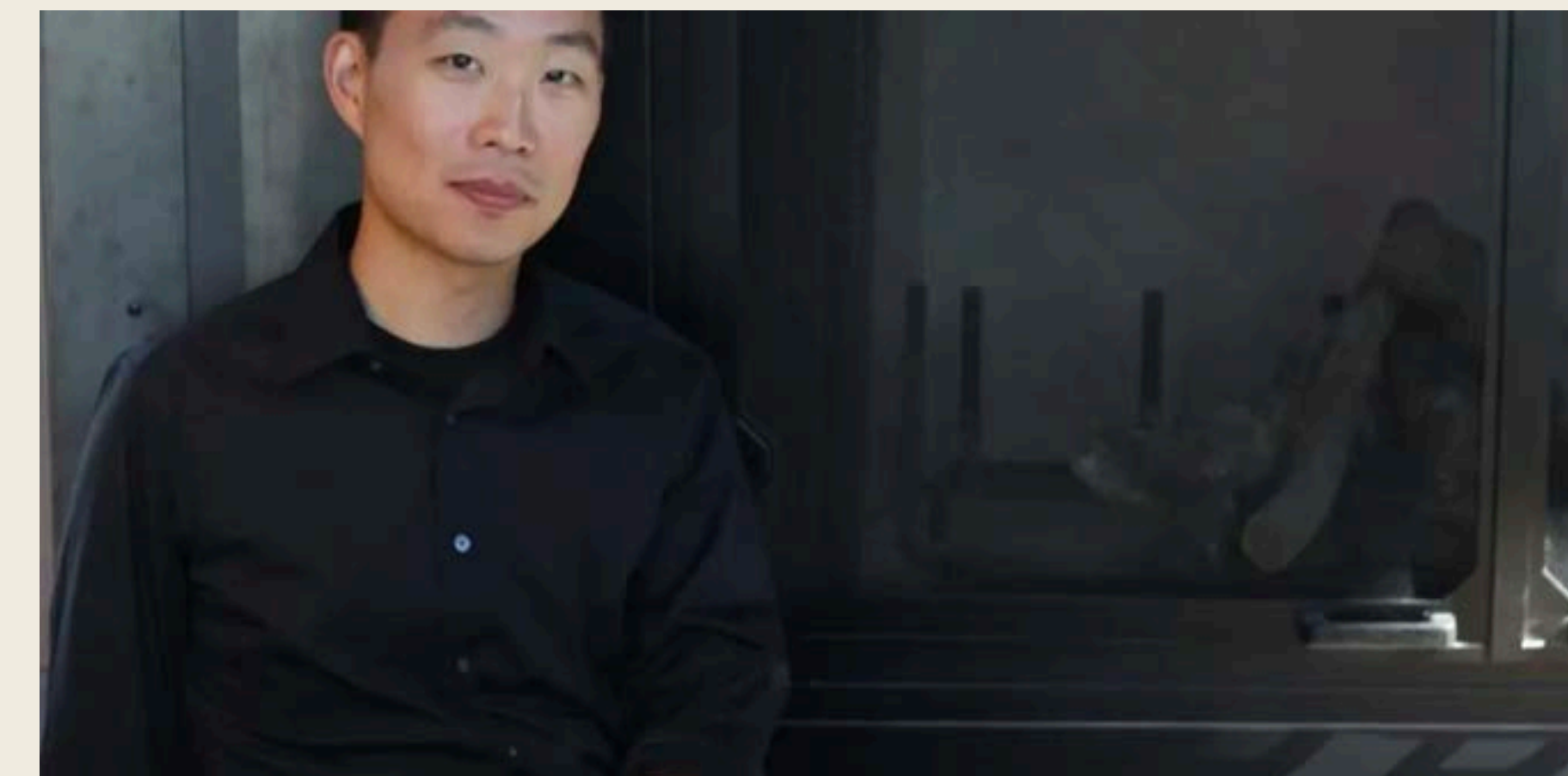


## *Balance Campaign*

*Celine  
Mogielnicki*  
Soprano



*David  
Hyun-Su  
Kim* Fortepiano



# Special Events

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## Little City Concerts

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**R**ooted in a contemporary/experimental aesthetic, concerts will focus on newly composed music, alongside refreshing takes on older repertoire. Each event will be connected with a social justice theme, and a portion of ticket sales will be donated to a specific charity connected with that theme.

- 4 November
- 20 January
- 13 April





# Special Events

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## Live Nativity

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16 December





# Stewardship Campaign

*Launch 22 October*

*Ingathering 19 November*

*Veronica Kannan, [veronica.kannan@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.kannan@gmail.com)*





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# Teamwork

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- The Rev'd. Matthew Machowski, The Rev'd. Ellie Bangay, Sonya Subbayya Sutton, Lia Sanchez, Lauren Breeden, John Wunderlich, Jeff Drake, and Claire Hardie.
- Krista Gauthier, *Senior Warden*; Laura Davison Shepler, *Junior Warden*; Heather Ashby,, Michael Ankuma, Kathleen Martin Bell, Matthew Harrington, Geoff Kannan, Louise Liebeskind, Barb Mantegani, Amy Marshak, Kofi McCleary, and Dave Scharre. Brandon Huffman, *Registrar*; James Weatherly, *Treasurer*; and Jason Matechak, *Chancellor*.