

The monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Connecting us in community and in Christ

March 2023

Take a Walk with Jesus

We are embarking on the final leg of our journey to Easter. The last week of Lent is known as Holy Week. It starts on Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday because we read the entire passion story. Palm Sunday functions as a kind of overture for the rest of the week. In the passion narrative all the major themes are struck, the themes that will be taken up and developed later in the week at our special liturgies. If you usually attend church on Palm Sunday and then come back the following Sunday for Easter, I would encourage you to attend the extra services we have during Holy Week. I think you will find that they each effect you in different ways, but that together they will prepare your heart for the celebration of the Lord's resurrection on Sunday. During Holy Week we are invited to walk with Jesus through those final days of his life. It is a powerful spiritual exercise to do this every year. Once you try it you will be hooked and become a regular at the Holy Week services. I can't imagine not being part of these powerful services. I would feel like there was something missing on Easter Day.

Maundy Thursday

Together they are known as the *Triduum*, the three holy days from Thursday through Saturday. It all begins on Maundy Thursday. (NOTE: It is **not** "Monday" Thursday. The name comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, meaning commandment. Jesus gave the new commandment to his disciples at the Last Supper that they should love one another as he had loved them.) This service commemorates a number of things: the giving of the new commandment, the institution of Holy Communion, and Jesus washing his disciples' feet and telling them they should do the same. It also serves as the final act of Jesus' teaching ministry. Not long after that meal, he is arrested. In fact, Judas leaves that table fellowship to go and betray Jesus. This is no ordinary meal Jesus shares with his close friends. It is fraught with tension, suspense, anxiety, and deep meaning. At this service you have the opportunity to get your feet washed by the priest or deacon. At the end of this service, we strip the altar bare reminding us of Jesus' humiliation and suffering.

Good Friday

A simple yet powerful service, Good Friday invites us to contemplate the crucifixion, suffering, and death of Jesus. We read the entire passion again, this time from John's Gospel. On Palm Sunday we read the version corresponding to the lectionary year, Matthew in year A, Mark in year B, and Luke in year C. We also kneel in front of the cross and sing devotional anthems. The end of the service seems abrupt without the usual blessing or dismissal. You can receive Communion from the reserved sacrament that was placed on the altar of repose the night before, but you don't have to, it depends on your piety. In the beginning of the service, the church is dark and empty. It remains dark and empty at the end except for the cross placed prominently in the center. We leave in silence with images of Jesus' dying and being laid in the tomb in our minds. We know the story is not yet over.

The Great Vigil of Easter

The Vigil was originally an all-night affair for those who were preparing to be baptized. Everyone would gather just before dawn Sunday morning—the original sunrise service—to begin their Easter celebration with the kindling of a New Fire. Now we celebrate the Vigil Saturday evening for convenience. We simulate the growing dawn and finally the sunrise with artificial light. We still start with a fire, from which we light the Paschal Candle, a symbol of Christ's resurrection. We process into the dark and empty church, feeling like a

tomb, carrying the Light of Christ. There is a telling of several long Old Testament stories, from creation to Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea, all setting the stage for our salvation through Christ. We celebrate baptisms, or just renew our own baptismal vows if there are no baptisms to be done. All along, the light in the church gradually grows. Finally, we shout the Easter acclamation, we ring bells, and sing Glory to God. It is finally Easter! And if you have attended all three services, you are feeling the powerful release of the tension that began while the altar was being stripped Thursday evening. It is now arrayed in beautiful and luminous white. The candles are all lit. The church is filled with light. The glory of Christ's resurrection is palpable. We have walked with Jesus through the pathos, the agony, the betrayal, the denial, the pain, the death, the quiet darkness, finally to arrive at the empty tomb. It is a wild ride.

I invite you, as you are able, to attend these services, especially if you have never done so before. You will not be disappointed. You will indeed be blessed.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Challenges, Discoveries, Blessings

It is hard to imagine that Holy Week is upon us! Lent, for me, has been a whirlwind of teaching singing and producing opera at Penn State, planning events for Episcopal at Penn State, and navigating the college audition process for our oldest, Madi. Blessings abound, to be sure. Discoveries and challenges also abound, as I navigate this first year of ordained ministry in the church and work as your assistant Rector and Chaplain to Episcopal at Penn State.

Challenges first: I am learning that January-March is a red zone of busyness in my life at Penn State. It has been so wonderful that our small-but-mighty cohort of students on campus forged such a tight-knit community in the fall that they could continue through the winter months, even without daily (or sometimes weekly!) updates from me. We continued to meet for Sunday evening fellowship and for worship on Mondays and Wednesdays on campus.

Discoveries second: Episcopal at Penn State offered a Lent series on the Body – as Church, as Sacrament, as Body, our first offering on campus in Pasquerilla. Wonderful and rich conversations, led by Fr. Jeff, Fr. Carlos de la Torre, and the students, took place over three Mondays in Lent. We shared a meal and gathered for sung Compline in Eisenhower Chapel. This has been a rich and rewarding experience and I believe that the group will be hungry for more such events, moving forward. There are so many interesting and deep and surprising folks on campus who show up – true campus ministry is empowering the ministry of those who show up, and events like our Lent series do just that.

Blessings, finally: Emily Sterk, our president, defended her dissertation in February, and I was honored to be invited to attend. I was also grateful to Rick Yoder for his willingness to present a pre-performance lecture as part of Penn State Opera Theatre's March production of Poulenc's Dialogues of the Carmelites – nice intersection of day-job and church-job! Alex Coberly visited London over Spring Break as part of his Art History studies and frequently serves as reader at our Wednesday noon Eucharist. Stephanie Bunt – a regular at Sunday 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, participates in just about everything when she is in town. Maggie Bond will graduate this May – we will miss her, and we are also delighted to welcome new folks who show up from time to time, including Ben Evangelisti, who defended his dissertation last semester.

As spring emerges, as we contemplate the Pascal mystery, I will consider it my spiritual practice to continue to look for the intersection of the blessings, discoveries, and challenges of my life.

With affection -

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TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



February 2023

	February	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2023 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 53,123	\$ 134,282	30%	\$ 454,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 55,902	\$ 140,929	29%	\$ 485,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 43,508	\$ 92,734	17%	\$ 535,003
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 12,394	\$ 48,195		

^{*}Includes pledges, plate offerings, and special holiday offerings.

WORSHIP

EVENSONG

Sunday, April 2, 5 p.m. Church Reception, 6 p.m., Room 325

On Sunday, April 2, at 5 p.m., the choir will sing the service of choral evensong. Music will include a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Herbert Brewer, Preces and Responses by Richard Ayleward, and anthems by John IV or Portugal and John Ireland. Organist Gwen Catchen will play music by Helmut Walcvha and others. The Rev. Jeffrey Packard will be the officiant.



Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the Office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy.

After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world. This is the form used at St. Andrew's

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to touch us and to draw us closer to the presence of God.

Please join us for this service. Bring some friends! A reception will follow in Room 325. The next evensong will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Did you miss acolyte training?

Thank you to our acolytes! Acolytes serve an important role in every service. If you would like to acolyte but missed the training, please email office@standrewsc.org to let us know!







Thank you! Robin & Jason

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER AT ST. ANDREW'S

Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday, April 2

10 a.m., Corner of Foster and Fraser

At the 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday, we invite those who are willing and able to begin our worship with a procession from the corner of Fraser Street and Foster Avenue into the church. Please gather at the corner when you arrive before 10 a.m. or proceed directly to the church if you prefer.



Corporate Reading of the Gospel

Wednesday, April 5 7 p.m., Church

Join us in the Sanctuary on Wednesday night in Holy Week for a continuous reading of the Gospel According to Matthew. Father Jeff will make some brief remarks and then the entire Gospel will be read, out loud as the gospels were originally shared. We need many readers to participate. Sign up online at http://bit.ly/MatthewGospel2023, or contact Allison in the church office to reserve a spot. For additional information please contact Michele Marini at 814-574-9639.

Maundy Thursday Watch of the Passion

Thursday, April 6

8 p.m. to midnight and 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. in person Livestreamed 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

In response to Jesus' question to Peter, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" we will keep watch in prayer and meditation at the Altar of Repose (the Side Altar) from the end of the Maundy Thursday Liturgy until 12 a.m. and from 6 a.m. until 8 a.m. in the church. A live video feed of the side altar will be available for the full watch for those who wish to participate remotely. If you would like to participate in person, sign up online at https://bit.ly/SacredWatch2023 or by calling the church office, 814-237-7659.



Stations of Jesus

Friday, April 7, 1 – 9 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Trost Wing, hallways, and classrooms

NEW Holy Week offering! Spend a little extra time wondering about the life of Jesus on Good Friday and Holy Saturday at our Stations of Jesus, set up around the church building for you to experience at your own pace. These stations are multisensory, involving story and art. They are designed with children in

sensory, involving story and art. They are designed with children in mind but will benefit people of all ages. The stations will be open Good Friday and Holy Saturday. They will begin in the Trost Wing hallway outside the sanctuary door and proceed through hallways and classrooms. Take a little pilgrimage through Jesus's life as we celebrate the great events of Holy Week!

Stations of the Cross for all Ages

Friday, April 7 3 p.m., Church

Please join the Youth of St. Andrew's as we offer a liturgy for contemplating the events of the cross and the mystery of Jesus's death.

Good Friday Film: Risen (2016)

Friday, April 7 8 p.m., Room 325

> PG 13 1h, 47m



RISEN is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

The film begins at 8:15. We will offer light snacks, meatless pizza, and refreshments. The event is free and all are welcome.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

We are in Real Need of Volunteers in the Classroom

We are looking for volunteers to help **assist** and/or **teach** in <u>all</u> of our Children's Programs that occur during the 10 a.m. service. Our Nursery, Godly Play and Church School Classes meet every Sunday. Every class is taught by two volunteers. Volunteers receive training in *Safeguarding God's Children*.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the three programs, please contact Robin children@standrewsc.org Thank you!







For Easter Morning: Our Family Service is at 9:30 am.
Our youth are preparing a special Easter Egg Hunt for after the service for all of our children!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Youth Director Search

It's time to open our search for a new youth director to the parish! This is a 10 hr/week position (with flexible summers) for someone who enjoys youth and is comfortable with organizing and communicating. The most important aspect of the job is keeping our community for youth and their families together and strong! Some experience with education is helpful, but no theological training is required. Our classes follow very user-friendly curricula.

If you are interested, but have questions about how you could make this position work with your life, please reach out to either Fr. Jeff (rector@standrewsc.org) or Kathy Hickner (youth@standrewsc.org). We are open to creative possibilities! Please communicate your interest by Friday, April 21.





Honoring Graduates this Spring

We will be honoring high school, college, and graduate school graduates this spring at St. Andrew's with a bulletin board of pictures and short biographies. If you have a graduate in your family and would like to participate, please email (or drop off in the main office) a picture and short bio to Kathy Hickner (wouth@standrewsc.org) by Friday May 5. Bios should be about 3-4 sentences and can include information about future plans and a few accomplishments. The parish will really enjoy seeing and celebrating your graduate!

UPCOMING

Friday Films

Friday, April 21 7 p.m., Room 325 (Snacks starting at 6:30 p.m.)

Everything, Everywhere, All at Once (2022)

Rated: R 2h 19m

Winner of Seven 2023 Academy Awards

Best Picture
Best Actress in a Leading Role
Best Actress in a Supporting Role
Best Actor in a Supporting Role



Best Directing Writing (Original Screenplay) Film Editing

Directed by Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert, collectively known as Daniels, the film is a hilarious and big-hearted sci-fi action adventure about an exhausted Chinese American woman (Michelle Yeoh) who can't seem to finish her taxes. Can anyone say 'multi-verse?'

We will gather at 6:30 for snacks and the film will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a discussion afterwards for those who wish to stay. The film is free and all are welcome.

Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 29

10 a.m. - 2 p.m., grounds of St. Andrew's

(Raindate: Sunday, April 30)

Property Committee Returns to Spring Cleanup Day Event



It has been at least two years since the Property Committee last organized and carried out a cleanup day to have volunteers from the church gather and tackle outside chores such as weeding, pruning, and more. Like so many other activities in our lives, the pandemic forced us to put even this activity aside. Well, no more! We are starting over again with a Spring Cleanup Day, scheduled for **Saturday, April 29** and we need VOLUNTEERS!

This is a great way to get necessary grounds work done and to share in fellowship with our St. Andrew's family members. I especially encourage new/newer members of St. Andrew's to join in the fun! Whether you truly enjoy getting dirt under your fingernails like I do or are simply willing to come to church for a couple of hours or more to handle a rake/shovel in communion with others, I look forward to hearing from you. There is, as you can imagine with such a long layoff, much to be done. We will focus on the grounds around the church and Parish Life Center first and then move on to Trinity House if enough time. Plus!, pizza and beverages will be provided for lunch.

Please contact me in person after the 10 a.m. service on Sundays or by email at <u>pga19@hotmail.com</u>. If you have questions about specific tasks I would be happy to answer any and all.

Sincerely, Paige Andrew, on behalf of the Property Committee.

OUTREACH

EASTER BLESSINGS CAMPAIGN: PARISHIONERS' MINISTRY OF ST. ANDREW'S

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You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

-- Matthew 22:37-39

As we celebrate our new life in Christ this Easter season, please consider blessing our neighbors in need through a financial contribution to the Parishioners' Ministry of St. Andrew's.

About Parishioners Ministry

- **Since 1958**, the Parishioners' Ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (PM) has provided modest financial assistance to people in the community facing unexpected financial emergencies.
- On average the PM annually supports approximately **110 households** with ~**\$11,000** in unexpected expenses. With the majority of PM funds now going to unexpected housing expenses, this Ministry helps make it possible for individuals and families to remain in their homes.
- St. Andrew's is **one of only five local churches** with a dedicated financial outreach Ministry, making it an integral member of the local community safety net.
- Since the 2020 austerity budget, a majority of Parishioners' Ministry budget has been **independently funded by contributing parishioners**.

How to Contribute

Financial contributions of any amount and frequency to this Ministry will make an impact on the lives of your neighbors.

- For contributions made online, go to bit.ly/PMEasterBlessings2023 and choose "Parishioners' Ministry" from the dropdown menu. Both one-time or recurring contributions are welcomed!
- For contributions made by check, please include "Parishioners' Ministry" in the memo line.

Thank You!

As a small token of our appreciation, anyone who contributes by **Sunday, April 23** will receive a **Parishioners' Ministry magnet**.

We are so grateful to the congregation for going above and beyond their regular giving to the church to support this Ministry! With any questions, please contact Wendi Keeler, Chief PM Steward, at keeler.wendi@gmail.com.

Blessings in Christ,

PM Stewards
Pam Ferguson
Anthony Grillo
Beth Jones
Wendi Keeler
Sarah Klinetob Lowe
Steven Smith
PM Treasurer
Sandy Schwartz

Why can April jump so high?

-It's spring!





Springtime only means one thing...

It's time for the 4th Annual IHS April Fool's Day Gala

Please join us for this very special occasion.

Interfaith Human Services is proud to announce the fourth annual Gala to benefit the programs that support Centre Region citizens. We request your <u>absence</u> at our "No-Show Gala" on April Fool's Day. There will be no dinner, no dancing, and definitely no karaoke. NO FOOLING! We are so excited to have you not attend.

Stay home, relax, and <u>make a donation to IHS</u>. Your gift will support Interfaith Human Service's mission to strengthen families through financial stability:

- Financial Care
- Furniture and Appliance Recycling
- Centre County Fuel Bank
- Emergency Vehicle Repair

The event is imaginary, the need is real.

You're invited, no joke!

Click here to make a gift online.

or

Venmo-@Interfaith-HumanServices

Interfaith Human Services 251 Easterly Parkway #200 State College, PA 16801 814-234-7731

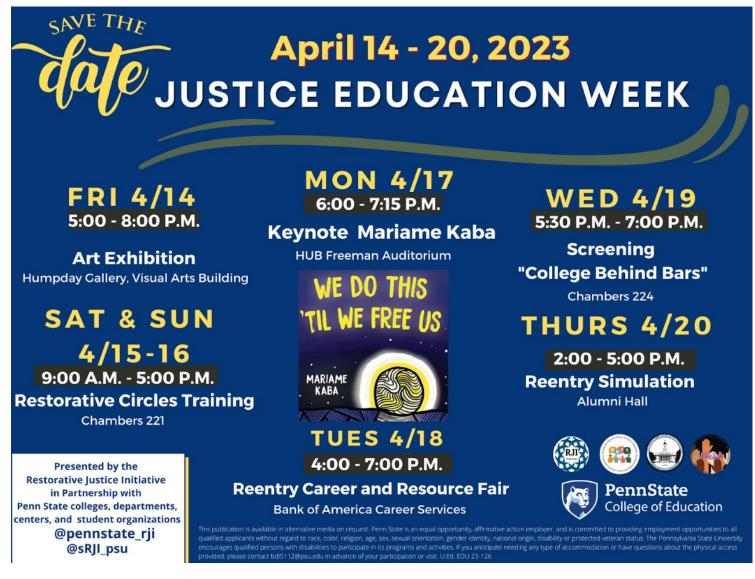
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Justice Education Week 2023

April 14 - 21, 2023

Presented by the Penn State Restorative Justice Initiative in collaboration with other Penn State partners and Centre County community organizations

Justice Education Week is a week-long event which runs **April 14-21**, **2023**. The week consists of different modalities of community engagement to bring awareness to the crisis of incarceration, its human impact, and build support for transformative educational movements in carceral settings and beyond.



To learn more about the week's events, including how to register for each event, visit <u>Justice Education Week</u>.

For more information about: RJI, visit <u>Restorative Justice Initiative | PSU College of Education</u>; sRJI, visit <u>Student's Restorative Justice Initiative - Penn State University Park</u>

Feel free to follow us on Instagram: @pennstate rji and @srji psu

GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

This is not a comprehensive listing; regularly scheduled meetings and events are included only if they submitted an item for publication. For complete and updated listings, please check your Sunday bulletin or weekly email

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, April 16, 11:15 a.m. Room 324 and *Zoom*

Knitting Ministry will meet on Sunday, April 16 (April 9 is Easter Sunday) following the 10 a.m. service. Join us in Room 324 or settle down with your needles and yarn in front of your computer camera and log on! We knit cozy, useful items for Knitting4Peace (News and patterns at https://www.knitting4peace.org/).



If you would like to come, please email <u>anne.hoag@gmail.com</u> and she will send you a Zoom invitation link..

For more information contact Anne Hoag,

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GAME CLUB

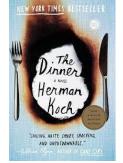
Sunday, April 23, 2 p.m. Room 325



BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 25 7 p.m., Room 324 (Library)

The Book Group will meet Tuesday, April 25, to discuss *The Dinner*, by Herman Koch. In this darkly suspenseful tale, two couples meet for dinner on a summer's evening at a fashionable restaurant in Amsterdam. Over the



course of this single meal, they struggle to make the hardest decision of their lives.

The Book Group is open to all and newcomers and guests are always welcome.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2023

Palm Sunday

	April 2
8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (process from corner of Fraser and Foster)
5:00 p.m.	Evensong and Reception
	Wednesday in Holy Week
	April 5
7:00 p.m.	 Corporate Reading of the Gospel According to Matthew
	Maundy Thursday
	April 6
7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
	Washing of Feet, and Stripping of Altar
	 Followed by Sacred Watch at Gethsemane Garden Altar of Repose
	until midnight (in person), 8:00 a.m. (online)
	Good Friday
	April 7
1:00 p.m.	Stations of Jesus, interactive stations available until 9 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross for all ages, Church
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of Good Friday
8:15 p.m.	Good Friday Film: Risen, Room 325
	Meatless pizza and light refreshments will be served.
	Easter Eve
10.00	April 8
10:00 a.m.	Stations of Jesus, interactive stations available until 7 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	The Great Vigil of Easter – bring a bell to ring!
	Reception following, Canterbury Hall
	Easter Day
9,00 0 444	April 9 Factive Evelorist for Factor (no music)
8:00 a.m.	Festive Eucharist for Easter (no music)
9:30 a.m.	Family Eucharist for Easter with Choir
	Egg Hunt following

† Online signup

Festive Eucharist for Easter with Choir

Nursery available

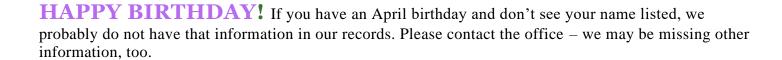
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dexter Cozad
- 2 Melissa Arnett
- 3 Philip Jenkins
- 4 Susan Evans
- 5 Anna Kwasnica
- 5 Eva Ellis
- 5 Jamie Breuninger
- 7 Scott Brown

- 10 Koraly Perez-Edgar
- 13 Dee Vogelsong
- 15 Pam Ferguson
- 17 Chloe Krasnansky
- 17 Elaine Brown
- 17 Lily Jackson
- 19 Marion Schwartz
- 19 Jill Ascah

- 20 Abbie Loviscky
- 20 Alyson Ruberto
- 20 Janet Dargitz
- 26 Judy Moore
- 27 Vivian Lord
- 27 Kevin Barron



Those for Whom We Pray

Sandy, Mavis, John, Mena, Molly, Jane, Joan, Don, Stu, Beth, Joe, Laura, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Rob, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Robbie, Sara, Emily, Vicki, David, Stephen, Brian, Robert, Joann, Michael, Janet, Matthew, Micki, Sarah, Tomas, Jimmy, Miles, Micaela, Elisabeth, Shirley, Darlene, Eileen, Jean, Jessica, Susan, Christine, Bev, Mary Elizabeth, Mitchell, Bob, Andy

The Faithful Departed

Roger Balmer

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric

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