

### Ascension Prayer Circle:

Please pray for these individuals this week: Andrea, Ann, Barbara, Bill, Brenda, Brian, Clarence, Claude, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Diane, Dot, Dulcie, Eileen, Ernest, Fred, Herb, Hilda, Ina, Ivy, Jack, Jeff, , Jennie, Jerome, Jessie, Josephine, Junior, Karl, Kevin, Lester, Lloyd, Lori, Mabel, Marguerite, Maxwell, Melissa, Melvin, Mona, Mya, Myra, Nancy, Pam, Randell, Rodney, Roland, Ron, Roy, Ruth, Sean, Stan, Stephen, Tina, Todd and Violet.

Remember the families of those who have died.

*Loving God, you gather us as your people, where many come seeking your healing, strength, and love. You know us God: You understand who we are; you know what troubles and puzzles us, what makes you smile and what makes us sad. You listen to our questions and our prayers. We bring you these names, asking for your healing. Be with these named, with their families, and all whom they encounter.*

**Duty Teams for Next Sunday, Feb 18:** Sidespersons Team # 6; Counting Team # 8.

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
<b>February 14 Ash Wednesday</b>	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS) Holy Eucharist (BAS)
<b>February 18 First Sunday of Lent PWRDF Lunch</b>	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
	6:30 p.m.	IONA Quiet Service

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## Parish of the Ascension Chimes



### February 11, 2018 Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

- Lections:** 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45; Psalm 30 (**Refrain: You have brought me up, O Lord, from the dead.**)
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion – Corporate for ACW (BCP)**  
Presider/Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows
- 9:30 a.m. ACW Corporate Communion Breakfast**
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (BAS)**  
Celebrant: Rev.'d Lynn Courage  
Homilist: Rev.'d Canon David Burrows  
Readers: Dean William Bellamy & Abigail Bellamy  
Gift Bearers: Maxine & Sam Wentzell  
Hymns (CP): 453; 613; 323; 592 & 503; 451
- 5:30 p.m. Frosty Festival Ecumenical Service at Good Shepherd**

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*“A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people.”  
Luke 7.16*

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## Weekly Word

This week the lections point to acts of healing and of choice. Naaman the Syrian has the opportunity to choose to follow Elisha's instructions and thus receive healing from God. The leper asks for healing from Jesus, and Jesus chooses to respond and offer healing. These themes of healing and choice, offered in the Scripture, and reflective in our worship, are also themes that are present in everyday life.

It seems each and every day I ask for prayers of healing and wholeness either for myself, or for others. In the choice of my prayer, I ask for God to inspire change and perspective within me. I use the word inspire in the sense of the Holy Spirit breathing and moving within me.

There is great intention in the act of persons and communities in prayer. We are a people that open ourselves up to the presence of God in our midst, with hopes and dreams, ideas and thoughts of how God might move among us, to make the world as it is intended, and to make our lives as they are intended.

In all this, I move and work among persons and in communities that are discerning a way forward with vision and with leadership. Most specifically, the ongoing work of parish ministry is about opening up the heart and soul of the community to listen intently to God, and like Naaman and the leper, to be open to healing, and to the choice of wholeness. At times, I hear sentiments of *'wish, chance, or luck'* associated with our journey of faith. As much as these colloquial sentiments offer comfort and blessing in community ("I wish the best for you," "Good Luck!" Or "we must take a chance"), they suggest that a grounding of comfort can be without the presence of God in community. In the hard decisions that need to be made in community, about healing and wholeness, about vision and direction for ministry, I believe we must be intentional about discerning the presence of God, and of invoking the Holy Spirit in the midst of community.

*God Bless,  
David*

**Confirmation Class** will take place this afternoon, Sunday, February 11, from 2 – 4 p.m. Today the lessons will be on Holy Baptism and Season, Principle Feasts and Vestments, taught by Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes and Mrs. Denise Gill.

**New Vestry Members needed:** At the Parish Annual General Meeting on **Sunday, April 8** we will be electing the following new members to vestry: 2 People's Wardens; 2 regular Synod delegates; 2 alternate Synod delegates; 4 people for a 3 yr. term as vestry member; 1 person for a 1 yr. term as vestry member. We are desperately seeking parishioners to fill these positions. If you think you might like to be part of this ministry to your parish or would like to find out more about it, please contact either of our clergy or the current peoples' warden Tom Nash (368-0656). Only with parishioner involvement can our parish not only survive but thrive.

**Our Memorial Hymn Sing** will take place on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The envelopes and pledge sheets are at the back of the church with your Lenten package and **2017 donation tax receipts**. You are reminder to please submit your requests and donation in the envelope provided by **Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**Ocean Ranger Memorial:** Gonzaga High School will be holding its annual Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service to remember those who lost their lives in that tragedy 36 years ago. The service will be held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. at St. Pius X church. All are invited to attend.

**Food Bank:** When you are picking up your groceries, please add an item or two and drop it in the food bank box. Items needed this week are **Tin Vegetables, Tin Pasta & Tin Beans**. If you wish, you may also make a monetary donation to the food hamper fund. It is much appreciated!

**ACW:** Regular luncheon meeting will take place Monday February 12, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. New members welcome.

**Parish Vitality Bible Study:** As part of the Diocesan initiative on exploring the viability and vitality of our parishes, The Commission on Parish Vitality has asked each parish to conduct a Bible Study. Our parish has chosen the following dates, February 14, following the 9:30 Ash Wednesday service or February 25 following the 6:30pm service. As part of this process town hall meetings will be scheduled at a later date. All are welcome to attend.

**Godly Play Schedule for February:** Today, Feb. 11 we will be doing the story of the Good Shepherd as our lesson. Feb.18 our lesson will be The Good Samaritan. Feb.25 the planned story is the first three sessions of the Faces of Easter.

**Last Chance for Pancake Supper Tickets:** You can still purchase or book tickets for the Pancake Supper by contacting Ray Hewitt (368-6536) sometime today. **Tickets must be purchased or booked as we do not sell un-booked tickets at the door.** The supper and card game are a major fund raiser run by the Men's Club and we thank all parishioners who patronize it.

**Card Game Reminder:** At 8:00 p.m., following the Pancake Supper, there will be a card game. The cost for playing cards is \$6.00 per person, payable at the game. Please bring your own cards and baskets.

**The PWRDF luncheon** will take place on Feb. 18, 2018, after the 11 am service. Our guest speaker will be Archdeacon Charlene Taylor who will be talking about her trip to Ghana. With the purchase of a delicious lunch of Macaroni and Cheese, Caesar Salad, roll, ice cream/cookies, for only \$9 per adult and \$20 per family, you are supporting the outreach ministries of PWRDF. A gluten-free option will be available. Our PWRDF team will be calling people to pre-book tickets, or you can call Fronie Squibb at 769-8430 for tickets.

**Home Again Furniture Bank Lenten Campaign - Seat with a Heartbeat:** This Lent our Archdeaconry will be involved in a campaign to support the ongoing work of *Home Again Furniture Bank*. In 2015 our Diocese was a founding partner of *Home Again* ensuring that people in need could receive gently used furniture and other household items.