



THE SHAMROCK

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
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“...And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord,
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.”



MAY 2013



WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

ST. PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

DATE	SUNDAY May 5 10:00 AM 6 Easter	SUNDAY May 12 10:00 AM 7 Easter	SUNDAY May 19 10:00 A.M. Pentecost	SUNDAY May 26 10:00 A.M. Trinity Sunday	SUNDAY June 2 10:00 AM 2 Pentecost
SERVICE	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist	Holy Eucharist
CELEBRANT	The Rev. Louise Baker	The Rev. Louise Baker	The Rev. Louise Baker	The Rev. Louise Baker	The Rev. Louise Baker
LESSONS	Acts 16:9-15 Revelation 21: 10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29	Acts 16:16-34 Revelation 22: 12-14,16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26	Genesis 11: 1-19 Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17 [25-27]	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15	1 Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43 Galatians 1: 1-12 Luke 7:1-10
PSALM	Psalm 67	Psalm 97	Psalm 104: 25-35, 37	Psalm 8	Psalm 96:1-9
LECTOR 1	Lin S.	Fran B.	Cathy W.	Winnie G.	Jean F.
LECTOR 2	Nancy P.	Jim B.	Jeanne S.	Barbe B.	Joanne M.
ACOLYTE	Sue E.	Cathy W.	Cathy W.	Sue E.	Faye L.
CHALICE	Sue E.	Jean F.	Joanne M.	Nancy P.	Faye L.
OBLATION	Barbe B.	Doreen T.	Jean F.	Fay H.	Carole M.
COFFEE	Marilyn W.	Joanne M.	Fran B.	Carole M.	Lin S.
GREETER	Jean F.	Lin S.	Joe P.	Buz M.	Fay H.

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THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S 2013 EASTER MESSAGE

“Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death,” Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori rejoices in her Easter Message 2013.

The following is the Presiding Bishop's Easter Message 2013.

Rejoice, rejoice and sing, rejoice and be glad... for earth and heaven are joined and humanity is reconciled to God!

As the Lenten season ends in Easter rejoicing, note what has been wrought in you this year. A remarkable cross-section of America has been practicing Lenten disciplines, even some who are not active Christians.

There is a deep hunger in our collective psyche to re-orient our lives toward life and light, healing and peace. We share a holy hunger for clarity about what is good and life-giving, and we yearn to re-focus on what is most central and important in life.

Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death. God re-creates and redeems all life from dead, dry, and destroyed bones. We are released from the bonds



of self-obsession, addiction, and whatever would steal away the radical freedom of God-with-us. Our lives re-center in what is most holy and creative, the new thing God is continually doing in our midst. Practicing vulnerability toward the need and hunger of others around us, we have cultivated compassionate hearts. We join in baptismal rebirth in the midst of Jesus' own passing-over.

The wonder of the resurrection is upon us once more. May we embrace God's ever-new life with every cell of our being, every yearning of our soul, and every muscle of our will. Christ is risen, death is vanquished, humanity is restored to holy and creative relationship with God's ongoing and

eternal liveliness. Praise God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and newness out of the stale and moribund. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

THE LIFE IN THE SEED

FROM THE EMO ARCHIVES 3/31/06

March 12, 2013

You sure talk about death a lot, somebody said last night. That's true. I think people should talk about death more than they do—or rather, they shouldn't shrink from the topic as much as they do. But we won't discuss it. Won't make wills or buy life insurance, won't choose health care proxies, won't think about what kinds of medical care we will or will not accept at the end of our lives. Won't think about heaven, about what it must be like to cross the threshold from one life into another. Won't even say the word “die,” some of us, as if talking about it might bring it on. It's too upsetting.

But “upsetting” is what happens to a pyramid of apples in the grocery store if you walk by and pluck one from the bottom of the pile: you upset them, and they roll all over the floor of the produce section. “Upset” isn't really something that happens to human beings. We were never all that set to begin with. We get sad, sure. Scared, maybe. But not “upset.”

We're messy. Life is messy—messy, and then it ends. Nothing to be “upset” about—it's supposed to happen. We have to leave here, in order to make room for our replacements. The apples in their neat pyramid will rot if nobody buys them and eats them. They can't stay around forever.

What good is a seed? None at all, unless it falls to the ground, ceasing very soon to be anything like it was when it fell. What are your chances for remaining just as you are now? Absolutely none—and, if you did, you'd be monstrous, a person stuck in the wrong time, a living artifact of the past struggling to stay afloat in a present and a future for which you were unequipped. Nothing stays as it is. Everything hurtles into the future, faster and faster all the time, it seems to us.

That this is sad is a matter of interpretation. The more you think and wonder about death, the less tragic it appears. Christians are the

ones who assert at least once a week that this life and this world, much as we love it, is far from being all there is. That there is an immense context to us, a context of which we are almost completely unaware, waiting to be discovered and experienced.

No thanks, says the seed. I don't want to taste water and feel the sun, feel a tiny green shoot in my heart grow and grow until it bursts out into the light. I'll pass: don't want to become a great sunflower or a nodding poppy, an oak tree. Nah—just let me stay here in my envelope with pictures of these things on the outside.

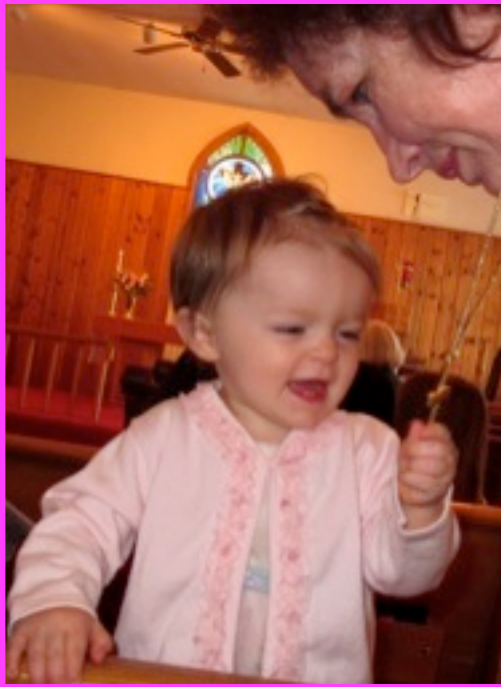
But the Gardener has other ideas. You're going to love it once you get going, he says, and presses the seed into the warm earth, sifting a little soil on top of it and pressing again. He pours a gentle shower of water on top and blesses it all. Enjoy your next chapter, he says. I know I will—I can't wait to see what you become.

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* PARISH EVENTS *



APRIL 21ST BAPTISM

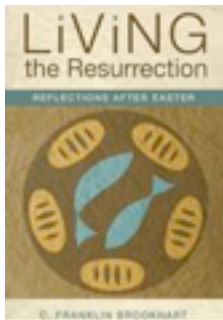
The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr., Bishop of Montana, baptized Ellison Maya Woods at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church of Bigfork



CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS:

- May 2 - Bradley W
- May 10 - Sam P
- May 19 - Susie C
- May 27 - Kate O



THE BOOK SHELF

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE WOMEN IN OUR CONGREGATION!



This month most of the books displayed on the table downstairs are written by women for women. The lone exception is Living the Resurrection, Reflections After Easter by C. Franklin Brookhart.

The list also includes:

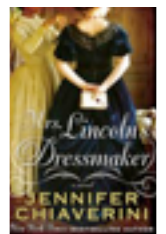
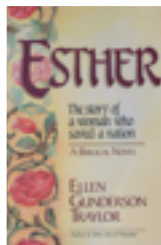
Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini, -the story of a negro slave who became Mary Todd Lincoln's dressmaker

Mother of Jesus, Her Problems and Her Glory edited by A. T. Robertson

A Woman and Her God by Beth Moore

Women and Christianity by Mary T. Malone

Leaving, the first book in a trilogy written by New York Times Best Selling Author, Karen Kingsbury ,
Esther: the Story of a Woman Who Saved a Nation by Ellen Gunderson Traylor



Fran B, St. Patrick's 'Librarian Extraordinaire'

How To Know If You Are Ready To Have Children

Mess Test

Smear peanut butter on the sofa and curtains. Now rub your hands in the wet flower bed and rub on the walls. Cover the stains with crayons. Place a fish stick behind the couch and leave it there all summer.

Toy Test

Obtain a 55-gallon box of Legos. (If Legos are not available, you may substitute roofing tacks or broken glass.) Have a friend spread them all over the house. Put on a blindfold. Try to walk to the bathroom or kitchen. Do not scream. (This could wake a child at night.)

Grocery Store Test

Borrow one or two small animals (goats are best) and take them with you as you shop at the grocery store. Always keep them in sight and pay for anything they eat or damage.

Dressing Test

Obtain one large, unhappy, live octopus. Stuff into a small net bag making sure that all arms stay inside.

Feeding Test

Obtain a large plastic milk jug. Fill halfway with water. Suspend from the ceiling with a stout cord. Start the jug swinging. Try to insert spoonfuls of soggy cereal (such as

Fruit Loops or Cheerios) into the mouth of the jug, while pretending to be an airplane. Now dump the contents of the jug on the floor.

Night Test

Prepare by obtaining a small cloth bag and fill it with 8 - 12 pounds of sand. Soak it thoroughly in water. At 8:00 PM begin to waltz and hum with the bag until 9:00 PM. Lay down your bag and set your alarm for 10:00 P.M. Get up, pick up your bag, and sing every song you have ever heard. Make up about a dozen more and sing these too until 4:00 AM. Set alarm for 5:00 AM. Get up and make breakfast. Keep this up for 5 years. Look cheerful.

Physical Test (Women)

Obtain a large beanbag chair and attach it to the front of your clothes. Leave it there for 9 months. Now remove 10 of the beans.

Physical Test (Men)

Go to the nearest drug store. Set your wallet on the counter. Ask the clerk to help himself. Now proceed to the nearest food store. Go to the head office and arrange for your paycheck to be directly deposited to the store. Purchase a newspaper. Go home and read it quietly for the last time.

Final Assignment

Find a couple who already has a small child. Lecture them on how they can improve their discipline, patience, tolerance, toilet training, and child's table manners. Suggest many ways they can improve. Emphasize to them that they should never allow their children to run riot. Enjoy this experience. It will be the last time you will have all the answers.



BUY TWO • GIVE ONE

Just received a report concerning the most recent food distribution at the Bigfork Food Pantry. It says they served 98 clients with 1847 pounds of food. I think that sounds like a pretty usual distribution day so that tells us about the need in our community.

I really want to thank all of you for your generous contributions each Sunday at church. As you can see it is helping a lot of folks in our community. THANK YOU!

For the past few Sundays I have been putting a list of needs on the bulletin board in the entrance of the church. I will continue to do that as I get the requests. Presently the Pantry is in need of:

- Hearty soups
- Canned ravioli
- Spaghetti and meatballs
- Sugar
- Boxed cereal

Pasta such as macaroni, shells, etc. (they have a good stock of spaghetti)

And it can always use items like beans, rice, coffee, canned fruits and vegetables, toilet paper, dog and cat food. The same kinds of things we all need in our kitchens to feed our families.

Again, thanks for your generosity

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ST. PATRICKS' CELEBRATES EASTER 2013

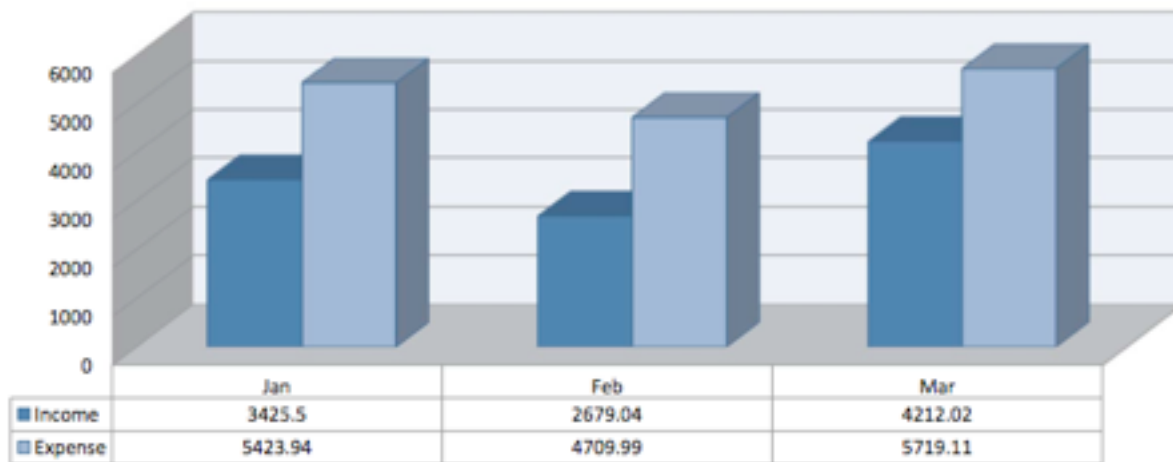




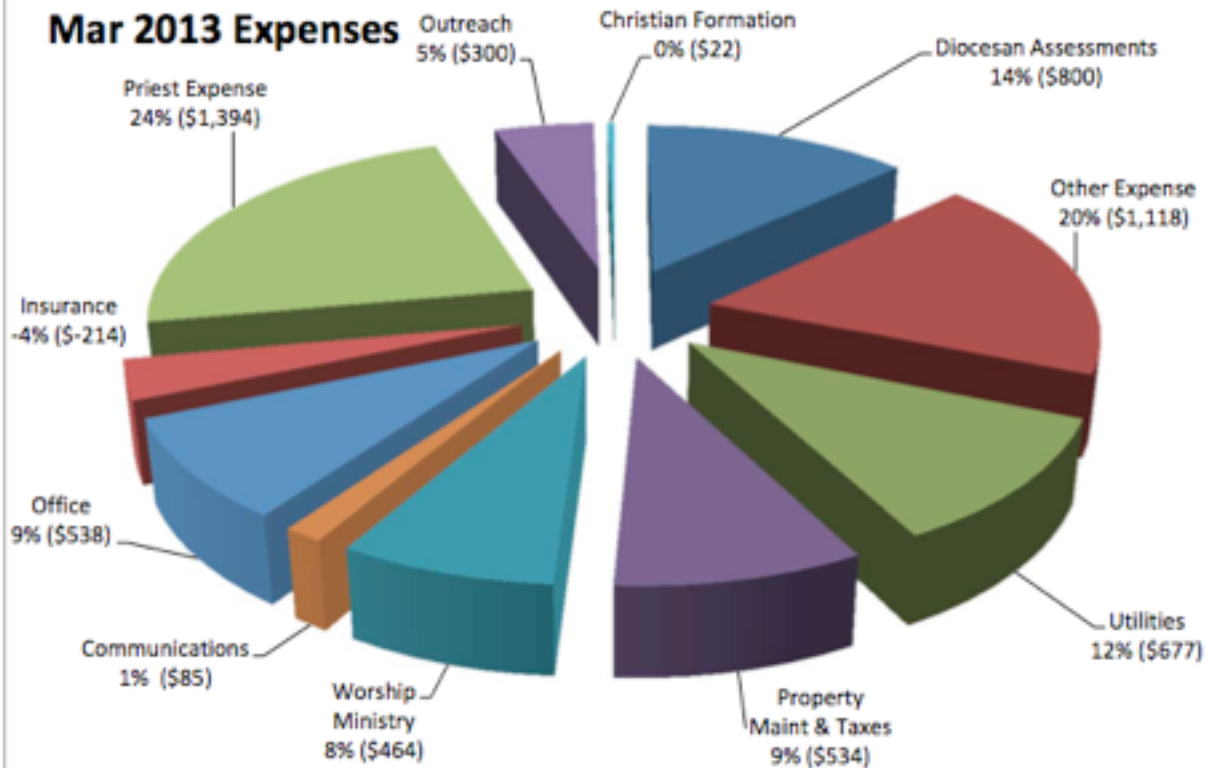
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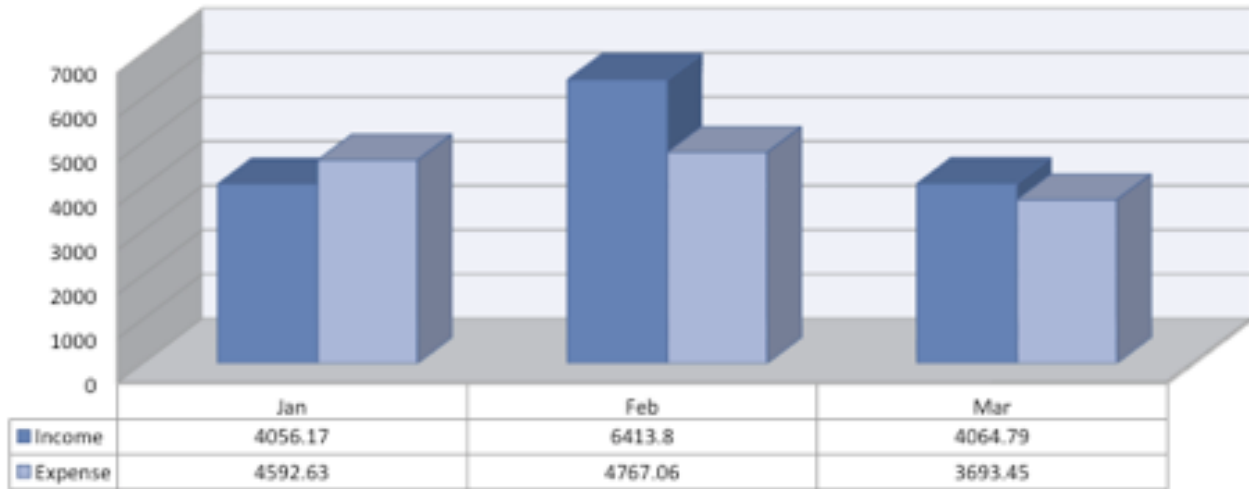


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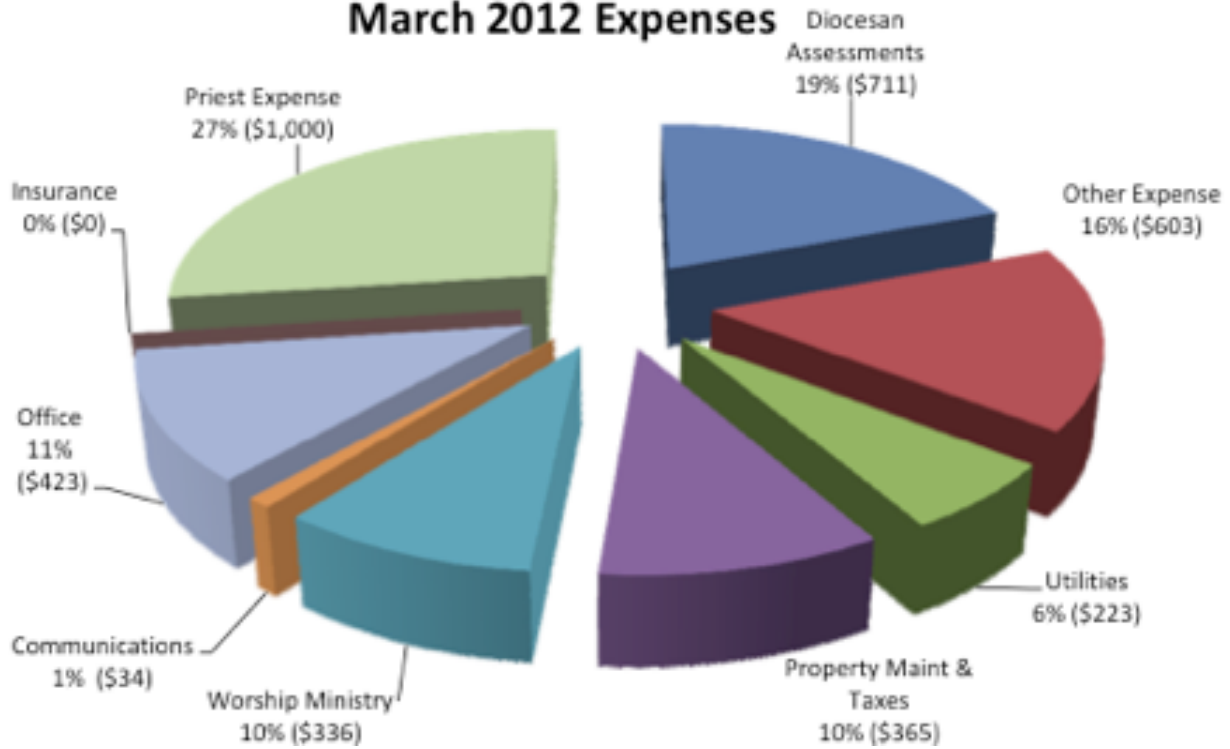


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