



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others
February 2018 (Our 160th Year)

Chronos time. That time that is set by schedules and appointments and the clock. It's that time that I often push against. There just never seems to be enough. And right now we are in that part of the church year that is very busy. It begins with Thanksgiving and will remain this kind of Chronos busy until Easter. During this marathon, one busy season seems to lead into the next as we move through Advent and Christmas, to annual meeting, and straight into preparing for Lent and Easter.

As challenging as Chronos time seems to be, I must admit, I seem to get a lot of energy with so much to do. Experience has taught me that I do much better with a bazillion things to do. When I have only one or two, well, I seem to procrastinate my way through them. With a lot on my plate, I seem to be able to focus much better. Maybe because I have to. Without that kind of focus in this kind of busy season, well, suffice it to say that procrastination now is not even an option.

Time is something that I'm very conscious about right now. Chronos time is about to give way to season whose focus is Kairos time. For Christians, this Kairos time is when God acts. Time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:15).

Throughout the season of Lent we will engage in a conversation at the beginning of every Sunday worship service that asks the question, "Where have you witnessed God's activity? How have you experienced Kairos time?" As we move through the season, perhaps we will see a pattern in our experiences of Kairos time. That pattern may lead us to discern just how God is calling us, the people of St. Jude's, to step into that Kairos time and participate in God's acting in the here and now.

There will be several opportunities throughout the season of Lent to step out of Chronos time and engage in a variety of different spiritual disciplines that can help us to become engaged in Kairos time. If you'd like some direction on other spiritual disciplines you might try this Lenten season, let me know and we can talk. I wonder, where might our experiences take us as we deliberately make time to deepen our relationship with God, as we repent of all those things that block or stand in the way of deepening that relationship, as we turn to follow God more deeply.

May your Lenten journey be a holy time, a thin space where you experience God in new ways. May your witness of your experiences help all of us to discover new ways to experience God in Kairos time. May our journey lead us all to discover new ways to follow and participate with God in this Kairos time.

Blessings,
*Tracie**

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We Are Family



Please Hold In Your Prayers

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop;
Catherine, our Bishop Provisional;
Tracie, our Priest; for the Wardens
and Vestry.

For those in particular need of prayer:

Craig Adams; Jeremy Alber; Karen Anderson & family; Bob; Julie Beuchel; Carol Chambers; D'Jair Cominotti; Steven G.; Bunny Gladfelter; Timothy Harman-Zerbiec; Noel; Sue Haywood; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Carl Manzella; Theresa Maynard; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Marilyn Safa; Spencer Sands; Fukuko Shiraishi; Larry Smith; Stan Spicer; Howard Thorpe; Jennifer Ubil; Sandy West

And those in continuing need of prayer:

Herb Aldrich; John Babcock; David Barrows; Brett Beal; Jack Bretzke; Margot Brummett; Rachel & Don Conway; Betsy Davies; Erica and Gail Delaney; Gail Engdahl; Ralph Gladfelter; Judy Godsell; Joan Graham; Brian Henderson; Carol Kelly; Ev Koller; Janel Koop; Paul Koop; Angela Koresh; Mary Kurtz; Don Kurtz; Anne Munns; Sidney Nihill; Leona; Paul Otto; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Elijah Unkefer

Pray for Our Ministers

February 4 – Freya Hutchinson; Mark, Beth & Nicole Jagos, Dave & Debbie James

February 11 – Charlie & Francine Johnston; Lester & Nancy Jones; Carl & Connie Koch

February 18 – Doug Koch; Jeff, Jennifer & Madeline Koch; Steve, Laura, Ella & Evan Koch

February 25 – Evelyn Koller; Jim & Kathy Kortge; Keith & Lorie Krebs; Don & Mary Kurtz

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Jon & Rosiland Burroughs (5th)
19th Jack & Beverly Mills (52st)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st Julie DuPei
2nd Chet Susalla
4th Marcia Freeman
Judi Harris
6th Madeleine Koch
13th Bob Hutchins
Austin Moller
Leah Moller
William Moller
15th Connor Szostak
18th Lorraine Moller
20th Dan White
24th David Freeman
25th Martha Applebee
27th Lester Jones
29th Jennifer Chambers

Your 2017 Christmas Families Thank You for Your Great Generosity & Love!

Our St. Jude's family once again shared generously by providing Christmas gifts to five families and "our" Holly Group Home. Your generosity not only brightened Christmas for these families, but showed them God's love.

Through your great caring – and your great generosity – you brightened the Christmas and lives of 26 people: 13 children, their 7 parents, and the 6 Holly Group Home residents and their caregivers. Numerous gifts, and store and gas cards, were donated to the children and their parent(s). The store and gas cards will help ease everyday expenses for the families and their parent(s). Forty-four (44) St. Jude's volunteers donated money, gifts, and gift and gas cards valued at about \$3,300, or \$75 per St. Jude's volunteer.

Those who delivered gifts told of the warm and grateful response of the parents. From Play Doh to Paw Patrol, Spiderman to Star Wars, our church family has again shown we strive and hope to be people of the light, demonstrating our commitment to "Reach Out to Others."

Thank you so much on behalf of our – your -- 2017 Christmas Families! This is our 14th year of brightening children and parents' lives at Christmas – wrapped in God's love for everyone!

We wish you a Very Blessed and Happy New Year!

Carol & John Pettipher, on behalf of
your Outreach Committee – AND YOU!!!

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during part of January: Lisa and Kelly Cronk; Kathy Kortge; Dee Grossmann; Bill Anderson; and everyone who brought a dish to pass for after the annual meeting on the 21st.

Crust continues to graciously send their delicious (and plentiful!) coffee cake on a weekly basis – for which we give our thanks too!

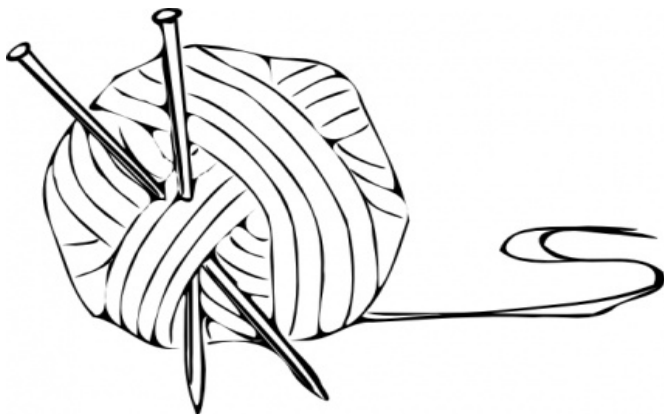
Every day they continued to meet together...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.
Acts 2:46-47

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you do NOT know how to knit, but would like to learn how, a prayer shawl is a perfect way to learn and perfect your stitches. Deb James will offer a learn-to-knit seminar and prayer shawl knit-in for the Tuesdays in March – the 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at her Linden home. You can attend one or all of the knit-ins. Look for a sign-up sheet in VandenBergh Hall – a list of supplies needed and directions to her home will be there too. You can also call the office to sign up or for more information.

If you DO know how to knit, your expertise would be appreciated and you are encouraged to come and be a part of the fun (and a part of the teaching).

If you knit or crochet but cannot attend the seminar, but would like to learn more about making prayer shawls for those who need them, please talk to Tracie for patterns and instructions.



News and Happenings

Vestry Notes – January, 2018

It was a meeting of observing the accomplishments of the past 3 years as we said good-bye to our outgoing Vestry members: Debbie James, Francine Johnston, Megan Rosa and Ron Trimmer and we thank them for their service. We are especially thankful for the team of Francine Johnston and Kathy Kortge for all of the hard work they have accomplished taking care of St. Jude's and its property. At the Annual Meeting we voted in 4 new members: Josephine Feijoo, Jackie Richardson, Jerry Rucker and Crista Spencer. We look forward to both their experience and new ideas! We have received two new televisions from parishioners – one will be kept up and one downstairs to be used for educational purposes. A big thank you to those who donated them.

Adult Formation

We have an adult formation class and discussion group every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please consider joining us on Sunday mornings! We are currently finishing up our study on the Apocryphal Jesus and will begin planning for Lent and the rest of the year after that.

Looking ahead to Lent:

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, February 13 from 5 - 7 p.m., we will be making yummy pancakes for all -- buttermilk, blueberry, gluten free, chocolate chip and more! Please join us for this fun event to benefit the youth.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14 we will have noon and 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday services.

Palm Crosses

If you still have last year's Palm Crosses, please bring them back in on Sunday. We will be gathering last year's crosses to burn on Shrove Tuesday for our ashes the following day. Thank you!

Theology of Social Justice: Coppage-Gordon hosts Dr. Courtney Cowart in Flint

The Theology of Social Justice workshop was cancelled last weekend after the presenter's flights were cancelled Friday evening. The workshop has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 19th from 9:30-3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint.

If other commitments had prevented your December attendance, consider signing up for what will be a great presentation by Dr. Courtney Cowart of the Society for the Increase of Ministry. The cost to attend is \$40, which helps us cover lunch, speaker fees, and materials.

Opportunities for fellowship:

Baked Potato Bar Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 11th, following the 10:30 service

Baked potatoes will be provided with parishioners signing up for the fixin's...cheddar cheese, bacon bits, sour cream, butter, green onions...you name it, we will probably have it!

Please stay for a most delicious meal, and time to enjoy each other's company!

and, coming in May...

Progressive Dinner

The social committee is planning a progressive dinner on May 19. We are looking for folks who would like to host one of the 3 planned courses:

hors d'oeuvres
soup/salad
dessert

As a host you provide the house and usually drinks for your course. We will post a sign up sheet for people to bring food to the course of their choice. If you are willing to host, please contact Kathy Hopper. If you are unable to host, make sure you mark your calendar to join us for a wonderful time.

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Letter to the Episcopal Church from Presiding Bishop, President of House of Deputies

'Our church must examine its history and come to a fuller understanding of how it has handled or mishandled cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse through the years'

Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs
Posted Jan 22, 2018

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry and President of the House of Deputies the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings have written the following letter to the Episcopal Church.

January 22, 2018

Dear People of God in the Episcopal Church:

In recent weeks, compelling testimony from women who have been sexually harassed and assaulted by powerful men has turned our minds to a particularly difficult passage of holy scripture: the story of the rape of King David's daughter Tamar by her half-brother Amnon (2 Samuel 13: 1-22). It is a passage in which a conspiracy of men plots the exploitation and rape of a young woman. She is stripped of the power to speak or act, her father ignores the crime, and the fate of the rapist, not the victim, is mourned. It is a Bible story devoid of justice.

For more than two decades, African women from marginalized communities have studied this passage of scripture using a method called contextual Bible study to explore and speak about the trauma of sexual assault in their own lives. Using [a manual](#) published by the [Tamar Campaign](#), they ask, "What can the Church do to break the silence against gender-based violence?"

It is, as the old-time preachers say, a convicting question. As our societies have been forced into fresh recognition that women in all walks of life have suffered unspoken trauma at the hands of male aggressors and harassers, we have become convinced that the Episcopal Church must work even harder to create a church that is not simply safe, but

holy, humane and decent. We must commit to treating every person as a child of God, deserving of dignity and respect. We must also commit to ending the systemic sexism, misogyny and misuse of power that plague the church just as they corrupt our culture, institutions and governments.

Like our African siblings in faith, we must create contexts in which women can speak of their unspoken trauma, whether suffered within the church or elsewhere. And we must do more.

Our church must examine its history and come to a fuller understanding of how it has handled or mishandled cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse through the years. When facts dictate, we must confess and repent of those times when the church, its ministers or its members have been antagonistic or unresponsive to people—women, children and men—who have been sexually exploited or abused. And we must acknowledge that in our church and in our culture, the sexual exploitation of women is part of the same unjust system that also causes gender gaps in pay, promotion, health and empowerment.

We believe that each of us has a role to play in our collective repentance. And so, today, we invite you to join us in an Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer on February 14 devoted to meditating on the ways in which we in the church have failed to stand with women and other victims of abuse and harassment and to consider, as part of our Lenten disciplines, how we can redouble our work to be communities of safety that stand against the spiritual and physical violence of sexual exploitation and abuse.

Neither of us professes to have all of the wisdom necessary to change the culture of our church and the society in which it ministers, and at this summer's General Convention, we want to hear the voice of the wider church as we determine how to proceed in both atoning for the church's past and shaping a more just future. May we find in our deliberations opportunities to listen to one another, to be honest about our own failings and brokenness, and to discern prayerfully the ways that God is calling us to stand with Tamar in all of the

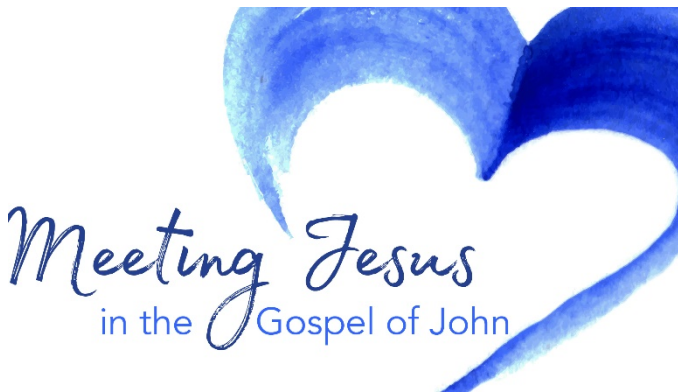
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places we find her—both inside the church and beyond our doors, which we have too often used to shut her out.

Faithfully,

The Most Rev. Michael B.
Curry
Jennings
Presiding
Bishop
President, House of Deputies

The Rev. Gay Clark



A Mid-Week Study

Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God – again – or for the very first time?

With a beautiful prayer journal, facilitation guidance for small groups (and more) from the Center for the Ministry of Teaching, **Meeting Jesus** is a seven-week journey and reflection on the Gospel According to John. The Thursday noon study meets in the library at the church. Please sign up in VandenBergh Hall or call the church office by February 4 so enough prayer journals can be ordered.

February 22: noon – 1 p.m.

Meeting Jesus

March 8: noon – 1 p.m.

God is Love

March 22: noon – 1 p.m.

The Word Became Flesh

April 12: noon – 1 p.m.

Close to the Father's Heart

April 26: noon – 1 p.m.

I Have Called You Friends

May 10: noon – 1 p.m.

Abide by Me

May 24: noon – 1 p.m.

I Declare to You



LEADERSHIP DAY 2018

YOU'RE INVITED!

Spread the word!
Congregational leaders working to create thriving churches for God's mission are invited to attend this one-day event with a full slate of workshops geared at building up skills for effective congregational ministry.

This event is for the whole vestry, office staff, educators, volunteers, clergy, and everyone in between. We will offer workshops aimed at equipping leaders with the tools, resources, and connections for the building of thriving churches living out God's mission. We'll cover topics such as leadership, formation, parish management, evangelism, and more.

And this part is great too – it's FREE! Lunch will be provided – free will donation accepted to cover the cost of lunch.

When: February 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church
405 N. Saginaw Road
Midland

Workshops Being Offered:

Deepening Your Faith
Grant Writing for Congregations
Introduction to Church Insurance
So You've Been Elected to the Vestry
Growing Young
Medical Trust and The Church Pension Group

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The Academy for Vocational Leadership
All About Parochial Reports and Office
Practices
Digital Tools for Evangelism
Hiring and Taxes for Clergy and Lay Employees
The Diocesan Church Development Institute
Experiencing Prayer
Financial Statements 101
Evangelism & Growth: Get Strategic

Further information and to register: Please
visit:
<http://eastmich.org/events/leadership-day/>

Let us know if you plan to attend so we can
arrange car-pooling and ensure that all of the
workshops that we are interested in are
covered.

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Notes from the Choir

While February is a short month on the secular calendar, it is a rich one on the liturgical calendar. The first two Sundays conclude the Epiphany season. The lessons continue the themes of service and healing while the musical selections reflect these topics. On February 11, the final Sunday of the Epiphany season, we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord as well as enjoy the last alleluias until Easter. The music is appropriately joyous.

February 18, the first Sunday of Lent, brings us the account of our Lord's baptism and temptation during the forty days in the wilderness. "Forty days and forty nights" is one of the hymns that recall this theme. On February 25, we are admonished to take up our cross and follow Him.
Marlene Weston

Parents Are Top Influence

Here's what we have learned after several recent landmark studies concerning faith development in young people:

1. Mothers and fathers who practice what they preach and preach what they practice are far and away the biggest influence related to adolescents keeping the faith into their twenties.
2. Just 1% of teens, ages 15-17, raised by parents who attached little importance to religion were highly religious in their mid to late twenties.
3. In contrast, 82% of children raised by parents who talked about faith at home, attached great importance to their beliefs, and were active in their congregations were religiously active as young adults.

According to data from the National Study of Youth and Religion.

Because of this data, we're working especially hard, at St. Jude's in 2018, to equip parents (grandparents, Godparents, etc.) with some resources. So, new this year we offer:

1. Godly Play Parent Pages—so parents and other family members of Pre-K and Elementary age children can take a look at what story we shared in Godly Play on that day and revisit the story a little at home. The parent pages provide a recap of the story and also a few wondering questions

for you as well. At the very least, the Parent Pages provide parents with a little bit of context for when spontaneous questions arise. Good stuff!



2. We are also continuing to provide take-home bags (Advent-to-Go and Lent-to-Go) which invite families to explore faith in the simplest ways at the dinner table once or twice a week or during nighttime bedtime rituals. New this year, we are providing bags for folks of all ages. Some bags may be specifically designed for households with young children or teens or adults.
3. Lastly, for the first time, we are offering a Lenten study for families with Godly Play age children which will mostly be conducted online. Parents will receive a book called "Make Room: A Child's Guide to Lent and Easter." We will introduce the book at a special parent meeting, after the 10:30 service, on the 18th of February. All parents (grandparents, Godparents, etc.) need to do is read the book with their children, a little at a time over the course of the season of Lent. Then, just share a little about your experience with the chapters, aha moments, wondering questions in a special facebook group. Participants are all invited, then, to come to a special experiential multi-generational worship service on Good Friday to wrap up. Super simple!

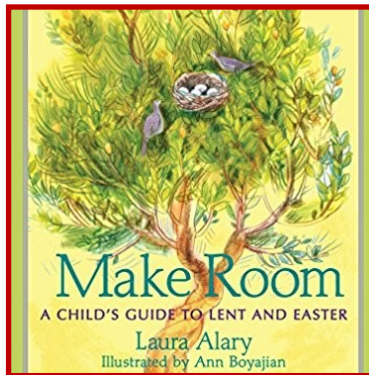
Hope these resources are helpful for you!

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Multi Generational Programs & Resources for 2018

- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper:** *Tuesday, February 13th.* Yummy pancakes for all—buttermilk, blueberry, gluten free, chocolate chip and more!
- **Lent-to-Go Bags:** *To be distributed on February 18th.* Full of resources to help you observe Lent at home. Bags will be available to everyone.
- **Something new! A Lenten Study for Families with Young Children:** We'll explore "Make Room for Lent" via a book study which will mostly be conducted online. To be introduced February 18th at a special parent meeting in library.
- **Hunger Banquet:** Jointly sponsored by Outreach and Christian Formation Ministry Teams. (March—Specific date to be determined.)
- **Holy Week Fair:** *Sunday, March 25th.* Join us on Palm Sunday in making Palm Crosses, Lenten and Easter Crosses and more!
- **Blessing of the Pilgrims:** *Sunday, June 10th.* Join us in blessing the pilgrims just before we head off to Charleston. Members of the congregation will also receive info as to how to view the trip's log throughout the journey.
- **Camp Fun & Faith Formation:** *July & August at Camp Chickagami.* Four weeks of Overnight, resident camps for young people. Trip Camp for Teens. *Did you know St. Jude's has a camp fund which will support our kids' participation in church camp at Chickagami? Details available thru Kris or Tracie. Also, at Chickagami this year...* Both Men's and Women's retreats. Family Camp too! Brochures are available now.
- **Wizards and Wonders:** A Harry Potter program for all ages August 2018 (Dates TBD). We'll be turning St. J's into Hogwarts! Think about offering your gifts in decorating for the event or playing a character!



Regularly Happening at St. Jude's

Godly Play

Most Sundays from September thru May

For children in Pre-K thru Grade 5. We meet in the Godly Play room (follow signs) in basement. We start at 10:25am.

Youth Group

Most Sundays from September thru early June

Youth group (6th thru 12th graders) meets most Sundays in September thru the beginning of June after the 10:30am service in the couch room (so roughly 11:45am to 12:45pm).

Sunday Morning Nursery Care

For Infants thru Kindergartners

The nursery opens at 10:15am on Sundays. Nursery staffers bring any children from the nursery into Godly Play for the story. Very

young children and Nursery Staffers may return to the nursery to play afterwards until parents pick their children up for communion. If the children are 4 years old or older, we generally have them stay in Godly Play for creative time or "Work Time". All of the children who stay in Godly Play for work time join their parents in worship around the time of the Peace.

***WORSHIP LEADERS* for February 2018**

	LEM (s) 2nd CHALISE PRAYERS	READER (S)	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY	ALTAR GUILD
<u>January 28</u>						
8 am	Jerry Rucker	Ron Trimmer	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Amy Freeman Lynn Hopper Paul Dolza	Dee Grossmann	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	Anderson	???	Mary Ellen H. Mary Louise S.
<u>February 4</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Judi Harris Dan White Greg Forsyth	Paul Dolza	Dave & Denise Rayner	Ronthi & Day	???	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris
<u>February 11</u>						
8 am	Mike Wells	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Lynn Hopper Paul Dolza Amy Freeman	Greg Forsyth	Dave & Debbie James	Potato Bake	???	Christine S. Lois Hartranft
<u>February 18</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dave Rayner Greg Forsyth Dee Grossmann	Raquel Gazzi	Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	Hutchinson	???	Terri Hutchins Fran Johnston
<u>February 25</u>						
8 am	Jerry Rucker	Ron Trimmer	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Paul Dolza Amy Freeman Lynn Hopper	Marjie Andrejeciw	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	Trier/Clawson	???	Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller
<u>March 4</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise S.	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Greg Forsyth Dee Grossmann Dan White	Ellen Tripp	Rex Harris John Pettipher	Hibbard/Pettipher	???	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams

Communion Bread Bakers:

February – Terri Hutchins

March – Judy Marinco

April – Nancy Day

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