



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S  
✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦

**Grace Notes ~ January 21, 2026**

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**Wonderings from Listening Session**



In the 9:15 Formation Hour, in which we talked about our hopes & visions for our parish, Father Robert concluded by sharing four "wonderings." Several people in attendance asked if these could be shared for the entire congregation to be praying and thinking about. They are:

- What does our community need us to be?
- How do we have a more focused approach to ministry?
- What spiritual growth do we need as a congregation?
- How do we become a more faithful and compelling witness to Jesus?

**Docent Training Class - Last Call for Participants!**

Anyone curious about the history and stories of Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is welcome to an eight-hour class (4 sessions of 2 hours each week) in February. Although the class includes those interested in becoming a docent, you do not have to plan to serve in the docent ministry to be a part of the class. Class members are those simply interested in the history, stained glass windows, theological foundations of Gothic Revival architecture, the fascinating stories of the people of Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and other features of who we are as a parish.



The class will meet on Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 5 – 7 PM in the Zimmerman Room of the Christian Education building. You will need to bring a 3-ring binder to hold all the materials you receive. The course is free.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact [Marianna McJimsey](#), Parish Historian and Archivist, by tomorrow!

## Upcoming Formation Hour Topics

- **January 25** - Reading Martin Luther King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail
- **February 1** - No Formation Hour due to Annual Meeting
- **February 8** - Deacon Sam: "You Have to Be Prepared to Die Before You Can Begin to Live: 10 Weeks in Birmingham That Changed America"
- **February 15** - Black History Month: Telling Our Story



## Iconography Workshop

Iconography is the art of “writing” an icon. It creates sacred images, especially in Orthodox Christianity. It involves precise steps to aid prayer and facilitate a connection with the spiritual world serving as “windows to heaven.”

Brenda Fox is an excellent artist and has been writing and teaching iconography for many years. Our next class will be March 26, 27 & 28 in Rm 211 from 9am to 5pm each day. The cost is \$350 and all supplies are included. There is no need for artistic talent as the image is traced onto the board and Brenda directs us in the painting process. Anyone can do it!

Our choices this year are St. Hildegard of Bingen or Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. Please email [Leigh MacHaffie](#) if you are interested in this class and please select the icon you would like to write. The majority votes will win as we can only choose one icon for the class. Deadline to register for the class is March 1st.

*Our Lady Undoer of Knots*



*St. Hildegard of Bingen*



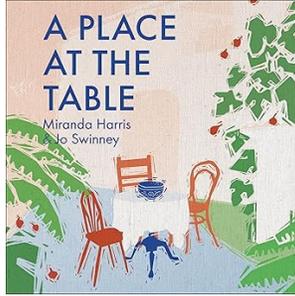
## Westside Get Together



The Westside Neighborhood Group is hosting a get together on Friday, February 6th at 6pm. Anyone is welcome! Please contact [Marsha Fogarty](#) and she'll explain how the potluck works (main course is lasagna) and provide details about the location of the gathering. We hope to see you there!

## Women's Book Group

Women's Book Group will be starting a new reading selection on Tuesday, February 10th. We'll be reading 'A Place at the Table: Faith, Hope and Hospitality' by Miranda



Harris & Jo Swinney.

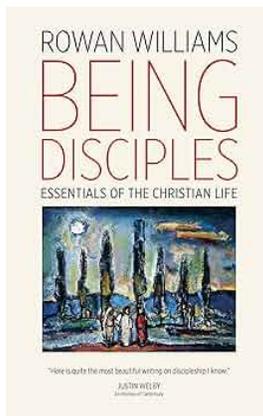
From the simple act of preparing vegetables to the warm welcome of a stranger, co-authors Miranda Harris and her daughter Jo Swinney re-define hospitality for the modern age. Drawing on biblical insights and a deep well of experience, this is a warm invitation to embrace the loving kindness of others. To be hospitable doesn't require culinary excellence or matching cutlery—it doesn't even require a home of one's own; true hospitality offers a welcome into imperfection and messiness, a place to belong and be embraced.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Some of the yarn supplies used by the Prayer Shawl Ministry have gone missing from Blaik Library. If you know anything about where they may have wandered off to, please contact [Pat Wallace](#). These materials are used to provide prayer shawls for those in need of healing, strength, comfort, or spiritual sustenance. The shawls provide tangible evidence of God's love, wrapping the recipient in prayer. Thank you!



## Graceful Conversations



Are you looking for a quiet time during which you can engage in matters close to your spiritual heart? Join us in Blaik Library as we read 'Being Disciples' by Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury. We'll be basing our conversations [not a class!] on this reading selection as we meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays at noon from February through May. Our bi-weekly discussion will be followed by the service of noonday prayer, which includes a period of silent meditation. For more info contact: [Marti O'Dell](#) or [Kim Millsap](#).

Schedule: Feb. 11, 25, Mar. 11, 25, Apr. 8, 22, May 13, 27

## Prayer List



*Those in crisis of health or circumstance:* Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Maggi Johnson, Sheliah Johnson, Linda Stump, Br William Marion Page

*Those who have died and those who grieve:* Jo Greear, mother of Debbie Barents

*Those in need of ongoing prayer:* The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Laura Bayless, Lee Ehrhart, Mary Ellis, John Hough, Dorothy Kipp, Devon Mack, Luden McLord, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Jill Wasinger, Susan Willets, Calvin Wulf, Pete Zobenica, Alice, Ericka, Jennifer, Oliver & family, Nancy, Wes

*Those in harm's way:* Mark Jaskot, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tayhar, Nicholas Wolf

## This Week's Happenings

### Wednesday

- **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Communal Supper & Bible Study**, 5:30pm, Parish Hall
- **St. Nicholas Choir** (Music Theory, 5pm & Rehearsal, 6pm), Children's Music Room



### Thursday

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 10am, Weir Conference Room

### Friday

- **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

### Sunday

- **Haiti Coffee Sales**, 9am-12pm, Parish Hall
- **Outreach Ministry Fair**, 9am-12pm, Parish Hall
- **Rite I Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Adult Formation: Martin Luther King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail**, 9:15am, Rm 211
- **Sunday School**, 10:15am, Lower Level
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave
- **Brave Irene's Mysticism & Middle English**, 7pm, Rm 211
- **Compline**, 8pm, Nave

### Monday

- **Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

### Tuesday

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Women's Book Club**, 10am, Blaik Library

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