

# The In Touch

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*Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation*

## Ramblings from the Deacon....

As I was driving to Tyler's Christmas concert at Indus School the other night I looked across the river and saw an enchanted city. Actually, it was Emo, but for me, alone in the dark in a desolate place the misty brightness seemed surreal, a place where fairy tales might happen. I wondered what they might feel looking from their side to ours. Was the vast darkness with an expanse of stars overhead as magical to them as their brightness was to me? Here we were, pretty much in the same place with two very different perspectives.

Maybe, allowing for the possibility of a shift in perspective opens the door epiphanies. "Your best thinking got you here" is a slogan of Alcoholic Anonymous. Maybe, now is a really good time to think a little less and pray a little more. To ask for God's help in seeing what we might be missing. Every morning after the election I would hit the snooze button, jump back into bed and pray for the anger and impotence I felt to be healed. Since the rest of the world wasn't going to change just to relieve my upset, that healing had to come from within. And one day I experienced a knowing that raging mass of emotions I had felt for 30 some days had been felt by others for much longer. I hadn't seen it or, maybe I had, but hadn't acknowledged it. Most of the people I know who didn't vote the way I did aren't people filled with hate. The hard mass of anger in me was softened. Marianne Williamson said, "To spiritually surrender something is to surrender our thoughts about it. What we put on the altar is then altered."

The Electoral College votes today. I surrender my attachment to the outcome and look to Jesus for guidance for the future. Most likely, I will have to do this more than once, but, as Christians, isn't that what we are called to do? Not just in times that are difficult for us, but especially in the times when things are going well and we feel that *we* are getting it right. On our own, we are likely to forget that Jesus loves us all, even those candidates we don't like. While that doesn't mean that we have to agree with them it does change the emotional attachment to the disagreement when you view the other person as a loved child of God.

Matthew 25 is a place where we may find common ground. If we can meet there, maybe we can go forward into more difficult areas, to listen and share our best thinking, before putting it all on the altar to be altered.

With grateful hearts we continue the journey...

*Melanie*



- 1/6 ~ Jeanne Corrin
- 1/9 ~ Mike Noland
- 1/12 ~ George Schlieff
- 1/21 ~ Layna Padesky (granddaughter of  
Byrne & Carole Johnson)
- 1/25 ~ Jan Menefee
- 1/30 ~ Nicholas Padesky (grandson of  
Byrne & Carole Johnson)



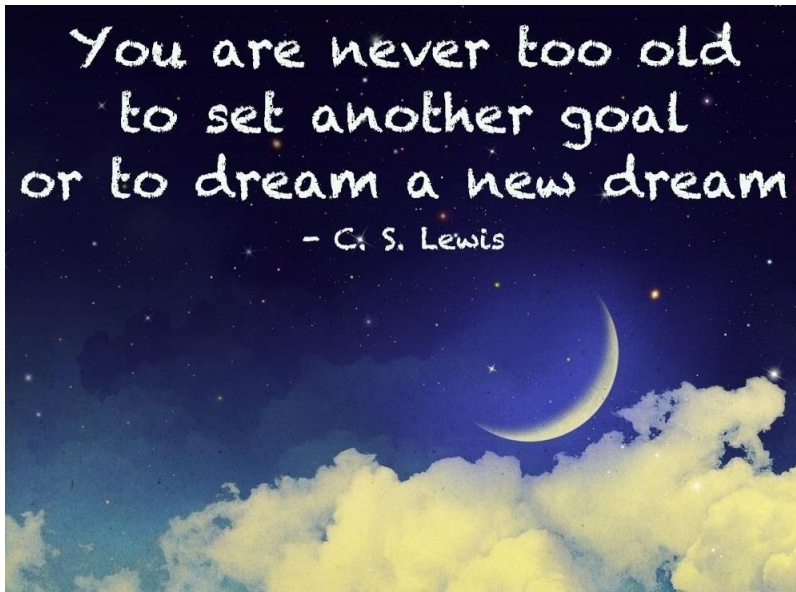
1/28 ~ Delbert & Bonnie Hickey



- 1/9 ~ John Briggs
- 1/24 ~ Taylor Wright
- 1/26 ~ Alan Wright

You are never too old  
to set another goal  
or to dream a new dream.

- C. S. Lewis



# Annual Meeting

Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 11:30 a.m.

We will need 6 new Vestry members for  
2017!



Wishing that the new year fills your life  
with happiness and bright cheer.  
Have a joyous year ahead!



# January '17 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>1</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Holy Name of our Lord	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
<b>8</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Michele Dahlin Lee Grim	Gary & Carolyn Davison
<b>15</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
<b>22</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Lee Grim Carole Johnson	Flossie Knutson John Shewchuk
<b>29</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Mattsen Jeanne Corrin	Donna Day & Karen Walls



# January 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6 <i>The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	7 Altar Guild  <b>Flossie</b>
8 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	9 <i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	10 9:30am Coffee Landing   Team Meeting 6:00	11	12	13	14 Altar Guild  <b>Flossie</b>
15 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	16 Vestry 7:00	17	18	19	20	21 Altar Guild  Carolyn & Helen
22 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25 Messy Church 5:30 -7pm	26	27	28 Altar Guild  Carolyn & Helen
29 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting	30	31				

