



# 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....

Louie, the golden-doodle who comes to church when he's in town is very much like our Riley. Except Louie is better behaved, doesn't have the dog version of a home pudding bowl haircut, and smells better. Much better. Okay, maybe he just looks very much like our Riley. Now that you have a visual, imagine him running along with a doggy grin, ears flopping, stopping suddenly to sniff something interesting; every bit of him showing he's happy just to be alive.

Everyday starts out with hip rubs from Randy and shoulder rubs from me. Life for Riley is filled with endless possibilities. Today is the BEST DAY EVER!!!! This might be the day that the chipmunk, sitting in the tree chattering at him finally comes down and they can have a dandy romp. Or maybe, he'll find something wonderful and smelly to roll in. Or someone will throw the ball whenever he wants them to. And, if none of those things happen, it's still the BEST DAY EVER.

The only thing that makes him sad is when he's home alone. But then we come home and that's the BEST DAY EVER. It's especially the BEST DAY EVER after he's chewed a hole in a piece of our clothing, just as reminder that he disapproves of us leaving.

I love the way he lives in happiness. He doesn't have doggy faith that things will be okay, and he certainly doesn't like being left alone, but when it's done it's over. We humans tend to get stuck in what's wrong rather than what's right. In her lectures Marianne Williamson sometimes asks "If ten good things happened today, and one bad one, which one are you thinking about?" Sometimes, when the ten good things are so outweighed by the one bad thing, it's hard to think about them. At least in the moment. Overwhelmed with grief, I didn't appreciate the conversations I had with my mom the morning of the day she passed away. I cherish them now. But so often, those ten good things fade into the background as we dwell on what went wrong.

This past year I've been having the same realization over and over; that aging is changing our lives. Acceptance came in small doses, mini epiphanies stark and true one minute pushed aside the next. God knew that I needed to face this, but didn't give more than I could take that moment. My prayers were more along the line of - I don't like this, I don't want to feel this way anymore, please help and if you could do it quickly I would be appreciative.

Then, this fall Randy and I spent four days splitting and stacking wood, a job he wasn't able to do by himself this at the time. I had forgotten what a good time we have working together. How we fall into a comfortable rhythm and communicate with nods and smiles. We heard Riley whining and saw him quivering under the tree while the chipmunk chattered above. When we called him over he ran, tail wagging, ears flapping, doggy grin on his face. "BEST DAY EVER" I told him that afternoon and the next and the next, and finally I realized each one was. My prayer had been answered in the way that was best for me.

Peace,  
*Mel*



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



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



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



- 1/28 ~ Delbert & Bonnie Hickey

## Annual Meeting

Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11:30 a.m.

We will need 4 Vestry members

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## Community Café 2020

Holy Trinity Volunteers

March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>

# January '20 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<b>5</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Carolyn Mount Lee Grim	Carole Johnson
<b>12</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Baptism of our Lord</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Jeanne Corrin Lee Grim	Donna Day Karen Walls
<b>19</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Epiphany</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
<b>26</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee Grim	Molly Pavleck Lee Grim	Carolyn Davison



# January 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Altar Guild
						Carolyn & Molly
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						Tricia
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Altar Guild
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	<i>Ruby's Pantry Reg. 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	Vestry 4:45 pm				Tricia
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting 11:30		Newsletter Deadline (Vestry)				Donna & Karen
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.						