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St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Epistle to the Elizabethans

A WORD FROM FR. DEKE MILLER



Celebration of Resurrection

I just love this time of year! Spring is a time of transition as the weather begins to warm and the trees and plants begin to green and bloom. For the Church it is a busy time as we soon begin to end our observance of a Holy Lent and celebrate Holy Week and the Easter season. It is a time of celebrating resurrection of both the natural season of Spring and Christ's resurrection from the dead for us. The whole reason we live in the hope of Christ is because of what He has done for us, by His death and resurrection and what He is doing in us and through us today.

I want to encourage you to come Week and the Easter season and partake of the services for contain the most powerful and Holy Week. They are moving and meaningful services of the year! powerful meant to put us into Come and be apart of it!

Christ's story. From Palm Sunday when we celebrate the triumphal entry of Christ coming into Jerusalem on a donkey... the king of glory coming in the humblest of means coming as our servant King. Then Maundy Thursday when we celebrate how Christ redefines the Passover Feast through the last supper with the Disciples. Here He gives the imperative to love one another as He loved us and then exemplifies that love by washing the Disciples' feet. This powerful service ends with the stripping of the Altar where we reflect on Jesus going to the Garden and being arrested. While the Altar is stripped the lights go dim... Jesus is taken away to be tried and crucified. Then comes the darkness of Friday. Good Friday the Day Christ dies for the sins of the world.

All seems dark and lost but the story is not over the light of a new day dawns and Easter Sunday comes in which we celebrate the resurrection of Christ! A day in which we cry out the glorious cry of "Alleluia, He is risen! The Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!". In the Episcopal Church Holy

This also marks the time when we begin to transition into summer. I also want to encourage each of you to remember your Church with your prayers, work, and financial support. While many go on vacations or travel to homes up north the Church is still alive and active. For example we are planning an awesome Vacation Bible School in July where we hope to have over twenty kids come and hear about Jesus! If you are here and can help we would love to hear from you! If you are away please keep us in your prayers!

My family and I want to wish each of you a blessed Holy Week and a very happy Easter season. May God bless you and keep you!

Fr. Deke +

MARCH Birthdays		MARCH Anniversaries	
Dora Wunner	4	Davy & Christina Moore	5
Davy Moore	6	Ray & Teresa Rapach	24
Norma Washington	6		
Sue Johnson	11		
Michael Millard	11		
Cynthia Lum Shue Chan	16		
Joe Stone	17		
Sharon Bean	20		
Pat Cleary	20		
Theresa Duke	24		
Fannie Salerno	27		
Marie Badger	28		
David Bean	31		

****Congratulations to our newly elected 2026 Vestry Members****

Rebecca Anders, Michael Colangeli, Ken Dean & Janet Mandeville

Congratulations to our new Sr. Warden, Denise Roberts & Jr. Warden, Ken Dean

THANK YOU to Denise Bersos, Guy McKenzie, Alice Stone & John Flockhart for your service!



Valentine's Day Sock/Hop
held on Saturday, February 14th
Music from the heart!



SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper held on February 17th

Our monthly Men's Breakfast

A gathering of men for breakfast & fellowship. Every third Saturday at 8:00am.

We choose a different location every month.

Everyone is responsible for paying for their own breakfast.

See sign up sheet on bulletin board. ***Come join us!***



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Palm Sunday ~ March 29, 2026 8:00am & 10:00am
Maundy Thursday ~ April 2, 2026 7:00pm (*Foot Washing Service & Stripping of the Altar*)
Good Friday ~ April 3, 2026 Noon & 6:00pm (*Stations of the Cross*)
Easter Sunday ~ April 5, 2026 ~ 8:00am & 10:00am
Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Coffee Hour immediately following the 10:00am service



St. Patrick's Day Dinner held on Saturday, March 14th was a huge success!
 THANK YOU to all our volunteers who helped make this day so special!

Sunday, March 22nd Quarterly Outreach will be donated to **Ecumenical Food Pantry, Roseland**. Each donation up to \$100.00 will be matched by Endowment! Donations can be made in cash or made payable to St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church. Please indicate "**Quarterly Outreach**" on memo line on your check. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**



Sunday, April 12

Picnic will begin immediately following the 9:30am Rite II service (one service on this day)
Volunteers needed for set up/clean up ~ see sign up sheet on bulletin board



ECW Paint Party
Saturday, April 18th ~ 11:00am

\$30/pp includes lunch! Money is due in by Monday, April 13th and will be collected by Janet Mandeville & Denise Roberts. See sign up sheet on bulletin board. *All are welcome to join us!*



A message from our Sr. Warden

I would like to share with you from the heart how deeply honored I am to have been asked by our Rector to serve as Sr. Warden of our church. When I was approached about this role my first response was one of humility - because this is a community I love, and a responsibility I do not take lightly. This church has been a place of worship, comfort, friendship, and spiritual growth for me. It has shaped my faith and reminded me time and again of God's presence through the kindness, generosity, and faithfulness of its people. To now be asked to serve in this way feels less like a position and more like a calling. I step into this role knowing I will continue to learn, to listen, and to lean on God's guidance. I am grateful for the trust that has been placed in me and for the partnership of our Rector, Vestry, and parish family as we walk this journey together. My prayer is to serve with an open heart, a steady spirit, and a deep love for this congregation.

Scripture reminds us that none of us serves alone:

“Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.” — 1 Corinthians 12:27

Each of us has a role to play and together we are strengthened. Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, and your faithfulness to this church. I ask for your continued prayers as I begin this ministry. I look forward to serving alongside you in love and hope. With gratitude & faith,

Denise Roberts, Sr. Warden

A word from our Jr. Warden

What a busy year so far! We have had all kinds of projects! We started with a new culvert and driveway repair and sealer. New shrubs along the road in front of the church and new irrigation for them which is a work in progress. We fixed a hot water problem in the Sacristy, painted ceiling stains in our Sanctuary. The county told us we probably had a water leak because of a high volume of water recorded on our water meter. We dug what seemed like a hundred holes around the church! Found the leak on day 4 under the church Sanctuary. It was fixed and we added a master shut off. Many thanks to all who tackled this including Fr. Deke who was as muddied as the rest of us. Events have kept us busy. We had our Annual Meeting along with brunch, Valentine's Day Sock Hop, SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper and our St. Patrick's Day Dinner held on Saturday, March 14th. More events are coming! Our annual Church Picnic on Sunday, April 12th...Continue to look at bulletin board for more details. Please don't forget Easter is coming soon! We all take pride in our church and want it to shine for this Holy season. If you can help out on Tuesday mornings we would be so thankful! Not all is outside or hard physical work. Things like window washing, dusting all the inside corners of our church and office spaces are needed. The A/C is on! Many thanks to our new Tuesday crew members, John Chiarmonte and Alan Baisley and to all the guys and gals that come every week or when the call goes out. We are blessed to have you all. God Bless!

Ken Dean, Jr. Warden

ALTAR GUILD

Our Altar Guild has had a short break between Christmas and the start of Lent. We are now making plans for Holy Week and our Easter Celebration. It is such a special feeling to take part in preparing for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter! We welcome Dodie Liden who has joined us on Altar Guild. We welcome anyone else who would like to join us. Our Altar seems a bit bare without flowers during the Lenten season. We will have palms for Palm Sunday March 29th and beautiful Easter flowers and memorial flowers will be on April 5th. Anyone who would like to add their talent for flowers we welcome you. Cindy Winters has volunteered to help arrange flowers for special occasions. Just a reminder that flower donations celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries or any special event can be made through out the year. Flower donation envelopes are in the pews. Thank you in advance for all donations. Peace to All,

Linda Dean, Altar Guild Directress

Endowment Donation**Do you want to double your money?**

St. Elizabeth's Endowment Fund is providing \$8000 this year to support the mission and ministries of your church! Growing the principal of the fund will increase the income available for the church. A donor has offered to match Endowment Fund donations parishioners make in 2026! Stay tuned this Spring for more information on how you can participate.

Bill Curtis

