



St. Mark's
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THE LION'S ROAR

May 2025

St. Mark's Church~ Joyfully & Unconditionally Welcoming Everyone

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Dear Friends,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

It is a simple word, “Alleluia!” Simple, but effective to our worship, isn’t it? It simply means, “Praise to God!” One of our parishioners who is relatively new to our tradition was fairly disappointed late in the Epiphany season when he found out that we were putting away our Alleluias for the season of Lent, because his favorite part of the service is shouting his praise to God at the dismissal. When Palm Sunday came around, I went to him and made sure he knew that the following week would be his time to shine, as our blessed word would be coming back in all its glory. He assured me he would be here to lend his voice to the choir of praise, and he certainly was.

It is not rubrically called for to say “Alleluia” three times after the dismissal—the Prayer Book asks that we say it only twice. When I first worshipped at St. Mark’s the summer I arrived back in Wyoming, I found it comical and a little off-putting that there was that one extra Alleluia at the end of worship, and not only was it enthusiastically expressed by the congregation, it was downright shouted with joy! My discomfort dissipated by the end of the summer, because you get used to the joy and that extra praise to God can’t be that big of a deal, certainly not to God.

I’ve come to relax much more into my priesthood since arriving at St. Mark’s. I don’t know if that has to do with my comfortability and knowledge of the liturgy and my role as the presider, or the confidence I have gained in my skills, or because you all just lean into the beautiful mystery that is what we do every week and the flexibility that we are allowed within it. It’s likely a mix of all three. I have also learned to be less rigid within the scope of Sunday morning’s worship, and adopt a mantra of, “there’s no such thing as a liturgical emergency.” That, admittedly, comes out of my years as a sacristan in seminary, where responding to “emergencies” was our job. There really are no “emergencies” when it comes to liturgy, only opportunities for silence or creativity while things are sorted out!

Our worship invites us into such creativity and improvisation—we are called to be co-creators of not only sacraments with God, but moments of praise, prayer, fellowship, and communion. The gospels set many examples of how to do this well. I think of the story of the hemorrhaging woman, who risked a lot to just touch the hem of Jesus’ robe. Jesus, who immediately feels power go out of him,

could have continued on his way because a lot of people who needed healing and forgiveness were touching him, but he stops and takes a moment to make a connection. He creates relationship where there was none and restores a woman to her community. That's improvisation. Or think about the time in Luke's gospel (chapter 5), where a paralytic man's friends can't get him into a house to see Jesus, so they carry him on a stretcher up to the roof, remove parts of the thatch and lower him down through the roof so their friend can receive what they know he needs. That's love and improv.

And with every interaction that was unexpected and surprising, people walk away with a word like "Alleluia!" on their lips. An encounter with the walking, talking incarnate God can only leave one with praise and thanksgiving. We get to be that for one another when we gather here and then take what we're given and spill it over into the world. Our lives get to be a surprising and unexpected blessing if we allow ourselves to relax, to improvise, let God guide us, and create moments of Alleluia for those we encounter every day.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

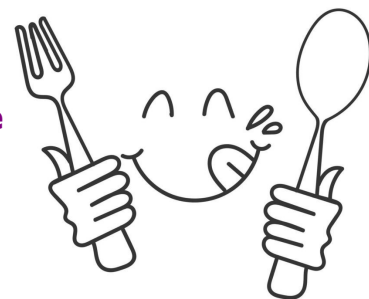
Rev. Camie



Soup Suppers 2025

**Thank you to those who
came out and made some
delicious food!**

Rev. Camie
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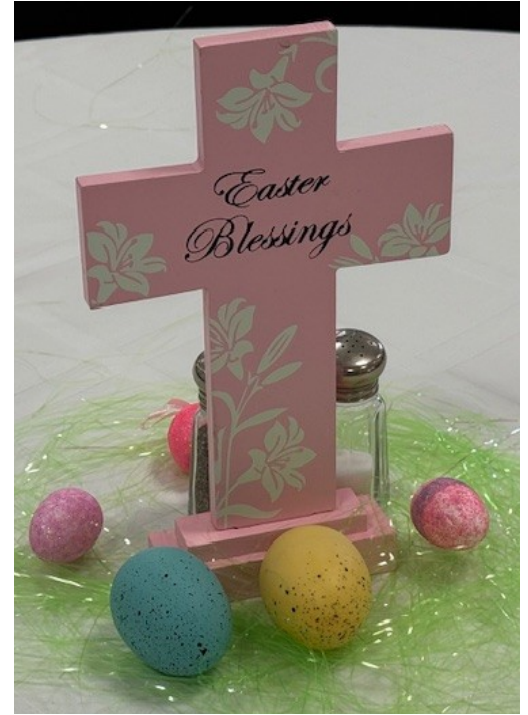
Easter 2025 Photos



Easter Sunday Service



Easter Flower Memorial



Easter Brunch Decorations



**A special
thank you
goes out to
Joyce Jones
for always
taking
photos
during such
special times!**

CALL TO ALL GRADUATES

It's that time of year! If you have or know a Pre-School, Elementary, High School, College student graduating, please let us know so we can celebrate them! Sunday, May 18th, we will pray for all graduates and their next step forward on their journey. Call the St. Mark's office or send an email with their name and what they are graduating from.

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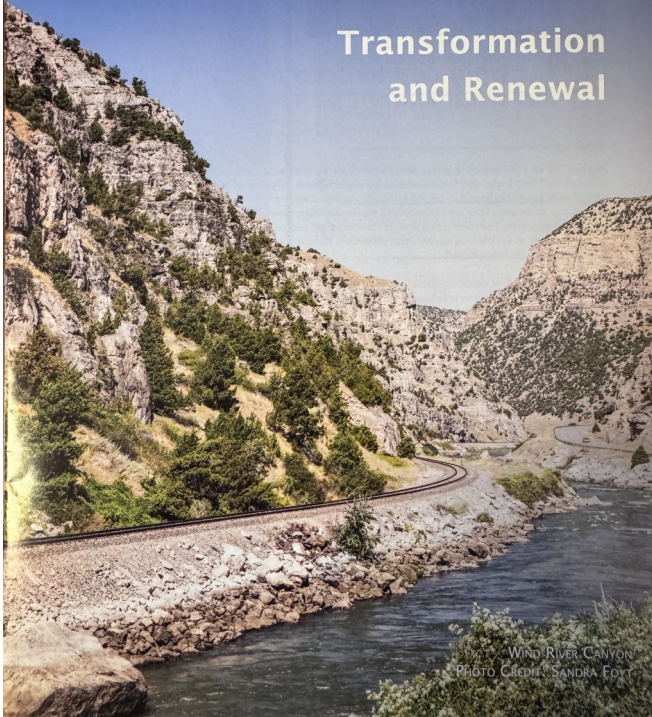
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Spirit of Wyoming

Spring 2025

Transformation and Renewal



WIND RIVER CANYON
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Take a second to read this wonderful article in the Spirit of Wyoming about our Hearts to Hands Ministry! If you want to know more about the Spirit of Wyoming, you can visit their website:

www.episcopalwy.org/spiritofwyoming

Church Outreach

BY WALT TANNER, ST. MARK'S IN CASPER

COMPASSIONATE TRANSFORMATION

Among the many blessings arising out of practicing the Episcopal tradition is the unifying consistency of our liturgy. No matter where you are in the world, if you attend an Episcopal worship service on any given Sunday, you can be assured it will follow the same rhythms and patterns your friends and family are using back home.

Such it was for two recently retired parishioners from St. Mark's in Casper, who took advantage of their newly found free time to escape the snow and wind one winter to spend a few weeks in Arizona. They found a small, vibrant Episcopal parish nearby and started attending worship services. While the service still began on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer, the biggest difference they found was that during the offertory, many of the parishioners were curiously weighing down the plates with rolls of quarters. Bemused, they went to coffee hour and asked why so many made their offerings in this manner. They discovered the church would take the quarters to

a local laundromat at an appointed time during the week and use them to pay for the laundry of anyone who came through the door.

After the snow melted, the couple returned to the wind in Casper with an idea for a new ministry at St. Mark's. They spoke to the rector and started making announcements after The Peace, encouraging their fellow parishioners to bring a roll of quarters to help pay for the laundry of people in need in Casper. It took off immediately. They were soon spending more time at the laundromat than they ever had in college. Better yet, many of the least among us in Casper were enjoying the simple dignity of reliably clean clothes.

There were two problems with this system. First, quarters are heavy and cumbersome in their thousands. Second, only a small percentage of folks who needed to do a couple loads of laundry could make it to the laundromat when parishioners from St. Mark's were able to be there and feed the machines. The solution to both of these problems was simple: take advantage of the goodwill established with the laundromat to create a credit relationship. Instead of parishioners personally paying

for laundry, the laundromat would redeem a voucher from the church good for two loads. This way, people who needed clean clothes could do their wash anytime the laundromat was open.

This system also enabled St. Mark's to branch out to other agencies in Casper that were regularly coming into contact with those who could use access to the laundromat. The first such agency was the Natrona County Library. Librarians steward more than just books. They are often the first point of contact for people who are struggling and need support from their neighbors. The librarians in Casper are no different, and they agreed to distribute vouchers on behalf of St. Mark's.

“We are amazed by the work God can do with a small idea...”



If there is one thing more undignified than dirty pants, it's soiled pants. Inspired by the success of the laundry ministry, the same parishioners went back to the parish after the Peace and announced plans to raise funds to purchase and distribute a supplemental amount of diapers and wipes to families in need in our community. A sanctuary full of grandparents didn't need much persuading, and a mustard seed's worth of funding was soon obtained to grow the laundry ministry. Soon, diapers were being distributed out of the back of a pickup truck parked at the library once every couple of weeks.



Diapers, wipes, and infant supplies are now distributed to over 100 families from the Parish Hall

At this point, the ministry was growing beyond St. Mark's ability to sustain. We needed access to more funds. The same parishioner who brought back the original idea for raising quarters applied skills from his vocation to write grant applications for a ministry he named "Heart to Hands." The first and still largest patron of the



Kobi Roberts helping bring Heart to Hands to life at St. Mark's in Casper.

St. Mark's Heart to Hands Ministry is the Foundation for the Episcopal Church in Wyoming. With their support, we not only reliably fund a vital ministry in our community—it is growing.

While the mission of Heart to Hands has not changed since the snow melted nearly a decade ago, its size and shape have grown beyond anything we could have imagined when weighing down the plates with quarters before the pandemic. Today, we have credit relationships with two local laundromats and are financing nearly 6,000 loads of laundry annually. We rely on seven local agencies to distribute laundry vouchers on our behalf. We distribute diapers, wipes, infant formula, and menstrual hygiene products to approximately 100 local families out of our Parish Hall twice a month.

The Heart to Hands operation now requires the lovingly donated volunteer labor of over a dozen parishioners who do everything from picking up diapers to delivering vouchers to writing grant applications. An all-volunteer force and the use of our building allow St. Mark's to put 100% of granted funds toward the heart of the ministry. Best of all, people in our community know St. Mark's is a safe place where they can access resources to live their lives with more dignity. For the parishioners of St. Mark's, Heart to Hands offers an opportunity to act on the Post-Communion Prayer every week, and Christ's love shines far beyond the bushel basket of our sanctuary.

None of this would have happened if two snowbirds had not come home with a good idea and a mustard seed of faith in their hearts. We are amazed by the work God can do with a small idea and willing hands.




Kathy Mortimer, shares her time and compassion to support Casper families in need.

Ladies Spring Fling

Hosted by St. Mark's Altar Guild and Daughters of the King Chapter - Sisters of the Trinity

Where: St. Mark's Episcopal Church
701 S. Wolcott, Casper, WY

When: May 10
Noon to 2:00 pm

Enjoy fellowship, food, and fun with your sisters in faith!
Wear your favorite hat! 

OPTIONAL - Bring your favorite salad to share (including recipe)

RSVP by May 5th, call St. Mark's Church - 234-0831



Diaper Days Summer 2025

May 6th
May 20th
June 3rd
June 17th
July 1st
July 15th
August 5th
August 19th



CINCO DE MAYO

Get ready to fiesta at our Cinco de Mayo Potluck Brunch!

Join us as we celebrate Mexican heritage and culture with delicious food and great company. Please bring whatever Mexican dish you love!

Event Details:


Date: May 4th, Time: 10:30am
Location: St. Mark's Episcopal Church

If you would like to volunteer to help clean up, there is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. We would greatly appreciate it!



THEOLOGY CLASS SCHEDULE
SPRING 2025

May 6 The Theology of Sadness
May 13 Biblical Wisdom
May 20 Angels
May 27 Demons
June 3 **Last Class** Dealers' Choice



Easter Season

BOOK STUDY

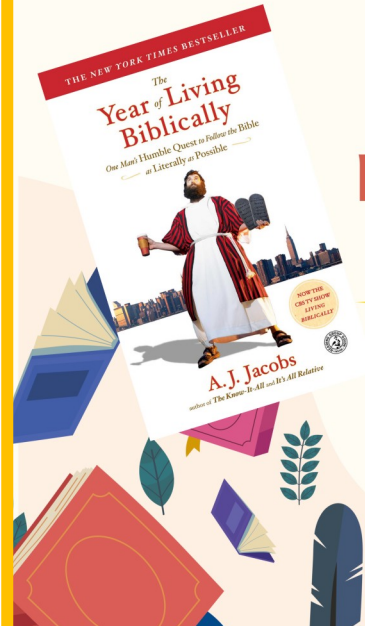
*The Year of Living
Biblically by
A.J. Jacobs*

**MONDAYS
6:30 PM**

**NOW STARTING
MAY 12TH**

at St. Mark's
Episcopal Church

More information
stmarkscasper.org



THY KINGDOM COME
NOVENA

the
**LORD'S
PRAYER**

Ten lessons
and one great hope

Archbishop of York
Stephen Cottrell



Pray for 5

Please join the Daughters of the King in a global prayer movement to pray for 5 people you want to come to know Jesus. For 11 days, from May 29th (Ascension) to June 8th (Pentecost) people around the world are praying for more people to come to know Jesus. It encompasses 85 different denominations and nearly 90% of countries worldwide. The theme this year centers on the Lord's Prayer. For daily devotions and more resources, visit:

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

!!!ATTENTION!!!

We will be continuing our Bible Study Wednesday mornings at 8:00am and starting our Bible Study back up on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Guild Room. We will see you there!

2023-2026 Vestry Members

Cheryl Engle
Clint Hernandez
Neil Zepsey

2024-2027 Vestry Members

Nancy Johnson
Donna Mathern
Dustin Roberts
Ann Rochelle

2025-2028 Vestry Members

Helen Byrd
Mike Jennings
Peter Nicolaysen
Ginger Terry

Tom Reese— Treasurer

May Birthdays

5th– Dick Wimbish
6th– Cheryl Engle
13th– Colby Cassel
14th– Dave Applegate
15th– Lila McConigley
15th– Charlene Klein
20th– Ava Ramos
20th– Audrey Cotherman
22nd– Bob Meloy
23rd– Mike Bon
24th– Nancy Johnson
25th– Libby Kurtz
26th– Ian Gilbert
28th– Aiden Schroeder
29th– Val Wimbish
30th– Trelene DeFry



May Anniversaries

14th– Leila and Boyd Bradford
15th– Brad and Carrie Reece
15th– Soren and Ashton Engstrom
19th– Tony and Patricia Doane
27th– Gary and Lyn George
30th– David Blair and Jackie Hotle



If your birthday or anniversary is missing from this list, or if you would prefer to ****not**** have your birthday or anniversary published in our newsletter or weekly email, please contact the church office at stmarkscasper5@gmail.com or at 307-234-0831. We also send out birthday and anniversary cards, so if you do not receive one, please notify the office so we can verify your address! We will be updating the church directory this spring, so watch for those announcements coming soon.

Stone Soup Suppers

As members of Central Wyoming Counseling Center's Residential Rehab program look to complete their time at the center, they also look at getting back to life in the "real" world. In order to assist that process, St. Mark's is partnering with CWCC to introduce Stone Soup Suppers as a way to give these residents skills and a community experience as well as face time with their families. Once a month, using the kitchen and Parish Hall at St. Mark's, the residents will prepare, cook, serve, enjoy, and then clean up after these meals. Parishioners are invited to join these suppers with the understanding that confidentiality and discretion are a part of the healing process. Look for more information on time and how you can get involved soon.

Upcoming Stone Soup Suppers:

May 17th at 5:30pm

****Jared Kucera is temporarily taking over the Stone Soup Suppers. He will be graduating Culinary School the middle of April from Auguste Escoffier in Boulder Colorado. He is very excited to do this but knows he has big shoes to fill.**

Aspen trees grow together displaying the power and strength of community! We can, too!
Nurturing Faith & Love in Community – A Retreat for Women



Get away, get refreshed, and get ready to
Believe Like Jesus!



Sept 26–28, 2025 on Casper Mtn. at the Mills Spring Ranch
Hosted by the Women of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Casper

Join other women of faith for a weekend of fun, faith, and possibilities.
Retreat Leader, Rebekah Simon–Peter (of Rebekah Simon–Peter Coaching and Consulting Inc., www.rebekahsimonpeter.com) will inspire you to dream big dreams with conviction, agency, and action, based on Biblical principles.

Registration form: www.oslwyo.org, or call Tina @ 307–247–1614;
Letty @ 307–259–6616; Judy @ 307–259–8910 or Miriah @ 757–354–0283.

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Theme: Nurturing Love and Faith in Community
Details: Friday registration 3-5PM, dinner \$ fun night; Saturday workshops w/ Rebekah; Sunday AM wrap-up & closing workshop; 11:30AM check-out. Transportation available, bunk cabins & private cabins (added cost), showers & restrooms; Prayer & walking path; 5 meals
Weekend Cost: \$200 a person
1-Day Pass Cost: \$125 a person

2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	We
B-Basement CR-Basement conf. room GR-Guild Room K-Kitchen OL-Online PH-Parish Hall S-Sanctuary Z-Zoom	WORSHIP ST. MARK'S GROUPS 12-STEP GROUPS OUTSIDE GROUPS WEEKLY EVENTS SPECIAL EVENTS	Please contact the church office to get your event scheduled!	
4 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Fellowship Committee mtg 10:30am- Cinco de Mayo Brunch	5 Cinco de Mayo 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 12:00 pm AI-Anon-GR 7:00 pm Bldg. Comm. Mtg.-GR 7:00pm Fellowship Mtg.-PH 8:00 pm Compline-OL	6 Diaper Day 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 12:00 pm Soul Knitters-GR 6:30 pm Boy Scouts-B 8:00 pm Compline-OL	7 7:00 am 7:01 Ser 7:30 am Morning 8:00 am Bible Str 6:30 pm Bible Str 8:00 pm Compli
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Welcoming Everyone

2025

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 9:00 am Brotherhood-GR 5:30 pm N/A-B 6:00 pm EfM– GR 7:00 pm Barbershop-S 8:00 pm Compline-OL	2 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 pm Compline-OL	3 10:00 am Daughters of the King –GR 1:00pm– Student Recital– PH/S
Service Prayer –OL Study– GR Study– GR E-OL	8 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 9:00 am Brotherhood-GR 5:30 pm N/A-B 6:00 pm EfM– GR 7:00 pm Barbershop-S 8:00 pm Compline-OL	9 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 pm Compline-OL	10 12:00 pm Ladies Luncheon
Service– S Prayer –OL Study– GR Study– GR E-OL	15 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 9:00 am Brotherhood-GR 5:30 pm N/A-B 6:00 pm EfM– GR 7:00 pm Barbershop-S 8:00 pm Compline-OL	16 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 pm Compline-OL	17 10:00 am Daughters of the King –GR 5:30 pm Stone Soup Supper
Service– S Prayer –OL Study– GR Study– GR E-OL	22 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 9:00 am Brotherhood-GR 9:00 am Pre-School Graduation 5:30 pm N/A-B 6:00 pm EfM– GR 7:00 pm Barbershop-S 8:00 pm Compline-OL	23 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 pm Compline-OL	24 10:00 am Sorority Brunch
Service– S Prayer –OL Study– GR Study– GR E-OL	29 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 9:00 am Brotherhood-GR 5:30 pm N/A-B 6:00 pm EfM– GR 7:00 pm Barbershop-S 8:00 pm Compline-OL	30 7:30 am Morning Prayer –OL 8:00 pm Compline-OL	31

May Ministry Schedules

May 4, 2025

Celebrant: The Rev. Camie Dewey
Acolytes: Sylas Sterner
Altar Guild: Claudia, Jessica, and Liam
Lectors: Eric Zespy- Prayers 1
Neil Zespy- Prayers 2
Worship Leaders: Kathy Morton– 1st Lesson/Chalice
Steve Johnson- Epistle
Helen Byrd- Wine at Altar
Clint Hernandez– Psalm/Wine at Altar
John Kerns– Shrine Altar
Verger: Nancy Johnson
Healing Prayers: Traute Gilbert
Tellers: Dustin Roberts and Ann Rochelle
Ushers: Lyn and Gary George
Coffee Hosts: Meals and Receptions
Coffee Coordinator: Kennedy Terry
Organist: Beverly Reese
Children's Chapel: Pamela Wolfskill
Meals & Receptions: Traute Gilbert and Joyce Jones
Sound and Video: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones, and Kurt Gilbert

May 11, 2025

Rector: The Rev. Camie Dewey
Acolytes: Sylas Sterner
Altar Guild: Elizabeth and Cheryl
Lectors: Kim McAtee- Prayers 1
Pam Lesino- Prayers 2
Worship Leaders: Pam Brondos- First Lesson/
Chalice
Nancy Engstrom– Epistle/Wine at Altar
Traute Gilbert– Psalm/Wine at Altar
Nancy Johnson– Shrine Altar
Verger: Nancy Johnson
Healing Prayers: Claudia Wilson
Tellers: Peter and Mike
Ushers: Ann Rochelle
Coffee Hosts: Vestry
Coffee Coordinator: Kennedy Terry
Organist: Beverly Reese
Children's Chapel: Pamela Wolfskill
Meals & Receptions: Traute Gilbert and Joyce Jones
Sound and Video: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones, and Kurt Gilbert

May 18, 2025

Rector: The Rev. Camie Dewey
Acolytes: Sylas Sterner
Altar Guild: Jane and Claudia
Lectors: Cindy King- Prayers 1
Lyn George- Prayers 2
Worship Leaders: Laurie Reese- 1st Lesson/Chalice
Kathy Morton- Epistle/Wine at Altar
Helen Byrd– Psalm/Wine at Altar
Clint Hernandez– Shrine Altar
Clint Hernandez
Verger: Steve Johnson
Healing Prayers: Neil and Donna
Tellers: Nancy Engstrom & Margie Roberts
Ushers: Outreach
Coffee Hosts: Kennedy Terry
Coffee Coordinator: Beverly Reese
Organist: Pamela Wolfskill
Children's Chapel: Traute Gilbert and Joyce Jones
Meals & Receptions: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones, and Kurt Gilbert

May 25, 2025

Rector: The Rev. Camie Dewey
Acolytes: Sylas Sterner
Altar Guild: Dyann and Elizabeth
Lectors: Neil Zespy- Prayers 1
Eric Zespy- Prayers 2
Worship Leaders: Helen Byrd- 1st Lesson/Chalice
John Kerns- Epistle/Shrine Altar
Pam Brondos- Psalm/Wine at Altar
Clint Hernandez– Wine at Altar
Clint Hernandez
Verger: Traute Gilbert
Healing Prayers: Ann Rochelle and Dustin R.
Tellers: Ginger and Donna
Ushers: Foundation
Coffee Hosts: Kennedy Terry
Coffee Coordinator: Beverly Reese
Organist: Pamela Wolfskill
Children's Chapel: Traute Gilbert and Joyce Jones
Meals & Receptions: Jeanne Miller, Joyce Jones, and Kurt Gilbert

