

# ALL SAINTS

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH



### MINISTRY NARRATIVE 2020

Along with the "Vision of All Saints" and  
"Our Core Values"

## **Vision of All Saints Church**

The vision of All Saints Episcopal Church, Whitefish - Columbia Falls is to be healthy and as such, naturally grow to the size of a parish which has a critical mass allowing us to engage in significant ministry drawing upon the combined spiritual gifts of a wider congregation.

We see ourselves having a Christian Formation program for people of all ages that is supported by a team ministry.

We see the community knowing who we are, valuing what we do and finding us indispensable for the health and welfare of the wider Northern Flathead Valley.



# **Our Core Values**

## **Discipleship**

We nurture people to claim a calling of ministry, understand their place in God's Kingdom on Earth, and their invaluable role in being the Body of Christ here and now.

## **Welcoming and Inclusive**

We believe that everyone who comes through our doors not only contributes to our community and its ministry within but that person is someone who can join us in bringing relief to the downtrodden, hope to the despondent, liberty to the captive and good news to the poor. We believe that God loves all without exception.

## **Giving**

We believe in giving to those who are outside our church walls through outreach to the community, the nation and the world, and we believe in giving out of a sense of thanksgiving for the abundant gifts of God. This is the context in which we see our ministry of Stewardship.

## **Christian Formation**

We highly value Christian formation which includes education and we believe that all are called to read, mark and inwardly learn in every way possible. To that end, we are committed to Christian formation for all ages.

## **Pastoral Care**

We place a high value on pastoral care and seek ways which are both traditional and novel to provide people and the animal world the comfort of the Gospel as the verbal and visible word of God.

## **Worship**

We place a high value on engaging in worship that is intelligible to those new to the community, meaningful to the members of the congregation, and filled with prayerful thoughtfulness.

# A Message from the Rector

To All the Saints,

This is the latest incarnation of our parish's ministry narrative, a tool for our communal celebration and discernment; where we've walked by faith and where we're being called as a community.

This has been an odd, yet joyful, year for All Saints. After many years of discernment and planning, we are only a month out from completing the renovation of our worship space, an accomplishment that will allow us to gather and expand the Eucharistic community here in the Flathead. I'm also ecstatic to have been called as your new rector after what I can assure you was an incredibly thorough and prayerful process guided by the laity of the parish. These are two major changes in the life of our community, coupled with a global pandemic that has disrupted our day-to-day lives and changed much of the way that we "do church".

This document is a survey of what we have achieved from September 2019 to September 2020 in five areas of ministry: Service (In-reach/Outreach), Worship, Education, Evangelism, and Pastoral Care. However, as you read this ministry narrative, I hope you view it less as a list of accomplishments, and more as a testament to the resiliency of All Saints.



I ask you to join me in imagining what we can do together when we're not in the throes of a pandemic, God hasten the day! Though the next year holds many unknowns, we are certain that God is faithful. We must be faithful too, because wherever faithfulness takes us is the right place and the only reason it is right.

In Christ,  
Charlie+

# *The Ministry Narrative for All Saints Church*

## **Service (Outreach)**

This past year, one of the more gratifying and meaningful outreach activities for our community was our Advent tradition of bringing various themed donations to our nativity creche. As we began a new church year, we collected donations for local food banks, pet food, warm clothes, and stuffed animals meant to comfort children who find themselves in the emergency room at North Valley Hospital.

As has become our custom, we distributed the loose offering and designated checks from the services of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to those in need. This year The Abbie Shelter, RezQ Dogs, and the Hubble family were the recipients. We have had a longstanding relationship with The Abbie Shelter and more recently RezQ Dogs. Last year, RezQ relocated to a safe and dry building due to spring flooding that caused their physical plant considerable damage every year. We were thrilled to help with their HEARTS Campaign (Helping Every Animal Relocate to Safety). The Hubble Family was the third recipient of our Christmas offerings. Jordana Hubble is a 7 year-old student who was struck by a car while getting off the school bus. After the accident, Jordana was admitted into a coma program in Houston, which put a significant amount of financial stress on her family. Finally, we helped some housing-insecure families to have a merry Christmas through our Samaritan House caring tree. Parishioners took tags with gift ideas for adults, babies, young children, and a teenager to sponsor four families at Samaritan

House. The response to our new outreach was overwhelming. Every single tag was taken and returned with thoughtful gifts for the needs of our extended families in Christ. Vera Smith, who organized the Caring Tree, spoke with the manager of Samaritan House after Christmas, and was told that there were many happy faces and tears of joy.

We continued to tie our liturgical year to our outreach giving with our Lenten practice of assisting local ministries in the community over those 40 days. This year, we committed to assisting two local organizations: The Abbie Shelter and the Flathead Warming Center.

The Abbie Shelter houses women and children who are the victims of domestic abuse and provides critical counseling to assist them in their healing. While social distancing is an important practice for preventing the spread of COVID-19, it has complicated matters for those who find themselves in abusive relationships, because survivors of domestic violence now find themselves in closer proximity to their abusers, with fewer opportunities to seek help.

The Flathead Warming Center is a low-barrier facility that provides safe shelter for homeless individuals and families during the coldest months of the year. Last year, they were housed in the basement of Christ Episcopal Church in Kalispell, though the Warming Center is currently searching for a bigger space to continue to meet this growing need. When social distancing protocols did not allow the Warming Center to house these individuals overnight, they were still able to provide meals, referrals, and basic needs items such as sleeping bags and tents.

We also continued a Lenten practice that has become a favorite of many parishioners, that of our daily Lenten coupon booklet, supporting ERD's 1000 Days of Love. This year, the format changed from a coupon booklet to a calendar, but still afforded people a fun way to be able to count their blessings and give thanks for the abundant gifts God bestows on us daily.

We are in our seventh year of supporting those living in the canyon outside Glacier Park. In past years, we've been able to work with other faith communities to provide a ministry of hospitality to those living in Hungry Horse, Martin City, and Coram that need a helping hand. And even though we cannot gather for the Canyon Community Dinners at this time, we are directing these funds to the Martin City Food Bank so that our neighbors can continue to eat.

All Saints also has a strong presence in the wider Flathead Valley community. Through a line item in our budget and support of the Rector's Discretionary Fund, we've been able to address needs for medical care, car repairs, gas and food money, utility payments, veterinary bills, rent, lodging for those stranded, train and bus tickets, and to help survivors obtain safe shelter from domestic abuse. The Discretionary Fund is a way that we can meet immediate, acute, and specific needs that larger and less nimble non-profits often cannot. During the 8 months between rectors, the Discretionary Fund was faithfully administered by Betsy and Steve Paugh, who were able to continue our practice of providing assistance for those with emergency needs. This work has become especially important in this time, as each one of our neighbors experiences this pandemic and its economic impact differently.

Within the Episcopal Church structure, our parish participates in the United Thank Offering (UTO), the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund (ERD), and other national/international programs, through our gifts and assessment to the Diocese of Montana.

In past years, we've supported Camp Marshall's Grace Camp, a camp for children whose parents are serving sentences in the correctional system. Although Camp Marshall had to shutter its doors this summer, our dedicated group of quilters held both their Fall (2019) and Spring (2020) quilt retreats, where they lovingly designed, pieced, and quilted a dozen quilts that will be given to children when Grace Camp is able to reopen. In addition, we contributed resources towards Camp Marshall's operating expenses, so that when they reopen, they'll be equipped with talented staff and a repaired dock.

We also delight in the fact that several parishioners join others at the Springs Assisted Living facility in knitting toys, hats, scarves, as well as prayer shawls in a group lovingly known as the KnitWits.

While we were unable to host one of our annual events, the Chili Open, a golf tournament played in the snow to assist local animal welfare agencies, we were still able to help some pets in trouble. As the Blackfeet Reservation began a 14-Day shutdown, they put out a call for



dog food. At our blessing of the animals, monetary donations and hundreds of pounds of dog food arrived on our doorstep. We hope to resume the Chili Open next year and continue to help some of God's most vulnerable creatures.

As a community, we support a vast number of outreach agencies. Over the last twelve months, through the budget and special offerings we've supported:

- North Valley Food Bank
- Columbia Falls Food Bank
- Hungry Horse/Martin City Food Bank
- The Bishop's Discretionary Fund
- The Humane Society of Northwest Montana
- Samaritan House
- The Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force
- Flathead Youth Home
- The Flathead Warming Center
- Spay Montana (serving the Blackfeet Reservation)
- Friends of the Flathead County Animal Shelter
- The Abbie Shelter
- The Hubble Family
- CROP Walk - Columbia Falls
- RezQ Dogs
- N. Valley Hospital Foundation Teddy Bear Fund
- The Tobacco Valley Animal Shelter
- Thompson River Animal Care Shelter
- The Canyon Community Dinners

In the national and international venue, we contribute to causes well beyond the Flathead Valley. While we have been renovating our own worship space, contributions from the discretionary fund allowed All Saints to put the roof on a new

Episcopal Church in Los Robles, Honduras. In May, Bishop Bailey of the Navajoland Area Mission put out a call for help, as the Navajo Nation (reservation lands with a population of about 200,000) was experiencing the highest COVID-19 infection rate in the world. With money from the discretionary fund, we purchased artisanal soap made by SHIMA of Navajoland, a nonprofit affiliated with the Episcopal Church that provides employment and job training for Navajo farmers, healers, and youth in Fort Defiance, AZ. Fr. Charlie, his wife (who is also an Episcopal priest) Mtr. Mikayla, and volunteers from the parish then sold this soap at the Columbia Falls Farmer's Market each Thursday to raise an additional \$2,000 to support Bishop Bailey's work of building cisterns on the Navajolands, where only 60% of the population has access to running water.



As students, teachers, and parents went back to school after months of distanced learning, we not only blessed the backpacks of the students in our pews, but gathered school supplies for kids who otherwise would not have them. We collected backpacks and supplies, as well as nearly \$1,400 to purchase gift certificates for gym shoes and additional school supplies, all of which were distributed through the Columbia Falls Food Bank, the Flathead Youth Home, and Samaritan House.

Finally, because many in our community have no church home in this tumultuous time, we've made our staff and

clergy available to those in need, providing pastoral support or someone to perform marriages and funerals in this time where it is difficult to grieve or celebrate as we are accustomed. Though it may seem counterintuitive, worship is inextricably tied to the outreach efforts of this community. As we receive the sacrament each Sunday at Eucharist, we remember that we give because of what we have been given.

## **Worship**

One of the areas of our communal life most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic has been our corporate expression of worship. However, it is also an area where we have shown great resilience, adaptability, and ingenuity.

While the All Saints Rector Search Committee was busily seeking out our new Rector, Sunday worship continued as usual. Within our greater All Saints family, we're blessed to have 5 retired Episcopal priests who were available as supply clergy during the 8 months between Rectors. In addition to our Rector Emeritus, Bradley Wirth, we relied on Bill Baumgarten, Sue Price, Stephen Wendfeldt, and David Cameron, to cover Sunday worship services for us. For the 36 weeks without a Rector, from August 2019 through March 2020, we never once missed offering our Sunday services, or any special services, such as Thanksgiving Eve or Ash Wednesday. We even had the Rt. Rev. Marty Stebbins, celebrate at two of our Christmas Eve services, only 17 days after being ordained and consecrated as the X Bishop of Montana. Bishop Marty had a front row seat at the 4 pm Christmas Eve service to enjoy our annual Christmas Pageant presented by the children and youth of All Saints.

All Saints parishioners served as a flag bearer, a choir member, and acolytes at the consecration of Bishop Stebbins, the 100<sup>th</sup> female bishop to be ordained in the Anglican Communion and the first female bishop in the Diocese of Montana's 152-year history.



While we waited for a new rector, Terry Abell led morning prayer on Wednesdays at the Springs Senior Living Center. In the fall, they returned to celebrating the Holy Eucharist until COVID-19 necessitated a lockdown of the facility in March.

Thursday's noonday Eucharist at All Saints changed to noonday prayer upon retirement of our previous rector, but Kathy Thomas was there every week to lead noonday prayer for those who had become regulars at the Thursday worship service.

Just prior to Holy Week, Bishop Stebbins made the difficult decision to close every parish in the diocese for in-person worship. Though this was disheartening, it was the right decision, as subsequent events showed. We quickly formed a worship team to ensure that we could continue to offer our *Triduum* services virtually. Grace Benkelman, our *choragos*, (which is a Greek word meaning "one who leads a chorus or choir") and Fr. Charlie led worship, while our Parish Administrator, Shawn Sloan, worked to stream services via Facebook Live, complete with music recorded by Jenanne Solberg prior to worship. Despite the circumstances, we had an impressive level of participation in these services and have continued to broadcast our 9am services each week (with

edited recordings posted later on YouTube). This broadcast allows us to join in prayer with those who are vulnerable to infection and welcome those who live far away from the Flathead Valley.

For those who had become accustomed to gathering at the Springs for midweek communion, or at church on Thursdays for noonday prayer, a daily video chat was set up in May so that parishioners could meet to pray and reflect on scripture. After two months of this format, we decided to join in with Camp Marshall and the rest of the Diocese in daily Morning Prayer for the rest of the summer.

Once the bishop's office gave All Saints permission to reopen its doors in mid-May, a parish survey was sent out to determine the needs and concerns of members regarding worship. Fr. Charlie also consulted with the Flathead County Health Department to create protocols for Sunday mornings that met the social distancing and sanitation guidelines laid out by the governor's office. In order to encourage social distancing, we doubled our number of Sunday services (adding both a 7:30am and 7pm option), roped off pews, limited singing, removed hymnals and BCPs, offered all-inclusive bulletins for worshippers, and altered the liturgy to minimize the amount of time that the congregation and altar party spent in the central aisle. We also began to offer drive-thru communion so that those tuning into the 9am service at home could receive the sacrament without breaking their quarantine. All the while, our altar guild and other parishioners kept pace, not only with the additional resets of the worship space, but in sanitizing the pews and frequently-touched surfaces in between services. As our building project progressed, we moved worship services outside onto the front

lawn. But whether we were worshipping together pre-COVID or worshipping online during this pandemic, everyone in the church has an important role to play. From altar and flower guilds, acolytes, readers, greeters, chalice bearers, musicians, care groups, nursery care providers, leaders of Children's Chapel, the priests, and the congregation, we all come together in proclaiming a most visible and central act of ministry in the Church which is worship.

This past year, we also offered services for special occasions and feasts such as an Ash Wednesday service for children and youth held at the house of Cynthia Benkelman, our Christian Formation Minister for Children and Youth; a groundbreaking liturgy; a service for about 10 high school and college graduates; an outdoor Ascension Day service; and our annual



blessing of the animals presided over by Bishop Marty (who happens to be a former Veterinary Epidemiologist). Fr. Charlie and Mtr. Mikayla led a virtual

healing service for Camp Marshall with many diocesan youth in attendance. We also logged 4 (socially-distant) weddings and a funeral into our books, each service a poignant testament to Christian hope in a time of great disruption.

With its new worship space, All Saints will be able to not only better accommodate social distancing requirements, but celebrate more feasts and observances from our tradition that fall during the week. And while each of our 4 Sunday services are rather consistent for the sake of social distancing, the two

newly-established service times will eventually allow us to explore different aspects of the Anglican liturgical tradition.

Liturgy is important, because God deserves our worship. However, thoughtful and well-executed liturgy is also a service. It can be a comfort to a scattered mind, a space to grieve a loss, or to celebrate joyful occasions. Our worship also allows us to set aside the stories that we tell ourselves every day and to try on a different story: That we are loved beyond measure by a God who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

## **Education**

This year called us to explore new ways of educating and forming members of all ages. For our younger members, the educational wing continues to serve as one of the nicest and best-resourced facilities in the diocese for Christian Education and the spiritual formation of children and youth. We are also one of the only parishes in the diocese with a paid staff position dedicated to children and youth ministries.

Social distancing is difficult for this age group and because parents expressed concern about their children coming back to church, we suspended Godly Play in March, out of an abundance of caution. Each week, children's worship bulletins are mailed to parishioners so that young people can follow the live streamed services at home. For Good Friday, most children received a packet containing activities to aid them in reflecting on the passion and resurrection. Cynthia has also begun to record Godly Play modules that can be viewed at home.

All our youth activities are designed to strike a balance between Christian education, spiritual formation, and fellowship, so that our younger members can discern a sense of ministry informed by their baptismal covenant. When our regular schedule of services and activities was disrupted by quarantine, Cynthia and Fr. Charlie gathered biweekly Zoom chats so that teens could blow off some steam, play games, and check-in with friends.



While we had to cancel both of the summer day camps that All Saints offers to the broader community, Grace and Cynthia Benkelman, Fr. Charlie, and Mtr. Mikayla worked with Camp Marshall and diocesan staff to create 5 weeks of virtual programming so that elementary, junior/senior high campers, and parents had space for theological reflection, fellowship, and emotional support. These groups gathered campers and staff from as far away as Colorado, Florida, and Hawaii, and were so successful that they've continued to meet, even though the camp season has been over for months.

In the past, much of our Adult education and formation has been associated with our Soup Suppers, where we've covered a variety of themes and topics. For the seventh year in a row,

we joined parishes from all over the country in “Lent Madness”, a program sponsored by the Forward Movement that encourages participants to read about the lives of 32 saints and vote for their favorites. These evenings of Lent Madness were facilitated by Adam Linton, Sue Price, Kathy Thomas, and Shawn Sloan. The last few weeks moved online as the shelter-in-place order took effect. In the end, we had a dramatic matchup between Harriet Tubman and Joshua, two saints who led their people to the promised land. In the end Harriet Tubman took the “Golden Halo”!

Last year, we hosted a Bible study on Wednesdays prior to the communion service at the Springs. Once the Springs closed to visitors, we moved this Bible Study online, where students can get a head start on some of the upcoming Sunday’s lessons (and help the Rector get some of his homework done!).

For the seven Thursdays following Easter, Fr. Charlie facilitated a virtual workshop on “Praying with icons of the resurrection”. Once we made it to ordinary time, this group shifted to an in-person contemplative prayer group focused on the practice of *Lectio Divina* (or “holy reading”). After a few months this group was put on hiatus until it is safer to gather and breath together. There is much more to Christian formation than just education, and parishioners have expressed a great interest in prayer workshops, retreat ministry, and classes where we survey, discover, and examine our spiritual gifts.

During the fall and winter, All Saints held its regular “brown bag lunch” book study each Thursday afternoon following the Noon service. In August, we rebooted the group as an online

book study. We have nearly finished our first book, Rachel Held Evans' *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. We've had about 10 people in attendance each week and this group is the perfect opportunity for parishioners and retired clergy to share some of their favorite books. Ideally, we'd like to see this group include childcare and food so that multiple generations can gather together weekly outside of Sunday worship.

## **Evangelism**

Evangelism encompasses all that goes into presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. In its own way, each one of the five ministry areas outlined in this document supports this goal. Therefore, part of our evangelism includes informing others about the way we do things at All Saints. Activities such as the Pet Blessing, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, and even our ministry fair help to tell our story.

One silver lining to the pandemic has been that many mainline churches have been forced to experiment with social media, video conferencing, and live-streaming platforms in a way they had resisted until now. All Saints has been posting videos of sermons for a while, though we purchased some



new technology and licensing in April so that we could broadcast entire services during the shelter-in-place order. Not only has this allowed us to give those who are “church-shopping” a sense of who we are, but it has extended our liturgy’s reach to former parishioners and guests from California, Texas, Tennessee, Michigan, and as far away as South Africa! Though poor cell reception and lack of high-speed internet access on campus has made for some shaky broadcasts, an anonymous donation allowed us to lay down fiber optic cable from Conn that will greatly improve the quality and consistency of our digital offerings and meetings. We’ve also refocused attention on our Facebook page by adding regular content throughout the week. Since last October, we have nearly doubled our number of followers, from 157 to 279, thereby extending the reach of our posts and advertisements.

While Jan Rayford continues to edit the monthly E-Letter we send out via email or hardcopy, we’ve begun to email a weekly Constant Contact message called “For All the Saints” (affectionately known as FATS). FATS contains announcements and opportunities that need to be communicated on a shorter timetable. It also consolidates the links to all of our digital offerings, such as worship, Bible and book studies, the rector’s ZOOM office hours, etc... While FATS is a slightly more internal communication, both newsletters tell much about who we are and what we are up to.

Presenting the church to the upper Flathead Valley also involves making All Saints campus an inviting and attractive place for worship, solace, and rest. Therefore, you could think of our newly-renovated worship space as an impressive

theological statement about who we are: A sacramental church, espousing a comprehensive theology, and grounded in ancient liturgical tradition. With our bucolic campus, as well as the additional space and light, we will be far better equipped to welcome visitors into the sacramental life of All Saints, whether for Sunday worship or special events like weddings and funerals.

In tandem with our building's improved aesthetics, we've also shifted our visual identity in terms of our "branding". While we will continue to use the shield that identifies us as an Episcopal Church, we've unveiled a more modern and understated logo that identifies us as All Saints. The design is a mix between a Tudor rose (a nod to our Anglican heritage) and a snowflake.

Accompanying the logo is a unique typeface that won't be associated with default word processor fonts or those of other organizations. Good design or distinctive branding



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won't do much to make up for lack of theological substance or intentional formation, but it may make the difference between whether a person comes through the door. As we continue to develop our public visual identity, we'll be able to develop effective signage and advertisements that will draw seekers to our campus.

The Diocesan Assessment is 19% of our operational budget (excluding designated and restricted offerings) and also supports evangelism efforts. Most of this assessment goes to help finance and support the ministries of the Diocese of

Montana. From that money, the Diocese contributes to program efforts throughout the eight dioceses of Province VI, The Episcopal Church and the worldwide Anglican Communion. This money also supports special ministries like the UTO (United Thank Offering), Episcopal Relief and Development, as well as other special church agencies that work to address the continuing humanitarian crises at home and abroad. Similarly, local concerns such as supporting the programs and oversight of the diocese, including Camp Marshall, rely on the Diocesan Staff. The assessment from churches all over Montana is the major income item in their budget. A stunning amount of human service takes place in this diocese and around the world because of our assessment, and the same thing can be said about the ministry of our parish. Were it not for our staff and dedicated parishioners, most of what we see in outreach, worship, and pastoral care could not take place.

We can do so much more in this area of telling God's story, and our broken, torn world is yearning for the Good News. While there are many unknowns about how we can continue to gather and invite new members into our community, this unconventional time is a great opportunity to explore more fully how to live out our core values as Christ's body in the world.

## **Pastoral Care**

Pastoral Care takes on a variety of expressions unique to every parish and context. For most communities, parishioners and staff take care of each other in times of need. In ordinary times, All Saints clergy and Eucharistic Visitors make

themselves available for home communion or hospital visitations.

During the 8 months without a rector, All Saints formed a Pastoral Care Committee. This included Eucharistic Visitors, the prayer chain, people willing to make hospital visits or offer rides, as well as 6 retired clergy who were available for any pastoral emergencies that might arise. The All Saints family has always done a great job of taking care of each other and during those months was no exception. On Sundays our supply priests sent forth Eucharistic Visitors to take communion to our brothers and sisters in Christ at the Vets Home and Beehive in Columbia Falls, as well as do home communions for parishioners who were unable to attend church in-person.

Parishioners know that at any time, all they need to do is pick up the phone or send an email or text to be connected with the prayer chain or any other type of support. As a church, we are not only able to do that, but we are eager to do what we can to help each other out when times are tough. Prior to the pandemic the vestry hosted a Back to School BBQ and intergenerational game nights to keep us connected as a family. During the pandemic, we've bought each other groceries, taken each other to the doctor, written notes, and made phone calls "just to check in". Our youngest parishioners made dozens and

dozens of cards to make sure that our elders do not feel forgotten.



Since Fr. Charlie started his time at All Saints during quarantine, the drive of this community to take care of its own has been a blessing. But since making introductions and building trust has been complicated by social distancing, the Rector has been hosting 4 online office hours during the week so that parishioners can “drop by”, virtually, and say hello. To meet social needs during this time of isolation, All Saints started a virtual Friday Happy Hour and Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. Even though attendance began to taper off as we reached Phase Two of the governor’s plan for reopening the state, these unstructured chats not only allowed us to see old friends, but welcome several Montana Episcopalians looking for fellowship in areas of the state no longer served by a church.

The Dogs and Donuts fellowship began midsummer at the Hugh Rogers WAG park in Whitefish. This weekly gathering has provided fellowship and support (and baked goods!) for several in our community with no church home.

Finally, the Church provides considerable pastoral care to many we only know through stories. The wider mission of the church, again supported by our diocesan assessment, provides extensive pastoral care for those in the dawn of life, the children, and to those in the twilight of life, the elderly. Our pledges and our gifts support ministries which provide not only direct services, but also training to lay and ordained ministers throughout our country and the world.



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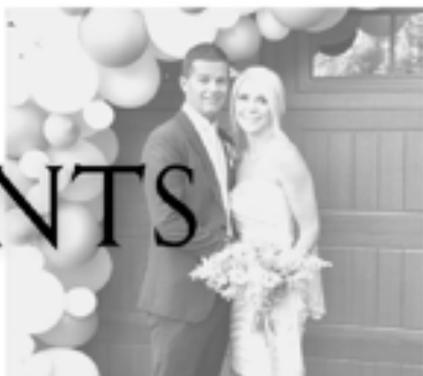
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