



THE COURIER

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THE RECTOR'S MUSINGS

Twenty years ago now, my stepfather died. He had lived a rough life and his death was sad. He died alone in a nursing home in Milwaukee. By the time he died at age 87, my mother and he were separated and I lived in Madison. I got the call that he was dying and by the time I got to Milwaukee, he was gone. I can't say that I cried when I learned that he had died. He had not been a good stepfather, nor a good husband to my mother. A violent man when drinking, in fact, he had been rather awful. But I was then, as now, dutiful around obligations and I was his responsible party.

So, my mother, bless her heart, and I attended to the facts of his death. His body was cremated; they had a plot already purchased at Forest Home Ave. cemetery. My mother wanted to simply bury him, but I insisted that he have some kind of a service. I was, at the time, in the first stages of the ordination process and the rituals of the church were important to me.

Consequently, I went to where I knew to go and turned to my priest, Bill Wiedrich, then the Rector of Grace Church in Madison (he was subsequently elected the next year as Bishop Suffragan of Chicago). I explained to Bill that my stepfather had no friends, and that no one would attend the service other than my mother and I. I did not know what I was asking of Bill at the time, but I sure do understand now.

Bill and his wife, Tress, traveled to Milwaukee where the sad little service was held in the chapel at Forest Home. The four of us huddled together and Bill prayed the words that I have now prayed many times for people that I, too, have never met and do not know. Bill even preached a sermon. I don't remember what he said. But I remember that somewhere in the middle of what Bill said my own heart cracked open and I began to cry. Tears slid silently down my face as the service continued... give to our brother eternal life... bring our brother to the joys of heaven... give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way.

I continued to cry softly and quietly as his ashes were placed into the ground and the final words of commendation were said: "Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant."

My mother was appalled at my tears. And even as I cried I could not have explained what I was feeling or why I cried.

But afterwards, in trying to explain to my priest and even my mother, what it was that moved me to tears, I realized what had happened in that simple service using the words of the *Book of Common Prayer* prayed through the heart of the priest I loved. I had forgiven my stepfather. And forgiveness is powerful stuff.

My stepfather was dead. Forgiving him did nothing for him. But it set my own heart free. And I am eternally grateful to God for the unmerited and even unsolicited grace of being able to forgive him.

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We talk a lot about forgiveness during Lent. And on Good Friday we remember that even from the cross Jesus forgave. “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” I don’t know if that forgiveness did anything for the Romans, but I know the feeling that Jesus probably experienced.

Forgiveness is a grace. It is a blessing. We pray for our own forgiveness each Sunday, “For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us...” We pray to be forgiven things done and left undone. We believe that when we ask for forgiveness, that God forgives. I wonder if the divine heart also wants to feel the wonderful freedom that comes with forgiveness.

We come now to the end of Lent. Whom might you want to forgive? For what might you seek forgiveness? Be aware that if you offer or seek forgiveness, you play with fire. Either way, your heart will never be the same. And thank God for that.

A blessed Holy Week to you all. Debra+

March Vestry Retreat

On March 11-12 the St. Christopher’s Vestry came together in retreat at the DeKoven Center in Racine. We met to pray together, play together and work together for the good of our parish. On Friday we spent time in fellowship learning new things about one another and coming to love one another more deeply. (Who is a Baroness? Who has a very saucy nickname extolling her love of travel? Who’s a sharpshooter with a .45?) On Saturday, led by Jim Gettel, a congregational development specialist who is also a member of St. Boniface, we delved more deeply into issues we have been looking at all year: What does it mean to the individual to be a member of the vestry? What role does the vestry play in the life of a parish? What role does the Rector play in the life of a parish? Our discussions were passionate and heartfelt. All of us grew. Here’s what Bonnie Thomson had to say about her experience. (See page 9 for Diane Andersen’s thoughts on the retreat.)



When I was in graduate school in the early 80’s (I was 12...) I took a class on how to become a group. To say the class was a disaster is an understatement, and I never “got” what the point of the class was until March 11–12, 2011, when I participated in the St. Christopher’s Vestry retreat. Friday evening and all day Saturday, your vestry not only worked to become a group, so that we can more faithfully discharge our duties on behalf of the parish, we actually became a group—in the very best sense of the word. You may ask why it is important for a vestry to become a group—frankly, I asked the same thing before the retreat. Having been through the experience, however, I can say that becoming a group allows us to listen to one another in a way that was not possible before, and to relate to one another with a richer understanding of who we are and where we come from. This broader context allows us to look at the various issues that confront our parish in way that we were not able to do prior to the retreat, and that ultimately will serve the parish well. We laughed a lot, cried a little, and learned from Debra and from our facilitator Jim. We grappled with how parishes function, in ways both similar to and different from the other groups to which we belong, and with our role as vestry members—both individually and collectively. Along the way, we shared a little of ourselves with our fellow vestry members, and gained insight into who makes up this really wonderful collection of folks. As we go forward, I look forward to building on the work we did at the retreat—and I thank everyone for helping me to understand the point of that class from so long ago.

Bonnie Thomson.

Warden's Words

I remember looking forward to Easter as a young child much in the way that I anticipated Christmas. As with Christmas, Easter had its own brand of holiday build-up. There would be a new hat and dress for church; dyeing and decorating Easter eggs; jelly beans, Brach candy chocolate eggs as treats; and a visit to see the Easter Bunny at Marshall Fields. Palm Sunday was always a favorite of mine. I adored the parade into church, the fabulous music and the tiny palm crosses. How did the ladies at church fold those palms into tiny crosses? No matter how hard I tried I could never fold the palm I had unfolded back into that tiny cross! I still can't do it even though I have sat through several adult versions of Palm Leaf origami sessions!

I still have a vivid memory of one very warm and muggy Easter Sunday in Evanston, Illinois. Spring was in full tilt—it was green and lush, the tulips and cherry and magnolia trees were in full bloom. Easter must have been late in the year, much as this year. My baby sister was probably about two years old, my brother six, and I was nine. After Easter Sunday services we went to my maternal grandmother's for Easter dinner. She served lamb, of course, with mint jelly and all the trimmings. The Easter bunny had already visited our apartment, but my uncle had a surprise for us—an Easter egg hunt *and* a giant piñata of sorts hanging in my grandmother's foyer.



The Easter egg hunt went off without a hitch. We found the hardboiled dyed eggs hidden in all kinds of places with gleeful delight. The eggs were a guaranteed meal in lieu of the adult food we would have to politely eat. My grandmother did not believe in Kraft macaroni and cheese.

The mysterious piñata hung overhead. We must have begged my uncle a thousand times to see what was inside. We knew it was special—it had to be. When he finally broke it open for us the reaction was not what we or he had planned for. Jelly beans came thundering down in a roar that turned my little sister's smile into tears. It took my parents a good long time to calm her down. My brother and I had already filled up on our Easter treats from earlier, so the candies were not as appreciated as they might have been earlier in the day. So much for his big surprise!

Many Easters have since passed, and the aura of Easter and its mysteries is still powerful. Through the build-up of Lent leading to Holy Week, I feel much like a child waiting to see what is on the other side. (I still love those palm crosses by the way.) St. Christopher's has a wonderful tradition of celebrating Lent and Easter in thoughtful and joyful ways.

I pray that you have taken the opportunity to partake in some or all of the Wednesday Lenten series evenings and are considering participating in as much of Holy Week as you can. From the Maundy Thursday Agape dinner and worship service followed by the watch through the night in the Meditation Room, to the Good Friday service, to the Easter Vigil, and on to Easter Sunday, there is something for everyone. As we continue through the season of Lent, I am so thankful for the community of St. Christopher's. I look forward to celebrating the big surprise at the end of our Lenten Journey. I promise it is much better than jelly beans!

Debbie Roesner,
Senior Warden

Qs from the Pews

Dear Priest,

I went to an Episcopal church while I was vacationing recently and we did not have Holy Communion. Can you explain this? I thought Episcopal churches had Holy Communion every Sunday. Signed, Confused.

Dear Confused,

It is true that most Episcopal churches have a service celebrating the Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion) almost every Sunday. This is, however, a fairly new truth in the Episcopal Church and came to us with the “new” 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) that we currently use in our churches. Prior to that time, when the 1928 BCP was still in use, it was common for many churches to use the service of Morning Prayer and not include the Holy Eucharist as a regular part of their Sunday worship. Some churches would alternate Sundays between Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist, or some churches would only have Holy Communion once a month. Particularly in some of our churches in the South, this is still the practice. No doubt, you worshiped at such a church on a non-Holy Communion Sunday.

The services of Morning and Evening Prayer have a rich tradition in the Anglican Church and its American iteration, the Episcopal Church. One of the most moving worship experiences I have ever experienced was at a sung Morning Prayer on a Sunday at Yorkminster Cathedral in York, England. It was stunningly beautiful.

St. Christopher’s is going to bring the experience of Morning Prayer into its worship experience on some of the Sundays when I am not available to lead Sunday worship. While only priests or bishops can preside at a service of the Holy Eucharist, lay people can preside at Morning Prayer. Consequently, over the next year we will be piloting the practice of having some select lay people, who are already devout worshipers, trained to be worship leaders using the service of Morning Prayer. This is part of one of the richest traditions in our church and I am grateful to those members who are willing to be part of the holy ministry of leading Sunday worship.

Signed, the Rector

Editor’s Note: ‘Qs from the Pews’ are taken from questions that come up at Coffee Hour or in conversations with the Rector. If you have a Q to submit for this column, please email the Rector or the office.

Celebrate Holy Week

In my role as a parish priest, I am not much inclined to instructing the faithful in their pious duties. I tend more towards the liberal, contemporary posture (which may be its own kind of heresy) of "live and let live." However, regarding the observance of Holy Week—particularly the Triduum liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil—I am inclined to set aside my liberal reticence and at least strongly urge your full participation in the central ceremonials of the Christian year.

I can't argue that you won't have Easter unless you do Holy Week. Because Easter comes for us when Easter comes. I can argue, however, that if you give yourself fully to the liturgies in the full liturgical cycle—from Palm Sunday through the Triduum to Easter Day—you will experience fully all that the church has come to understand is at the core of life and faith.

Holy Week is a kind of School for Christians. It is the week when the church literally does everything it knows how to do. It brings together all that we profess and proclaim. The Eastern Orthodox tradition understands that the best way to do theology, the best way to do "God-talk," is to celebrate the liturgy. So experience Holy Week; become a theologian.

Debra+

This year our Holy Week will, as always be replete with symbols.

Palm (Passion) Sunday (April 17th): This is the day when we commemorate Our Lord's coming into Jerusalem with his way strewn with palms by the adoring crowds. The service has the reading of the Passion Gospel from one of the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, or Luke). It is a rehearsal for what we live out in detail throughout the coming week.

Maundy Thursday (April 21st, 6PM): This holy service commemorates our Lord's last supper, the washing of the feet, the stripping of the altar and taking everything out of the church to be ready for the agony of the next day. We begin our service with a love feast, an Agape meal in the community room. We will then move into the church for the rest of our worship. Our service ends with a vigil in the Garden of Repose (the Meditation room) until 8AM the following morning. Over the years more and more people have signed up for this time of quiet prayer and keeping vigil with the Lord in the garden. Please don't let him keep this vigil alone. Sign up on the sheet in the community room to spend some time praying with our Lord.

Good Friday (April 22—12:30PM): This service is the other end of Ash Wednesday. On this day we commemorate our Lord's dying on the cross. We hear the Passion Gospel from St. John which will be sung by our choir. And we spend time venerating the cross that is the symbol of our faith. We feel his pain with him. We witness his death. We begin and end in silence. There are no words for what happened to Him.

Easter Vigil (April 23rd—7PM): This is the central service of the church year. In it we remember the whole story of our faith in the readings. We light the great fire of Easter and the Paschal candle. We bring back the Alleluias! This is the first service of Easter. This service is followed by a reception in the community room. Please sign up to share one of your favorite Easter desserts.

Easter Sunday (April 24th) Come and celebrate Resurrection Sunday with the St. Christopher's community. If you have made a Holy Lent and have participated in Holy Week at all, this will be a wonderful celebration for you.

The Lord bids all of you to come and see the church at her finest during Holy Week, to remember His life and death, and to pray with him on the way to Calvary, on the Cross, and to His Resurrection!

A Visit with Pat Wilmeth

I had the privilege and pleasure of interviewing Pat Wilmeth, an amazing lady, who generously and lovingly gives of her time, money and attention to so many in Milwaukee.

Pat was born in 1923 in Indianapolis. When she was 5 she and her cousin thought it would be fun to parachute off her flat room garage and, as Pat says, “went splat.” Luckily they weren’t hurt.

She graduated from Smith in 1945 with a degree in Sociology and Economics. She married Harvey in 1947 and Northwestern Mutual brought them to Milwaukee. They lived in Whitefish Bay for 16 years and attended Christ Church. During that time she had 3 girls and now—7 grandchildren, 3 adopted from Ecuador, with a great-grandchild on the way. She and Harvey moved to Mequon in 1976 and became members of St. Christopher’s. Pat served on the Vestry and was involved in Neighborhood House.



Pat started smoking at an early age and over the years tried and tried to quit. When Bill Norvell, St. Christopher’s Rector, died of lung cancer in 1979, it had a huge impact on Pat. At the funeral she prayed to Bill to heal her from smoking. She hasn’t had a cigarette since.

Over the past 35 years she has seen many changes and many Rectors. She is delighted that we now have Debra.

Pat went back to school, received her Masters Degree in Counseling and taught part-time at UWM. She worked at The Ranch in Menomonee Falls, coordinating children’s programs for a few years. Pat has volunteered all of her adult life:

- * President of the Counseling Center, now Pathfinder;
- * Interviewed prospective adopting parents at the County Department of Child Welfare from 1950-1960;
- * On a committee that gives scholarships to people over the age of 35;
- * Board of Ozaukee Washington Land Trust until last summer;
- * For the past 17 years she has tutored 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders in reading, one day a week, at Silver Spring, an all black school in Milwaukee. These are children who typically are from single-parent families. When they start school in September most can’t read at all, and many only a little. By March they are all reading at their grade level thanks to their teachers and many volunteer tutors.

Pat generously gives 2 scholarships a year to Juniors at UWM to pay for their final 2 years.

Pat now lives at Newcastle and loves it, especially since they do the cooking and cleaning up. She has a magnificent shell collection with many sand dollars that she gives to the students she tutors.

I am looking forward to taking walks with her and listening to more about her amazing, productive and fruitful life.

Florence Parnegg

Confirmation or Reception

The Bishop comes to each parish in the diocese every other year. When he comes it is time for people who are interested in either being officially “Received” as an Episcopalian (if they are coming from another faith tradition whose Confirmations we accept, like the Lutheran or the Roman Catholic churches), or who are interested in being “Confirmed” to do so. Only bishops can Receive or Confirm people in our tradition.

In order to be Received or Confirmed one needs to be prepared to receive that Sacrament. Reception of Confirmation is a mature commitment of faith within the context of the Episcopal Church.

The Bishop is coming on June 12, Pentecost Sunday. Preparation classes will begin immediately after Easter for those folks who are interested in Confirmation or Reception.

It is important for parents to understand that for teenagers who are of an age (fourteen or older) when they might be Confirmed, that the church understands Confirmation as a mature commitment of faith. So, if a teenager is not Confirmed, but also does not worship with any regularity, there is little reason for them to be Confirmed until they are ready to make a commitment which would be evidenced in worship. Many folks wait until they are adults until they make a mature commitment to their faith.

If you have been Confirmed in another tradition and would like to be Received as an Episcopalian, or if you have never been Confirmed and would like to now be Confirmed as an Episcopalian, **please let Debra know as soon as possible so that she can plan how to help get people ready for the reception of this important Sacrament.** In addition, if you have already been Confirmed as an Episcopalian and would like to renew your understanding of your faith, you can also attend the Confirmation preparation course and when the bishop comes Re-affirm your faith with the members of the parish who are being Confirmed or Received.

Caring Ministry

St. Christopher’s has several committees that work behind the scenes to do the ministry that is ours to do as a Christian community. One of those committees is the Caring Ministry. The Caring Ministry is a group of faithful people who are rather like volunteer fire fighters. Their ministry is to help out in the parish when there is someone whose life circumstances might need the extra help that the Caring Ministry can provide.

You may see them helping out when there is a funeral, or taking meals to someone when there is a need. They send cards to people who are sick. Take flowers when that might be helpful. And they pray, man do they pray!

If this is a ministry that you might be interested in participating in, please let Debra, MJ Perry or Helen Sheen know.



Children's Ministry

Dear Families,

Our children are learning to celebrate this holy season of Lent. We are praying—with prayer booklets and prayer reminders that we have made. We are fasting—from some of our favorite bad habits, and we are giving—using containers we have made. For the past few weeks we have also been learning what Church is all about, and what the books we use (The Book of Common Prayer and Hymnal 1982 in church, and the Bible at home) contain. Any who do not have a children's Bible at home may find it a valuable resource for living out your role as Christian parents.

Now we will be entering into Holy Week, and our children have special roles to play. On Palm Sunday we will be leading the procession into church at 10 AM with the palm branches we have made, and dressed as children of Bible times.

Please try to arrive about 15 minutes early that morning so that we have time to prepare. We will have used those costumes earlier, as we re-enacted the Last Supper downstairs as we learn about Maundy Thursday.

You may not be aware that we schedule a “gathering activity” each week that must end by 10 AM for our presentation of the morning's lesson. If you arrive 10-15 minutes early, you will have a little prayer preparation time for yourselves and your children will have a quiet activity to prepare for the lesson. Thank you for all your efforts, and your cooperation on behalf of all our children.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Heyn



St. Christopher's Therapy Dog

St. Christopher's is now the parish home of a certified therapy dog. As most of the 8:00 a.m. folks know, my German Shepherd, Carly, and I have been in training this winter to become a therapy team. (Debra and my fellow 8:00 a.m. parishioners were part of the training, as Carly attended many of the 8:00 a.m. services with me. This allowed her to be exposed to different environments and new people, as well as unfamiliar sounds and smells, all of which are part of therapy dog training.) We can visit hospitals, schools, and adult living facilities.

Now that we are certified, if you or someone you know would appreciate a visit from a large furry animal (not to mention her human partner) please contact Debra who will work with me to come and see you. Carly and I hope to be part of the ongoing effort to reach out to our fellow parishioners, particularly those who are not able to worship with us regularly.



Bonnie Thomson

Finance Subcommittee Report

For the first two months of 2011, results are better than budget. Payments of previous year pledges were \$26,469 higher than budget with expenses \$1,345 over budget. Severe weather resulted in building maintenance and gas and electric charges exceeding budget by \$3,375. In summary, the results are:

	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD Variance</u>
Income	\$ 129,855	\$ 112,639	\$ 17,216
Expenses	<u>76,224</u>	<u>74,879</u>	<u>(1,345)</u>
Surplus (deficit)	\$ <u>53,631</u>	\$ <u>37,760</u>	\$ <u>15,871</u>

For 2011 we added 8 new pledging families. Twelve pledgers from 2010 have not yet renewed. If you have not pledged, we hope you will seriously consider making this commitment.

A review of financial procedures and responsibilities is underway.

Our committee is a subcommittee of the vestry. If you have some financial expertise and might be interested in serving the parish on a committee, please see one of the Wardens, Debbie Roesner or Bonnie Thomson, to indicate your interest in this ministry.

Charlie Krause
for the Subcommittee

More Thoughts on the March Vestry Retreat

For those of you who have been there, you know the challenges of serving on the vestry. There are always many issues, projects and concerns that need to be addressed in the monthly meetings. There never seems to be enough time to get it all done and have time to take a look at the big picture; let alone get to know your vestry partners in a more relaxed way. Our recent vestry retreat went a long way in helping to counter those ongoing challenges.

It was a relaxed, yet focused two days with plenty of time to work on developing the right mind set to face the challenges ahead of us. Our facilitator, Jim Gettel, guided us through the process of clarifying our role as a vestry in a strategic way, delving into what that means both in spiritual formation and practice.

We also spent time getting to know each other better personally by sharing thoughts and experiences about ourselves as we felt comfortable. It was a great experience for me to hear wonderful, heartfelt stories that told so much about the individuals that make up your vestry. There was a lot of great humor and laughter that allowed the group to find its own “personality” and sense of community with each other.

I am blessed to a part of such a wonderful and caring group of people. I thought I knew that before the retreat, but now I really know it!

Diane Andersen

Pastoral Care

Churches offer many gifts to its members. I like to think that when people come to the church they hear some part of the Gospel that may either challenge them or soothe them; and find a worship service that helps them pray. I hope that they find a fellowship of other committed Christians to help them live out their lives as Christians. I hope they find encouragement to live out their Christianity in ways other than at church. And I also hope they know that the care of the church, when they are in personal need or any kind of crisis, is always available to them—either from the clergy of the church, or from lay people specially trained to meet the pastoral needs of the parish community.

St. Christopher's has always had a strong tradition of providing exquisite pastoral care. Going back many years now, even as the parish was considerably smaller, St. Christopher's has always had two (or more at times) clergy who have been available to sort of "check in" with people even when there was not an apparent immediate pastoral need. And clergy were lavishly available when a crisis presented itself in the life of someone in the parish.

But times change and several years ago, for financial reasons, the Vestry made the decision to have only one full time clergy person on staff: the Rector. In essence, we now have a larger parish but fewer hours available of clergy time. Some people have been noticing this change and are not happy about it. It is important that people who have an immediate or pressing need to feel cared for by the church. Pastoral care is my greatest love. It is not, however, my only responsibility. Here are some suggestions and changes that are coming to accommodate to our new reality at St. Christopher's:

*People need to let me know if they need me or want to spend time with me. I've had great and fun dinners with families who have asked. ("Rub a dub, dub. Thanks for the grub!") I've had some heart-warming and rollicking visits with folks at Newcastle and Eastcastle. I've been grateful to be invited into people's homes and hear their stories over coffee and cookies (and the occasional begging dog.) But I can't know you want to see me unless you invite me.

*In the fall we will be training people to be part of the Community of Hope; lay people who will be available to do home visits to people to make sure that long term members, in particular, continue to be connected to the Body of Christ that is St. Christopher's. And right now, Bonnie Thomson's dog, Carly, (see article in this newsletter) has been trained as a therapy dog. If you would like Carly (and Bonnie!) to visit you, please let me know.

*Finally, we are now contracting with Deacon Tom Binder to offer us some pastoral care hours each week on behalf of the parish. Deacon Tom did some pastoral care during the interim for the parish and was also Chaplain to the Search Committee. Deacon Tom will be directed and supervised by me. He is mostly retired from both his secular work and the active ministry and will not be assigned by the Bishop to St. Christopher's formally as our Deacon. He remains a happy member of nearby Christ Church. But he will be around community serving our members and if you would like a visit from him, please let me know and I will make sure he stops by to see you. He will be worshiping in church on April 10th to be re-introduced to the parish at that time.

Most importantly what I want you to know, as your Rector, is that each of you is important to me—even if I have never even met you because the infirmities of life prevent you now from worshiping on Sunday. I'd like to know each of you better. And I hope to come to know more of you personally and individually as the years go by. I look forward to the invitations.

April MILESTONES	
BIRTHDAYS	
1	Natalie Grehn
3	Penny Enroth
5	Kathie Eilers Kathleen Mahoney
6	Cissie Darien Christine Murphy
7	Stephanie Klas
8	Cameron Lindsay Susan Martin Emma Smith
9	Ben Dobrowits James Scott
10	Michael Belcher Jackson Bruce Scott Weigel
11	Grace Piper Hope Piper
12	Brett Christiansen
13	Mary Thickers
17	Greg Norman
18	Fred Hansen Joyce Reinhold
19	Olivia Scharfenberger
20	Roz Krause
21	Diane Andersen Chase Ferrer
23	Robby Coburn Kelly Peterson
24	Lynne Belcher LeAnne Drives Wendy Peterson
25	Jayne Heffron Austin Schmidt
26	Jason Thurow
28	Alberta Darling
29	Veronica Minahan
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9	Wendy & Tom Gebhardt
30	Mary Jane & Owen Perry

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The Rev. Debra Trakel, *Rector*



Christianity is not just a religion...it's a way of life.