

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

August 6, 2020



Reserve Your Seat

Did You Make Your Reservation for Saturday or Sunday? Please make sure you do as we are limited to 25 people in the Nave. Please feel free to call the office before 4:30 today or email Pastor Melinda

Melinda.artman@gmail.com

Saturday 5:15pm service will take place in the Parlor this week.



Tracy Schamel

8/8



William & Mary Brougham

8/6

Worship THIS Sunday, August 9

If you looked at your emailed bulletin, you will have noticed that it is the Communion service. We are cautiously optimistic about offering it on Sunday. While the service itself will be familiar, the distribution of communion will not be at all familiar. With love of neighbor and our people's safety at the forefront of our Bishop's mind, stringent rules have been put into place. Distribution of communion will happen *on the way out of the building*. Here's what we ask you to do:

- Make a reservation for this service. We are limited to 25 people. Those without reservations and who have to be turned away will be given priority for next month's Communion service.
- When your pew is dismissed, use the hand sanitizer placed near the exit and vigorously rub your hands and fingers until dry. Do not wipe the sanitizer off on your clothes! Rub until gone.
- On the table by the door is a container with small cups. Take one cup being careful not to touch any other cup and take it with you outside.
- Once you are outside, down the steps and on the sidewalk, please consume the wafer.
- Dispose of the cup in the wastebasket conveniently placed by the sidewalk.
Leave in peace to love and serve the Lord.

This is what the Altar Guild members did to prepare for the service:

- On Wednesday, an altar guild member opened the outside door to ensure ventilation and fresh air in the sacristy. She washed her hands, put on gloves, and set out 25 cups in the container. She then took tongs and placed a wafer in each cup. When all wafers had been placed, she covered the container. She shut the outside and interior doors. No one was allowed in the sacristy until Sunday morning. On Sunday morning, prior to the service, she placed the covered container on the altar and afterwards, prepared the stack for placement on the altar.

This is what will happen during the service:

- Before the priest sets the table, she will vigorously sanitize her hands and put on gloves.
- The priest sets the table and begins the Great Thanksgiving.
- When the priest says "Christ our Passover ..." the altar guild member comes forward to take the container to the table by the exit.
- The priest lifts up the host and says "The body of Christ..." then lifts up the cup and says "The blood of Christ..." Immediately thereafter, she begins the post communion prayer, says the blessing and begins the dismissal.
- After all have taken the bread, the altar guild member returns with container. After the service, the priest consumes the host, remaining wafers and the wine at the altar.

Upscale Sale—A Great Success



Attempting a fundraiser of any kind during a pandemic is certainly a challenge, but Rose Carpenter and Linda Murrelle (pictured at left and right) saw no obstacles. They were determined to find a way to have a fundraiser to help replace the income lost by such events as our Street Faire and St. Mary's Guild Spring Rummage Sale. Envisioned as a type of Estate Sale with quality, lightly used household goods, the event was held outdoors on Friday, July 31, 2020. Elaine Tomb helped with the pricing and display of all the goods. Behind the scenes work went on for months, with donations received, sorted, categorized, and ultimately priced with Elaine's help. No event can be successful without the help of many hands, and our congregation pulled together—in a socially distanced, masked sort of way—to lend pop up tents, erect the tents, lug out tables and chairs, and thousands of articles for sale. Of course, we need folks to staff the booths. And then there was putting away all the items that didn't sell away. Many hands made for very light work and it is safe to say that all who participated enjoyed the event. The vast majority of the public obeyed our request to remain masked and to wear gloves handling items. We had a moment of excitement when a strong gust of wind snapped the leg of an 8' x 20' tent and it blew over. No one was hurt and only one item broken! The final accounting shows that we cleared nearly \$2,000. Our thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success!

Vestry News

On Tuesday of this week, members of the Vestry met with David Krysiak of Willet Hauser to discuss the repair, maintenance and restoration of our stained glass windows. Our members were impressed with David's expertise and his willingness to show, rather than tell of structural issues affecting our windows. A cost effective program to extend the life of our windows for at least two decades or more approaches \$108,000. The Vestry is exploring with the Diocese grant monies and a very low interest rate loan to cover the cost of making these necessary repairs. When we receive a positive response from the Diocese, we will be moving forward with a Capital Campaign that will repay any loan we take out. The Vestry believes that this is a responsible investment in our building and a tangible way to show that we are indeed, a thriving and vital congregation.

Pastor Melinda on Vacation

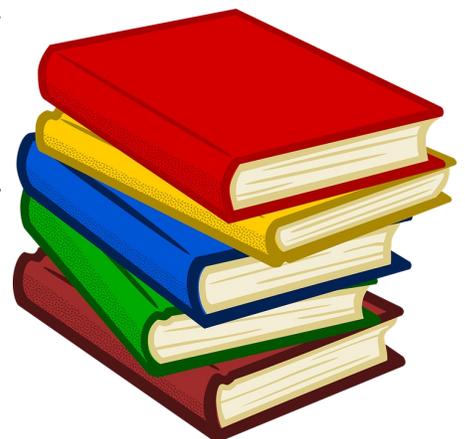
Starting Monday August 10th through Saturday August 22nd. She will remain available for pastoral emergencies, so if you are experiencing such an emergency, do not hesitate to contact her at home or on her cell phone. Evening Prayer on **Saturday August 15** and **Sunday worship on August 16th** will be **exclusively online** and we will form a virtual worship community at our normal times of 5:15 (Sat) and 11:00 (Sun). Many of you also participate online for the Wednesday 12:05 p.m. Noon Day prayer. While you are invited to pray Noon Day Prayer (found beginning on page 103 of the Book of Common Prayer) on your own, there will be no service, either virtually or online.

Good reads: Do you like mysteries? Did you know there is more than one series featuring priests as detectives/sleuths? There are nine books in the Rev. Clare Fergusson/Russ Van Alstyne series by Julia Spence Fleming and they feature some (almost) local color as the setting is an Adirondack village near Lake George. After a seven year hiatus, the latest book "Hid from Our Eyes" has hit the bookstores and our library shelves.

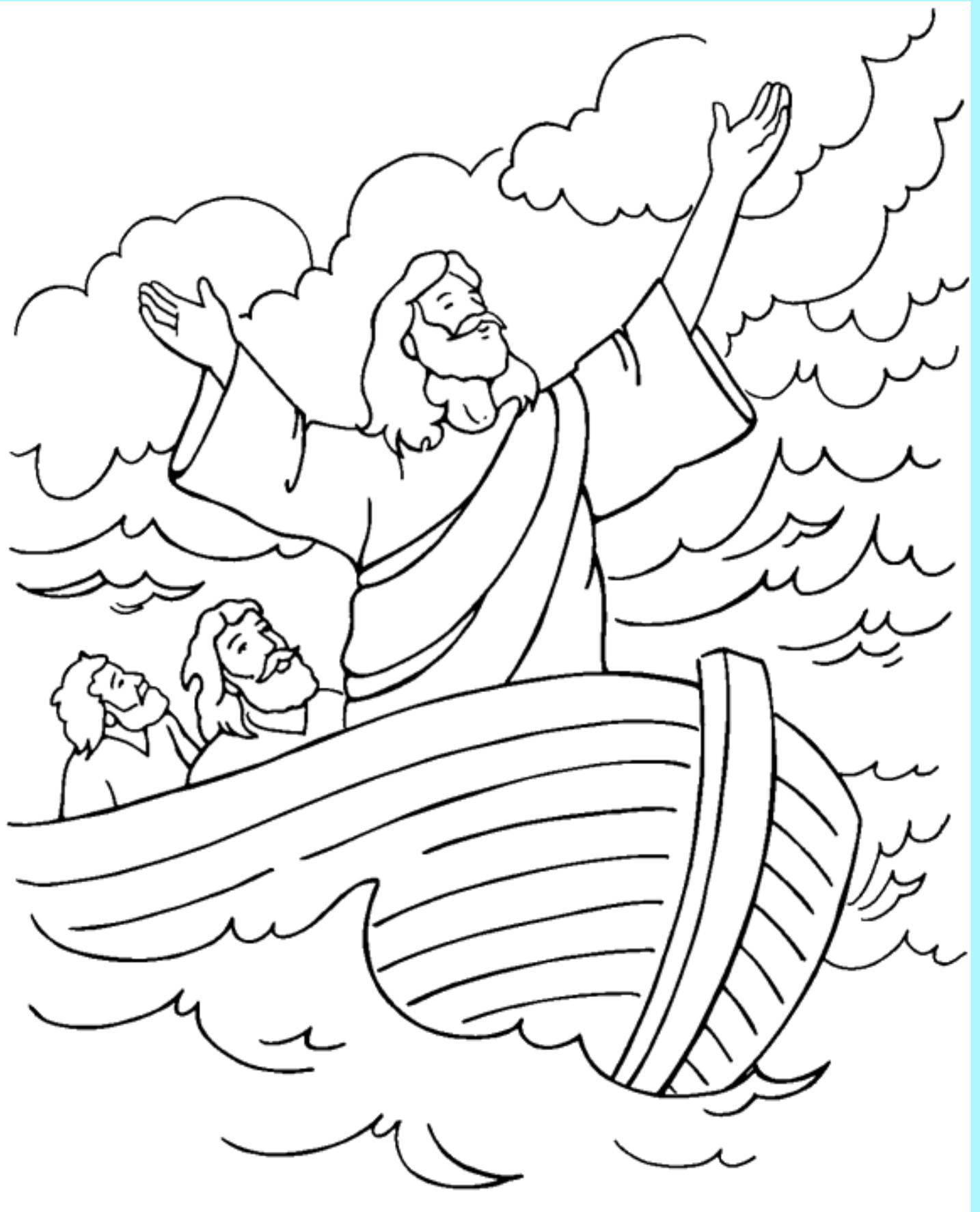
For the Anglophiles amongst us, there is the Grantchester Series (now a popular PBS program!) featuring Canon Sidney Chambers of the Church of England. A prequel, written by a former Archbishop of Canterbury's son, James Runcie, is entitled "The Road to Grantchester," exploring Sidney's journey from World War II veteran to Anglican priest.

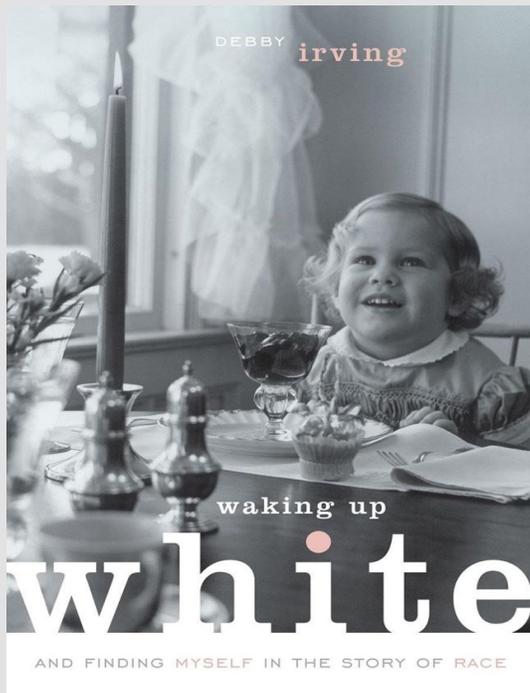
If you prefer your Episcopal sleuth to be a member of the laity, check out the series by Diane Mott Davidson's Goldy Baer series—Goldy is a caterer and each book has several tasty recipes, a ex-wives club, and of course, a murdered client or neighbor.

Happy reading!



Jesus Calms Storm





SUMMER READING—FALL SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

What is the role of white people in the work for racial justice? What does it mean to be white? What is white privilege?

Let's read together "Waking Up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving <http://a.co/4jVHSwd> as our summer read. You can find the book at Amazon at the link above or you can borrow it from Spalding Library in Athens.

About the book: For twenty-five years, Debby Irving sensed inexplicable racial tensions in her personal and professional relationships. As a colleague and neighbor, she worried about offending people she dearly wanted to befriend. As an arts administrator, she didn't understand why her diversity efforts lacked traction. As a teacher, she found her best efforts to reach out to students and families of color left her wondering what she was missing. Then, in 2009, one "aha!" moment launched an adventure of discovery and insight that drastically shifted her worldview and upended her life plan. In *Waking Up White*, Irving tells her often cringe-worthy story with such openness that readers will turn every page rooting for her—and ultimately for all of us.

Once I've read the book, then what? You can post your thoughts and reactions on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1125401861166408/>

In August, small group discussions will be arranged, most of which will be online. The small groups will be held in September. The conversations are facilitated by members of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Athens and Sheshequin (UUCAs). The Rev. Darcey Laine, minister at UUCAS as well as our pastor, the Rev. Melinda M. Artman, are hopeful that we engage broad sections of our community in reading this book.

Why might I want to read this book? Issues of race are once again leading stories on social media, television news and on the front page of newspapers. The majority white communities of the Valley are a perfect place—and a safe place—to explore how race may affect one's education, ability to buy a house, or get a job. As Christians we can explore further how our faith affects our perception of race and whether the Holy Spirit prompts us to address matters of inequality.

A W C MOVIE NIGHTS



DRIVE-IN

SIGHT AND SOUND FILMS

JULY 31ST MOSES

AUGUST 14TH NOAH

AUGUST 28TH JOSEPH

SEPTEMBER 11TH SAMSON

SEPTEMBER 25TH JESUS

All movies begin at 8:30 pm, please arrive between 8:00-8:30 pm

The Sound will be filtered through your radio inside your vehicle.

We will have popcorn and beverages available for purchase under the pavilion during the movie. All proceeds will go towards the many upcoming projects at the church.

Invite your friends & family to enjoy these wonderful films!

Cost \$5 each person (10 & under free)

Athens Wesleyan Church

3903 Wilawana Road

Sayre, PA 18840