

# ST. PETER'S KEY

ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS 2021



Christmas Eve Services Dec 24th  
Eucharist Service with Pageant at 4:30pm  
Eucharist Service at 7:00pm  
Christmas Day Eucharist Service at 9:30am



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**FORWARD, ALWAYS FORWARD, EVERYWHERE FORWARD**

## CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

- 18 – Parish Caroling & S'mores 2PM
- 18 – Teen Group Christmas Party & Caroling
- 19 – 4th Sunday of Advent
- 19 – Decorating & Greening the Church
- 19 – Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal
- 24 - Christmas Eve Eucharist-Pageant 4:30PM
- 24 - Christmas Eve Eucharist Service 7PM
- 25 – Christmas Day Eucharist 9:30AM
- 26 - 1st Sunday of Christmas Service 9:30AM
- 26 – Good-bye to the Corbins
- 1 – Feast of the Holy Name Eucharist 9:30AM



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: AND HIS NAME SHALL BE called Wonderful, COUNSELLOR, The mighty God, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, The Prince of Peace.*

**SAINT PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**      **HEAD of the CHURCH: JESUS CHRIST**

A Biblically-Based Anglican Community      The Most Reverend Dr. Foley Beach, Archbishop  
 Sunday Service at 9:30 AM      Anglican Church in North America

Mr. Mark Maeda, Senior Warden      The Right Reverend Dr. Bill Atwood, Bishop, International Diocese  
 Mr. Dennis Llewellyn, Junior Warden      The Reverend Matthew Rucker, Rector  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Baugh, Administrative Assistant      The Reverend Thomas Corbin, Assisting Priest  
 The Reverend Fawn Corbin, Deacon      The Reverend William Easterling, Assisting Priest

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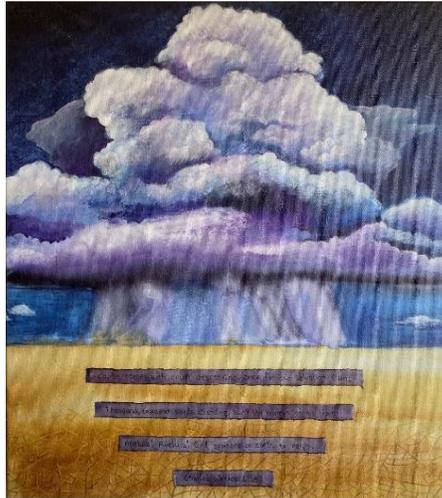
# PHOTO HAPPENINGS



**SAINT NICHOLAS PAID A VISIT TO ST PETER'S ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH. HE HANDED OUT GOLD COINS TO ALL THE CHILDREN!**



**AFTER A TWO-YEAR ABSCENSE, THE ST NICHOLAS COOKIE CONTEST RETURNED WITH FRANNIE A. WINNING THE BEST DESIGN! THEY WERE GOOD!**



**JENNIFER T. HAS PROVIDED ANOTHER ORIGINAL PAINTING AT THE CHURCH NARTHEX ENTRANCE. GREAT WORK!**



**THE SAINT NICHOLAS FLAG HANGS OVER THE SANCTUARY AS HIS FEAST DAY IS CELEBRATED DEC 6TH.**



**THE TAIZE SERVICE ON DECEMBER 15TH WAS A QUIET REFELCTIVE TIME OF SONG AND PRAYER.**



## ON THE INCARNATION, A PERSONAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE, AND YEAR-END GIFTS



Of the many events in the life of Jesus Christ reflected and celebrated in the rhythms of the Christian year, the Incarnation of our Lord celebrated at Christmas is one deserving of our special attention, and great reverence. God became a human being, so that human beings might share in the life of God. The love and grace extended in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ finds hard ground in which to take root and grow. Just as there was once no room in the inn for our Lord, so too do we fail to make room in our lives for Him still. Yet, God remains gracious, and repeatedly gives Himself to us in Jesus Christ. How do we respond to such a great gift? How do we thank God for the grace of the “Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,” as that great hymn puts it? “O come, let us adore Him.”

I hope it is not too presumptuous for me to take the occasion of our Lord’s humble entry into our world in order to extend my own personal thanksgivings to all of you. I, along with my family, remain incredibly grateful for the warm welcome that you have extended to us during our season of transition into life with all of you. God is at work in the life of St. Peter’s, God is with us. What a blessing it is to join with all of you as together we seek to understand what God is doing, and make room in our lives for that to be brought to completion, by the grace of God.

I know that it is customary at St. Peter’s, as it is in many Parishes, to encourage year-end giving for the purpose of blessing the staff and clergy. Generally speaking, year-end giving is a significant resource in the church’s life, and having already received so much from all of you I hesitate to ask for any specific gifts to myself. However, I do ask that you consider a gift to St. Peter’s for the purpose of blessing our staff who have worked so hard and so faithfully through difficult seasons. As always, I thank God for all of you; and for the gifts you bring to St. Peter’s already.

In the name of our Incarnate Lord,  
Fr. Matt

## FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME



The Christmas Season, which begins on Christmas Eve and concludes on Epiphany, is crowded with feast days and holy days. The Feast of the Holy Name is one of those many holy days. It is a day to celebrate and commemorate the naming of our Lord on the day of His circumcision as told in the Gospel of Luke. So it is that on January 1st, Western Christians gather to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name. I find that there are many in the church who appreciate marking the occasion of the new secular year with the Eucharist. So, it is a great gift to have the Feast of the Holy Name, which we will mark on **January 1st, at 9:30 am.**

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



# THE CORBIN'S DEPARTURE



Greetings St. Peter's Family,

Many of you may have heard we are leaving St. Peter's soon. It is sooner than we expected, but it seems like the Lord is driving this train, and we are along for the ride! It has long been our intention to retire from Ball Aerospace (Tom's day job) in early Summer, but this Fall brought a new health challenge as Tom was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Very quickly, a job opened up in Cody that Fawn is an amazing fit for (and that has health benefits!) and a nearly perfect house came up for sale that the owner was willing to delay

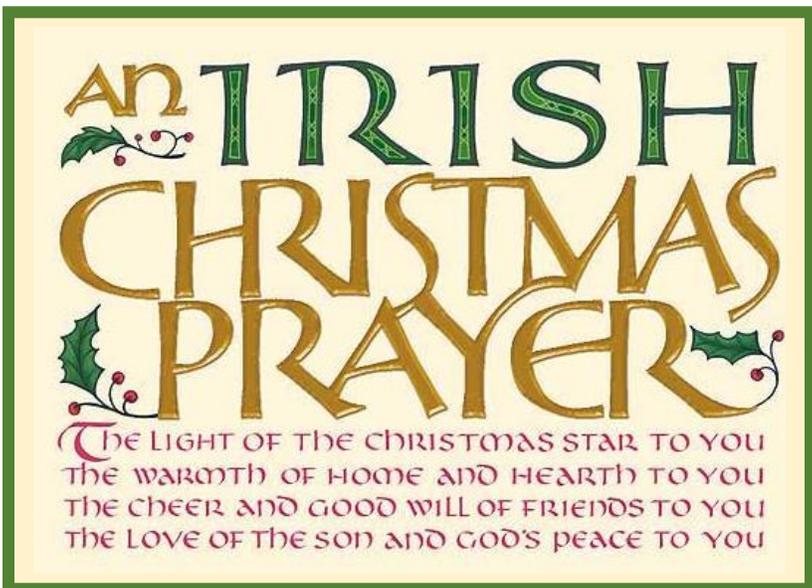
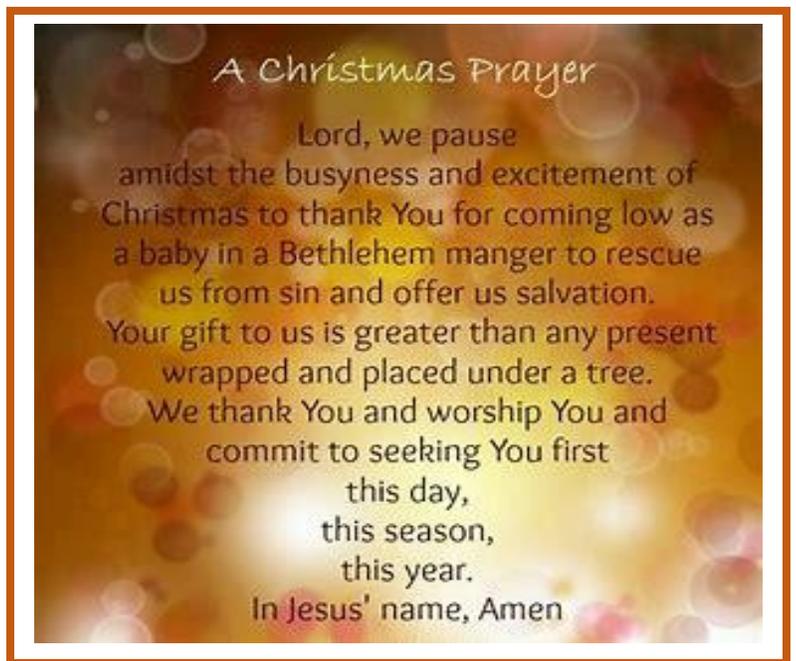
closing on until February. Fawn did get the job, we close on the house in Cody in February, and likely close on our house by March! It's a whirlwind!

But leaving is grieving as well. We have loved our time at St. Peter's and will continue to feel that you are our Anglican Church home! We have loved serving at St. Peter's and appreciate the deep caring and commitment you all have embraced us with during our time. We wish we could have spent more time face to face (COVID!!) but we have felt the love and blessing you have shown us. We are confident that, with Fr. Matt, Fr. Bill, Deacon Larry and 3 new Deacon candidates, that you will continue to thrive as a growing body of Christ. Though Fawn will be leaving at the end of the month, Tom will be around in January, parts of February and March. The Lord has been good to us, bringing us to St. Peter's. He has Blessed us with you and by His great Grace. We praise Him and Thank You all for Blessing us.

Grace and Peace to you all,  
With much love,  
Fawn and Tom



**JOIN THE CONGREGATION FOR THE SAD  
"SAYING GOODBYE" TO THE CORBIN'S AFTER  
THE 9:30AM SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH!**



## A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

### Loving Father,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

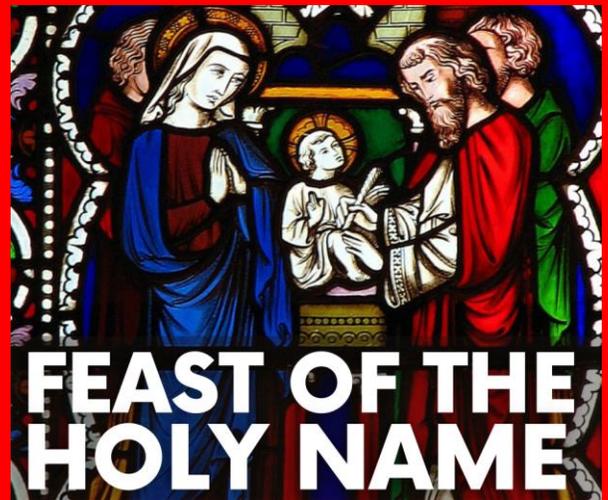
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.



## Christmas Bonfire & Carol Sing

Saturday, December  
18th at 2:00PM  
with delicious  
chocolaty S'mores!



## FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME

January 1, 2022  
New Year's Day  
Eucharist 9:30AM

## Wednesdays in the Word

*Growing your life in the Word of God*

1:00PM with Fr. Matt at St Peter's.  
The study of the Book of Luke  
beginning the New Year on  
January 12th!





## PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD

This Christmas be sure to include in your prayers those Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith to the point where many fear for their homes, safety and even their lives.

### **CUBA**

A house church of 1,000 members has been banned from gathering for services by the Cuban government. Pray for God's wisdom for these brothers and sisters as they determine how to honor God amid the Cuban government's restrictions, and pray that the government will lift the restrictions.

### **NIGERIA**

Front-line workers report that Christians in Plateau State and Southern Kaduna are battling fear, anger, bitterness and unrest after Muslim Fulani herdsman attacked and killed many in these predominantly Christian areas over the last few months. Houses were burned, farmlands destroyed, churches set ablaze and many people injured and killed. Pray that our Nigerian brothers and sisters can show the love of God to the militant Fulani Muslims, and that their persecutors will come to faith in Christ. Pray that God will put an end to the spread of radical Islam in Nigeria.

### **INDIA**

A Christian father and his adult son were attacked by villagers while pumping water in Rajasthan state. The two men went to the village water pump one evening for their nightly needs. A group of villagers were near the pump partying and drinking. They began yelling at the Christian men, saying, "You are Christians and have no right to have water!"

An unregistered church was fined after a police raid in January, and officials continue to monitor the congregation regularly. On Jan. 8, police and officials from the Religious Affairs Department raided the church's Christmas service, taking several members of the congregation to the police station.

### **CHINA**

On the morning of Nov. 1, government authorities detained Dai Zhichao along with his wife and their two sons. Dai, a practicing preacher of Early Rain Covenant Church and the leader of a small group, was about to take his family to another province for a vacation. Government persecution against the Early Rain Covenant Church (ERCC) in Chengdu continues. Officials arrested 28 people gathered in a home for a worship service. The leaders of the service spent two weeks in jail and were fined.

### **SRI LANKA**

Christians attending a church service in western Sri Lanka were warned about a demonstration against the church. Per pandemic guidelines, only 15 believers were meeting one August day at the church south of Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital city. At about 9:20 a.m. as the service was ongoing, the pastor received a call from a member of the police department, who told him there was a demonstration going on and that he should stop the church service in order to maintain the peace.

### **CENTRAL ASIA**

Pastors in Central Asia are faithfully teaching the gospel to children even though such action is against the law. Teaching religion to children under age 18 is illegal. As followers of Christ, however, these pastors know it is important for young people to learn about the Bible and faith in God from a young age.

Source VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

# WHAT'S UP AT THE MISSION: ZETEO NEWS



Building, building, building! Pandemic quarantine for the staff at Zeteo has meant living at work for nearly two years now. The mission facilities were never meant to house 17 staff along with the children. Some staff have been living in tents and others have been using the same sleeping quarters only in shifts, like on a submarine.

God's work pushes forward with hope and plans for the future, even in these conditions. Kate has been looking forward to the time when the mission will welcome those God sends to help. In faith she and the staff are constructing a space to house mission guests. It will also have a meeting room, an office for Kate and,

upstairs, a private bedroom and family space for Kate and Anna and Bart. In the meantime, it will provide for some re-arranging so the quarantined staff has more room!

The building was ordered from China and arrived in parts, literally bolts, screws, walls, windows, plumbing etc. with no directions for assembly. A large truck delivered these at 1:00 a.m. and the staff, helped by Anna and Bart, unloaded until the morning was almost afternoon. Kate and the staff had the foundation prepared. Now they are erecting the building. Please pray for good weather. This is not generally typhoon season but the weather has been unusual and Zeteo needs shelter from winds and water. Pray also for safety in the construction of a two-story building, no falls, no injuries. And pray for the Lord to be given glory in the concrete establishment of His plans!

And...Our Christmas Love has arrived!!!



**THE NEW BUILDING KIT ARRIVED IN PARTS WITH ZERO DIRECTIONS!  
PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE INSPIRATION AND SAFETY IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF THIS IMPORTANT FACILITY AT ZETEO!**



## BISHOP ATWOOD ON THE NICENE CREED

Howard Ball, an evangelism trainer for Campus Crusade for Christ in the 1970's, used to say, "Sometimes people remark that living a faithful Christian life is difficult. That's not true at all. It's not difficult— it's humanly impossible."

Happily, we are not consigned to live our Christian lives in our own strength. Certainly, there are plenty of people who try. That's better than not even trying to conform to the principles of the Kingdom, but it is frustrating and exhausting to try to live religiously without the power of the Holy Spirit. To be sure, even when we are open to Him working in us and through us supernaturally, we are not always aware of how He is doing it. Our intellect alone is not sufficient to perceive the genuine leading of the Spirit. Surely our five senses are inadequate for that discernment. Taste, touch, smell, hearing, and sight are insufficient to discern when God is doing something and when He is not.

In many ways the big issues are a lot easier for us than they were for the church in the early years after the resurrection. They knew for certain that Jesus had rocked their world, but they didn't know exactly how He had done it. It was obvious that He was unique. They knew He worked miracles and that He rose from the dead, but it took years to figure out how God had done it and just Who Jesus actually was.

The early years saw lots of theories and disagreements. It took centuries to sort things out. It even took a long time to figure out which literature was actually "The Word of God" and which wasn't. Over time, there was more and more clarity. After three centuries, a confident consensus was reached about Scripture and truth. Not about every truth, but there was clarity about which things could not be rejected without losing confidence in salvation. It's not that we want to troll around for opportunities to declare people apostates, but when people are living, teaching, believing, and proclaiming things that violate creedal faith, we no longer have the joy of assuring them of salvation.

It's not necessary for a person to understand and accept every element of creedal faith in order to inherit eternal life (e.g., the thief on the Cross), but if any element of the Creed is rejected, it would be utterly wrong to assure people that they were inheritors of eternal life. That is one of the most utterly odious things about the false teaching that has infected so much of the Western church. Not only are they navigating away from the Cross, their core message is assurance of God's acceptance of behaviors and beliefs when it's not the truth. That's similar (but worse!) than an engineer signing off on a bridge saying it is safe when it isn't. Or an impostor dressed as a pilot taking off with passengers in a plane he doesn't know how to fly.

We can have confidence in Who God is and what He calls us to do. We can know the Truth and be set free. We can encounter the river of abundant joy that is the love of the Father, the life of Jesus Christ, and transformation of the Holy Spirit. What is amazing is that we can do that and also find resonance with saints who lived a thousand years ago or ten thousand miles away. We can actually be united in powerful fellowship with those who have been several cultures, languages, or continents removed from us. The unity we find in shared life in Jesus Christ is stunning. I find people all the time in rural Kenya, the Andes Mountains of South America, the Mountains of the Moon in Uganda or on the shores of Lake Malawi that have experienced essentially the same thing that revolutionized my life in 1972. That is wonderful, but it is also amazing!

Some of the people who are leading the charge away from the redeeming love of Jesus Christ are just relying on their intellect to figure everything out. Others are motivated by their feelings. The problem is that without the external plumb line of Holy Scripture and the illumination of the faith of the Church, people will get things wrong. How sad and how arrogant for anyone to think that they don't need other people or any outside source to inform and moderate their own thoughts and feelings. We need the Communion of Saints. We need the Bible. We need the wisdom of centuries of applying Christian teaching informed by the way that the Church has understood the faith.

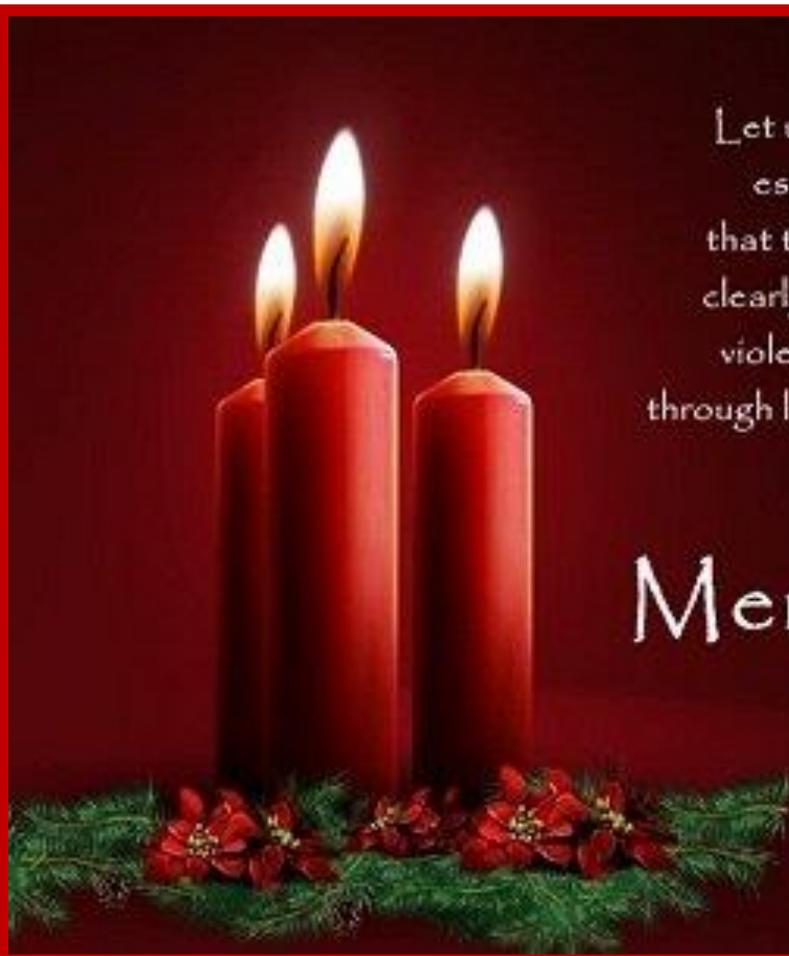
From the website of the International Diocese



**COMING IN EPIPHANY IS THE ANNUAL BISHOP'S WELL "COINS IN THE BOTTLE" PROGRAM! GET AN EARLY START BY SAVING YOUR HOLIDAY CHANGE. BOTTLES WILL BE COLLECTED ON MISSION SUNDAY NEAR THE END OF EPIPHANY IN LATE FEBRUARY.**



**PLEASE JOIN IN AFTER THE SERVICE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, TO HELP PLACE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ABOUT THE CHURCH. A TEAM EFFORT IS REALLY NEEDED!**



Let us pray for the whole world and especially for our own country, that this Christmas we may see more clearly that peace comes not through violence, bitterness and hatred but through love, forgiveness and reconciliation.

We pray to the Lord

**Merry Christmas**

# HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE CHURCH ARMY?

**An Organization of Evangelists in the Anglican Church, seeking to express the Gospel of Jesus Christ in tangible ways to bring transformation.**

**FROM THE CHURCH ARMY WEBSITE (<https://churcharmyusa.org>):**



We seek to do the work of serving, reaching and loving broken, rejected, sad, disconnected and hurting people with a message of hope, love and joy. Every Church Army in the world lives out the calling of our founder, Wilson Carlile, to reach out to those outside of the church with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to serve the poor and to resource the wider church in evangelism.

We are at the center of evangelism and on the edges of society. We specialize in working outside church buildings through addiction centers, urban farming, jails and prisons, café ministries, streets and back alleys, schools, senior centers, hospitals, nursing homes, housing developments and more as we find.

We support those in our communities who are:

- Addicted to alcohol and/or other drugs
- Homeless
- Unemployed
- Involved in prostitution
- Incarcerated or ex-offenders
- Children and youth
- Older persons
- Emotionally or physically ill

Church Army is a world-wide family made up of independent Church Army societies in Australia, Barbados, Canada, Denmark, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, New Zealand, Uganda, United Kingdom and Ireland, United States of America, and Vanuatu.

We seek to train up evangelists within the Church of Jesus Christ to "Go and make disciples..." We want to equip the Church to get outside of its four walls, to meet people where they are, and to bring them the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ultimately, we want to see the church become comfortable with the idea of reaching out to the "least of these" and seeing them brought into fellowship with Christ and His Church.

