Thank you, God, for this Easter time. Thank you that you came through human form, in Jesus of Nazareth, and that he lived a full and deliberate life, that he died for us and ROSE again. Thank you for walking with us when our lives are at their high point and when they ebb so low. Thank you for being that Still Small voice that reaffirms our beloved-ness, even when we question it. Thank you, dear Lord, for the power of resurrection; for the many times that our eyes only catch a glimpse of what is possible; and then you blow us away with the abundant fragrance of grace. We thank God, for you, and the ways in which you hold us, when we think we are ones holding ourselves.

Thank you God for the ways in which our Church liturgical life meets the rhythm of Earth here in Southeastern Connecticut, where the blooms of daffodils and magnolias coincide with the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. We have been given new life, my friends, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and my prayer is that we allow space in our parish, family, work and personal lives for this resurrection to take hold.

Over the course of Lent, we had some parishioners offer reflections and I’m sure those of us who heard them were all drawn into the depth and vulnerability of what and how they shared of their walk with Jesus. For me it was so moving to hear the stories of the movement of Christ in our lives, and the fragrant offering it was to the whole of our parish. I was drawn to the way in which Mary Magdalene through her anointing of Jesus’ feet, shared an offering of love; and how each and every one of our parishioners was doing that through a special song or written reflection.

There is vulnerability in living the Easter life in a Good Friday world. There is absolutely vulnerability. Why we be hopeful, when everyone else may be a cynic or casting doubt on hope or possibility. And maybe this cynicism is within good reason. I am sure most of us have been let down by different people or institutions over the course of our lives, shoot; it can be the transcript of our lives if we allow the negativity to pervade. But it’s easy to let the negativity of the world, the Good Friday-ness, the death to over-power us. And yes, we are called to acknowledge the pain, the disappointment, to hold others and ourselves to account when we have failed; but as we acknowledge, as we take account, Christ calls us to be Easter people, to let the bloom of the Risen life take root in our bodies, our minds and spirits.

My deepest prayer during this Resurrection time is that we would intentionally allow space for the Resurrection to take root. That it would start with our smile, and the way in which we greet the world, that as we lift our hearts and hands to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the spiritual food of bread and wine, our souls might be lifted to a hopeful day, a new day. That our souls may touch our whole selves for the hopeful road, ahead.

To God be the Glory.

With Easter eyes,

Ranjit
News from our Deacon

Some people think it's time to revise the Book of Common Prayer. Some say that we should not spend the time and money to print a new book, that everything should be online so that more options can be offered. I understand the convenience factor, I'm happy that it is accessible online now. It saves hours of retying! If all the BCP contained were the Eucharistic services, the Baptism and Burial Services, I might agree.

However, the Book of Common Prayer contains a lot more, sections that have formed me as a Christian over the years. This morning, I read The Great Litany (p.148). It is a set of petitions that express repentance and intercessions and is quite inclusive. Some form of The Great Litany has been around since the 5th century. It is often used in Lent.

I had to memorize the Catechism from the 1928 prayer book when I was confirmed. Although, I do not recommend this practice in 2019, I do recommend reading it. The question about “What does it mean to be created in the image of God?” (p. 845) and the answer, “It means we are free to make choices: to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.” has inspired my work as a mother, teacher, an advocate for those in prison, and now as an advocate for racial justice.

The service entitled, “Ministration at the Time of Death” (p. 462) has allowed me to commend family, friends, and myself over to God when I knew I had no control over the results of a situation whether it was a physical, emotional or spiritual death that needed to be faced.

For these reasons and many more, I hope we will have hard copies of the BCP in the future to use as a companion on The Way.

Deacon Ellen

Farewell dear friend ...

Carlton Saari
Sr. Warden’s Report

As I reflect back to May of 2017, I often think about Fr. Ranjit, Johanna and Dhruv coming to St. James. Before they arrived, I felt that our parish family was waiting “in Limbo” just hungering to be led in a positive direction. During the interview process, the Vestry and the Transition team explained to Fr. Ranjit that we were looking for a priest to help expand and grow our various outreach ministries. We also thought that it was important for our future leader to provide quality sermons on Sunday and offer spiritual guidance to our parishioners. Many of us expressed our desire to have a better rapport with the local college students in New London, seeing the importance of building relationships with younger adults within the community.

After all the Interviews were completed, the Vestry quickly decided that Fr. Ranjit K. Mathews was the right choice to lead St. James. In the past two years, Fr. Ranjit has diligently exceeded the expectations that were important to the Interviewing teams. He has taught us the Importance of living out the Gospel in our daily lives, while encouraging us to treat others with dignity and respect. Fr. Ranjit has also introduced us to some thought provoking forums which at times have made us feel uncomfortable, yet encouraged to engage in further discussions.

Sometimes I forget how much time and energy it takes to be a successful priest in an active church like St. James. The fact that the rector must be on call 24 hours a day, family life often takes a back seat to meetings or pastoral emergencies. We all need to take some time out of our busy lives to think and pray about our rector and his family. Let us reach out and show the Mathews-Kuruvilla family how much they are loved and appreciated!

Faithfully,

Lori Sarkett

Sunday Parish Events—May & June

May 5—Join us for an Embodied Justice InterPlay event after the 10 AM service as we creatively explore together our unique and embodied experiences of race and/or privilege. Images, guided movement, voice, story and stillness will help us broach this tender topic. All you need is a bit of curiosity and willingness to try this fun and easy approach.
May 19—Music on Whale Row at 3:00 PM in the church featuring Benjamin Straley, from the Anglican Singers as our guest organist.
June 9—Annual Blessing of the Bicycles after the 10:00 AM service.
June 9—Our final church school class of the school year. We look forward to seeing all the students in September.
June 16—Our final Sunday with the choir until September.
On Sunday, April 28th, The Anglican Singers concluded the 2018–2019 season with our final evensong service. We have enjoyed a wonderful year working under our amazing director, Benjamin Straley, and we look forward to returning to St. James’s chancel next fall.

Happily, on Sunday, May 19th, at 3 p.m., we all will have an opportunity to become acquainted with Benjamin’s other great gift, as an instrumentalist, when he presents an organ recital here at St. James as part of the church’s Music on Whale Oil Row Concert Series. Please see the full announcement for this recital elsewhere in this edition of The Net.

Finally, here is a brief preview of our exciting plans for the summer of 2020. In August of that year, the Singers will return to the UK—our fourth visit—for a week-long residency at magnificent Worcester Cathedral. Stay tuned early next fall for additional information.

Anne Carr Bingham, Secretary, The Anglican Singers

Music on Whale Oil Row

Benjamin Straley Organ Recital
Sunday, May 19 ~ 3:00 PM
St. James Episcopal Church

We are pleased to announce that the Music on Whale Oil Row Concert Series will present an organ recital by Benjamin Straley. His program features works of Bach, Guilmant, Handel, and Elgar.

The May 2015 issue of The Diapason listed Benjamin as one of the “Top 20 under 30” young organists in the country. Before he relocated to Connecticut last August, Benjamin served for six years as the Organist and Associate Director of Music at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He is now Assistant Rector at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Essex, as well as Music Director of The Anglican Singers.

Please plan to join us at what promises to be a tour de force performance; you’re also cordially invited to a reception in the Parish Hall after the recital.

The suggested donation for the recital is $10.
Birthdays

The names on this list reflect the information as recorded in the parish database. Is your name (or a family member’s name) missing? If so, please contact the parish office and provide us with the accurate information!

May

3  Barbara Calkins          14  Diana Cortes
5  Rose Kydd                14  Margaret Murallo
5  Anne Carr Bingham        14  Barbara Skinner
5  David Rainey             17  Elizabeth Traggis
7  William Sieburg          18  Karen Hatcher-Sneed
8  Ellen Merrill            20  Donovan Dunning
10 Arthur Boulanger         20  Dhruv Mathews
13 William Cooper

25 Thomas Clark             25 Judy Benson
25 Caleb Sieburg
26 Mark Enoch
27 Janet Kepner
28 Robert Bowlin
29 Hugo Warren
31 Theresa Bokoff

June

7  Walter Chojnacki         12  Charles Reyburn
7  Arlene Hislop            13  Pandora Barnwell
8  Jean Rogers              14  Anne Scheibner
11 Chuck Sharp              15  Emma Palzere-Rae

17 Ellen Bowlin             17 Ellen Bowlin
24 Reid Burdick             24 Reid Burdick
30 Edwin Roberts

Faith in Action

On Thursday, May 16, The Faith in Action Committee is offering a spring luncheon for parishioners who are homebound or otherwise unable to regularly worship with us. The event will be held in the Parlor on the main floor of Seabury Center, beginning with Holy Eucharist at 11:30. Invitations have been mailed to all members on our homebound list, but if someone has been inadvertently missed, please contact the parish office. Rides are available to those who need transportation. Please contact Ellen at the parish office to arrange for this. This is a wonderful opportunity for friends to gather around worship and a meal. We look forward to being with you on May 16.

Dorothy Sieburg,
Committee Chair
Covenant Shelter Dinner

The Covenant Shelter will be honoring The New London Motorcycle Club and Steve (Stash) Schiavone for their charitable work. They will receive the Merrill-Fontaine Awards at the annual awards dinner May 11, 2019, beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets are $50.00 per person and will be available from the parish office or Fred Smith, Ann Burdick, and Eleanor Godfrey.

St. James Supper Group

"Join fellow parishioners for dinner, fun and fellowship. We meet every month or so at a local restaurant for the fun of being together and trying new restaurants."

May Gathering:
Place: Mr. G's Restaurant, 452 William's St., New London
Date: Friday, May 24 at 6:00 PM

June Gathering:
Place: Capt. Scott's Lobster Dock, 80 Hamilton St., New London, Ct.
Date: Friday, June 28 at 6:00 PM

Please RSVP Lori Sarkett or the parish office by the Wednesday prior to the dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Sarkett at 860.287.5500 or lorisarketthne@gmail.com. Rides to the restaurants are available and encouraged!

St. James Book Club

The St. James Book Club meets at La Luna Restaurant (located in the Holiday Inn) at 6:00 PM. Meals and appetizers are available and pricing ranges from $5—$30 depending on the selection. Books are on reserve at the New London Public Library. Please bring your driver’s license and local library card to pick up the book. For more information about the book club or restaurant, please contact Lori Sarkett at 860.287.5500 or lorisarketthne@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 23  The Next Person you Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom
Thursday, June 27  Catch Me by Lisa Gardner
Racial Reconciliation Working Group

We have been asked to adopt the spiritual practices presented in The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life. They include Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go Rest.

“We are asked to dwell intentionally with God each day. Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus. Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus.”

Sue Roman, a member of the Racial Reconciliation and Justice Network recently shared these questions to help us reflect on how we are actively working to dismantle racism. The questions are taken from *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in The Cafeteria* by Beverly Daniel Tatum:

“Am I perpetuating and reinforcing the negative messages so persuasive in our culture, or am I seeking to challenge them?”

“Am I seeking out positive images of marginalized groups?”

“Am I acknowledging and examining my own prejudices and minimizing their impact during interactions?”

“Am I examining how the institutions I am part of perpetuate racism and am I taking action to change those institutions?”

The committee encourages you to reflect on these questions weekly.

Deacon Ellen

Caring for Creation Committee

- May 9 - 5:30 p.m. committee meeting
- May 11 - 9:30 - 11:30 AM, cleanup and beautification project with Sunday School students at Ye Ancientist Burial Ground. Meet at the church at 9:15 AM
- May 18 - 9:00 AM to noon, snacking garden bed project with FRESH students at the Community Meal Center, 12 Montauk Avenue
- May 22 - 6:00 PM in the parlor, vegetarian pot luck and environmental movie night with FRESH students
- June 9 after the 10:00 AM service, Blessing of the Bicycles
- June 13- 5:30 PM committee meeting

St. James Quilters

Our mission is to make quilts for the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) Nurse Family Partnership (which cares for new mothers). We are in the process of completing a number of quilts for the VNA and will be delivering them in May.

We welcomed a new member, Audrey Mozley, in March and are always open for new members. Our experienced quilters will gladly teach you. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and our lunch break is at 12:00 PM. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mary Chartier at (860) 443-0590.

Margaret Murallo, Member
Christian Formation Program — join us on Wednesday, May 8

Worship is at 5:15 PM in the Hallam Chapel, followed by a pot-luck supper at 6:00 PM in the parlor and book discussion at 6:30 PM. Book Discussion (Sabbath as Resistance by Walter Brueggemann) is available at $12.00 per book. Please contact Ellen in the parish office if you would like to purchase a book.

Saturday, May 8 at 9:00 AM — Racial Reconciliation Discussion with Dean Kelly Brown Douglas of the Episcopal Divinity School. Dean Douglas will address what it would mean for the Episcopal church to lead the way toward a beloved community by confronting the realities of racial injustice, thereby living into the call to be church. Please join us at Christ Church Cathedral, 45 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103. This is one of the various mission activities celebrating the Centennial year as Connecticut’s Cathedral and the season of Healing Justice and Racial Reconciliation. Register for event at Eventbrite. Fee $15.

Connecticut River Pilgrimage: Stories Untold
Rejoice in and give thanks for the miracle of all life that is made possible by the grace of God through water. Come on a River of Life Pilgrimage hosted by the South Central & Southeast Regions of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, in coordination with Kairos Earth. Pilgrims are invited to move deeply into prayer, contemplation, and movement by canoe or kayak as a community together from May 24-31. For more information or to apply for this opportunity please visit: https://kairosearth.org/pilgrimage/ or contact Rachel Thomas (rthomas@episcopalct.org) or Jo Brooks.

New Life Ministry of SECT Fundraiser
Come join us on Saturday, June 8 at 6:00 PM, Christ the King Church, 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme for a Spaghetti Supper. Tickets are $10 each. The supper is to benefit New Life Ministry of SECT, a re-entry ministry that offers housing and other services to women coming out of prison. Deacon Ellen and Hilda Zeigler are mentors in this important program.

The New London NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Dinner
The freedom fund dinner will be held on Thursday June 27th from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Port N’ Starboard Banquet Facility, Ocean Beach Park, New London.

Fr. Ranjit is one of the recipients this year. Our parish is purchasing a table for $600.00. Tickets are available in the parish office for this table at $60 each. Individual tickets are $65. No tickets will be sold at the door.
United Thank Offering Appeal

The United Thank Offering is an organization of the national Church with a remarkable history dating back over 100 years. It began as a women’s movement to collect funds by putting household money aside on a regular basis as a thank offering for God’s blessings. These monies were collected and disbursed to mission projects twice a year. This practice continues in many parishes, but is in no way restricted to women’s household funds. (Do these even exist today?) Men, certainly, also are thankful for blessings and are encouraged to contribute! The Thank Offerings are, symbolically if not actually, collected in the traditional blue boxes, available year round in the narthex and on the table near the doors to the sanctuary in the parish hall.

Parishes and diocese-wide organizations are encouraged to apply for grants from the national headquarters in NYC for outreach projects that meet particular aims of the yearly campaign. In 2018 St. James received a grant for a racial reconciliation program for youth, to be held this summer in New London. Deacon Ellen is leading this program and will be happy to talk with you about it.

Monies are collected biannually and sent to UTO headquarters through the treasurer of Episcopal Church Women of Connecticut. The spring collection is set for Ascension Day, May 30. Please turn in offerings for UTO Spring collection by Sunday, June 2, so that they can be forwarded.

Dorothy Sieburg
UTO Program Coordinator

Jumble Shoppe News

The Jumble Shoppe is in Spring and Summer mode. If you’re sorting through your closet, please bring apparel that no longer fits/appeals to you to the shop! We also always accept bed and bath linens, kitchen ware, jewelry and decorative items.

We will be sponsoring the annual Mission Tag Sale in June, date to be determined. Watch for announcements for this event on email and in the bulletins. We ask that you hold any large items you may wish to give to the tag sale until closer to the event since our storage space is limited.

The Faith in Action Committee of the parish reviews requests for charitable disbursements from Jumble Shoppe earnings. Recently money has been sent to the Public Library of New London for refurbishing of the children’s room, to the Diocese of Cuba, to the Climate Reality Project, and to our mission partner, the Diocese of Goma. The committee attempts to balance disbursements to various church-related missions with charities supporting local, national and international causes. Please direct any ideas you may for disbursements of funds to either Fr. Ranjit or Dorothy Sieburg.

Thank you for your support of this vital outreach ministry.

Dorothy Sieburg, Manager
“Welcoming the Stranger”

From 1940 to 1941, my late father, Hiram “Harry” Bingham IV, was an American vice consul stationed in Marseille, in Nazi-occupied France. He rescued many refugees who were fleeing from Hitler into southern France, by issuing as many visas to them as possible in defiance of his superiors’ policies, and by running an underground railroad from his house in Marseille.

For his humanitarian actions, in 2002 Secretary of State Colin Powell posthumously conferred upon my father a “Constructive Dissent” award; and, on May 30, 2006, the U.S. Postal Service issued a stamp in his image as a “Distinguished American Diplomat.”

Harry was a longtime parishioner at St. James, who raised his family in this church after he retired from the Foreign Service in 1945, when he moved his family to Salem from his post in Argentina. He would be proud to know that St. James continues to stand at the forefront of churches dedicated to social ministry and, in that vein, I’m confident he would support my efforts to free longtime undocumented immigrants from the fear of deportation, by opening up an avenue of relief for them, as proposed below.

During my 37-year service as an attorney in the general counsels’ offices of both the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), from which I retired in 2009, I observed a number of hardship cases of long-term undocumented immigrants facing removal proceedings who were ineligible to apply for the benefit offered by section 249(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1986 (“Act”) because they had not entered the United States prior to “January 1, 1972,” which the section still requires.

Many of these individuals, including a number residing in southeastern Connecticut, have set down roots in America, contributed to their communities, resided continuously here since their arrival before June 15, 2007, possess good moral character and deserve to be freed from the fear of deportation.

What is my proposal? It is to urge Congress to simply replace the obsolete “January 1, 1972” date with “June 15, 2007,” in section 249(a) of the Act.

By this simple and sensible measure, Congress would be helping many of the 11 million undocumented immigrants whose hardship cases continue to surface in the newspapers. This “small step” by Congress would be a “giant leap” for humanity. Applicants would be able to immediately apply for a “green card” as soon as Congress and the President took this commonsense bipartisan step to restore relevance to section 249(a) in immigration proceedings.

The public has seen the former Attorney General and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) step up interior enforcement as well as border enforcement (The Day “Sessions Outlines Immigration Plan,” April 12, 2017). The interior of the United States is where long-standing residents with ties to their communities can be found; they comprise a large portion of the 11 million undocumented individuals who have either entered without inspection or overstayed visas.
Welcoming the Stranger cont’d

Both political parties can support this breakthrough proposal. Republicans can appreciate that President Ronald Reagan himself updated this same section 249(a) in 1986 by approving the 1972 entry date. Reagan said, “I believe in the idea of [protection] for those who have put down roots and lived here, even though some time back they may have entered illegally.” Today, Democratic U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders would agree. He has said “It is absurd and inhumane that millions of hardworking people, many of whom have lived in this country for decades, are fearful of deportation. We must provide legal status to those who are in the DACA program, and a path to citizenship for the undocumented” (Sanders, January 1, 2019).

Providing sanctuary cannot eliminate the stress of removability. Accordingly, I recommend that immigration and civic organizations, and the St. James congregation, email members of Congress, urging them to adopt this proposed update to section 249(a) of the law.

St. James continues to be a community with a mission of concern and a sense of responsibility for those in our immediate community and beyond who have been unable to obtain the benefits of the American Dream. And so, my fellow parishioners, I appeal to you to join me in this cause to help those countless numbers who deserve a chance at that dream. It’s time to update the obsolete provision of section 249(a), to remove from these good folks—a number of them here in New London county—the shadow of fear and uncertainty, so that they, too, may enjoy the benefits that we take for granted. My late father would applaud such an effort.

Robert Kim Bingham, Sr.
Rbingham03@snet.net

Social Media

The Social Media Committee is committed to spreading the word of our parish’s good works and engaging our community in The Jesus Movement. You are a critical part of this!

We encourage everyone at church activities to pull out their phones, take photos or videos, do Facebook Live, or share your thoughts.

When you visit Facebook or Instagram, please like, comment and share our posts. This helps us to be seen by more people. If you are not sure how to do this, feel free to ask Emma Palzere-Rae your questions during coffee hour.

Holy Baptism

We welcome Abigail Jean Ingmundson as our newest member of St. James Parish on April 20, 2019
Church School

Spring in the Church School has been budding with excitement.

We started with the Easter Egg Hunt for the Drop-In Learning Center on April 10th. We had an Easter celebration for our church school children on Easter Sunday. Our children also sang the hymn, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, during the Easter Service in collaboration with the adult choir.

We continue to learn many more stories from the New Testament.

**Upcoming Events in May and June**

- Teaming with the Caring for Creation Committee on
  - May 11th in beautifying Ye Ancientist Burial Ground from 9:00 AM to 12 noon
  - May 18th, helping Fresh New London with planting a community snack garden on Montauk Avenue from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon.
- June 9th will be the Blessing of Human-powered Vehicles after the 10:00 AM service. This is also the final church school class for the school year.

We pray that everyone will have a safe and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!
Prepping and enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt for the Drop In Learning Center children

Palm Sunday

Blessing of the Bikes
Memorials and Thanksgivings

If you would like to donate, as a memorial or as a thank-offering, contact the parish office or an altar guild member for more information. Altar flowers $45, Sanctuary candle $5 and communion wine or wafers, $10 each.

If you are interested in using the memorial garden, please contact the parish office or Fr. Ranjit. Copies of the memorial garden guidelines are available in the office.

Donations can be made in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. If you would like to make a contribution to be used for purchasing plants, memorial plaque, maintenance and general upkeep, please notate on the memo line of your check “memorial garden donation”.

Vestry Highlights

A CCS Feasibility Report was received at the March 5th Vestry meeting presented by T. Reed and L. Humes representatives from CCS a Fundraising Consultant Firm. The ECCT has made available the CCS Firm to have studies done specific to their parishes’ needs and evaluate the considerations of a capital project to support God’s mission. This was in partnership with the ECCT’s initiative, Joining Jesus. There was a question and answer session to help understand the overall perceptions and needs of our parish and the ability and talents of raising the funds to support these projects. At the April 2nd Vestry meeting it was voted not to participate in the ECCT fundraising campaign at this time.

A motion was passed to purchase $500.00 of audio-visual equipment for the Seabury Center Conference Room. The Vestry also agreed to purchase a table $450.00 for the Merrill-Fontaine Dinner in May that benefits the Covenant Shelter.

At the April 2nd Vestry Meeting, Reverend Sara Ofner-Seals gave a presentation Ministry at the Southern Border regarding her recent trip to the Mexican border. Jerry Miller reported that St James has received a $1,300 grant from EECT to help fund the air conditioning improvements that had been made to the offices last year. Stephanie Brandon and Fr. Ranjit gave a synopsis of their attendance at CEEP Conference in Boston. No action was taken by Vestry to join CEEP at this time.

St. James’ Mission Statement

We are a forward looking, multi-cultural and inclusive faith community, proclaiming and doing Christ’s work of love and justice in the greater New London area and the world.
This report covers from January 1, 2019 to February 28, 2019.

**Total Income:**
- **Budgeted Amount:** $44,250
- **Actual Amount:** $48,886
- **Amount Actual is Over Budget:** $4,636

**Total Expenses:**
- **Budgeted Amount:** $72,841
- **Actual Amount:** $70,440
- **Amount Actual is Under Budget:** $2,401

**Net Ordinary Income:**
- **Total Income:** $48,886
- **Total Expenses:** $70,440
- **Net Ordinary Income:** $-21,554
- **Endowment Income Applied:** $28,592
- **Net Income:** $7,038

**Summary:** As of February 28, 2019, we are $7,038 ahead of where we expected to be based on our 2019 budget. This is primarily due to early payment of pledges, which are $6,953 over the budgeted amount.

**Investment Summary:**
- **Balance 12/31/2018:** $3,233,467
- **Balance 02/28/2019:** $3,442,056
- **Total Value Change:** $208,589
- **Withdrawal 5%:** $28,592
- **Change Pre-Withdrawal:** $237,181

**Summary:** Our pre-withdrawal investment value has increased by $237,181, about 7.3%, through February 28, 2019. After factoring in the 5% withdrawal, our investments are up $208,589 about 6.4% through February.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald F. Miller, Treasurer
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Luke 24:6

He is not here; he has Risen!