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Dear Friends,

On Saturday mornings a group of us have been studying Ibram Kendi's book, How to be an Antiracist. The first two chapters are heavy with definitions so that we're on the same page, so to speak, as the author in what we are reading. Chapter 2 begins with the definitions below. These are important distinctions to be aware of as we think about our own responses to racism.

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| <u>Assimilationist</u> | One who is expressing the racist idea that a racial group is culturally or behaviorally inferior and is supporting cultural or behavioral enrichment programs to develop that racial group. |
| <u>Segregationist</u>  | One who is expressing the racist idea that a permanently inferior racial group can never be developed and is supporting policy that segregates away that racial group.                      |
| <u>Antiracist</u>      | One who is expressing the idea that racial groups are equals and none needs developing, and is supporting policy that reduces racial inequity.  |

Last week Disney announced that some of its children's movies would no longer be made available for children to view on their own accounts. This sparked a conversation about "cancel culture" at my house. Why tear down civil war monuments? What about the seven Dr. Seuss books now classified as racist? Such moves are being made in acknowledgment of the segregationist or assimilationist values incorporated and/or celebrated in these monuments/movies/books. Black and Brown children already have received the message that they are unequal to White children loud and clear. They shouldn't have to face the racism inherent in White culture. Black parents have to teach their children what to do when they are stopped by the police. Their families often live in neighborhoods assigned to them by segregationist policies of banks and municipalities. It takes more than education and job opportunities to improve Black lives. Anti-racism isn't about changing people, Kendi writes, it's about changing policy. Changing policy requires the election of officials who understand this. Segregationists understand the distinction, which is why laws are put in place that make it harder for Black and Brown citizens to vote.

Walt Disney was a White man of his time. In 2021 it's time finally to understand the sins of our racist past and strive to move our governments' policies and our own hearts and minds further along the road toward antiracism.

Wishing you a blessed Lent,  
Mother Julie+

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

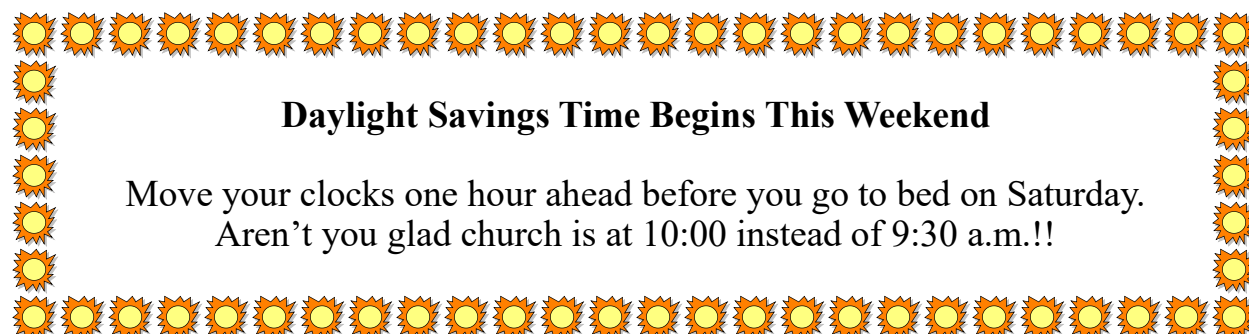
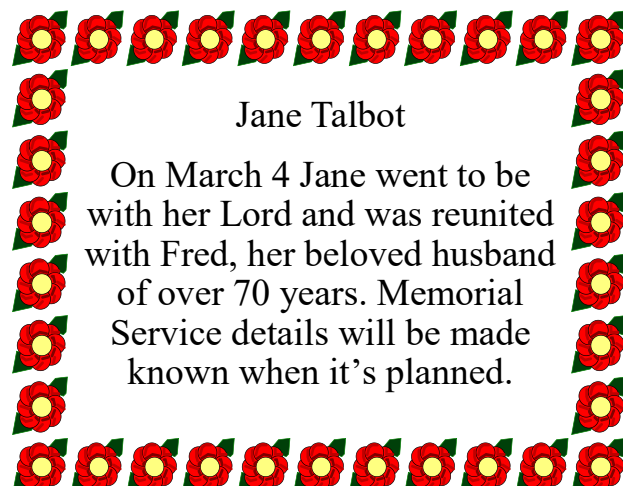
This Sunday Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe is leading worship for the Diocese at 10:00 a.m. to mark one year of pandemic living. The service will include Renewal of Baptismal Vows for everyone and Renewal of Ordination Vows for the clergy. It will be held on both Zoom and Facebook Live. The Zoom code is below. I will forward the link Sunday morning to those whom I usually send it to. It will be shown on the TV screen and I've requested a bulletin to print out for those worshipping in the church.

Please note: Bible Study will be moved to 9:00 a.m. Mother Julie will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Saturday as usual so that there will be a service on the website. The bulletin David provides via email will be for the YouTube service on the website.

Zoom codes: 898 9684 4165 and 3154746596 (Diocesan office phone number)

### **Thursday Evenings in Lent on Zoom**

6:00 p.m. Gather on Zoom to share your evening meal as we chat  
6:30 p.m. March 11: Moral Theology  
March 18: Moral Theology  
March 25: A Walk Through the Events of Holy Week in Mark's Gospel  
7:15 p.m. Compline



**Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

Dial 1-646-558-8656

When prompted Enter **898 9684 4165#**

When prompted Enter **#**

When prompted Enter **3154746596#**

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and you will be let in by a member of the Bishop's staff.

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unmute yourself  
on the phone  
press \*6

The Sunday service is now both In-Person and on Zoom. For those coming to the church the procedure for In-Person worship is the same as last summer and fall:

- ♦ Enter by the ramp door, sign in and use the hand sanitizer provided.
- ♦ Wear a mask.
- ♦ Practice social distancing.
- ♦ We are only using every third pew, so sit in a pew that's not filled with books.
- ♦ We are only receiving the bread at the time of communion. I will bring it down to the area in front of the pews and people will come up one at a time to receive. Please don't consume the wafer until you're back in your pew.
- ♦ Still no coffee hour

**Latinx**

This brand new word is a gender neutral term for people who identify as Latino or Latina. Just as humankind is a gender neutral word for mankind, Latinx is inclusive of both men and women.

**Sunday School  
meets  
1st, 3rd, and 5th  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.**



**Zoom Calendar**

March 13 10:00 a.m. Book Study: 874 1536 7100 & 620058

**March 14 9:00 a.m.** Bible Study: 835 9000 0245 & 562087

**10:00 a.m.** Worship: 898 9684 4165 & 3154746596

March 16 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: 868 3084 1089 & 114552

March 17 7:00 p.m. Vestry: 870 4224 3189 & 400435

March 18 6:00 p.m. Dinner and 6:30 p.m. Matters of Faith Class  
852 0786 8086 & 125985



More New  
Items  
in  
St. Alban's  
Boutique

Gina's  
Crocheted  
Tote Bags

Scarves

by

Jan

Also  
Shawls  
Poncho  
Baby buntings  
Dish cloths  
Hat & scarf sets  
Aprons

