



# The EPIPHANY STAR

a word to the wise • The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta Georgia

a bi-weekly newsletter | February 15, 2018

## Welcoming and Inviting

We had another amazing vestry retreat. The primary reason these are amazing are the people, which, yes, change in some form each year, but the dedication to each other and to Epiphany remains constant. And gosh, did we have FUN!

One theme that kept coming up this year was the limitation of the phrase "All are welcome" which is a very common Episcopal Church statement. That wasn't good enough for this group. The case was this: not only are all welcome, but *invited* to the table to join us for Eucharist, *invited* to join in parish activities and gatherings, *invited* to be a part of this community together.

I write this reflection on Ash Wednesday. We had a service this morning, and will have another tonight. In the proper liturgy for Ash Wednesday, the celebrant says these words:

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.

This invitation is extended to everyone in hopes of drawing us closer to God. These 40 days of Lent are the days we remember Jesus' journey in the wilderness, his temptations, his trial, his death. We are invited to observe this season, by examining our hearts, sitting intentionally in prayer, letting go of our tight grasps, reflecting on the story of God that is our story, too. We are invited to observe a holy Lent.

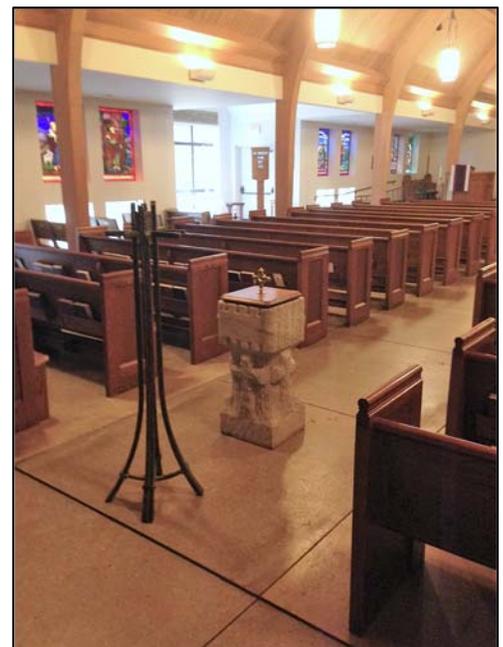
As a community, we will do this together. The liturgy will feel different. First, we have moved the font! The holy water in it can be used for you to dip your hand in, make the sign of the cross, remember your baptism. We will start each Sunday with a litany, starting with the Great Litany on the first Sunday of Lent. You can find this beginning on page 148 of The Book of Common Prayer or at this link: <https://www.bcponline.org/>. The words are powerful and trying, honest and hard. Ideas we really should wrestle with in our lives, in our theology.

One of the places we can do this is in our adult formation offering in Lent. We will combine classes, and as a parish wide adult offering, we will talk about sin. Yep, sin. Brennan Breed and Shirley Banks and I will lead these five classes from the biblical history to the tradition of our faith to the pastoral wrestling around sin. Join us on Sunday mornings in the parish hall at 10 a.m.

And be invited. Into it all. The depth and breadth of Lent, of Epiphany, of being God's people.

Blessings,

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers, Senior Associate Rector



# Vestry

## What Happened on Vestry Retreat?

By Kimberly Bonde

As a first-time Vestry member I was not sure what to expect of the retreat weekend. Two friends, supposedly in the know, offered the following, "Oh, its all work," or "You're going to be exhausted from all the meetings." Neither of these proved to be accurate. We did work on important issues, we laughed and played, we rested, and we worshiped. Vestry Retreat was awesome!

We gathered on Friday evening after dinner and began by exploring vestry service as an opportunity for spiritual development. Saturday's sessions focused around our mission, duties and responsibilities as lay leaders for the parish. We also shared our experiences of what makes the Church of the Epiphany special for each of us - stories of how we first came and why we've stayed over the years. Time for a hike, a nap, or reading around the fireplace gave a lovely balance to the working sessions. After our evening session we had wine, yummy snacks and great conversations. Sunday morning was a time for choosing our areas of attention and committees with which we would serve as liaison this year and to dedicate ourselves as a group toward stewardship in 2018. We finished our time with a lovely Eucharist while standing in a circle together.

Throughout our different working sessions some themes emerged which we will use to help guide us this year.

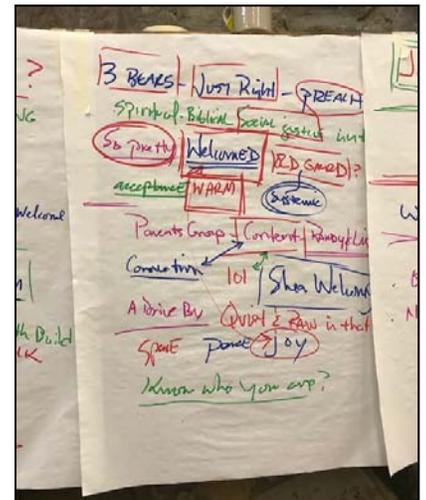
**Communication and Transparency:** We want to improve our communication delivery to and within the parish, and provide for greater informational transparency about the issues which are important to parishioners.

**Invitation and Welcome:** We strive for the Church of the Epiphany to be a welcoming parish, but more than that we want to be an inviting parish. This involves an active process of invitation to engage current parishioners and newcomers alike.

**The Honor of Service:** Each of us feels called to serve the parish, but more than that we feel a deep sense of honor to be asked to this work.

**Fellowship and Joy:** We are committed to know and care for one another and to share joy as well as seriousness in the work that we do.

Please keep watch and give us feedback so that we stay on course. Any of us would be happy to talk with you about these themes, and about your desires and concerns regarding the parish.



### Class of 2020

Alix Janke, Membership

Nancy Chandler, Endowment/Junior Warden

Holly Slater, Parish Life

Annie Strahan, Stewardship

### Class of 2021

Dennis Edmiston, Pastoral Care

Clare Schexnyder, Communications

Kimberly Bonde, Outreach

### Class of 2019

Bill Gary, Senior Warden

Bonnie Kissler, Building & Grounds/Membership

Katie Pedersen, Capital Campaign

Brenda Lloyd, Parish Life

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# Adult Formation

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## The Resurrection - Winter Journal

This term as we journey through Lent towards Easter, visit [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) to read from the staff some notions of resurrection. Among the helpful calendars and descriptions of our program life you will find the staff thoughts on resurrection. We hope that you will find these essays helpful pathways, or starting points, or instigators of your own stories and thoughts on resurrection.



## Sunday Adult Offering for Lent

*Everything you always wanted to know about SIN but were afraid to ask....*

Well, maybe that's a little extreme.

For the 5 Sundays we have formation classes in Lent, we will have one offering for adults. The topic is sin. Brennan Breed, Shirley Banks, and The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers will walk us through our relationship to sin, both in antiquity and pastorally. We will start with the Old Testament and

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# Outreach

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## Hunger Walk

Sunday, February 25

Epiphany will once again be supporting efforts to fight against hunger. Go to

<http://engage.acfb.org/goto/EpiphanyUnite> to register to walk or support a walker



a look at scripture. We will move to some of the great theologians of our faith. We will discuss the church and the pastoral implications of sin and reconciliation. And we will explore the various questions we have about this delicate, popular, and universal topic.

## Pub Theology Tuesdays

On 4th Tuesdays, (this month) The Rev. Dr. Sharon Hiers facilitates a discussion at The Marlay in Decatur at 7 p.m. Thought-provoking, accessible articles, essays and texts will be chosen to stimulate lively discussion.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

Led by the rector from 6:30 – 8 p.m., we read and have a free-ranging discussion about the upcoming Sunday scripture selections. (Jones Hall Room A.)

## Tract Rack

Our Tract Rack is located just inside the red doors of our church. These little booklets are for you to take home. A donation is requested, but if you don't have the means at the time, please feel free to help yourself. There is a wide variety of well written and thoughtful short booklets. We hope you will use this resource in your daily devotions, spiritual journey, or just to consider questions you've always wanted to explore.

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## Fundraiser for Making Your Business (MYB) Les Cayes

February 22, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Decatur CoWorks

Attend business seminars and network with business leaders, including Stephanie Everett and Matthew May. \$15 advance/\$20 door. More information at [decaturnetworks.com](http://decaturnetworks.com).

## Feeding Ministry Update

A new "gig" with the Gateway Shelter to cook and serve on the Second Saturday of the month will start on March 10. Stay tuned for more details.

## DEAM Food Drive

January was Epiphany's month to stock the pantry at the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry and we are happy to say that we reached our goal of 100 each for Jelly (120) and Toothpaste (128) and Evaporated Milk (135). Bins remain out year-round to accept donations of grape or strawberry jelly, pasta sauce, canned greens (not spinach), soup, and small boxes of corn muffin mix.

## Attention Kroger Shoppers!

Donate to DEAM by using your Kroger Plus card. Sign up at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) with Decatur-Area Emergency/10566. Kroger sends them quarterly checks based on the number of reward points the collective supporters accumulate.

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# Endowment

## Endowment Board Grants

The 30-day period for requesting disbursements from the Epiphany Endowment Fund opens on the day of the annual parish meeting, January 21, 2018. The guidelines for distributions, pursuant to the Fund's Plan of Operation, are:

Capital improvements, debt reduction, or the building program of The Church of the Epiphany;

Scholarships or grants to members of The Church of the Epiphany for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing or medical school; for church-related camping or leadership conferences; or such other training which enables members of this congregation to grow in Christian faith and service to God's people;

Outreach into the community including, but not limited to, grants to Episcopal colleges and seminaries, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which this parish relates, and to special programs designed for those persons in our area who are in spiritual and/or economic need; projects of the Episcopal Church at home and overseas.

Request forms will be available in the gallery or on the Endowment Board page of the Epiphany website. Deadline for Applications is Wednesday, February 21, 2018. Please return them to the cubby marked Grant Applications outside the parish office.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS  
FEBRUARY 21**

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# Now Showing

## Epiphany's Art Ministry welcomes collage work by Kay Hunt through February.

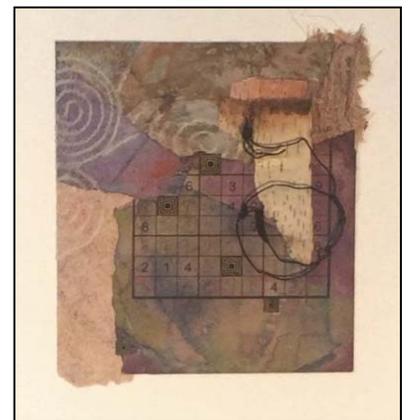
### In Kay's own words

Working in collage is a process of putting together a puzzle without knowing ahead of time what the final image will be. Each component makes its own contribution and changes what comes next. The elements of fun and discovery are what motivate me to produce the next collage...and the next.

25% of all sales benefit Epiphany

Please make checks to Kay Hunt

To make a purchase, sign up on the list in the Gallery, fill out an envelope and put it with your check in the box on the round table. No cash please. Be sure to note the title and number of the art piece. All paid for items will be left in the office area at the end of the month.



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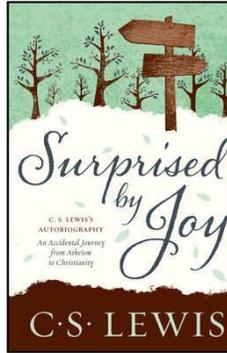
# Ongoing Meetings

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**Atlanta Veterans' Acupuncture Clinic** offers free acupuncture for veterans and family members to relieve stress, insomnia, PTSD and pain Mondays at Epiphany from 6-7 p.m. No appointments or ID needed. Visit [acupunctureforveterans.org](http://acupunctureforveterans.org).

**The Epiphany Book Group** meets 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Jones Hall. Contact: John Yntema at [johnyntema@yahoo.com](mailto:johnyntema@yahoo.com).

- March's selection: *Surprised By Joy*, C.S. Lewis
- April: *Life on the Mississippi*, Mark Twain
- May: *Death of a Fool*, Ngaio Marsh
- June and July: Hiatus
- August: *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles



**Haiti Meeting** takes place at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month in Jones Hall. Anyone interested in our partnership with the Bishop Tharp Institute, a college of the Diocese of Haiti, is welcome to attend.

**Meeting Night:** Committees meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays from 6-7:30 p.m. We gather in Jones Hall, pray together and then go our ways. Committee Chairs, please be sure to let your committees know each month if they are meeting.

**The Episcopal Church Women** meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. to make sandwiches for Emmaus House. The program

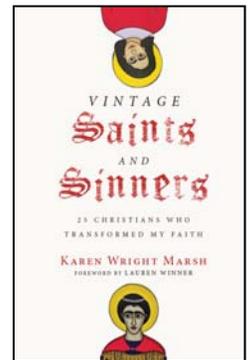
starts at 11 a.m., with potluck lunch to follow.

**Wednesday Night Supper:** The meal from Bridge Catering is served from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 10 and under. Sign up on the RSVP link at [epiphany.org](http://epiphany.org) by 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

**Flex and Stretch** Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. \$5 per class, Silversneakers cardholders free (bring card). Wear comfortable clothes and bring water. Contact: Ellen Mintzmyer 404.421.8476.

**The Daughters of the King (DOK)** meet 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Banfield residence. For directions, email [banfieldn@bellsouth.net](mailto:banfieldn@bellsouth.net). We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us.

**Women's Book Group** meet 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Catherine Breed's home and is currently discussing *Vintage Saints and Sinners: 25 Christians Who Transformed My Faith* by Karen Wright Marsh. Email Catherine at [breed.catherine@gmail.com](mailto:breed.catherine@gmail.com) for directions and to RSVP.



**IEA Meeting:** Join us 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m. for an exploration of Enneagram type-specific inner critic messages and how the inner critic interrupts and interferes with the manifestation of your capacity to love yourself and others. \$10 for non-members, free for IEA Georgia members (\$30 annual)

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# Worship

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## Weekday Worship

- Tuesday Morning Eucharist is celebrated at 7 a.m. A group of men gathers for breakfast and discussion afterwards and typically are on their way to work by 8 a.m.
- A Noonday healing service is offered on Wednesdays followed by Eucharist.

## Altar Arrangements & Sanctuary Light

### *Altar Flowers*

Each Sunday, with the exception of Lent, flowers are placed on the high altar area. There are occasions when the church takes on a more festive look such as Christmas and Easter. Flowers are offered 'for the Glory of God and in thanksgiving or in memory of a person or event.' Parishioners offer altar flowers as a visible sign of acknowledgement of God's presence in their lives. The color and selection of flowers is based on the appropriateness of the liturgical season. More than one person or family may sign up for the altar flowers during the same week.

## Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Light is a visible sign of the presence of the Blessed Sacrament held in reserve in the Tabernacle. It is the tradition of our faith that parishioners make an offering to acknowledge the memory of a loved one in his or her life—especially appropriate during the week or day of an anniversary date of someone's death.

Click the RSVP button on the homepage to find the sign-up link. Cost: \$70/flowers, \$6/light. Make check payable to Church of the Epiphany, noting 'Flowers' or 'Light' in the memo field.

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# Diocesan & Community Events

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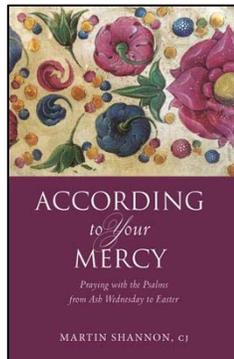
## Meditation Guides for Lent

*Lent for Everyone: Mark, Year B*  
by N. T. Wright

*According to Your Mercy*  
by Martin Shannon, CJ

*God Is on the Cross*  
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*The Hope of Lent: Daily Reflections  
from Pope Francis*  
by Diane M. Houder



*Narrating her own winding pilgrimage through faith, Karen Marsh reveals surprising lessons in everyday spirituality from these "saints"-folks who lived and breathed, and failed and followed God. Told with humor and vulnerability, Vintage Saints and Sinners introduces us afresh to twenty-five brothers and sisters who challenge and inspire us with their honest faith."*

For more information on how to order or reserve a book for signing, visit her:

<http://www.cathedralbookstore.org/t-events.aspx>

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## Author Karen Wright Marsh at the Cathedral Book Store

February 24, 2018, 10:30am - Noon

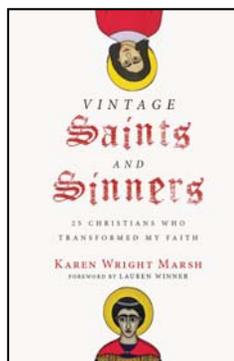
Please join us at the book store as we welcome author Karen Marsh for a signing of her new book *Vintage Saints and Sinners*.

### From the publisher:

*"Saints are people too.*

*The word saint conjures up images of superstar Christians revered for their spectacular acts and otherworldly piety. But when we take a closer look at the lives of these spiritual heavyweights, we learn that they also experienced struggle, doubt, and heartache.*

*In fact, we learn that in many ways they're not all that different from you and me.*



## Kaitlin Curtice

Thursday, March 1 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Decatur / Carreker Hall

Join singer-songwriter and author of *Glory Happening*, Kaitlin Curtice, as she sits in conversation with New York Times bestselling author Joshilyn Jackson at First Baptist Decatur on Thursday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. (308 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030).

*Glory Happening* is a book of stories and prayers that remind you to take a closer look at your everyday circumstances, to find the magical beauty in everyday experiences. It is an invitation to live deeply into every moment with the expectation that something good will find you at the end of the day.

This event is sponsored by Conversations at First Baptist in partnership with Georgia Center for the Book. No tickets or reservations are required. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Thanks for sharing this information or the attached flyer with colleagues and friends.

## Summer Science & Math Camps

Imagine That! and Future Tech offers incredibly fun AND educational STEM and Art summer day camps for children and teens, ages 5-14. We have something for everyone with our science, art, technology, coding, engineering, robotics, and 3D printing camps! Check out our Minecraft camps that focus on computer science, game design, and learning to program! Want to learn more about flight? Don't miss our amazing Flight of the Drones camp! Is your child a future engineer? We have combination camps that bring together engineering, technology, and science! Take it a step further with our Robotics and 3D printing camps! We are all about creative expression in our Sew Your Art Out and Video Production camps! Come see why people say that Imagine That! is their child's FAVORITE camp! Please view our web page at [www.imaginethatfun.com](http://www.imaginethatfun.com).

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is an inclusive community called to seek and follow Jesus Christ. We welcome all people in the Eucharistic fellowship of Christ's Body. We receive strength and encouragement at the common table to carry out Christ's work of reconciliation in our broken world. Nourished by worship and witness, learning and teaching, fellowship and service, we strive to live out the Gospel's radical values with gladness of heart.

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## For Our Prayers...

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Prayer intentions for The Epiphany Star and for Sunday Services should be directed to the parish office at [parishadmin@epiphany.org](mailto:parishadmin@epiphany.org). For Pastoral Emergencies, text or call the clergy on call at 404.939.2137. First names are read aloud Sunday and Wednesday for a month and remain in the newsletter for two months. Please let the Parish Office know if there are any errors on the listings below.

### *Heal your sick servants*

- Richard Bassett
- Bill Braswell
- Lea Crawford
- Ron Hutcheson
- Hugh Keenan
- Mary McCall Cash
- Chris Miller
- Tom Mundy
- Charlie Overstreet
- Evelyn Stewart
- Wes Wright

### *Parishioners who desire our continuing prayers*

- Neil Banfield
- Arlen Gray
- Sarah Jane Wollison

### *Rest eternal grant them*

- Charles Shipp, father of Amy Shipp

### *We give thanks for the blessing bestowed upon this family*

- The Rev. David & Beano Wagner, whose daughter Hayes Amelia, was born February 10.

### *Those in the armed forces*

- MSG Stewart Mundy, son of Dan & Diane Mundy
- Brandon Pattison, nephew of Benno Pattison

- 1LT Elizabeth Tankovich, sister of Catherine Breed
- Nick Watts, brother of Chris Booth

### *Family and friends who request our prayers*

- James Harrell, friend of Brittany Baum
- Tim English, friend of Richard & Susan Messner
- Mary Pugh Alligood, friend of the Graves family
- Luke Hanson, friend of Terri Lawrence
- Bill & Carolyn Allen, parents of Jewel Allen
- Candi & Judy McElhannon, friends of Sally Smit
- Kira Sloop, friend of Nancy Thompson
- Margaret Bridgeman, grandmother of Kristin Lennon
- April Wells Jenkins, friend of Linda Wolf
- Bérénice Reynaud, friend of Sally Brockington
- Lenn Taylor, friend of Paul Hinson
- Wylie Davis, friend of Paul Hinson
- Dorothea Davidson, friend of Laraine Fraijo-Paul
- Bill Ham, friend of Sandy Land
- Nicole Deinert, friend of Laraine Fraijo-Paul
- Comfort Afolabi, mother of Lola Oyesiku
- Cory Gilmer, friend of Amy Shipp & Eric Schulz
- Sherri Sharpe, cousin of Terri Lawrence & Julie Ryder
- Hank, Tres, Laura and Mollie, friends of Caroline Driebe
- Norma Mengel, friend of Barbara Ryder
- Keren Clay, friend of Richard & Susan Messner
- Andy Bell, son of Cindy & Tom Bell
- Jean Sengl, aunt of Brenda Lloyd



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### **Worship Schedule—Sunday**

8:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

### **Worship Schedule—Weekdays**

Tuesday at 7 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. – Holy Eucharist w/Healing

Thursday at 7 a.m. — Shared Silence

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Randy Shearin, *Treasurer, ex-officio*

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Martha Rummel, *Clerk, ex-officio*

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