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### Rector's Ramblings...

There's much information to share with you this month, so I'll jump right in:

First, take note of a new column in our **Newsletter**. "Vestry Highlights" will keep you informed about your Vestry's actions and the business of the church. The Vestry is the governing body of the Mediator and makes decisions in concert with the Rector. At the end of the column you will find an account of our current financial status. As you can see, in January we fell behind in our pledge payments due to unfavorable weather and scheduling disruptions. *Please* send in your January pledge if you have not done so....The **Vestry** has taken a 'leap of faith' and voted 'yes' to the purchase of a 15 passenger **mini bus** for the church. Our potential for ministry is greatly enhanced with this addition and we are very excited about the possibilities. In order to be fiscally responsible, the Vestry has formed a group that will oversee the details of bus use and another group will be strategizing fund raising events. We were blessed with a *challenge gift* of \$5000. We received another \$5000 soon after announcing our challenge. Our total expense will be approximately \$48,000.00. We have a way to go, but with these two generous gifts, we are on our way! I believe that this endeavor will further honor Christ as we serve our brothers and sisters both at the Mediator and in the world.

**Events** that are in the works for spring:

\*Fish fry for the first Sunday after Easter.

\*Jazz Festive Eucharist on the grounds. Date to be announced.

During **Lent**, there is a wonderful rhythm to our daily worship. It is a time to draw closer to our Lord as we journey with Him during the events that lead to the cross and resurrection. Throughout the week services are offered in the early morning, in the evening on Wednesday, and at 12:00 noon on Fridays. Please come and experience this sacred time in worship at the Mediator.

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