

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

New Things Sprouting Up

BY NATHAN

It's January and daffodils are sprouting on campus. Did I say it's January?

Last week, I was walking across the Dell and noticed a small patch of daffodils popping up through the mulch near Drysdale.

I did a double take. A couple of weeks previously, it was so cold that pipes were freezing across the city and now daffodils are sprouting?

Sure, it's been warm here. It might be relatively normal. Yet, growing up in Chicago and spending many years in New England, I see this as a miraculous sight. Flowers don't usually sprout until May in my old neighborhoods, mainly because snow could be on the ground until May.

It gave me some hope (yes, perhaps some false hope) that spring is nearer than I thought. It gave me hope that new things would be springing up all around me. And, it made me look forward to the beauty of the Dell in the middle of spring.

I also think it's a timely sight. It's a new semester, a new year, and new things are sprouting up.

I was speaking with some new students on campus recently about their excitement for the semester. One New Hornet said just walking on campus, they knew this was the place for them. Another shared their excitement about getting involved in a handful of clubs and organizations.

I'm also excited for the new things sprouting up in our office. We have partnered with the Church of the Covenant to provide an inclusive and safe Sunday morning worship gathering for students, faculty, and staff and the local community. We will be bringing in the first Hindu priest and chaplain at Georgetown

CONT'D ON PAGE 02



This issue:

"New Things Sprouting Up"
by Chaplain Albert

PAGE 01

MLK Week information

PAGE 02

Dates to Remember

PAGE 02

Sympathies, Concers,
& Congrats

PAGE 02

New Things Sprouting Up (cont'd.)

University to give a lecture about religious diversity and spirituality on college campuses. Our 14 spiritual life groups are eager to start meeting again and collaborate with other offices for different events that are being planned.

I hope we all take moments to look around and see what is springing up around us. It might just turn out to be something beautiful.

MLK Week 2023

January 23-27

- **Radical Legacy of MLK: A Courageous Conversation** - TODAY, January 25 at 6:30 p.m., Hall Campus Center, Memorial Ballroom
- **Unity March** - Friday, January 27 at 4:30 p.m., begins at Snidow Chapel, concludes in Hopwood Auditorium

Sympathies, Concerns, and Congrats

Our sympathies are extended to:

- **AJ Eccles '05** (Westover Honors) and her husband, John (retired VP and Dean of Students), on the death of AJ's father, Rupert Owens on December 24, 2022. Link to obituary in email.
- **Carly Eccles Shaeffer '11** MA (English) and her husband, David '06, '08 MBA, on the death of Carly's grandfather.
- **Kim Shelton** (Print Shop), whose father, Mike Weeks, died. Link to obituary in email.

The Chaplain's Corner is a newsletter published by the Spiritual Life Center (SLC) at the University of Lynchburg. We share campus concerns and updates, spiritual life events and activities, and words for the journey. If you have a joy or concern you'd like to share, reply to this message, email the SLC office - spirituallife@lynchburg.edu, or call 434.544.8348.

We only share with your permission. Current and previous issues are on the SLC page of the University website - go to Link in signature (www.lynchburg.edu/spiritual-life) and click on "Newsletter."

Dates to Remember

Sundays at 11 a.m.

Worship with

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT

in Snidow Chapel

- Jan. 29 - Beyond Belief: Restoring Our Faith in Each Other

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

Weekly ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS

in Snidow Chapel

(Mass will resume on January 29)

Friday, February 3

4:30 p.m. in Drysdale

Catholic Campus Ministry's

DONUT GIVEAWAY

For more information about the Spiritual Life Center, including info on student spiritual life student groups, go to our webpage - link in the email signature. You can also visit our [Linkt.ree](https://linkt.ree) (Link is in email).