



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Rector's Rambling

As summer fades into fall, I'd like to pass on a few of the things I've been reading of late, with the hopes that you might find something of spiritual and educational value. After Rebecca and I returned from Ireland and Scotland, my interests turned to things ancient and Celtic for the third or fourth time in my life. While perusing the website of the Scottish Episcopal Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, I found an online facsimile of The Celtic Church In Scotland: Being an Introduction to the History of the Christian Church in Scotland Down to the Death of Saint Margaret by John Dowden, D.D., Bishop of Edinburgh, published by the Tract Committee of The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in 1894. It is a delightful book which accomplishes exactly what the title says it will do. For those who love archaeology, scientific anthropology, history, or spiritual narratives, I really don't think you can do better. The only places I have been able to find the book are online at the above mentioned website and through the UK's Open University program.

A discussion with Paul Clever of the Common Friars led me to re-read The Life of Saint Anthony, by St. Athanasius. Anthony's life formed the primary model for how a Christian might live in the world (without being of the world) for thousands of Christians for several centuries. His wisdom, compassion, discipline, and closeness to God at first eludes many readers because of the differences between his culture and ours. But on closer and more meditative consideration, he is truly a man for all seasons. The book is widely available in print and online.

That same discussion with (soon to be, God willing) Abbot Paul led me back to The Didache, a small manual of Christian devotion dating from the time of the New Testament itself. It's discussions of what distinguishes a person as a Christian in a very cosmopolitan, urban, and tolerant society may surprise you. Like the life of Anthony, it is widely available.

A more popular historical read might be

In the Beginning: The Story of the King James Bible and How It Changed A Nation, A Language, and A Culture by Alister McGrath, Professor of Historical Theology at Oxford and Principal of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. The history of technology, linguistics, and political intrigue in Stuart and Elizabethan England form the substance of this book, and it does represent Professor McGrath at his best.

Lest anyone think I have neglected fiction and the poets, I would recommend Idylls of the King by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, a wonderful retelling of the Arthurian Legend. The Celtic Twilight by William Butler Yeats is an often overlooked tonal piece which stirs the heart of every romantic. Edmund Spenser's Faerie Queen is a delightful, if difficult allegory which calls the reader to emulate all that is good and beautiful, and true. And if you are looking for heroic verse that will make you cry one moment and cheer the next, it is worth the search to find a copy of William Edmondstoune Aytous's Lays of the Scottish Cavaliers.

For a deeper understanding of our own day, and to remind yourself that one good person can make a tremendous difference, even in the worst of times, I cannot recommend highly enough The History of Rome, by Livy, in any of its translations. Surely, he will lead you to a deeper understanding of the political process among free people. There is indeed nothing new under the sun.

And last, but not least, I wasted ever so many hours reading Waverley and Rob Roy by Sir Walter Scott. They represent pure unbridled romanticism at its worst, and I loved every minute of my time spent there.

I hope that my summer reading list will perhaps give you an idea or two of something you might like to read, or at least that it will give you some insights into the wanderings of a sometimes very undisciplined mind.

Sincerely,
Bill+



Birthdays



- 3 Asher Carr, John Travis
- 4 Frankie Mathias
- 6 Gail Porter
- 8 Sarah Perlow, Mary Alice Perrine
- 11 Susan Chilenski, Marty Harris
- 16 Nancy Taylor
- 19 Brian Davidson
- 22 Emily Crawford
- 23 Judy Furlow, Kaye Martin
- 29 Dan Meenach

Wedding Anniversaries

- 11 Terry and Martha Douds (86)
- 12 John and Sandra Travis (68)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Linda Eager (09)
- 2 Andrew Eyman (94)
- 3 Joanna Carr (04)
- 7 Jason Smith
- 8 Beck Babcock (25)
- 14 Steve Martens (51)
- 17 Jennifer Spires(71),
Jennifer Rademaker (82)
- 18 Kay Rademaker (59)
- 20 Preston Leonard (02)
- 25 Mimi Atkinson (09)
- 31 Ivan Smith (37)

Parish Health Ministries will again be taking blood pressures on the third Sunday of the month in the undercroft between services.

Congratulations!!



Mike and Wendy Garbrandt are proud to announce the birth of our son **Michael Joseph**. Michael was born on August 23rd at 4:11 pm at Fairfield Medical Center. Thank you all for your prayers. We truly appreciate them.

Fall Foliage Tour

October 20th is the date for this year’s Fall Foliage Tour sponsored by Parish Health Ministries. This year’s tour will feature a pontoon boat ride on at Buckeye Lake with a possible stop of the cranberry bog. Lunch will follow at a restaurant to be decided. More information to follow.



Reminder to Teens

The service project of helping church members with the raking of leaves will be Saturday, October 22 and October 23.

Disciple House Bookstore is located at the First Presbyterian Church, 222 N. Broad St., with hours Monday & Wednesday 10—2pm and Friday, 10-12 and Sundays after each worship service. All books are discounted 25% and all cards are \$1.

Almost any book can be specially ordered and will come in less than a week. There are books for all ages.

Food Basket Reminder

Please remember to bring a donation to the food basket at the back of the church. Food pantries are finding it difficult to meet the needs of the hungry in our community.

Please Note

Parish Health Ministries will sponsor a luncheon on **Wednesday, October 19th** after the noon Eucharist.

Vestry Highlights

- Mike Parker and Ivan Smith were assured of church availability on Monday nights.
- St. John's will receive two tunings of the organ as a memorial to Bill Clausen.
- Fall Foliage Tour is Oct. 20th at Buckeye Lake.
- The Diocesan Convention is Nov. 11th and 12th in Dayton.
- Parish Health Luncheons will continue to be the third Wednesday of each month following the noon Eucharist.
- Bishop Price will visit on Dec. 4th or 11th.
- The sycamore tree in front of the church has been inspected by an arborist and is healthy.
- The roof on the commercial building is finished except for a final coat.
- The ovens have been serviced and the fans fixed.
- Memorial fund money of \$213.30 was approved to preserve/frame youth art work which was completed under the direction of Bob Wright.
- Fr. Bill shared the draft of a letter to be sent to the parish for the Stewardship Campaign.

Thank You !!

Your in-kind food donations are helping to support one of the most innovative, efficient, and effective food pantry models in the country! Just as the face of hunger has changed, so have we to better serve those in need. So why is your help so important? Between 2000 and 2009 our county's population grew by 17.6% while the population in extreme poverty nearly tripled, going from 2,860 to 8,310. And people eligible to receive food pantry help increased by 60%, rising from 23,000 to about 37,000.

We deeply appreciate your help in our mission.

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio.

Love & Respect

Love and Respect provides the answer to the secret that cracks the communication code.

Based on Ephesians 5:33 ~

"However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband."

We will explore the deepest core need of men and women.

The material is about how to communicate with one another, regardless of whether single or married.

We invite you to join us for a 5 part DVD series. It is a powerful message that, we believe, should be heard by all.

When: **Sunday October 2nd at 1:00pm - 3:00pm**
(will run for 5 consecutive Sundays)

Where: **First Presbyterian Church at 1416 Jackson Street, Reynoldsburg, OH**

(on the corner of Jackson & Main)

Cost for a workbook is \$10 (optional)

Contact **Sally (Gray) Farnick at 614-404-3439** with questions or if you will be attending.

Altar Guild News

It's that time of year again!

Altar Guild Meeting
Monday October 10th

Church to be open by 6:30pm for social time
Meeting to start at 7pm.

Please contact Heather Perkins for any items to be added to the meeting agenda. A copy of the agenda will be emailed to members prior to the meeting.

Saturday Nov 26th decorating
Sunday Dec 18th decorating

All members will be requested to help with both putting up and taking down of the holiday decorations.



GOLD PARTY FUND RAISER

**To benefit
St. John's Altar Guild**

Bring your un-wanted, broken GOLD and leave with cash
OR

make a donation to the Altar Guild!
All donations will be recorded for tax purposes.

Gold must pass 2 purity tests and weighed in your presence

- * Necklaces
- * Earrings
- * Bracelets
- * Rings
- * Gold watches
- White gold
- * Dental gold
- * Platinum
- * Sterling silver

When: Saturday, October 15th

**Where: St. John's Episcopal Church
134 North Broad St., Lancaster**

**Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm (or as long as it
takes!)**



Refreshments will be served.

What a wonderful way to clean out your jewelry box of unused, unwanted, broken items! St. John's Altar Guild will benefit AND we will have fun!

St. John's receives a percentage of the total sales, plus bonuses for the number of persons selling



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Back to the Table

Cooking Classes

**Taught by Susie Cork
at St. Johns' Episcopal Church**

Celebrate community & fellowship as we learn to cook together.

Meet new people or get to know your spouse and family all over again.

Classes are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:15pm to about 8:30pm in the kitchen of St. John's. All classes are hands-on style and require participation in the cooking and clean up. We pair wine with the menu and it's available for a reasonable fee with the meal. Every participant receives a set of typed recipes and will have dinner during the class. Class size is limited to 14 participants.

A percentage of the proceeds benefits St. John's Church.

The Classes - Autumn 2011

October 6: Kids Class* - When in Rome

Homemade Pepperoni Pizza, Fettuccine with Lemon Alfredo & Broccoli,
Homemade Butterscotch Budino (pudding).

\$35/person. Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

November 10: Adult Class *- Company's Coming**

Beef Wellington, Cabernet Sauce, Pumpkin baby cakes with Hazelnut Caramel Sauce
\$40/person

December 1: Family Night- Santa's Bakeshop**

Imprinted Soft Gingerbread Tiles, Sea Salt Caramels,
Chocolate Winter Wonderland cupcakes with 7-minute Frosting & Santa Pizza for dinner. \$35/person

Details

*The Kids Classes are for kids 8-17 years of age.

**Family Classes are for any age group or combination of family members,
provided the children under 17 are accompanied by an adult.

***Adult classes are for 18 years and older

The Instructor

Classes are designed and taught by Susie Cork, who is also the General Manager of Shaw's Restaurant & Inn. A Lancaster native and member of St. Johns', Susie is a graduate of The Culinary School at Kendall College in Chicago and honed her skills at Chicago's top restaurants for 17 years. She has taught cooking classes at A La Carte Gourmet Kitchen in Chicago, The Chopping Block Cooking School in Chicago

and currently at Sur La Table at Easton in Columbus & at Shaw's every Saturday.

Payment & Cancellation Policy

All classes require a prepaid reservation by cash or check made payable to St. Johns'. Reservations can be made at St. Johns' Church Services or by calling St. John's Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm. 740-653-3052.

Paid reservations are non-refundable. You are welcome to send someone to take your place in the class.

Reservation Deadline: Payment must be received the Sunday before the day of the class.



October 2011 Serving Schedule

October 2 nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Chuck Canter	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Acolytes		Milt Taylor & Alex Shook	Psalm: 19
Lectors		Paul Heim & Charlie Voss	Philippians 3:4b-14
Ushers	Rita Zimmerman & Anna Adkins	Jenn Spires & Nick England	Matthew 21:33-46
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer	Jessie Smith/Barb Parker	Set-up: Heather Perkins
October 9 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Jim Hall & Robin Rhodes	Exodus 32:1-14
Acolytes		William Eyman & Katie Shook	Psalm: 106:1-6
Lectors		Nick England & Joy Malinski	Philippians 4:1-9
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Jenn Spires & Morgan Spires	Matthew 22:1-14
Altar Guild	Anna Adkins	Amy Eyman/Mid Hall	Set-up: Jean Hammer
October 16 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Nick England & Chuck Canter	Exodus 33:12-23
Acolytes		Alanna Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 99
Lectors		Diana Turpin & Sarah Perlow	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Ushers	Rita Zimmerman & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 22:15-22
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Kathy Canter/Julie Meenach	Set-up: Rebecca Pursley
October 23 rd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Jenn Spires & Jim Hall	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Acolytes		Ty Spires & Morgan Spires	Psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Ivan Smith	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Peggy Merton	Victor Paini & Mary Paini	Matthew 22:34-46
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Reda Kittle/Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
October 30 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Ivan Smith & Doug Carr	Joshua 3:7-17
Acolytes		Andrew Eyman & Asher Carr	Psalm: 107:1-7
Lectors		Kathy Heim & Robin Rhodes	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Ushers	Rita Zimmerman & Anna Adkins	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Matthew 23:1-12
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Judie Miller/Ann Canby	Set-up: Rebecca Pursley

From the Dohns

Sonia was crying. The creditors were threatening to take her house unless she paid her loan. The loan principal was 800 pesos (about US\$ 21) borrowed about two months previously.

She had spent her savings for surgery for her daughter and her mother last summer. She was short of cash. When the school year began, she needed an additional 800 pesos to enroll her four children in school. She was going to pay it off next payday.

She was laid off at work and the next payday never came. Meanwhile, the usurious interest rates accumulated until now, eight weeks later, she owed 3,000 pesos (about US\$ 79). She had put her house up as collateral and was now stuck.

High interest rates and financing charges abound in poor people's lives. I have seen poor people here pay four times or more the cash retail price of an appliance because they use short-term financing. I saw the same thing in rent-to-own operations in the Over the Rhine and East Walnut Hills areas in Cincinnati.

I wonder if overpaying for a TV just to have it now is really worth it. In contrast, getting your children registered for school by the deadline seems to me a reasonable "need."

Poverty, like wealth, tends to be trans-generational. Sonia had no family that could help, and was forced to go to the loan sharks for money.

We loaned Sonia the money to pay the loan shark. She will pay us back in installments over the next three months. At least her children will have a home in which to study now that they are registered for school.

Nehemiah was concerned that development (trying to get that wall built) was being delayed because some citizens were taking advantage of their own people through high interest rates and enslavement (Nehemiah 5:1-13). Perhaps things change less than we might hope over the millennia.

Keep praying! Anita Dohn

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30 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC	31 7:00P Evening Prayer Group	<p>Back to the Table Cooking Classes</p> <p>October 6: Kids Class—”When in Rome” featuring homemade pizza</p> <p>November 10: Adult Class—”Company’s Coming”—Beef Wellington, Cabernet sauce, pumpkin baby cakes</p>				

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