



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



August 2012

Rector's Rambling

The heat is more bearable today, down to a very seasonable 90 degrees from the 105 to 107 degree readings of a week or two ago. The morning started with about an hour and a half in the garden and at the barn. I don't do farm work on Sundays unless an emergency is involved, because I really do believe in keeping the sabbath as much as possible. As a result of my "sabbath observance," the straw bale garden on the north-west side of the barn had gotten a bit dry and a couple of winter squash plants were looking extremely droopy this morning. The good soaking they received will doubtless have the desired impact by mid-day, but the event gave me reason for reflection. As a general rule, it is not the great events that distinguish my life, or build my walk with God. Rather it is the mundane, the repetitive, and even the boring sameness of every day which truly demonstrate my character and bring me success in the spiritual as well as in the secular realm.

Since mid May, those squash plants have been watered nearly every day that it did not rain, and that is most of them. They are large and flourishing, covered with blossoms and fruit. And yet missing water for a day and a half could have been fatal to them. Their health and well being depends on being watered and tended every day. Continued neglect could not have been corrected by even the most heroic efforts. It is the same in my life. If I decided not to return calls or not to go to work for just a few weeks, my reputation and my business would suffer. If I decided not to pray or read the Bible or receive the Sacrament for half a month, my walk with God would suffer, not because He thought any less of me, but because I had deserted Him.

Someone once said that character is the sum total of many consistent and regular small decisions made over many years. I believe they are absolutely spot on. A student who exhibits irregular attendance and only submits every other paper will certainly fail. A workman who comes to work only when he feels like it will soon find himself on the unemployment line. A Christian who prioritizes sports or hobbies or sleeping in or another object or person, over time with God in Word and Sacrament and Prayer will soon find his or her faith languishing and withering like my winter squash vines.

The grace bestowed in Baptism and past Communion received is mighty indeed. The direction from and intimacy with God that comes from reading the Bible and praying in months or years past should never be devalued. But the Christian who neglects the regular cultivation of their spiritual life through those disciplines given and modeled by our Lord Jesus Christ is literally endangering their walk with God and giving Satan an entre into their spiritual life. Before long, attendance on the holy ordinances of God are absent from the person's life. Other spiritualities and forms of self-reliance replace those life giving springs in which we all agreed to participate in our baptism and at our confirmation. While the person in question might remain a very nice person and a good neighbor, their faith in the immanence of the Living Christ dwindles, and like my squash vine, their Christian witness withers away and dies.

Jesus often told stories from the natural and the farming and the laboring world to make a spiritual point. We call these stories his parables. They have

been defined as earthly stories with heavenly meanings. With all my heart, I believe that they are an indication that a loving Father has built his truth into creation itself, that we might be drawn to him, and empowered to discover his truth. Scripture tells us that the heavens declare the glory of God, and the Earth shows forth his handiwork. Even the humble winter squash has so much to teach us about ourselves, and our walk with God. Let us all open our eyes to the prophetic design which is God's gift to us, and let us labour every day to draw closer to him by making those things which he modeled and commanded a regular part of our lives.

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PS: It occurs to me that there are real emergencies or situations in our lives which on occasion prevent our daily watering of our souls. If you find yourself in such a situation, call me at 740/215-3900. We have a priest, a deacon, and at least four licensed lay eucharistic ministers who can come to your home and help with the watering when real emergencies come into your life.

Thanks to St. John's Artists

Thanks to Jim Chilenski (photography), Ashley Snyder (drawing/painting), Karlie Head (Kathy Heim's sister—painting), Annie Crawford (linoleum prints), David Warnock (watercolor and mixed media), Gerald Owsley (watercolor, drawings & sculpture), Brandi Perrine (film art), Camille Martens (quilts), Ron Miller (watercolors and ink wash), Kristin S. Strong (paintings) for sharing your talent.

A special thanks to the Art Walk Committee (Mark and Mary Alice Perrine, Chris Perrine, and Schyler Crawford) for coordinating this event and for those who generously donated refreshments.

From the Dohns

Creating Enthusiasm

About 200 people gathered in (and around) a small clapboard church for a presentation on oral health for children. Missing from that description is a sense of the stifling heat, the odor of all those people crammed together, and the enthusiasm of the children despite the conditions. Unfortunately, there was no electric service in the community that day – being able to run the few fans placed around the church would have been welcomed by all who were there.

Members of Holy Trinity (Oxford, OH) also maintained their enthusiasm in the face of these conditions. Six community health promoter groups setup different health promotion events in their communities. The Holy Trinity team came in support of those activities – teaming with Dominicans to pick-up trash, add chlorine to people's kitchen water storage containers, and teach mothers how to read a thermometer and manage fever, among other activities.

The Clinic's staff encourages and recognizes the volunteer health promoters' work. However, the presence and participation of the Holy Trinity team created some extra enthusiasm among the health promoters and recognized in a special way their efforts to improve the health status of their communities.

Keep praying,

Anita and Michael

Thought for the Month

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Birthdays

- 8 Peggy Merton
 9 Mark Perrine
 10 Kalee Husband
 11 Patrick Angle
 Cheryl Berner
 Joanna Carr
 12 Anna Burton
 Lowell Stallsmith
 15 Robin Leonard
 16 Mary Oehler
 17 Ashley Campbell
 Mid Hall
 20 Martha Turpin
 24 Ashley Canter
 26 Rebecca Babcock
 Lydia Thompson
 Kay Waddell
 27 Steve Martens
 29 Jim Hall
 30 Jason Smith

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Ivan and Jessie Smith (59)
 12 Jim and Susan Chilenski(95)
 13 Mark and Mary Alice Perrine(77)
 17 Jim and Peggy Merton (68)
 Gary and Charlene Rowley (57)
 19 Bruce and Bobbie Beebe (2010)
 Sam and Jane Hurley (67)
 21 Dick and Beck Babcock (50)
 22 Jim and Sarah Miller (53)
 25 John and Judy Furlow (62)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Doug Carr (78) Elizabeth Leonard
 3 Justice Wood (11), Steve Wood (11)
 4 Julia Taylor (96)
 10 Margaret Canter (08)
 11 Julie Meenech (02)
 16 Brandi Perrine (92)
 19 Sally Stallsmith (34)
 31 Mary Oehler (58)

Congratulations!

Marilyn Catherine Baker was baptized at St. John's on Sunday, July 1st. Marilyn is the daughter of Margaret and Tyler Baker, the niece of Chad and Mary Shook, the cousin of Alex and Katie Shook, and the granddaughter of Cathy Forbes.

Our sympathy to: Carol Ralph on the death of her brother Daniel Taylor of Pleasantville who died June 20, 2012, at the Pickering House.

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, August 5 in the undercroft after the 8 am service. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Help! Help!

Ninety-degree days and no rain are awfully tough on the well-established plantings in our garden and landscaping, let alone the newer additions. We have included most plants and bulbs that are heat and drought resistant. None-the-less any members of the Kingdom are welcome to use the watering can and/or hose whenever they feel inclined or when the plants look parched. It looks as if we have more hot, dry summer ahead and any watering assistance will be appreciated.



We struggle about with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing, that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the solution to any problem. . .just look up!

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, but faith looks up !!
 Live simply, love generously, care deeply, speak kindly, and trust in our Creator, who loves us.

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 -2012

August 2: Kids Class*- Pizza Party

Homemade pizza dough, Grilled Vegetable Pizza with basil cream, Pepperoni Calzones with marinara,
\$35/person. Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

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.



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August 2012 Serving Schedule

August 5 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Doug Carr & Tom Hammer	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley & Asher Carr	Psalms: 51:1-13
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Robin Rhodes	Ephesians 4:1-16
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Ray Hollaway & Nick England	John 6:24-35
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Judie Miller, Sarah Perlow, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer
August 12 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Nick England & Ivan Smith	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Acolytes		Katie & Alex Shook	Psalms: 130
Lectors		Richard Bailey & Joy Malinski	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Jenn Spires & Morgan Spires	John 6:35, 41-51
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
August 19 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Jenn Spires & Jim Hall	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Milt Taylor	Psalms: 111
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Diana Turpin	Ephesians 5:15-20
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	John 6:51-58
Altar Guild	Carol Ralph	Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Heather Perkins
August 26 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Nick England	Chuck Canter & Robin Rhodes	1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Acolytes		William Eyman	Psalms: 84
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Kathy Heim	Ephesians 6:10-20
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	John 6:56-69
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall

Looking for spontaneous and adventuresome folks! (An opportunity from Anita and Michael Dohn)

Where: Clinica Esperanza y Caridad

San Pedro de Macoris, Republica Dominicana

A health ministry of the Dominican Episcopal Church

When: The first week of September (work days 3-7 September)

What: The rehabilitation unit is moving and the Clinic needs to clean, paint, and turn around that area for an expanded HIV/AIDS testing and treatment unit. Besides people, the Clinic will also need about US\$2000 to get this done.

Who: A short-term team to help paint the Clinic (perhaps 6 to 10 people). All from one church or individuals who coalesce around the mission when they get here.

How: Fly in and out of Santo Domingo (airport code SDQ). Stay at the Bishop Kellogg Center (just a block from the Clinic, costs US\$45 per night-with 3 meals included). A current passport is required. For more information about "how" on request (including if you just want to donate some money for paint). Write to us at: dohnfamily@sams-usa.org

"Extracurricular" activities: A chance to make informal visits to the communities that the Clinic serves.

See real missionaries in action! Ask us what it is really like to serve as cross-cultural missionaries.

Beach time is a possibility.

If you would like to participate or want more information to think about, do not hesitate to contact us.

In Christ,

Anita Dohn, MD and Michael Dohn, MD

August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
”			1 12:00 HC	2 3:30P Pickering House	3	4
5 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	6 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	7 8:00P AA Meeting	8 12:00 HC	9 3:30P Pickering House	10	11 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
12 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	13 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	14 8:00P AA Meeting	15 12:00 HC	16 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House . .	17	18
19 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	20 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	21 8:00P AA Meeting	22 12:00 HC	23 3:30P Pickering House	24	25
26 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00 Carriage Court Service	27 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	28 8:00P AA Meeting	29 12:00 HC	30 3:30P Pickering House	31	

Remember the Hungry - Just a reminder that our local food banks are in need of canned and non-perishable food donations. Bringing a donation of food each week will help replenish the food banks' supply. Monetary donations may be put in the offering plate marked for a food bank. Please remember those less fortunate.

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