



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



June 2014

Rector's Rambling

The birds have settled into their choral routine, and the dogs are lazing in the sun as I sit at the big stone picnic table to write this month's Rector's Rambling. Rebecca is working inside, trying to provide that last bit of motivation to her students as the end of the academic year approaches. Flowers surround me: geraniums, petunias, begonias, vinca, pansies, roses, impatiens, azaleas, rhododendron, and moss rose. There are small chili peppers on a couple of the bushes and a few Roma tomatoes about the size of my thumb. The grape vines are loaded this year, and the strawberries promise a good season as well. For lunch, I had a fresh salad of spinach, mixed lettuce, and herbs with raspberry vinegar for dressing. Last night, after finishing the pasture mowing and the last of the flower planting (at least for now), I ordered a set of 7 foot wooden oars for the jon boat with a new kind of oar locks which are supposed to smooth out and quiet my rowing (this year I hope to do away with the motor as much as possible and get some exercise.)

Everything should be good, but throughout the morning, I've had this gnawing sense of dissatisfaction which approaches, but never quite reaches discontent. I imagine that some of it is directly related to a discussion I had earlier this morning with a colleague. Some of it might also have to do with a sense of being manipulated because of my desire to help others. A bit of it might have to do with time of life grumpiness. But all of those explanations ultimately blame someone else or something which is beyond my control, and that really is unacceptable. The serenity of this place calls me to acknowledge the fact that I am the one who determines what bothers me and what I let threaten me, and what I let control me. Because you see, while I might not like the choices which seem to be readily available, I always have a choice, and faith calls me to rise above peevishness, and anger, and unreason, and blaming others for my issues and face the objective realities of life.

In First Corinthians, Saint Paul says that when he was a child, he thought as a child, but when he became an adult, he put away childish things. That is still good advice. All of us are sometimes tempted to act childishly, but by God's grace, he gives us the strength to rise above our childish propensities and act like the men and women he made us to be. Childish innocence and wonder are grand things, and show us the way to heaven, but there comes a time when we are called to cultivate those particular gifts and to put away the self-centered orientation and focus on the immediate which characterizes childhood. Only then do we model the way of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and neighbors. Only then do we show forth the image and glory of God in a world so desperately in need of his transforming salvation. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Bill+

Summer Activities at St. John's

There are a lot of things going on this summer at our Church, and I hope you will all take advantage of the opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor who does not attend church to experience the hospitality and joy of our parish. Many of our parishioners have gone on to be with the Lord of late, or to follow opportunities which God has given them. We need willing, loving people who want to serve God to maintain the strength of our parish, so invite a friend this summer, and share the love of God!

May 31, 11AM St. James, Zanesville –regional Confirmation with Bishop Breidenthal. Four of our members will be confirmed or received. Call Fr. Bill at 215-3900 if you would like to car pool over to support our friends in Christ.

June 1, first Sunday breakfast at St. John's. The nursery will be staffed for the 10:30 service. Invite a young family (or an old one!) continued, page 2

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June 8, Pentecost Sunday with the Rev. Kitty Clausen. Wear red to celebrate the day and come to welcome Kitty back to St. John's.

June 29th, time TBA, Cookout in the St. John's Garden

July 4th, Celebrate Independence Day by watching the parade with family and friends from the yard and steps of St. John's.

July 6th, First Sunday Breakfast with nursery at the late service. Keep inviting those families you know!

July 11, 6 PM, Ice Cream Social on the green before the "British Invasion" concert at the Bandstand. Come and relive those days gone by.

July 18th, ArtWalk! We need artists and people to work in hospitality.

August 3, First Sunday!

Times TBA

Adult Discussion Group and Dinner

Pool Party at Valley View

Youth Movie day or night

And, of course, remember that our services provide many opportunities to draw closer to God, and to invite our family and friends to know him more personally:

Sunday 8AM Rite I Holy Communion

Sunday 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Communion

Monday 7PM Coral Evensong Rite I

Wednesday Noon 1928 Holy Communion

See you there!

Vestry Highlights

- * Treasurer's report shows that we are almost \$10,000 behind plan due to the extensive water damage repair.
- * The study of the repairs to the front steps and the south wall of the commercial building continues.
- * Decision was made to change our website host.

Clean up at St. John's

Since our scheduled clean up day was cancelled, please consider doing one of the following at your convenience. Please notify the Jr. Warden, John Eyman (654-2417) when you plan to work.

Pit behind the education wing

Pit behind the kitchen

Trim ivy behind the kitchen

Work with fence between Taylor house and pit

Replace storm window brackets

Wash windows

Check gutters

Cut ivy and remove from south wall

Repair long tables in the undercroft

Inspect and repair church pews

Congratulations, EFM graduates!!

Four members of St. John's, Doug Carr, Chris Hurdley, and Mike and Barbara Parker, graduated from the Education for Ministry course, on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Procter Conference Center. Congratulations on your completion of this demanding course.

To the St. John's Parish Family,

The National Day of Prayer Task Force wishes to thank the Sr. Warden for his placement of our 2014 Events Calendar and the "Eagle and Lamb" editor for her leading off the May Letter with the same. St. John's has been a consistent supporter of this annual event over the years, this year placing two reading teams in our 90 hour Bible Reading Marathon. Additionally, our pastor and team captains have actively participated in several events over the last decade. The church's central location relative to the bandstand has served the NDP programs well, from the Prayer Breakfast to opening and closing events.

Again, thanking you for your previous and continuing support for Fairfield County's National Day of Prayer.

Birthdays

- 4 Bob Shull
- 5 Jim Merton
- 6 Lori Bockman
- 7 Derek Wright
- 8 Nancy Frick
- 10 Doug Allen
- 13 Caroline Rockwood
- 14 Steve Wood
- 15 Cassidy Davis
- 17 Mary Shook
- 18 Barbara Parker
- 20 Bradford Burton
Jeff Hurdley
- 21 Laura Wright
- 28 Ron Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Nick and Claudia Powell (02)
- 8 Tom and Jean Hammer (63)
- 10 Bill and Rebecca Pursley (78)
- 13 Jeff and Chris Hurdley (87)
Chad and Mary Shook (98)
- 14 Lowell and Sally Stallsmith (58)
- 18 Max and Sally Wildermuth (50)
- 23 Mike and Ruth Whiley (73)
- 26 Nick and Joan England (76)
- 29 David and Karen Warnock (62)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Nanci Allen (49)
- 3 Helen Johnston (51)
- 4 Ruth Whiley (50)
- 10 Tierney Carter (01)
Connie Dowling (63)
- 11 Tom Hammer (44)
- 12 Dick Babcock (27)
- 16 Nicole Walker (74)
- 20 Chris Perrine (82)
- 23 Ethan Canby (02)

John W. Furlow

May 3, 1940—May 13, 2014

“Give to the departed eternal rest. May Light perpetual shine upon him.”

Parish Health Luncheons

Parish Health Luncheons will be cancelled for the summer and will begin again in September.

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish family for breakfast on Sunday, June 1st after the 8 AM Eucharist.

ArtWalk 2014—July 18th

The ArtWalk is just around the corner. St. John’s will again be participating. It’s time for you artists to start thinking if you would like to participate and what you would like to show.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Perrine at 654-2551. More information to follow later.

A special “Thank You”

The Junior Girl Scout Troop #2929 of Sanderson/East Elementaries would like to thank St. John’s for the use of the undercroft. The scouts will be able to earn their Bronze Award, the highest Junior Scout honor, by providing 3 parents’ night out evenings that they planned and staffed themselves. Without the use of the undercroft, the girls would have not accomplished their goal. Thank you, St. John’s.

Garnet Nelson’s New Address

Garnet Nelson has moved to 997 W. Aurora Rd., Apt. 510, Sagamore Hills, OH 44067, to be closer to her family. She would love to hear from her family at St. John’s.

June 2014 Serving Schedule

June 1st	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Carol Ralph	Jim Hall & Ann Rickson	Acts 1: 6-14
Acolytes		Libby Garbrandt & Morgan Spires	Psalm: 68:1-10, 33-36
Lectors	Carl Roshong	Sarah Perlow & Ann Rickson	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
Ushers	Steve Woods & Tim Hall	Tom Howard & Karin Howard	John 17:1-11
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Sarah Perlow & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
June 8 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	Acts 2: 1-21
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalm: 104
Lectors		Caitlin Hurdley & Charlie Voss	1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13
Ushers	Anna Adkins & Mike Whiley	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	John 20 : 19-23
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
June 15th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Doug Carr & Mark Conrad	Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Asher Carr	Psalm: 8
Lectors		Paul Heim & Holly Perry	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Ushers	Tierney Carter & Kim Carter	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	Matthew 28: 16-20
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer	Barb Parker, Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
June 22nd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Caitlin Hurdley	Genesis 21: 8-21
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & William Eyman	Psalm: 86
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Jeanie Conrad	Romans 6: 1b-11
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Matthew 10: 24-39
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Sally Stallsmith, Chris Hurdley & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
June 29th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Doug Carr & Mark Conrad	Genesis 22: 1-14
Acolytes		Libby Garbrandt & Morgan Spires	Psalm: 13
Lectors		Caitlin Hurdley & Charlie Voss	Romans 6 : 12-23
Ushers	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Tom Howard & Karen Howard	Matthew 10: 40-42
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Sarah Perlow & Mid Hall	Set-up Deanna Roshong

If you cannot serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.



Last fall, when we were replacing a portion of the Wheeling Street sidewalk, Mary Oehler suggested that we plant a tree in a spot where one had previously been. Mary, with help from Gerald Owsley, has provided St. John's a lovely addition to our beautiful church and gardens.



Many Thanks!

St. John's Episcopal Church

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	2 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	3 8:00 AA Meeting	4 12:00 HC	5	6	7
8 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00 Lanfair Pentecost	9 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	10 8:00P AA Meeting	11 12:00 HC	12	13	14
15 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Father's Day	16 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	17 8:00P AA Meeting	18 12:00 HC	19 1 PM Eagle and Lamb Deadline	20	21
22 8:00 HC 10:30 HC	23 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	24 8:00P AA Meeting	25 12:00 HC	26	27	28
29 8:00 HC 10:30 HC Cookout in the Garden	30 7:00P Evening Prayer Service					

Happy Father's Day



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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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