



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



May 2015

Rector's Rambling

May is a good time to live in Ohio. Baseball season is underway. First harvest has started in the garden, and by mid-month tomatoes and peppers will be in the ground. The ducks are feathered out and should be laying soon, and by the end of the month my quail chicks will have arrived. There is so much new life, and the weeds have not yet taken over. It is a time for optimism, and for considering how God would have us to enjoy and employ his many blessings.

Perhaps the greatest blessing God has given us is ourselves. The Bible says that we are wonderfully made, and from the very first chapter of Genesis, it is clear that our Creator has a purpose, a plan if you will, for each of us. Stewardship is about living into that plan. It is about discovering and experiencing God's plan for us, as individuals and as a parish.

The word "liturgy," which is what we do when we come together, derives from the same Greek word as "laity," which is who we are~the people of God. Thus liturgy means, quite literally, the work of the people of God. There is no better place to start as we begin to consider our stewardship of God's gifts. The first phrase of our mission statement at St. John's acknowledges this: "To provide a place to worship God." It is what we do and why we exist! One of the old catechisms put it well.

Q- "What is the chief end of man?"

A- "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

It goes on to say that the Holy Scriptures, and they alone, tell us how to glorify and enjoy God.

The Bible tells us that from the beginning, Christians met on the first day of the week. Acts 20:7 tells of Christians meeting for Holy Communion and preaching on Sunday. In I Corinthians 16:1-2, Paul speaks of regular Sunday gatherings (and of an offering being taken!) We do it pretty much the same way today, two thousand years later. We gather for many reasons, but our primary work as God's people is to gather on Sundays to glorify God and to enjoy him as we hear his written Word expounded, take an offering to support God's work in the church, and to receive Communion. It is at the very root of who we are.

I hope that as the new life of God surrounds us in this beautiful month of May, we will all commit to be in church every Sunday, doing the work of God. If you are travelling, stop in and visit. The denomination is not so important. Coming together to glorify God is. If you are at home, be sure to come to the 8:00 or 10:30 service. If you are absolutely unable to be here on Sunday, remember that there is Choral Evensong every Monday at 7, and Communion every Wednesday at noon.

Some of the older members of our congregation may remember the "Offices of Instruction" in the *1928 Book of Common Prayer*.

Q- "What is your bounden duty as a member of the church?"

A- "My bounden duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of the Kingdom."

See you in church!

Bill+

Vestry Highlights

1) Luke 10:36-37 - "[Jesus replied,] 'Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?' [The lawyer] said, 'The one who showed mercy on him.'" And Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" Let us all show mercy to everyone that we meet.

2) \$400 was raised for the Jerusalem Diocese over Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

3) We will soon be starting a Capital Campaign. The church and attendant buildings are in urgent need of some repairs, including the steps and railing; windows and tuck pointing on adjacent building; pew refinishing; flooring in undercroft; and there may be some others. Mark Conrad will be chairing this committee. If you would like to participate, or have any ideas to share, please contact Mark at 740-243-4933 or mconrad92@gmail.com. We will have more details soon.

4) The Bishop is coming in October. Contact Father Bill if you are interested in being received or confirmed.

5) Consider volunteering with one of the many ministries at the church! Everyone has a skill or talent that can be shared.

Travel Information for Nick England's Ordination

A bus has been chartered for our transportation to Cincinnati on June 6th for Nick's ordination to the diaconate. We will depart from St. John's at 7:00 am and should arrive back by 5:00 pm.

The cost is \$30 per ticket which includes a driver gratuity. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Deadline for payment is Sunday, May 17th.

National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer opening event will be Sunday, May 3rd, 2:00 p.m. at Zane Square. Featured that day will be a Signing Team and the FCC Praise Team. Free pizza and drinks will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

The Bible Reading Marathon will begin after the service and conclude on Thursday, May 7th with prelude music at 5:30 p.m. and the service at 6:00 p.m.

Join us in experiencing the power of community prayer.

Lenten Series 2015: Renewing and Refreshing the Family of St. John's

The Series this year covered a wide range of interests. With the traditional, liturgical, Anglican service of Evensong and Kathy Heim, Choirmaster, St. John's Choir, and Organist, Thurlow Weed, the Lenten season, beginning with Ash Wednesday continued on a thoughtful, biblical note. Week 2 introduced Family Game Night with food, games, fellowship and an enthusiastic response. The following week The Rev. Phil Webster, originally a Lancastrian and now Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Columbia, So. Carolina gave thoughtful insights. The spotlight for Week 4 was about renewing our missionary spirit. Susan Snyder, a member of the Mission Committee, informed about the variety and numerous missionary activities. An excellent presentation was given by the guest speaker, Jennifer Saelens, Coordinator, Fairfield County Family and Juvenile Drug Court. Week 5 brought Erin Gerber, former Area Director of Young Life Lancaster. Erin brought with her 3 youth members from YLL. The dialog was informative, refreshing, and entertaining.

Included in the Series were simple suppers, pot luck suppers, and special game night treats provided by volunteers, participants. What needs to be stressed is the good feeling of family, of coming together, sharing of a meal, helping to make the series happen - the volunteer spirit.

Although not a specific part of the series, the Palm Sunday 4:00 service "A Meditation on the Passion of Christ, With Carols", under the direction of Kathy Heim with St. John's Choir, was simply outstanding and a fitting beginning of Holy Week.

Birthdays

- 2 Gitta Sadoni
Milton Taylor
- 3 Ivan Smith
- 5 Jeane Mast
Julie Meenach
- 7 Emily Campbell
- 8 Ruth Palo
- 10 Zoe Leonard
- 17 Jennifer Matz
- 20 Kathy Heim
Tristan Pursley
- 23 Susan Snyder
- 26 Bryce Burton
- 29 Julia Taylor

Wedding Anniversaries

- 11 Andy and Cindy White (02)
- 14 Marty and Robin Harris (82)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 5 Jean Hammer (42)
Zoe Leonard (96)
- 6 John Eyman (62)
- 7 Sebastian Burton (00)
- 11 Chad Shook (08)
- 15 Richard Davis (11)
- 16 Anna Burton (04)
- 23 Gary Rowley (48)
- 26 Bryce Burton (74)
- 28 Caroline Rockwood (22)
- 29 Elizabeth Baker (10)
Edward Baker (10)
Brian Davidson (54)



Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

Parish Health Ministries luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 20th after the noon Eucharist.

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish for breakfast on Sunday, May 3rd after the 8:00 Eucharist.

The ArtWalk Is Coming!

This year's ArtWalk is Friday, July 24th from 6pm until 9pm. For all of our artists in the parish, start thinking of what you would like to display in this year's exhibit. Further information will be forth coming along with a sign-up sheet. If anyone has any questions, please contact Annie Crawford at 740-243-3729 after May 11th or Mark Perrine at 740-654-2551.

Attention, Parents of High School or College Graduating Seniors

We would like to publish your sons' and daughters' high school or college activities, honors, awards, etc. in the June "Eagle and Lamb." Please submit your article electronically, if possible to thammer1@columbus.rr.com by May 21st, so that it can be shared with your parish family.

Logan Community Dinner

On Thursday, April 30th, we will travel to St. Paul's, Logan to prepare and serve their community dinner. The purpose of this mission is to provide a sit down dinner to build community at the church while helping neighbors in need. We need volunteers to cook and serve on that day. The group will leave the church at approximately 3:30.

Watch for a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.



MAY 2015 Serving Schedule

May 3rd	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	Acts 8: 26-40
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm 22
Lectors	Carl Roshong	Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Perlow	1 John 4:7-21
Ushers	Steve Woods & Tim Hall	Tom Howard & Karen Howard	John 15: 1-8
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Sarah Perlow & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
May 10th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Jim Hall & Doug Carr	Acts 10: 44-48
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 98
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Jeanie Conrad	1 John 5: 1-6
Ushers	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	John 15:9-17
Altar Guild	Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer
May 17th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Rhodes	Ann Rickson & Ivan Smith	Acts: 1: 15-17, 21-26
Acolytes		William Eyman & Morgan Spires	Psalm: 1
Lectors		Holly Perry & Kathy Heim	1 John 5:9-13
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Nickie Lechrone & Diane Downard	John 17:6-19
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Barb Parker, Diane Downard & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
May 24	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Frankie Mathias & Mark Conrad	Acts 2: 1-21
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm: 104
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Charlie Voss	Romans 8: 22-27
Ushers	Mary Shook & Chad Shook	William Eyman & John Eyman	John 15: 26-27;16:4b-15
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Sally Stallsmith & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Mid Hall & Judie Miller
May 31	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Jim Hall & Ann Rickson	Isaiah 6:1-8
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 29
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Jeanie Conrad	Romans 8:12-17
Ushers	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	John 3:1-17
Altar Guild	Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer



*They must first be tested,
and then if there is nothing against them,
let them serve as deacons.
1 Timothy 3:10*

In anticipation of
Our Lord willing
And the bishop consenting,
Nick England
Will be ordained deacon
On Saturday June 6.

To honor his ordination and his first service as deacon at St Johns,
we will celebrate with a hog roast following the service on
Sunday, June 7.

Watch for details to follow.

The committee would welcome donations to cover the expenses
of the celebration hog roast and all left-over money will go toward
a gift certificate to assist Nick in his supplies as deacon.

Please mark your check or envelope "NICK'S ORDINATION"

St. John's Episcopal Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 HC 9:15 Adult For. 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS 2:00 Nat. Day of Prayer Opening	4 4:45 Youth pizza & catechism 7:00P Choral Evensong	5 8:00P AA Meeting	6 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	7 5:30 National Day of Prayer Closing	8	9
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24 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC	25 7:00P Choral Evensong	26 8:00P AA Meeting	27 12:00 HC	28	29	30
31 8:00 HC 10:30 HC						

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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