



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



September 2015

Rector's Rambling

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages—and Kings—
And why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings."

Lewis Carroll~*Through the Looking Glass, 1872*

The start of the school year is a time for speaking of many things. Stewardship, evangelism, administration, worship, education, fellowship, and mission all crowd to the front of the line demanding attention. The resultant cacophony can resemble what duck farmers and drill sergeants call a gaggle, a busy, but unproductive and noisy discussion that accomplishes little or nothing. I believe a more productive approach would be to follow the example of the prophet Isaiah in chapter 6, when he heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I, send me."

The Episcopal church is an historic church of the Christian faith. Our bishops stand in the place of Christ among us, and as our chief pastors. They lead us in all of those things about which we need to talk. Nick and I are here to help Bishop Breidenthal as he seeks to help all of us discover our gifts and callings, and to inspire and lead us as we "do the work he (the Lord) has given us to do." BCP p. 366.

In the historic churches, many jobs can only be filled by those who have been confirmed by a bishop in apostolic succession. This is not because we don't believe that there is room for and a job for everyone, but because confirmation marks a starting point for shared faith and commitment which demonstrates that we are all on the same sheet of music.

To be confirmed in the Episcopal Church, a person must as an adult publicly reaffirm the promises made for them at their baptism if they were baptized as a child, or that they made if they were baptized as an adult. These promises are found on pages 302-305 of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, or if you were baptized and confirmed before 1979, on pages 276-278 and 296-297 of the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. In short, the confirmed person affirms the Trinity and Incarnation as stated in the creeds. And they agree to eschew the sinful ways of the world, flesh, and Devil. They publicly announce that they have accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord, and agree to do their best with God's help to live in conformity and obedience to God's will.

If you fit that job description, we need you to be confirmed when the bishop visits on October 18th. As a confirmed member of St. John's in good standing, you are eligible to be considered to train for and serve in various ministries of word and sacrament. And you provide a significant public example of commitment to Jesus Christ in this parish.

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For those who are not confirmed, there are still many ways to serve God and be active in this parish. But I do hope that if you have not been confirmed, you will consider committing yourself to God and to St. John's in this way. We need your skills in these important ministries of our parish. If you have been confirmed in another Episcopal Parish or in another historic denomination (Roman, Orthodox, Lutheran, Coptic. . .) but have not been received here, Bishop Briedenthal needs to receive you into formal membership in order for you to participate in these important and necessary vocations.

Please prayerfully consider confirmation or reception in October if you have not already done so. We need you to fulfill the mission of this parish. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or you can call me at 740-215-3900 with questions.

Sincerely,

Bill+

Safe Church Training

If you have not done so, please consider taking "Safe Church" training with Lori Peden on September 19th at St. John's. Lori is a pediatric nurse and nursing instructor. This training prepares you to work with young people, and also sets a tone here at St. John's which "respects the dignity of every human being.

Gideon's International Presentation

We welcome Ron Thomas from Gideon's International on September 13th. Come and learn about how you can help provide Bibles to students, service members, and people around the world.

Pregnancy Decision Center BBQ

Plan now to attend Pregnancy Decision Health Center's BBQ and fundraiser on Wednesday, September 23rd. St. John's will be hosting a table. Sign up at the back of the church.

2016 Mission Trip Meeting

The 2016 Mission Trip meeting will be following the 8 AM service on Sunday, Sept. 20th.

Oct. 4th—One Service and Brunch

On Sunday, October 4th, we will have one service at 10:00 AM, followed by a special brunch to kick off our Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship is about more than just money; it concerns how we work together, using all of our talents and gifts, to build a healthy church. Please join us for both the single service and the brunch to see what is happening at the church and discover where you can take part.

Helping Our Neighbors

We will be traveling to St. Paul's, Logan to help serve the community meal on Thursday September 24th. Watch for details and a sign-up sheet. Come and help your neighbors.

Coffee Hour



Watch for coffee hour between the services starting the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13th.

Birthdays

- 1 Alex Shook
- 2 Diane Downard
- 3 Fran Utley
- 10 Nancy Russell
- 13 Doug Carr
Jean Hammer
- 15 Linda Lindley
Ora Miesse
- 21 Ashley Snyder
- 23 L. Sheffield
- 24 Cindy White
- 25 Mike Parker
- 27 Morgan Spires
- 28 David Whitesell
- 29 Denise Denton
Nicholas White
- 30 Jane Hurley

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 Ron and Judie Miller (60)
- 17 Jim and Mid Hall (66)
- 21 Bill and Louise Young (85)
- 22 John and Amy Eyman (90)
- 29 Mike and Wendy Garbrandt (01)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 10 Steve Messerly (50)
- 11 Robin Harris (55)
- 12 Stuart Perlow (93)
- 16 Deacon Nick England (50)
- 22 Lloyd Kittle (74)
Mike Whiley (57)
- 25 Milton Taylor (94)
- 27 Amanda Chilenski (87)
Tim Hall (36)
Tyler Spires (98)

Fellowship Breakfast—Sept. 6th—9 to 10 AM

Remember our fellowship breakfast between services on the 1st Sunday of every month. Invite a friend to church and sit with them for breakfast.

Sunday School for 2nd Grade and Under

Sunday School for 2nd grade and under is on the first and third Sundays at 10:30. Bring your children and grandchildren.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

September 16th is the date of the next Parish Health Luncheon. Join us in the undercroft after the noon Eucharist.

Family Game Night

Family Game Night will be Sunday, September 20th from 4—7. Please join your St. John's family for food and fun! There will be a variety of family friendly food and games to play—something for everyone. Please sign up at the back of the church so that we know how much food to have on hand. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Hurdley at 740-654-7831.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be on October 18th. Being a confirmed member of St. John's allows you to serve in many ways, and is an important rite of identification with the church around the world. See Fr. Bill if you are interested in making this public profession

Youth Group Kickoff

Sept. 14th, 5 PM—Youth Group Kickoff. Watch for details.

Vestry

The next Vestry meeting will be September 17th at 7 PM.

Apartment Vacancy

In early to mid October we will have a three-room apartment available for rent.

For details, contact St. John's rental manager, Tom Hammer. thammer1@columbus.rr.com or 740-503-5575

September 2015 Serving Schedule

September 6	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Acolytes		Asher Carr & William Eyman	Psalm 125
Lectors		Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Perlow	James 2:1-10(11-13), 14-17
Ushers	Mary & Chad Shook	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	Mark 7:24-37
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Sally Stallsmith & Reda Kittle	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
September 13	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris	Mark Conrad & Doug Carr	Proverbs 1:20-33
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 19
Lectors		Mark Conrad & Jeanie Conrad	James 3:1-12
Ushers	Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Mark 8:27-38
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Judie Miller	Set-up: Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer
September 20	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Jim Hall & Ivan Smith	Proverbs 31:10-31
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm 1
Lectors		Holly Perry & Kathy Heim	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	William Eyman & John Eyman	Mark 9:30-37
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Barb Parker, Diane Downard & Judie Miller	Set-up: Deanna Roshong
September 27	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Doug Carr & Mark Conrad	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Acolytes		Will Eyman & Nicole Sutter	Psalm 124
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Charlie Voss	James 5:13-20
Ushers	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	Tom & Karin Howard	Mark 9:38-50
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall & Diane Downard	Set-up: Diane Downard, Mid Hall & Judie Miller

Juice Cans Needed - The Altar Guild is in need of large juice cans to be used when delivering the Sunday flowers. If you can help, please drop off the cans in the sacristy.

Mark Your Calendars—Special Service Time Changes in OCTOBER

On October 4th and 18th, we will have a single service at 10 AM.

Oct. 4th—Single Service at 10 followed by the 2016 Stewardship Kickoff brunch.

Oct. 18th—Single Service at 10 for the Bishop's visit, followed by a congregational meeting with Bishop Breidenthal.

Euchre Game night to be rescheduled! Due to a variety of conflicts the Euchre game night will be rescheduled soon.

St. Francis Day Blessing of the Beasts will be at 4 PM on October 4th.

St. John's Episcopal Church

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00P AA Meeting	2 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	3	4	5
6 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 9:15 Choir Prac.	7 7:00P Choral Evensong	8 8:00P AA Meeting	9 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC		11	12
13 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC	14 5:00P Youth Group 7:00P Choral Evensong	15 8:00P AA Meeting	16 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Parish Health Luncheon	17 1 PM Eagle and Lamb deadline 7 PM Vestry	18	19 Safe Church Training
20 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 9 Mission Mtg. 10:30 HC/SS 4 :00 Game	21 5:00P Youth Group 7:00P Choral Evensong	22 8:00P AA Meeting	23 10:30 Bible St. 12:00 HC Pregnancy Decision Health Center's BBQ	24 Logan Community Dinner	25	26
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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For daily & Sunday readings & Fr. Pursley's
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www.stjohnlancaster.org