



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



February 2016

Rector's Rambling

Another Lent is upon us. I hope we might all determine to draw closer to God in this holy time of year. We are called in the Bible to love and to serve. As you consider your plan for Lenten discipline, ask yourself whether your plans will help you to love God and others more, and whether they contain an element of service to our Lord and to our neighbors. This is a wonderful and introspective time of year, and it provides us all with many opportunities to share God's love. I pray it will be so for all of us at St. John's.

During Lent, many special services and programs take place at our church. I would ask everyone to make a special effort to attend whenever you can. God is building a wonderful community here, and the extra things we do provide opportunities for us to meet new people and make new friends. And don't forget to invite your friends and family members who don't have their own church. As they see our love for each other, God may draw them to be a part of our parish family.

Finally, Lent provides us all with the opportunity to look within our own hearts and minds—to consider our motives and our situations. Might we all ask ourselves if we are being the person God wants us to be, and if we are doing the things he would have us to do. I am confident that as we listen and wait in this time of holy consideration, God will guide us into all he would have us to be.

Sincerely,

Bill+

Lenten Food Ingathering

During Lent, we will be partnering with Lutheran Social Services to gather food for distribution to those in need. I hope that we might be able to make this a spiritual discipline which will help us to have "an holy Lent." Might I suggest two ways we could approach this discipline.

- 1) Plan your meals as you generally would, but delete one item from your meal that evening and donate the items which would be used to prepare that dish to the pantry. Pray that God will be with those who use the things you donate, but also pray that God will give you an awareness of and sensitivity to people around you. For instance, if you would have had a green bean casserole, donate a can of green beans, a box of dried onions, and a can of mushroom soup.
- 2) Buy double ingredients for one meal each week, in canned or dry good form, and donate a meal a week to the pantry. Remember to pray as outlined in plan one.

We can draw closer to God in this Lenten season, and help our neighbors in a substantial way. Please consider joining us in this Lenten discipline in the weeks to come.

Vestry Highlights

- 1) The 2016 budget was approved and will be presented at the annual meeting.
- 2) Due to selling \$22,000 of investments to make the 2015 budget balance and the falling of the stock market recently, our investments went from \$392,900 at the beginning of the year to \$355,738 at the end of the year.
- 3) We are thankful for the growth of our children's ministries. We have Sunday School every Sunday, and Father Bill meets with the youth weekly during the school year.

Mission Trip Update

We are currently planning to be in St. Vincent from 29 or 30 June—6 or 7 July (depending on flight connections.) We are engaged in fund raising for both the costs of mission and for transportation. A donor has provided a challenge grant which will match any gifts up to \$1,000 for travel expenses and up to another \$1,000 for building materials. Please consider a gift to cement the bonds of love with Fr. Marcelle and the good people of St. John's Owia. Our mission will help them to upgrade their church building, and to provide women's health information for the people of the Grenadines.

Church School Will Be Every Sunday

Thanks to two new volunteers, St. John's will again have Church School every Sunday. Catherine Dyer and Caitlyn Hurdley will be part of the team headed by Wendy Garbrandt who will provide Christian education during the first part of the 10:30 service. Children will come into church before Holy Communion. A special thank you to the church school volunteers for providing this special ministry.

Rector's Pick

If you are interested in a well-researched, well-organized, and fairly presented course on Islam, check out the 6 part "Understanding Islam" at www.kenboa/topics/apologetics. He explains the diversity, history, and theology of Islam in a clear and succinct manner, and presents evidence that those "denominations" of Islam which are non-peaceful constitute only about 15% of the Muslims in the world. It is well worth the 5 or 6 hours it will take you to watch this series of lectures. The 6th session deals mostly with end times, and while it was interesting, I found it less helpful than the first five lectures.

Lenten Worship Opportunities

February 10 - Ash Wednesday—12 noon and 7 p.m. Imposition of Ashes

February 14 - First Sunday of Lent - 8 and 10:30 Great Litany and Holy Communion

March 20 - Palm Sunday - 8 and 10:30 Blessing of Palms and Holy Communion

March 24 - Maundy Thursday - 7 pm Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar

March 25 - Good Friday - 12 noon Liturgy, 1 pm - Stations of the Cross

March 27 - Easter - 8 and 10:30 - Holy Communion

Birthdays

- 2 Elaine Warnett
- 3 Wanita Burton
Paul Frick
- 5 Elizabeth Leonard
- 6 Garnet Nelson
- 9 Andrew Kittle
- 10 Tim Hall
Sally Stallsmith
- 11 Richard Davis
- 14 Lloyd Kittle
Betty Pugh
- 16 Madeline Kittle
- 18 Kirsten Carr
- 21 Carol Baily
Rebecca Pursley
- 24 Sarah Miller

Deanna Jane Roshong
July 27, 1951—January 9, 2016

“Give to the departed eternal rest.
 Let Light perpetual shine upon her”

Refresh Your Soul 2016

**Alzheimer’s & Dementia: Caring & Communication
 that Works**

There’s still time to register for the Parish Health Ministry’s Refresh Your Soul Conference to be held Friday, March 4th, 2016, from 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. at the Tri County Assembly Church 7350 Dixie Hwy., Fairfield, Ohio 45014. The keynote speaker is Lisa Genova, PhD bestselling author of *Still Alice* and Harvard-trained neuroscientist. One of America’s leading educators on dementia, Teepa Snow, MS, OTR/I, FAOTA will also be speaking. To register visit www.parishhealthministry.com/RYS. If you have questions, please call 513.979.2246.

Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Danny and Julie Meenach (03)
- 14 Dick and Carol Baily (86)
- 15 Milt and Nancy Taylor (92)

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

Wednesday, **February 24th** is the date of the next Parish Health luncheon. Join us in the undercroft after the noon Eucharist.

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Wendy Garbrandt
Robin Leonard
Garnet Nelson
- 3 Cecilia Davidson
Charlene Rowley
- 14 Sandie York
- 17 Nancy Russell

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish family for breakfast after the 8:00 service on Sunday, February 7th.

Altar Guild—Important Meeting

The Altar Guild will meet at 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 7th. Please attend to help with plans for Easter.

Plans regarding the “Lenten Series” will be forthcoming. Watch for emails and information in the weekly messenger and the Sunday leaflet.

For those of you who receive the Eagle and Lamb by mail, please remit \$5.88 to the church office with your check marked E and L postage. Thank you.

February 2016 Serving Schedule

February 7	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Jim Hall & Frankie Mathias	Exodus 34:29-35
Acolytes		William Eyman & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm 99
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 9:28-43
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall & Janet Kling	Set-up: Mid Hall, Diane Downard & Janet Kling
February 14	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Shawn Dyer	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Morgan Spires	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Lectors		Holly Perry & Ann Rickson	Romans 10:8b-13
Ushers	Shook Family	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 4:1-13
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith, Judie Miller & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
February 21	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Mark Conrad & Ann Rickson	Genesis 15:1-18
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 27
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Caitlyn Hurdley	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	Luke 13:31-35
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Judie Miller, Mid Hall & Judi Berry	Set-up: Judie Miller, Judi Berry & Mid Hall
February 28	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Shawn Dyer	Exodus 3:1-15
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalm 63:1-8
Lectors		Ann Rickson & Caitlyn Hurdley	I Corinthians 10:1-13
Ushers	Tim Hall & Robin Leonard	William & John Eyman	Luke 13:1-9
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Chris Hurdley & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

Save the Date
Sunday, May 22nd
St. John's Parish Picnic
Watch for Details!

St. John's Episcopal Church

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00P Choral Evensong	2 4:45 Pizza & God talk 8:00P AA Meeting	3 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	4	5	6
7 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	8 7:00P Choral Evensong	9 4:45 Pizza & God talk 8:00P AA Meeting	10 12:00 and 7:00 pm- Imposition of Ashes	11	12	13 9:00 E & R meeting in the undercroft
14 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	15 7:00P Choral Evensong	16 4:45 Pizza & God talk 8:00P AA Meeting	17 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	18 1 PM Eagle and Lamb deadline 7 PM Vestry	19	20
21 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	22 7:00P Choral Evensong	23 4:45 Pizza & God talk 8:00P AA Meeting	24 10:30 Bible St. 12:00 HC 12:30—Health Ministries Luncheon0	25	26	27
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