



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



June 2016

Rector's Rambling

The Rector's Summer Read Picks

Here are my picks for this summer's lazy days.



- * **Longbow: A Social and Military History**, by Robert Hardy.

Most of us know Robert Hardy as an accomplished English actor who played Siegfried in "All Creatures Great and Small." But he is also a leading authority on and well-known shooter of the classic English longbow. His well-written book is easy to read and will appeal to social and military historians as well as to those interested in archery. I'm not sure this book has any great spiritual message, but it allows us to appreciate more fully one of the most exquisite pieces of human technology every invented.

- * **The Psalms of David**, with illuminations by James S. Freemantle.

This facsimile edition of a hand-drawn and illustrated copy of the Psalms is delightful to read and to view. Freemantle was a British soldier who spent most of his time in India and the Levant, and his work brims with images that he knew and loved.

- * **Saint George and the Dragon**, retold by Margaret Hodges and illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman.

Every good children's book speaks to the adult mind and heart as well. The story will inspire you, and the art will draw you into deeper philosophical and religious contemplation.

- * **The Complete Angler**, by Isaak Walton.

This classic 17th century treatise, subtitled "the Contemplative Man's Recreation, Being a discourse of Rivers, Fish Ponds, Fish, and Fishing," is as much about how to live a life of civil discourse and courtesy as it is about fishing. It remains one of the great classics of Anglican Spirituality.

- * **The Wind in the Willows**, by Kenneth Grahame.

Although written by a neo-pagan, this is perhaps the greatest work of what might be called Anglican Practical Theology. How we live together is perhaps our greatest challenge here on Earth. Follow the animals of the Wild-wood and its environs as they seek to apply an enculturated faith that seems very much like our own.

- * **The Poems of William Wordsworth**, any edition.

He lived in a time of monumental change and great uncertainty, and he managed to see the beauty all around him.

You may notice a conspicuous lack of theological and Biblical studies tomes here. There are two reasons for those conscious omissions. First, summer is for taking a bit of a break and slowing down. Second, I really do believe that God is all around us, and that often we experience his presence most delightfully where we least expect to find him. But for those who simply must read a specifically religious or theological book (other than the Bible, which I hope all of us will read every day!), I suggest anything by Bishop N. T. (Tom) Wright. Have a wonderful summer. I'll see you in church!

Vestry Highlights

1) Our pledge income year-to-date is \$11,481 greater than budgeted, but that includes \$21,404 in prepaid pledges that are for the whole year. This positive effect will significantly reduce as the year progresses.

2) Our loose offerings income year-to-date is \$1,325 less than budgeted, so we are in the red in loose offerings.

3) We are continuing to pursue how we might have cooperative ministry efforts with St. Paul's in Logan that would benefit both of our churches.

4) The Diocese has sent us this message: "The mission share formula created in 2011, with a sunset date of 2016, is now in the process of review. Part of that review is listening to the congregations. The Budget Committee will take the information and feedback we learn to Diocesan Council, who will then decide if we should keep the current formula, adjust the current formula, or come up with a new formula. A series of 90-minute listening sessions have been scheduled at various churches. Your input is valued and encouraged." Mark Conrad will be attending the session at St. Philip's in Columbus on Saturday, June 4, at 10:00 AM. If you would like to attend and travel with him, please contact him at 740-243-4933 or mconrad92@gmail.com. He can accommodate two additional people in his car (three if someone does not mind sitting in the middle of the back seat)

Home Bible Study and Discussion

The discussion will center around Mark's Gospel. The evening format will include food, fellowship and materials from All Soul's Langham Place in London. Watch for details and call Fr. Bill at 740-215-3900 if you are interested.

Touchstone Magazine Discussion Group

The group will meet at Hocking Hills Winery two evenings a month in Logan. Call Fr. Bill at 740-215-3900 if you are interested.

Communion for Shut-ins

Is God calling you to carry Holy Communion to shut-ins in their homes or assisted living places? Call Deacon Nick at 740-974-8593 to learn more about this exciting ministry.

Watch for Announcements about the Following Events

- * Family Disk Golf outing in June.
- * Family Swim at Valley View in July.
- * Archery Day at Alley Park in August.

Our Father refreshes us on the journey with some pleasant inns, but will not encourage us to mistake them for home. *C. S. Lewis in The Problem of Pain*

A mother is a person who —seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people—promptly announces that she never did care for pie. *Tenneva Jordan in Hope Health Letter (5/96)*

Love is an agreement on the part of two people to overestimate each other. *E. M. Cioran*

Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

- 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)
- 11 Tom Hammer (44)
- 12 Dick Babcock (27)
- 16 Nicole Walker (74)
- 20 Chris Perrine (82)

Kyle A. Smith
 February 11, 1935—December 27, 2015

“Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual
 shine upon him.”

Congratulations, Hannah !!

Hannah Hurdley has qualified for the Ohio State Track Meet in the Discus. Best of luck, Hannah!

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

Wednesday, June 15th is the date of the next Parish Health luncheon. Join us in the undercroft after the noon Eucharist.

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish family for breakfast after the 8:00 service on Sunday, June 5th.

Book Club, Anyone?

Is there interest in forming a book club for St. John’s women possibly starting this summer? If you might be interested, please leave your name with one of the office volunteers Monday-Thursday from 9-noon.



Thought for the Month

Get involved. . .the world is run
by people who show up.

Congratulations, Graduates !!

Tyler Spires, son of Jennifer Matz and grandson of Jim and Mid Hall, will be graduating May 29th from Lancaster High School. During high school he played football and baseball. He was a member of the National Honor Society and an officer of Skills USA. After graduation Ty plans to attend college at Emory and Henry in Virginia and major in Mass Communications.

Ashton J. Walker, son of Thad and Tonya Walker, grandson of David and the late Sherry Walker, graduated May 29th from Lancaster High School with the Class of 2016. Academically, Ashton had high honors and was a member of the National Honor Society. Ashton lettered three years playing basketball and football. Ashton will continue his studies and sports in the fall of 2016 at Muskingum University. He will be obtaining an undergraduate degree of BSN RN nursing. Later he will obtain his masters for Nurse Practitioner. He will also be playing football for Muskingum University.

Jackson Hewitt Mathias, son of Mark and Sheli Mathias, graduated from Pickerington High School May 21, 2016. His academic achievement includes Optomist Optoma Supra with a GPA of 4.0 or higher. Jackson earned his 3rd year varsity letter.

Jackson's extracurricular activities include volunteering at the Open Shelter (to help serve meals to the homeless), team official—Upward Soccer (a Xn organization that sponsors several athletic leagues), group leader for Vacation Bible School, and Sunday School aide at Pence U.M. Church.

Jackson was awarded a Trustee Scholarship to Tiffin University where he plans to study Forensic Psychology.

Please Pray

Please remember to pray for the mission team departing for St. Vincent at the end of June.

Mission Trip 2016

I _____ pledge
(name)
_____ to pray for the trip every day from 30 June to 7 July.
_____ to give \$ _____ to help with team expenses.
_____ to give \$ _____ to help with building repairs.
_____ to bring in a card to be delivered.

St. John's Episcopal Church

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	2	3	4
5 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC/SS	6 7:00P Choral Evensong	7 8:00P AA Meeting	8 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	9	10	11
12 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 HC/SS	13 7:00P Choral Evensong	14 8:00P AA Meeting	15 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Parish Health Lunch.	16 1:00P Eagle and Lamb Deadline 7:00 P Vestry	17	18
19 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 HC/SS Father's Day	20 7:00P Choral Evensong	21 8:00P AA Meeting	22 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	23	24	25
26 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 HC/SS	27 7:00P Choral Evensong	28 8:00P AA Meeting	29 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	30		

June 2016 Serving Schedule

June 5	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	I Kings 17:17-24
Acolytes		William Eyman & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm 30
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Galatians 1:11-24
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 7:11-17
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall & Janet Kling	Set-up: Mid Hall, Diane Downard & Janet Kling
June 12	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Mark Conrad	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10-15
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Morgan Spires	Psalm 32
Lectors		Holly Perry & Ann Rickson	Galatians 2:15-21
Ushers	Shook Family	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 7:36-8:3
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith, Mid Hall & Frankie Mathias	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
June 19	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Shawn Dyer & Ann Rickson	Isaiah 65:1-9
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 22:18-27
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Frankie Mathias	Galatians 3:23-29
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Nickie Lecrone & Diane Downard	Luke 8:26-39
Altar Guild	Gitta Sadoni & Peggy Merton	Judie Miller, Mid Hall & Judi Berry	Set-up: Judie Miller, Judi Berry & Mid Hall
June 26	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Frankie Mathias	I Kings 19:15-21
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalm 16
Lectors		Ann Rickson & Caitlin Hurdley	Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Ushers	Tim Hall & Robin Leonard	William & John Eyman	Luke 9:51-62
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Reda Kittle, Chris Hurdley & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

Please remember to find a substitute if you are unable to serve.

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