



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



July 2016

Rector's Rambling

Sitting in my study in mid-June, I cannot help thinking about the joys in my life. Tonight, I will cut the first head of cabbage and prepare part of it for dinner. Oscar is working well, and on schedule with his training regimen for the first shoot in September. My decision to use only vintage fishing tackle is paying wonderful dividends in the pan, and in terms of a peaceful soul. But the greatest joys of all are related to my family. Tristan's career as a personal trainer is off to a great start at Cincinnati Functional Fitness. Ashley and Matthew are elbow deep in developing one of four organic lamb operations in the entire country. As their flock grows, so does their family, with baby Claire scheduled to make her debut in early July.

Thirty-five or forty years ago, sitting in a dorm room in central Kentucky, I could not have imagined the things that lay in store for me. Certainly there have been ups and downs, but God has always been there even when I did not sense his presence. There were times of blessed fellowship, but there were also times of darkness and fear, often but not always of my own making. Looking back, I'm not sure what I could or would have done differently in many of those life situations. Generally, I am pretty sure of what I should have done differently, for we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God! But at the end of the day, I realize that God has given me enough life experience, and enough knowledge of his character, to maintain a sure confidence in his abiding presence in my life. I hope and pray that in the midst of life's joys and vicissitudes, you will also find that confidence in his abiding presence. It is the key to contentment and joy in life.

“Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

~Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. St. Matt. xi. 28.

~So God loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. St. John iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

~This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, I Tim. i.15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

~If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is he propitiation for our sins. I St. John ii.1,2.”

“O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.” 1928 BCP p. 595

May God's richest blessings, and peace, fill every corner of your life; and may he prosper all of your efforts to draw closer to him. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sincerely,
Bill +

Cookies Needed for the ArtWalk

St. John’s will again be hosting a venue for the ArtWalk, July 22nd. Many people will be enjoying the talents of several of our parishioners, so let’s welcome our visitors with refreshments.

Cookies may be dropped off at the church from: 9-12, Wednesday July 20, 9-12, Thursday, July 21st, 10-5 on Friday, July 22nd.

A Love Note

I wish for. . .

Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.

-”The Anchor”
St. Clement’s, Tampa, Florida
The Anglican Digest

Touchstone Magazine Discussion Group

The Touchstone Magazine Discussion Group will meet at the Hocking Hills Winery in Logan on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of July and August at 6:30. Come join Christian friends from St. John’s and from St. Paul’s, Logan for friendly discussion of timely issues.

Our first gathering on July 14th will focus on Phillip Johnson’s (a professor at UC Berkeley) article “Persian Conversions” and will start with a discussion of the role of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism. If we exhaust that topic, we will continue with Russell D. Moore’s (Dean of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville) article “Death of a Wild Thing: Maurice Sendak and the Horror of a Domesticated Gospel.” The topic will start with a discussion of the reality of what we humans are like.



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The winery has snack hors d’ oeuvres trays or you can order in pizza or BBQ, and, of course, wine is available. See Fr. Bill to get a copy of the articles.

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.

Ice Cream Social

July 8th at 6 pm

In the Garden



Join us for ice cream

before the “British

Invasion” at the Bandstand

Birthdays

- 2 Susie Cork
- 4 Andrew Eyman
- 5 Connie Dowling
- 6 Reda Kittle
- 8 Doug Snyder
- 9 Jordan Wilson
- 10 Schyler Crawford
- Robin Harris
- 11 Tyler Spires
- 15 Nick England
- 18 Jennifer Snyder
- 20 Walker Kittle
- 23 Sally Wildermuth
- 25 David Warnock

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Jana and Jordan Allen, who were married on June 18th in Charlotte. May they so live together in this life, that in the world to come they might have life everlasting.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon Cancelled

Wednesday Parish Health luncheons will be cancelled in July and August.

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish family for breakfast after the 8:00 service on Sunday, July 3rd.

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Steve and Camille Martens (93)
- 5 David and Cheryl Berner (80)

Special Prayer Request

Please pray for our summer mission team to St. Vincent. We will be partnering with our friends in the Diocese of the Windward Islands for construction, wellness education and preaching and sacramental mission projects.

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 3 Audrey Berry (05)
- 4 William Eyman
- 8 Jeane Mast (34)
- 18 Lori Bockman (71)

Father Bill is cancelling his land line subscription on July 1st. His cell number is 740/215/3900.

St. John's Family Swim Night

Where: Valley View

When: Saturday, July 9th from 8—11

Come and bring a friend.

Please bring a snack to share.



Thought for the Month

You cannot build a reputation on things you are going to do.

St. John's and St. Paul's ~ Working Together to Serve God

Starting in July, the Episcopal Churches in Lancaster and Logan will begin the first phase of a cooperative venture to more effectively carry out the work of God in the upper Hocking watershed. Both parishes are smaller than they were just a few years ago, and so it makes sense to combine a few of our resources to more efficiently employ the gifts God has given us.

Both churches will maintain their current service times on Sunday, with St. John's services at 8:00 and 10:30, and St. Paul's at 10:30. Unless Fr. Bill is out of town, the 8 AM service at St. John's will always be Communion. The 10:30 service at St. John's will be Communion except for the last Sunday of each month, when Deacon Nick will preach and Morning Prayer will be offered. The 10:30 service at St. Paul's will be Morning Prayer with Communion offered the last Sunday of each month. Deacon Nick will preach at Logan once each month at a Morning Prayer service. We do hope that there will be some visitation between our congregations.

The clergy will spend about 15% of their total time at St. Paul's, and the parish in Logan will take responsibility for that percentage of the cost of maintaining clergy for our parishes. We should be able to maintain Christian Education, regular sacramental and pastoral coverage, outreach ministry, administration, and broader diocesan responsibilities without disruption in either.

This model for cooperative ministry is normative in many parts of the Church of England, and indeed throughout the Anglican world. It affords us the opportunity to share with our neighbors in ministry to our broader communities by worship, study, prayer, and social outreach. It provides increased opportunities for laymen and women to serve as small group leaders, Eucharistic visitors, and even worship leaders and preachers with the right vocational discernment and training. It allows us to more efficiently manage funds and to live within our budgets.

The initial agreement to work together is in place and will run through December 2016. Our vestry and mission council will meet in January to evaluate the first six months and to see where we go from here. If anyone would like to see the full Memorandum of Agreement, it will be available from either of our Senior Wardens as soon as the Bishop grants his approval.

A prayer for friendship as we begin this relationship between our parishes.

O Eternal God, who watchest over us all; Grant that the friendships formed between us here may neither sin be broken, nor hereafter through worldly cares be forgotten; but that, bound together across the world by the unseen chain of thy love, we may be drawn nearer to thee and nearer to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

~P. B. Clayton

St. John's Episcopal Church

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 MP 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 MP/SS	4 7:00P Choral Evensong	5 8:00P AA Meeting	6 12:00 Morning Prayer	7	8 6 pm Ice Cream Social in the garden	9 8-11 pm - Swim night for St. John's at Valley View
10 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 HC/SS	11 7:00P Choral Evensong	12 8:00P AA Meeting	13 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	14 6:30 Touchstone Discussion Grp. Hocking Hills Winery	15	16
17 8:00 HC 9:00 Vestry meeting Coffee Hour 10:30 HC/SS	18 7:00P Choral Evensong	19	20 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	21 1:00P Eagle and Lamb Deadline	22 ArtWalk	23
24 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 HC/SS 31 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 MP	25 7:00P Choral Evensong	26	27 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	28 6:30 Touchstone Discussion Grp. Hocking Hills Winery	29	30

July 2016 Serving Schedule

July 3	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Isaiah 66:10-18
Acolytes		William Eyman & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 66
Lectors	Mark Conrad	Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Galatians 6:1-16
Ushers	Tim Hall & Steve Wood	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 10:1-20
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall, & Janet Kling	Set-up: Mid Hall, Diane Downard & Janet Kling
July 10	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith	Deuteronomy 30:6-20
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Morgan Spires	Psalms 25
Lectors		Holly Perry & Ivan Smith	Colossians 1:1-14
Ushers	Shook Family	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 10:25-37
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith & Mid Hall	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
July 17	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Mark Conrad	Genesis 18:1-10a
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 15
Lectors	Joan Ream	Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	Colossians 1:15-28
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 10:38-42
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gitta Sadoni	Judie Miller & Mid Hall, Judi Berry	Set-up: Judie Miller, Judi Berry & Mid Hall
July 24	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris	Ivan Smith	Genesis 18:20-32
Acolytes		Libby Garbrandt & Hanna Hurdley	Psalms 138
Lectors	Joan Ream	Ivan Smith & Caitlyn Hurdley	Colossians 2:6-19
Ushers	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	William Eyman & John Eyman	Luke 11:1-13
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Reda Kittle, Chris Hurdley & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
July 31	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Doug Carr	Ecclesiastes 1:2
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalms 49
Lectors		Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Perlow	Colossians 3:1-11
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 12:13-21
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Sara Perlow, Mid Hall & Janet Kling	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

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

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