



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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## Rector's Rambling

“O Almighty God, who hast built thy church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone; Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

This prayer, from the second Office of Instruction in the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, speaks of that unity to which the people of God are called. It grows out of our common commitment to the fact that Jesus is Lord, and is an unmistakable witness to the world that Jesus makes a positive difference in our lives.

Deacon Nick and I have been talking of late about things we at St. John's might do to nurture and demonstrate our unity as Christians. Our breakfasts and church social activities certainly provide such opportunities, but it is in our worship of God that we find the most profound evidence of our unity. All of our services contain a creedal affirmation of belief in the Trinity and in the unique, historic person and work of Jesus, the Christ. We always confess our sins and receive absolution, thereby acknowledging our common humanity, and receiving God's love and forgiveness. We always listen to the reading and explanation of the Bible, and acknowledge its authority in our lives. We as Anglican Christians hold it to be the very word of God written, and believe it teaches everything we need to be saved. And we receive Holy Communion together in obedience to our Lord, who said “Do this in remembrance of me.” Yes, our worship is an indicator of that unity which God commands for his people.

But the question arises, are there other things we can do on Sunday morning which bear witness to our unity, and allow us to express our love and compassion for each other? For some time, we have prayed the 10 Commandments together on the first Sunday of each month. This allows us to commit ourselves to a common moral code, and to proclaim our desire to serve God as he has commanded. From time to time, we have also expressed our concern for each other by anointing the sick or infirm with oil as St. James admonishes us to do. We have rejoiced and celebrated together the great events of our lives. Some of our most profound and moving experiences in church have been those times when the Holy Spirit has led a member of our parish to share some special thing God has done in their life.

As Nick and I talked, we pondered how we might be able to encourage such instruments of unity in the life of St. John's. Between now and the end of the year, we would ask you to join us in some simple disciplines which have the potential to enhance our witness of unity to all the world.

~On the first Sunday of each month, we will continue to pray together the 10 Commandments, as a teaching tool, but also as a public statement that we as God's people commit ourselves to order our lives as God would have us to do.

~On the second Sunday of each month, we will celebrate the blessings in our midst by inviting members of the congregation to come forward for special and individualized blessings for birthdays, anniversaries, new jobs, graduations, or any other gifts that God has brought to you.

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~On the third Sunday of each month, we will invite anyone who wishes to receive anointing with oil and prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing to stop by the Timberlake Room immediately following Communion. This ancient practice of the Church allows us to effectively bear one another's burdens.

~On the fourth Sunday of each month, at 10:30 Morning Prayer, just before the General Thanksgiving, Deacon Nick will invite anyone who senses the leading of the Holy Spirit to do so, to stand and share very briefly some specific blessing that God has brought into their life. By recognizing with thankfulness the gifts of God in our midst, may we become a people more likely to see the miracles of God in our own lives.

Nick and I invite you to begin this spiritual journey with us, and pray that together, we might know and share that unity which is the will of God for all of us.

Sincerely,  
Bill+

### **A Special Invitation**

St. James Episcopal Church, Zanesville, is offering a special service to honor police, firefighters, and emergency services for their dedication to the safety of the public. It will also be a memorial to those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The service is sometimes called a "blue mass" but is, in actuality, a memorial service based on the burial office and Holy Eucharist of the Episcopal Church. It is planned for Sunday, September 11th at 4pm, at St. James Episcopal Church, 155 North Sixth St., Zanesville. The service will be solemn and dignified with combined choirs from local churches. It is open to the public and is especially intended for the officers in the various services. A ceremonial unit has been invited to participate as an honor guard.

We would be pleased if the members of your congregation could join us to honor those who have given so much to keep us safe. A reception at the church will follow.

Fr. Bill will be participating. Watch for a sign-up sheet at the back of the church!

### **A Visit from Bishop Breidenthal**

Bishop Breidenthal will visit St. John's on January 8, 2017. If you are interested in affiliating with St. John's, please see Fr. Bill.

### **Online Giving Now Available**

You can now donate to St. John's online! It is possible to do a one time donation or set up recurring donations. This is a great way to set up your pledge payments or make a donation to the capital campaign for the front steps! Just go to [EasyTithe.com/StJohnLancaster](http://EasyTithe.com/StJohnLancaster) and follow the steps. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Kling at [finance@stjohnlancaster.org](mailto:finance@stjohnlancaster.org).

### **Winery Discussion Group**

The topic for discussion at the August 25th Touchstone get together at the Hocking Hills Winery in Logan will be based on James Hitchcock's "A History of Religious Freedom" which can be found in the July/August edition of Touchstone, or on the website or on Fr. Bill's facebook page.

How does our faith help us to live together in a pluralistic age?

"To be right with God often means to be in trouble with men." A. W. Tozer  
submitted by Deacon Nick

**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 Smyder
- 23 L. Sheffield
- 24 Cindy White
- 25 Mike Parker
- 27 Morgan Spires
- 28 David Whitesell
- 29 Denise Denton  
Nicolas White
- 30 Jane Hurley

**Wedding Anniversaries**

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

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

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

**Congratulations to the Dyer Family**

On August 1, 2016, Shawn and Catherine welcomed 8 pound, 10 ounce Alanna to their family. Congratulations and may God richly bless your little girl.

**Parish Health Ministries Luncheon**

Parish Health Luncheons will resume on Wednesday, September 21, after the noon Eucharist.

**Fellowship Breakfast**

Please join your parish family for breakfast after the 8:00 service on Sunday, September 4th.

**Sunday School Reminder**

Sunday School will resume in September on the first four Sundays of each month.

**Mark Your Calendar!**

September 11th at 4 pm—Blue Mass at St. James, Zanesville

September 29th at 3 pm—Community Dinner at St. Paul’s,  
Logan

October 2nd at 10:30 am.—Bishop’s visit at St. Paul’s,  
Logan

October 2nd at 3 pm—Blessing of the Animals—courtyard

October 3rd at 2 pm—East Area Pre-Convention Meeting,  
St. Paul’s, Logan

November 11-12—Diocesan Convention in Columbus

January 8th at 10 am—Bishop’s Visitation and Confirmation  
at St. John’s

**Thought for the Month**

God will look you over, not for medals or degrees, but for scars.

# *St. John's Episcopal Church*

## September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	<b>5</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>6</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>8</b> 6:30 Touchstone Discussion Grp. Hocking Hills Winery	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 HC 4:00p Blue Mass, St. James, Zanesville	<b>12</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>13</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>15</b> 1:00P Eagle and Lamb Deadline 7:00P Vestry	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 HC	<b>19</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>20</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>21</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Parish Health Lunch- eon	<b>22</b> 6:30 Touchstone Discussion Grp. Hocking Hills Winery	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 8:00 HC Coffee Hour 10:30 Morning Prayer	<b>26</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>27</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>28</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>29</b> 3 pm Commu- nity Dinner, St. Paul's, Logan	<b>30</b>	

## September 2016 Serving Schedule

September 4	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Robin Harris	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Dueteronomy 30:15-20
<b>Acolytes</b>		William Eyman & Morgan Spires	Psalm 1
<b>Lectors</b>	Mark Conrad	Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Philemon 1-21
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	John Eyman & Steve Messerly	Luke 14:25-33
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bobbi Beebe	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall & Janet Kling	Set-up: Mid Hall, Diane Downard & Janet Kling
September 11	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tom & Jean Hammer	Mark Conrad	Exodus 32:7-14
<b>Acolytes</b>		Joanna Carr & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm 51
<b>Lectors</b>		Holly Coffill & Caitlyn Hurdley	1 Timothy 1:12-17
<b>Ushers</b>	Shook Family	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 15:1-10
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith & Mid Hall	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
September 18	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Jim Merton	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	Amos 8:4-7
<b>Acolytes</b>		Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 113
<b>Lectors</b>	Joan Ream	Ivan Smith & Mark Conrad	1 Timothy 2:1-7
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 16:1-13
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Peg Merton & aGitta Sadoni	Judie Miller, Mid Hall & Judi Berry	Set-up: Judie Miller, Judi Berry & Mid Hall
September 25	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tom & Jean Hammer	Doug Carr	Amos 6:1-7
<b>Acolytes</b>		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalm 146
<b>Lectors</b>		Ivan Smith & Caitlyn Hurdley	1 Timothy 6:6-19 (8 am only)
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Hall & Robin Leonard	William & John Eyman	Luke 16:19-31
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Reda Kittle, Chris Hurdley & Sally Stallsmith	<b>Set-up:</b> Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

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

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