



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



October 2016

Rector's Rambling

Recently, I was reading in the book of Genesis and came across one of the most heart-rending, but most easily overlooked verses in the Bible. "Seeing that his father disliked Canaanite women, Esau went to Ishmael, and, in addition to his other wives, married Mahalath, sister of Nebaioth and daughter of Abraham's son Ishmael." (Gen. 28:8-9) Poor Esau. He wanted more than anything to please his dad. Dad liked to hunt, so he hunted. Dad liked game feasts, so he cooked. When his dad was dying, he set out to fulfill the old man's last wish, and while he was gone, his mother and pretty boy brother conspired to steal his blessing! Sure, he had done some dumb things, and had made some bad decisions over the years, but all he wanted was his father's approval. And now, as he watches his brother ride off to his promising future as the favored son and heir, Esau announced that he too will marry his cousin, which was allowed in those days. It was one final attempt to gain his parent's approval.

Do you ever feel like Esau? The approval you seek never seems to come. The mistakes you made seem unshakable. The shadow in which you walk never seems to go away. It really is the human experience for many of us, and for most of us at one time or another. The Bible is filled with examples of the reality that we call life. And then Jesus comes into the world. A woman about to be stoned by her neighbors is given the chance to live. A man who was born blind can see. People in the most dysfunctional and hopeless situations are given new outlooks and new lives. That is the real message of Christianity. "God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but find everlasting life!" As we believe and acknowledge Jesus as Lord, our situations may stay the same, but our reality changes as Jesus transforms those things that truly matter. It really is like a blind person having their sight restored. Light comes into the darkness~the light of God's love~and we are changed forever.

Might we all find this transformation to be reality. Might we be made new by the love of God. If you would like to talk more about this sometime, call me at 740-215-3900, or Nick at 740-974-8593. We'll do lunch, or have coffee, and together explore the fullness of life that God offers to everyone who follows him.

Sincerely,

Bill+



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.

Winery Discussion Group

The topic for discussion at the September 22nd *Touchstone* get together at the Hocking Hills Winery in Logan will be based on Allan Carson's "Family Phases" which can be found in the March/April 2016 edition of *Touchstone*, or on the website or on Fr. Bill's facebook page.

October topics are "The True Atheist Myth" (Sept./Oct. 2016 *Touchstone*) and "The Gift of Greg" (Jan/Feb. 2014 *Touchstone*) which speaks to how we deal with disability.

Discussion starts at 6:30, but most arrive 20 to 30 minutes earlier. Most bring their own snacks.

Come meet people from St. Paul's and enjoy the fellowship.

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 and follow the steps. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Kling at finance@stjohnlancaster.org.

Pregnancy Health Decision Fundraiser

The Pregnancy Decision Health Fundraising Banquet will be Wednesday, September 28th, at Little Brook Meadows from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. St. John's will be hosting two tables. Please sign up at the back of the church if you would like to support this important ministry.



**Blessing
of the
Animals**

OCTOBER 2, 2016 @ 3:00 PM
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
134 NORTH BROAD ST.

*To be held in the courtyard - Indoor
facilities available in the event of rain*

Birthdays

- 3 Asher Carr
- 4 Frankie Mathias
- 8 Sarah Perlow
Mary Alice Perrine
- 11 Susan Chilenski
Martin Harris
- 16 Nancy Taylor
- 19 Brian Davidson
- 22 Emily Crawford
- 23 Judy Furlow
- 29 Danny Meenach

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Linda Eager (48)
- 2 Andrew Eyman (94)
- 3 Joanna Carr (04)
- 7 Jason Smith (74)
- 8 Beck Babcock (25)
- 12 Bradford Burton (69)
- 14 Steve Martens (51)
- 17 Jennifer Matz
- 18 Kay Handy (59)
- 20 Preston Leonard (02)
- 31 Ivan Smith (37)

Choir Members Always Needed



Please call Doug Carr (740-385-1356 or email dugkar@gmail.com) if you are interested in singing in the choir. Rehearsals are at 9:15 on Sunday before the 10:30 service.

Sunday Service Change

There will be Holy Communion at both services on Sunday, September 25th. On Sunday Oct. 2, Fr. Bill and Deacon Nick will be in Logan with Bishop Breidenthal so there will be Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. only. Morning Prayer will be read at 10:30.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

The October Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday the 19th after the noon Eucharist.

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish family for breakfast after the 8:00 service on Sunday, October 2nd.

East Area Pre-Convention Meeting

The East Area Pre-Convention Meeting is Sunday, Oct. 2, at 2 pm at St. Paul's in Logan.

Mark Your Calendar!

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

Mental Health First Aid Training—Learn about risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems including a 5-step action plan encompassing the skills, resources and knowledge to help an individual in crisis connect with appropriate care. The training is Wednesday, Oct. 5th from 8 to 5 at St. Patrick's, 7121 Muirfield Dr., Dublin. Please see registration form on the reception area bulletin board.

St. John's Episcopal Church

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 Morn. Pr. 3:00 Blessing of the Animals	3 2:00 Pre-Con- vention Mtg. Logan 7:00P Choral Evensong	4 8:00P AA Meeting	5 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	6	7	8
9 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	10 7:00P Choral Evensong	11 8:00P AA Meeting	12 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	13 6:30 Touchstone Discussion Grp. Hocking Hills Winery	14	15
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October 2016 Serving Schedule

October 2	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Habakkuk 1:1-2:4
Acolytes		William Eyman & Morgan Spires	Psalms 37
Lectors	Marc Conrad	Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	2 Timothy 1:1-14
Ushers	Tim Hall & Steve Wood	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 17:5-10
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall, & Janet Kling	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
October 9	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith	2 Kings 5:1-15
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 111
Lectors		Holly Perry & Ivan Smith	2 Timothy 2:8-15
Ushers	Shook Family	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 17:11-19
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith & Mid Hall	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
October 16	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Marc Conrad	Genesis 32:22-31
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 121
Lectors	Joan Ream	Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 18:1-8
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gitta Sadoni	Judie Miller & Mid Hall, Judi Berry	Set-up: Judie Miller, Judi Berry & Mid Hall
October 23	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris	Ivan Smith	Jeremiah 14:1-22
Acolytes		Libby Garbrandt & Hanna Hurdley	Psalms 84
Lectors	Joan Ream	Ivan Smith & Caitlyn Hurdley	2 Timothy 4:6-18
Ushers	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	William Eyman & John Eyman	Luke 18:9-14
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Reda Kittle, Chris Hurdley & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
October 30	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Doug Carr	Isaiah 1:10-18
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalms 32
Lectors		Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Perlow	2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 (8 am only)
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 19:1-10
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.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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BISHOP OF DIOCESE OF SO. OHIO: The Rt. Rev'd Thomas E. Breidenthal
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For daily & Sunday readings & Fr. Pursley's
sermons, visit St. John's website
www.stjohnlancaster.org