



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



November 2016

Rector's Rambling

As October draws to a close, the November and December calendars are already filling up. To the regular overlay of weekly and seasonal parish activities are added community responsibilities here and in Columbus. And of course goose and deer seasons join my regular monthly outing with Oscar for pheasant. Some place along the way we plan to see the grandkids. And then there is Diocesan Convention, Grand Lodge (in Sandusky this year) and I've not even looked at Christmas stuff yet. Every year, I promise myself that I am going to go off auto pilot and appreciate the "Holidays" for what they really are. And by the beginning of the late goose season in the southern zone, I realize that I have failed again~miserably so.

Many of you are probably in the same boat. What should be a time of peace, goodwill, and focus on all that is holy, beautiful, and true rapidly degenerates into hurriedly scribbled lists and somewhat vain attempts to meet the expectations of others. At best, you dread yet another year of fatigue, time lost, and regrets for what might have been. At worst, you find yourself being alone in a crowd, pulled this way and that, and wishing you had the money and resources to walk away from it all.

This month, I, who have failed at holiday planning with stark certainty ever since I entered the ministry, would like to make a few suggestions for appreciating the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

1) Pick those two or three events which you value the most and give them priority. Don't schedule other things on the day of your prioritized event, and don't schedule things which cut into or rush your travel to or from the event.

2) Learn to say "no." Don't feel like you have to accept every invitation or attend every event, unless, of course, you enjoy them and want to.

3) Don't seek to control others, and don't let others control you.

4) Block in some time every week to meditate on what the real spiritual messages of the seasons are. "Study to be quiet" and "take time to be holy."

5) Don't live in an idealized past. Things probably were not as good as we remember them, and they are probably not as bad as we think they might be. Look forward, be thankful for the blessing of today, and remember that Dickens was a dreamer and Mayberry was a movie set.

Chances are that if you implement any of these suggestions, someone will be upset with you. (see #3) But my guess is that if we concentrate on #4, much of the rest will be easier to accomplish. May God grant to us all a blessed "holiday," or should I say "holy day" season. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 October 27th *Touchstone* get together at the Hocking Hills Winery in Logan will be based on Karen Hoppe's "The Gift of Greg" which can be found in the Jan/Feb., 2014 edition of *Touchstone*, or on the website or on Fr. Bill's facebook page.

The November 10th topic is "The New Healing" by Pat Reardon (Sep/Oct. 2012, *Touchstone*)

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.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

St. John's, St. Mark, and Sixth Avenue United Methodist Churches will again celebrate a service of Thanksgiving. This year St. Mark's will host the gathering with refreshments being served after the service.

Those attending are asked to bring canned or non-perishable food items to be given to local food pantries.



All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is rapidly approaching. Please print legibly the names of those loved ones you would like to have remembered on Sunday, November 6th on the cards provided in the pews and place the cards in the alms basin. You may also email the names or call the church office on Monday through Thursday from 9 til noon. October 26th is the last day for receiving names.

The Totes Project

Soon the leaves on the Tote Project Board will appear and the Evangelism and Renewal Committee will need your help in providing needed items to graduates of the Drug Court Program coordinated by Jenny Saelens.

These graduates, most of whom are women, have lost everything and are starting over. The totes give them the basic supplies to set up their households, and the recipients are always excited and very grateful. In addition to these totes, if you have any good, gently-used household items, such as sheets, pillowcases, towels, plates, et ., you can bring them to church, and we can have them distributed to the graduates of the program.

The Lutheran Food Pantry Needs Our Help

The Holiday season is upon us and the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry plans to provide meals for more than 520 Fairfield County families during this special time of the year. Items to be included in the meals include:

- Boxes of Stove Top Stuffing Mix
- Cans of cranberry sauce
- Packages of instant potatoes
- Cans of fruit (no applesauce, please)
- Boxes of cake mix and frosting
- Bags of egg noodles
- Cans of either corn or green beans

If you would like to participate, food may be placed in the basket at the back of the church. We will attach a label to each food package indicating "Provided with love by St. John's Episcopal Church," so the families will know our churches are demonstrating God's love through this important outreach ministry.

Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Stevenson
- 2 Max Wildermuth
- 6 Jennifer Williams
- 10 Hannah Hurdley
- Carl Roshong
- 12 Bob Wright
- 19 Savannah Crawford
- Wendy Garbrandt
- 24 Michael Garbrandt
- 25 Kim Carter
- 26 Holly Coffill
- 28 Muriel Breining
- 30 Jim Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Paul and Kathy Heim (06)
- 26 Deacon Don and Linda Eager (97)
- Harold and Carol Uhl (66)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Asher Carr (01)
- 3 Morgan Spires (00)
- 6 Linda Lindley (47)
- Nancy Taylor (60)
- 7 Michael Garbrandt (08)
- 13 Thurlow Weed (66)
- 23 Cindy White (8)
- 25 Madeline Kittle (07)
- Mark Perrine (66)
- 27 Walker Kittle (05)
- Lynn Stevenson (42)



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.

Mary Alice Perrine
October 8, 1955 - October 9, 2016

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

Our Sympathy to Jim and Susan Chilenski on the death of Susan’s mother Jane Osterland Lantz who died September 25th at Bickford Assisted Living in Lancaster.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

The November Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday the 16th after the noon Eucharist.

Fellowship Breakfast

Please join your parish family for breakfast after the 8:00 service on Sunday, November 6th.

Altar Guild Decorating for Christmas

Altar Guild members, please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 26, 2016, at 10 am to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. This is a big job and your help would be much appreciated. Decorations will be taken down on January 7, 2017 at 10 am.

Age 16 and up Card Game Night

Join your parish family for a fun night of card games in the undercroft on Saturday, October 29th at 6 pm. This evening will be for those 16 and older. Games will be determined by the participants.

Pizza and snacks will be served.

Come and bring a friend.



St. John's Episcopal Church

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	2 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	3	4	5
6 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC/SS Necrology read	7 7:00P Choral Evensong	8 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	9 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	10 6:30 Touchstone Discussion Grp. Hocking Hills Winery	11 Diocesan Convention	12 Diocesan Convention
13 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	14 7:00P Choral Evensong	15 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	16 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 4:45 Pizza and God Talk	17 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline 7:00 Vestry	18	19
20 8:00 HC 9:15 Choir Prac. 10:30 HC/SS	21 7:00P Choral Evensong	22 7:00P Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 8:00P AA Meeting	23 Service and activities can- celled	24 Thanksgiving	25	26 10:00 Altar Guild Decorating for Christmas
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November 2016 Serving Schedule

November 6	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Job 19:23-27
Acolytes		William Eyman & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 17
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	Steve Messerly & Chris Hurdley	Luke 20:27-38
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe	Sarah Perlow, Mid Hall & Janet Kling	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
November 13	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Mark Conrad	Malachi 4:1-2
Acolytes		Joanna Carr & Morgan Spires	Psalms 98
Lectors		Holly Coffill & Caitlyn Hurdley	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Ushers	Shook Family	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 21:5-19
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Jessie Smith & Mid Hall	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
November 20	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Acolytes		Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 46
Lectors	Joan Ream	Ivan Smith & Mark Conrad	Colossians 1:11-20
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Tom & Karin Howard	Luke 23:33-43
Altar Guild	Peg Merton & Gitta Sadoni	Judie Miller, Mid Hall & Judi Berry	Set-up: Judie Miller, Judi Berry & Mid Hall
November 27	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Doug Carr	Isaiah 2:1-5
Acolytes		Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalms 122
Lectors		Ivan Smith & Caitlyn Hurdley	Romans 13:11-14 (8 am only)
Ushers	Tim Hall & Robin Leonard	John & William Eyman	Matthew 24:36-44
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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For daily & Sunday readings & Fr. Pursley's
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