



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

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Rector's Rambling

Winter reading often takes me back to old favorites. They populate my life like old friends or kindly uncles. Every visit produces some new reward. As S. M. Hutchens says in the Jan./Feb. issue of *Touchstone*, "When I was younger, I would have. . .but I'm getting old now and can hear and see quite a bit better than I used to." I notice different things now than I did when I read the same books twenty, or thirty, or forty years ago. This weekend, it happened with one of the newer books on my "read again shelf." Citizenship Papers was published in 2003 by Wendell Berry, a friend of our own Charlotte Tipton (His father was her father's solicitor), who also taught at the University of Kentucky and farmed with horses. He wrote, "The Christian gospel is a summons to peace, calling for justice beyond anger, mercy beyond justice, forgiveness beyond mercy, love beyond forgiveness. It would require a most agile interpreter to justify hatred and war by means of the Gospels, in which we are bidden to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us, and pray for those who despise and persecute us." (p. 15)

Up to this point, Mr. Berry's essential fact is both profound and palatable. It is obviously true, but sufficiently unspecific to make most of us feel slightly superior for having agreed with it. The problem arises as he continues from theory to application. "And now we are stirring up the question whether or not Islam is a warlike religion, ignoring the question, much more urgent for us, whether Christianity is a warlike religion. There is not hope in this. Islam, Judaism, Christianity ~ all have been warlike religions. All have tried to make peace and rid the world of evil by fighting wars. This has not worked. It is never going to work. The failure belongs inescapably to all of these religions insofar as they have been warlike, and to acknowledge this failure is the duty of all of them. It is the duty of all of them to see that it is wrong to destroy the world, or risk destroying it, to get rid of its evil."

"It is useless to try to adjudicate a long-standing animosity by asking who started it or who is the most wrong. The only sufficient answer is to give up the animosity and try forgiveness, to try to love our enemies and to talk to them and (if we pray) to pray for them. If we can't do any of that, then we must begin again by trying to imagine our enemies' children, who, like our children, are in mortal danger because of enmity that they did not cause." (p. 16)

The truths Wendell Berry expressed so well in this sixteen page essay are timeless because they are true. As they apply to the enmity between religions and cultures and individuals which lead to war, so they apply to the gulfs that occur after elections, after divorces, after failed (or successful) ventures of all kinds. Some of us are old and some of us are not. I pray that we all might "Hear and see quite a bit better than we (sic) used to" as the Holy Wisdom of God fills us in the weeks and months to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.



Bill+

Lent and Holy Week 2017

Feb. 26th	Quinquagesima	HC at 9AM with STOSPAS at 10:00AM
Mar. 1st	Ash Wednesday	Ashes at noon and 7:30PM
Mar. 5th	I Lent	Great Litany and HC at 9AM
Mar. 12th	II Lent	Food for the Poor and HC at 9AM
Mar. 19th	III Lent	HC at 9AM Lenten Supper 5PM - “Prayer in times of difficulty” - Chaplain Dale Boston
Mar. 26th	IV Lent	HC at 9AM Lenten Supper 5PM at St. Paul’s - Logan “Healing” - Jeff Hurdley
Apr. 2nd	V Lent	HC at 9AM with parish breakfast at 10AM
Apr. 9th	Palm Sunday	Palms/HC at 9AM
Apr. 13th	Maundy Thursday	Lord’s Supper at 7:30PM
Apr. 14th	Good Friday	Liturgy at 12 noon/Stations of the Cross 1PM
Apr. 16th	Easter	HC at 9AM

Be sure to invite a friend or relative to celebrate Easter with us!!!

Refresh Your Soul 2017

“Alzheimer’s & Dementia: Overcoming the Struggles and Living Inspired”

The keynote speaker will be John O’Leary, best-selling author of *On Fire* - The 7 choices to ignite a radically inspired life. Loretta Anne Woodward Veney and Teepa Snow, dementia care experts, will also be featured.

The conference will be Monday, March 13, 2017, from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at the Cintas Center at Xavier University. To register, visit parishhealthministry.com/RYS. Please contact 513.979.2246 with questions.

Prayer Book Replacement

Some of our Books of Common Prayer are in need of replacement. If you would be interested in making a donation to replace one of these books, the cost is \$16.50. Checks may be made payable to St. John’s with “prayer book” in the memo.



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Apartment for Rent

St. John’s has a studio apartment for rent. Please call Tom Hammer at 740-503-5575 if you are interested or if you know someone who is.

Save the Date—Parish Picnic, Sunday, May 14th from 10-4 at the Lancaster Shelter House at Rising Park. (Shelter house near the playground)

Birthdays

- 2 Elaine Warnett
- 3 Wanita Burton
Paul Frick
- 5 Ann Leonard
- 6 Garnet Nelson
- 9 Andrew Kittle
- 10 Tim Hall
Sally Stallsmith
- 11 Richard Davis
- 14 Lloyd Kittle
Betty Pugh
- 16 Madeline Kittle
- 18 Kirsten Carr
Caio Dyer
- 21 Rebecca Pursley
- 24 Sarah Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Danny and Julie Meenach (03)
- 15 Milt and Nancy Taylor (92)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Wendy Garbrandt
Robin Leonard
Garnet Nelson
- 3 Cecilia Davidson
Charlene Rowley
- 14 Sandie York
- 17 Nancy Russell

Congratulations!!

Mary Oehler and Gerald Owsley became grandparents on December 29, 2016. Iris Rosemary Ann Pontius was born weighing 9 lbs. and 7 oz. We are so blessed and thankful to have this precious gift from God.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon
Please note—4th Wednesday this month

The February Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday the 22nd after the noon Eucharist.

Fellowship Breakfast

The February Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday the 5th after the 9:00 service. Please be sure to join your parish family in the undercroft.

**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.



STOSPAS Sign-up



A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church asking for your help for our STOSPAS (Shrove Tuesday on Sunday Pancakes and Sausage) breakfast. Cooks, servers, and set up and clean up crews are needed.

Can You Help?

Some of our parishioners need help with transportation in order to get to church on Sunday or Wednesday or for a special event. If you could help, please call Deacon Nick at 740-974-8593 or Father Bill at 740-215-3900 or call the church office at 740-653-3052.

St. John's Episcopal Church

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	2	3	4
5 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast	6 7:00P Choral Evensong	7 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	8 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk at Nick's	9	10	11
12 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	13 7:00P Choral Evensong	14 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	15 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 4:45 Pizza and God Talk	16 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline 7:00 Vestry	17	18
19 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	20 7:00P Choral Evensong	21 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting	22 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 4:45 Pizza and God Talk	23	24	25
26 9:00 HC 10:00 STOSPAS	27 7:00P Choral Evensong	28 3:30 Pizza and God Talk, Logan 8:00P AA Meeting				

February 2017 Serving Schedule

February 5	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Numbers 6:22-27
Acolytes	Nicole Sutter & Libby Garbrandt	Psalm 8
Lectors	Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Galatians 4:4-7
Ushers	Steve Messerly & Mike Whiley	Luke 2:15-21
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow, & Bobbi Beebe	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
February 12	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Frankie Mathias & Ann Rickson	Isaiah 42:1-9
Acolytes	Will Eyman & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 29
Lectors	Holly Coffill & Ivan Smith	Acts 10:34-43
Ushers	Steve Wood & Robin Leonard	Matthew 3:13-17
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
February 19	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Isaiah 49:1-7
Acolytes	Asher & Joanna Carr	Psalm 40:1-12
Lectors	Mark Conrad & Joan Ream	I Corinthians 1:1-9
Ushers	Steve Messerly & Tim Hall	John 1:29-42
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Judie Miller & Mid Hall
February 26	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton & Ivan Smith	Isaiah 9:1-4
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Nicole Sutter	Psalm 27:1-13
Lectors	Ivan Smith & Frankie Mathias	I Corinthians 1:10-18
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Matthew 4:12-23
Altar Guild	Reda Kittle, Sally Stallsmith, Jessie Smith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl

****If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a replacement from the list below. If you cannot find one, please let Fr. Pursley know by Saturday evening (740-215-3900).**

LAY READERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
Marc Conrad 740-243-4933	Bobbie Beebe 614-837-0838	Asher & Joanna Carr 740-385-1356	Holly Coffill 740-652-9124	Tim Hall 740-654-5795
Shawn Dyer 740-277-3830	Mid Hall 740-654-5819	Will Eyman 740-654-2417	Marc Conrad 740-243-4933	Robin Leonard 740-808-4814
Jim Hall 740-654-5819	Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639	Caitlyn Hurdley 740-243-0295	Steve Messerly 740-653-4427
Tom & Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Reda Kittle 740-467-2049	Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Mike Whiley 740-654-4306
Robin Harris 740-215-2311	Janet Kling 217-201-0111	Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459	Steve Wood 740-653-7435
Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Peg Merton 740-974-7137		Joan Ream 740-687-4554	
Jim Merton 740-974-4838	Judie Miller 740-215-3135		Ivan Smith 740-654-3859	
Ann Rickson 740-422-9034	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459		Charlie Voss 740-654-4225	
Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	Gita Sadoni 740-653-8999			
	Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592			
	Carol Uhl 740-569-6190			

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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Michael Garbrandt (19)	740-409-4123
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Steve Messerly (17)	740-653-4427
Mary Oehler(17)	740-689-1202
James Sutter (17)	740-652-9124

For daily & Sunday readings & Fr. Pursley's
sermons, visit St. John's website
www.stjohnlancaster.org