



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



March 2017

Rector's Rambling

Lent is a time for introspection as we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter. It is a time when we examine our own motives and actions and honestly ask how they compare (or contrast) with those of Jesus, and with the revelation of God's character we find in the Bible. Our Lenten program is designed to help us in this examination so that we might come to our great celebration with "clean hands and a pure heart." I hope you will mark your calendar now, and plan to make this Lenten journey with your church family.

26 Feb. ~ Quinquagesima ~ STOSPAS ~ We will gather as God's people following our 9 AM Communion Service for a festive brunch as we prepare to begin our Lenten disciplines.

1 March ~ Ash Wednesday ~ We come together on the first day of Lent to receive a token of our mortality, and to contemplate our need of God's love. Ashes will be offered at St. John's at noon and 7:30 PM, and at 5:30 PM at St. Paul's, Logan.

5 March ~ 1 Lent ~ At 9 AM we will join Christians around the world by praying the Great Litany and receiving Holy Communion. The same service will be offered at St. Paul's at 10:45, and again at St. John's on Wednesday the 8th at noon.

12 March ~ II Lent ~ We will consider the needs of our neighbors as Fr. Bruce Torrey of "Food for the Poor" joins us to preach and celebrate at the 9 AM service. Fr. Torrey will be at coffee hour to answer questions, and to help us explore how we might reach out to our neighbors in the Name of Jesus.

19 March ~ III Lent ~ Holy Communion at 9. The Rev'd Dale Boston, a Hospice chaplain, will be with us at 5 PM for a simple Lenten supper. The church will provide clear soup, clear water-based drinks, and bread ~ "simple, but such as pilgrims need" in this holy season. After supper, Chaplain Boston will explore with us how prayer helps us to access God's resources in the most difficult times of our lives.

26 March ~ IV Lent ~ Holy Communion at 9. At 5 PM we will join our brothers and sisters at St. Paul's, Logan for another simple Lenten supper. Mr. Jeff Hurdley, Esq (ret!), who is in the Diaconal discernment program for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus, will lead us to consider God's will for our healing and wholeness, and to explore how we might receive those blessings.

2 April ~ V Lent ~ Following the 9 AM Holy Communion, we will gather in the undercroft for our monthly parish fellowship breakfast.

9 April ~ Palm Sunday ~ Our 9 AM Holy Communion will begin with the blessing of the Palms, by which we celebrate the Kingly entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. As we move towards Holy Communion, we will consider what Jesus did for us as we hear together the Passion Gospel.

13 April ~ Maundy Thursday. Join us at 7:30 PM as we gather to commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus and the institution of Holy Communion.. The same service will be offered at St. Paul's in Logan at 5:30.

14 April ~ Good Friday ~ We gather as God's people to watch at the cross at noon. The Liturgy will be offered at both St. John's and St. Paul's. Stations of the Cross will follow for those who are able to stay beyond 1 PM.

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16 April ~ Easter! Christ is Risen, Alleluia! ~ A sung festival Eucharist will be offered by Fr. Pursley at St. John's at 9 AM. Fr. McCleery will preach and officiate at St. Paul's in Logan at 10:45.

Remember that Evensong is sung every Monday at 7 at St. John's, and 1928 Holy Communion is offered every Wednesday at noon. May we all experience God's richest blessings as we worship, learn, and fellowship together in this Holy season.

A Lenten Prayer (Book of Common Prayer ~ page 166)

"Almighty and everlasting God, who hastest nothing that thou has made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness' through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

Hello, Family and Friends of Garnet Nelson,

Garnet is doing well; she just turned 93 years old yesterday.

I would love to say Mom is about the same as she was a year ago, but looking back over the year she continued to decline. Garnet is living more and more in the past and in her imagination. She still remembers and talks about people she knows. I did have a taste of my future with her just before Christmas. Garnet fainted from a low heart rate caused by dehydration. (Mom is a sneak and if you are not watching she hides her drinks.) As a result she had to spend 3 days at the Cleveland Clinic. Her second day I arrived at her room to find that she was away having tests. When she was wheeled into the room I leaned over to say hello. She looked at me and said in a frightened voice, "Do I know you?" I responded with a smile and said, "Yes, I am your daughter." Garnet immediately responded with much relief, "Oh, Jennifer." I kept smiling, but I will say my heart clenched. She is still high enough functioning that she knows Elmcroft is not home and we spend a lot of time talking about it.

In my Alzheimer's Support Group, we are now talking about ways to give them back some of their memories while keeping them for ourselves too. So I would like to make Mom a memory book. This is a book where family and friends write a memory or two they have of Garnet. So I am asking for memories you have about my mother. If I can also get a picture or two of you to go with the memory that would be great. I am told that the memories are there, but sometimes they need a little help.

I want to thank you for helping me make this book for Garnet. Memories and pictures can be sent to me by email (jenstoobuzy@aol.com), text (216-225-5691), and of course mail (Jenny Miller 12112 Orme Road, Garfield Heights, OH 44125).

Please pass this request to anyone that you know that may have a memory to share. Thank you.

Hugs and prayers,

Jenny

Vestry Highlights

Our plans for the front step repairs were acceptable to the Historic Commission. We now need to get updated quotes that include details about meeting current local building codes, and those plans and quotes will need to get through the review of the city building department. We have, however, successfully passed our first hurdle.

Birthdays

- 2 Chris Perrine
- 3 Amy Eyman
Charlene Rowley
Thurlow Weed
- 4 John Eyman
- 5 Cathy Forbes
- 12 Libby Garbrandt
- 13 Ann Rickson
Katie Shook
- 18 Eve Fath
- 20 Bobbie Beebe
- 23 William Eyman
- 26 Diana Turpin
- 28 Mike Whiley
- 29 Terry Scott
Charlotte Tipton
- 31 Karen Warnock

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

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

Fellowship Breakfast

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

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.



Wedding Anniversaries

- 20 Doug and Nanci Allen

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Jessie Smith (38)
- 5 Carl Roshong (50)
- 15 Cheryl Berner (58)
- 23 Jim Hall (41)
- 25 Denise Denton (56)
- 31 Frankie Mathias (59)
Ann Rickson (85)
Milt Taylor (63)

Daylight Saving Time Starts



Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday, March 11 as daylight savings time starts on Sunday, March 12th.

Important Reminder for Altar Guild Members

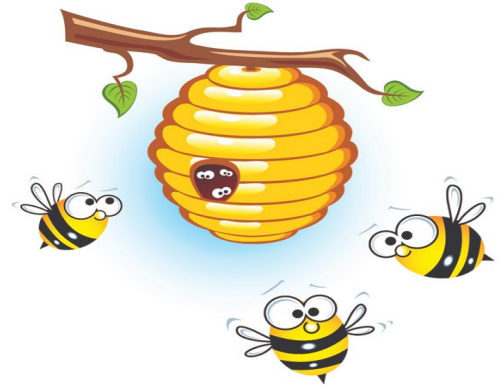
The Altar Guild will set up for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 8th at 10 am. On the following Saturday, April 15th, at 10 am, the Guild will decorate for Easter. Please plan to attend.

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.

Planting Is Just Around the Corner!

We may be “in the bleak winter” now, but spring will be upon us before we know it. Fr. Bill and Rebecca have 30,000 bees coming to live with them the week after Easter, and by that time peas, potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, and greens will be sprouted and growing. Our last frost date comes in mid May, and then we will plant tomatoes, peppers, melons, and squash ~ not to mention herbs and flowers of all types.



Rogation Day this year falls on 21 May, just after our frost date. It is the day when the church traditionally gives thanks for the stewardship of creation, and for the many ways we feed ourselves and make a living. This year, St. John’s will celebrate Rogation Day by pulling out all the stops. Our 9 AM service of Holy Communion will be in the garden, weather permitting. At the conclusion of Holy Communion, we will bless packets of garden seeds and bedding plants, which will be available for purchase after the service. We invite you to bring your own seeds and plants for blessing at this service, as well as tokens of how you make your living, or tools you use to provide for yourself or your family (a keyboard, set of wrenches, teachers’ gradebook, stethoscope, driver’s log, you get the idea!) After the service, L Sheffield will be offering a program about the spirituality and joy of gardening, and everyone is encouraged to attend.



This will also mark the blessing and kick off of our ministry at Lancaster’s Farmers Market, where we hope to sell Direct Trade Coffee, St. John’s garden seeds, donated baked goods and craft items, all packaged in ways which glorify God and explain the ministries of our church. Watch for details and mark your calendar now.

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A Prayer for Rogation Day (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 208)

“O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

St. John's Episcopal Church

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 & 7:30P Holy Com. & Imposition of Ashes	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 9:00 E & R Meeting In Undercroft
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 5:00 Simple Supper	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
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March 2017 Serving Schedule

March 5	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Acolytes	Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 32
Lectors	Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Romans 5:12-19
Ushers	Tim Hall & Mike Whiley	Matthew 4:1-11
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow, & Bobbi Beebe	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
March 12	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Marc Conrad & Ann Rickson	Genesis 12:1-4
Acolytes	Asher & Joanna Carr	Psalms 121
Lectors	Holly Coffill & Ivan Smith	Romans 4:1-17
Ushers	Carol Uhl & Robin Leonard	John 3:1-17
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
March 19	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Robin Harris & Ivan Smith	Exodus 17:1-7
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Will Eyman	Psalms 95
Lectors	Mark Conrad & Joan Ream	Romans 5:1-11
Ushers	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	John 4:5-42
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Judie Miller & Mid Hall
March 26	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	I Samuel 16:1-13
Acolytes	Hannah Hurdley & Joanna Carr	Psalms 23
Lectors	Ivan Smith & Frankie Mathias	Ephesians 5:8-14
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	John 9:1-41
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).**

<u>LAY READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>ACOLYTES</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
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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