



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



June 2017

Rector's Rambling

Like unruly schoolboys, April and May seem to have switched places in line this year. It has occasioned some work of a different sort, but the load has been steady and enjoyable. Now, with a cool start to May, we are waiting for the peonies to bloom. The iris, both Siberian and their Dutch cousins, have been lovely. After a slow start, the pansies are awash with color. We have been harvesting salad greens for over three weeks now. The bees have been a bit confused, but with patience and Fr. Gideon's good advice, they seem to be settling into their ages-old routine:

Generally, I start the day early with an inspection of all things bright and beautiful, and a few necessary outdoor chores. Then I join the dogs for an amble across the disused pasture and through the woods. It is my favorite time of the day. Briarwood is awash with a palate of color and cacophony of sound that only God could create. Then comes a cup of tea and a good book, ablutions, and departure for the day's responsibilities.

For the most part, the responsibilities are quite pleasant. To teach and speak of Jesus, to prepare for or lead worship, and to share God's love in word and deed brings me joy. But some times the trip in is not such a source of unbridled joy. Vehicles are scarce and neighbors are polite until State Route 188 crosses the bypass. From then on, whether I turn north toward Columbus or continue east toward Lancaster, self-importance, self-absorption, and blinkered frenzy seem to characterize the commute. It seems to reach its peak around Canal Winchester on the northern trek, and between Pierce and Main in Lancaster. The Lancaster drive has worsened significantly since the opening of the new elementary school in Hunter Trace.

I suppose many of us have a life that parallels mine. We take joy in our family and friends, and find our fair share of peace in our surroundings. Our regular vocations and employments give us a sense of satisfaction and purpose. And then there are those "other times." Sometimes I wonder how my reactions to those times impact the people around me. Is it possible that a moment of obvious agitation by a man in a highly visible car wearing clericals could reinforce someone's decision not to come to church. Could my obvious preference for the company of 10,000 bees (or a handful of dogs) over the company of two or three hundred people cause someone to imagine that they are not welcome in church? And sometimes I wonder how feelings or aggravations expressed in a moment of frustration by a harried parent might impact the moral development of that child in the back seat.

But even more importantly, I wonder what the presuppositions of self-importance and self-absorption mean for our souls and for our culture. The great commandment is that we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. To focus on self is the opposite of that virtue. I do not believe it is out of line to observe that when a person places him or herself on life's throne instead of God, they generally get the second commandment, that we love our neighbor as ourself, wrong as well. The idolatry we practice in a moment of passion can easily nullify the positive message we intend to communicate in our lives.

May God give us all the grace to live with such simplicity that those who know us best, and those who observe us once might be drawn to Jesus.

Sincerely,
Bill+

Sunday School Update

Dear St. John’s Family,

At this time we have found it necessary to cancel Sunday School for the summer. We simply do not have enough volunteers to make a regular schedule work. As the parent of a young one still in the trenches, I cannot tell you what a welcome break it is to get to truly engage in church every once in a while and know that my child is learning to love Christ on his level in a safe place. I feel strongly that the future of our church depends on this program. It is my goal to have enough adults willing to donate just one Sunday per month to cover Sunday School starting in the fall. If the Lord places it on your heart to serve in this way, please contact Wendy Garbrandt at 740-407-7255.

Winery Discussion Group to Meet

The Winery Discussion Group will meet Thursday, May 25th at 6:30 at Hocking Hills Winery and will discuss C.S. Lewis’ “The Religion of Mohammed.” The discussion group will continue in June on the second and fourth Thursdays

Attention, St. John’s Artists

The ArtWalk held in conjunction with the Lancaster Festival will be on Friday, July 21st from 6 pm to 9 pm. For all of our artists in the parish, please start thinking about what you would like to display. Gerald Owsley will be coordinating the art displays and Mark Perrine will be in charge of refreshments. As in the past, cookies will be needed for the evening of the walk. Donations may be dropped off at the church in the morning of Thursday, July 20th or any



time on Friday, July 21st. Further information will be forthcoming along with a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group

meets second Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m. at Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living, 418 S. Broad St. Lancaster.

The Parkinson’s Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living at 418 S. Broad St., Lancaster. Contact Diane Palmer (740)653-0332) for more information.



Family Pool Party

Saturday, June 24th from 7 to 10 p.m.

Valley View Pool, 1410 George Rd., Lancaster

Bring your favorite snack to share with your church family.

Life jackets and other small floats are allowed for children unable to swim.

Birthdays

- 4 Robert Shull
- 5 Jim Merton
- 8 Nancy Frick
- 10 Doug Allen
- 13 Caroline Rockwood
- 14 Steve Wood
- 15 Cassidy Davis
- 17 Mary Shook
- 18 Barbara Parker
- 20 Bradford Burton
- 21 Laura Wright
- 28 Ronald Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 8 Tom and Jean Hammer (63)
- 10 Bill and Rebecca Pursley (78)
- 13 Jeff and Chris Hurdley (87)
- Chad and Mary Shook (98)
- 14 Lowell and Sally Stallsmith (58)
- 18 Max and Sally Wildermuth (50)
- 23 Mike and Ruth Whiley (73)
- 26 Nick and Joan England (76)
- 29 David and Karen Warnock (62)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Nanci Allen (49)
- 3 Helen Johnston (51)
- 4 Ruth Whiley (50)
- 10 Tierney Carter (01)
- Connie Dowling (63)
- 11 Tom Hammer (44)
- 16 Nicole Walker (74)
- 20 Chris Perrine (82)

Connie Warnock Hansen
March 28, 1968—April 24, 2017

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

Save the Date

St. John’s and St. Paul’s Lutheran, St. Mark Catholic, and 6th Avenue Methodist Church, are planning a roller skating party on July 23rd at 3:30 p.m. at the Amanda Roller Rink. Dust off your skates and join in this ecumenical skating get together.



Parish Health Ministries Luncheons Cancelled

The Parish Health Luncheons which are on Wednesdays after the noon Eucharist are cancelled until September.

June Fellowship Breakfast

The June Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday, the 4th after the 9 a.m. service.

Mark Your Calendar

June 24th - 7 - 10 pm Family Swim at Valley View

July 23rd - 3:30 p.m. Family Skating Party at Amanda Roller Rink

October 8th - 9 a.m. Bishop Breidenthal’s Visit



St. John's Episcopal Church

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast	5 7:00P Choral Evensong	6 8:00P AA Meeting	7 12:00 Morning Prayer	8 6:30P Winery Discussion Group	9	10 9:00 E & R Meeting
11 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	12 7:00P Choral Evensong	13 8:00P AA Meeting	14 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	15 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	19 7:00P Choral Evensong	20 8:00P AA Meeting	21 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	22 6:30P Winery Discussion Group	23	24 7:00P Family Pool Party at Valley View
25 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	26 7:00P Choral Evensong	27 8:00P AA Meeting	28 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	29	30	

June 2017 Serving Schedule

June 4	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Hall & Shawn Dyer	Genesis 11:1-9
Acolytes	Hannah Hurdley & Joanna Carr	Psalm 33: 12-22
Lectors	Charlie Voss & Sarah Perlow	Acts 2:1-11
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	John 7:37-39
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow, & Bobbi Beebe	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
June 11	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	Genesis 1:1-2:4
Acolytes	Will Eyman & Asher Carr	Psalm 8
Lectors	Holly Coffill & Joan Ream	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Ushers	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	Matthew 28:16-20
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
June 18	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Genesis 18:1-15,(21:1-7)
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Nicole Sutter	Psalm 116:1-17
Lectors	Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith	Romans 5:1-8
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Tim Hall	Matthew 9:35-10:8
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Judie Miller & Mid Hall
June 25	9:00 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer & Robin Harris	Genesis 21:8-21
Acolytes	Joanna Carr & Asher Carr	Psalm 86:1-17
Lectors	Ivan Smith & Caitlin Hurdley	Romans 6:1-11
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Matthew 10:24-39
Altar Guild	Sally Stallsmith & Janet Kling	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	Willl 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	Janet Kling 217-201-0111	Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Mike Whiley 740-654-4306
Robin Harris 740-215-2311	Peg Merton 740-974-7137	Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459	Steve Wood 740-653-7435
Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Judie Miller 740-215-3135		Joan Ream 740-687-4554	
Jim Merton 740-974-4838	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459		Ivan Smith 740-654-3859	
Ann Rickson 740-422-9034	Gita Sadoni 740-653-8999		Charlie Voss 740-654-4225	
Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592			
	Carol Uhl 740-569-6190			

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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Holly Coffill (18)	740-652-9124
Catherine Dyer (19)	740-277-3830
Michael Garbrandt (19)	740-409-4123
Robin Leonard (20)	740-687-5621
James Sutter (18)	740-652-9124

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