



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



July 2017

Rector's Rambling

Along with Christmas, Easter, and Memorial Day, Independence Day has always been on my short list of essential remembrances. The others are nice, if someone is willing to pay you to take them off, but these four are different. Christmas and Easter call me to remember God's plan for our redemption. Memorial Day is a time for remembering the sacrifices of those who died to defend us. Independence Day is a time for remembering the idea that is America. I generally turn out for the parade, and with less frequency for the fireworks, because I am an old man with an aversion to heat and crowds. But I always take time to think about this idea that was and is so different from what most people have known throughout human history.

My maternal grandfather was a working cowboy who doubled on occasion as a teamster or a mule skinner. My mother and her sisters picked cotton in their early teens to put food on the table. Because of the Cherokee removal and the War Between the States, the family had been very poor for a long time. My paternal grandfather was an unemployed deep shaft miner and sometimes bootlegger with a share in a largish commercial truck patch. Grandma died when Dad was young. In the old country, I never could have gone to college or grad school, and certainly I would have been unwelcome in the ranks of the clergy or the halls of academia. And yet in America, the most wonderful things are possible. Here, because of the hard work and thriftiness of my parents, I was able to go to college and enter a profession. Here, I was not bound to the station of my family aforesaid. For these realities I am abundantly thankful. These are the things I think about on Independence Day.

It has been observed that on occasion we have failed to live up to the dream, and that is fair. It must also be noted that we have had our good days as well, and we have on the best of those days been that city on a hill of which Governor Bradford wrote ~ a reflection of that heavenly city of which Jesus spoke. It is my sincere prayer that on this Independence Day, we might all draw apart from the celebratory distractions and consider this idea that is America. Take the time to read our core documents: The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, and the Northwest Ordinance. Spend some time with Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, or Roosevelt's Four Freedoms Address. Read Kennedy's Inaugural or listen to the Duke's speech to the Indian Commissioners in McClintock. I consider this treasure we have, and cherish it.

I would be so bold as to propose a toast on this Independence Day.

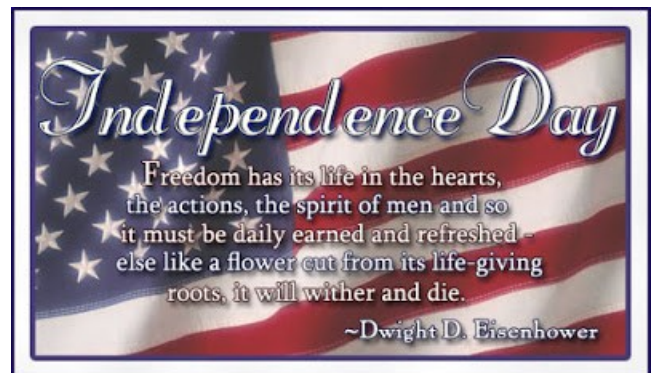
To my country, right or wrong. . .

When right, to support her with my life, my treasure, my liberty, and my sacred honor.

When wrong, to work with courage to implement the dream of what she is called to be.

May God bless these United States of America!
Happy Birthday to us all.

Bill+



Vestry Highlights

1. Catherine Dyer has stepped down from Vestry. Thank you, Catherine, for your service. It has been very much appreciated. Caitlin Hurdley has agreed to take her place, and was approved by the Vestry.
2. Some potential problems with the plans to replace the front steps have come to our attention, and we are working with the company to examine this in more detail and make sure that our final plans are solid. I want to thank our junior warden, Travis Kling, for following up on this project.
3. You can now give online through EasyTithe Giving, using a debit card, check card, Visa, Master Card, Discover, or eCheck/ACH. To do so, just go to <http://easytithe.com/stjohnlanaster> and register. If you have questions about this, please contact Janet Kling at finance@stjohnlanaster.org or Mark Conrad at mconrad92@gmail.com

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.

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.

Reminder: Swim Party



June 24th from 7 to 10 p.m. at Valley View

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 Andrew Eyman
- 5 Connie Dowling
- 6 Reda Kittle
- 8 Doug Snyder
- 9 Jordan Wilson
- 10 Robin Harris
- Schyler Crawford
- 11 Tyler Spires
- 15 Deacon Nick England
- 18 Jenna Snyder
- 20 Walker Kittle
- 23 Sally Wildermuth
- 25 David Warnock

Parish Health Ministries Luncheons Cancelled

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

July Fellowship Breakfast

The July Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday, the 2nd after the 9 a.m. service.

Bishop Breidenthal's Visit

For those of you who are interested in confirmation or reception, please see Fr. Bill to prepare for the Bishop's visit.

Winery Discussion Group to Meet

The *Touchstone* Discussion Group will meet Thursday, July 13th at 6:30 at Hocking Hills Winery. The 4th Thursday meeting will be cancelled due to the Lancaster Festival.

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Steve and Camille Martens (93)
- 5 David and Cheryl Berner (80)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 3 Audrey Berry (05)
- 4 William Eyman (99)
- 8 Jeane Mast (34)
- 18 Lori Bockman (71)

Can You Help?

The Altar Guild is always looking for new members. This is a very quiet ministry serving our Lord with weekly altar preparation. If you would be interested, please contact any member listed in the Eagle and Lamb schedule page.

Ecumenical Family Skating Party

Sunday, July 23rd at 3:30 p.m.

Amanda Roller Rink, 5180 Sand Hill Rd., SW, Amanda

Join families from St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Mark Catholic and Sixth Avenue Methodist Churches for a fun afternoon.



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St. John's Episcopal Church

July 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast | 3 7:00P Choral Evensong | 4 8:00P AA Meeting | 5 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 6 | 7 | 8 9:00 E & R Meeting |
| 9 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour | 10 7:00P Choral Evensong | 11 8:00P AA Meeting | 12 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 13 6:30 Winery Discussion Group | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour | 17 7:00P Choral Evensong | 18 8:00P AA Meeting | 19 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 20 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline | 21 ArtWalk | 22 |
| 23 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour 3:30 Roller Skating Party | 24 7:00P Choral Evensong | 25 8:00P AA Meeting | 26 Bible Study Cancelled 12:00 HC | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour | 31 7:00P Choral Evensong |  | | | | |
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July 2017 Serving Schedule

| July 2 | 9:00 AM | Readings |
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| Lay Readers | Shawn Dyer & Holly Coffill | Genesis 22:1-14 |
| Acolytes | Nicole Sutter & Hannah Hurdley | Psalms 13 |
| Lectors | Sarah Perlow & Charlie Voss | Romans 6:12-23 |
| Ushers | Steve Messerly & Tim Hall | Matthew 10:40-42 |
| Altar Guild | Sarah Perlow, & Bobbi Beebe | Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling |
| July 9 | 9:00 AM Palm Sunday | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Tom & Jean Hammer | Genesis 24:34-67 |
| Acolytes | Libby Garbrandt & Joanna Carr | Psalms 45:11-18 |
| Lectors | Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill | Romans 7:15-25 |
| Ushers | Steve Wood & Robin Leonard | Matthew 11:16-30 |
| Altar Guild | Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl | Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl |
| July 16 | 9:00 AM Easter Sunday | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Marc Conrad & Ivan Smith | Genesis 25:19-34 |
| Acolytes | Asher & Hannah Hurdley | Psalms 119:105-112 |
| Lectors | Caitlyn Hurdley & Joan Ream | Romans 8:1-11 |
| Ushers | Steve Messerly & Mike Whiley | Matthew 13:1-23 |
| Altar Guild | Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni | Set-up: Judie Miller & Mid Hall |
| July 23 | 9:00 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Tom & Jean Hammer | Genesis 28:10-19 |
| Acolytes | Libby Garbrandt & Nicole Sutter | Psalms 139:1-23 |
| Lectors | Ivan Smith & L.M. Sheffield | Romans 8:12-25 |
| Ushers | Tim Hall & Robin Leonard | Matthew 13:24-43 |
| Altar Guild | Sally Stallsmith & Bobbi Beebe | Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl |
| July 30 | 9:00 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Robin Harris & Marc Conrad | Genesis 29:15-28 |
| Acolytes | Asher & Joanna Carr | Psalms 105:1-11, 45b |
| Lectors | Ivan Smith & Sarah Perlow | Romans 8:26-39 |
| Ushers | Mike Whiley & Steve Wood | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 |
| Altar Guild | Judie Miller & Janet Kling | Set-up: Judie Miller & Gita Sadoni |

****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 | Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639 | Marc Conrad 740-243-4933 | Robin Leonard 740-808-4814 |
| Tom & Jean Hammer 740-687-6134 | Jean Hammer 740-687-6134 | Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831 | Caitlyn Hurdley 740-243-0295 | Steve Messerly 740-653-4427 |
| Robin Harris 740-215-2311 | Janet Kling 217-201-0111 | Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124 | Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559 | Mike Whiley 740-654-4306 |
| Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559 | Peg Merton 740-974-7137 | | Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459 | Steve Wood 740-653-7435 |
| Jim Merton 740-974-4838 | Judie Miller 740-215-3135 | | Joan Ream 740-687-4554 | |
| Ann Rickson 740-422-9034 | Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459 | | L.M. Sheffield 440-653-1865 | |
| Ivan Smith 740-503-8880 | Gita Sadoni 740-653-8999 | | Ivan Smith 740-654-3859 | |
| | Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592 | | Charlie Voss 740-654-4225 | |
| | Carol Uhl 740-569-6190 | | | |

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| Doug Carr (18) | 740-385-1356 |
| Holly Coffill (18) | 740-652-9124 |
| Caitlin Hurdley | 740-243-0295 |
| 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
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www.stjohnlancaster.org