



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



September 2017

Rector's Rambling

Thanksgiving is a national holiday which tells us to give thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy in this country. We will celebrate it this year on Sunday, November 19 (note the change from Tuesday to Sunday.) Our friends from 6th Avenue United Methodist Church and St. Mark's Catholic Church will join us at 7 pm for the celebration.

Harvest Festival is something very different. It is a local church celebration which gives thanks for God's meeting of our needs for food and sustenance. The timing of the harvest festival roughly coincides with the harvest moon, a full moon which usually falls in September. It bears some resemblance to the Old Testament practice of giving back to God an offering from the first fruits of the harvest, and in the local parish works something like this. On the day appointed (for us Sunday, September 24th this year), everyone brings a small bag of fresh produce, fruit, or a bunch of flowers from your garden, or from the store where you do your shopping. When you enter the church, leave your in kind offering in the place provided at the lectern. During the service, the offering will be blessed. Immediately following the service, during the coffee hour, the produce and flowers will be divided into baskets, which will be delivered to shut-ins from our congregation that morning or afternoon. The idea is to thank God for sustaining us, and to let those who can no longer attend public worship know that they are not forgotten.



Harvest Festival is an ancient tradition in our Mother Church, the Church of England, and a wonderful way to involve us all in worship and service.

Plan to attend and bring your offering on September 24th at the 9 a.m. service, and to deliver a basket to someone following the service. Watch for sign-up sheets and more details in the weeks to come.!

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Pregnancy Decision Health Center Fundraiser

The Pregnancy Decision Health Center Fundraising Presentation on September 20th will feature guest speaker LTC Oliver North. If you are interested in attending, please sign up for tickets at the back of the church. The event will take place at Fairfield Christian Church with heavy hors d'oeuvres being served. Guests will be given an opportunity to make a contribution to save lives.

Sunday School Update

Dear St. John's Family,

This year we 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.

A Suggestion

If you know anyone in our parish who is ill or facing a difficulty or infirmity, fill out a prayer card. Drop it in the alms basin or lay it on the altar. The Bible admonishes us to pray for each other and bear one another's burdens.

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.

A Special Invitation

St. James Episcopal Church, Zanesville, is offering a special service to honor police, firefighters, and emergency services for their dedication to the safety of the public. It will also be a memorial to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The service is sometimes called a "blue mass" but is, in actuality, a memorial service based on the burial office and Holy Eucharist of the Episcopal Church. It is planned for Sunday, Sept. 10th at 4 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 155 N. 6th St., Zanesville. The service will be solemn and dignified with combined choirs from local churches.

A reception sponsored by Olive Garden will follow the service.

Look Around

Look around three Sundays in a row at church. Is someone you know conspicuous by their absence? Call them, or send them a card saying that you missed them, and hope to see them soon.

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.

Bishop Breidenthal's Visit—October 8th

For those of you who are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation of vows, please see Fr. Bill or call 740-215-3900 to prepare for the Bishop's visit.

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.

Birthdays

- 1 Alex Shook
- 2 Diane Downard
- 3 Fran Utley
- 10 Nancy Russell
- 13 Doug Carr
Jean Hammer
- 15 Linda Lindley
Ora Miesse
- 21 Ashley Snyder
- 23 L Sheffield
- 24 Cindy White
- 25 Mike Parker
- 27 Morgan Spires
- 28 David Whitesell
- 29 Denise Denton
Nicholas White
- 30 Jane Hurley

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 Ron and Judie Miller (60)
- 17 Jim and Mid Hall (66)
- 22 John and Amy Eyman (90)
- 29 Mike and Wendy Garbrandt (01)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 10 Steve Messerly (50)
- 11 Robin Harris (55)
- 16 Deacon Nick England (50)
- 22 Lloyd Kittle (74)
Mike Whiley (57)
- 25 Milton Taylor (94)
- 27 Tim Hall (36)
Tyler Spires (98)

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Tristan Pursley and Michelle Corbett who were married on August 5, 2017, at Royal American Links, Galena, OH. Tristan is the son of Fr. Bill and Rebecca.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheons Resume

The Parish Health Luncheons which are on the third Wednesday of the month following the noon Eucharist will resume on September 20th. Please plan to come and enjoy the fellowship. If transportation is needed, please contact Fr. Bill or the church office. (740-653-3052)

September Fellowship Breakfast

The September Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday, the 3rd after the 9 a.m. service.

Kay Waddell Card Shower

A dear member of St. John's, Kay Waddell, will be celebrating her 98th birthday on August 26th. Let's help make it a special day by having a card shower for her. If you would like to participate, Kay's address is 509 Lynwood Lane, Lancaster.

Winery Discussion Group to Meet

The *Touchstone* Discussion Group will meet Thursday, August 24th at 6:30 at Hocking Hills Winery. Meetings will continue at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays through October 26th.

Wednesday Bible Study

Starting August 30th, our Wednesday Bible Study will begin a study of Exodus. We hope to see you there.

Pizza and God Talk

Pizza and God Talk will resume after Labor Day. Details to follow.

St. Francis Day

St. Francis Day will be celebrated with a blessing of the beasts on Sunday, October 8th at 3 pm in Lancaster and 5 pm in Logan

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4th for Labor Day and Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day.

St. John's Episcopal Church

September 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast | 4 7:00P Choral Evensong Office closed | 5 8:00P AA Meeting | 6 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour 4:00 Blue Mass Zanesville | 11 7:00P Choral Evensong | 12 8:00P AA Meeting | 13 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 14 6:30 Winery Discussion Group | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour | 18 7:00P Choral Evensong | 19 8:00P AA Meeting | 20 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Parish Health Lunch. | 21 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour | 25 7:00P Choral Evensong | 26 8:00P AA Meeting | 27 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC | 28 6:30 Winery Discussion Group | 29 | 30 |

September 2017 Serving Schedule

| September 3 | 9:00 AM | Readings |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lay Readers | Shawn Dyer & Holly Coffill | Exodus 3:1-15 |
| Acolytes | Nicole Sutter & Libby Garbrandt | Psalm 26:1-8 |
| Lectors | Sarah Perlow & Charlie Voss | Romans 12:9-21 |
| Ushers | Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley | Matthew 16:21-28 |
| Altar Guild | Sarah Perlow, & Bobbi Beebe | Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling |
| September 10 | 9:00 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Mark Conrad & Ivan Smith | Exodus 12:1-14 |
| Acolytes | Hannah Hurdley | Psalm 149 |
| Lectors | L.M. Sheffield & Joan Ream | Romans 13:8-14 |
| Ushers | Steve Wood & Steve Messerly | Matthew 18:15-20 |
| Altar Guild | Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl | Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl |
| September 17 | 9:00 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Tom & Jean Hammer | Exodus 14:19-31 |
| Acolytes | Asher & Joanna Carr | Psalm 114 |
| Lectors | Marc Conrad & Caitlin Hurdley | Romans 14:1-12 |
| Ushers | Robin Leonard & Tim Hall | Matthew 18:21-35 |
| Altar Guild | Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni | Set-up: Judie Miller & Mid Hall |
| September 24 | 9:00 AM | Readings |
| Lay Readers | Tom Hammer & Robin Harris | Exodus 16:2-15 |
| Acolytes | Libby Garbrandt & Nicole Sutter | Psalm 145:1-8 |
| Lectors | Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| Ushers | Mike Whiley & Tim Hall | Matthew 20:1-16 |
| 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).**

| LAY READERS | ALTAR GUILD | ACOLYTES | LECTORS | USHERS |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Holly Coffill 740-652-9124 | Bobbie Beebe 614-837-0838 | Asher & Joanna Carr 740-385-1356 | Holly Coffill 740-652-9124 | Tim Hall 740-654-5795 |
| Marc Conrad 740-243-4933 | Mid Hall 740-654-5819 | Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639 | Marc Conrad 740-243-4933 | Robin Leonard 740-808-4814 |
| Shawn Dyer 740-277-3830 | Jean Hammer 740-687-6134 | Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831 | Caitlyn Hurdley 740-243-0295 | Steve Messerly 740-653-4427 |
| Tom & Jean Hammer 740-687-6134 | Janet Kling 217-201-0111 | Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124 | Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559 | Mike Whiley 740-654-4306 |
| Robin Harris 740-215-2311 | Peg Merton 740-974-7137 | | 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 | | L.M. Sheffield 440-653-1865 | |
| Ann Rickson 740-422-9034 | Gita Sadoni 740-653-8999 | | Ivan Smith 740-654-3859 | |
| Ivan Smith 740-503-8880 | Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592 | | Charlie Voss 740-654-4225 | |
| | Carol Uhl 740-569-6190 | | | |
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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Members of Vestry

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| Mark Conrad (Senior Warden) | 740-243-4933 |
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| Steve Ball (20) | 740-654-7875 |
| 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
sermons, visit St. John's website
www.stjohnlancaster.org