



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



January 2018

## Rector's Rambling

Today I had occasion to drive to the city. As cities tend to be, it was filled with people, all made in God's image, and all loved by our Heavenly Father. But my, wasn't everyone in a hurry! I don't think anyone made eye contact with me, except for the woman who blew her horn at me in traffic. (She really should learn to keep both hands on the wheel~ it would be much more ladylike!) I would guess that most of the people I saw are personable, interesting, and perhaps even delightful one on one over a cup of coffee, or in small groups. But my, I didn't come away from my trip to the city with that impression about anyone I encountered today.

As I was driving home, I gave some thought to why we homo-sapiens tend to be like the experience I had today. Certainly, part of it has to do with the philosophical underpinnings of modern western secularism. The flawed anthropology of Rousseau. Voltaire, and other enlightenment luminaries certainly comes into play. On a more mundane level, life just blows for a lot of people. Money and time are always in short supply. And then there is that biological reality that too many rats, or cats, or dogs, or horses, or people in a cage tend to turn on each other.

I could go on, but my unpleasant reverie is interrupted by a voice I will presume to be the Holy Spirit. "Bill are you making this worse by your predisposition to the country life? Are you seeing your neighbors for whom Christ died in Malthusian terms as mere excess population? Are you refusing to see the nameless faces as Jesus saw and sees you and thereby contributing to the problem?"

Well, perhaps. I don't imagine I'll ever be drawn to a city, or even to a large town. But I come away from my trip and its accompanying reverie with a renewed understanding of the expectation of Jesus re my attitude towards other people. He expects me to love as he loves. He expects me to see beyond present reality as he sees beyond present reality. He expects me to treat others as I would like to be treated, even if there is small probability of the favor being returned.

Thank you Lord, for making my New Year's resolution so profoundly obvious this year.

Sincerely,

**Bill+**

### Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 28th after the 9 a.m. service. Please plan to attend to elect Vestry persons and Diocesan Convention delegates. Our 2018 budget will also be presented at this time.

### Parish Health Ministry Conference Refresh Your Soul—2018 Positive Aging

Monday, March 12, 2018 — 9a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The conference this year features keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Chapman, Phd. Dr. Chapman is a best-selling author, inspirational speaker, marriage counselor, and a highly respected pastor. He is well known internationally for his bestselling book, *The Five Love Languages*, which has sold over 10 million copies and translated into 50 languages. He will describe how to deal effectively with our failures to support healthy relationships and positive aging through the five languages of apology. He will share how to discover our own apology language and that of others. We will learn what forgiveness does and does not do. Three other speakers will share their knowledge about positive aging.

The conference location is The Cintas Center at Xavier University, 1624 Herald Ave., Cincinnati. All registrations include continental breakfast, box lunch and event materials. The cost is \$59 or \$85 for those needing contact hours.

See the brochure on the reception room bulletin board for further information or contact Fr. Bill or Mary Oehler.

### Thought for the Month

**Caution: Never drive faster than your angels can fly.**

### Endurance

A surprised mother found her four year-old son crying as he was tying his shoes.

“Why are you crying?” she asked.

“I have to tie my shoes,” he sobbed.

“But you just learned how. It isn’t that hard, is it?”

“But I’m gonna have to do it the rest of my life!” he wailed.

We know the feeling. . .every time we’re faced with a new year. We have to face all its demands and chores for all its days.

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### Epiphany

Epiphany is a feast day older than Christmas itself, for it was observed as early as A.D 194. Celebrated on 6 January by the Church, Epiphany commemorates the revelation to the Gentiles of Christ as Savior, portrayed through the coming of the Three Wise Men.

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God bless  
thy year!  
Thy coming in,  
thy going out.  
Thy rest. Thy  
traveling about,  
The rough, the  
smooth,  
The bright,  
the drear,  
God bless thy  
Year!

**Birthdays**

- 5 Sebastian Burton
- 7 Camille Martens  
Ellen Taylor-Allen
- 9 George Pursley
- 10 Judie Miller
- 12 James Sutter
- 16 Caitlin Hurdley
- 21 Jack Warnett
- 22 Cecilia Davidson
- 23 Bill Young
- 25 Sam Hurley  
Zachary White

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 1 Muriel Breining (25)  
Deacon Don Eager (47)  
Doug Snyder (62)
- 4 Chris Hurdley (95)
- 8 Charlotte Tipton (34)
- 24 Camille Martens (54)
- 30 Carol Uhl (47)
- 31 Ora Miesse (31)



**Congratulations, Katie Shook**

Katie Shook was named LHS CT (career tech) Student of the Month for November and this week she was named Lancaster Eagle-Gazette Female Athlete of the Week. Congratulations, Katie. Katie’s parents are Chad and Mary Shook and her grandmother is Cathy Forbes.

**LHS Swimmers: Shook and Garbrandt**

In a recent swim meet, Katie Shook won the 100 butterfly and the 50 free style and Libby was part of the winning 200 free style relay team. Congratulations, girls!

**Parish Health Ministries Luncheon~4th Wednesday**

The next Parish Health Luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 24th after the noon Eucharist. Please plan to come and enjoy the fellowship. If transportation is needed, please contact Fr. Bill or the church office. (740-653-3052)

**January Fellowship Breakfast**

The January Fellowship Breakfast will be on Sunday, the 7th after the 9 a.m. service.

***Convention Delegates Needed***

Anyone interested in running for convention delegate at our annual parish meeting needs to see Fr. Bill. Time commitment would be a pre-convention meeting and a day-long meeting in November.

**Attention, Committee Chairs**

Reports from our wardens, treasurer, music department, Evangelism and Renewal Committee, Parish Health Ministries Committee, and Mission Committee are due in the church office by January 14th so that they may be printed and collated for the annual report. Please submit them electronically, if possible.

**Altar Guild, please note**

Christmas decorations will be taken down and stored on Saturday, December 6th at 10 a.m.

# *St. John's Episcopal Church*

## January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast	<b>8</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>9</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>10</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:15 Vestry	<b>15</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>16</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>17</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC	<b>18</b> 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>22</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>23</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>24</b> 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Parish Health Lunch.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 9:00 Morn. Pr. 10:00 <b>Annual Parish Mtg.</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>30</b> 8:00P AA Meeting 3:15 Pizza and God Talk	<b>31</b> 12:00 HC			

## January 2018 Serving Schedule

January 7	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	Genesis 1:1-5
<b>Acolytes</b>	Asher Carr & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 29
<b>Lectors</b>	Sarah Perlow & Charlie Voss	Acts 19:1-7
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Mark 1:4-11
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sarah Perlow & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
January 14	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tom & Jean Hammer	I Samuel 3:1-20
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nikki Sutter & Joanna Carr	Psalms 139:1-17
<b>Lectors</b>	Frankie Mathias & Joan Ream	I Corinthians 6:12-20
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Wood & Steve Messerly	John 1:43-51
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
January 21	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Tom Hammer & Jim Merton	Jonah 3:1-10
<b>Acolytes</b>	Asher & Joanna Carr	Psalms 62:6-14
<b>Lectors</b>	Jim Merton & Caitlin Hurdley	I Corinthians 7:29-31
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Steve Wood	Mark 1:14-20
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Mid Hall & Peggy Merton
January 28	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Robin Harris & Frankie Mathias	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nikki Sutter & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 111
<b>Lectors</b>	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	I Corinthians 8:1-13
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Whiley & Steve Messerly	Mark 1:21-28
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bobbi Beebe & Frankie Mathias	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).**

<b>LAY READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	<b>ACOLYTES</b>	<b>LECTORS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
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
Mark Conrad 740-243-4933	Mid Hall 740-654-5819	Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639	Mark 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	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459		Joan Ream 740-687-4554	
Ann Rickson 740-422-9034	Gita Sadoni 740-653-8999		L.M. Sheffield 440-653-1865	
Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592		Ivan Smith 740-654-3859	
	Carol Uhl 740-569-6190		Charlie Voss 740-654-4225	

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**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF**

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RECTOR: The Rev'd Mr. G. William Pursley  
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Janet Kling  
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Caitlin Hurdley	740-243-0295
Michael Garbrandt (19)	740-409-4123
Robin Leonard (20)	740-687-5621
James Sutter (18)	740-652-9124

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sermons, visit St. John's website  
[www.stjohnlancaster.org](http://www.stjohnlancaster.org)