



# THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



July 2018

## Deacon's Detour

It's July and most everyone is planning some sort of backyard party or at least attending one not of their own planning. Most of the events will contain a theme surrounding the birth of our nation. And the last time I looked it was still appropriate to give the adulation of our inheritance to the one on which it is founded.

It continues to be legal to speak the gospel in public in these United States, and even to press for repentance and faith. This is a glorious liberty. Let's make the most of it while we still can, remembering that we Christians have a true country, which will satisfy our inconsolable longing like no nation in the present can. And let's double our joy by bringing as many others with us as we can. It's hard to say it any better than C.S. Lewis:

“ If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. If none of my earthly pleasures satisfy it, that does not prove that the universe is a fraud. Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or to be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage.

I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of life to press on to that country and to help others to do the same.” (Mere Christianity)

If such a perspective would fly as the star-spangled banner over our Independence Day celebrations with family and friends, we might find them richer than ever.

Let's be profoundly grateful for the freedom we have in this country to recruit for the true one, and let's be unashamed to seize upon our fellow American's desire for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and show them in whom such joy is truly found.

May the Name of Jesus be always praised!

In His Service,

Deacon Nick +

*Please tear off and pray daily for our search for a new rector.*

*Deacon Nick*

Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. John's.

Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church.

We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader, that we may receive an upright and faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Grant us perception, faithfulness and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations.

Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process.

Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. Come Holy Spirit.

## Senior Warden's Wafflings – June 2018

### Appointment of a Transition Priest

There have been many twists and turns in the transition Priest saga. The Bishop has insisted that we appoint a transition Priest rather than pursue a Priest in charge.

Vestry representatives along with St Paul's vestry representatives have interviewed (via Skype) Rev. Robert Clarke. His references have been checked thoroughly and after a review with both vestries he has been offered the position, subject to a satisfactory interview with the Bishop. Rev Clarke brings many skills and attributes to the position and will be a valuable asset.

### Supply Clergy for July:

July 1: Father Michael Jupin  
July 8: Father Seth Wymer  
July 15: Father Michael Jupin  
July 22: Deacon Nick  
July 29: Father Michael Jupin

Wednesday services will be covered using Rev. Kitty Clausen and lay readers.

### Long Term Parish Financial Stability

Several grant money opportunities have been identified and are being pursued.

### B.I.P. Initiative (Bums In Pews)

The Vestry has decided to initiate the following:

Offer undercroft to the Red Cross for a blood drive.

Christmas message from St John's on a billboard in town.

Art walk to be displayed in the church and undercroft (appropriate displays in the church & no food will be allowed).

Use social media more.

Update website and include photographs and music clips of the choir.

Sell ice cream at the British Invasion concert 7/13/18

### Capital Improvement Projects

The lighting in the undercroft has been upgraded to LED and is much brighter. The flooring in the undercroft is the next project to be under taken with options and quotes being investigated.

Next Vestry meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup> (after coffee hour). I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,  
Robin Leonard

**Birthdays**

- 4 Andrew Eyman
- 5 Connie Dowling
- 6 Reda Kittle
- 8 Doug Snyder
- 10 Robin Harris
- 11 Tyler Spires
- 15 Deacon Nick England
- 18 Jennifer Snyder
- 20 Walker Kittle
- 23 David Warnock

**Our Sympathy** to Father Bill and Rebecca on the death of Rebecca's father, Joe Mathias, who died Friday, June 15, 2018, at Mt. Carmel East Hospital.

**Fellowship Breakfasts**

Fellowship breakfasts are cancelled for the months of July and August. Mark and Chris have promised to be cooking again in September.

**Cookies Needed****Wedding Anniversaries**

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

**Baptismal Anniversaries**

- 3 Audrey Berry (05)
- 4 William Eyman (99)
- 18 Lori Bockman (71)

The ArtWalk held in conjunction with the Lancaster Festival will be on Friday, July 20th 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 19th or any time on Friday, July 20th. Further information will be forthcoming as well as a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

**Applause! Applause!**

How we love to cheer and applaud a great performance: a beautiful reception by one of football's great wide receivers, a stirring performance by a great symphony opera company, a dramatic portrayal by a great actor, years of faithful and talented service by a coworker in our company, moments of standing ovations shared over a lifetime.

One of the first gestures a small child learns is applause. The face lights up, the tiny hands reach into the air, and enthusiastic, somewhat uncoordinated applause dominates the child's whole being. How I have cherished the spontaneous applause in each of our grandchildren in the earliest years of their lives. Almost every young child in my congregation loves to give me a "high five." To applaud in the face of wonder or appreciation is natural and genuine to human nature.

Scripture reminds us of the majestic performance of God on our behalf: the gift of life; the special joys of family ties and significant friendships; the mysterious and delicate harmony of creation; the durability of the Christian church; the incredible gift of amazing grace.

Sometimes we are moved to assess the beauty of the night sky or to review the people and events of a given day or to realize anew the joy and promise of God's steadfast love, and we want to applaud the Creator—in spirit if not in actuality. Like a trusting child, we clap our hands in joyful appreciation.

We need a few moments on a regular basis to enter into the great human experience of praise. It is a way of life for the Christian. God has made us. We belong! O be joyful in the Lord, all you people. Enter the sacred Presence with thanksgiving! (See Psalm 95:2 and 100:2.) Applause! Applause!


From *On a Wing and a Prayer* by Brian K. Bauknight 1998 *Dimensions for Living*

# St. John's Episcopal Church



## July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 HC Fr. Michael Jupin 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>2</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>3</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>4</b> Office closed. Holy Commu- nion cancelled 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:00 HC Fr. Seth Wymer 10:00 Coffee Hour Cancelled	<b>9</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>10</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 12:00 noon Morning Prayer	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 HC Fr. Michael Jupin 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>16</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>17</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 12:00 HC The Rev. Kitty Clausen	<b>19</b> 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	<b>20</b> 6:00 pm ArtWalk	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 MP Deacon Nick 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>23</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>24</b> 8:00P AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 12:00 HC The Rev. Kitty Clausen	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 HC Fr. Michael Jupin 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>30</b> 7:00P Choral Evensong	<b>31</b> 8:00P AA Meeting				

**Please Note!** The July calendar is subject to change due to finalizing the calling of our transitional priest.

## July 2018 Serving Schedule

July 1	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Robin Harris & Holly Coffill	2 Samuel 1:7-27
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 130
<b>Lectors</b>	Sarah Perlow & Ivan Smith	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Tim Hall	Mark 5:21-43
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sarah Perlow, & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
July 8	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Tom & Jean Hammer	2 Samuel 5:1-10
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nicole Sutter	Psalm 48
<b>Lectors</b>	Ann Rickson & Caitlyn Hurdley	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Mark 6:1-13
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
July 15	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Ivan Smith & Jim Mertom	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19
<b>Acolytes</b>	Joanna Carr	Psalm 24
<b>Lectors</b>	Ann Rickson & Joan Ream	Ephesians 1:3-14
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	Mark 6:14-29
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Mid Hall & Peggy Merton
July 22	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Tom & Jean Hammer	2 Samuel 7:1-14
<b>Acolytes</b>	Asher Carr	Psalm 89:20-37
<b>Lectors</b>	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	Ephesians 2:11-22
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Hall & Robin Leonard	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sarah Purlow & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
July 29	9:00 AM	Readings
<b>Chalice Bearers</b>	Jim Merton & Ann Rickson	2 Samuel 11:1-15
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Hurdley	Psalm 14
<b>Lectors</b>	Sarah Purlow & Caitlyn Hurdley	Ephesians 3:14-21
<b>Ushers</b>	Robin Leonard & Steve Wood	John 6:1-21
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bobbie Beebe & Peg Merton	Set-up: Gita Sadoni & Janet Kling

**\*\*If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a replacement from the list below. If you cannot find one, please let Deacon Nick know by Saturday evening (740-974-8593).**

<b>CHALICE BEARERS</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
Tom & Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Mid Hall 740-654-5819	Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Robin Leonard 740-808-4814
Robin Harris 740-215-2311	Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459	Mike Whiley 740-654-4306
Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Janet Kling 217-201-0111	Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124	Joan Ream 740-687-4554	Steve Wood 740-653-7435
Jim Merton 740-974-4838	Peg Merton 740-974-7137		Ann Rickson 740-422-9034	
Ann Rickson 740-422-9034	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459		Ivan Smith 740-654-3859	
Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	Gita Sadoni 740-243-8809		Charlie Voss 740-654-4225	
	Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592			
	Carol Uhl 740-569-6190			

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