



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



August 2018

A Mid-summer Night's Dream.

The summer I turned ten changed my life. That summer Mom and Dad sent me to Culver Summer Camp. On the third day I tripped and fell down a short flight of steps breaking my arm. My parents came out and offered to take me home but I chose to stay.

For the next six weeks my right arm was in a cast. This meant that I could not participate in most of the activities; sports, canoeing, camping.... I ended up being sent to do arts and crafts. It was there I met Maj. Willie Williams, a retired Army officer, a born and bred Episcopalian, and with a level of eccentricity that would make any Englishman blush. He became my mentor.

In the nineteenth century Maj. Williams would have been called a natural philosopher. In the twentieth he is something of an anachronism, a Renaissance man. He took an old cannon, re-bored the core, hand ground and polished 3 mirrors and 5 lenses, and then assembled his own refraction telescope. He had a passion for Charlie Chaplin movies. He owned 35mm copies of over a dozen. He collected Indian arrow heads found while hiking.

One of my favorite things he taught me was how to write in the medieval style with a real quill. Maj. Williams could do it freehand. I had to lightly pencil in a grid and then very carefully copy the letters. One afternoon Maj. Williams took me over to the base library. In their rare book room they had an illuminated manuscript. It was a Book of Hours, a collection of private devotions. This became my first religious experience. The weight, the smell, and the size are still in my memory. It was beautiful. Near perfect lettering. Exquisite border designs. Art infused in every available square inch.

My excitement and appreciation became even more because by having copied a page I knew how much work was involved. I could see a detail and be drawn into the book itself. I had learned how to appreciate the divine in the physical world through the senses.

I don't want to be ten again. But I would like to run into Maj. Williams again. I'd like to reawaken that constant sense of curiosity combined with awe and the glee of knowing that anything, however improbable, can be done. Maj. Williams was the kind of man who would have built the Ark just to see how it worked and just to feel what Noah felt.

He was in my dreams earlier this week. I hope each of us is befriended by someone this summer. Someone who will refresh our souls in the glee of life.

Rob +

Deacon's Detour

I hope that your summer has been going as well as mine has so far. Lots of time on the water with my family. Too much to eat. Not enough daylight to accomplish all of my lofty goals. But I have had time to think on many things of the Kingdom of Heaven.

This afternoon, Father Rob and I served communion to one of our parishioners at her home. We had a lovely visit and enjoyed one story after another. During the Eucharist I was really reminded of our connection with other believers that were celebrating this ancient rite at the very moment that we were. And it got me to thinking about Heaven on earth.

We say it every time we say the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Many say the words without giving it much thought, but those few words have immense power, especially when we understand that God wants to use us to bring God's kingdom more fully on earth.

So, here's a little summer homework.

As best you can, try to identify four to six small, specific ways that you can make earth look more like heaven. This can be a little challenging. Feel free to share them in the next issue of the "Eagle and Lamb" and then together we can try to put them in action.

I'm eager to see your responses! Carry on!

In Christ,
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.

Birthdays

- 8 Peg Merton
- 9 Mark Perrine
- 11 Joanna Carr
- 12 Anna Burton
Lowell Stallsmith
- 15 Robin Leonard
Mary Oehler
- 17 Ashley Campbell
Mid Hall
- 26 Beck Babcock
Kay Waddell
- 27 Steve Martens
- 29 Theodore Dyer
Jim Hall
- 30 Jason Smith

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Ivan and Jessie Smith (59)
- 2 Nancy and David Russell (76)
- 12 Jim and Susan Chilenski (95)
- 16 Steve and Jane Wood (77)
- 17 Jim and Peg Merton (68)
Gary and Charlene Rowley (57)
- 18 Jack and Elaine Warnett (79)
- 19 Bruce and Bobbie Beebe (78)
Sam and Jane Hurley (67)
- 22 Jim and Sarah Miller (53)
- 30 Gerald Owsley and Mary Oehler
(14)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Doug Carr (78)
Ann Leonard (59)
- 3 Justice Wood (11)
Steven Wood (11)
- 4 Julia Taylor (96)
- 11 Julie Meenach (02)
- 19 Sally Stallsmith (34)
- 31 Mary Oehler (58)

Thomas Behnke
February 4, 1933—July 4, 2018

“Grant Tom an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints.”

Word has been received that former parishioner Joretta Williams, stepmother of Joan Ream, died in Chicago in February of this year. Our sympathy to Joan and family members.

Fellowship Breakfasts

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

To Our Dear St. John’s Family,

Thank you so very much for your love and support during the time of Dad’s illness and death. Twice I arrived home to find flowers at my door and I knew immediately we were supported in love and prayer. Your phone calls, visits and cards have meant so much during this difficult time. We continue now with our original summer plans in Wisconsin minus the presence of Dad, but being mindful of his example as we move forward. Please keep us in your prayers.

God bless you abundantly,

Rebecca, Bill, and Twila

Reminder: The next Parish Health Ministries Luncheon will be Wednesday, September 19, after the noon Eucharist.

Acolyte Training

Our next acolyte training session will be on Saturday, August 11th from 10:00 to noon at the church. For details, please contact Caitlin Hurdley at 740-243-0295

Senior Warden's Wafflings

Transition Priest

As I am sure you are already aware, the Vestry along with St Paul's Vestry have entered into an agreement with Rev. Robert Clarke to be our transitional priest. This agreement is for a maximum of 18 months. The agreement will be dissolved once our new Rector is found and in place. Father Rob comes with a wealth of experience in new Rector search processes, and will be a valuable asset in an accelerated search for our next Rector. As he settles into his position, the Vestry will have a day retreat with him, after which the search process will begin. The targeted start date for the search is September 1st.

Long Term Parish Financial Stability

The team is now very active and will be presenting its initial findings after the Vestry returns in September.

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

The Vestry is active with the following:

Offer undercroft to the Red Cross for a blood drive – No action at this time

Christmas message from St John's on a billboard in town – The Vestry has rented a billboard at the intersection of Rt22 & Rt33 for the month of December.

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

Use social media more – There is now just one St. John's Episcopal Church - Lancaster, Ohio Facebook page. The page has been updated and is now being used for regular posts. Please follow us on the page.

Update website and include photographs and music clips of the choir – www.stjohnlancaster.org is being updated and refreshed. This is being worked on over the summer months with a relaunch targeted before the fall.

Sell ice cream at the British Invasion concert 7/13/18 – This was a great success, thanks to all who helped. A lot of ice cream was sold and several people took a tour of our beautiful church.

Capital Investment Projects

One apartment is currently being renovated. Father Rob will be residing in the apartment during his time at St. John's.

Wells Fargo has renewed their rental agreement with St. John's for an additional 12 months with options to renew for two additional one year terms.

Lancaster Historical Commission has granted St. John's an exemption to the preservation code, finding that St. John's **is not required** to replace the corbels or to paint the fresh masonry on the façade of the our commercial building, repaired after the resultant storm damage in 2017.

Next Vestry meeting is September 9th (after coffee hour), I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Robin Leonard, Senior Warden

St. John's Episcopal Church

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist	2	3	4
5 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	6 7:00P Choral Evensong	7 8:00P AA Meeting	8 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist	9	10	11 10:00 to noon Acolyte Training
12 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	13 7:00P Choral Evensong	14 8:00P AA Meeting	15 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist	16 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	17	18
19 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	20 7:00P Choral Evensong	21 8:00P AA Meeting	22 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist	23	24	25
26 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	27 7:00P Choral Evensong	28 8:00P AA Meeting	29 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist	30	31	

August 2018 Serving Schedule

August 5	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Hannah Hurdley	Psalms 78:23-29
Lectors	Sarah Perlow & Ivan Smith	Ephesians 4:1-16
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Tim Hall	John 6:24-35
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
August 12	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Tom & Jean Hammer	I Kings 19:4-8
Acolytes	Hannah Hurdley & Nikki Sutter	Psalms 34:1-8
Lectors	Caitlin Hurdley & Joan Ream	Ephesians 4:25—5-2
Ushers	Steve Wood & Robin Leonard	John 6:35, 41--51
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
August 19	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Tom Hammer & Ivan Smith	Proverbs 9:1-6
Acolytes	Joanna Carr & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 34:9-14
Lectors	Ann Rickson & Ivan Smith	Ephesians 5:15-20
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Tim Hall	John 6:51-58
Altar Guild	Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
August 26	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Robin Harris & Ann Rickson	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Acolytes	Asher Carr & Nikki Sutter	Psalms 34:15-22
Lectors	Sarah Purlow & Caitlin Hurdley	Ephesians 6:10-20
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	John 6:56-69
Altar Guild	Bobbi Beebe & Sarah Purlow	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 Deacon Nick know by Saturday evening (740-974-8593).**

CHALICE BEARERS	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
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	Caitlin Hurdley 740-243-0295	Mike Whiley 740-654-4306
Ann Rickson 740-422-9034	Janet Kling 217-201-0111	Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Steve Wood 740-653-7435
Robin Harris 740-215-2311	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559		Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459	
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Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	Gita Sadoni 740-243-8809		Ivan Smith 740-503-8880	
	Sally Stallsmith 740-654-6592		Charlie Voss 740-654-4225	
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH STAFF

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