



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



September 2018

We are just past the “dog days of summer.” Growing up I thought that meant a time free to endlessly play with our dogs. In Scouts I learned that it was the time when Sirius and Procyon were in the sky at the same time. I miss my dogs. When I think of such things I am drawn to two favorite writers; Jack London and Francis Thompson. They use the image of the dog very differently yet in my imagination they weave together compelling qualities I love.

“The call still sounding in the depths of the forest filled him with great unrest and strange desires. It caused him to feel a vague sweet gladness, and he was aware of wild yearnings and stirrings for he knew not what. Sometimes he pursued the call into the forest, looking for it as though it were a tangible thing, barking softly or defiantly, as the mood might dictate.

He would thrust his nose into the cool wood moss, or into the black soil where long grasses grew, and snort with joy at the fat earth smells; or he would crouch for hours, as if in concealment, behind fungus-covered trunks of fallen trees, wide-eyed and wide-eared to all that moved and sounded about him. (Call of the Wild)”

To me this speaks of the very natural, visceral, tangible animal aspect of creation. The dog, Buck, unfettered, fully alive, and at one with the whole world. A dog that remains in Paradise, the undisturbed Eden.

“I fled Him down the nights and down the days
I fled Him down the arches of the years
I fled Him down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind, and in the midst of tears
I hid from him, and under running laughter.
Up vistaed hopes I sped and shot precipitated
Adown titanic glooms of chasmed fears
From those strong feet that followed, followed after
But with unhurrying chase and unperturbed pace,

Deliberate speed, majestic instancy,
They beat, and a Voice beat,
More instant than the feet:
All things betray thee who betrayest me.
(Hound of Heaven)”

Here we have a very different picture. The hound has been sent by its master in pursuit of an extraordinary prey: the tarnished and terrified human soul.

In London we have an inexplicable yearning of a benign beast, usually benevolent, utterly without malice, awaiting a quest. In Thompson there is a manic, intellectual, compelling fear.

In the one there is a determination, drawing the individual towards an unknown, while in the other the individual presumably seeks to escape the all too well known. For the sake of my musings I think in both cases the authors are talking about an experience with the divine. Our encounter with God can be a very upsetting experience, a life changing experience to be sure, but one that disrupts who we were, asking us to see life with new eyes, and requiring us to become a new creation.

Becoming who God wants us to be is in many ways like a hunt. We go looking for ourselves in unexpected places, but we see only dimly, and often have to feel our way. We make choices as to where and when and how we are. We see, and smell, and taste, and hear as if we have never before had such experiences, nor expectations. And there are times when we wish to say "Enough," or "This and no more." Then we realize to remain in place is unacceptable. God's desire is for us to have an abundant life and God's will will be done.

I miss my dogs, their warmth, the softness of their fur, the assurance of their woof, the glee of expectation in their eyes, and their excitement as I pause before throwing the ball. I invite you to imagine time spent with Jesus in this manner. Dogs have changed my life. In the presence of "Domini Canis" God's Dog, we become more at peace with ourselves, and within our selves. We become the people God wants us to become, a people of charity, of faith, and of love. During these hot days of summer I encourage you to let the Hound of Heaven find you and find you unafraid.

Rob +

Deacon's Detour

A few months ago at a vestry meeting, we came up with a rather lengthy list of things that we as a congregation might try and accomplish. There are lots of great ideas! It gave me time to consider one that wasn't mentioned that I found while going through some old church archives from St. John's.

To help our parish members to get to know one another better, I suggest that we try and include an article in every issue of the E&L, a short biography that highlights the life of one or two individuals in our church family. An example should probably include things such as church background, spouse, number of children, grandchildren, hobbies, work, and maybe a particular favorite passage of scripture. It might do well to begin with our vestry. (Our Senior Warden has agreed to the first article. Thanks Robin!)

If this is something that you would like to participate in, you can either prepare something and leave it in the alms basin or someone can do an actual interview.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas as we enjoy the Kingdom together.

Pax et Lux,
Deacon Nick +

Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 Ron and Judie Miller (60)
- 17 Jim and Mid Hall (66)
- 21 Bill and Louise Young (85)
- 22 John and Amy Eyman (90)
- 29 Mike and Wendy Garbrandt (01)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 11 Robin Harris (55)
- 12 Stuart Perlow (93)
Merrill Perlow (93)
- 16 Nick England (50)
- 22 Lloyd Kittle (74)
Mike Whiley (57)
- 25 Milton Taylor (94)
- 27 Amanda Chilenski (87)
Tim Hall (36)
Tyler Spires (98)

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Meghan Dickerson and Trevon Fout who were married at St. John’s on August 4, 2018. May God richly bless your marriage.

Fellowship Breakfasts

Fellowship Breakfasts will resume on Sunday, September 2nd after the 9:00 Holy Eucharist. Join your parish family for good food and conversation.

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

Blue Mass

St. James Episcopal Church in Zanesville will again host a “Blue Mass” which will honor those who risk their lives daily for our protection. The mass is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 9, 2019. If you are interested in attending, please contact Deacon Nick.

An Evening Just for Women

Aspire Women’s Events is presenting 1 night—3 hours—Just for Women. The program promises to be an evening full of laughter, learning, stories and music featuring author Milissa Spoelstra, Bible teacher, Shannon Hoffpaur, comedienne, Amberly Neese, and worship leader Mia Loehne. The event will take place at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14th at Powell United Methodist Church, 825 E. Olentangy St. #1, Powell, OH. The cost is \$20.00 per person.

A Piano Concert of Classical Music

The First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster is hosting Toshe Temelkov, a classical pianist, who will present a concert on Sunday, September 2nd at 3 p.m. Admission is free but a love offering will be received to support his CRU ministry in Macedonia.

Bible Study at 10:30 am Wednesdays has resumed. Fr. Rob will conduct the study and has assigned the first 5 chapters of Ezekiel for next Wednesday, August 22nd if you would like to join the group.

Senior Wardens Wafflings

Transition Priest

Father Rob is now settled into one of the church apartments. If you have not had a chance to meet him yet, please come and listen to one of his excellent sermons at the 9:00 am Sunday service and introduce yourself at the coffee hour afterwards.

Father Rob will be meeting in September with Bishop Breidenthal and The Rev. Canon Jason Leo who is the new Canon for Transitions. Following this meeting, the vestry will have a retreat on Saturday September 15th, this marking the beginning of the search process for our next Rector.

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

The Vestry sold ice cream at two Friday night bandstand events as well as the Art Walk. During these events the church was open and art was displayed in the church at the Art Walk. 250 to 300 people visited our beautiful church. The positive comments received about the church were outstanding. I am sure the Vestry will consider expanding this next year. Thank you to all who helped!

Please visit and like our St. John's Episcopal Church - Lancaster, Ohio Facebook page. The page has been updated and is now being used for regular posts.

The next Vestry meeting is September 9th (after coffee hour). I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Robin Leonard
Senior Warden

The Alzheimer's Association is presenting an educational program on Tuesday, September 25th at 6 p.m. at the Salvation Army—Samaritan Center, 228 Hubert Ave W., Lancaster. Dr. Scharre, a renowned Ohio State University Neurologist, will present recent research findings and testing techniques to diagnose Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Pre-registration is required by 9/21/18 by calling 800.272.3900 or on line at www.alz.org/centralohio.

St. John's Episcopal Church

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 HC 10:00 Fellowship Breakfast 3 pm Concert 1st Presby. Ch.	3 7:00P Choral Evensong	4 8:00P AA Meeting	5 10:30 Bible Study 12 noon Holy Eucharist	6	7	8
9 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:15 Vestry 4:00 pm Blue Mass, St. James	10 7:00P Choral Evensong	11 8:00P AA Meeting	12 10:30 Bible Study 12 noon Holy Eucharist	13	14	15
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23 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	24 7:00P Choral Evensong	25 6 pm Alz- heimer's Pres. 8:00P AA Meeting	26 10:30 Bible Study 12 noon Holy Eucharist	27	28	29
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September 2018 Serving Schedule

September 2	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Robin Harris & Holly Coffill	Deuteronomy 4:1-9
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Joanna Carr	Psalm 15
Lectors	Sarah Perlow & Ivan Smith	James 1:17-27
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Bob Slagle	Mark 7:1-23
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow, & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
September 9	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Isaiah 35:4-7
Acolytes	Nicole Sutter & Asher Carr	Psalm 146
Lectors	Charlie Voss & Ann Rickson	James 2:1-17
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Robin Leonard	Mark 7:24-37
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
September 16	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Ivan Smith & Jim Mertom	Isaiah 50:4-9
Acolytes	Libby Garbrandt & Asher Carr	Psalm 116:1-8
Lectors	Joan Ream & Ann Rickson	James 3:1-12
Ushers	Steve Wood & Tim Hall	Mark 8:27-38
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Mid Hall & Peggy Merton
September 23	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Jeremiah 11:18-20
Acolytes	Joanna Carr & Nicole Sutter	Psalm 54
Lectors	Holly Coffill & Ivan Smith	James 3:13—4:8
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Bob Slagle	Mark 9:30-37
Altar Guild	Sarah Purlow & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
September 30	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Jim Merton & Ann Rickson	Numbers 11:4-29
Acolytes	Asher Carr & Joanna Carr	Psalm 19:7-14
Lectors	Caitlyn Hurdley & Sarah Purlow	James 5:13-20
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Steve Wood	Mark 9:38-50
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe & Peg Merton	Set-up: Gita Sadoni & Sally Stallsmith

****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
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	
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