



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

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Hope

“Build your castles in the air, that is where they belong, but then build the mountain under them.” That is the way Henry David Thoreau described hope.

When I was young I used to be an optimist, looked on the bright side of things, thought well of people and assumed that they were good and trustworthy. I held on to this notion for a good many years in spite of volumes of evidence to the contrary. It was about my senior year of high school that my math teacher made a comment that made me pause. He said that pessimism is ultimately more hopeful than optimism.

Then I heard Edith Piaf sing a song, “La Vie en Rose.” Wow! What a song. What a voice. The sadness of a life lived with “rose-colored” glasses, the disappointment of desire, the falseness and hollowness of unreal expectations. If permitted to grow such an attitude turns to bitterness and a sour bias towards life.

Perhaps it was “the times” the late 60’s, heroes like King and Kennedy had been assassinated, and then there was the war in Viet Nam. Perhaps it was being 17, Perhaps Joni Mitchell is right in saying; “It’s hip to be miserable when you’re young and intellectual.” Cynicism intertwines with pessimism. Wearing aviator shades we truly saw through a glass darkly.

If this attitude was more hopeful than optimism it is only because the only place to go is up. Swinging between these two resembles manic-depression in this regard; it is a radical disregarding and discounting of the future. It is prejudging the future based on your fears or fantasies. It is like playing lotto a thousand times; once you may be a winner, but nine hundred and ninety nine times you are a loser.

A far better approach is to adopt the attitude of hope. Hope looks at what might be, what could be, the way we might like for things to be, and then it takes steps to accomplish what is possible. In this sense hope becomes a verb. It is neither an emotion nor an attitude, but a call to action.

This definition of hope works for individuals as well as congregations. On the individual level it is a longing for a heaven, which has been promised to us through the life and resurrection of our Lord. Here hope is not just a quiet confidence in a future reward, but a call to a pious, godly, and sober life—a call to having an active prayer life and to carry the good news into the world with us as examples of love. Within a congregation hope takes the form of knowing that God will provide able leadership and with that knowledge working towards what might be.

The Search process is in its first stage now. The next few months will be when we create a Parish Profile so that prospective candidates may see how we live out our ministry in these two communities. What the Search Committee will be doing for all of us at St. John’s and for those at St. Paul’s is to engage in hope. They are looking at our desires and fears and then at what is possible. With the consultation of The Reverend Paul Williams, the whole committee will examine the direction we wish to pursue and the ministry that we as a community are called upon to perform. Their diligence in carrying out their duties will be exemplary and a cause for the rest of us to have hope that the new Rector, whomsoever that may be, will be the one God intends for us.

Returning to the original metaphor; we must envision what the heavenly city looks like, how to embrace daily life in that city, how people in that city behave towards each other. How very different it would be to live there and not here. How new and enriching the church would be.

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How welcoming and charitable would you be if you lived in the heavenly city and went to the church there? To pray in the presence of angels and arch-angels, and cherubim and seraphim, how enlightening and inspiring you would become. Why not become that person now? That is the source of hope--to know that you can become that person in the heavenly city, here and now. To know that you can change and that in changing you can see all the stones needed to build your mountain. To do so is to give hope to the whole Church; perhaps, to even give hope to God.

Rob +

Senior Warden's Wafflings

Rector Search

The Vestry met with Canon Jason Leo, and was informed that our consultant will be Fr. Paul Williams (from St. Andrews, Pickerington). His role is to aid the Vestry in the creation of a new parish profile which will be used in the advertising for the new Rector. The projected timeline to appoint our new Rector is approximately Easter 2019.

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

The Vestry is looking into giving a small appropriate gift from St John's to the parents of all new born babies at FMC. After consulting with the baby unit, the vestry has decided to request donations for the following:

New born diapers

Baby wipes (unscented)

Baby powder (unscented)

Baby lotion (unscented)

Please leave your donations at the back of the church

November is Stewardship Month

As we come to the end of the year, it is time to think about stewardship. It is important to remember stewardship is more than just pledging money, although this is very important. It is also about the giving of our time and talents. There are many opportunities to give through the altar guild, ushering, vestry member, morning coffee, etc. etc.

The Vestry will be kicking off stewardship month with a breakfast (provided by the Vestry) on November 11th. Please come and show your support.

Coffee Hour / Monthly Breakfast

The Vestry would like to extend their many thanks to Mark Perrine for providing the coffee, snacks and breakfasts over the past few years. He is now stepping down from this stewardship. If you would like to help by taking a turn arranging a breakfast one month, please let me know. On the other Sundays, we will be having donuts from Doughnut World along with coffee.

The next Vestry meeting is November 11th (after stewardship breakfast). I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Robin Leonard
Senior Warden

Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Stevenson
- 2 Max Wildermuth
- 6 Jennifer Williams
- 8 Steve Ball
- 10 Hannah Hurdley
- 11 Ainsley Fath
- 12 Bob Wright
- 19 Savannah Crawford
Wendy Garbrandt
- 24 Michael Garbrandt
- 25 Kim Carter
Holly Coffill
- 28 Muriel Breining
- 29 Nick Powell
- 30 Jim Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Paul and Kathy Heim (06)
- 26 Deacon Don and Linda Eager (97)
Harold and Carol Uhl (66)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Asher Carr (01)
- 3 Morgan Spires (00)
- 6 Linda Lindley (47)
Nancy Taylor (60)
- 7 Michael Garbrandt (08)
- 13 Thurlow Weed (66)
- 23 Cindy White (78)
- 25 Madeline Kittle (07)
Mark Perrine (66)
- 27 Walker Kittle (05)
Lynn Stevenson (42)

Fellowship Breakfasts

The first Sunday of the month fellowship breakfasts are being discontinued. Many thanks to Mark, Chris and Lynlee Perrine for their dedicated ministry of preparing delicious breakfasts for several years. If anyone would be interested in planning, preparing and serving an occasional breakfast, please contact Senior Warden Robin Leonard at 740-808-4814.

New Local Address for the Pursleys

Effective Nov. 1st, Bill and Rebecca's new address will be 2331 William T Circle, Lancaster, OH 43130.

Parish Health Ministries Luncheon

The November Parish Health Ministries luncheon will be Wednesday, November 14th after the noon Eucharist. This is a change to the second Wednesday rather than the third due to Thanksgiving.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The yearly ecumenical service with St. Mark Roman Catholic Church and Sixth Ave. United Methodist Church will be Sunday, November 18th at Sixth Avenue. Further details to follow.

Hospice Cookie Walk

The Cookie Walk for Hospice will be Saturday, Dec. 1st in the undercroft from 8 a.m. until noon. If you would like to contribute cookies, you may drop them off Thursday, Nov. 29th from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. or on Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. You may also bring them in early on Saturday. If you have questions, please call Mark Perrine at 740-438-4817.

Stewardship Month

The Vestry will kick-off Stewardship Month with a breakfast on November 11th after the 9:00 Eucharist. Please plan to attend as we discuss the opportunities of giving our time, talents and treasure.

Bible Study at 10:30 am Wednesdays has resumed. Fr. Rob will conduct a study of 1st Peter. All are welcome to join the group.

Deacon Nick+ *Just some thoughts I found that I would like to share—Enjoy!*

For God's people, Thanksgiving is far more than a special day on the calendar. The Bible urges us to live a life of thanksgiving each day. Being thankful to God for all of His blessings is truly a mark of the Christian. So let me give you four biblical ways to express your thanksgiving to the Lord at this wonderful season of the year. The base I want to build on is Psalm 100, a song of praise to God as our Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer.

I see at least four ways that Psalm 100 instructs us to praise and worship God. Some may be a little scary to those who are not used to joyously expressing praise, but I encourage you not to be afraid!

1. Don't Be Afraid to Shout Praise to the Lord.

The Bible says, "Make a joyful shout to the LORD" ([Ps. 100:1](#)). In the Bible, shouting is associated with great achievement or joy. Joshua told Israel to march around Jericho for six days and on the seventh day to lift a great shout. When they did, the walls fell down ([Josh. 6](#)).

When you are thanking and praising God, don't be afraid to be a little loud. God loves to hear our praises, and it will also make you biblical!

2. Don't Be Afraid to Serve the Lord with Gladness.

"Serve the LORD with gladness" ([Ps. 100:2](#)). Gladness means mirth, gaiety and happiness. No service to the Lord, whether great or small, should be done grudgingly.

Sincere and true delight in service to God should accompany our words and deeds of worship. When you are serving the Lord, don't be afraid to do it with a glad heart—and don't be afraid to smile!

3. Don't Be Afraid to Come into the Lord's Presence.

"Come before His presence with singing" ([Ps. 100:2](#)). God calls us to come into His presence privately each day and together in corporate worship. "Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice" ([Ps. 55:17](#)).

It was said of the fledgling New Testament church that they met daily in the temple for teaching from the Word, fellowship, worship and praise. Little wonder that [Hebrews 10:25](#) begs us not to fail to regularly assemble with other believers in thanksgiving, hearing the Word and worship.

4. Don't Be Afraid to Get to Know the Lord.

The rest of [Psalm 100:3](#) says, "Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture" (emphasis added). The psalmist calls the people to recognize and "know" God's words, works and ways.

He wants us to know that He is Jehovah God and we are not, that He is the Creator and we are His creatures and that we are His sheep and He is our Shepherd. The heart-longing of every godly person is to get to know God more intimately.

Let's make it our determination to praise and worship God this holiday season.

Reminder — All Saints' Day

Cards for the remembrance of loved ones are in the pews and must be returned in the alms basin or to the church office by Sunday, October 28th.

St. John's Episcopal Church

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Set clocks back one hour before going to bed. 
4 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	5 7:00P Choral Evensong	6 8:00P AA Meeting	7 10:30 Bible Study 12 noon Holy Eucharist	8	9	10
11 9:00 HC 10:00 Stewardship Breakfast 11:00 Vestry Mtg.	12 7:00P Choral Evensong	13 8:00P AA Meeting	14 10:30 Bible Study 12 noon H.E. 12:30 Parish Health Lunch.	15 1:00 Eagle and Lamb deadline	16	17
18 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour TBA Ecumenical Thanks. Service	19 7:00P Choral Evensong	20 8:00P AA Meeting	21 10:30 Bible St. 12:00 Holy Eucharist	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 9:00 HC 10:00 Coffee Hour	26 7:00P Choral Evensong	27 8:00P AA Meeting	28 10:30 Bible Study 12 noon Holy Eucharist	29	30	



November 2018 Serving Schedule

November 4	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Tom & Jean Hammer	Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Acolytes	Joanna Carr & Libby Garbrandt	Psalms 119:1-8
Lectors	Sarah Perlow & Frankie Mathias	Hebrews 9:11-14
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Mike Whiley	Mark 12:28-34
Altar Guild	Sarah Perlow & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall & Janet Kling
November 11	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Ivan Smith & Holly Coffill	1 King 17:8-16
Acolytes	Nikki Sutter & Parker Hill	Psalms 146
Lectors	Caitlin Hurdley & Charlie Voss	Hebrews 9:24-28
Ushers	Steve Wood & Bob Slagle	Mark 12:38-44
Altar Guild	Carol Uhl & Jean Hammer	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
November 18	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Jim Merton & Ann Rickson	Daniel 12:1-3
Acolytes	Parker Hill & Asher Carr	Psalms 16
Lectors	Joan Ream & Ivan Smith	Hebrews 10:11-25
Ushers	Robin Leonard & Bob Slagle	Mark 13:1-8
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton & Gita Sadoni	Set-up: Mid Hall & Peggy Merton
November 25	9:00 AM	Readings
Chalice Bearers	Robin Harris & Frankie Mathias	Daniel 7:9-14
Acolytes	Nikki Sutter & Joanna Carr	Psalms 93
Lectors	Jim Merton & Holly Coffill	Revelation 1:4-8
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Steve Wood	John 18:33-37
Altar Guild	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 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	Robin Leonard 740-808-4814
Tom & Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Mid Hall 740-654-5819	Libby Garbrandt 740-653-9639	Caitlin Hurdley 740-243-0295	Bob Slagle 740-681-1044
Robin Harris 740-215-2311	Jean Hammer 740-687-6134	Hannah Hurdley 740-654-7831	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Mike Whiley 740-654-4306
Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Janet Kling 217-201-0111	Nicole Sutter 740-652-9124	Sarah Perlow 740-654-4459	Steve Wood 740-653-7435
Jim Merton 740-974-4838	Frankie Mathias 740-653-5559	Parker Hill 740-974-8118	Joan Ream 740-687-4554	
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