

Sharing God's Love in Our Community Through Prayer, Study and Action

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY
(Member of the Chenango District)

The Parish News

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The Newsletter of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Afton, NY

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In an emergency and Fr. David can't be reached, please contact one of the wardens.

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From Fr. Dave

September. Fall. Harvest. Apples and Applefest! Back to school and back to a routine.

As I'm writing this, I'm nearing the end of a nice stretch of vacation, so I've got "transition" on my mind. I've been able to spend time out in the woods; precious time to be quiet and listen to the sounds of nature. And there's been refreshing time with friends and family.

But the clock keeps ticking. This too will pass. Even now, work beckons. I'm looking forward to getting back to work. It is an amazing life working with you all to live through the Christian experience.

But for now I'm still on vacation and I really like being here right now. The clock will keep ticking and the time will be right when my focus is back on serving you all. But for now, I rest.

Blessings to you all. We've got exciting days ahead of us!



SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

Note to all who serve: It would be most helpful if, when you cannot make your assigned date, you would arrange for a substitute. If you are unable to do that, please notify a warden. Thanks for your cooperation!

| Church School | | Morning Prayer | | Food Pantry | | |
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| Sept. 11 | B.Vail | Sept. 11 | Denise/Marissa | Sept. 12 | K. Vail and children | |
| Sept. 18 | M.Harding | | | Sept 14 | J.Seacat & J. Rettberg | |
| Sept. 25 | K.Vail | Sept. 25 | Tracey/Robin | | | |
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| Date | Service | OT Reader | Epistle Reader | CS | EM | Acolytes |
| Sept 4 | HC | C.Cimini | C.Tarvin | DW | CC | B.Vail/A.Cimini |
| Sept 11 | MP | A.Wieber | J.Rettberg | MH | ---- | D.Vail |
| Sept 18 | HC | J.Rettberg | D.Vail | DV | BV | B.Vail/D.Vail |
| Sept 25 | MP | J.Rettberg | C.Tarvin | BV | --- | T.Tallmadge |
| Oct 2 | HC | C.Cimini | M.Harding | AC | MH | A.Cimini.D.Wieber |
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| Lectionary (Year C) | | | | | | |
| Date | Service | OT Reading | Psalm | Epistle Reading | Gospel Reading | |
| Sept 4 | HC | Jeremiah 18:1-11 | Psalm 139: 1-5, 13-17 | Philemon 1-21 | Luke 14: 25-33 | |
| Sept 11 | MP | Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 | Psalm 14 | 1 Timothy 1:12-17 | Luke 15:1-10 | |
| Sept 18 | HC | Jeremiah 8:18 — 9:1 | Psalm 79:1-9 | 1 Timothy 2:1-7 | Luke 16:1-13 | |
| Sept 25 | MP | Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 | Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 | 1 Timothy 6:6-19 | Luke 16:19-31 | |
| Oct 2 | HC | Lamentations 1:1-6 | Psalm 137 | 2 Timothy 1:1-14 | Luke 17:5-10 | |

Altar Guild Duty for the month of September is Pat Tucker 639-1984. If you are giving flowers in memory a loved one, please notify Peter Vail 607-639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.



September 11th. or 9/11 as it is referred to is a very sad and somber memory for most of us. At St. Ann's this year, it will be a happy time as we celebrate Grandparent's day and Sunday School begins. We are indeed blessed to have some eight people that take turns teaching our children. The lessons are held during the first part of the worship service and send the messages to our young people that God and the Parish loves them. The lessons are also intended to support their faith in God and provide some direction

In this "transitory" life.

Please plan to join us on September 11th.



St. Ann's Prayer List

We would like to try a change on the prayer list listings. As an experiment, we will list names as "long term" and "short term." Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

You will also see below the prayer list CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER. We would like to start putting in the names of those who have Birthdays and Anniversaries in the current month.

If you would like to see your name or family members name on the list, please send name, date of birth and or anniversary dates to me at the following email:

cttallmadg@aol.com

I will be compiling a list of this info to use each month.

Comments and suggestions are welcome. Thank you!!

He fills my life WITH good things, SO THAT I STAY YOUNG AND STRONG
LIKE AN eagle. PSALM 103:5



A big thank you to Ron Sherman for installing new sump pumps below and behind the Parish Hall. He was also assisted, to a limited degree, by Tom Vail.

PRAYER LIST FOR SEPTEMBER

It has been suggested that the names of individuals on the parish prayer list be included in the newsletter. A current listing follows. The names listed are not necessarily members of the parish and may include individuals or other requests for which we have been asked to pray. The clergy persons of the Chenango District are included. Please remember these individuals in your personal prayers. Send or give any additions or changes to Tom Vail, 639-1201

Short Term:

Michael
Gabby
Cheryl
Suzanne
Harry
Fran
Fred

Long Term:

Fr. David Hanselman
Fr. Bruce MacDuffie
Deacon Kay
Bishop "Skip" Adams
Pastor Becky
Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe
Bishop Michael Curry
The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph
Pope Francis
Zion Church
St. Paul's Church
St. Andrew's Church
St. Matthew's Church

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church
The vestry of St. Ann's Emanuel Church, Epiphany Church, St. Peter's Church

***Blessed* ARE THE pure OF HEART: FOR they SHALL SEE *God*. Matthew 5:8**



The following prayer is suggested by Bishop "Skip." It is from the Evening Prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.

CELEBRATIONS IN SEPTEMBER

STILL WORKING ON GETTING LIST TOGETHER



Birthdays

01 Jane Smith
02 Jack Smith
10 Daffy Duck
25 Tweetie Bird
30 Road Runner
31 Porky Pig



Anniversaries

15 Tracey
16 Tom
17 Dick
18 Harry



Offering envelopes are in the Parish Hall, take one and put down your number on the yellow pad. If you have not returned your card, it is not too late. Please put the card in the envelope that was provided and put it in the offering plate or mail to:

**St. Ann's Church
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The Lord loves a cheerful giver.
Thank you to all for your support of our Parish!!!



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

No Vestry meeting in July/August. We will resume our normal third Sunday meetings after church in September. Should you have a suggestion or concern for our September meeting, please contact your wardens Betty Vail or Tracey Tallmadge.



The Season of Pentecost (Ordinary Time)

The season of Pentecost is the season of the Spirit. The Day of Pentecost is the last and crowning day of Easter, but Pentecost also pours forth the Spirit of God and Jesus into the many Sundays and weeks ahead—a period also known as *Ordinary Time*. It is “ordinary” in the sense that it presents no special events in the story of Jesus and his Holy Spirit as do Advent, Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, and Pentecost. Still, it is a vital season in the life of the church for it is a time of the Spirit’s power to inspire and strengthen Christians for worship, mission, and service.

It is a season to celebrate and give thanks for the creation and all the beauty and other gifts of nature. It is a time for thoughtful and reverend stewardship of creation through its use and care. It is a time to recall the history of God’s people and the ways God’s prophetic promise that “the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you” is fulfilled. (John 14:26)

On the Sundays after Pentecost we recall Jesus’ teaching and hear many of his stories—of surprising dinner parties, the Good Samaritan, lost sheep, a persistent widow, Mary and Martha, a mustard seed, seeds growing secretly, and other times of sowing and harvest. Then there are many stories about Jesus—his healing, forgiveness, and acceptance of lepers, a paralytic, those whom demons had possessed, a foreign woman’s daughter, Bartimaeus, Mary Magdalene, and Zacchaeus.

It is a season for learning about our faith as we discover whether we have eyes that will see and ears that will hear and try our best to follow Jesus and the guidance of his Spirit in the ways of justice, peace, and loving service.

A friend **LOVES AT all TIMES.** Proverbs 17:17



The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York is pleased to announce the election of The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe as the new bishop of the Diocese. Duncan-Probe currently serves as the Rector of St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia.

Duncan-Probe was elected on, August 6, 2016 at a Special Convention of the Diocese held at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York. Pending confirmation by a majority of the House of Bishops of The Episcopal Church and by a majority of the Diocesan Standing Committees in the church, she will be consecrated on December 3, 2016.

Further background on the bishop-elect is available at bishopcny.org.

A Word from the Bishop-Elect

This statement from the bishop-elect was read at the August 6th, 2016 Election Convention:

My heart is filled with joyful gratitude for God's mercy and grace, and I am humbled to accept the call to serve as your 11th Bishop. Throughout this discernment process I have been inspired, encouraged, and emboldened by your faithful ministry and your sincere dedication to living the gospel of Jesus Christ in service to others. The honor of joining you in ministry is a profound moment, and I am especially mindful of the people God has called us to serve. May the joy and hope of this day become a source of comfort and strength for many people. I want to express my sincere admiration and gratitude to the other candidates, Dena, Debra, Noah, and Nora. Their faithfulness and friendship in this process has been evident and there is no doubt that our church is strengthened by their vibrant ministries. In this time of transition let us hold one another in prayer and prepare our hearts for the ways in which God is calling us forward in faith. Please know you are on my heart and in my prayers as we rejoice in God's ongoing work in our midst.

May God be praised in all we do,

DeDe+



The Final Word

I myself have gained much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because your kindness has so often refreshed the hearts of God’s people. Philemon 7

This verse is taken from the Epistle reading for Pentecost 16. You have been hurt by another person—financially, spiritually, personally, or one of many other ways. The wounds you bear run deep. The heartbeat of Paul’s wonderful letter to Philemon is simply this: Please forgive the person who has wronged you. The one who had wronged Philemon was one of his slaves Onesimus. Paul challenges Philemon to forgive Onesimus so completely that he will no longer look at him as a slave but as an equal brother in Christ. This kind of forgiveness was unheard of in the Roman society of that day. But in Christ, it was a new standard, a new expectation. Forgiveness is often a wonderful chain reaction. Christ forgave Paul and made him a new person.

When Paul shared the gospel with Philemon, he accepted Christ, and Christ forgave Philemon. The same happened to Onesimus. Paul forgave Onesimus’s foolish behavior and accepted him as a brother. Now Onesimus and Philemon, both forgiven by Christ and by Paul, must forgive one another. Forgiveness is the very core of Christianity. As Christ has forgiven you of all your sins, so also he expects you to forgive others of their sins against you, and he expects others to forgive you of your sins against them. We must forgive completely, refusing to hold a grudge against anyone. The offense is wiped from our mind, forgiven forever, and we free ourselves and the offender to begin the relationship afresh. This reestablishment of a relationship is known as reconciliation. Paul knew that, in Christ, his friend, Philemon, could see the slave, Onesimus, in a new way—as a fellow believer and member of Christ’s body. When Jesus transforms us, we have no excuse for allowing old differences and arguments to continue. May it be so with us! *From The Touchpoint Bible*

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