

The Parish News

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY

Member of the Chenango District

July 2014

Clergy The Reverend

From Fr. Dave

Fr. David A. Hanselman

Greetings!

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

I'll get right to the point for this month - saving lives. First, though, a little pat on my shoulder. July 4th I'll be able to give blood again! Yup, you saw that right - again! Unfortunately, I have plans for the 4th, but you can bet I'll get in there as soon as I can afterward.

I hope you're wondering, "Can this be the same guy who last year was lily-livered, yellow-bellied afraid of donating blood?!" Yup, that's me.

So, what's changed? Well, simply put, I kept trying. I let you know when I finally did give blood and I let you know the time I donated and felt sore afterward. Now, I'm here to tell you that I've heard of another great opportunity to save lives.

Thanks and kudos to Kerri Vail for telling me about this! At www.bethematch.org you can learn about donating bone marrow.

I know, I know, you probably think I've gone totally crazy with this donating thing. Well, I have to say, I'd always ruled it out because years ago I'd heard just how painful it was to donate - and anyone who knows me (and Sonja will especially agree!) knows I can be a sissy when it comes to pain. Unless, that is, muscle pain. You see, I've always felt that muscle pain was good pain because it means I actually got some work done.

So, imagine my surprise when Kerri tells me that with new techniques, she has it on really good authority that there's usually just a little soreness and tiredness following marrow donation! Imagine! The same sort of feeling I've had from donating blood!

"Well," I thought, "I could do that!" As it turns out, however, very few folks 45 and over ever get called to donate. Most donors are between 18 and 44. But, of course, there are still ways to help.

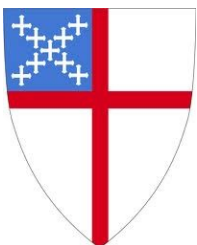
Why am I on this kick? Mostly because I'm thrilled to have beaten down a long-standing fear of mine. I've beaten my fear, you can too. Closely tied, however, and not surprisingly, is that it ends up being so ridiculously easy to save lives. It is so easy to save someone's life. Think of it! Easy! To save a life!

Father Dave ✝

If you desire Father David to visit you or give you a call, please contact him at: (607) 761-4601 or (607) 656-9502.



Make a Note



Service Schedule

	<u>Date</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
MP	July 6	J.Rettberg	B.Wright	BV	---	J.Proffitt
MP	July 13	S.Proffitt	C.Tarvin	JP	---	J.Proffitt
HC	July 20	P.Tucker	D.Becker	DV	DB	D.Vail/B.Vail
MP	July 27	S.Proffitt	C.Tarvin	JP	---	B.Vail/A.Vail
HC	Aug 3	B.Wright	C.Tarvin	TV	SP	J.Proffitt/B.Vail

Morning Prayer:

July 6 - B.Vail/S.Proffitt
 July 13 – J.Proffitt/B.Vail
 July 27 – R.Felldin/T.Vail

Church School:

No Church School - Summer begins

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!

Lectionary (Year A)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
July 06 4 Pent	Psalm 45: 11-18	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 13 5 Pent	Psalm 119:105-112	Genesis 25:19-34	Romans 8:1-11	Mathew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 20 6 Pent	Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23	Genesis 28:10-19a	Romans 8:12-25	Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 27 7 Pent	Psalm 105:1-11, 45b	Genesis 29:15-28	Romans 8:26-39	Mathew 13:31-33, 44-52
Aug 3 8 Pent	Psalm 17:1-7, 16	Genesis 32:22-31	Romans 9:1-5	Mathew 14:13-21

Altar Guild

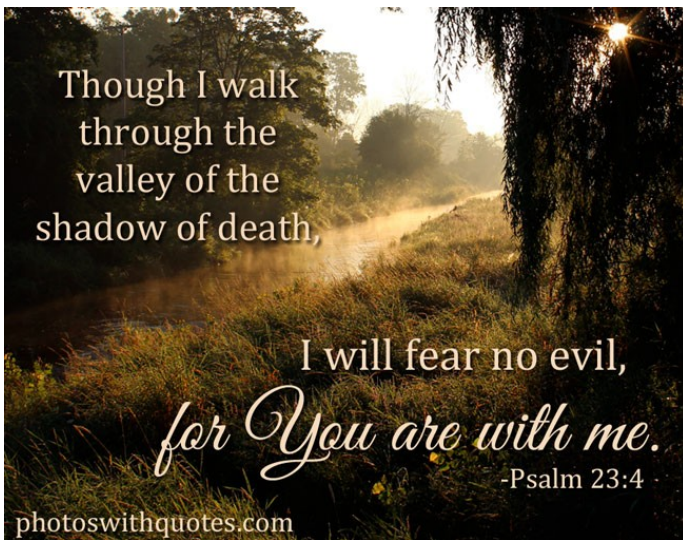
Altar Guild Duty – Judy Rettberg (607)208-4023. If you wish to purchase or provide flowers for the Altar on a particular Sunday, call Betty Vail (607) 639-1201. If you are giving flowers in memory of a loved one, please notify Pete Vail (607)639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.

St. Ann’s Brochure

The best way to bring someone to church is a personal invitation. The brochure provides an “icebreaker” when given to a friend or neighbor you ask to come to church with you. Copies are located at the back of the church and in the hallway between the church and the parish hall. Please feel free to take one or as many as you need for this purpose. Please give one to visitors and when you invite someone to come to church with you!

Vestry Highlights - March 2014

1. Outreach - \$300.00 Wounded Warrior Project
2. Treasurer's report was given by Pete Vail. We are beginning to move away from the negative cash flow created by Heating Fuel costs.
3. Discussion about purchasing folding chairs with arm rests. Jody will get costs.
4. There will not be vestry meeting for July and August.



Treasurer's Remarks

Inflows and outflows continue to track reasonably close to budget. A check for \$5,000 has been sent to Zion, Greene, to be applied to unbilled support for Fr. David. This should bring clergy expenses close to what they should be. As of the end of June, Inflows amount to \$20,851.04 and Outflows amount to \$20,728.40 yielding a positive cash flow of \$122.64. We are up to date with our outreach and all significant bills are paid. It appears that we are back on track with a positive cash flow. Giving continues to run almost exactly to budget. Many thanks to everyone for keeping their financial support up to date.

Kudos



THANKS! - Many thanks to Sandy Proffitt, Dan and Kerri Vail for providing games for the children at our annual picnic which was held at Kellystone Park.

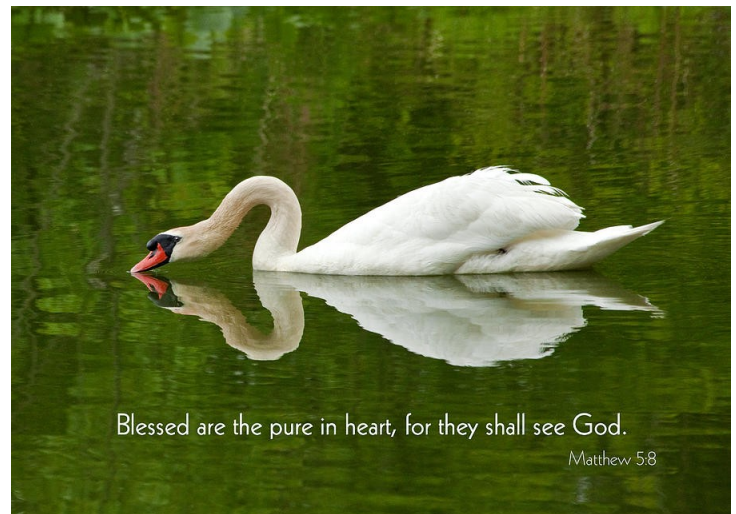
THANKS! - Thank you to Zion, Greene for providing the prizes.

THANKS! - Thank you everyone for bringing a dish to pass for the annual picnic.

THANKS! Duane Kane, Judy Rettberg, Betty Vail and Tom Vail for beautiful landscaping around the church.

THANKS! Pete Vail for the Final Word for the monthly newsletter.

Note: If you know of one or more people who we should thank in this column, please pass that information on to Pete Vail or Jody Proffitt. We



Afton Interchurch Council (AIC)

Afton Food Pantry

- Coordinator Kathy Knudsen

In Need of Prayer

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.

Carol	Peter	Michele	Sally	Joyce	Vern	Jen	Pat
Mya	Holly	Cindy	Lou	Toni	Beverly	Lois	Sally
Clifford	Joe	Steve	Julia	Richard	John	Elizabeth	Matt
Doug	Christopher	Gina	Morgan	Danny	Fr. Chuck Taylor		
Fr. David Hanselman		Fr. Bruce MacDuffie		Bishop "Skip" Adams		Pope Francis	
The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church				The vestry of St. Ann's			

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.

Why do I do it?

A woman was asked why she enjoyed serving on the altar guild. This is her answer: You know, I've been serving on the altar guild for thirty-five years. Every Sunday, I awake before dawn and come down here to the church. It is so quiet. I come into the building and unlock the sacristy. I open the drawers and take out the altar cloths and laces, so beautifully embroidered with all the colors of the seasons. I unfold them, iron them, and drape them on the altar. Then I go to the closet and take out the silver, making sure it is cleaned and polished. I pour water and wine. While I set the table for the Lord's Supper, I've often wondered what it would have been like to set the table for Jesus and his friends. I've meditated on what it must have been like to be there with him. I've considered what it will be like when we eat with him in heaven. And I've learned a thing or two about service and beauty and community. You know, I'd like to share that with you. I'd like you to learn that too.

A parish blessed!

A wonderful service provided by Father Dave and Acolyte Sophia. Pete Vail and Chris Vail played wonderful music on their guitars. After the Service everyone indulged in the delicious food and deserts provided by "dish to pass". The children played games and won the prizes.

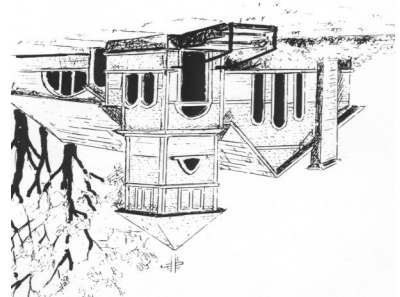
Oh what a joyous time at St. Ann's annual picnic at Kellystone.



Annual Picnic at Kellystone



ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am

Tracey Tallmadge

Wardens: Betty Vail

Clergy: The Rev. David A. Hanselman

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The Final Word



I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do the very thing I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience shows that I agree that the law is good. But I can't help myself, because it is sin inside me that makes me do these evil things..

Romans 7:15-17

Many of the lectionary readings this month deal with choices and consequences. In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul shows remarkable insight into the conflict that results from our having these choices. . He admits that although he really wants to do what is right, he doesn't do it, behavior that he attributes to his sinful nature. Furthermore, he seems to recognize that he is unable to correct this condition on his own, thanking God through Jesus Christ for rescuing him.

We Christians have given our lives to

Christ, but the old nature still exists. We know the attitudes and behavior that Christ desires, but we also know how hard it is to live that way all the time. We wrestle with our desire to sin, to do what we want at the expense of others, to think more of ourselves than of others, to give in to temptation. Some suggest that we can be encouraged by this conflict reasoning that it tells us that our conscience is still sensitive to sin, that we truly desire to do what is right. On the other hand, if we are "conflict-free" we may have become to comfortable and accepting of sin.

Choices bombard us on a daily basis. Some involve choosing between little things such as a chocolate ice cream cone or a vanilla one. Some are between great issues, such as who is the person we will marry or the job we will take. But the most important choice we will make is this: What shall we do with Jesus? If we choose to accept him, our life both now and in the future will be radically different from what it will be if we do not accept him. May God grant us the grace to make the right choice!