

# The Parish News

## St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY

Member of the Chenango District

June 2014

Clergy The Reverend

*From Fr. Dave*

Fr. David A. Hanselman

Greetings to all!

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-Betty Vail

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

Perhaps it's because of Spring's wonderful springing forth - the leaves and grass, flowering crabapples and pear trees. Perhaps it's the fact that this year I have finally planted a few vegetables. Perhaps it's because I've had more than a few funerals and weddings the last couple months. Whatever the reason, for the past couple weeks I've been thinking of Creation Care. Caring for creation.

Caring.

Let that word sink in for a little bit. Please, take the time to just let it sink in a little.

Caring.

What are the things we care most about? Whatever the first things are that come to your mind are more than likely the things that you most want to care about. But are they the things you actually spend time caring for?

Caring.

It's not really about what you want; rather focus on the things that you actually do. What's really wonderful and freeing about doing this exercise in your own head, is that you can be completely honest with yourself. Please, take the time to be plainly honest with yourself and think for a moment about the things you take care of.

Are the "cares of the world" weighing you down? Keeping your spirit down? Keeping you from truly loving? Or are you caring for the world? Caring for God's creation?

Does the "squeaky wheel" get your attention? Or does the still, small voice of new growth - the silent wonder of flower petals opening or worms digging in (and making it) rich soil?

Do you find yourself fighting against (another way of "caring for") the loud and obnoxious? Or do you seek out the quiet and helpless and offer a hand?

*Father Dave* ✝

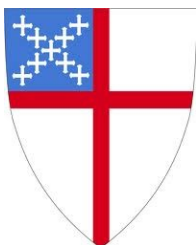
If you desire Father David to visit you or give you a call, please contact him at: (607) 761-4601 or (607) 656-9502.



### **Make a Note**

#### **Annual Picnic**

June 15th 10 AM  
at Kellystone



**Service Schedule**

	<u>Date</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
HC	June 1	S.Proffitt	D.Becker	BV	DB	J.Proffitt/B.Vail
MP	June 8	S.Proffitt	C. Tarvin	PV		
HC	June 15	C.Tarvin	T. Tallmadge	<b>Annual Picnic at Kellystone - 10 AM</b>		
HC	June 22	R.Felldin	D.Becker	TV		B.Vail/T. Tallmadge
MP	June 29	P. Tucker	C. Tarvin	JP		J.Proffitt
MP	July 6	J.Rettberg	B. Wright	BV		

Morning Prayer:

June 8 - Robin Felldin & Tracey Tallmadge  
 June 29 - Denise Becker & Marissa Harding  
 July 6 - J. Proffitt & Betty Vail

Church School:

June 1 - R. Felldin  
 June 8 - B. Vail  
 June 15 - 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>
June 1 - Easter 7	Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36	Acts 1:6-14	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
June 8 - Pent	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Numbers 11:24-30	Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23
June 15 - 1 Pent	Psalm 8	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
June 22 - 2 Pent	Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17	Genesis 21:8-21	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
June 29 - 3 Pent	Psalm 13	Genesis 22:1-14	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
July 6 - 4 Pent	Psalm 45: 11-18	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Altar Guild**

**Altar Guild Duty**—Sandy Proffitt (607) 437-9573 and Betty Vail. If you wish to purchase or provide flowers for the Altar on a particular Sunday, call Sandy Proffitt or Betty Vail (607) 639-1201. If you are giving flowers in memory of a loved one, please notify Pete Vail (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 - \$200.00 Rescue Mission. Afton Interchurch Council "A Place at the Table".
2. Games for the Annual Parish Picnic at Kellystone Park on Sunday, June 15. Prizes for children will be provided by Zion, Greene.
3. Treasurer's report was given by Pete Vail. We are beginning to move away from the negative cash flow created by Heating Fuel costs.
4. Delegates for the Diocesan and General Convention November 14 and 15th will be Jody and Sandy Proffitt; Betty Vail and Robin Felldin alternates.
5. Celebration of the Church "Birthday" will be on June 8.
6. Discussion about purchasing folding chairs with arm rests. Jody will get costs.
7. The scholarship given to Afton Central School student "Women of St. Ann's Exceptional Student Award" will be changed to "St. Ann's Episcopal Church Exceptional Student Award".



## Kudos



**THANKS!** - Judy Rettberg, Sandy Proffitt, Natasha Sommer, Father Dave and Baby Olivia Sommer, for providing soup and sandwich lunch for "A Place At The Table" as part of the interchurch council at Afton Presbyterian Church on behalf of St. Ann's

**THANKS!** Duane Kane and Tom Vail for installing new outlet strip in the Parish Hall kitchen

**THANKS!** Denise Becker and Tracey Tallmadge for Morning Prayer with short notice on May 4th.

**THANKS!** Calvin Tallmadge, Woody Robins Larry Felldin, Burke Wright, Duane Kane, Dan Vail, Jody Proffitt and Tom Vail for the wonderful Mother's Day Breakfast.

**THANKS!** Duane Kane and Tom Vail for mowing the neighboring church lawn.



**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 don't

*God* GRANT ME THE *serenity*  
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE,  
THE *courage* TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN,  
AND THE *wisdom* TO KNOW  
THE DIFFERENCE.

## 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						
Fr. Chuck Taylor		Fr. David Hanselman		Fr. Bruce MacDuffie			
Bishop "Skip" Adams		Pope Francis					

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.*



### Treasurer's Remarks

Inflows and outflows are both tracking reasonably close to budget with a couple of exceptions. Those are clergy support and fuel oil. Clergy support is currently under billed by approximately \$3000 because of some problems at Zion. This is being resolved. The severe winter and rising oil prices have resulted in fuel oil being over expended by approximately \$1816. As of the end of May, Inflows amount to \$16,277 and Outflows amount to \$14,475 yielding a positive cash flow of \$1802. Of course billing from Zion for clergy support will affect this negatively and going through summer with little to no fuel oil requirements will have a positive impact. Giving is running almost exactly to budget. Many thanks to everyone for keeping their financial support up to date.

Pete Vail



### Afton Interchurch Council (AIC)

#### Afton Food Pantry

- New coordinator Kathy Knudsen

Baccalaureate will be held at the Methodist Church on June 26, at 7:00 pm

ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
AFTON, NY



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Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am

Tracey Tallmadge

Wardens: Betty Vail

Clergy: The Rev. David A. Hanselman

SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN OUR  
COMMUNITY THROUGH PRAYER, STUDY  
AND ACTION

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## The Final Word



**Don't be afraid of those who want to kill you. They can only kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Not even a sparrow, worth half a penny can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid, you are more valuable to him than a whole flock of sparrows.**

**Matthew 10:28-31**

The above quote is taken from the Gospel reading for 2 Pentecost as found in the *Holy Bible, New Living Translation*. The commentary that follows is from the same source.

Low self-esteem is one of the psychological diseases of our modern culture. Our consumer society mass-markets beauty, youth, and material success so that we are constantly bombarded with images of people we see as better than ourselves. The tendency to compare ourselves with the perfect body, face, job or intelligence of another leads us to feel inadequate. Jesus encourages us to locate the proper source of self-esteem. Our lives are of infinite worth, not because we have the looks of a model or the mind of a Nobel prize winner, but because we are created and loved personally by the eternal God of all heaven and earth. When our self-esteem is grounded not in ourselves, but in our creator, we are freed from a destructive over-emphasis on self.

On what do you depend for your feelings of worth?

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