

The Parish News

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY

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Member of the Chenango District

September 2015

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From Fr. Dave 

I've got a simple message for this month - please fill out the survey from the Bishop Search Committee. This can be done either online or on paper. Also, please consider attending the regional meeting on Sept 10th at 7pm at Zion, Greene. Members of the Search Committee team (including me) will be there to talk about the process and ask for feedback as we begin our work.

The survey asks for your feedback on what you think are the most important strengths and skills our next Bishop will need and what you think are the most important personal characteristics you're looking for in a Bishop.

There's a good deal of information, and a link to take the survey online, available on the diocesan website: www.cnyepiscopal.org

Paper copies of the survey will be available at the parishes. If you choose to complete a paper copy, please send it in yourself to help our parishes keep office costs down.

I want to remind all the folks at St Ann's that we're coming up on our annual meeting on Oct 4th. Best of all, this year we'll have Bishop Adams with us that day! It'll be the last chance St Ann's has to celebrate Communion with Bishop Adams, so I hope many of you will turn out.

And now, how about some fun facts about Bishops? The word "Episcopal" means "governed by bishops". The bishop's ring carries an image of the diocesan seal. The bishop wears the ring to symbolize commitment and faithfulness to God and the Church.

The average age of all current bishops is 59.8 years. The average age of a bishop at consecration is 47. And, the average length of an episcopate is 12.8 years.

The first American bishop was Samuel Seabury, who after the American Revolution went back to England to be consecrated. But his request was refused. As an American citizen, he could not swear allegiance to the crown (we'd just spent the Revolution getting rid of our allegiance to the crown!). Seabury went to Scotland, where he was consecrated by the Scottish Episcopal Church on Nov 14, 1784.

The church maintains a list of every bishop, numbered from #1 - Samuel Seabury - down to the most recently consecrated bishop. Bishop Adams is #972.

Blessings to you all!

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



Vestry Meeting

- September 20th

Parish Hall clean up

- September 22 @ 9am

Bishop "Skip" Adams visits on October 4th

Service Schedule

	<u>Date</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
HC	Sept 6	T.Vail	P.Tucker	----	BV	B.Vail
MP	Sept 13	R.Felldin	C.Tarvin	RF	----	D.Vail
HC	Sept 20	C.Cimini	D.Becker	AC	DB	A.Cimini/B.Vail
MP	Sept 27	C.Cimini	P.Tucker	BV	----	B.Vail
HC	Oct 4	T.Vail	C.Tarvin	TV	DB	D.Becker/B.Vail

Morning Prayer:

Sept. 13 - Carol & Mado

Sept. 27 - T.Tallmadge/T.Vail

Church School:

Sept. 13 - Carol Cimini

Sept. 20 - M.Harding

Sept. 27 - R.Felldin

Food Pantry: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 B)

<u>Date</u>		<u>Psalm</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Sept. 6	15 Pent	125	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sept 13	16 Pent	19	Proverbs 1:20-33	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sept 20	17 Pent	1	Proverbs 31:10-31	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sept 27	18 Pent	124	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
Oct 4	19 Pent	26	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Duty – Altar Guild for the month of September - Pat Tucker 639-1984. If you wish to purchase or provide flowers for the Altar on a particular Sunday, call Betty Vail at 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.

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 Joyce Mya Holly Cindy Lou Toni Lois Sally CliffordRichard Pastor Sue
 Andrea Adrianna Judy Fr. Chuck Taylor Fr. David Hanselman Fr. Bruce MacDuffie
 Bishop "Skip" Adams Bishop Michael Curry Pope Francis Zion Church St. Paul's Church The General
 Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church The vestry of St. Ann's The Bishop Search Committee

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.

Upcoming Event

October 4, 2015
October 4, 2015

Bishop "Skip" Adams

Visiting Annual Meeting



Vestry Highlights

1. Outreach - \$200.00 to American Heart and \$200.00 to SOS Abused Women's Shelter.
2. Discussed the possibility of installing multi-media equipment in the church to use with services.
3. Vestry voted to purchase HT300US to replace "Synthia" organ device. The HT300US will be purchase using funds Fay Todd estate left to St. Ann's. The HT300US will be named "TODD" in memory of Fay Todd.
4. Pete Vail will order the HT300US
5. Mike Caughman provided his finding during his Risk Assessment.
6. The Investment Policy and Guidelines presented were enacted.
7. Received financial report from the treasurer. We are holding our own financially.

St Ann's Coffee Hour



BISHOP SEARCH COMMITTEE

Father David has been asked to be on the Bishop search committee. Please keep Fr. David and the other search committee members in your prayers

Kudos



THANKS! - All who provide us with Coffee Hour.

THANKS! - Denise and Amy for donating a flat screen tv for the parish hall.

THANKS! - Marissa Harding for bringing in a bunch of new toys for the kids to play with in the church school area. She asked several of her friends to donate and our thanks to everyone to helped out with Marissa's project.

THANKS! - Many thanks to Grace Affuso for filling in for those empty coffee hour dates.

THANKS! - Tom for spraying the stripes on the Parish Hall steps.

THANKS! - Duane for cutting out the new sheep for the Creche.

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 want to miss anyone!

SUNDAY AT ST. ANNS WITH YOUTH AND CHILDREN



A History of St. Ann's Church

(Continued from July 2015, A History of St. Ann's)

From the records for September 1868, we learn that the vestry resumed the debt of the Church and sent their request to the Bishop to have the Church of St. Ann's consecrated. The consecration took place October 1, 1868.

As the years passed, it seemed difficult to obtain necessary funds to carry on the work of the Church. At nearly every annual meeting Harvey Hinman was appointed to draw up a subscription paper and circulate it, to try to raise funds enough to pay off the debt. In the minutes of December 1870 we read, "On motion of H. R. Caswell we make an effort to raise the salary for the Rev. J. A. Robinson to \$250 besides the stipend." The motion was carried and again Harvey Hinman was appointed to circulate a subscription for that effect. The Rev. Mr. Robinson agreed to stay if the said amount could be raised. Whether the amount was ever raised or what happened we do not know, but in the Vestry Meeting of April 7, 1871, the Rev. Mr. Robinson presented his resignation and it was accepted.

By May 1872, a resolution was passed to pay the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Palmer \$300 a year, in quarterly installments. On June 8th. 1872, N. B. Stowell made a proposition to the Vestry that he would give the timber for a thousand ties to pay off the church debt and the Vestry should get them out and deliver them to the railroad. The proposition was acted upon and accepted.

The first time the ladies are mentioned in the minutes was in 1877 when the resolution was passed that the Vestry hire the money in the ladies' hands and apply the same to pay the Church debt. In 1888 we find things picking up a bit financially because Mrs. Lu B. Cake was thanked for her very liberal Easter donation of \$25 and the records assure us that as a consistent and devoted Church lady she will be held in kind remembrance by the members of St. Ann's Church. At the same meeting the Vestry thanked Isaac Louderback for the efficient manner in which he had managed the financial affairs of St. Ann's Church, and for once there is no mention of Harvey Hinman's being appointed to circulate a subscription.

If undue emphasis seemed to be placed on the early financial struggles of St. Ann's, it must be remembered that most of the information has had to be gleaned from the minutes of meetings of the Vestry, the body of men concerned with the physical and financial state of the parish Church. On August 3, 1890 the Rev. Orin Sands held service at St. Ann's in the afternoon. Later that day the Church was struck by lightning and the structure totally destroyed. However, all furnishings were saved. The insurance was \$1500. On August 23rd. the Vestry met to appoint a building committee to procure plans and specifications for a new Church. By September the plans and specifications were accepted and the building committee was authorized to let the contract as soon as \$2150 could be raised. By that time the Rev. Sands had left, and the Rev. A. G. Singesen became rector, April 17, 1891. The church was completed at a cost of about \$3000 and opened for its first service September 6, 1891. It was consecrated by Bishop Huntington October 6, 1891.

The Rev. Mr. Singesen resigned in September 1894, moving to Findlay, Ohio. The Rev. Walter E. Bently became Rector November 4, 1894.

In the next few years the women apparently played an important part, for we read in the minutes of 1895, "Motion made and carried that Charles Guy is to be a committee of one to wait on the ladies and ascertain if they will make up the deficiency on the insurance premium." In 1900 the ladies of St. Ann's Guild were asked to consider the proposition to put eavestroughs on the Church and properly drain the Church so that the basement could eventually be done off and to pay all expenses for same.

(To be continued next month)



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Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am

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The Final Word



What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?

James 2:14

The Epistle lessons for September continue with selections from James and we would be wise to heed his advice. The quoted verse is an excellent summary of what James says. As the saying goes, talk is cheap. Fr. Ralph Groskoph, in one of his sermons, alluded to that there are those who go to church on Sunday and then go home and put their Christianity on the shelf for the remainder of the week. This is exactly what James warns against.

He goes on to say in Chapter 3, "Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom." Good advice, indeed! Another behavior that James addresses in this month's Epistle lessons is our judging of people who may be different from us.

As written in The Message by Eugene H. Peterson, "If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, 'Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!' and either ignore the street person or say, 'Better sit here in the back row,' haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted? Does this happen at St. Ann's? Let's pray that it does not and will not.

James also has much to say about the power of the tongue, that is, the words that come out of our mouths. As he puts it, "With it [our tongue] we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. Let us pray for God's grace to help us use our tongue in ways that will honor Him. Finally from James, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you." More good advice!

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