

# The Parish News

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, MD

Member of the Chenango District

August 2013

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In an emergency, please contact one of the wardens



## Make a Note

-Vestry will not meet during the months of July and August.

-Aug. 11th: Pig Roast at St. Andrew's, New Berlin beginning with worship at 2 p.m. Bring table service and a dish to share.

From Fr. Dave

Greetings everyone!

I trust that your summer has been going well. It seems lots of folks have been having quite a busy summer. Mine has been no exception. Among the many wonderful things - such as JRC and VBS and whatnot - in mid-July we had our annual district workday and Water Safari trip. This year we helped a few folks up in Sherburne and did some work around Epiphany, Sherburne. For Water Safari, we had the largest group I've seen in my 3 years here.

August will continue to be busy, but in a different way - I've got some vacation coming! I hope that you all have a wonderful rest of the summer.

I would like to leave you with a quote that has stuck in my brain for several weeks now. At our 2d Wed night Bible Study in Afton, we watched a video that included a quote from Alexander Solzhenitsyn's book *The Gulag Archipelago*.

While it's probably easy enough for you to Google his name, I will tell you that he's an incredible author, raised in the Soviet Union, fought for the USSR during WWII and was subsequently imprisoned in a gulag or work camp (i.e. "sent to Siberia") for 8 years. He remained a critic of communism and was eventually expelled from the Soviet Union. His book *The Gulag Archipelago* is based upon his own experience in the gulag system as well as extensive research he did.

The reason this quote has remained so fixed in my brain is that it speaks so clearly to us today. In a world that tries to divide us up into competing interests, all too frequently demonizing "the other side", I ask that you consider this: "Gradually, it was disclosed to me that the line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either -- but right through every human heart -- and through all human hearts."

May God's peace and blessing be with you!

Fr. Dave

## Service Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>OT Reader</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
MP Aug 4	B. Wright	R. Felldin	JP	----	B. Vail/A. Vail
MP Aug 11	T. Tallmadge	B. Vail	PV	-----	J. Proffitt
HC Aug 18	D. Becker	J. Rettberg	BV	D. Becker	J. Proffitt/D. Becker
MP Aug 25	T. Vail	C. Tarvin	TV	-----	B. Vail
HC Sept. 1	C. Cimini	J. Rettberg	AC	C. Cimini	A. Cimini

### Morning Prayer Leaders:

Aug. 4 – T. Vail  
 Aug 11 – J. Rettberg  
 Aug 25 – B. Vail & B. Wright

**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 C)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>OT Reading</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
Aug. 4 Pentecost 11	107:1-9,43	Hosea 11:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Aug. 11 Pentecost 12	50:1-8, 23-24	Isaiah 1:1,10-20	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Aug. 18 Pentecost 13	80:1-2, 8-18	Isaiah 5: 1-7	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Aug. 25 Pentecost 14	71:1-6	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
Sept. 1 Pentecost 15	81:1, 10-16	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

## On Fr. Dave's Absences

Hey everyone! I hope I've sent this to all interested parties. Here's the schedule of my vacations and professional development that are coming up. You might note that I'm taking a few extra days in August that weren't planned before - since nothing was coming up on my calendar, and it's during the week, I figured I'd use up a few more days.

Thursday Aug 1 - Friday Aug 9 (which includes this coming Sunday (Aug 4))

Monday Aug 19 - Monday Aug 26 (which includes Sunday Aug 25)

Sunday Nov 17 (day after Convention)

By my reckoning, that will leave me 1 week and 1 Sunday left for vacation (which I will probably take sometime over Christmas break)

Professional development will be:

Credo conference Monday Sept 9th - Monday Sept 16th (includes Sunday Sept 15th)

## Altar Guild

**Altar Guild Duty**—Judy Rettberg (639-4084) and Betty Vail (639-1201.) If you wish to purchase or provide flowers for the altar on a particular Sunday, call Judy. If you are giving flowers in memory of a loved one, sign up on the bulletin board in the parish hall and please notify Pete Vail (639-1444) by no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the Sunday bulletin.

**Vestry Highlights 07/21/2013**

1. Vestry is not meeting in July or August.

**Notice to All Readers**

If you are willing to read the Parish News on St. Ann's website, which is:

**<http://www.stannsaftonny.org>**

instead of receiving it hardcopy via US Mail, please send me an email (pcvail@tds.net) stating such. You will receive a monthly e-mail telling you that it is available. This will save St. Ann's copying costs and postage.

**Kudos**

**Thanks!** to July Morning Prayer leaders: Denise Becker & Marissa Harding and Betty Vail & Jody Proffitt. Many **Thanks!** to July Children's Sermon leaders. And **Thanks!** to Duane Kane & Tom Vail for installing additional shelves in St. Ann's Closet!

**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 for whom we have been asked to pray. The clergy of the Chenango District have been included. Please remember these people in your personal prayers. Send or give any additions or changes to Tom Vail, 639-1201.

Kaitlin	Sally	Gloria	Cindy
Carol	Pat	Tony Moran	Cheryl
Peter	Mary	Mya	John
Jeri	Joyce	Holly	Fr. Chuck Taylor
Michele	Charles	Jim	Fr. David Hanselman
Evelyn	Kody	Candon	Fr. Bruce MacDuffie
Ken	Helen	Elinor	Bishop "Skip" Adams
Lou	Chuck	St. Peter's	in their search for a rector

The victims of all natural disasters in the United States.

The following prayer is suggested by Bishop Skip. It is from the Evening Prayer and Compline services 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, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.*

Fay Todd has been a supporter of St. Ann's for many years. He is currently in Fairview Good Shepard home for physical therapy. Please keep him in your prayers and send cards to the following: H. Fay Todd, Good Shepard Communities, 3rd Floor, Rm. #304, 80 Fairview Avenue, Binghamton, N. Y. 13904

We are currently updating our Parish Brochure and are looking for someone who has experience using the Microsoft "Publisher" software to provide some help in setting up the revision to our existing brochure. If you are familiar with "Publisher" please contact Tom Vail.

### Bon Voyage

On July 1st, Nancy Setford left us permanently to live in Florida. We thank her for her immeasurable contributions to the family that is St. Ann's and we pray: Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us, especially Nancy, to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. We wish you the best, Nancy!

In case you missed last month's issue, Nancy's new address is: Nancy Setford  
706 Parker Den Drive  
Ruskin, Florida 33570  
Cell Phone: 607-743-1060

### Found in "The Joyful Noiseletter."

#### One Liners

"When you're going through hell, keep going."  
Winston Churchill

"Before you put on a frown, make absolutely sure there are no smiles available."  
Jim Beggs

"Technology is amazing. When I first started driving it took forever to pump \$20 worth of gas; now it's almost instant."  
Matt Gubser

"The heaviest thing you can carry is a grudge."  
Crossways, Canadensis PA Moravian Church

"I'm smiling all the time because I can't hear a thing you're saying."  
A senior lady (or man)

"The difference between an optimist and a pessimist? An optimist laughs to forget, but a pessimist forgets to laugh."  
Tom Bodett

"The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have, and be able to lose all desire for things beyond reach."  
Lin Yu Tang, Apple Seeds

#### A Child's Book Report on Old & New Testaments

**In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in, though, because they didn't have cars then. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something. One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat. Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. To be continued...**

## Coming Events

**The 3-Parish Religious Study Group** will meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at St. Ann's in Afton. The next scheduled Bible Study is August 14th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and drink.

The annual **St. Andrew's, New Berlin, Piggly Wiggly pig roast** is scheduled for August 11th beginning with Eucharist at 2 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your table service.

## Youth Group Doings

Dan and Kerri Vail  
July 30th

Hello! It was great seeing many of you tonight at the Youth Group Meeting. So excited about our gatherings and outings for the coming school year! The following is a summary of what transpired at our meeting. We included our church bulletin/newsletter creators in this e-mail and ask if you would please disseminate the following information to the individual churches. We greatly appreciate you getting the information out to our parishioners!

We will continue to have our bimonthly youth group gatherings throughout the coming school year. They will generally be on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except for May) from 2-4 pm. Here is the schedule for our meetings thus far:

September 8, 2013 – Zion  
November 10, 2013 – St. Ann's  
January 12, 2014 – St. Paul's  
March 9, 2014 – Zion  
May 4, 2014 – St. Ann's  
Summer gathering (date and time to be decided) – St. Paul's

We also plan to schedule 2 outings for the year – possibly one in the fall and one in the spring/summer. Some ideas for outings include a sporting event (Bearcats, BMets, etc.), Howe's Caverns, Museum of the Earth, Ross Park Zoo, Discovery Center, Animal Adventures, Cayuga Nature Center, TR Events, Sledding Party, etc. We will meet again in September to discuss specific plans for a fall outing.

St. Paul's is having a yard sale fundraiser on August 31st from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. One table will be designated for the Youth Group – proceeds from this table will benefit the Youth Group's activities. If you have items that you would like to donate for the Youth Group table or if you would like to volunteer your time to assist with the event, please contact Dan Wilson at [barndwellerz@aol.com](mailto:barndwellerz@aol.com). You can also contact Dan if you are interested in renting a table (\$10/table) to sell your own items.

I know that there are many other families in the three parishes that would be interested in receiving this information. Please forward this e-mail to them. Also, please have them e-mail Kerri Vail ([dkvail@frontier.com](mailto:dkvail@frontier.com)) with their contact information. She is keeping a record of e-mails for all youth group families.

Thank you so much for your time!

Address label here

Worship Services: Sunday 9:15 am

Judy Rettberg

Wardens: Tracey Tallmadge

Clergy: The Rev. David A. Hanselman

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## The Final Word



***What is faith? It is the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see.***

***Hebrews 11: 1***

This verse is taken from the Epistle reading for Pentecost 12. The beginning point of faith is believing in God's character—he is who he says he is. From this point we can move on to believe in God's promises—he will do what he says he will do. When we believe that God will fulfill his promises even though we don't see those promises materializing yet, we demonstrate true faith.

Hopelessness is the dark suspicion that things will get worse, not better. Whenever we see the future with more clouds, more darkness, more trouble, more pain, more problems, we invite the spirit of hopelessness to invade our being and possess us. On the other hand, if we truly see a better way for the future, the sun shines and we find hope even in the presence of trouble, pain, prob-

lems, and darkness.

At the heart of Hebrews is Christ, "the better way," who brings us hope. Who can doubt that it is better to be forgiven than to be condemned? Who can doubt that to walk with Christ is a better way than to walk with Satan?

Christ offers hope for today and hope forever. We can face our problems today because we face them with Jesus, our eternal hope. We have hope for tomorrow because through his blood, he bought our redemption and brings us the promise of life forever with him in heaven.

This hope enables us to hold fast, come to God's throne boldly in prayer, and find help in Christ in time of need.

The next time a spirit of hopelessness sweeps over you, study Hebrews and discover the better way in Jesus Christ, our great High Priest.

**From the Guideposts TouchPoint Bible.** Ed. Note: A good way to get familiar with God's Word would be to attend Fr. Dave's Bible Study on the 2nd Wed. of the month at 6 p.m. in St. Ann's parish hall. Bring your own drink and a dish to share.