

The Parish News

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, MD

Member of the Chenango District

June 2013

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In an emergency, please
contact one of the wardens



Make a Note

-St. Ann's Parish Picnic on June 9th at Kellystone Campground starting at 10 a.m. with worship. Bring a dish to share.

-Vestry meets on June 16th after fellowship time.

-July 15th: Summer Work Project starts at 9:00 a.m.

-July 17th: Water Safari. Be at St. Andrew's at 8:00 a.m.

-Aug. 11th: Pig Roast at St. Andrew's, New Berlin

From Fr. Dave

Greetings and Blessings to everyone!

In my Trinity Sunday sermon I shared a quote that's been rolling around in my mind and heart ever since I first read it just a couple weeks before Trinity Sunday. Since it's still rolling around in there, I think I'd like to share it with a wider audience. It's from a wonderful book - "Father Joe" by Tony Hendra - I highly recommend it to everyone!

The 13th Century German mystic Meister Eckhart writes somewhere: "When God laughs at the soul and the soul laughs back at God, the persons of the Trinity are begotten. When the Father laughs at the Son, and the Son laughs back at the Father, that laughter gives pleasure, that pleasure gives joy, that joy gives love, and that love is the Holy Spirit."

I said a little bit about it to the folks at church on that Sunday, but for now I'll leave it up to you to ponder on your own. I find it to be just a beautiful image.

In other news, and speaking of sermons long past, I had made a promise to all of you. Sort of a plea, actually. I asked for volunteers to help me overcome my (irrational?) fear of donating blood. Well, the piper must be paid and the cows are coming home to roost (drum roll, please): **June 14th from 1 pm - 6 pm at Greene UCC there is a blood drive!** I will do my best to be there at 1 pm. Please come out to help! If you can't make it, and if I survive, I do plan on trying to find blood drives in Afton and Oxford and maybe Binghamton and other areas in which our parishioners live.

I suppose that's enough for this month. May God bless you and keep you all!

Fr. Dave

Service Schedule

<u>Svc.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>OT Reader</u>	<u>Epistle</u>	<u>CS</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
HC	June 2	P. Tucker	C. Johnson	CJ	D. Becker	N. Setford/J. Proffitt
MP	June 9	A. Cimini	C. Tarvin	---	Picnic at Kellystone Park	
HC	June 16	C. Cimini	R. Felldin	AC	C. Cimini	A. Cimini/N. Setford
MP	June 23	B. Wright	J. Rettberg	BV	----	N. Setford
MP	June 30	P. Tucker	C. Tarvin	TV	----	J. Proffitt

Morning Prayer Leaders:
 June 23 - D. Becker/M. Harding
 June 30 - B. Wright/B. Vail

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>
June 2 Pentecost 2	96	1 Kings 18:20-21,30-39	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
June 9 Pentecost 3	146	1 Kings 17:8-16(17-24)	Galatians 1:11-24	Luke 7:11-17
June 16 Pentecost 4	5:1-8	1 Kings 21:1-10, 15-21a	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
June 23 Pentecost 5	42 & 43	1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39:
June 30 Pentecost 6	77:1-2, 11-20	2 Kings :2:1-2,6-14	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
July 7 Pentecost 7	30	2 Kings 5:1-14	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Duty—Nancy Setford (639-1828.) If you wish to purchase or provide flowers for the altar on a particular Sunday, call Nancy. 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.

St. Ann's Annual Church Picnic

Please mark your calendars. St. Ann's Annual Church Picnic will be held at Kellystone Park on June 9th. An informal worship service will begin at 10 a.m. and the picnic will follow. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. This is a fun event and great way to usher in the summer season. Please be sure to attend!

Kudos



Vestry Highlights 05/19/2013

1. Outreach: Decided to donate \$200 to the Afton Food Pantry so that it can be used to answer the Feinstein Challenge.
2. Parish picnic is scheduled for June 9th at Kellystone.
3. Interest expressed in continuing to meet on the last Wednesday evening of each month at St. Ann's parish hall to do Bible study. We will kick it off on May 29th and see how it goes. Fr. Dave will moderate.
4. Baccalaureate Service for Afton graduates will be held at St. Ann's on June 20th at 7 pm. Practice at 10 am same day.
5. Treasurer advised Vestry that a request had been received for the St. Ann's Exceptional Student Award (\$100). All agreed that this should be continued.
6. Treasurer reported that income is keeping up with expenditures. Details are posted on parish hall bulletin

Thanks! to May Morning Prayer leaders: Robin Felldin & Tracey Tallmadge and Betty Vail & Burke Wright. Many **Thanks!** to May Church School leaders: Marissa Harding, Betty and Tom Vail. **Thanks!** to all who turned out for the Saturday Spring Cleaning Bee. The turnout was excellent. And **Thanks!** to all St. Ann's men who turned out to cook the Mothers' Day Brunch. Under the watchful eye of Chef Mike DeBetta, a delicious meal of French Toast, eggs, sausage, hash browns and juice was provided. It was enjoyed by all.

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	Fr. Chuck Taylor
Jeri	Joyce	Holly	Fr. David Hanselman
Michele	Charles	Jim	Fr. Bruce MacDuffie
Evelyn	Kody	Candon	Bishop "Skip" Adams
Ken	Helen	Eleanor	
Lou	Chuck	St. Peter's in their search for a rector	

The victims of the tornados in Oklahoma and other parts of the country.

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.

UTO News

The **United Thank Offering** is a great way to demonstrate our thankfulness for God's daily blessings in our lives. Typically we do this by dropping a few coins in our Blue UTO Box whenever we experience something for which we are thankful. Even a few coins offered in thanksgiving each day can add up to a significant amount over 6 months. And when these individual offerings are gathered together with those from Episcopal churches around the world, great things can be done.

We received word from the Diocesan UTO Coordinator, Nancy Rancier, that, as important as the money is for the good that can be done with it, our primary goal is to increase the prayers of thanksgiving that we send to God. This year the Spring and Fall In-gatherings will be taken on May 19th and All Saints Day (celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 3rd,) respectively. However, if you missed the May 19th date, it is not too late. UTO Blue Boxes and envelopes are on the table as you enter the parish hall. If you give by check, be sure to write "UTO" on the

Address label here

Worship Services: Sunday 9:15 am

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

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The Final Word



There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

(Reprinted from the June 2010 News)

In the Epistle reading for Pentecost 4, Paul refutes the teaching that certain requirements must be met before a person can be saved.

It seems to me that if Paul were writing to us in our time, he might have said, there is no longer Methodist or Presbyterian, there is no longer Baptist or Roman Catholic, there is no longer Congregational or Episcopalian, and maybe even, there is no longer St. Ann's or St. Peter's or Zion! However I'm sure he would still make his point that "all of you are one in Christ Jesus!"

Are we one in Christ Jesus? As we encounter challenges and difficulties in our church are we focused on discerning what God is calling us to do and how we might be more effective in spreading

the Good News of Jesus Christ? Or are we concentrating on how to keep St. Ann's as we would like to see it? These are tough questions, to be sure, maybe even uncomfortable ones, but they must be addressed.

St. Ann's has always been blessed with a strong and talented laity that has weathered many a storm over the years. And it is no different now. Several among us have indicated a willingness to lead services. A few years ago, a goodly number of parishioners attended Fr. Ralph's training for Lay Eucharistic Visitors. Attendance at Chenango District meetings has been gratifying. A strong sense of being one in Christ is evident in our worship and during the laying on of hands for healing.

As we continue to seek God's will for St. Ann's, it is imperative that we encourage each other to identify strengths and talents and to use them to spread the Good News as brothers and sisters who are one in Christ. It is then that people will say, "Look how they love one another!"

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