

## Sharing God's Love in Our Community Through Prayer, Study and Action

**St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY**  
(Member of the Chenango District)

### The Parish News

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The Newsletter of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Afton, NY

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### *From Fr. Dave*

Greetings! And peace be with you!

June. Lovely and amazing and filled with hope. Our vegetables are in the ground (except for the garlic which will be coming out of the ground in July) and summer is beginning.

As a reminder, as you enjoy summer, please remember to continue supporting your parish. You might need a getaway for a weekend, but we still need your support.

Our churches - in fact, our entire district! - will be making a great start to the summer at Kellystone on June 11th at 10am. This is the first year our 3 parish picnic and worship service becomes our *district* picnic and worship service! Please remember to bring a dish to pass and your own forks and spoons and whatnot. Coffee and lemonade will be provided.

Bishop DeDe is asking the whole diocese to join together in reading a book, *The Agile Church* by Dwight Zscheile, about the renewal of our parishes. I know, I know. For those of you who've looked into these sorts of things, it seems every year tons and tons of books come out about how to renew our parishes.

But there's a crucial and fundamental difference with this book - the Bishop's office is putting their energy behind it, too. The author will be at this year's convention in November. The format for convention will be very much like a workshop in discussing the ideas from the book. As such, anyone in addition to the convention delegates is invited to be at convention too. It's not just for delegates this year! And there will be ongoing support for discussing, planning and supporting each other in trying to realize the goals of *The Agile Church*.

So, again, while much of what's written in *The Agile Church* may sound familiar, the crucial difference will be Bishop DeDe's support and enthusiasm. As District Dean, I've been fortunate enough to meet with Bishop DeDe regularly and to see firsthand her imaginative and caring problem solving skills, her cooperative leadership and above all, her dedication and overflowing love for Jesus and this diocese.

Blessings to all of you, and as we go forward, may God grant us grace to do our very best to love and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## 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!

<b>Service Schedule</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>OT Reader</b>	<b>Epistle Reader</b>	<b>CS</b>	<b>EM</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>
June 4	HC	D.Wieber	Kris B.	DV	DW	D.Wieber/D.Vail
June 11	HC	T.Tallmadge	R.Felldin	KD		(Picnic at Kellystone Park)
June 18	MP	A.Wieber	B.Vail	BV	----	B.Vail
June 25	MP	C.Cimini	D.Wieber	AC	----	D.Wieber
July 2	HC	C.Tarvin	T.Vail	---	JR	B.Vail
<b>Church School</b>						
		<b>Morning Prayer</b>		<b>Food Pantry</b>		
June 4	T. Vail			June 12	Pat & Al Tucker	
				June 14	Jane Seacat & Judy Rettberg	
June 18		R.Felldin	T.Tallmadge			
June 25		D.Wieber	B.Vail			
<b>Lectionary (Year A)</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>OT Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Epistle Reading</b>	<b>Gospel Reading</b>	
June 4	HC	Acts 2:1-21	Ps. 104:25-35, 37b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23	
June 11	HC	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalm. 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20	
June 18	MP	Genesis 21:8-21	Ps. 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39	
June 25	MP	Genesis 22:1-14	Ps. 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42	
July 2	HC	Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42	

**Altar Duty** for the month of June is Betty Vail 639-1201. If you are giving flowers in memory a loved one, please notify Peter Vail 607-639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.



June Coffee Hour Sign Ups  
 June 4 - Denise and Amy  
 June 11 - Church Picnic  
 June 18 - available for signup  
 June 25 - Carol Tarvin

Wear red next Sunday, June 4.  
 Because red is the color symbolizing fire, zeal,  
 passion, heat!



Because Pentecost celebrates the coming  
 of the Holy Spirit!  
 Because red is the liturgical color for Pentecost!  
 Because it is fun!

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**St. Ann's Prayer List for June 2017**

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. **Please note: Long term names will be left on the list indefinitely, short term names for two months unless updated.**

**Long Term**

Carol  
Peter  
Joyce  
Mya  
Holly  
Cindy  
Lois  
Clifford  
Richard  
Bill  
Elliott

Fr. David Hanselman  
Fr. Bruce MacDuffie  
Deacon Kay  
Pastor Becky  
Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe  
Bishop Michael Curry  
The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph  
Emmanuel Church  
Epiphany Church  
Zion Church  
St. Paul's Church  
St. Andrew's Church  
St. Matthew's Church  
St. Peter's Church

**Short Term**

Pastor Sue	Patrick
Marsey	Evelyn
Marion	Connie
Robin	Breanna
Eli	

The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School. The Rector search for Emanuel, St. Andrew's & St. Matthew's churches. The following prayer 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 whosleep. 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.*



### Catch of a Lifetime A Father's Day story

He was eleven years old and went fishing every chance he got from the dock at his family's cabin on an island in the middle of a New Hampshire lake. On the day before bass season opened, he and his father were fishing early in the evening catching sunfish and perch with worms. Then he tied on a small silver lure and practiced casting. The lure struck the water and caused colored ripples in the sunset, then silver ripples as the moon rose over the lake.

When his pole doubled over, he knew something huge was on the other end. His father watched with admiration as the boy skillfully worked the fish alongside the dock. Finally, he very gingerly lifted the exhausted fish from the water. It was the largest one he had ever seen, but it was a bass.

The boy and his father looked at the handsome fish, gills playing back and forth in the moonlight. The father lit a match and looked at his watch. It was 10 P.M. – two hours before the season opened. He looked at the fish, then at the boy. "You'll have to put it back, son," he said. "Dad!" cried the boy. "There will be other fish," said his father. "Not as big as this one," cried the boy. He looked around the lake. No other fishermen or boats were anywhere around in the moonlight. He looked again at his father. Even though no one had seen them, nor could anyone ever know what time he caught the fish, the boy could tell by the clarity of his father's voice that the decision was not negotiable. He slowly worked the hook out of the lip of the huge bass and lowered it into the black water. The creature swished its powerful body and disappeared. The boy suspected that he would never again see such a great fish.

That was 34 years ago. Today, the boy is a successful architect in New York City. His father's cabin is still there on the island in the middle of the lake. He takes his own son and daughters fishing from the same dock. And he was right. He has never again caught such a magnificent fish as the one he landed that night long ago.

But he does see that same fish – again and again – every time he comes up against a question of ethics. For, as his father taught him, ethics are simple matters of right and wrong. It is only the practice of ethics that is difficult. Do we do right when no one is looking? Do we refuse to cut corners to get the design in on time? Or refuse to trade stocks based on information that we know we aren't supposed to have? We would if we were taught to put the fish back when we were young. For we would have learned the truth.

The decision to do right lives fresh and fragrant in our memory. It is a story we will proudly tell our friends and grandchildren. Not about how we had a chance to beat the system and took it, but about how we did the right thing and were forever strengthened.

From The Anglican Digest



## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS



1. **Outreach donation to be sent to the local VFW.**
2. **Delegates to this fall's convention will be Mado and Carol Cimini, alternates, Tracey Tallmadge and Betty Vail.**
3. **All members asked to attend the June meeting so that a final decision can be made on the title of the Todd bequest and the investment of the balance of those funds.**
4. **It was suggested that we look into possible new carpet for the Church. Information to be obtained.**
5. **Financial report indicates that we are "in the black."**

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Church Picnic will be held at Kellystone Park with Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. The Episcopal churches in the Chenango District are invited to attend this event. **Please bring a dish to pass and your own place settings.** A flyer was sent to the district churches with directions to Kellystone Park. Any questions, please call Betty or Tom at 607-639-1201. There is a play area for children. Games for the younger children will take place after the meal.



Thank  
Offering

### The United Thank Offering of the Episcopal Church

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. UTO Sundays are typically in May and November, with May 28<sup>th</sup> being the Spring "ingathering" for 2017. Many people find satisfaction in supporting this mission and ministry of the Church, in thankfulness for all the blessings they have received.

Robin and Breanna Felldin have volunteered to go to El Salvador with other Episcopalians in the Diocese. There have been several meetings which Robin and Breanna attended to prepare for this trip to help the people of El Salvador. Please keep them in your prayers. We look forward to hearing about their experiences in that country upon their return trip.



## ***CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE***

*6/1 Duane Kane  
6/1 Mya Boston  
6/9 Stephanie Proffitt  
6/10 Heather Cottell  
6/22 Mike DeBetta*



*6/23 Alan & Jane Seacat*



**Please send your birthday/anniversary dates to me @ [cttallmadg@aol.com](mailto:cttallmadg@aol.com) or advise me at church.**

**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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