

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

Last month I left you with this quote from Dwight Zscheile's book **The Agile Church**: "The church has been given the gift of the greatest vision in human history - the kingdom or reign of God as announced and embodied in Jesus. That is our guiding vision, and it must be articulated and interpreted constantly in the church's life."

But making that vision a reality requires a community working together. Faithfully, honestly, respectfully. There will inevitably be disagreements, but as long as honesty and respect rule the day, rather than the all too normal response of defensiveness, secrecy, undermining or disengagement, the Spirit of Christ will see us through the difficulty of disagreement and help us see how to be people of Christ in our community.

The Agile Church helps us consider the difference between our idea of who we are and what we're doing to see the actual reality of what we're really doing. An example he uses is the church that sees itself as warm and welcoming but unable to retain any newcomers. More often, the warm and friendly environment may only be for those who are already part of the congregation's tightly knit extended family. But rather than merely criticize those sorts of churches, Zscheile points out that there may be valid reasons to preserve that sort of intimate community environment. The problem is that the reasons for this situation are rarely named and every more rarely examined.

But in order for a honest discussion of what Jesus is calling our parish to be, we must create a "holding environment" in which we can engage in difficult conversation without being overwhelmed by anxiety, shutting down or disintegrating. "Holding environments" reassure people that "there is enough psychological safety, that their deeply held values and commitments will be respected, and that they will not be shamed. This work involves opening up and airing conflict in a learning environment in which people can negotiate real differences with one another or between their aspirations and underlying realities."

Whew! Now that is no doubt some pretty demanding work!

But it's also the work that Jesus invites us to take on so that we can truly live into our Baptismal promises. May God's peace be with you.

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!

Service Schedule						
Date	Service	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	CS	EM	Acolytes
Oct 1	HC	C.Cimini	C.Tarvin	AC	CC	A.Cimini/B.Vail
Oct 8	MP	J.Rettberg	C.Tarvin	---	---	Mya Boston
Oct 15	HC	P.Tucker	T.Tallmadge	BV	BV	D.Vail/B.Vail
Oct 22	MP	R.Felldin	J.Rettberg	RF	---	Tracey Tallmadge
Oct 29	HC	C.Cimini	M.Harding	AC	---	A.Cimini
Nov 5	HC	M.Harding	J.Rettberg	MH	JR	B.Vail/A.Vail
Church School						
		Morning Prayer			Food Pantry	
Oct 1	J.Rettberg			Oct. 11	J.Seacat/M.Kelly	
Oct 8	No Church School	J.Rettberg	B.Vail			
Oct 15	B.Vail					
Oct 22	R.Felldin	D.Wieber	M.Harding			
Oct.29	K.Vail	C.Cimini	M.Cimini			
Lectionary (Year A)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
Oct 1		Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32	
Oct 8		Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Psalm 19	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46	
Oct 15		Exodus 32:1-14	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14	
Oct 22		Exodus 33:12-23	Psalm 99	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22	
Oct 29		Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	1 Thessalonians 22:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46	
Nov 5		Joshua 3:7-17	Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12	

Altar Duty for the month of is Judy Rettberg 208-4084. 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.

The flowers on the Altar October 1st are in memory of Don Weller who passed away 20 years ago on October 5th. The flowers are in loving memory from his wife Toni and son Dana. The flowers are also in celebration of Betty and Tom Vail's 50th wedding anniversary which was celebrated September 30, 2017 and they are from Toni and Dana.





The **Annual Church meeting** will be held on October 1st, beginning at service time. A **potluck brunch** will take place after the church service before the meeting begins in the parish hall. If you have not signed up for the potluck and desire to enjoy the fellowship, please bring a dish to pass. The Annual meeting will be brief as one Warden and Two Vestry members will be voted on.

Daylight Savings time will change on Sunday, November 5th. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



If you desire to help clean the brass for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we will need about 5 or 6 people to do this ministry after the church service on November 5th. Your help will be appreciated. As the old saying goes, “many hands make light work.”

October Celebrations



10/8 Grace Affuso
10/12 Rylee Noone
10/22 Carol Cimini
10/31 Andrea DeBetta



10/6 Calvin & Tracey Tallmadge



St. Ann's Prayer List for October 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.**

<u>Long Term</u> Carol Peter Joyce Mya Holly Cindy Lois Clifford Richard Bill Elliott Kevin
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Fr. David Hanselman Fr. Steven White 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 <u>Short Term</u> Pastor Sue Duane Connie Marsey Evelyn Colby Marion Hailey Dakota Eli Nick Judy

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:

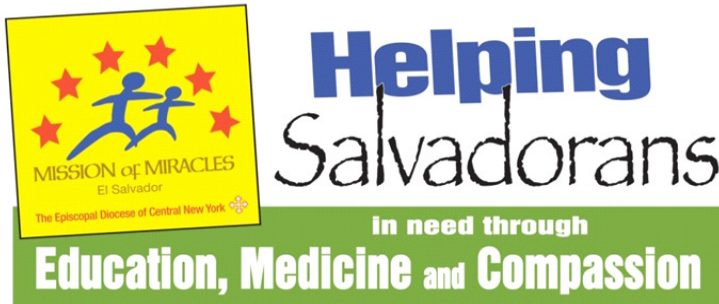
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.



Vestry highlights from September 17, 2017 meeting

1. For outreach, it was decided to send a contribution to The Episcopal Relief and Development to help hurricane victims and to send a donation to Epiphany Church in Sherburne to help them with needed repairs to their building.
2. We will be checking with Waldron's in Sidney about the possibility of putting a hard surface flooring in the areas of the Church that show wear in the carpet.
3. The replacement of the kitchen counter and sinks was discussed. The present counter has a joint between the sinks and has separated leaving an area that cannot be properly cleaned. Steve Stewart has been contacted and several individuals have offered to help with the plumbing when the updates are made.
4. Copies of "The Agile Church" are available in the Parish Hall. The Diocese has asked that convention delegates in particular and anyone else in general be encouraged to read this book before convention.
5. Annual meeting will be October 1st. with a pot luck brunch. Two vestrypersons and one warden position are to be filled.
6. The Village of Afton has informed us that a piece of playground equipment has been purchased for the park immediately behind the Parish Hall. Installation is expected this fall or next spring. St. Ann's has contributed to the Village fund for replacement of this playground equipment.
7. There is concern about the split hickory tree and the ash tree at the side of the Parish Hall. The hickory would damage the building if it falls and the ash is also split. Rich Robinson has been contacted to inspect and give an estimate for their removal.
8. The yard work, weeds and hedge trimming was discussed. It was decided to contact Ron Sherman to see if he would have time to take care of this maintenance.
9. Treasurer reported that we are operating "in the black." Thanks be to God. It was noted that we have about \$3500 of the tithed funds from the Todd estate left for outreach contributions. Vestry members were encouraged to think about where we might direct these funds for the greatest effect.





The **15th** Mission of Miracles medical mission to El Salvador will take place **February 3-11, 2018 !!**

As always, we depend on the generous contributions from the diocese for the following items found at a local pharmacy:

- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes (No Multi-packs please for sanitary reasons)
- Children's Liquid Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Nasal saline spray
- Antifungal cream
- Anti-itch cream
- Muscle rub
- Cranberry tablets
- Readers (+2.25 to +3.75) Also Sunglasses (children and adult)
- Any children's prescription glasses that you no longer need

Items can be brought to the Mission of Miracles table at Diocesan Convention

Thank you for your help and continued support!!

Our culture has accepted two huge lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate.

Rick Warren

SEPTEMBER 25

Acts 20:16. He was eager to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.

Despite the pressures of his missionary work, Paul was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem before Pentecost. Paul was deeply involved in his work with the young churches, yet it was important to him that he join the disciples at Jerusalem, even though he knew he would be in great danger there. Travel in those days was dangerous under any circumstances, yet Paul chose to travel. Paul knew the strength of his ministry depended on his coming together with the disciples. It was in coming together for worship and the common meal (eucharist) that the disciples gathered strength and courage to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to a hostile world. How often do we hear, "Oh, I don't go to church often, but you don't need to go to church to be a Christian." The truth is "being a Christian" is not something private. Our Christianity is expressed when we gather as a people to worship. It is in our coming together to rehearse the gospel of Jesus Christ that we strengthen our common faith. We are not merely individual Christians, but a Christian people. It is as a people gathered in worship that we find the sustaining strength that makes our faith a reality. -1968

"Word Through the Years" from Forward Day by Day publications.



The Final Word



Jesus said, "A man with two sons told the older boy, Son, go out and work in the vineyard." The son answered, "No, I won't go," but later changed his mind and went anyway. Then the father told the other son, "You go," and he said, "Yes, sir, I will." But he didn't go. "Which of the two was obeying his father?" Someone has said that the road to destruction is paved with good intentions. In this parable, Jesus is showing us that our actions prove our obedience or disobedience. Even though the one son initially had no intention of obeying, the fact that he obeyed in the end made him the obedient son. The other son said the right thing but didn't follow through, and he was therefore disobedient. We are reminded that our professions of faith are only as valid as the actions that follow them. Which brother in this story illustrates your walk with Christ?

from the TouchPoint Bible

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