

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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I hope this letter finds everyone enjoying a blessed July!

One of the Sundays in June, I preached a little bit about the relationship between Jesus Christ and the Law of Moses (also referred to variously as Torah, Old Covenant or Old Testament (roughly speaking)). I noted that it's a complicated relationship. Jesus is said to have fulfilled the law and also to have completed the law. St Paul tells us that the Law was a disciplinarian and that with faith in Christ we no longer need a disciplinarian.

Some would say that we don't need the Law of Moses at all (note, however, that belief has been considered a heresy since Marcion (circa 144A.D.) even though it sounds suspiciously like what St Paul was saying). Others insist that we are still bound to it except in the specific ways mentioned in the New Testament (that is, regarding circumcision and food purity). Our own denomination is (naturally enough) somewhere in the middle.

In our Prayer Book we find the catechism telling us that the Old Covenant was given by God to the Hebrew people, but the 10 Commandments are still the clearest expression of God's will for us (p846f). We're also told that our primary duty is to keep Christ's commandment which is the Summary of the Law (p. 851). And we also find in the Historical Documents, Articles of Religion, Section 7, that while there is much in the Old Testament that is not binding for us, there is nothing there that is contrary to the New Testament (in that everlasting life is offered by Christ in both (at least, that's what the claim is) and we are still bound by "the Commandments which are called Moral" (p. 869).

In other words, it seems to me at least, Christians are still trying to figure out the relationship between the followers of Christ and the Law of Moses.

In my sermon, however, I mentioned a couple facts I think are important but are not usually found in discussions I've seen about Christ and the Law of Moses. Specifically, because he was crucified and claimed a uniquely close relationship with God, the Law of Moses would have severely condemned Jesus. And yet he was resurrected.

Jesus fulfilled or completed the Law of Moses and yet is also condemned by it. No wonder we're still trying to figure out the relationship! And, no wonder given this confusion, the Church has consistently asserted the clarity provided by faith in Christ and following his command to love. We don't have the answers to every question, but certainly and without any doubt, loving one another as Christ loved (and loves!) us, will lead us forward on the sure path of God's love for us, so that we and the world we seek to serve may all be reconciled to the Creator God of love. 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!

Service Schedule						
Date	Service	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	CS	EM	Acolytes
July 7	HC	C.Tarvin	C.Cimini	AC	JR	A. Cimini
July 14	MP	D.Vail	A. Wieber	TV	----	D.Vail
July 21	HC	P. Tucker	D.Wieber	DV	DW	D.Wieber/B.Vail
July 28	MP	J. Rettberg	C.Tarvin	M.Harding	----	D.Wieber
Aug 4	HC	J. Rettberg	C.Tarvin	BV	JR	B. Vail
Church School						
		Morning Prayer		Food Pantry		
		July 14	D.Wieber	July 8	Pat & Al Tucker	
		July 28	C&M Cimini	July	J. Rettberg & J. Seacat	
Lectionary (Year C)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
July 7	HC	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30	Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	
July 14	MP	Amos 7:7-17	Psalm 82	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37	
July 21	HC	Amos 8:1-12	Psalm 52	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42	
July 28	MP	Hosea 1:2-10	Psalm 85	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13	
Aug 4	HC	Hosea 11:1-11	Psalm 107:1-9, 43	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21	



Altar Duty for the month of July, Judy Rettberg 208-4023. If you are giving flowers in memory of 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.

St. Ann's Prayer List for July 2019

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.**

Short Term

Raevin
 Aggie
 Jane
 Julie
 Adelaid
 Linda
 Robert
 Billy

Long Term

Fr. David Hanselman
 Fr. Steven White
 Deacon Kay
 Pastor Becky
 Rev. Elizabeth Gillett
 Fr. Geoff Doolittle
 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
 Carol Pete
 Joyce Mya
 Holly Cindy
 Lois Hailey
 Clifford Richard
 Bill Kevin
 Dakota Nate
 Marion Amaya
 Bonnie



The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School. The Learning Communities Initiative of the Diocese. 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, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.



VESTRY will meet on July 21, 2019

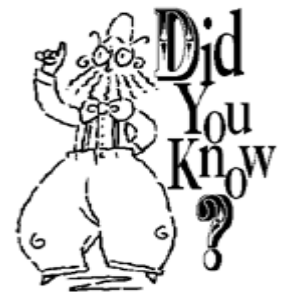
Afton Craft Day, August 24 – St. Ann's, in conjunction with the Diocese Learning Initiative, will have a table at the Afton Arts & Crafts Day, in front of the church, as we did last year. It has been decided to do the same as we did last year, write a prayer on a strip of fabric and bring those prayers to the Altar the next day. At the June Vestry meeting, Vestry members voted to hand out plastic pencil cases to young people who will be attending school in September. These cases will contain erasers, small ruler, pencils, & glue sticks. An 8x10 note pad will be available for those who need them. It is intended to distribute up to 30 of these cases.

St. Ann's Vestry is asking for parishioner's support in purchasing some of the items. It will not be necessary to purchase pencils as engraved pencils have been ordered with the inscription, "St. Ann's Episcopal Church". On August 11th the plastic pencil cases are going to be filled after the service. A box at the back of the church will be available for the above items to be dropped off in support of the Learning Church Initiative. Items will need to be brought in no later than August 11th. Thank you in advance for everyone's support.

St. Ann's will welcome The Reverends Ralph and Liz Groskoph to conduct Holy Eucharist on July 7, August 4 and August 18. Father David Hanselman will be on vacation those days. St. Ann's appreciates the support of the Groskoph's and are thanked very much for their commitment to our church community.

Church Terms:

Passion Flower – A flower used as the symbol of the suffering of Jesus. Its ten petals are said to represent the ten apostles --- Peter, for his denial, and Judas, for his betrayal, are not included. The five stamens remind us of the five wounds; the three styles of the three nails; the leaf of the spear; and the tendrils of the cords. This flower is woven into damask fabrics or embroidered on violet paraments.

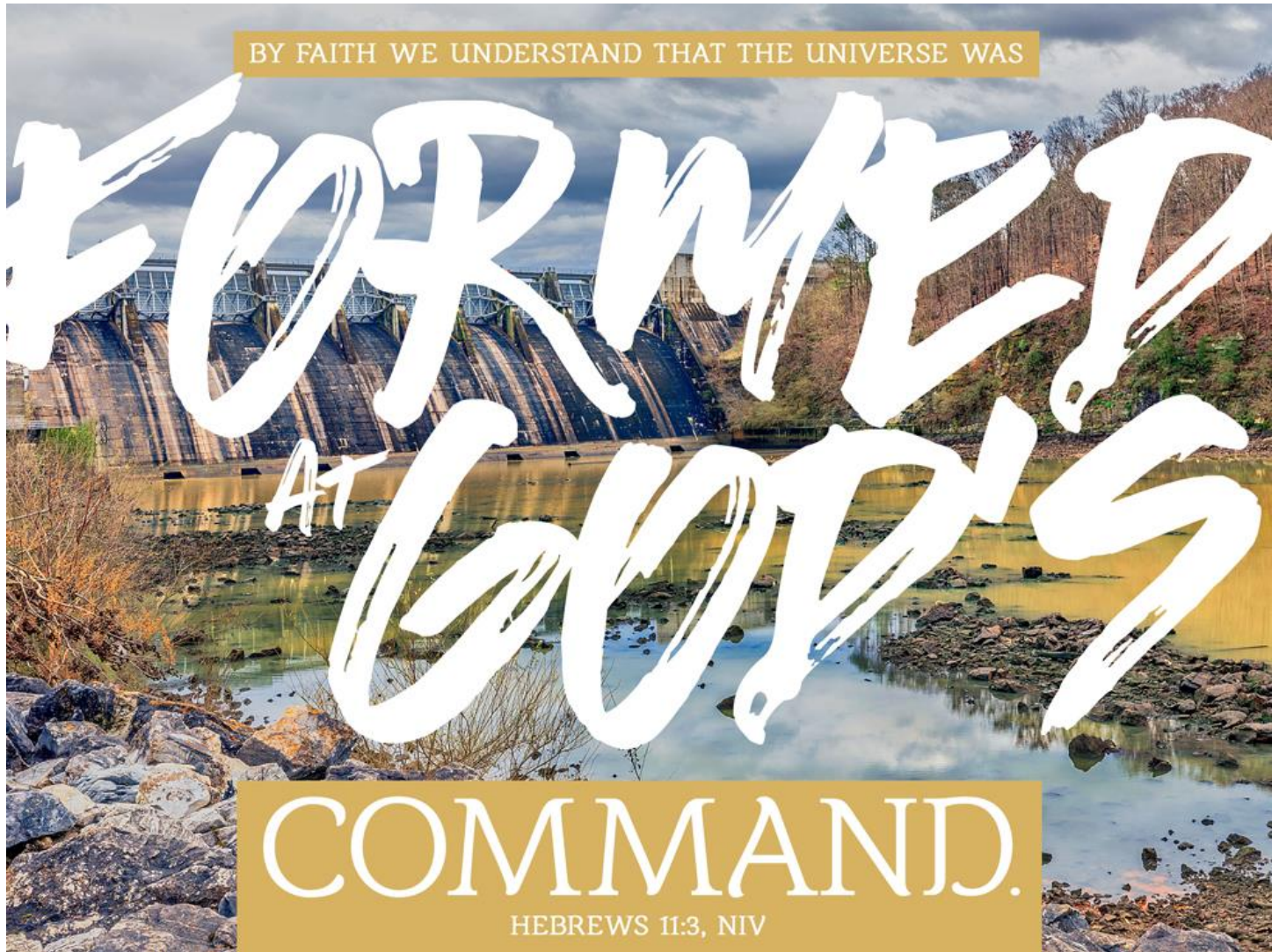


CELEBRATIONS IN JULY



- 7/7 LOGAN TALLMADGE
- 7/11 MADO CIMINI
- 7/12 SONJA & NOAH HANSELMAN
- 7/17 GARRETT VAIL & CAROL VAIL
- 7/23 MARISSA HARDING
- 7/28 DAVID HANSELMAN
- 7/29 GINA GIURASTANTE

Please email me below if you want your dates added.
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St. Ann's Vestry synopsis
June 16, 2019

1. Outreach for June was sent to "Room to Heal."
2. Old Business: St. Ann's will have a table similar to last year at the Afton Craft Day. Prayer flags will be written out and small items given to children. Please make it a point to stop at our table which will be in front of the Church.
3. It was decided to help younger children with "back to school" supplies for this fall. A box is at the back of the Church. Parishioners are asked to consider donating school supplies to help with this endeavor. Supplies include erasers, small rulers, note books, pencils, glue sticks. Pencils have been ordered that are stamped St. Ann's Episcopal Church.
4. The scholarship that St. Ann's gives to an Afton Central School graduating senior has been raised from \$300 to \$500.
5. The status of the kitchen improvements was discussed. It was decided to keep the same configuration of the three sinks as a three bay sink is overly expensive. This work is expected to be started in the next few weeks.
6. Estimates for repair/repaving of the parking lot have been received from two companies, we are waiting for a third estimate.
7. New Business: Fr. David's birthday is coming up the end of July.
8. Some ideas from St. Peter's newsletter regarding vestry retreats were reviewed.
9. Estimates have been requested to scrape and repaint the frames of the windows in the Church. They are badly in need of this maintenance.
10. The pressure washing of the entire building was completed and it turned out very well. Thank you to Woodie for contacting this company.



Holy Boldness

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. Acts 4:13

Peter and John, invigorated by Jesus' resurrection and filled with the Holy Spirit, ventured into Jerusalem. They encountered a man who had been lame from birth. By God's power they healed the man and then pulled him to his feet so everyone would know God had done a miracle. A miracle *in the name of Jesus*.

Peter and John seized the opportunity to tell the crowd about Jesus—that he was the long-awaited Messiah and that he had been put to death, but God raised him to life. They also explained that salvation was available to each of them through this risen Savior.

Peter declared: "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." The people were receptive, and many trusted in Christ that day. The religious leaders, however, weren't happy. They threw Peter and John in jail, and the next day they questioned them about what they had said and done. But Peter, filled with godly courage, declared, "It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed...Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

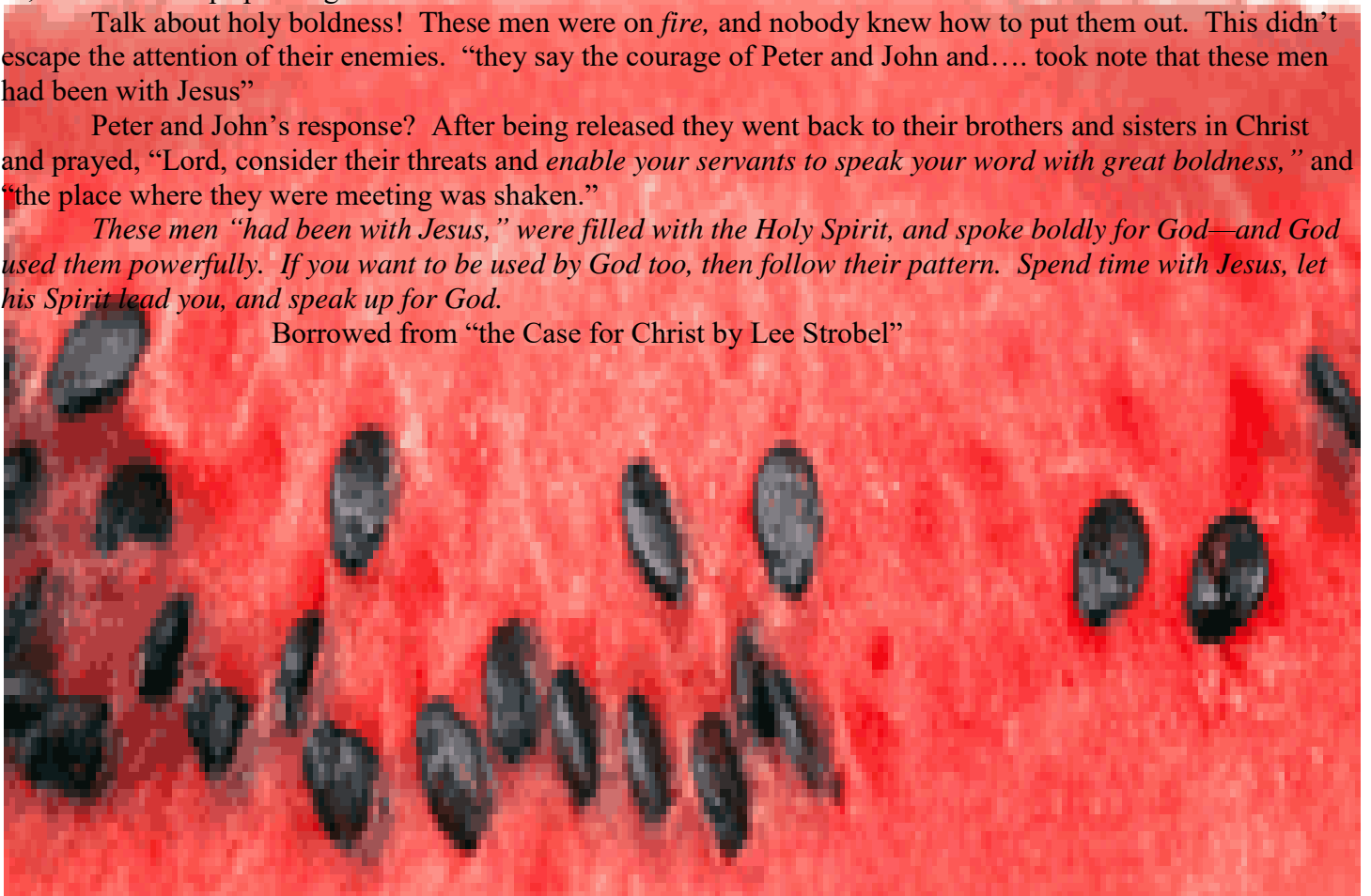
The leaders who were responsible for Jesus' death, ordered Peter and John to stop speaking in his name. Undaunted, they replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."


Talk about holy boldness! These men were on *fire*, and nobody knew how to put them out. This didn't escape the attention of their enemies. "they say the courage of Peter and John and.... took note that these men had been with Jesus"

Peter and John's response? After being released they went back to their brothers and sisters in Christ and prayed, "Lord, consider their threats and *enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness,*" and "the place where they were meeting was shaken."

These men "had been with Jesus," were filled with the Holy Spirit, and spoke boldly for God—and God used them powerfully. If you want to be used by God too, then follow their pattern. Spend time with Jesus, let his Spirit lead you, and speak up for God.

Borrowed from "the Case for Christ by Lee Strobel"



The Final Word 
Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so, she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

“Jesus wasn’t saying that we should skip all the chores and just talk the day away. But if we spend so much of our effort on cleaning and food preparation and miss time with our guests (or are too exhausted to enjoy them), we have missed the point of it all. On the other hand, if we spend all our time in talk, we have missed the privilege of serving our guests and enjoying a meal together.

Another issue here was Martha’s timing. It seems that as soon as Jesus arrived, she immediately left to prepare the food, virtually ignoring Jesus. What if Mary and Martha had both spent quality time talking with Jesus and then the two of them had spent some time with the practical matters? Evaluate your hospitality in terms of priorities and the impact of your behavior on your guests.” NLT

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