

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

Greetings! And prayers for a wonderful September!

Throughout the middle of August, I was taken by our New Testament readings from the Letter to the Hebrews. Our readings came from just a couple chapters in Hebrews, but there were some rightfully famous passages.

As I dug deeper into Hebrews, I came across a wonderful reflection in one of my favorite resources, The New Interpreter's Bible: A Commentary in 12 Volumes (p. 146). It's been through some revisions. My copy is from 1998. I hope you find, just as I did, that this reflection brilliantly balances our lived experiences as people of faith. Blessing upon blessing to you all.

"Hebrews 11 offers two portraits of the life of faith. One image is filled with triumph and victory over all enemies, with dramatic deliverances from all threats and dangers, even death (vv32-35a); the other is marked by torture, public mocking, imprisonment, beatings, stoning's, homelessness, destitution, hiding in caves, and



violent death (vv. 35b-38). Popular names for the two conditions are "triumph" and "tragedy," "success" and "failure"; and yet both are descriptions of the life of trust in God. The one group would likely draw new adherents to faith in order to share in its remarkable benefits; the other would likely evoke mocking and jeers, "Where is your God? Why does your God not come to rescue you?" To those who always draw a direct correlation between faith and one's circumstances, the second portrait is not of faith but of unbelief; else why would they suffer? To those who always draw a direct

correlation between faith and hardship, the first portrait is not of faith but of compromise; else why would they fare so well?"

"Hebrews simply entitles both portraits "faith." Faith does not calculate results and so believe, nor can an observer look at one's lot in life and thereby measure the depth of one's faith. The writer is simply reporting on what has always been true among God's believers, and the reasons for the differences are hidden in the purposes of God. To offer both examples to the readers is in the service not only of truth but also of encouragement. The readers have suffered a great deal (10:32-34). To offer them only examples of suffering faith could add to their discouragement; to offer only examples of victorious faith could produce feelings of guilt and self-doubt. But both are presented, and the readers must locate themselves among them."

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
Sept 1	HC	C.Tarvin	C.Tarvin	TV	JR	B.Vail
Sept 8	MP	B.Vail	B.Vail	DV	----	D.Vail
Sept 15	HC	J.Rettberg	J.Rettberg	BV	DW	D.Wieber B. Vail
Sept 22	MP	C.Cimini	C.Cimini	AC	----	A.Cimini
Sept 29	MP	P.Tucker	P.Tucker	TV	----	B.Vail
Oct. 6	HC	C.Tarvin	C.Tarvin	BV	JR	B.Vail A.Vail
Church School						
Church School			Morning Prayer		Food Pantry	
Sept 8	T.Vail	R.Felldin	B.Vail	Sept 9	Pat & Al Tucker	
Sept 15	J.Rettberg			Sept 11	J.Rettberg & J. Seacat	
Sept 22	B.Vail	J.Rettberg	T.Vail			
Sept 29	K. Vail	A.Cimini	C.Cimini			
Lectionary (Year C)						
Date	Service	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle Reading	Gospel Reading	
Sept 1		Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14	
Sep 8		Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33	
Sep 15		Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10	
Sep 22		Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13	
Sep 29		Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31	
Oct 6		Lamentations 1:1-6	Psalm 137	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10	



Altar Duty for the month of September is Pat Tucker, 639-1984. 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 September 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
 Pauline
 Adelaide
 Linda
 Robert
 Sarah
 Billy
 Karen
 Jeanette
 Sarah
 Melrose

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.



Church Terms: MARK, THE EVANGELIST – John Mark, one of the four companions of Peter and Paul on their missionary journeys. According to tradition, he was the founder of the Christian Church in Alexandria, Egypt, and was martyred there. He is the writer of “The Gospel according to Saint Mark” in which he presents Christ as the King. His symbol is the winged lion, the king of the beasts, in accordance with his presentation of the royal character of Christ. He is commemorated on April 25. Liturgical color: red.



9/13 TONI WELLER
9/15 FATHER RALPH
9/16 CINDY JOHNSON
9/19 CALVIN TALLMADGE
9/26 DENISE WIEBER

9/11 ALYSEN & JOHN PARSONS
9/22 MILTON & MARISA HARDING
9/30 TOM & BETTY VAIL

Please email me below if you want your dates added.
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"A big thank you to Ron and Cindy Sherman for their purchase of a memorial stone for Duane Kane which is in the front flower bed of the Church. Thanks Ron and Cindy!!"

Sunday School will start on September 8th. 9:15 a.m.



Please Note!!

A reminder that Sunday School teachers will be needed this school year. It is important that we convey Christian values and faith to young people, regardless of the number of students. Please consider helping with this endeavor and sign up for a Sunday(s) of your choice. It is easy and it is gratifying and fun. Help with lessons is available.



Several items of repair and updating have been completed to the Church building. These include scraping, painting, caulking and glazing all of the stained-glass windows. This is likely the first time this has been done in 40 to 50 years and the windows were in desperate need of this work. They look very good. The entrance railings have also been painted. Also, the repair and updating to the kitchen counter by the sink area has been completed. This work included a new section of counter and new sinks, plumbing and faucets. This work was made possible by the generous bequest from Barbara and Fay Todd. Take a look.



The Afton Sidewalk Day, August 24th, in conjunction with the Learning Communities Initiative, was a success with the giveaways; pencil cases, little stuffed whales with God Loves You on them, snacks and water. People stopped by to write a prayer on a piece of fabric. These were hung in the church and will be prayed for and raised up to God on September 15th. Many thanks to all who contributed to the school supplies and those people who assisted at the sidewalk day.



September 2019						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



CHENANGO DISTRICT CHURCH SERVICE will be held at St. Paul's in Oxford, September 29 at 11:00 a.m. If you desire to attend, please bring a dish to pass. A signup sheet is on the kitchen counter in the Parish Hall.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING will be held at St. Ann's Episcopal Church on Sunday, October 27th beginning at 10:45a.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend and be recertified in working with children. Please contact a Warden if you plan to attend this important training. Below is a Professional Conduct Policy Summary from the Diocese of Central New York. Please take the time to read this policy.

[The Diocese of Central New York is committed to protecting all persons within its care from sexual misconduct by church workers, whether such workers are clergy, lay employees or lay volunteers.](#)

It is the policy of this diocese that sexual harassment will not be tolerated in any form. The Diocese of Central New York strictly prohibits interaction with children and young people by anyone with a civil or criminal record of child sexual abuse, who has admitted prior abuse, or anyone known to have a paraphilia diagnosis as defined by the American Psychiatric Association.

[It is the policy of this diocese to comply fully with law enforcement officials and child protective services in cases of sexual abuse. Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-3720](#)

[It is the policy of this Diocese that a distinction is made between pastoral care and pastoral counseling.](#)

It is the policy of this diocese that clergy and lay employees and volunteers will be trained to be aware of the potential for sexual exploitation, will avoid situations which might lead to exploitation, and will not engage in sexually exploitative relationships.

ANNUAL MEETING: St. Ann's annual meeting will be held October 6th after the regular Sunday Service. Two Vestry terms and one Warden term are expiring. The annual meeting is an Episcopal requirement. A short meeting will begin during coffee hour and last approximately 20 minutes. Please plan to attend.

PUZZLE

APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



" _____ ;
 _____ ;
 _____ ."

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

Just for KIDS

Multiply your thanks

We have so many reasons to give thanks to God. When we take time to count our blessings, we realize they just keep multiplying and adding up.

Use your multiplication or addition skills to answer each equation. Then use the word key below to write out Psalm 100:4 (NIV).

WORD KEY

22= him 16= courts 4=gates 24=name 9=praise 8=and 2=to
 12= his 18= give 6= with 10= Enter 20= thanks 15= thanksgiving

5×2 or $5 + 5$	12×1 or $7 + 5$	2×2 or $3 + 1$
6×1 or $5 + 1$	3×5 or $5 + 5 + 5$	4×2 or $6 + 2$
6×2 or $6 + 6$	8×2 or $8 + 8$	3×2 or $3 + 3$
3×3 or $3 + 3 + 3$	9×2 or $9 + 9$	10×2 or $10 + 10$
1×2 or $1 + 1$	11×2 or $16 + 6$	8×1 or $3 + 5$
9×1 or $5 + 4$	3×4 or $4 + 4 + 4$	8×3 or $8 + 8 + 8$

Answer: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4, NIV)



The Final Word 

“But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m just not a good speaker”” Who makes mouths?” the Lord asked him....Now go, and do as I have told you. I will help you speak well....”
Exodus 4: 10-12

“Moses was not a gifted speaker. He knew his limitations. Understanding our limitations and working with them is good if it keeps us from getting in over our heads. But we must not use our limitations as an excuse for avoiding what God calls us to do. God called Moses to travel to Egypt to help free the Hebrews from slavery. To do this Moses would have to speak to the ruler of the land—in fact, the mightiest man in the world. But Moses had a speech problem. Did he think God didn’t realize that?

Sometimes God uses our limitations to teach us to rely more on his power. When Moses stepped out in faith and obeyed God, God stretched the boundaries of his abilities. He also provided a resource, Moses’ brother, Aaron, to help. Never limit God, who can do anything through you if you let him.” NLT - GZ

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Worship Service: Sunday 9:15 am

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