

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

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

The Parish News

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

Clergy: Currently Supply Priests

If you desire a visit from a priest or give you a call, please contact one of the wardens below.

Wardens: Dan Vail: 607-240-9264 Tracey Tallmadge: 607-343-1301

*. Good Pressure, Bad Pressure
He who walks with the wise grows wise,
but a companion of fools suffers harm.*

Proverbs 13:20 NIV

Our world is filled with pressures; some good, some bad. The pressures we feel to behave responsibly are positive ones. God places these pressures on our hearts, and He intends that we act according to them. But we also face different pressures, ones that are not from God. Society seeks to mold us into more worldly beings; God seeks to mold us into new beings, more spiritual beings, beings that are not conformed to this world.

If we desire to lead responsible lives—and if we seek to please God—we must resist the pressures some people seek to impose upon us. We must resist the temptation to do the popular thing—what others think we should do or what other people are doing—and insist instead on doing the right thing. Finding wise friends will help you stay on the course.

*Be decent and fair. But ultimately you must
know how to get the work done,
whether or not people like you for it.*

Sally Field

Prayer for the selection of a Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



JULY/AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE \ SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

If you are not currently receiving email Zoom invites, then please send your email address and you will be added to the parish listing. Bottom415@aol.com, Yes, the “zoom” service is different, but change is what life is all about.

Service Schedule					
Date	Service	OT Reader	Epistle Reader	Acolytes	
July 7	MP	Carol Cimini	Carol Cimini	B. Vail	
July 14	HC	Denise Wieber	Denise Wieber	D. Vail	
July 21	MP	Carol Tarvin	Carol Tarvin	D. Vail	
July 28	HC	Judy Rettberg	Judy Rettberg	B. Vail	
August 4	MP	Betty Vail	Betty Vail	B. Vail	
August 11	HC	Carol Tarvin	Carol Tarvin	B. Vail	
August 18	MP	Judy Rettberg	Judy Rettberg	B. Vail	
August 25	HC	Carol Cimini	Carol Cimini	B. Vail	
Sept 1	MP	Carol Tarvin	Carol Tarvin	B. Vail	
READINGS BELOW					
		Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
July 7	MP	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
July 14	HC	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalm 24	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
July 21	MP	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Psalm 89:20-37	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 28	HC	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalm 14	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
August 4	MP	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	Psalm 51:1-13	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
August 11	HC	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Psalm 130	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August 18	MP	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Psalm 111	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
August 25	HC	1 Kings 8: [1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43	Psalm 84	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
Sept 1	MP	Song of Solomon 2:8-13	Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
If you are looking at the above on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.					

ALTAR GUILD for the month of July – [Judy Rettberg 607-208-4023](#) and for the month of August [Carol Cimini – 607-693-2907](#). If you desire to have flowers placed on the Altar in memory of a loved one, please contact [Betty Vail](#) at 607-639-1201 one week in advance.

MORNING PRAYER LEADERS:July 7 – [Denise Wieber](#)July 21 – [Carol Cimini](#)August 4 – [Denise Wieber](#)August 18 – [Carol Cimini](#)September 1 – [Betty Vail](#)

St. Ann's Prayer List for July/August 2024

It has been suggested that the names of individuals on the parish prayer list be included in the newsletter. 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. Please remember these individuals in your personal prayers. We would like to be sure that this prayer list is updated as changes occur and don't want to remove someone that should be on it. Please send or give any additions or changes to Tom Vail, 607-639-1201. Please note that long term names will be left on the list indefinitely, short term names will typically be left on the listing for 3 or 4 months or perhaps longer.

Short Term		Long Term			
Dorothy	Terry	Carol	Cindy	Fr. David Hanselman	St. Paul's Church
MaryAnn	Pete	Mya	David	Fr. Steven White	St. Andrews's Church
Bill		Holly	Terra	Pastor Becky	St. Ann's Church
Cheryl		Bonnie	Arthur	Fr. Geoff Doolittle	St. Peter's Church
Mado		Bobbi	Jason	The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe	Zion Church St. Matthew's Church
Barbara		Bishop Michael Curry	Kim	Search for Rector	Message Ministries
Edward				The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph	The General Theological Seminary
				Emanuel Church	The Episcopal Divinity School
				Epiphany Church	Bishop Michael Curry

Please keep in your prayers our shut-ins – Bonnie MacPherson, Carol Vail, Toni Weller, and Bobbi Zurn



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.



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1. Outreach for July and August divided among HELOS, in Afton, Chenango Co. SPCA, Delaware Co. SPCA and Broome Co. SPCA. Animals are God's creatures also.
2. The audit is completed and has been approved by the auditor for the Diocese. In connection with the audit procedure, the contents of the safe deposit box have been reviewed and documented.
3. The Spring UTO ingathering was \$200.
4. Thank you notes were received from the Glenwood Cemetery Association and Berkeley Divinity School, for contributions. Gary Zurn thanked for his work in converting cemetery records to their new software program. A large task.
5. The Diocese has asked for a report on programs supported by St. Ann's that could be considered international in nature. Report was completed and totaled \$1480 for 2023.
6. Fr. Geoff Doolittle will be celebrant for the Christmas Eve Service.



CHURCH TERMS: -INTROIT—Latin, "to enter." Along with the gradual and collect, the introit is part of the Proper for the Day, the changeable part of the service according to the day. It is composed of verses from the Psalms, is sung near the beginning of the service, and is followed by the Gloria Patri.



- 7/7 LOGAN TALLMADGE-LABAR
- 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 BONSELL

BIRTHDAYS



ANNIVERSARIES

- 8/01 JOEY PARSONS
- 8/02 HAILEY TALLMADGE
- 8/04 MILTON HARDING
- 8/09 AL TUCKER
- 8/13 GRAYSON HARDING
- 8/14 JUDY RETTBERG
- 8/22 AMY WIEBER

- 8/21 JAY&HAILEY CHRISTIAN
- 8/28 KEN&CONNIE BEAMES

Please let me know if I am missing a Birthday or Anniversary cttallmadg@aol.com or 607-343-1301.

Churchgoers live longer than People who don't go

A little boy and his dad were coming out of church one Sunday morning and noticed a plaque on the wall that listed names of members of the congregation who were in our nation's military and killed in the line of duty. The little boy asked his dad why the names were on the plaque. His dad replied, "These are our members who died in service." The boy thought for a moment and then asked his dad, "Was that at the 8:30 or 11:00 service?"

Over my nearly 40 years in pastoral ministry, we've not had anyone die in the worship service, but we have had some people faint and have had to call 911 on a few occasions.

But the reality is, people who come to church tend to live longer than those who don't. As of the 2020 U.S. census, the average life expectancy of an American is about 77.

But several years ago, The Washington Post reported that a major study of church attendance and mortality found that people who attend church every week live an average of seven years longer than people who never attend worship services. A more recent study found that regular church attenders live on average an extra three years. Either way, it's safe to say that people who go to church tend to live longer than those who don't.

At the end of last week, our 91-year old pastor-emeritus and I conducted the funeral of a 95-year old woman. Her son's father-in-law was at the funeral, too. He is the pastor who recruited me to Concordia College in Ann Arbor when I was just a kid. He is 96. At the end of September, I conducted a funeral for a 96-year-old. His widow, who is in her mid-90's is in our pews every Sunday. In fact, in our pews this month will be several faithful worshippers who are over 90 years old.

During my time, at my current congregation, I've ministered to about half-a-dozen people who were centenarians. In fact, just recently, a prominent church woman I know told me that her great grandmother lived to 103, and her grandmother to 105. A couple in their 80s bring his mother to church with them every Sunday. She is 106.

This is not really all that surprising in the light of current statistics and predictions. As of today, the fastest growing segment of the population in the U.S.A. is in the 85 or more category. It is predicted that 28 years from now, there will be a million people in our country who are 100 years old or older.

So, as we celebrate all the saints on All Saints Day, let's remember not just the saints of old but the old saints who are yet in our congregation and in our pews worshipping with us regularly.

Sadly, in our current American culture, we often don't value and appreciate our elders like other cultures might. But the Bible encourages us to revere old people. God says: "You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man. (or woman) (Leviticus 19:32) and "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life" (Proverbs 16:31)

The fourth commandment to "honor your father and your mother" continues to apply to everyone of us.

Rev. Dr. Paul Naumann, is Sr. pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church, Portage, MI

The Final Word 

PROVISION **John 6: 35** Jesus replied, *“ I am the bread of life. No one who comes to me will ever be hungry again those who believe in me will never thirst.”*

The miracle of the feeding of the 5000 (6:5-13) began with sacrifice. Jesus used the lunch offered by one boy to minister to the needs of the multitude. In the same way, he can bless our gifts and sacrifices so that they minister to the needs of others.

The more important teaching of this message occurs in the follow up session Jesus had with his disciples. He said that although bread is necessary for physical life, the greater need is for spiritual bread that satisfies the soul for all eternity. Jesus is the bread of life, and accepting this provision through faith is the only way to satisfy our spiritual hunger. Have you tasted the bread that only Jesus provides?

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