

## 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

### **TRUSTING THE SHEPHERD**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,  
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul.

Psalm 23:2-3 KJV

When our dreams come true and our plans prove successful, we find it easy to thank God and to trust His divine providence. But in times of sorrow or hardship, we may find ourselves questioning God's plans for our lives. On occasion you will confront circumstances that trouble you to the very core of your soul. It's during these difficult times that you must find the wisdom and the courage to trust God despite your circumstances. Are you an individual who seeks God's blessings for yourself and your family? Then trust Him. Trust Him with your relationships. Trust Him with your priorities. Follow His commandments and pray for His guidance—and prepare yourself for the abundance and peace that will most certainly be yours when you trust the Shepherd.

*Since the Lord is your shepherd,  
what are you worried about?*

Marie T. Freeman



### **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.

## SEPT/OCT 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](mailto: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	
Sept 1	MP	<a href="#">Carol Tarvin</a>	<a href="#">Carol Tarvin</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Sept 8	MP	<a href="#">Pat Tucker</a>	<a href="#">Pat Tucker</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Sept 15	MP	<a href="#">Denise Wieber</a>	<a href="#">Denise Wieber</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Sept 22	HC	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Sept 29	MP	<a href="#">Carol Cimini</a>	<a href="#">Carol Cimini</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Oct 6	MP	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Oct 13	HC	<a href="#">Denise Wieber</a>	<a href="#">Denise Wieber</a>	<a href="#">D. Wieber</a>	
Oct 20	MP	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Oct 27	HC	<a href="#">Carol Cimini</a>	<a href="#">Carol Cimini</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
Nov 3	MP	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">Judy Rettberg</a>	<a href="#">B. Vail</a>	
READINGS BELOW					
		Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel
Sept 1	MP	<a href="#">Song of Solomon 2:8-13</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10</a>	<a href="#">James 1:17-27</a>	<a href="#">Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</a>
Sept 8	MP	<a href="#">Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 125</a>	<a href="#">James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17</a>	<a href="#">Mark 7:24-37</a>
Sept 15	MP	<a href="#">Proverbs 1:20-33</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 19</a>	<a href="#">James 3:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Mark 8:27-38</a>
Sept 22	HC	<a href="#">Proverbs 31:10-31</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 1</a>	<a href="#">James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a</a>	<a href="#">Mark 9:30-37</a>
Sept 29	MP	<a href="#">Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 124</a>	<a href="#">James 5:13-20</a>	<a href="#">Mark 9:38-50</a>
Oct 6	MP	<a href="#">Job 1:1; 2:1-10</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 26</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12</a>	<a href="#">Mark 10:2-16</a>
Oct 13	HC	<a href="#">Job 23:1-9, 16-17</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 22:1-15</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 4:12-16</a>	<a href="#">Mark 10:17-31</a>
Oct 20	MP	<a href="#">Job 38:1-7, (34-41)</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 5:1-10</a>	<a href="#">Mark 10:35-45</a>
Oct 27	HC	<a href="#">Job 42:1-6, 10-17</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 7:23-28</a>	<a href="#">Mark 10:46-52</a>
Nov 3	MP	<a href="#">Ruth 1:1-18</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 146</a>	<a href="#">Hebrews 9:11-14</a>	<a href="#">Mark 12:28-34</a>
If you are looking at the above on a computer device, then each reading is a link directly to the reading.					

### MORNING PRAYER LEADERS:

Sept. 1 B. Vail, Sept. 8 D. Wieber, Sept 15 C. Cimini, Sept 29 D. Wieber  
Oct. 6 C. Cimini, Oct. 20 D. Wieber, Nov. 3 C. Cimini

The flowers on the Altar September 1st are in the loving memory of Gladys and Frank Rettberg from their daughter Judith and family.

**ALTAR GUILD** for the month of **September: Pat Tucker 607-206-4319 and October: Judy Rettberg 607-208-4023.**

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.

**St. Ann's Prayer List for *Sept/Oct* 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	
Bill		Carol	Fr. David Hanselman St. Paul's Church
Mary Ann		Mya	Fr. Steven White St. Andrews's Church
Mado		Holly	Pastor Becky St. Ann's Church
Barbara		Bonnie	Fr. Geoff Doolittle St. Peter's Church
Edward		Bobbi	The Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe Zion Church St. Matthew's Church
Terry		Jason	Search for Rector Message Ministries
Pete		Cindy	The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph The General Theological Seminary
Jeannette		David	Emanuel Church The Episcopal Divinity School
Adele		Arthur	Epiphany Church Bishop Michael Curry
Time		Kim	
Hudson		Ralph	

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.*



St. Ann's Episcopal Church

**The Annual Meeting will be held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an important meeting to elect persons to the Vestry of St. Ann's. This will begin after everyone has gotten a cup of coffee and a snack. This meeting is short. Your presence is very important.**



**CHURCH TERMS: Surplice** - a very common white vestment worn by a minister over a liturgical undergarment called the cassock. It extends in length at least to the minister's knees and falls freely about his person. The seasonal stole is placed over the surplice.

**Stole** - A narrow band of silk or brocade in the various liturgical colors appropriate for the respective seasons of the Church Year. Usually decorated with embroidered symbols. It is worn over the shoulders of the minister.

"Politicians and TV news commentators share something in common – they must always have something urgent to say even when nothing urgently needs to be said."

– Columnist Bob Talbert



"Calvin Coolidge was the first president to discover that what the American people want is to be left alone."

– Will Rogers



"I have reached the conclusion that one useless man is called a disgrace, that two are called a law firm, and three or more become a Congress."

– President John Adams



"It is dangerous for a political candidate to say things that people might remember."

– Senator Eugene McCarthy



"America is the only country in the world where you can go on the air and kid politicians – and where politicians go on the air and kid the people."

– Groucho Marx



"The truth is a frequent casualty in the heat of an election campaign."

– Tip O'Neill



"Some people approach every problem with an open mouth."

– Adlai Stevenson



When Babe Ruth was asked in 1930 how he felt about making more money than the President of the United States, he said, "I had a better year than he did."



### [The Other 10 Commandments](#)

These words have been called The Paradoxical Commandments and The 10 Rules for Living and were written some years ago by a man named Kent Keith when he was 19 years old. After penning these lines, they have shown up in many places including the Ann Landers column, the South Carolina state legislature and on the website of Wally Amos, the chocolate chip cookie entrepreneur. They have also been called the “Anyway Commandments” and are meant to inspire decency in what can be a mean world. They are still appropriate.

- 1) People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered. Love them anyway.
- 2) If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Do good anyway.
- 3) If you are successful, you will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
- 4) The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
- 5) Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway.
- 6) The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.
- 7) People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
- 8) What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway.
- 9) People really need help but may attack you if you do help them. Help people anyway.
- 10) Give the world the best you have, and you’ll get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway.

#### Birthdays and Anniversaries [September](#) & [October](#)

#### [September](#)

##### Birthdays

9/13 Toni Weller  
 9/15 Father Ralph  
 9/16 Cindy Trick  
 9/19 Calvin Tallmadge  
 9/26 Denise Wieber

##### [Anniversaries](#)

9/22 Milton & Marisa Harding  
 9/30 Tom & Betty Vail

Please let me know if I am missing a Birthday or Anniversary [cttallmadg@aol.com](mailto:cttallmadg@aol.com) or 607-343-1301.

#### [October](#)

##### [Birthdays](#)

10/22 Carol Cimini

##### [Anniversaries](#)

10/6 Calvin & Tracey Tallmadge



## Signs and wonders

Sign outside Timonium (MD) United Methodist Church:

"A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight."

– via Lorene Irving  
Lutherville Timonium, MD

Sign outside Panther Creek Church of the Brethren, Adel, IA:

"You are on God's most wanted list.

Just give up."

– via Rev. Dale A. Schoening  
Madrid, IA

JN consulting editor Joseph Basehart of Aurora, CO, met a woman at the airport wearing a T-shirt that proclaimed:

"Will trade husband for tractor."

Basehart asked her: "What kind of tractor?"

"A John Deere," she replied.

"Don't you mean a 'Dear John?'" Basehart asked.

Button seen worn by a nurse in a hospital:

"WARNING: Humor may be hazardous to your health."

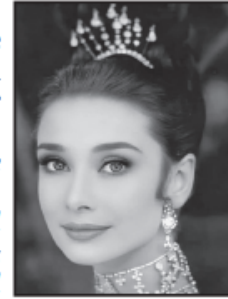
– via Adrianna Samra  
Fishers, IN

## Audrey Hepburn's beauty secrets

**A**udrey Hepburn (1929-1993), the engaging British actress who starred in movies like *My Fair Lady* and *Roman Holiday*, was also famed for her humanitarian activities as a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF. She narrated children's radio programs for UNICEF, and she went on a UNICEF mission to Ethiopia to bring food for starving Ethiopian children.

Hepburn wrote this poem, which was read at her funeral:

*"To have attractive lips, say kind words. To have beautiful eyes, look at what people have beautiful in them. To stay*



**Audrey Hepburn** thin, share the meal with those who are hungry. To have beautiful hair, let a child run his hand through your hair every day.

*"To have a good expectation, to go knowing that you are never alone, but together with those who love you and have loved you. People, even more than objects, must be repaired, pampered, revived, reclaimed and saved: never reject anyone.*

*"Think about it: If you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of every arm. As you grow older, you will realize that you have two hands, one to help yourself, the other to help those who need it.*

*"A woman's beauty is not in the clothes she wears, her face or the way she does her hair. The beauty of a woman is seen in her eyes, because they are the open door to her heart, the source of her love.*

*"The beauty of a woman is not in her makeup, but in the true beauty of her soul. It is the tenderness it gives, the love, the passion it expresses. A woman's beauty develops with the years."*



"Stop reading things into it. Just look on them as a nice retirement gift from the parish."

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"People are starting to notice that you go to the bathroom every time the collection plate is passed around."

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"You're missing the point. It doesn't matter whether Jesus turned it into expensive or just boxed wine."

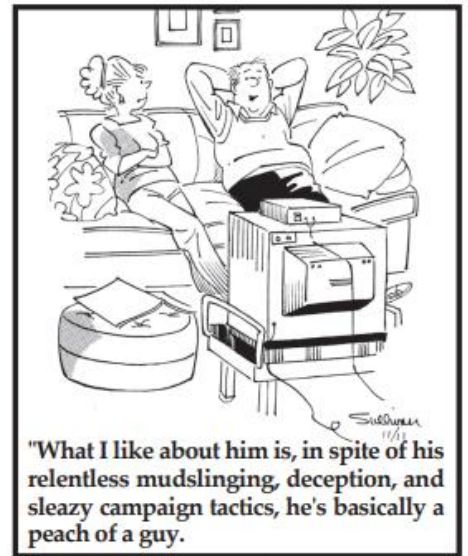
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"What I like about him is, in spite of his relentless mudslinging, deception, and sleazy campaign tactics, he's basically a peach of a guy."

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The Final Word 

**BEHAVIOR:** James 2:17 -*So you see, it isn't enough just to have faith. Faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all -- it is dead and useless.*

No matter how much we testify to the gospel, it rings hollow unless we demonstrate that it has changed our lives. Unless our thoughts in action are in harmony with our words, our speech will be meaningless to those who hear it. Anyone can talk about truth, but only people who are truly redeemed can walk in truth. Our witness is incomplete if it is only expressed by our walk or our talk; both need to be present and need to confirm one another. In what ways can your lifestyle more effectively demonstrate what you believe about God?

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