

St. John's Newsletter

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"Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." (Romans 13:8, NRSV)

A Word from the Priest

Hi All,

It's hard to believe that August is about half over. We've been blessed with good weather most of the summer, with blue skies and big puffy clouds, and enough rain has returned so that we aren't very brown. The green hills still hold their beauty.

Our returning to services in the church seems to be going well. We've been able to keep social distancing with a few adjustments, and are just enjoying the beauty of our worship space. We do have room for more of you to come and still maintain the distance.

For those people who do not yet feel comfortable joining us, know that you are missed by all and that you are in my prayers. If there is anything that you need, please let me know. Also, the Wednesday service is attended by only a few people, so you could attend that without being in a crowd. Call or email me if you have questions, and remember Bishop Bill's Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is on YouTube.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we are still in the rector search process. Please remember the search committee in your prayers. The pandemic has made this process more drawn out than usual, but you certainly want the person who is called to be the right person for our church and the ministry that we all have in the community. Meanwhile, we continue with our Sunday worship and our several outreach ministries. If you are cleaning out clothes, remember that the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council will take adult clothing. You can bring that to the church or take it directly to their office at 116 Main Street. They're under the tattoo parlor. Also, personal care items are always needed at St. Paul's Food Pantry.

We are the church, the body of Christ and the pandemic does not shutdown those who are in need. Therefore I pray that you are continuing your outreach as more people are finding themselves in difficult situations with employment, and therefore are having trouble paying the rent and buying groceries. If you know someone in a hard place, please let me or someone on the vestry know so that we can reach out to them. May the Lord Jesus richly bless you all, and his presence give you strength as we travel through unknown territory. The pandemic is far from over it would seem, yet God will always be with us. Call on him, stay connected, let him give you hope. May the blessing of God almighty: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you all for ever. Amen.

Blessings,

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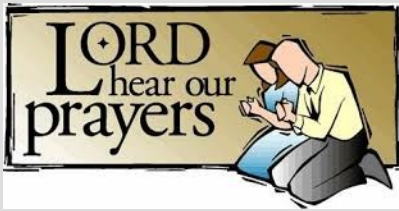
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**I SHALL NOT DIE,
but live,
AND DECLARE
the works
OF THE LORD.
PSALM 118:17**

Healing Prayer Ministry

Each Wednesday following the 5 p.m. Eucharist and at the altar rail on the first Sunday of every month after the 9 a.m. service.



Please Pray For:

Those who are sick

Christin, Kabir, Alma, Melanie, Barbara, Mary, Eleanor, Carol, Christine, Bobbie, Melinda, Minnie, Connor, Cathy, Gary, Joe, Isabella, Bill, Theresa, Victoria, Ian, James, Katie, Herb, Wayne, Bob, Kendra, Robb, Ray

Those in the Armed Services

Lynn, Conner

Those Away From Home

Josh, Anthony, Kirstin, Heidi, Jesse

This month the churches in Delhi will be praying for:

The opening of schools

Please Keep in Your Prayers:

- Our community
- St. John's ministry to people in recovery from addiction
- Those in the St. Peter's community who are in need

Also bless the children of our parish and pray that we may reach unchurched people

HOLY DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 14 — Holy Cross Day

September 21 — St. Matthew, Evangelist

September 29 — St. Michael and All Angels

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

by Pat Outhouse, Search Committee Chair

As you are aware, the situation with COVID-19 resulted in a delay in the rector search process. During the past month, the Search Committee was finally able to meet face-to-face with a few applicants for the rector position, and spent considerable time reviewing all of their materials and speaking to them in depth about the mission of St. John's and St. Peter's and their respective leadership vision. We had previously conducted telephone interviews and spoken to references.

Once the entire process was completed for both applicants, the Search Committee discussed everything at length and concluded that we were being called to continue on with the Search process. The Diocesan Transition Office was made aware of this decision, and we will be receiving additional names of applicants as they become available.

We will continue to provide updates to you as we continue the process.

AN INVITATION TO CENTERING PRAYER

Centering Prayer, or Contemplative Prayer, is an ancient form of silent prayer in which the only objective is to rest in the presence of God. This prayer consists of simply sitting in silence, without thoughts or words or images, which presents challenges for those of us who have very active minds! Yet, with practice, one learns how to just rest in God's love, with the intention that surrendering to God in silence, God can do the work which God wants for us. This prayer was reintroduced in America in the 20th century through the work of instructors/writers Thomas Keating and Richard Rohr.

I have been practicing this form of contemplation for 20 years, and have led groups for many of those years. While this is a daily, personal practice, participating in a weekly group allows for instruction and support.

The fruits of this practice include a deep sense of peace, and a stronger spiritual foundation when responding to life's events and relationships.

It is my intention to form a Centering Prayer group at St. John's for the greater Delhi community, which will consist of a weekly meeting (45-60 minutes) in the Parish Hall.

If you are familiar with this practice, or would like to learn more, please let me know!

Peace,

Curt Sather



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

Bronson Thomson – 9th

Cameron Thomson – 9th

Caelon Townsend – 16th

Joe Whittaker – 19th



Vic Iwanow – 21st

Simeon Clark – 25th

Heather Thomson – 25th

Irving Reed – 29th

St. John's Episcopal Church—September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday Services: St. John's, 9 a.m. St. Peter's, 11:30 a.m.	Morning prayer: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.	AA - Mon, Wed, Fri at noon; Tues, Thurs, Fri at 7 p.m.; Sat at 9 a.m.;	Wednesday morning prayer group: 7 a.m.	NA - Tues, Thurs, Sat at noon		
	1	2	3	4	5	
6 Food Sunday Proper 18 Financial Stewardship Ministry 2 p.m. 12-Step Worship 5 p.m.	7	8 Bible Study 10 a.m.	9 Eucharist 5 p.m.	10 Bible Study 7 p.m.	11	12
13 Proper 19	14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	15 Bible Study 10 a.m.	16	17	18	19 DOK 9 a.m.
20 Fuel Sunday Proper 20	21 <i>St. Matthew, Evangelist</i>	22 Bible Study 10 a.m.	23 Eucharist 5 p.m.	24 Bible Study 7 p.m.	25	26
27 Mission Sunday Proper 21	28	29 Bible Study 10 a.m. <i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>	30 Eucharist 5 p.m.	Bible Study 7 p.m.		

ABOUT ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mission Statement:
***Knowing Christ and
Making Him Known***

Thinking about joining a church? We encourage you to try St. John's or our sister parish, St. Peter's in Hobart. We pray you will find us a welcoming family that enjoys a traditional style of worship. And we are not just about Sunday. We have a number of opportunities for all – young and old, single or married, new in the faith or seasoned. Please feel free to join us any Sunday.

PARISH EVENTS & DATES

- **Financial Stewardship Ministry**
Next meeting – **September 6th** at 2 p.m.
- **12-Step Worship**
Next service – **September 6th** at 5 p.m.
- **Vestry**
Next meeting – **September 8th** at 7 p.m.
- **Daughters of the King**
Next meeting – **September 19** at 9 a.m.
- **Mid-week Eucharist**
Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
- **Weekly Bible Studies resume September 8**
 - * Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
 - * Thursdays at 7 p.m.

VESTRY NOTES

- ✓ The fuel oil pre-pay to C.E. Kiff will be made for \$5,623.80. This is less a credit from the past heating season.
- ✓ A \$500 contribution to the Delaware County Food Bank was approved.
- ✓ The rectory chimney is in need of repair before winter. Quotes will be obtained for the work, which can hopefully be done in October. Dave Gile will take a look at some potential electrical wiring issues.

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