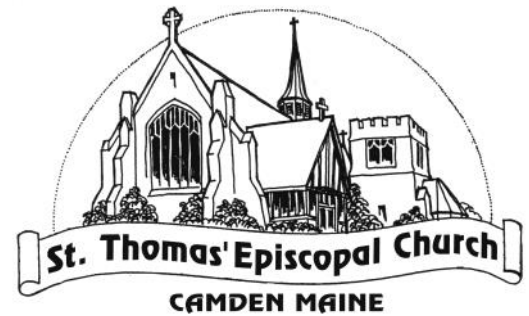


S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, August 13, 2017

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Prayer List

Let us celebrate those members of our parish who have birthdays in the coming week: Jill Glover (August 16), Thor Gabrielsen (August 18). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Jane Hards, Joanne Scott, Nancy Soderberg, Missie Stone, Sallie Leighton, Tiffany Andrews, June Dolcater, Loren Kitt, Stormy Bok, Jan Dolcater, Jan Conrad, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Janan Vaughn, Heather Lehr Bryant, Michael, Joyce Hards, Judy Mayberry.

Think About Taking EfM in the Fall

EfM (Education for Ministry) begins again in the fall. EfM is for anyone who seeks spiritual growth, hungers for a deeper knowledge of God and Scripture, Christian history and theology. Participants come from a diversity of backgrounds, making the shared learning experience very rich and stimulating.

There are no pre-requisites except for a thirst to explore your faith, and there are absolutely no exams! The yearly tuition is \$375, with scholarships available from both the parish and the diocese. For more information, contact EfM mentors:

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Sunday School News

Beginning next Sunday, August 20, Sunday school classes will be beginning at 9:15 am in the Yellow Room, enabling the children to get through prayers and candles, a reading of the story, and concluding with the interactive portion of the class. Currently there is not enough time to finish the lesson, leaving the children, teachers, parents (and rector!) frustrated. The children will continue to join their parents at announcement time to celebrate the Eucharist with their families.

End of Summer event!

We need items for the silent auction portion of our End of Summer extravaganza. Be creative!. Some past popular items included

- A lobster dinner for 4
- A pizza party for up to 8
- A cooking basket full of goodies

Other suggestions:

- A basket for families with games, snacks and fun!
- Cooking lessons
- Raking/mowing help for a set amount of weeks
- Babysitting for a parent's outing
- A wine basket

Let the parish office know what you are planning, so we can make up a bidding sheet. Let's all help make this the best fundraising party ever!

Come and Sit Awhile

Beginning on August 15 I will be in the St Thomas library from 3 to 5 pm, each Tuesday afternoon.

Stop by and share what has piqued your interest and curiosity, as it relates to your spiritual life. What discoveries are you making, as you journey day by day with God?

A brief reflection will be available each week, a simple offering of inspiration and faith based nourishment.

I am looking forward to these holy conversations, and while 'walk-ins' are welcome, it would be helpful if you could contact me in advance. 207-706-6744 or abpettee@gmail.com

*Together in Christ,
The Rev Abby Pettee, Deacon*

Today's Music

Today's entrance and dismissal hymns are favorites of many folks: *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* (#410) was requested by Queen Elizabeth II for her wedding in 1947, so we are in good company! The text is Henry Francis Lyte's 1834 paraphrase of Psalm 103. Sir John Goss (1800-1881) wrote the music, published in 1869, for this text. This version in our *Hymnal* 1982 is an expanded version of Goss's original, with different accompaniments for each stanza, underscoring the meaning of the words. *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (#390) is one of the most-loved and most frequently sung hymns of praise in many denominations.

We sing Catherine Winkworth's translation of Joachim Neander's (1650-

1680)text using a tune, *Lobe den Herren*, with folk song origins dating back to 1665. And, today, if you are a soprano, you have the opportunity to sing soaring descants on the final stanza of both our entrance and dismissal hymns! Soar away!

Forest Green is a familiar tune which we sing as an alternate version of O little town of Bethlehem at Christmas (see Hymn #78). It is also the tune we sing for the stewardship hymn, As those of old their first fruits brought (see Hymn #705). Isaac Watts (1674-1748) wrote the text for I sing the almighty power of God as a song for children, and the bringing together of this lovely text with a much-loved English folk melody is delightful! During communion I play Emma Lou Diemer's (American, b. 1927) gentle piece based on this tune. Then during communion we sing a beautiful text by the popular writer, Anonymous, which appeared in American hymnals in the late 19th century. John Harold Moyer (American, b. 1927) was editor of The Mennonite Hymnal (1969) and with trepidation accepted the invitation to compose music for this text. He rose to the occasion with this lilting tune.

Dr. Moyer writes:

[In the mid-20th century] composers found some difficulty in choosing authentic styles for writing hymn tunes. The choices seemed to be older 19th century idioms, or new types of melody and harmony which would be difficult for congregational singing. In this tune I have tried to combine freshness with practicality.

Today The Choir sings a Summer Hymn Request, How can I keep from singing? It is not in our hymnal nor any of our supplementary hymnals, but I finally found it in the profoundly forward-looking and broadly encompassing hymnal published by Pilgrim Press in 1995, The New Century Hymnal. This hymn appeared in mid-19th century American hymnals and is usually attributed to Robert Lowry (1825-1899), Baptist preacher and hymn writer.

We go forth with Emma Lou Diemer's stirring postlude based on our final hymn, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.

Go forth with a tune!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Calendar

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7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

5:00 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, August 14

Building Closed

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 am—Xi Gong class (Parish Hall)

9:00 am—Camden Garden Club—
Conference Room

5:00 pm—Vestry Meeting
—Conference Room

6:30 pm—OA meeting—Library

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, August 16

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist and
Healing Service—Chapel

10:00 am—Fellowship Time—Sun Room

10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

3:00 pm—CHS Alumni Association—
Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, August 17

10:30 am—Midcoast Interfaith Alliance—
Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, August 18

Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, August 19

11:30 am—Loaves and Fishes Soup

Kitchen at St. Peter's Rockland

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, August 20

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9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

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6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Meetings and Events are subject to change. St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for meetings and events. Please contact the Parish Office before scheduling any event. A detailed building calendar can be viewed in the office copier room.

ristic Minister: Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson, **Prayers of the People:** Roy Gilley; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott...

Next Sunday

August 20, 2017

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Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Psalms 67

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:21-28

7:30 am: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher and Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon **Lectors:** Jan Lyle, Edmund Hartt; **Prayers of the People:** Sandy Lyle; **Usher:** Jan Lyle.

9:30 am: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher and Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** Dean Jackson; **Eucha-**