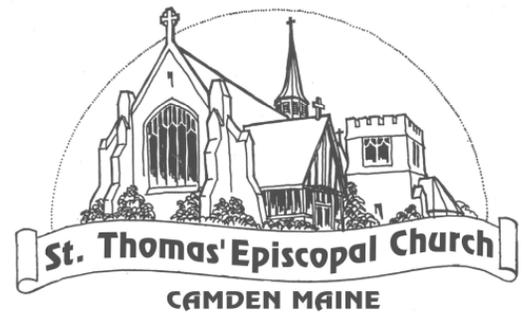


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Tidings

Sunday, July 8, 2018

The Seventh 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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Summer Fair News

It's not too early to think of what you can make for **Polly's Pantry** at the Summer Fair. Here are some ideas: cookies, squares, cakes, pies, yeast breads, quick breads, muffins, scones, jams, jellies, preserves, pickles, granola, veggies, berries & fruit from your garden, bean salad.... Folks buy snacks to eat while working at or walking around the fair, goodies for dessert when company shows up, snacks for visiting grandkids, etc. If you like to make it, we want to sell it!

Thank you,
Jan & Rebecca

Organ Demonstration for Kids 0-99 this Sunday

Following Sunday's 9:30 service, our Minister of Music Jane Schroeder will be demonstrating the workings of our pipe organ for all who are curious!

This will include questions and answers as well as hands-on opportunities.

You get to test-drive the organ! Come with your questions. Leave with answers!

Today's Music July 8, 2018

Wer nur den lieben Gott (If thou but trust in God to guide thee) is an example of a seventeenth century German hymn in which the author and the composer are the same person. Georg Neumark (1621-1681) was en route to study at the University of Königsberg, the only university not disrupted by the Thirty Years' War, when his caravan was beset by robbers and all he was left with was his prayerbook and a few coins he had sewn into his clothes. Taken in by Nicolaus Becker, paster in Kiel, Neumark was able to find a tutoring position and save enough money to return to school. It is during this time he wrote this hymn. The Thirty Years' War, primarily a religious war, fought between 1618 and 1648, was one of the longest and most destructive conflicts with over eight million fatalities. Just to have survived this time was an incredible feat! Ponder this as we sing Hymn #635. The variations on this hymn which I play for the prelude as well as the postlude were written by Georg Böhm (German, 1661-1733) who was an organist and composer. Bach was influenced by him and used this tune in eight cantatas and several organ chorales.

The entrance hymn at the

9:30 a.m. service is a contemporary text written in 1961 by Albert F. Bayley (English, 1901-1984). Bayley started out as a shipwright before becoming a Congregational minister. We do not know who composed the strong Welsh tune, *Blaenhafren*, but it is stirring and inspiring! Our sequence hymn, *Open your ears, O faithful people* is another contemporary text, written in 1980 by The Rev. Dr. Willard F. Jabusch (American, b. 1930). This exuberant text is successfully paired with an Hasidic folk melody.

This morning one of our very long-time and faithful choir members, Jeffrey Conrad, sings Aaron Copland's arrangement of the 1864 hymn by Robert Lowry, *Shall we gather at the river?* Bonnie Achterhof has worked on this with Jeffrey and accompanies him today. Jeffrey would like to dedicate this to Jane Hards, our faithful chorister and courageous inspiration who died on January 6, 2018, *The Feast of the Epiphany*.

We go forth into the world singing the 18th Century text, *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*. This text appeared on both sides of the pond just a few years apart! (London, 1787 and Elizabethtown, PA 1792). The tune, *Lyons*, is attributed to Franz Joseph Haydn's younger brother, Johann Michael

Haydn (1737-1806). Scholars are still not sure who wrote the tune; but it is a rousing one, so sing out with gusto!

Jane Schroeder
Minister of Music

St. Thomas' News

Dear Parishioners,

This week I had to do the most difficult thing I've had to do in my 7 years of ministry. I had to tell someone they couldn't bring their dog in to work anymore.

And after sending out my first letter about it, Canon Michael Ambler gently let me know that I had over interpreted a general discussion about pets, in particular aggressive pets, as diocesan policy. There is no such policy. It is left up to individual churches to determine policy, according to their needs, desires and issues. I apologize for the confusion. I was clearly confused myself. I apologize to the diocese for misrepresenting them.

But this misunderstanding of diocesan policy didn't make the difficult thing I'd had to do on behalf of St. Thomas' church and its parishioners any less necessary. One thing I am sure about, is that when a parishioner's pet has been seen to be aggressive, has bitten three people, nipped several, and growled and lunged at still more, there is a problem. I had to ask George to keep Tucker at home, which resulted in his resignation.

It is my responsibility as a Rector to ensure the safety of people who come into the office, whether it be for counsel or work, and to take measures when that safety is in jeopardy. The vestry and I will be discussing this decision at our meeting in July and August and we will determine what guidelines may need to be put in place for the future.

Again, I am sorry for the confusion. The vestry and I will consider our next move carefully.

In Christ,

Lisa+

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Missie Stone, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Paul Whittaker, Sid and Priscilla Lindsley, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Risa, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Darlene, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Ginnie Harper, Abby Neal, Francesca Bero, Mary.

Next Sunday

July 15, 2018:

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Psalm 85:8-13
Mark 6:14-29

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon, Paul Holman; **Prayers of the People:** Sandy Lyle; **Usher:** Jan Lyle.

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Jane Schroeder, Sally Williamson **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Scott Chrysler, TBA.

What's Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the Sun Room. Turn right. The Blue Room is the Nursery; the Yellow Room is the Sunday School room. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left).

Calendar

Sunday, July 8

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, EOW II

11:00 am—Organ demonstration
—Church

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, July 9

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, July 11

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

10:00 am—Fellowship Hour
—Sun Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal

—Parish Hall, Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, July 12

10:30 am—Dance for Wellness-
—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, July 13

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, July 14

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, July 15

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