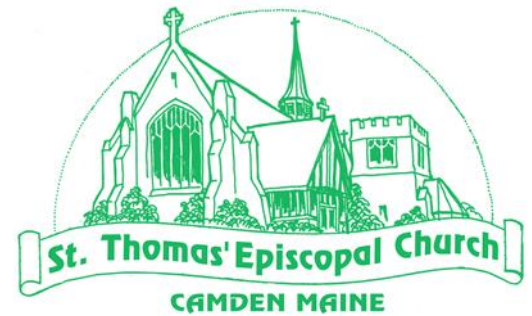


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Tidings

Sunday, August 12, 2018
The Twelfth 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

This is our final week before the fair. Please sign up to help this week, especially on August 17 & 18. It is important to know who is coming and when so that we have a game plan and aren't having to make it up on the spot.

Thank you to all you folks who have *been* helping, and thank you to the ones *coming in* to make this a successful fair!

A Note from the Rafters

When I retired as your pastor nearly three years ago, you all presented Michele and me with an incredibly generous monetary gift, and you suggested that it might be used to visit our son and his family in Japan. As it turned out, that was not to be, for a variety of reasons (fortunately, we had visited them in Japan previously).

So this year we decided to use your gift "in reverse"! We arranged to fly our grandsons – Christopher, a rising college freshman, and Joshua, a rising high school junior – to be with us here for the entire month of July! And as a bonus, we and the boys drove to Indianapolis for a reunion of Michele's extended family, many of whom the boys had never met.

Chris' and Josh's entire time here was filled with joyful and loving memories that will last a lifetime

– for us and for them!

And it awakened in Michele and me a revived appreciation of your thoughtfulness and generosity that made it all possible! Thank you, so very, very much!

John & Michele

Congratulate Jade!

Jade Hazzard will be with us next Sunday, August 19th to receive her \$1500 scholarship from the R.I Thomas Fund. Come and ask her about all the amazing things she's been doing in college.

The other recipient is Kristian Kibler who is off to the Maine Maritime Academy.

Service at Quarry Hill

St. Thomas' visits our elders at Quarry Hill every few weeks. **Today, August 12 at 1:30 pm meet us in the Community Room at Quarry Hill.** This is a group that loves to sing. If you think you'd enjoy ministry with the elderly, please join us. It's a fun time!

EFM (Education for Ministry) Begins Again in the Fall

EFM is for anyone who seeks spiritual growth in a small group setting, hungers for a deeper knowledge of God and scripture, Christian history, and theology. Participants come from diverse backgrounds, making the shared learning experience rich

and rewarding. To register or get more information, please contact Brother Donovan Bowley at brdavid-en@aol.com or speak to him at the EFM table at the coffee hour.

Today's Music Pentecost 12 August 12, 2018

This past week I learned two important lessons from a 7:30 a.m. parishioner whom I put in the category of "salt of the earth." Last week we sang hymn #414, *God, my king, thy might confessing* to the tune, *Stuttgart*. I assumed this tune was familiar to the folks at the 7:30 a.m. service since the tune appears three times in the Hymnal 1982. I had already checked in the Hymnal 1940, which many folks grew up with; that hymnal also has the tune, *Stuttgart*. **However**, the one we sang, #414, had a **descant written above the hymn**. I truly appreciate that if you have not sung in a church choir you would never know about the descants and how they are laid out. I did a cursory look through the Hymnal 1940 and found **no descants**. Choir directors had lots of resources (as we do today) for descants to be sung by sopranos, usually on the final stanza of a hymn. It is confusing when there's a stanza **above** the line you were to sing! I'll keep that in mind.

Second lesson: I have written much about the history of hymn

tunes and hymn texts as well as the anthems or solos we do as offertories and the music I play. However, I have not spoken much about **how I choose the hymns and the music!** We have a three-year Sunday lectionary cycle and I have resources which help direct me to hymns, anthems, solos and organ music reflecting each Sunday's readings. Today the text of our entrance hymn, #307, *Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor*, underscores the Gospel lesson from John 6. This text pays homage to Christ and was written by George H. Bourne (English, 1840-1925). A story surrounds the origins of the hymn tune, *Bryn Calfaria*: it is said that the tune came to the composer, William Owen (Bangor, North Wales, 1813-1883) on his way to the quarry where he worked. He attended local music classes and went on to conduct and compose (all while working in the quarry). Snubbed by the "cultivated" musicians of his day, this tune was slightly re-worked by Ralph Vaughan Williams to make it more accessible and singable.

Jeffrey Conrad sings Ralph Vaughan Williams' setting of George Herbert's (English 1593-1633) mystical poem, *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*. Vaughan Williams composed *Five Mystical Songs* (using Herbert's poetry) for baritone, chorus and orchestra in 1911. This song is #4 in the set and is the only one which does not involve the chorus. We are fortunate to have a hymn version of this at #487. (We sang it on April 29th of this year.)

We go forth into the world singing another hymn which reflects the Gospel reading from John 6: #335, *I am the bread of life*. This stirring text and soaring tune were both written in 1966 by the Roman Catholic church musician, Suzanne Toolan (American, b. 1927). It has appeared in most mainstream church hymnals and is frequently requested by parishioners. However, it is challenging to fit in the words of the text on the verses (not the refrain). So, do not feel badly if you are strug-

gling with the words: just sing with gusto on the refrain!

Jane Schroeder
Minister of Music

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, 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, Jean Harper, Abby Neal, Francesca Bero, Mary

This Sunday

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1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon ; **Lectors:** Pat Ayers, JoAnne Ryan; **Prayers of the People:** Paul Holman; **Usher:** Anne Ayers

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Sally Williamson, George Bickham; **Prayers of the People:** Jeff Conrad; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Phillip Groman

Next Sunday

August 19, 2018:

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan ; **Lectors:** Edmund Hartt, Pam Bardon; **Prayers of the People:** Terry Mello; **Usher:** Isa Babb

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeffrey Conrad **Lectors:** Dean Jackson, Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert

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

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7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, EOW II

15:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, August 13

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 14

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room

9:00 am—Camden Garden Club—Conference Room

3:00 pm—CHS Alumni Association—Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, August 15

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

10:15 am—Fellowship—Sun Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, August 16

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, August 17

9:30 am—Finance Committee meeting—Finance Office

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—Shakespeare Co.—Othello—Parish Hall

Saturday, August 18

9:00 am—3 pm—Summer Fair—Church Grounds

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, August 19

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