

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

Dear ones,

I can hardly believe we've just had our first anniversary together! As I tell anyone who asks, I truly see our relationship as a 'love match' in which each of us has chosen the other.

It was very clear to me early on that St Dunstan's is a unique community, one which celebrates the gifts of each person and one that seeks to grow each day in faith and love. In fact, I remember closing my laptop carefully after my first (Zoom) interview and then saying to Aaron and Arthur, 'this is SUCH a special group of people. I really hope I get to be part of this community.'

And you know the rest! We stayed in Maine much longer than we'd planned, you called me to be your priest, and we started our relationship with an early September outdoor Eucharist service. A few weeks later we returned to DC, sold our home, bought one in Maine having seen it on FaceTime, and moved here in early December.

I am so grateful to God's Spirit for bringing us together. I rejoice at the year we've had, and I look forward in love and joy to the year ahead and more to come.

With love,
Carolyn+

OFFERTORY!

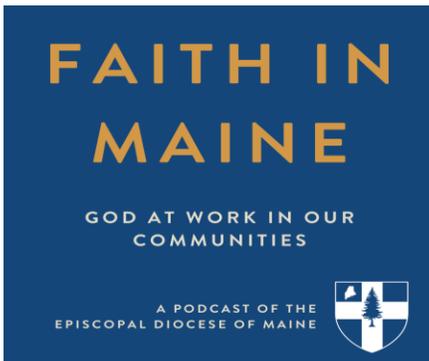
"Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His name; bring offerings and come into his courts." Psalm 96:8

Now that we are in church, your pledges or offerings need not be sent in. You have been so wonderful in sending them in and can continue to do so if it best for you. At this time we do not feel that passing the offertory plate would be wise. We have placed an offertory plate on the back table for your convenience to place your offering, requests for prayers and flower envelopes. Thank you for your support.

"Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord."

Affirmation Prayer

God Calls me out of darkness to live in light,
God calls me out of falsehood to live in truth,
God calls me out of despair to live in hope,
God calls me out of fear to live in trust,
God calls me out of hate to live in love,
God calls out of war to live in peace,
I am called by God to fill my heart, my world,
my universe, with peace, peace, peace. Amen.



Faith in Maine:

This is a podcast produced by our Episcopal Diocese with various members of the clergy giving their thoughts and prayers. The podcast changes each week. Feel free to call and listen.

You can call 207-223-6402 at any time. They usually last approximately 4-5 minutes.

Prayer for the Beginning of Autumn

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Christ Church, Norway, and St. Savior's, Bar Harbor. We pray especially for those who advocate for the poor and the oppressed and our Maine Episcopal Public Policy Network.

We Pray Especially For: Beryl Kirkpatrick, Caiden Chattin, Gage Chattin, Briana Chattin, Noah Gurwitz, Natalie Beaver, Sharon St. Clair, Meg Stevens, Greg Jacobs, Fembe and Elizabeth Awalt for strength, comfort, and healing.

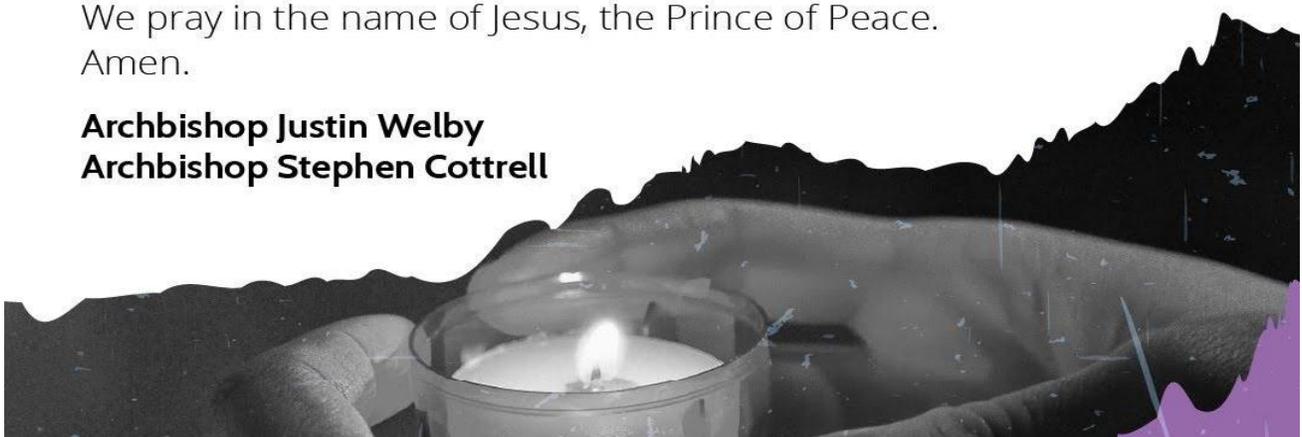
If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or continue a name on the list, please let us know at stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com or leave a message at the church (667-5495). Prayer requests will remain for three weeks.

It is important to us that the list be up-to-date and accurate. To everyone, please stay well and safe. Blessings to you all.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



The “**Holiday Fair Committee**” will meet on Zoom on Thursday, September 15th at 4 pm. Plans are underway to support our community outreach; we will support THAW again this year. Our fair is scheduled for November 12, 2022. Please email Carol Mason for a Zoom link to join us. cm_mason@msn.com. Looking forward to seeing you all!

If you can't make this meeting but want to join the committee or contribute, please email me and let me know! Thank You, Carol



We will be forming a **Safety Team**, who will collaborate to **produce an Emergency Evacuation Plan** for our parish. Our first meeting will be in a few weeks (day and time TBD), at the church, with local law enforcement who will do a walk-through with us and identify opportunities for additional protection for our parish.

If you have interest/experience/training and feel called to join the Safety Team, please contact Carolyn (carolynkrosen@gmail.com).

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP / EVENTS SCHEDULE ~

At this time the Sunday services will be both in church following safe practices and via Zoom. Compline is every Thursday at 7:00p.m via Zoom

The sanctuary is open for quiet reflection and prayer on Mondays 2-4.

September 18 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

September 25 ~ Morning Prayer: 9:30 w/ Diana Gazis

October 2 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

October 9 ~ Morning Prayer: 9:30 with homily by Jaci and Tom Hancock

October 16 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

October 16 ~ Vestry

October 23 ~ Bishop Brown visit & Holy Eucharist: 9:30

Happy Birthday to Rain Perez!
Enjoy!



History of Our Beloved Hymns

From time-to-time Herbert Beckwith will write about the history of a hymn that we have sung in our services. Keep your eyes open for this wonderful addition.

O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD 683

Tune: Beatitudo

This is one of 8 hymn texts in our hymnal which come from Olney Hymns, an important 18th century Evangelical hymnal. William Cowper wrote this hymn in 1767, and it grew out of the work of caring for a sick friend. It was published in *Olney Hymns* in 1779 and has been part of our own hymnal since 1826. Two tunes re used in the current hymnal but probably the best known one is Beatudo composed by John Dykes for another text, and was published in 1875. This tune and these words appeared to Episcopalians in the Hutchins musical version of our 1890 hymnal.

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS 474

TUNE: Rockingham

This well known hymn text is one of the best known works of Isaac Watts and has even been called the best hymn in the English language. It is based upon Galatians 6:14 and was published in 1707, and its combination with the tune Rockingham certainly forms one of the world's best loved hymns. It entered our hymnal in 1826. The tune was published by Edward Miller in 1790 and reached this country by 1825.



Church Flowers

Now that St. Dunstan's Church is having weekly in-person services, we have begun to decorate with flowers on the altar again. There is a flower sign-up sheet on the offertory table at the rear of the sanctuary, along with flower envelopes and the silver collection plate.

Please be sure to write your name and your dedication for an available date on the sign-up sheet. For those who would like the church to order flowers, please fill out the flower envelope and place it with cash or check in the collection plate.

Flowers are ordered from the Bud Connection for \$30 each, but we must return the vases. We welcome home grown flower arrangements, too, but you must sign up for the date.



Priest - Rev. Dr. Carolyn Rosen
Deacon - Rev. Tracy Shaffer
Senior Warden - Dianne Kelley
Deputy Senior Warden - Liz Graves
Junior Warden - Kim Peterson

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You can contact us by leaving a message by telephone or email:

Phone: [667-5495](tel:667-5495) Email: stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com

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Rain is in the church office Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 – 9 am