

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ OCTOBER 14, 2022

CALLING TO ALL READERS AND SERVERS:

The schedules for the last quarter of the year 2022 have been sent out. Thank you to all of you who are willing to share your God given gifts with the rest of our St. Dunstan's family. If there are others in our community that would like to be added to the schedule, please let **Dianne Kelley** (dslk46@roadrunner.com) know. There is always a place for additional servers and readers this time and in the future.

Please note that the Christmas services as not been filled. Please let me know if any of you are willing to participate for these beautiful services.

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.

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."

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Luke's, Wilton. We pray especially for all who are preparing for the 202nd Convention of the Diocese of Maine.

We Pray Especially For: Beryl Kirkpatrick, Caiden Chattin, Gage Chattin, Briana Chattin, Fembe, Kay, Greg Jacobs, Dorothy Sweeney, Meg Stevens, Michael Carter, and Larmie Knuesli 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.

Almighty and merciful God, we ask in our prayers that the conflict in Ukraine and the others around the world can be resolved peacefully. Bless the people that have been affected by the unrest and grant them peace and justice. We also ask for the people in our own country that have been impacted by the hurricanes, as they grieve, pick up their lives, and help with the searches and rescues. Grant them strength, comfort, and healing. All this we ask with the power of your love to all through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ 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.

October 16 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

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

October 30 ~ Morning Prayer: 9:30 with Dianne Kelley

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Mary and Dan DeLong to the Great Glory of God in honor of Janice O'Brien, a parish member extraordinaire for her participation in church painting, landscaping, ushering, welcoming and serving as the church board member at Loaves and Fishes. We will miss Janice and wish her all the best as she moves into her new home at Dirigo Pines in Orono.

Happy Birthday to Becky Fallica! Enjoy!



Let us always remember that we are living on the traditional homelands of the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot peoples and of the Wabanaki confederacy of Maine. We recognize the native peoples throughout this land.

Prayer For Peace

Oh Great Spirit who dwells in the sky,
lead us to the path of peace and understanding,
let all of us live together as brothers and sisters.
Our lives are so short here, walking upon Mother Earth's surface,
let our eyes be opened to all the blessings you have given us.
Please hear our prayers, Oh Great Spirit.
- Native American Prayer

Ukrainian Relief Update from ERD

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has sent a letter to us thanking us for our gift of \$820.50 for our flag distribution earlier this year. We donated approximately half of our donations to this group. Let us keep praying for peace in this area of the world and for continued help to those who are displaced because of this conflict.



In their recent newsletter, ERD has offered their own update:

"The war in Ukraine is now more than six months old, and in that time, many thousands have died or been injured, and millions have been displaced. The generous support of ERD's humanitarian effort is ongoing. We are working with several partners in the region, including the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe and several implementing members of the ACT Alliance, an ecumenical collaboration of more than 130 churches and church-affiliated organizations. Together, with these partners, we are providing food, shelter, showers and transit support for those still inside Ukraine who are fleeing the conflict - and also to those who are unable to leave..."

The newsletter goes on to note that, among other things, they and the convocation are also involved in refugee resettlement and long-term psychological and social care. For more information or to donate: www.episcopalrelief.org

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.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD, 396 & 397

Tune: Nun Danket Alle Gott (for both)

This hymn has been called the German “Te Deum.” and is the most widely sung hymn in Germany other than “A mighty fortress”. It seems to me that I, in this country, have myself sung this hymn more often than any other in our hymnal. Generally, it has become the classic Thanksgiving hymn, It has been included in at least 12 different hymnals. it transcends all language and denominational boundaries to the point that nobody thought twice about celebrating victory over Nazi Germany in 1945 by singing this German hymn. It was written about 1630 by Lutheran pastor Martin Rinckhart as a hymn for a family table grace and was first printed in 1646. The tune “Nun Danket Alle Gott” was written by Johann Cruger and it appeared with this text in 1647, and the pairing of text and tune has remained constant since. In the 1982 hymnal it appears in two forms, rhythmic, by Cruger, for 396, and isorhythmic based on a harmonization by Mendelssohn for 397.

ETERNAL RULER OF THE CEASELESS ROUND, 617

Tune: Song 1

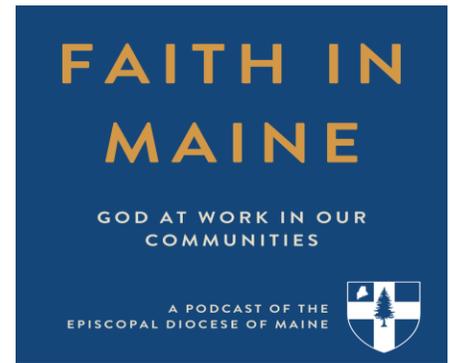
This hymn is new to our current hymnal although it was written over 100 years ago. John W. Chadwick, an American poet, wrote this hymn text which first became used in the late 19th century in England. It enters our hymnal in 1982 Chadwick wrote it, amid the worries of the Civil War, for his Harvard Divinity School graduation in 1864. Its success as a hymn became sure when Vaughan Williams matched it to Orlando Gibbons’ “Song 1.” It entered our hymnal in 1916, was dropped in 1940, although the tune was used there for a different text, and it reappears in 1982.

Diocesan Convention News: Every Tuesday throughout the month of October the clergy and lay delegates are meeting to prepare for the Convention on Saturday, October 22, 2022. In these weeks we learn and focus on the structure of the convention, resolutions (policies) to be presented, set the calendar and budget for the coming year, and pray that we will be good stewards for God and you. Our clergy delegates are Carolyn and Tracy and the lay delegates are Carol and Dianne with Tom the alternate delegate. The Town halls are recorded and can be viewed by going to the Episcopal Diocese of Maine website.

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.



Lend a Hand to Everybody Eats!



Help is needed on Sunday mornings to help pick up Hannaford donations as part of a team October - December. Pick up is at 8:15 AM and there is plenty of time to get the donations back to the church in time for service. Two or three people work together these days to do the pick up. If you are interested and can lift 10 -20 lbs., please let Tracy

know.

Help get the Word Out for Everybody Eats!

Please circulate this poster (*found on the last page of Tid Bits*) or share with friends and neighbors. Our **Friday Lunch Bag** distributions have been extended to October 28! This program has done very well over the summer distributing between 50 - 75 lunches each week to neighbors and friends and we hope to offer it again next summer and early fall.



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.



Holiday Fair-

Saturday, November 12



9am to 1pm

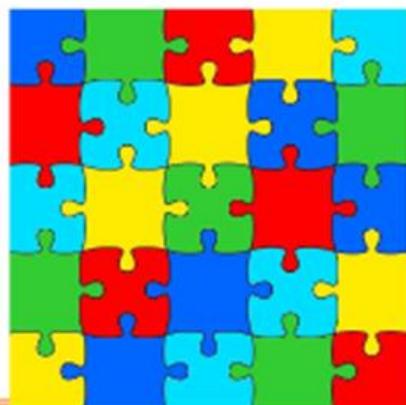
St. Dunstan's Church

134 State St., Ellsworth



*Jewelry, Baked Goods, pies,
jams and jellies, Children's table (games,
puzzles, books), Liz Tracy fine sewn
crafts, quality antiques.*

Take out soup/sandwich lunch!





Join Everybody Eats!

Fridays May 20 – Oct. 28

For Brown Bag Lunch Pick Ups

Noon – 1:30 PM

St. Dunstan's Church Parking Lot

134 State Street, Ellsworth ME.

Lunch Will Include:

- Sandwich
- Fruit or Fruit Cups
- Chips or Cookies
- Granola Bar

Questions: Contact Tracy Shaffer at 973-287-9926