

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Dear ones,

I'm writing on Thursday evening, just after having put Arthur down and finished dinner and an episode of 'Dix pour Cent' (I think it's 'Call My Agent' in English).

He was delighted to pause his 'projech' (project) of installing a door to the gallery and skip in to Compline and see his friends. He recognized, as always, by name each person he could see. It's been interesting to watch a child raised largely during the pandemic, with so many things happening virtually; he engages with the world through Zoom but also, fairly seamlessly, in person. What to us seems two distinct ways of engaging with the world is to him merely a normative extension of his own world and his friendships.

On Halloween, he imprinted upon a chicken costume (one of the new 'blow-up' costumes) and happily skipped about after that poor example of poultry; we credit school with having given him the confidence to join a group of formerly unknown kids and maraud around with them. I couldn't help but remember my own grandmother (who met Arthur twice, and who passed away on All Souls Day in 2019), who loved helping with Halloween and was a significant part of my life.

This Sunday we will all turn back our clocks an hour and celebrate the feast of All Saints. This All Saints, I pray that each of us might experience that 'thin space' even for a moment, in which we feel even closer to those we loved but see no longer. I pray for a return to health for those of us who are ill, for certainty to those who wait, and for comfort for those who face the unknown.

Thank you for folding us into your family; you're folded into ours.

With love,
Carolyn+



This Sunday also marks a change in clocks! Set your clocks back an hour and everyone will be able to make it to the All Saints feast...!

We'll celebrate the feast of **All Saints this Sunday**; our annual **Necrology** will take place during the liturgy and following our Prayers of the People. This represents time and liturgical space for us to say aloud the names of those we remember who have joined the 'glorious Saints in light;' those who 'rest in peace and rise in glory.' If you're joining via Zoom, please enter names in the 'chat' box and those will also be read aloud.

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.

**Look for a new feature to come in TidBits called "Family News".
It will add much to all of us keeping in touch with each other and
sharing what is happening.**

*The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the Greater Glory of God by
Bill and Martha Thomas in loving memory of Abbie Thomas, Megan Thomas,
and Rodney H. James.*



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.

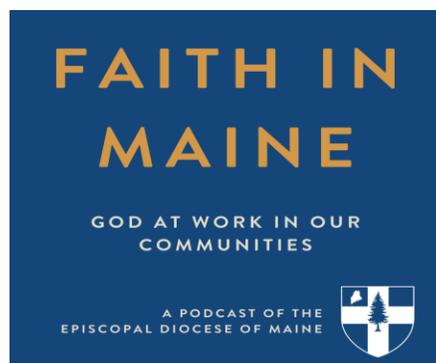
A Time of Thanksgiving - UTO Kick Off Around the Corner

Our annual United Thank Offering (UTO) event will kick off October 30 at church with our concluding ingathering planned for November 27.

That gives us the entire month of November to recognize our blessings by thinking daily of them and offering a coin in our UTO box as we think about the reality of God's presence in our lives.

There are new boxes, flyers and prayer booklets for the campaign this year from our UTO board. So please plan to participate and get your materials October 30 or shortly thereafter.

Questions? Please contact Deacon Tracy at 973-287-9926 or ttlshaffer@aol.com.



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.

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. John Baptist, Thomaston. We pray especially for all who serve and have served in the armed forces of our country as we honor them on Veteran's Day.

We Pray Especially For: Beryl, Kirkpatrick, Caiden, Cody, Gage, and Briana Chattin, Rachael Mansfield, Brenda Moldawer, and Sheri Harliss for healing, strength and comfort.

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, violence and lose of loved ones as they grieve, pick up their lives. 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 30 ~ Morning Prayer: 9:30 with Dianne

November 6 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

November 13 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30

**November 20 ~ Holy Eucharist: 9:30, Diocese-wide
Belated Bicentennial Celebration during service**

November 24 ~ Thanksgiving Service

**November 27 ~ Morning Prayer: 9:30 with Mimi &
Dave**

November 29 ~ Vestry Meeting: 6:00 pm

Happy Birthday to Sarah Whalen and Muffet Stewart! 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.

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY, 469 & 470

Tune: 469, St. Helena
470. Beecher

This is a collection of stanzas from a much longer 19th century poem by Frederick Faber. Five stanzas of Faber's poem have been presented as three stanzas in our 1982 hymnal. Faber was a Victorian Roman Catholic priest noted for his hymns, of which he wrote some 150. His hymns have fallen out of favor in modern times but three of his best known hymns, including this one, remain in our hymnal. Our hymnal, as it sometimes does, gives two tunes for this text. Hymn 469 uses "St. Helena" which was written in 1978 for this text by American composer Calvin Hampton. The tune "Beecher" for hymn 470 was written in 1870 by John Zundel intended for another text but it has been sung by Episcopalians for this hymn since the hymn entered our 1916 hymnal.

BE THOU MY VISION O LORD OF MY HEART 488

Tune; Slane

This text, popular with other denominations comes to us for the first time in the 1982 hymnal. It is Irish, from around 700 to 1000. It is an example of a Lorica, a prayer said while donning armor for a battle. It was translated into English prose by Mary Byrne and published in 1905. Subsequently Mary E. Byrne put it into verse, published in 1912

The tune "Slane", which appears in the hymnal with another hymn, is a simple Irish folk melody which suits the text and is one I've always liked. It was first matched with this text in our 1940 hymnal. Slane is the name of a hill near Tara in Ireland. In Irish tradition it is the place where St. Patrick challenged the authority of the pagan High-king by lighting the Paschal fire on Easter Eve in violation of the king's order.

Thank you and with so much deep appreciation,
My dear friends and family,

I would like to thank all of you for offering rides, meals and especially prayers. You are all amazing! Today (Wed.) I received a very special gift from you of a fantastic pot of succulents that will keep on growing and a beautiful wrap to brighten my day and keep me warm. You are so generous, kind and loving, following the way that Jesus showed us. I (we) thank you so very much for "Doing Faith". Thank you again!

An update from both of us - we are cleared of COVID and I am half way through my treatments.

With deep affection,
Dianne

The yearly **Holiday Fair** will take place Saturday, November 12 from 9 am to 1 pm. We will have many of the usual goodies: Liz Tracy's beautiful sewn crafts, lightly used antiques and jewelry, pies (pre-ordered fresh and frozen), jams and jellies, and new this year.... a children's table with puzzles, games, and books! We will also have a take-out soup and sandwich lunch available!

If you are a baker or a preserver, we would love any jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, or ANY baked goodies you would like to provide! Once again, email StDunstansMarketplace@gmail.com to let us know what you will donate and how many.

This is always a great day, and it certainly takes a village to make it all happen. We love that you are part of our village!

Carol Mason, ECW Chair of the committee



Holiday Fair Pie Orders!

Want to have your Thanksgiving and Christmas pies all set in your freezer or have a fresh one on tap November 12? Order them by Monday, November 7 by email to MuffetStewart@gmail.com or call 610-9556. Blueberry and Apple can be fresh or frozen and Pecan and Pumpkin will be fresh. Pies are \$20 each and pick up is 9-1 Saturday, November 12 at the fair! Come, browse for Christmas gifts and what nots, pick up your pie and a delicious take-out lunch!



Thanks to all the people who have worked so hard to prepare for this election and those who will work during and after, we express our gratitude and appreciation. Here is a prayer for us as we cast our votes with our decisions.

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States and of this community in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

St. Dunstan's 2022 Emmaus Adopt-a-Family

As in past years St. Dunstan's will participate in the Emmaus Homeless Shelter's Adopt-a-Family Program this Christmas season. This year we have pledged to provide gifts (valued at *\$35 for each child) for **thirty children**.

**[The Elves advise that, since St. D's first participated in this program nearly twenty years ago, the per-child contribution has been \$30; this is the first inflationary adjustment they've requested]*

For everyone's safety and convenience, **the Elves will again be doing all of the shopping for us this year!** All you need to do to participate:

1. Let Elf Whisperer Jaci Hancock know that you wish to participate, and advise of the number of children you want to provide gifts for by:
 - a. email: to jshancock27@gmail.com;
 - b. phone or text to: 207-907-9002; or
 - c. by mail to: 1 West Highland Trail, Dedham, ME 04429-4584.
2. Send payment (\$35 for each adoptee) by check made payable to Jaci Hancock, mailed to: 1 West Highland Trail, Dedham, ME 04429-4584, **please write "2022 Adopt-a-Family" in the memo line.**

To assure that the Elves have plenty of time to shop, please let Jaci know you are participating and make your payment **as soon as you can, but not later than November 30th**.

The Elves thank you for help in assuring that area children have a Happy Christmas morning! Any questions, please reach out to Jaci Hancock.



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
Fred Beyer and Muffet Stewart: stdunstanstreasurer@gmail.com
Rain is in the church office Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 – 9 am



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!

