

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ DECEMBER 16, 2022

Dear ones,

A few months ago, I dutifully read the articles in the Washington Post, New York Times, etc in which leading pediatric specialists, epidemiologists and virologists warned of the coming early flu season, coming increase in Covid cases, sharp rise (already) in RSV cases, and the general immaturity of immune systems for those under five.

Well, much of that has borne out, I'm sorry to admit, and especially for those families with young children this year who are 'out' in the world! And yet, we remain so happy with our decision to send Arthur to school as of this autumn; he is absolutely loving it, and the benefits are untold (as those who came to Zoom Compline last night no doubt witnessed...!).

I wish you all good health, and a swift return to full health for you who are ill right now. May every blessing be upon you all as we prepare to welcome God in Christ together, and as we walk in faith together this Advent.

Yours, with love,
Carolyn+



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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."



Be in the Know – Enroll in *The Dio Log* Today!

- *From Deacon Tracy*

Please remember that the bi-monthly electronic newsletter of our Episcopal Diocese of Maine, *The Dio Log*, can be as close as your email in box! To enroll, go to the diocesan website, <https://episcopalmaine.org>, select “Connect” on the top of the site and then

“Newsletter” in the drop down. The enrollment area is directly below. Here is the link to take you to the newsletter section directly so you can enroll even faster:

<https://episcopalmaine.org/newsletter/>.

This is the best way to keep up with all of the events and opportunities for engagement and learning being offered beyond our own parish. The staff also offers select Province 1 news and church wide information and opportunities as well through *The Dio Log*.

We again thank many members of our parish for their personal support during the recent capital campaign to get the new Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry location ready for service.



We are now in our second month of operation at the location on Downeast Highway.

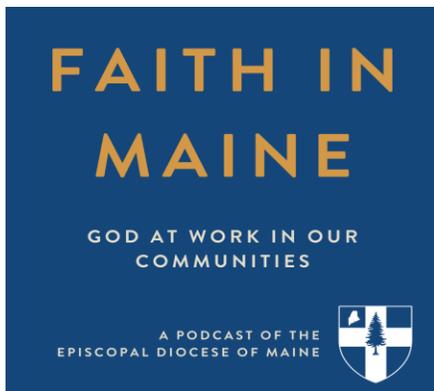
Happy Holidays!
Tracy+

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



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.

CHRISTMAS GREENS AND FLOWERS:

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas greens and flowers fund this year at St. Dunstan's, please place a check or cash into a "flowers" envelope (found in pews and on the table at the rear of the sanctuary). Then place that envelope into the collection plate, or you may give the envelope directly to me. If you make your gift as a memorial, please include that person's name on the envelope.

The greens/flowers dedications will be included in the Christmas Eve program.

Thank you very much.

Marian Wells, Chief Sacristan

207-610-4335

**Happy Anniversary to
Harvey & Dianne Kelley!**



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Philip's, Wiscasset. We pray especially for our Assisting Bishops, Shannon MacVean-Brown of Vermont and Bishop Robert Hirschfeld of New Hampshire.

We Pray Especially For: Margaret Hanegraef, Carol Yancy, Charles and Fay Joy, Brenda Moldawer, Briana Chattin, Caiden Chattin, Skip Stevens, Meg Stevens, Larmie Knuesli, Tony Rowan, Beryl Kirkpatrick, and Megan McNeill 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.

December 18 ~ Morning Prayer: 9:30 with Liz Graves

December 25 ~ Christmas Service: 9:30

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the Greater Glory of God by Gordon Gunnis of Lancaster, PA, in loving memory of Myrtle Pillsbury Hayes.

Family News

We would love to hear about your news and for what you are thankful during this year

Diocese of Maine Musical Advent Calendar Now Live

Thanks to your submissions, the musical Advent calendar is now live, and counting down to Christmas! A new door opens each day, sharing the story of a favorite hymn or carol and providing a link for you to listen.

You can access the calendar directly here: <https://tuerchen.app/teR3i4D3jaWj2LAp>. You can also follow along on our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) social media accounts.

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 COME; O COME EMMANUEL. 56

Tune: Veni, Veni. Emmanuel

This Advent hymn is widely known in the U.S., appearing in most Protestant and Roman Catholic hymnals. The text originates from “O Emmanuel,” one of the “O antiphons” which were a series of antiphons beginning “O” and used with the Magnificat at Vespers in the Roman liturgy from Dec. 17 through 23. The text as it appears in the 1982 hymnal is based on a translation by John Mason Neale with additions from several later translations.

It was long thought that the first appearance of the tune “Veni Veni Emmanuel” was in the musical edition of the Hymnal Noted, in 1854, where it was said to come from a French Missal. However, in 1966 Mother Thomas Moore reported finding the tune in a 15th century French Processional, in Paris. The accompaniment along with an alternate one were composed by David Hurd in 1975.

HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES. 71 & 72

Tune: 71, Bristol; 72, Richmond

Written by Philip Doddridge in 1735, this has been in our hymnal since 1808. Although usually considered a Christmas carol, it tells us, based upon passages in Isaiah and Luke, of the start of Christ’s ministry, and of his mission to the world. Although in our hymnal since 1808 it was not matched with the tune “Bristol” until the 1940 hymnal, although tune and text were first joined in Hymns A & M in 1875. Originally a poem of 7 stanzas it was revised and edited several times over the years.

There are two tunes for this text. Hymn 71 uses “Bristol”, which first appeared in 1621. The composer is unknown, but the harmonization is by Thomas Ravenscroft. The tune for 72 is “Richmond”, composed by Thomas Haweis and published in 1791. The version of the tune in H82 is by Samuel Webbe Jr., and appeared in 1808.

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

Date: December, 2022

From: Santa's Elves, The North Pole

To the Wonderful People at St. Dunstan's,
Ellsworth:

On behalf of Santa, Mrs. Claus and all of the
Elves, thank you so much for your continued
support of, and participation in, the Emmaus
Shelter's Adopt-A-Family program.

This year the Elves delivered Christmas Gifts
for 46 children THAT'S FORTY-SIX
CHILDREN - A NEW ST. DUNSTAN'S
RECORD!!! - to Emmaus thanks to the
generosity of our friends at St. Dunstan's.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas
morning brighter for 46 children in the
greater-Ellsworth community. We're already
looking forward to next year!!!

Merry Christmas, With Love, Santa's Elves



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