

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ DECEMBER 30, 2022

Dear ones,

As blessed Christmastide to all! It brings me such joy to be part of our loving community as we prepare for the Feast of the Holy Name this Sunday (1 January), as well as a special Compline service on Thursday (5 January) to mark Epiphany.

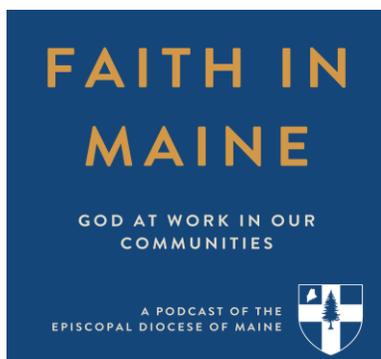
Goodness, what a season we had with Advent. This year, my second Advent with you but my first in which we could gather in person, we made the season beautifully contemplative for ourselves as we prepared to welcome Jesus. It was a joy to live and pray and meditate together, and with the art that graced our walls those four weeks. I so benefited—in terms of my own spiritual discipline—from our Advent programme punctuated by gathering for Lectio Divina, and by delving more deeply together into art inspired by sacred tradition.

And, what Christmas celebrations last week! Christmas Eve was a joy beyond all telling, as it marked—as with Advent—my second with you but my first with you in which as many of us as wishes could gather in person! Christmas Day gave all of us the contemplative gathering our hearts needed.

These last few years, I've come to believe that for me there is no Christmas quite like one in which there's a child present. Arthur's experience of Christmas this year, the first in which he really asked a lot of questions about what Advent and Christmas are all about, has certainly taught me this. He was just as inquisitive about Hanukkah this year, too. I pray we all feel as much childlike wonder at God's creation—and as much boundless love for each other—as possible this holiday season!

Yours, with Christmastide love,

Carolyn+



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



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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.

**Happy Birthday to Jan
Newett and Tracy Shaffer!
Enjoy!**



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Thomas', Winn and St. Brendan the Navigator, Deer Isle. We pray especially for the work of Episcopal Relief and Development.

We Pray Especially For: Mary Rita Mongato, Carol Yancey, Anna Mears, Mary Mitchell, Sam Navrat, Meg Stevens, Skip Stevens, Tony Rowan, Jerry Whitney and Larmie Knuesli 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.

January 1 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30

January 8 ~ Morning Prayer 9:30

January 15 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30

January 22 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30

Family News

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



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