

# ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

## TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ JANUARY 20, 2023

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Dear ones,

A beautiful snowy morning to you! Hope everyone's hunkered down and as well and warm as can be.

I've two news items to share this week; the first is about coffee hour. As you probably remember, as of summer 2022 we decided that anyone who wished to volunteer for hosting and helping with coffee hour is most welcome. I will always be at coffee hour to visit with people (when it coincides with the three Sundays I preside per month) and all are welcome. We've had a few coffee hours since then, including one indoors in Lent, at which I remember visiting with many of you including Carmen and Carolyn, our newest parishioners.

We've got renewed interest in leading coffee hour more regularly from Carol Mason, and anyone who wishes to help is warmly invited to contact Carol as the point person for all things coffee hour-related! We've set 5 February as a new 'kick off' date. All are welcome. I'll be there, of course; I'll probably keep my mask on (or step off a little ways in order to enjoy a treat, then put it back on) and will enjoy visiting with everyone. We understand there will be varying comfort levels, and we support everyone in going with what feels good and right for them. We will see how this feels for us, and go from there, together.

Finally, this Sunday (22 January) is not only the third Sunday after the Epiphany, it's also the date for our Annual Meeting! We begin at 11:45, **\*\*on Zoom!!\*\*** Please, know everyone is warmly welcome to join. Everyone is warmly invited to brunch/lunch/have tea and coffee whilst we meet. Don't think it's impolite to nosh onscreen—quite the opposite! 😊

As Dianne, Liz, Tracy+ and I were saying to each other the other week, Annual Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for us all to gather together and celebrate the ministries happening within and because of our parish family. We've so much to celebrate this year, including our growing parish family with our many recent, new members, plus the faithfulness and love of our longtime members. WE are St Dunstan's!

Yours, with love  
Carolyn+

# Family News



We would love to hear about **your news** and for **what you are thankful during this year**. Submit your news to [stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com)

## FAITH IN MAINE

GOD AT WORK IN OUR COMMUNITIES

A PODCAST OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MAINE



### 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.



### **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.

*Photo Credit: Marian Wells*

As we continue to meditate on **Martin Luther King** and his legacy (MLK day was Monday 16 January), here is a link to the (open source) full text of **King's 'letter from a Birmingham Jail'**:

[https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles\\_Gen/Letter\\_Birmingham.html](https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Peter's, Rockland and St. Columba's, Boothbay Harbor. We pray especially for those serving in lay liturgical ministries.

We Pray Especially For: Carol Yancey, Sam Navrat, Meg Stevens, Skip Stevens, Tony Rowan, and Barbara Hammond 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](mailto: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.

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## ~ UPCOMING WORSHIP / EVENTS SCHEDULE ~

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*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 22 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 with Carolyn+**

**January 22 ~ Annual Meeting via Zoom 11:45**

**January 29 ~ Morning Prayer led by Dianne, 9:30**

**February 5 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30**

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**Happy Birthday to Hyla Tracy  
and Ralph Preble! 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

Dear friends, I am writing to you because we have need of a Chaplain for our Search and Rescue Squadron. One does not have to be athletic to perform this function or ordained. We have a classification for non ordained (Laity) called CDI. If you or your congregante is interested please let us know.

For more information <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/members/cap-national-hq/new-chaplain-corps-page>

Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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# 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.*

## **CHRIST WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES. Hymn 6 & 7**

Tune: 6, Christ whose glory  
7, Ratisbon

This hymn by Charles Wesley has become a well-loved hymn since it was written. Based on Malachi 4: It first appeared as “A morning hymn” in a book of hymns and poems by Wesley in 1740. It has appeared in many hymnals since 1785 and has been in ours since at least 1871. The tune “Christ Whose glory” is by Malcolm Williamson, first appearing in 1962. It is new to us in H82. The tune “Ratisbon” for 7 is the one used by Episcopalians since 1871 and has been associated with this text for over a century. Its origins go back to a German folk melody of the early 15th century which was reworked by Luther. William Henry Havergal worked with the melody and simplified it into this one, Ratisbon. It was published with this text in 1847.

## **SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE. 135**

Tune: Salzburg

Written by Bishop Christopher Wordsworth, the nephew of English poet William Wordsworth, and published in 1862, this hymn text appeared in the 1916 and 1940 hymnals. For the 1982 hymnal, though, a new fourth stanza was written by F. Bland Tucker and added to replace the original fourth stanza omitted from H40. The tune “Salzburg” first appeared anonymously in 1678. It has been attributed to Jakob Hintze. In the first edition of Hymns Ancient & Modern in 1861 it was matched with “At the Lamb’s high feast...”, and this matching has been in our hymnal since the Tucker music edition of our 1871 hymnal.

## **WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS, 439**

Tune: Wondrous love

This American folk hymn and tune is from the Southern mountains and was included in Southern Harmony. It appears for the first time in our hymnal in 1982, with its traditional tune, although it is well known to most people. A version of the tune first appeared in 1840 and it has been often reprinted in various forms. It has been somewhat altered for the 1982 hymnal.

## BLESSED JESUS, AT THY WORD, 440

Tune: Liebster Jesu

Tobias Clausnitzer uses the words Cornelius addresses to Peter (Acts 10:13 as inspiration for this hymn text which was published anonymously in 1663. It was published again in 1687 with the German text of this hymn. This text is one of only three by him which survive. The English translation is largely that of Catherine Winkworth, published in 1858. The text is new to us in 1982. The tune, "Liebster Jesu" however, is not new as it was used for two different hymns in 1940. It was written by Johann Rudolph Ahle in 1664 for use with a different Advent hymn text and first published in 1664.

*I'll add here another history of a hymn we've not sung recently but which should be well known to us (I remember having sung it.):*

### HE LEADETH ME

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore - - Music: William Bradbury

Joseph Gilmore wrote this in 1862. Ira Sankey quotes Gilmore on how it was written. Following a lecture on the theme of Psalm 23, he and some friends were discussing the lecture. Gilmore took out a pen and began writing the hymn. When done, he handed the text to his wife and forgot it. She, unknown to him, submitted it to a magazine which published it. William Bradbury (a noted Victorian composer of music for gospel and revival songs) ran across the text and composed music to set the text to and text with music were published by Bradbury in 1864. It entered our hymnal in 1892 and remained through the 1916 and 1940 editions until being removed in the 1982 edition.



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