

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Dear ones,

Well, it's nearly the end of my monthly single-parenting week! Each month Aaron flies to DC for one week for his job. This time as always he installed the latest exhibition at the gallery he runs there, and Arthur and I will scoop him up tomorrow from the Portland airport. I do cherish these weeks when it's just me and Arthur. Not only do I give thanks for my husband who sacrifices endlessly for me to be happy (as when he commuted from Cambridge to London for five years, while I finished my PhD then went through the Church of England's discernment process and subsequent training for ministry at Westcott House); I give thanks for any opportunity to spend even more time with our sweet son.

Tonight, for Compline, Jo, Judy, Tom, Jaci, Harvey, Dianne, Liz, and I gathered for 'a peaceful night and a quiet end' to the day. And I was reminded all over again of how full our community is—full of love, hope, and life. This year, our theme for stewardship season is 'We are St Dunstan's: living into our abundance.' In this month of February, I hope all of us are able to pause, reflect, and appreciate our many gifts—individually, and as a community.

Our stewardship team—Tom, Jaci, Carol, Muffet, yours truly—is here to be a resource for us all. We'll soon send everyone our stewardship forms for this year, in which everyone is encouraged to look holistically at their own time, talents and treasure, and to imagine where those might best be of service.

That's enough for me on my week 'off'! I love you dearly. Enjoy Morning Prayer this weekend, and I'll see you soon!

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

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 last approximately 4-5 minutes.

FAITH IN MAINE

GOD AT WORK IN OUR
COMMUNITIES

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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.

Photo Credit: Marian Wells

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. Paul's, Ft. Fairfield and for St. Bartholomew's, Yarmouth. We pray especially for the life of Blessed Absalom Jones, the first African American priest in The Episcopal Church.

We Pray Especially For: Meg Stevens, Skip Stevens, Tony Rowan, Larmie Knuesli, Eve Mitchell, Sally Rowan, Margaret Hanegraaf, and Sharon St Claire for healing, comfort, and strength.

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.

February 12 ~ Morning Prayer led by Liz Graves, 9:30

February 19 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30

February 26 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30

March 6 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30

March 12 ~ Morning Prayer led by Dianne Kelley, 9:30

**Happy Birthday to Sigrid
Saradunn! Enjoy!**



"To Warm a Winter's Night"

Saturday, February 25



A benefit for



Join us @ The Grand for a fabulous evening of live music.

**Performers include: Chris Ross ■
Caroline Cotter ■ Fogtown Family Band
■ Smoke & Mojo**



Purchase tickets: \$29.00 per ticket
<https://www.grandonline.org/upcoming-events>

\$25.00 from every ticket sold goes directly to THAW.

Doors open at 5:30 PM for Silent Auction bidding. Performances start at 7:00 PM.

Give directly to THAW anytime:
<https://www.downtowncommunitypartners.org/>





COFFEE HOUR IS RETURNING

Please join all your St. Dunstan's friends this **Sunday, February 12th** following the service in the Undercroft for Coffee, Tea, Juice, Cookies and Cake. We hope to be making this a weekly event following our morning Church Service. Questions, please email Carol Mason at cm_mason@msn.com. A sign-up sheet will be available for signing up for future Sunday Coffee Hours. Thank you!

Update your Directory Information

Please update or confirm your contact details for our parish directory. Contact our church office--stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com--with your title(s), postal address, email address(es) and best phone number(s).

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.

FAIREST LORD JESUS, 383 & 384

Tune: 383, St. Elizabeth

384 Schonster Herr Jesu

This is one of the hymns that I grew up on and have sung ever since. The original German text of this popular hymn appeared in a manuscript dated 1662 and was published in 1677. The anonymous English translation appeared in 1850. It was here that the name of Crusader Hymn was given to this hymn although that name is completely untrue. The words cannot be traced back further than the 1662 manuscript mentioned above. The 1982 hymnal uses the same two tunes for this as were in the 1940 hymnal. The tune "St. Elizabeth" first appeared in a collection of songs from Silesia published in Leipzig in 1842. It was popular and reached the United States in 1850. The harmonization is by T. Tertius Noble and is taken from the 1940 hymnal. The tune has been in our hymnal since 1916.

"Schonster Herr Jesu" used with 384 is the proper 17th century tune for this text. It is found in most German hymnals, although Episcopalians often use St. Elizabeth. It was in the 1940 hymnal with the name "Fairest Lord Jesus". The alternative tune, "St. Elizabeth" may be better known to us, though.

PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING, 334

Tune: Alles ist an Gottes Segen

This hymn is new to me and all of you. It is a jubilant hymn of praise to thank God for the Eucharist and what it means to us. It was written by Howard C. A. Gaunt and published with this tune in 1969. Gaunt was an English schoolteacher and hymn writer. The tune comes from one published in 1691 which went through numerous revisions to reach its current form. The harmonization is based on a chorale harmonization by Bach.

O SPIRIT OF LIFE, O SPIRIT OF GOD, 505

Tune: Heiliger Geist

This Lutheran hymn, also one new to us, is matched with a German tune often associated with a Christmas song. The text first appeared in a 1621 Lutheran collection edited and arranged by Johann Needling who is generally assumed to be the author. The translation is by John Caspar Mattes for a 1917 Lutheran hymnal. Six stanzas are used in our 1982 hymnal. The tune appeared in 1623 and was used by Bach in 1736. The harmonization in our hymnal is by Bach as simplified by Alastair Cassels-Brown.



Priest - Rev. Dr. Carolyn Rosen
Deacon - Rev. Tracy Shaffer
Senior Warden - Dianne Kelley
Deputy Warden – Tom Hancock
Junior Warden - McKim Peterson

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