

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Dear ones,

I hope everyone is staying hunkered down this morning with all the ice and snow flurries soon to arrive!

We are in our annual Stewardship Season! Our theme for this year is 'WE are St Dunstan's: Living into Abundance.' This Sunday (19th) and next (26th), we will have Holy Eucharist service and afterward, we'll offer time and space in the undercroft to gather together for two stewardship season special events! Your stewardship team—Jaci, Tom, Carol, Muffet, and I—will set up tables with art materials and colored paper, so we can all visit together as we draw and/or write the God-given gifts we have and intend to share with our church this year.

In advance of Ingathering Sunday (5th March), we will assemble a 'paper quilt' of our many gifts, which will be on display on the far wall of the undercroft. We'll also put a digitized image on our website for us all to appreciate. Our goal is for us to be able to appreciate and be inspired by the physical manifestation of all our time, talents and treasure this season.

Look out for this year's stewardship forms and a letter from your stewardship team, soon to arrive in inboxes!

Your friend Arthur celebrated Valentine's Day at school this week, the first time in his four years he's done so (been in school or had a big party). He hadn't quite got the full feel of the holiday beforehand, I don't think; he came out of school that day absolutely buzzing! So many of his little classmates had brought a handmade valentine for each child, and his backpack was filled with sweet expressions of friendship and love—little cards, tiny toys, and so forth. Immediately upon returning home, he made a paper valentine for each classmate, and distributed his valentines the following day. He said that morning, 'Mama, I get it now! Valentine's Day we show love to each other...just like church!'

Our church is a place of love, for him and for all of us. Let's continue to walk in love, and faith, this season as always.

Love,
Carolyn+

Reminder! Wednesday 22 February our **Ash Wednesday service** will be at 12 noon at the church.

Also, **Lenten book club starts soon!** 28 February, 5:30-6:30 on Zoom. Our book is Holy Envy, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Let Carolyn know if you would like her to order you a copy.

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
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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.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Patrick's, Brewer and for St. Nicholas', Scarborough. We pray especially for Trinity Jubilee Center.

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 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 Brianna
Chattin, Selene Meeks, Jackson
Chattin, and Georgianna Pulver!
Enjoy!**



"To Warm a Winter's Night"

Saturday, February 25



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/>



Friends –

As you may know from The Ellsworth American, the Hancock County neighborhood Support Team (NST) has welcomed their first of two families from Ukraine. This family of five is living in Bar Harbor for two years.

Please feel free to read the latest update below and use the link to make a direct donation to this project if you would like. Several of the Episcopal churches in our area are also collecting \$25 gift cards that the family can use for groceries, etc.

I am happy collect any gift cards after service next Sunday Feb. 26 and get them to our Episcopal committee member for NST.

Thank you,

Tracy+

Hancock County NST Update

Here is an update on our progress at Hancock County NST for the Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement Program.

1. Our first family, arrived about two weeks ago and have been establishing themselves. They are still in temporary quarters and are about to move into what will be their family home. As many of you know, we have been getting the house ready for them over the past couple of weeks since we knew that they had been approved to leave Ukraine and journey to Maine.
2. Thank you to everyone who helped with the enormous tasks of getting the house ready for them. This includes those of you who came by and helped our team with the work, those who donated items that have helped make the house into a home, those of you who offered to donate but the items were not needed at this time, those of you who have made donations through our WelcomeNST account (<https://www.classy.org/campaign/team-hancock-county/c443269>) or other accounts, and those of you who have kept the family and our team in your thoughts and prayers.
3. We are continuing the process of getting everything completed and established. The kids are starting school and we will be working on the rest of their arrival over the next couple of weeks.
4. We are now adding a second family and will be talking with them over the next few days to try and get that moving more quickly now that we understand better some of the issues that can arise. I will share more on that as we learn more.
5. For now, at least, we have decided that we will ask for donations of specific items as we understand our needs better. We will do that mostly through these updates. We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity and concern that we have experienced with this first family and since our needs will be less in the future (moving into established houses, for example) we will be more specific.

Art Worster: President

Hancock County NST

Donations: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/team-hancock-county/c443269>

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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



COFFEE HOUR OFF TO A GREAT START

“Coffee Hour” is off to a great start after two successful weeks of having a great turnout, great food and great helpers! I looked around the room yesterday and noted the quiet conversations, enjoyment of other’s company, and chance to catch up with friends and I knew we made the right decision to restart “coffee hour”. Thank you to everyone who helped out this past Sunday, a special thanks to Selene, Sarah and Dianne for pitching in and helping to clean up.

We will be needing a few “staples” as we go along; so If anyone can donate a block of cheddar cheese, or fruit, a small salad, or even just cut up fruit like apples into individual pieces, crackers, bottled juice or crackers, cookies it would be appreciated and you can drop things off anytime during the week, write “Coffee Hour” on whatever you bring and leave it in the refrigerator. We can freeze what we don’t use right away! I have invited young Pablo (Jon-Paul Dayton) our new snow-shoveler and his Mom, Marti Dayton, to visit coffee hour next Sunday, the 19th so you can thank them and meet Pablo. I expect a confirmation of their visit with us soon.

Thanks again everyone for helping to make this work. Please sign up to help any Sunday that works for you, or just jump in anytime to help set-up (we start at 9 am), or wash or dry dishes. Blessings, Carol Mason

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).



**UPDATE:
OUR RESPONSE TO THE
TÜRKIYE-SYRIA EARTHQUAKE**

DONATE NOW

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As our relief work in the aftermath of the 7.8-magnitude earthquake continues in Syria, we wanted to send you an update, as [the support of this community](#) has already proven critical in the early days of recovery.

Episcopal Relief & Development continues to partner with ACT Alliance to provide emergency relief in hard-to-reach areas of northern Syria. Working through the Middle East Council of Churches and other local organizations, the ACT Alliance is sheltering 10,000 families in open-air or structurally sound facilities; providing survivors with hot meals, blankets, medicine and trauma support; supplying body bags and other necessities to hospitals; and helping children return to school to provide more stability. The Anglican Church in

Aleppo is sheltering another 1,000 people and providing similar support. In Türkiye (Turkey), we continue consulting with partners to plan for short term relief and longer-term recovery.

Recovery from a disaster of this scale will be long and arduous work — but when we pull together, we can help bring relief to people whose lives have been upended by the quakes. [We hope you feel called to make an urgent donation today. Your gift](#) will go to work swiftly and effectively.

Thank you for your compassion, and for praying for those affected. If you've already made a donation, please accept our gratitude — and share the word of our urgent mission to friends and family.

With appreciation,
Your friends at Episcopal Relief & Development

Donate Now: https://support.episcopalrelief.org/syria-turkey-earthquake/?sn-um=1&utm_campaign=fy23syriaturkeyearthquake&utm_source=230215DEADS02P0&utm_medium=email&ID=230215DEADS02P0&spMailingID=27879867&spUserID=ODQwODI1MDYxODkyS0&spJobID=2400915558&spReportId=MjQwMDkxNTU1OAS2

A Stitch In Time

If anyone has any yarn remnants or whole skeins of yarn that they would like to donate, Rev. Holly Hoffmann has found a MDI community member who makes beautiful afghans from them and offers them as a gift to those who might need a little comfort and warmth.

Please bring your yarn any Sunday and put it near the usher stand in the back of the church. Deacon Tracy will make sure it is delivered. Thank you for thinking of others in this way.

Tracy+



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.

IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE, 635

Tune: Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

Both the text and melody of this 17th century German hymn are by Georg Neumark. Written in 1640/41 it wasn't published until 1657. The hymn has an interesting origin. Neumark had been attacked and robbed of his possessions while on his way to the university. Nearly destitute he was forced to wander looking for employment. Finally he obtained a position as tutor in a wealthy family. He wrote this hymn in thanks for God's compassion to him. Catherine Winkworth translated and published it in 1855 and retranslated it and published it in 1863. The 1982 hymnal uses the first and last stanzas of Winkworth's translation as they appeared in the Methodist Hymnal in 1964,

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION YE SAINTS OF THE LORD, 636 & 637

Tune: 636, Foundation

637, Lyons

Another hymn that I and all of us grew up on and been fond of. This hymn text has been in our hymnal since 1826. However, all of us probably know it best with the tune "Lyons". Authorship is uncertain but appears to be Richard Keene, in London. It was published there in 1787, and became popular, reaching the U.S. as early as 1792. This hymn has been called a hymn without a tune as it has appeared with a different tune in each hymnal. In the Hutchins version of the 1892 hymnal, it appeared with "Foundation" and "Adeste Fideles". In 1916 it was set to "Adeste Fideles" only, while in 1940 "Lyons" was used. Now in 1982, "Lyons" continues, and "Foundation" comes back. "Foundation" is an American folk hymn tune which was matched with this text in 1832. It was perhaps the most widely sung of any American folk-hymn. "Lyons", here used for 637, has been sung with this hymn since the 1940 hymnal. The origin of the tune is uncertain. It appeared in 1815 in a London publication and reached America in 1818. We have also sung it for "How wondrous and great..." since the 1859 publication of the House of Bishops, A Tune Book, matched that text with this tune.



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