

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Dear ones,

Well, Aaron and I are now the proud parents of a kindergartener! How did that happen?!

As you read this, he will be starting his second 'full' day of school. He's right across the street in the Searsport school now, and therefore in the same one as his best friend Ava who lives next door and was baptized in our church on Easter. Arthur's teacher tells me Ava has been checking on him during the school day in much the same way as any doting older sister. It's idyllic to head off each morning on the eight-minute wander for drop-off, then wander over again in the afternoon for pickup.

Because our sprog (as the English call kiddos) will now be away from 8 til 2:15 every single weekday, Aaron and I have been pondering and plotting what we'll do with our time. Our big plan is...to read more! We both love sitting in the quiet together--though, I've been told, when I'm really lost in a book I turn the pages VERY loudly--each reading a book we love, then excitedly telling the other one the best parts about the book afterward. In recent years, with having a kiddo and moving not once but twice, and with Aaron suddenly needing to find a new job this summer, lately it's felt a bit like we're reading piratically: that is, more often than we care to admit we leaf quickly through an already-familiar text to find what we know we've underlined in pencil during previous reading because we need to teach a course or have an interview or want to win a theological argument (I couldn't possibly comment about doing that in any other context)...

This academic year, I intend to work my way through the embarrassingly large stack of books I've taken down from our library and piled up on the side of my chair. It'll be good for Arthur to see and hear his mama excited about reading many, many good books this year. Given that he's thiiiiiiiis close to reading himself, I expect he'll get there very soon and have no doubt he will love reading as much as his parents. The great poet (Jorge Luis) Borges once said "I have always imagined that heaven will be a kind of library." Since, as a disciple of Jesus, I'm in my small way responsible for building heaven on earth, perhaps embodying enjoyment of reading through my own library--partly for my child's sake, partly for my own --is a good place to start!

We all know about summer reading but I wonder, what do you hope to read this fall or winter?

With love,
Carolyn+

Our sanctuary had something new! Can you find it or them? Let us know. The answer will be in our TidBits next week.



Even with the wind down of **COVID 19**, we know that it will be with us for some time to come. The CDC is now resuming coding the occurrences of COVID. We will keep you informed.

We at St. Dunstan's we will continue to follow CDC data and the practices in our Diocesan parishes. Our vestry has voted to not require masks. If you wish to wear one, masks will be available. Of course, if you are feeling unwell, we ask that you rest and join us on Zoom. Our hope is that you will stay well and will join us for our worship services each Sunday.

Family News



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

stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com

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

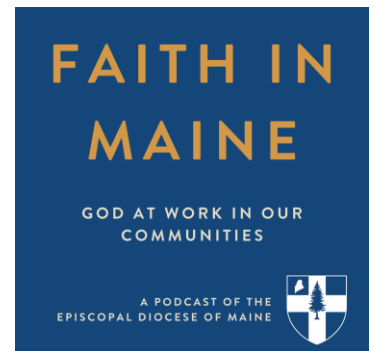
**Happy Anniversary to
Bill & Martha Thomas!**



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.



Reminder: "Hot Dog Sunday" will return on **Sunday, September 3rd**. Please plan to bring picnic food to join the Labor Day Celebration!



Happy Birthday to Danielle Kennedy and Sarah Newett!

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Ann's, Kennebunkport. We pray especially for all who labor and work and for all who seek the dignity of meaningful employment and for the reverent care of all the world.

We Pray Especially For: Skip Stevens, Sally Rowan, Larmie Knuesli, Tony Rowan, Kathy O'Connell, John Sheridan, Don Cooper, Dorothy Sweeney, Dorothy Rowan and Jennifer McCall 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 is 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 loss 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.

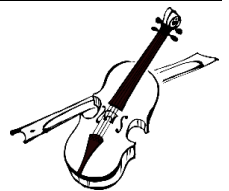
September 3 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 am

September 6 ~ Safety and Security for Church meeting, 3:00pm

September 10 ~ Morning Prayer; officiant Mimi, homilist Paul

September 17 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 am

From the Music Director: Do you play a musical instrument? Are you looking for a comfortable and non-threatening way to serve God with your musical gift? We'd love to have you join us during the playing and singing of the Taize chants during Communion on Sunday morning. The music is easy, and the addition of your playing will add variety and interest. And it's just fun! Come talk to me (Paul) or just come, instrument in hand, a half hour before the service.



HELP US CELEBRATE!



JOE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

2 PM – 4 PM

**JOIN US IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF
ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Please no gifts - but birthday cards are welcome

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 5TH TO:

Carol Mason, cm_mason@msn.com





HELP LOAVES & FISHES FILL THE GRAND!

Join us at The Grand on Friday, September 15 between 11 and 7 as we look to fill every seat in the historic theater with food and funds to benefit our neighbors in need.

Sponsoring a seat costs \$25. Drop by the event on September 15, or make a contribution at loavesandfishesellsworth.org/donate.

Business sponsorships are available – for information, contact president@loavesandfishesellsworth.org



**Province 1 Indigenous Justice Network and the
Committee on Indian Relations Invite You to a
Province 1 Book Study Series**

Wednesday, September 13

7 p.m.

Online on Zoom

You're invited to join the first in a series of book studies discussing *The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous-Settler Relationships* by Shirley N. Hager and Mawopiyane (University of Toronto Press, 2021). Co-authors Rev. Shirley Bowen of the Diocese of Maine and Shirley Hager of the Friends (Quakers) Committee on Maine Public Policy will join us. Province 1 includes all of the Episcopal dioceses in New England. You are welcome to join us whether or not you have read *The Gatherings*.

The Gatherings shows how Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples can come together to create meaningful and lasting relationships. Indigenous and non-Indigenous people participated in a series of long weekend gatherings over several years, in an Indigenous-led traditional Council format. Assumptions were challenged, perspectives upended, stereotypes shattered, and friendships formed that have lasted many years. Seven Indigenous and seven non-Indigenous authors, collectively Mawopiyane (a Passamaquoddy word that translates “Let us sit together”), share their experiences of the gatherings in their own words.

Register for this book study:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rceqhrTMoH9Joq6x0bSdo40D-N-yK43YN#/registration>

The Committee on Indian Relations (CIR) sent a copy of *The Gatherings* to each parish in Maine in September, 2022, purchased with a Diocesan Wolf Fund grant. If you wish to participate in the book study of *The Gatherings*, and you are unable to access the copy sent to your parish, CIR also has a small number of copies of *The Gatherings* on hand. To receive one of these copies, please send your request to John Maddaus at with your name, parish, and USPS mail address at your earliest convenience.

Save the dates for these additional book studies:

- Nov. 8 – *This Land is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving*, by David J. Silverman
- Jan. 10, 2024 – *Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip’s War*, by Lisa Brooks (Abenaki)
- March 13, 2024 – *Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe*, by David Maraniss

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Diocese of Maine is ready to support the people of Hawaii, and especially the people who live on Maui. The loss of life, the unfathomable destruction of Lahaina, and the accompanying trauma and grief are occasions for us to pray. Following is an intercession that you may use in your congregation.

Compassionate God, you promise to hear us when we pray. Today we lift into your healing presence the people of Maui. We pray for the dead and the dying, for those who are desperately trying to reconnect with their families, for Holy Innocents Church in Lahaina, and for those whose names are known to you alone. Draw near, O God, in this time of sorrow and anguish; comfort those who mourn, strengthen those who are weary, encourage those in despair, and lead all your children to fullness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

In addition to our prayers, there is an urgent need for our financial contributions. I am asking every congregation to consider contributing to one of these agencies:

- Episcopal Relief & Development
- The Diocese of Hawaii's Maui-based diocesan institution, A Cup of Cold Water

May God keep them.

In Christ,



Bishop Thomas J. Brown



We will be collecting contributions (if you wish to contribute please make checks out to St. Dunstan's and in the memo line indicate it is for Maui relief) and we will send in a few weeks the collected contributions to one of the indicated programs for relief. We keep the people in our prayers.

History of Our Beloved Hymns

From time-to-time Herbert Beckwith will write about the history of some hymns that we have sung in our services. Keep your eyes open for this wonderful addition.

COME RISEN LORD, AND DEIGN TO BE OUR GUEST. 305 & 306

Tune: 305, Rosedale
306, Sursum Corda

This hymn by George Wallace Briggs has become a popular communion hymn since it appeared in our 1940 hymnal. The breaking of bread by Christ with two disciples at Emmaus as told in Luke 24:28ff is the basis of this hymn text. The tune “Rosedale” used for 305 was written by Leo Sowerby, a noted composer and longtime organist at our cathedral in Chicago, for the dedication of the Gloria in Excelsis tower at Washington Cathedral in 1964. It is new to us in 1982. The other tune, “Sursum Corda” used for 306, was composed by Alfred Morton Smith for another hymn text, and was published in our 1940 hymnal with that text.

PRAISE THE LORD, RISE UP REJOICING, 334

Tune: Alles ist an Gottes Segen

This hymn, new to us in the current hymnal, 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.

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION, 518

Tune: Westminster Abbey

This hymn text entered the hymnal in 1871 and has long been a favorite hymn. It is another hymn that I remember growing up with. The text, one of the oldest Latin hymn texts, may date as early as the 6th century. As it appears in 1982 it is only part of a much longer text. The use of this text with this tune at one of the English royal weddings has increased its popularity and it is often used as a processional at weddings. This hymn has been sung by Episcopalians to the tune “Regent Square” at least since the Hutchins edition of the 1892 hymnal. However, in 1982 it has been given a new tune “Westminster Abbey.” This comes from an anthem written by Henry Purcell. As it appears in the 1982 hymnal it was arranged by a Hymnal 1982 committee from the concluding alleluias of the anthem.

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN, 522 & 523

Tune: 522, Austria
523, Abbot’s Leigh

This hymn text by John Newton is based upon Is.33:20-21 and comes from a sermon preached by Newton. It also is a hymn that I have sung since my childhood. The text is a paraphrase of the Isaiah passage. It was published in Olney Hymns in 1779 and has become a well-loved hymn. The tune “Austria”, used for 522, was composed by Haydn as a national anthem for Austria in 1779. It has been somewhat altered in its appearance as a hymn tune. Episcopalians have sung this tune with this text at least since the Hutchins edition of the 1892 hymnal. The tune for 523, “Abbot’s Leigh” was composed by Cyril Vincent Taylor in 1941. It was matched with this text when “Austria” as the German anthem, fell out of favor during WWII.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION, 525

Tune: Aurelia

This hymn which entered our hymnal in 1871 has become one of the most loved hymns among all denominations. Written by Samuel Stone, a priest, as one of a series of hymns to teach his congregation basic Christian doctrine, it was published in 1866. Two years later a shortened form set to the tune "Aurelia" appeared and it is this that has become a favorite.

This tune and text have been associated since they appeared in 1868 in the English Hymns Ancient & Modern. Tune and text were also paired in both the Hutchins and the Ireland musical editions of our 1871 hymnal. The tune was written by Samuel Sebastian Wesley for an 1864 hymn collection edited by him. The match of hymn and tune was popularized when they were sung together at a service at St. Paul's in 1872 for the recovery of the Prince of Wales.

Date	Ushers	Counters	Zoom
SEPT. 3	Bill & Martha Thomas	Kim Peterson & Jaci Hancock	Harvey Kelley
SEPT.10	Dan Wilkey & Jo Cooper	Dan Wilkey & Jo Cooper	Scott Mowry
SEPT. 17	Chattin Family	Fred Beyer & Muffet Stewart	Jo Cooper

A Safe and Secure Church

We are meeting on **Sept. 6 at 3:00 pm** at church to discuss how we can make our church an open, safe and secure place for all of us to be and worship. Our discussion encompasses developing policies to ensure medical, fire, weather and intruder emergencies will be appropriately met. Please join us or contact Carolyn or Dianne with your thoughts. Hope to see you there.



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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You can contact us by leaving a message by telephone or email:

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Fred Beyer and Muffet Stewart: stdunstanstreasurer@gmail.com

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