

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH

TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ MARCH 15, 2024

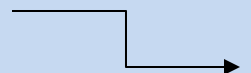
Dear ones,

What a blessed occasion we all marked this past Sunday with Laetare Sunday! Thank you all, each and every one, as our sanctuary was full of life and love--as always--as we celebrated Morning Prayer amid the storm that day. Thank you to our Dave Wells for a brilliant, thoughtful homily. Thank you to our Dianne Kelley for presiding with love and joy at Morning Prayer. Thank you to our Marian Wells and our Jan Newett for their devotion and attention to detail in prayerfully setting out our beloved ritual objects for our service. Thank you to our Carol Mason for organizing and coordinating a special coffee hour in our Undercroft to mark Laetare Sunday. (By the way, thank all of you for your positive encouragement for Arthur on his cooking journey; he was so chuffed people tried his coffee hour contributions!)

Many thanks to our Selene Meeks for her suggestion we try on a tradition within the broader Western Church; Laetare of course is the Latin for 'rejoice' from the traditional Latin entroit (entrance) verse for the Mass to mark the day. It's always the fourth Sunday in Lent, and is most commonly celebrated by Roman Catholic churches, Lutheran churches, and so-called "high-church" communities within the Church of England and the Episcopal Church. It presents an opportunity for some relaxation of Lenten disciplines (however one interprets that personally), for liturgical music that's a bit more joyful, and--as you saw--for the dominant liturgical colour to change for the day to rose from Lenten purple.

As I wrote last week in TidBits, I've truly been enjoying checking in with you when we visit together and hearing about your Lenten journeys, your fasts, your Lenten epiphanies; I'm honoured to sit with you also--emotionally and spiritually--in your Lenten struggles. If you want to share any part of your Lent experience with our church family I encourage you to do so. You need only email our parish administrator extraordinaire, Rain Perez, at stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com and your contribution will appear in TidBits at the next opportunity.

This coming Sunday, the Fifth Sunday in Lent, I look forward to seeing as many of our church family as possible for Holy Eucharist. We will also hold our final Lenten Book Club of the season on Zoom from 5-6pm, and--ideally but not necessarily--we will have read chapter 4 as well as the conclusion of our Lenten book, What Would Jesus See. I'll send us the Zoom invitation separately.



Also this Sunday, In your inboxes and in physical copy in church, please do look for the annual stewardship season letter and accompanying paper! As you recall, following a vote from our Vestry we are holding an abbreviated stewardship season from now until Easter Sunday. We'll hold a full Stewardship Season in late fall, to re-align with previous and best practice for us. For the next two weeks, everyone is encouraged to think and pray about their relationship with our parish in a holistic way, then send in their stewardship form. In combination with Easter Sunday we'll mark our Ingathering Sunday for the stewardship check-in season.

Pledges of a financial nature are received gratefully, and these help pay necessary bills, salaries, and cover additional and important costs incurred; we remain eternally grateful. for such ongoing financial pledges Pledges of time and talent are equally and gratefully received; the Vestry, church Officers (including our Wardens) and I know the value of time donated and gifts donated. Perhaps in this 'stewardship checkup' season between now and Easter Sunday, you'll hear the Spirit inviting you to become a lay reader, a Zoom host, a sacristan, an altar server, a Vestry member, or a coffee hour host. You may well feel a call to lead Morning Prayer, or to start and lead a devotional series. As in the season of Lent itself, let's all open ourselves to the call of the Spirit as well as to God's will for us.

See as many of you as possible this Sunday!

With love,
Carolyn+

Thank you to Margaret Hanegraaf and Greg Jacobs for wonderful music!





American Red Cross

National Blood Shortage

Please schedule your next blood donation at redcrossblood.org

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Christ Church, Eastport. We pray especially for Trinity Jubilee Center and for our Liturgical Commission.

We Pray Especially For: Kathy O'Connell, Robbie Johnston, Jesse Pierce, Eve Mitchell, Skip Stevens, Larmie Knuesli, Tony Rowan, Sally Rowan, Jennifer McCall, Dorothy Sweeney, RB Stewart, Larry Smith, Robert Abshear, Cyndi Coombs, and Lorna McCormick for comfort and healing.

For the repose of the souls of Tadeusz and Joanna Blasiak and comfort for their family and friends.

(Prayer requests will remain for three weeks unless notified that the request needs to remain longer.)

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).

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 from 1 to 3.

Access to the sanctuary is available through the lower level parking lot doors of the church during this time.

March 17 ~ Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am

March 24 ~ Palm Sunday, 9:30 am

March 31 ~ Easter Sunday, 9:30 am

Sunday March 20th marks a break during the season of Lent.

Laetare Sunday means rejoice, so we will celebrate with a **special coffee hour**, joyful music, pink flowers and by wearing pink.

Happy Birthday to Bob Pulver!
Enjoy!





Left to right: Dave Wells, Deputy Warden; the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Rosen, Priest-in-Charge; Tom Hancock, Senior Warden and the Rev. Tracy Shaffer, Deacon.

ST DUNSTAN'S LENTEN SERVICES:

- Palm Sunday 3/24 – Eucharist 9:30 am
- Maundy Thursday 3/28 – Eucharist 5:00 pm
- Good Friday 3/29 – Prayer 5:00 pm
- Easter Sunday 3/31 – Eucharist 9:30 am



2024 Easter Flowers Fund:

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Flowers fund, please place cash or a check in a "flower" envelope with your name and the dedication/celebration name clearly written on the envelope. Place the "flower envelope" in the collection plate or give it to Marian Wells no later than Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

The donors and the dedications will be recognized in the Easter Sunday program.

Thank you very much for helping us decorate St. Dunstan's beautiful church.



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

This week we are **Green** according to CDC for our county.

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.



Happy Anniversary to Kimberly & Karl Haller!

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.

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Please 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).



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Deacon - Rev. Tracy Shaffer
Senior Warden – Tom Hancock
Deputy Warden – Dave Wells
Junior Warden - McKim Peterson

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