ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH
TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ AUGUST 21, 2026

Lorna J McCormick

A service of remembrance will be held at the Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin Street, Ellsworth, Maine on **Saturday, August 22, 2026** with visiting hours from 12:30 to 2 pm followed by a funeral service at 2pm. Interment will be at Woodbine Cemetery in Ellsworth, Maine.

Recording Services on Zoom

At the request of some members of the church, we are considering recording the Zoom broadcast of our weekly services. The recordings would then be available to those who are not able to join us in person or live over Zoom. Current plans would be as follows: In the interests of confidentiality, we would record from Prelude through Postlude, excluding announcements; those on Zoom would have the opportunity to make themselves anonymous if they choose; a link to the recording would be available in Tidbits for no more than a week or two. We welcome any comments or suggestions about this plan.

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

With God's grace, we wanted to share that St. Dunstan's now has a **Lay Eucharistic Visitor** team that stands ready to visit and offer Eucharist to those who are homebound or hospitalized. If you would like a visit or know someone who would, please contact Deacon Tracy or Lay Eucharistic Visitors Dianne Kelley and Briana Chattin.

Happy Birthday to Stephanie Vikberg and Jaci Hancock!

National Blood Shortage

Please schedule your next blood donation at redcrossblood.org

American Red Cross

Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless notified that a name needs to be extended for at least the next 3 weeks.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Our Lady of the Evergreens, Harborside. We pray especially for students and educators as they begin a new school year.

We Pray Especially For: Jillian and Ocean Alfone, Mark Arnold, Michelle Ricker Dokka, Gregg Jacobs, John Johnston, Margaret Jones, Robbie Johnston, Kate Lynch, Robert McDonald, Linc Moldawer, Ralph Preble, Carolyn Rosen, Sigrid Saradunn, Judy Stockbridge, Martha Thomas, Jonathan Vogel, Brent Was, and Mike Zboray for comfort and healing.

For the repose of the soul Serge Poulin, and comfort and healing for his family and friends.

In loving memory of Lorna McCormick, the week of her funeral service.

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).

Everyone, please stay well and safe. Blessings to you all.

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP / EVENTS SCHEDULE ~

Sunday services are both in church and via Zoom.
The sanctuary is open for quiet reflection and prayer on Mondays from 1 to 3.

August 22 ~ Service of Remembrance for Lorna McCormick Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin Street, with visiting hours from 12:30 to 2 pm followed by a funeral service at 2pm.
August 23 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Homilist. Vestry Meeting after service.
August 30 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Rev. Tracy Shaffer as Homilist.
September 6 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Homilist.
September 13 ~ Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. Dianne as Officiant and Valerie as Homilist
Sept. 20 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Liz Homilist. Outreach Meeting after service
Oct. 24 ~ 3rd Annual Community of Hope service and reception, St Dunstan's, 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

On the 2nd Sunday of the month the Offering is for the Rector's Discretionary Fund

Online Donation Option

Use the link below if you would like to set up convenient online payments St. Dunstan's for one-time/annual donations or recurring weekly/monthly amounts.

Set-up instructions can be found here: https://www.saintdunstansellsworth.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/How-to-create-a-Vanco-profile-and-set-up-a-recurring-weekly-or-monthly-donation.pdf
St. Dunstan's Vanco page: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z5DE/campaign/C-12GB4

Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers – August 21

For the Quiet Work of Justice and Transparency

God of mercy, whose justice is revealed in your many marvelous works, we give you thanks for those who perform the quiet work of making our government's decisions transparent and accountable, seeking to ensure that our governing authorities act justly. We lament failures and reductions in transparency in the government. We also lament actions by leaders that appear to serve the interest of the powerful few rather than the protection and flourishing of all people. Bless the work of all civil servants who work toward our country living up to its highest ideals, that our common life might flourish through our mutual support and love for each other. Grant this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect justice and mercy. Amen.

Episcopal Public Policy Network Action Alerts: Join the active ministry of public policy advocacy by taking action with EPPN Action Alerts. Join your voice with Episcopalians across the church as we aim to influence the legislation and policy of the U.S. government on critical issues. **Sign up here**: episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/

Cart in Those Cartons and Bags to Help Fight Food Insecurity

Loaves and Fishes is once again in the business of accepting clean dozen-sized egg cartons from the public. Donating helps reduce pantry costs. Please put your donation in the little red wagon in the sanctuary. Everybody Eats appreciates the full-sized grocery bag donations to help with takeout meals. We are still sharing over 100 meals a week via takeout and Friends in Action deliveries. Bags can be left in the Lottie Horn Room.
Volunteers are always welcome at Everybody Eats! Interested? See Tracy, Kim, or Fred.

Happy Anniversary to Leslie & Fred Beyer III!

Diocese Convention Delegates and Alternates

Would you like to serve as one of St. Dunstan's Lay Delegates to the upcoming Annual Convention of the Diocese of Maine – or be available as an Alternate? Those who have attended in the past will tell you that it's a great opportunity to meet fellow Episcopalians from around the state, learn about the many activities in our Diocese, and participate in decision-making.

The convention is being held on Saturday, November 7, from 8.a.m. to 5 p.m., on the University of Southern Maine Campus. There are two opportunities for on-line pre-convention informational meetings, the evening of October 27 and 29. For more information on the role and responsibilities of Lay Delegates, see **here**: episcopalmaine.org/resources/responsibilities-of-delegates-to-convention/ And let Tom or Dave know if you are interested in serving.

We have one confirmed delegate; we are eligible to send two, and would like to have two alternates, in case someone can't make it.

PLANNING AHEAD

Copies of the Funeral and Burial Information form are on the table in back of our church. We are all aware that we will leave this earth and planning for that day might be uncomfortable, your family and those responsible for your service and funeral will be thankful that you took the time as to how you wish to be remembered.
Once the form is completed a copy can be filed in the church office. It might also be helpful to have another copy at home or a place to be retrieved. (https://www.saintdunstansellsworth.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Funeral-and-Burial-Information.pdf)

Another helpful resource we have available is The Five Wishes document, a comprehensive, easy-to-understand advance directive that allows you to legally outline your medical, personal, emotional, and spiritual preferences if you become seriously ill. Created by the nonprofit Aging with Dignity, it is valid as a living will and healthcare power of attorney in most states. Copies are available at the back of the Nave (extras in the office).

Please call or ask me if you have any questions.

In Faith,
Dave

Supply Priest Rev. Andrew Stoessel
Deacon - Rev. Tracy Shaffer
Senior Warden – Tom Hancock
Deputy Warden – Dave Wells
Junior Warden – Bill Thomas, Assistant Dan DeLong
Music Director – Paul Dickson
Office Assistant – Rain Perez

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