ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH
TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Recording Services on Zoom

At the request of some members of the church, we are working to record the Zoom broadcast of our weekly services. These 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. **Those that missed the Zoom service could request a link and watch the recording up to a week later.**
Please share any comments or suggestions about this plan.

THE Episcopal CHURCH

Join monthly 'Vote Faithfully' networking calls

Thursdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5
1:30–2 p.m. ET

REGISTER HERE

https://episcopalmaine.org/series/vote-faithfully-networking-calls/

Join the church's public policy and witness team on the first Thursday of each month through November, for "Vote Faithfully" calls to support voter engagement in ways consistent with Episcopal values.
Hosts share resources and ideas to help congregations promote voting and civic participation while remaining nonpartisan.
The Sept. 3 call will feature Dawn Higgins, director for security at Church World Service, discussing safety and security at polling places—as well as provide resources and tools to learn who and what is on the ballot.

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 St. Andrew & St. John, Southwest Harbor. We pray especially for Christian Education programs, and for the reverent care of all creation.

We Pray Especially For: Jillian and Ocean Alfone, Mark Arnold, Michelle 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.

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.

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
Sept. 27 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Rev. Tracy Shaffer as Homilist.
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

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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

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.

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

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.

Public Policy and Witness Weekly Prayers – August 28

For Just and Humane Use of Artificial Intelligence

God of wisdom and care, who comforts and guides us when we are lost, we call on you amid our hopes, fears, and uncertainty about artificial intelligence. As AI systems are developed and deployed in ways that can cause harm, deepen bias, deceive, or be used for unlawful ends, we pray for safeguards. Give AI companies and all governing authorities the wisdom to put wise and effective guardrails around their development and use. Grant the whole human family wisdom to distinguish between what we are able to create and what we ought to create, remembering that we should not mistake ambition for righteousness. Help us to remain responsible and never surrender our judgment, conscience, or care to a machine. And as we discern the just use of these new technologies, protect the dignity and well-being of all people as our economic and workplace realities change. Grant this through your Spirit, the sanctifier, who leads us into all truth. 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/

Lay Preaching

From Director of Faith Formation, the Rev. Emily Keniston

The next cohort to take the Backstory Preaching class will begin in January (six weeks, online). All clergy and lay leaders are invited to send names of interested individuals to the **Rev. Emily Keniston (ekeniston@episcopalmaine.org)** so that the group can convene once online before the class begins.

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

Doctrine of Discovery Learning Weekend
Thursday, Sept. 10 - Sunday, Sept. 13
The Cathedral Church of St. Luke

Our **Council on Indigenous Relations** (CIR) and the Province One Justice Network invite you to a long weekend of learning opportunities about the Doctrine of Discovery. This doctrine, a legal and religious concept that originated in the 15th century, justified the taking of Indigenous lands and the subjugation of their peoples under the premise that discovery granted rights to the discoverers (and that Christians had the rights to conquer the land.)

Creation Care Events and Resources

"Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth."
– Season of Creation Ecumenical Steering Committee

(https://episcopalmaine.org/season-of-creation-2026-in-the-episcopal-diocese-of-maine/)

2026 Season of Creation Resources

REMINDER! Earth Keepers Retreat

Friday, Sept. 11
Camp Bishopswood, Hope

A reminder to Earth Keepers who want to attend the one-day retreat on Sept. 11 at Camp Bishopswood to please register **here**. Please also register for **Summer Finale** if you plan to stay overnight.

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
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