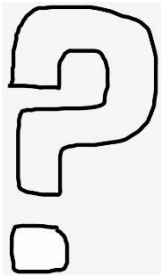
ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH
TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ OCTOBER 16, 2026

TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT - Wednesday 10/21

St. Dunstan's is hosting its first Trivia Quiz night next week - Wednesday 10/21 from 6p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with Quizmaster Tim Huggett. Let us know if you plan to attend, and if you can help out with refreshments, set up, etc. There are posters (see back page) in the Undercroft which you can take and put up wherever appropriate. The event will be streamed on Zoom for those who can't be there in person. Tell your friends!



Fall Stewardship Campaign:

Our annual fall Stewardship campaign is approaching. Besides asking for member pledges, this is also an opportunity to explore how we offer all our gifts - Time, Talent and Treasure - to the church. Please let Dave or Tom know If you are interested in helping to plan this important effort. The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) is a useful resource for campaign ideas and related information. See this link on the Maine Diocese website - TENS 2026/2027 Pledge Campaign Materials Available - Episcopal Maine

Prayer List Reminder - In order to update the current list, please confirm names that should remain, and we will clear others. Prayer requests will generally remain on the list for 3 weeks, unless you ask for it to be indefinite, pending your request to remove. Initial listings can also be extended for another three weeks at a time by request. All requests should be sent to Rain at stdunstansellsworth@gmail.com, with a *cc* to Dianne Kelley *(and anyone else you want to alert to the listing)*.

Join monthly 'Vote Faithfully' networking calls
Thursday 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.

FREE COMMUNITY TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT

Offered by St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

October 21

6:00–7:30 PM

St. Dunstan's Church
134 State St., Ellsworth

TRIVIA CATEGORIES:

- History
- Geography
- Sports
- Science
- and more!

Participants can form teams of four and compete by answering trivia questions.

- All are welcome
- All ages welcome
- Form a team or join a team
- This is a free in-person event
- Refreshments will be served
- Come to compete – or come to watch!

Questions Bring People Together!

FAITH
PEOPLE
FRIENDSHIP
COMMUNITY

A Zoom link is available by contacting
StDunstansEllsworth@gmail.com

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. Bartholomew's, Yarmouth. We pray especially for our Liturgical Commission, For the wardens and vestries and committees of our parishes.

We Pray Especially For: Ocean Alfone, Elizabeth Edwards, Jordan Hancock, John Johnston, Robbie Johnston, Margaret Jones, and Alyssa Wolf 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.

Oct. 18 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Homilist.
Oct. 21 ~ Trivia Quiz Night -St. Dunstan's at 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 25 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Homilist. The service will include a special Service of Hope liturgy, prayers and activities.
Nov. 1 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Homilist.
Nov. 8 ~ Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. Dianne as Officiant & Homilist.

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

Recorded Services Available on Zoom

Sunday services are now being recorded and will be available for up to two weeks.

If you miss a Sunday and would like to watch the recording, let Dave, Tom or Rain know, and a link will be emailed to you.

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.

Cart in Those Cartons and Bags to Help Fight Food Insecurity

Loaves and Fishes is 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 – October 9

For Moral Clarity in the Face of Capital Punishment
God of mercy and forgiveness, you alone know every human heart and are the final judge of every human life. We remember the victims of terrible crimes, those whose lives were taken, and families who carry grief that no sentence can undo. Give us moral clarity to condemn terrible acts without denying the humanity of those who committed them, to seek justice without vengeance, and to believe that no life lies beyond the possibility of repentance and redemption. Be with those awaiting execution, those entrusted with decisions of clemency, and those called to carry out sentences of death. Keep us from answering the taking of life with the taking of another and teach us to pursue justice that protects the innocent, holds wrongdoers accountable, while preserving the possibility of repentance, transformation, and mercy. Through Jesus Christ, who forgave those who put him to death. 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/

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.

National Blood Shortage

Please schedule your next blood donation at redcrossblood.org

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

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

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

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You can contact us by leaving a message by telephone or email:
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Rain is in the church office Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8 – 9 am