ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ELLSWORTH
TID BITS FROM THE TABLE ~ OCTOBER 23, 2026

Trivia Quiz Night Report

Thanks to everyone who attended and helped out with our first Trivia Quiz Night this past Wednesday, October 21. Close to a full house of St. Dunstan's folks and visitors enjoyed Quizmaster Tim's challenging questions...and socializing and refreshments. Congratulations to the winners (after several bonus questions to break a tie) - the **Dynamic Trio Team** *(Sarah, Leslie and Caiden)!*

Join us on **Wednesday November 18** for the next round of Trivia Quiz!

Annual Stewardship

We began our annual Fall Stewardship campaign last Sunday, with distribution of a letter, and pledge form, asking us to consider how we can participate in and contribute to St. Dunstan's and the broader Episcopal church. Let us know if you need copies of these materials. We look forward to our **Ingathering on November 22**.

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).*

Happy Birthday to Jim Newett and Don Cooper!

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. John Baptist, Thomaston, and St. Andrew's, Winthrop. We pray especially for the priests of our diocese.

We Pray Especially For: Ocean Alfone, Elizabeth Edwards, Jordan Hancock, John Johnston, Robbie Johnston, Margaret Jones, Sharon Meninno, 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. 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. Pastoral Care Committee meeting after service.
Nov. 8 ~ Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. Dianne as Officiant & Homilist.
Nov. 15 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Homilist.
Nov. 18 ~ Trivia Night
Nov. 22 ~ Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev. Andrew Stoessel as Officiant & Homilist. Stewardship Ingathering

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

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.

Pastoral Care Committee to Meet After Services Nov. 1.

Team members of the pastoral care committee are encouraged to meet during coffee hour on November 1 to fill out a scheduling rotation for visitations from November 15 through January 31, 2027.

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 16

For Wisdom in the Duties of Citizenship

God of our flourishing, who granted us freedom to seek the good of our neighbors, give us wisdom as people across this nation participate in the midterm elections. Help us to fulfill our civic responsibilities to register and vote, seek reliable information, resist propaganda, and listen with open hearts. Teach us to consider not only our own interests but the good of our neighbors and our common life, and to vote according to conscience, that the ballot box may be another place where we practice the love of Jesus. In baptism you have joined us to Christ and made us citizens of your kingdom. Help us to place allegiance to Christ and his teachings above any loyalty to party, nation, or earthly power. Make us faithful participants in civic life, seeking justice, truth, and the flourishing of all. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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/

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

National Blood Shortage

Please schedule your next blood donation at redcrossblood.org

American Red Cross

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

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