

Sharing God's Love in Our Community Through Prayer, Study and Action

St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton, NY

(Member of the Chenango District)

The Parish News

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The Newsletter of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Afton, NY

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May God's peace be with you all!

Frightening things are happening all around us. No one knows where we'll be when November comes to an end. No one is very certain what even tomorrow will bring. Uncertainty. Anxiety. Fear.

It seems the only thing folks all agree on is that "the other side" is wrong.

As members of the Jesus Movement, we have something others do not. We have clear guidelines to determine what is right and wrong.

And I'm not simply talking about the list of things that Scripture says are sins. I'm talking about a foolproof test, a litmus test of sorts, that Scripture provides us so that even when we might be very confused, by relying upon this test, we can find our way forward.

The test I'm talking about is the Fruits of the Spirit. Honestly, through the years, I've become surprised and saddened that so many Christians don't fully appreciate the clarity the Fruits of the Spirit provide. Indeed, shockingly, I've encountered some Christians who completely dismiss the importance of the Fruits of the Spirit. So, as it is with so many things, I might be wrong, but I'm completely convinced that the Fruits of the Spirit cannot and must not be overlooked or forgotten as we seek to find our way forward in a world that can be so confusing.

Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Generosity. Faithfulness. Gentleness. Self-Control.

Where these life-giving qualities are present we can be absolutely certain that God's Holy Spirit is present.

Where these life-giving qualities are absent, or actively argued against, or even denied outright, we can be absolutely certain that God's will is being opposed.

We are not forced to be Christian. We freely choose to be a part of the body of Christ and freely commit ourselves to work hard to conform our wills to God's will, as demonstrated by Jesus Christ.

What is right? What is wrong? Seek the things that demonstrate the Fruits of the Spirit and you will be doing the very best you can.

We do not know what tomorrow may bring. But we do know that as we work to be faithful then we will be beloved children of God; brothers and sisters of our savior Jesus Christ.

God's blessings to you all!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVE

Note to all who serve: It would be most helpful if, when you cannot make your assigned date, you would arrange for a substitute. If you are unable to do that, please notify a warden. Thanks for your cooperation!

| Service Schedule | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Date | Service | OT Reader | Epistle Reader | CS | EM | Acolytes |
| Nov 4 | HC | C.Cimini | A.Cimini | AC | CC | A.Cimini/B.Vail |
| Nov 11 | MP | A.Wieber | D.Vail | MH | ---- | D.Vail |
| Nov 18 | HC | T.Tallmadge | P.Tucker | BV | DW | T.Tallmadge/B.Vail |
| Nov 25 | MP | A.Wieber | D.Wieber | MH | ---- | D.Wieber |
| Dec 2 | HC | D.Vail | J.Rettberg | DV | JR | D.Vail/A.Vail |
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| Church School | | Morning Prayer | | Food Pantry | | |
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| Nov. 4 | K.Vail | | | Nov.12 | Pat & Al Tucker | |
| Nov. 11 | M.Harding | D.Wieber | | Nov.14 | J.Rettberg & J.Seacat | |
| Nov.18 | T.Vail | | | | | |
| Nov. 25 | M.Harding | B.Vail | D.Vail | | | |
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| Lectionary (Year A) | | | | | | |
| Date | Service | OT Reading | Psalm | Epistle Reading | Gospel Reading | |
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| Nov 4 | | Wisdom 3:1-9 | Psalm 24 | Revelation 21:1-6a | John 11:32-44 | |
| Nov 11 | | Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 | Psalm 127 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44 | |
| Nov 18 | | 1 Samuel 1:4-30 | 1 Samuel 2:1-10 | Hebrews 10:11-25 | Mark 13:1-8 | |
| Nov 25 | | 2 Samuel 23:1-7 | Psalm 132: 1-13 (14-19) | Revelation 1:4b-8) | John 18:33-37 | |
| Dec 2 | | Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 25:1-10 | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Luke 21:25-36 | |

Altar Duty for the month of November is Melrose Kelly, 639-1090 and Carol Cimini, 693-2907. If you are giving flowers in memory a loved one, please notify Peter Vail 607-639-1444 no later than the Thursday before the designated Sunday so that he can include a notice in the bulletin.

St. Ann's Prayer List for November 2018

It has been suggested that the names of individuals on the parish prayer list be included in the newsletter. A current listing follows. The names listed are not necessarily members of the parish and may include individuals or other requests for which we have been asked to pray. The clergy persons of the Chenango District are included. Please remember these individuals in your personal prayers. Send or give any additions or changes to Tom Vail, 639-1201. **Please note: Long term names will be left on the list indefinitely, short term names for two months unless updated.**

Short Term

Raevin
Marion
Dawn
Ben
Billy
John
Pat
Chuck
Henry

Long Term

Fr. David Hanselman
Fr. Steven White
Deacon Kay
Pastor Becky
Fr. Geoff Doolittle
Very Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe
Bishop Michael Curry
The Revs Ralph & Liz Groskoph
Emmanuel Church
Epiphany Church
Zion Church
St. Paul's Church
St. Andrew's Church
St. Matthew's Church
St. Peter's Church
Carol
Peter
Joyce
Mya
Holly
Cindy
Lois
Clifford
Richard
Bill
Kevin
Dakota
Nate
Hailey
Eli



The General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Divinity School. The Learning Communities Initiative of the Diocese.

The following prayer is from the Evening Prayer service in the Book of Common Prayer:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous: and all for your love's sake. Amen.



TIME CHANGE: November 4th we will be setting our clocks back one hour. A reminder to set your clocks back one hour before retiring on Saturday night.



WE WILL CLEAN THE BRASS ON NOVEMBER 4TH DURING COFFEE HOUR FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. .

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be November 11th. If you have typically submitted an “intention” card, please watch for your stewardship letter which is in the mail. Returning your “intention” card by November 11th. will help your vestry plan financially for the coming year.

Thank you for your support.



Gifts for Life

St. Ann's young people were recently recognized in the Episcopal Relief & Development catalog entitled “Gifts for Life” and the text of that article, referred to as “other inspiring congregations” follows:

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The young people at St. Ann's selected a variety of “Gifts for Life” to send abroad, including five goats, two pigs, five fruit trees, and one donkey with plow and cart.

11/6 Robin Felldin

11/15 Sophia Hanselman



11/15 Ron & Cindy Sherman

11/24 Al & Pat Tucker

United Thank Offering (UTO)

The UTO Fall Ingathering will take place November 4th. The information below includes thoughts taken from a letter by the Diocesan UTO Chairperson.

"As usual I must press upon you to inform your parish that the UTO is NOT a fund raiser. We exist mainly as a mechanism to help people develop a healthy prayer life. A day consists of 24 hours. That is 1,440 minutes. Can you afford to use one of them for a prayer? Try it!"

That having been said, the **United Thank Offering** is a great reminder for us to offer prayers of thanksgiving for God's daily blessings in our lives. Even a few coins offered in thanksgiving each day can add up to a significant amount over 6 months. And when these individual offerings are gathered together, great things can be done.

Please be sure that your offering is identified as **UTO** by using the UTO envelope, the UTO Blue Box or write "UTO" on the memo line of your check.



For Thanksgiving

God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say “thank you?”

I am thankful...

- For sidewalks that need shoveling, a lawn that needs mowing, and windows that need cleaning, because it means I have a home.
- For the mess to clean up after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- For the taxes I pay, because it means I am employed.
- For all the complaining I do about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.
- For the teenager who is complaining about doing chores, because they are at home, not on the streets.
- For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means I have enough to eat.

Strange but true: The Pilgrims prepared cranberry sauce at the first Thanksgiving feast to keep the flies off the other foods—not for consumption.

Curious questions related to the English language:

- “If teachers taught, why didn’t preachers paught?”
- “If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?”
- “How come a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?”

Recent newspaper headlines:

- “Blind Bishop Appointed to See.”
- “20-year Friendship Ends at Altar.”
- “Lawyers Give Poor Free Legal Advice.”

The United States was the first government to set aside a specific day to give thanks. George Washington proclaimed October 3, 1789 as a Day of Thanksgiving for God’s help in gaining American independence. He again proclaimed a Thanksgiving Day in 1795. It was not an annual event, but Thanksgiving Days were proclaimed in 1798, 1799, 1814, and 1815, but none of these were celebrated in the autumn. Several individual states proclaimed Thanksgivings from time to time. In 1863 Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday of November as a Day of Thanksgiving in an attempt to have both the North and South do something in unity. Most of the Confederacy acknowledged that God is not divided, and observed the day along with the Union states, (making it very clear that they were honoring God, not Lincoln). From that time on there has been an annual Thanksgiving Day. It was celebrated on the last Thursday of November until 1941, when President Roosevelt signed a bill setting it as the fourth Thursday of November. Several states continued to observe it on the last Thursday until 1956, when the last state, Texas, agreed to follow the fourth Thursday rule.



GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.



A=1, B=2, C=3, D=4, E=5, F=6, G=7, H=8, I=9, J=10,
K=11, L=12, M=13, N=14, O=15, P=16, Q=17, R=18,
S=19, T=20, U=21, V=22, W=23, X=24, Y=25, Z=26.

" _____ will _____
9 16 18 1 9 19 5

_____, _____ name in _____
7 15 4 19 19 15 14 7

and _____ with
7 12 15 18 9 6 25 8 9 13

_____.
20 8 1 14 11 19 7 9 22 9 14 7



Add fall décor to your family's Thanksgiving table by making these festive place mats.



What you need:

- Large pieces of paper
- Several large leaves
- Crayons (fall colors)
- Fine-tip permanent marker

What you do:

1. Working on a flat surface, place the leaves underneath the paper.
2. Peel the wrappers off the crayons. Rub crayons sideways over the paper so the details of the leaves become visible.
3. Use other crayons to add additional details, if desired. With the marker, list what you're thankful for and add a Bible verse about thankfulness.
4. Optional: Laminate the place mats so they're reusable.

The Final Word



Yet true religion with contentment is great wealth After all, we didn't bring anything with us when we came into the world, and we certainly cannot carry anything with us when we die. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content. But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is at the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:6-10

How we handle our money reveals the condition of our soul. The Bishop (now retired) of a neighboring diocese never tired of making the assertion that you could determine the state of a person's faith walk by examining that that person's check book. If we are consumed with making and spending money, our love for it may have outgrown our love for God. If we are never content with what we have, that attitude of greed can infect all facets of our life. If we have a generous attitude toward money, we are more likely to be generous in other matters concerning the Lord's people and work. Once again, we are embarking on a season that asks us to think about giving, especially our money: Two of the programs are Stewardship and, UTO. With them in mind, think about the following. What is your attitude toward money? How does that affect your attitude toward God? May God grant us the grace to answer those questions to His glory!

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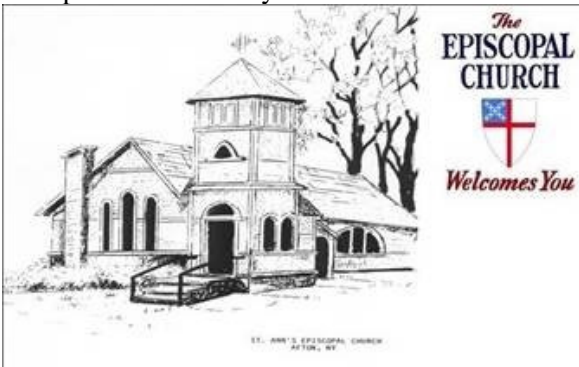
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in Abundance*