

St. Mark's Episcopal Church Messenger

Newsletter

61 Payne Ave, North Tonawanda

May & June 2017

SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICES:

From July 3 through August 28, the 8am and 10am services will be combined so that the entire congregation can celebrate the Holy Eucharist together. One Sunday service will be held at 9am during July and August and a coffee hour will follow so that we can all enjoy some fellowship together!

Search Committee reconvened

Members: Scott Elliott; Chair, Jeff Trenchard; Vice Chair, Leslie Kane, John Kucharski, Jim Maurer, Pat Miller, Ben Phillips, Janette Phillips, Peggy Thrasher

The Search Committee has decided to define our open rector position as a 32 hour per week and three year contract position. This will increase the number of candidates as well as the experience level. The number of hours and contract time is substantially increased from the last rector position search. Our Updated Parish Profile and other Diocese requirements are expected to be provided very soon to our Diocesan Transition contact; Vicki Zust.

Pictorial Directory: By Jane Lemley: Our picture directory is going to be spectacular!

Each family will receive a free 8"x10" portrait and a picture directory.

Plan an hour to go through reception, get your portrait taken, and view your pictures. There will be no sales pressure. The Lifetouch photo company expects 30% of families not to buy packages.

Make your family look good. The background will be a slate gray. Dress everybody in the same colors: white tops, black bottoms with red accents, for instance. Despite the groans, the men in my family will have clean hair, fresh haircuts, and ties! Be yourself for your portrait. If your hobby is toy trains, include a couple. If you play a musical instrument, include it. If your pet is a big part of your family, include it! It will make people ask questions about you! You can still sign up for your photo session. There are a few sessions left on Monday, May 8 and Tuesday May 9. The add on day, Monday May 15 from 2PM to 9PM is mostly open. The sign up sheets are just inside the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board. You can sign up on line at stmarksnt.com. You can call me, Jane Lemley at 694-5714.

Annual St. Mark's Memorial Scholarship: *Comments from Marcia Poleon;*

Each year we offer a scholarship to a high school senior who is active here at St. Mark's and is planning on attending a 4 year or 2 year college this fall. If you are interested, we have applications available. If you have any questions I'll be at the coffee hour after the 10am service or call me at home.

United Thank Offering: During the Month of May

The women of the Episcopal Church annually participate in a fund drive to support church grant requests. The WNY donations are presented by women of each church at the annual WNY Diocese convention. Examples of grants to local churches in the past are posted on the church bulletin board. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and place in offertory plate.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Diaper Drive: Sunday, May 7th & May 14th

St. Mark's Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a preemies to pull-ups diaper drive to benefit local families through the North Tonawanda Inter-Church FOOD Pantry. Cash donations or scrip donations are also gratefully accepted. See Pam Peace, Rebecca Goris, Elva Jean Baeslack or Pat Miller for any questions.

Clean up our Church Day!: Saturday, May 20

We will be having a volunteer effort to patch, repair and clean up various areas of our church building. We are looking for help with things like patching and painting various walls, repairing some damaged baseboards, replacing some water-stained ceiling tiles, etc. Expertise is not needed - all are welcome. Many hands make light work!

F.R.O.G. Day (Fully Rely On God) Sunday, May 21, 10am service

Our Sunday School Program is culminating with our celebration of our children and youth on F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely On God) Day. Our young members are responsible for the entire church service and they always create something special. This annual event is always a memorable and treasured service.

Salad Bar Luncheon, Wednesday, June 7; 11:30am – 1pm

Our annual lunch time event offers a feast of many different salads, deli sandwich items and desserts. Tickets price will be announced later. Many employees of DeGraff Hospital and the local municipal offices attend our luncheon. Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to enjoy the great lunch selection. Sign-up sheets for providing salads will be posted on the church bulletin board in May.

Church Picnic in our Fellowship Hall, Sunday, June 25

There will be 1 service at 10am, June 25. Afterward you are invited to stay and enjoy a potluck picnic, including grilled hot dogs & hamburgers and beverages are provided. Sign-up sheets for attending and bringing a pot luck dish will be posted on the church bulletin board in June.

Help Re-Stock Our Kitchen!: Date To Be Announced in the Fall

WANTED: Help supply our kitchen to go from rags to riches! We are in great need to replenish many items that have worn out their longevity. At a date to be determined, we will have a table set up in the Fellowship Hall, after our 10AM service, where your generous donations will be collected and graciously accepted. For larger, more costly items, please feel free for individuals (families) to make a joint purchase to defray costs. A list of needed items will be posted soon on the bulletin board in the hallway.

In Memoriam:

75 Bibles were donated in memory of Rose Jastrzemski given by husband, Frank.

The pair of Acolyte Torches were donated by Peggy Thrasher in loving memory of her husband, John.

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

The Prayer List: is taken from the Sunday Bulletin unless someone notifies us of an addition or deletion.

Oh God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness maybe turned into health, and their sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tom Garigan, Ken Pittner, Betty Sczewyck, Fr. Glen Fuller, Chuck Conroy, Paul & Linda Holst, Diane & Norm Cook, Courtney Krysa, Lois Wilson, Liz Moeller, William Lucas, Connie Thompson, Christopher Wolf, Nick Evans, Theresa Arndt, Robert Arnts, Jim Semrau, Marilyn Southwell, Gerry Poleon, Phil Wekenmann, Tim Morris, Elena DiLaura, Harold Becker, Lori Poole, Leslie Mulligan, Norm Sczewyck, Heather Kraemer, Ray Wolf, Ethan Flagg, Liz Neadow, Elaine Haffenden, Valerie Preecs, Fr. Chris O'Connor, Baby Sherilynn Wilson, Pat Riley, Andy Jenneve, Ronald Wolf, Susan Kerrison, Marcia Kerrison, Cathy VanMeerbeek, and Dennis Royer.

This newsletter is also available on our St. Mark's website: www.stmarksnt.net

Newsletter Committee: Chairperson: Peggy Thrasher, News Reporters: Pat Miller, Janette Phillips, Connie Turtle

Thanks to all for contributing and helping to get this newsletter together and ready to go!

CALENDAR

May

- May 7, Sunday Holy Eucharist and Healing Service; & **Diaper Drive**
- May 8 & 9: 2 – 9pm, Pictures taken at church for new Directory
- May 14, Sunday: Happy Mother's Day & **Diaper Drive**
- May 15, Monday 2-9pm: Pictures taken at church for new Directory
- May 17, Wednesday; 11am Table Eucharist and Bible Study
- May 20, Saturday; Clean up day at church
- May 21, Sunday; 10am **F.R.O.G. Day**, Food Bank Donation,

June

- June 4, Sunday; 10am service Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
- June 7, Wednesday; Salad Bar luncheon
- June 18, Holy Eucharist, Food Bank donation during services
- June 21, Wednesday: 11am Table Eucharist and Bible Study
- **June 25, Sunday; There will be 1 service at 10am at St. Mark's and a Picnic will follow the service in our Fellowship Hall**

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October

- October 14: 5K Race
- October 21: Polish Festival