# Weekly e-news and updates



ALL SAINTS Episcopal Church Wolfebord, NH





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## Ministry Assignments

Eucharistic Ministers -8 am - Christy Parker 10 am - Linda Pacheco Cate McMahon Lector -8 am - Jay Wyman 10 am - Cate McMahon Altar Guild - Joanne Crowe, Carolyn Sundquist, Lucy Hancock Usher - Lee White Flower Guild - Lynne Moughty Flower Delivery - Lynne Moughty Greeter - Terri White

## Birthdays in June/July

## Anniversaries in June

## **Quick Links**

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Links to the Readings for Third Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21 - Elijah



## Asking Everything

What does it mean to be a disciple? Sunday's texts answer this question in various ways.

Elisha was given the burdensome mantle of Elijah. Up until this point he'd simply been a student of the great prophet. Then, without much warning, Elijah passed the leadership responsibility onto him and transitioned dramatically from this life into the next. Because it was an immense responsibility, Elisha asked his master for a double portion of his spirit and was given it. God generously provided for Elisha so that he could faithfully continue Elijah's work.

Paul spells out the mission before us. Last week, he pointed out the power we've been given through our baptism. Now he explains that with the Spirit of God within, our lives should be different. He contrasts the work of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. We are called to use our freedom in Christ for good, so that God can transform our lives and empower us for ministry.

In the gospel, Jesus faces more resistance from those he's called. People conjure up

says to Elisha, Follow me and do not continue plowing <u>Psalm 16 -</u> I have set the Lord always before me <u>Galatians 5:1,13-25 -</u> Love is the whole law, gift of the Spirit <u>Luke 9:51-62</u> - Jesus says, Follow me and do not look back

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all sorts of excuses why they can't start right away, but Jesus will have none of it. He's calling and he wants a straight answer now. You're in or you're out. He makes it clear that answering his call and living the life of discipleship requires no less than *everything*. [Sundays and Seasons, 2022]

Beloveds, Sunday's readings challenge us with how much God asks, no demands, of we who wish to follow. We are asked, no commanded, to give our all, to give everything—and we selfishly struggle with those asks. But God's asks remind us that the power of the Holy Spirit sustains, supports, and empowers us to answer and follow God's call.

Called to follow as Disciples of Love, *Bill+* 

#### The Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

# God loves you. No exceptions.



## The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.

#### This week we also pray for:

For those grieving, injured, and displaced after the earthquake in Afghanistan, and for all relief and aid efforts...

For the people of Ethiopia, as their nation is torn apart by civil war...

For those whose lives have been upended by the war in Ukraine, including civilians trapped in their homes, prisoners of war held behind enemy lines, and those grieving loved ones who've been killed...

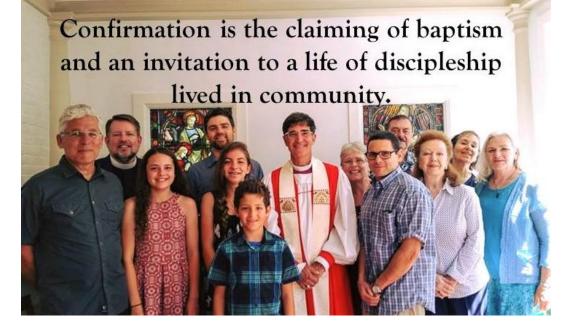
For those organizing and attending Pride celebrations... For LGBTQIA+ siblings who cannot yet feel safe coming out... In thanksgiving for the life and work of Clela Rorex, the first county clerk in the U.S. to issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple, in Boulder in 1975...

#### This week we note these events and observances:

Pride Month, June 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> African-American Music Appreciation Month, June 1<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Nativity of St. John the Baptist, June 24<sup>th</sup> The Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, June 29<sup>th</sup>

O God, your divinity transcends distinctions of gender, and through the generations you widen our awareness of human diversity. We gather here before you in our various expressions of gender identity, all of us one in Christ Jesus. Bring our society to peacefulness concerning a wider understanding of gender. Give courage and healing to those who express outwardly the gender they testify as gift from you. Open the church to their witness. We ask that with your creative Spirit you cultivate new relationships, mend old wounds, and nurture communities of respect, for the sake of the one who embraces all persons in love, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen. (All Creation Sings p. 51)





#### Summer is Confirmation Season at All Saints

Confirmation will take place on the Bishop's Visitation to All Saints on Sunday, September 18, 2022. Beginning Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, a series of 5 classes is being offered to adults and youth who wish to make a public affirmation of their faith by either being confirmed into the Episcopal Church and for those who wish to reaffirm their faith. We will gather after worship every other week in the Library 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Please contact Pastor Bill with any questions.

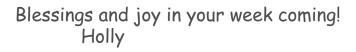
July 17<sup>th</sup> - The Sacraments: *The Means of Grace* July 31<sup>st</sup> - The Bible: *God's Story Meets Our Story* August 14<sup>th</sup> - The Book of Common Prayer: *As We Pray, So We Believe* August 28<sup>th</sup> - The Catechism: *An Outline of the Faith* September 11<sup>th</sup> - The Way of Love: *Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life* 

The Episcopal Church's theology of Confirmation has continued to evolve along with its understanding of baptism. Confirmation is no longer seen as the completion of Christian initiation, nor is Confirmation a prerequisite for receiving communion. Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's body the church (BCP, p. 298). Accordingly, Confirmation has been increasingly understood in terms of a mature, public reaffirmation of the Christian faith and the baptismal promises.

## From The Music Corner...



## Be Back Next Week!









#### Dress-A-Girl Blessing of Dresses and Blankets Last Sunday

Last Sunday, 50 dresses and 11 blankets made by the Dress-A-Girl sewing group that meets at our church, were blessed by Pastor Bill before heading on their way to those in need around the world. Since we began, we've made 180 dresses and 16 blankets. Many of the blankets will go to the Ukraine to be used by children who are living underground in train stations for safety reasons.

We will continue to sew for these children who need our help. Something as simple as a blanket or a new dress could make all the difference in the world to them.

Please consider joining us... being able to sew is NOT a requirement!! There are other things that need to be done like cutting-out dresses, matching/designing pockets, measuring and cutting flannel for blankets, pinning for others to sew and ironing etc. You could make a doll or a small stuffed animal. Lots to do and many opportunities to help along the way that DO NOT involve using a sewing



machine...honest!

And, we have fun while we sew and learn from each other little tips and techniques.

Pam

# Pictured is Lindsay Campbell and Pam Uthenwoldt . Much of the fabrics used to create the dresses and blankets ifs from last year's summer fair.

Sunday morning at both 8:00 and 10:00 am worship services we blessed the dresses and blankets sewn by this community for the Dress a Girl Around the World Campaign of Hope 4 Women International (a 501 (c) 3 nondenominational organization) bringing dignity to women around the world since 2006. We dream of a world in which every girl has at least one new dress. We want girls to know that they are worthy of respect, and that they are loved by God.

## Thank You From Jackie Dewey

Thank you all for the wonderful dresses I picked up today after the blessing. Some fabrics familiar, some not, all delightful for future princesses.

Blankets are such a blessing, wrapping up our little ones in orphanages around the world. Over 800 have been sent or hand carried from our group to Poland and Ukraine. As I told Pam this morning, even older kids aged out of orphanages are hiding out in subways at night, protection from bombs, with our blankets to keep warm.

Thank you for sharing support with me and working together with Pam through the year. My heart is full.

Jackie Dewey Dress-A-Girl

## Appreciation for Altar Guild

Let's salute the unsung people of the Altar Guild and the way they have cheerfully and generously adapted to liturgical changes in the past two and a half years.

From a lighter load, when the Sunday spiritual event arrived as prayer and meditation from Pastor Bill's study, to the far more complex Sunday settings of the past two years (the latest including dozens of little stainless steel cups for the consecrated wine), altar guild members have stepped up with dedication and good humor.

We notice and are thankful for their service! Cate



## **Summer Fair Donation Requirements**

## **Donation Collection Ongoing**

Thank you for your donation to the Summer Fair Event. Please make sure your donations align with our requirements and let us know if you need a donation receipt.

### **Donated Book Requirements:**

- Published on or after 2000
- Children's books welcome
- Clean, without stains
- No markings, writing or highlighting
- No textbooks or technical books
- No magazines, cookbooks or reference books
- No "coffee table" books

#### **Acceptable Summer Fair Donations:**

Toys, Children's Sporting Goods, Books, Glassware, Linens, Fabric, Home Goods, Dishes, Craft Supplies, Garden Supplies, Artificial Flowers, Collectibles, Plants in pots, Jewelry and Silent Auction Items (for high end jewelry, please contact pmhodder@gmail.com for pre-fair valuation)

#### We Do Not Accept the Following Donation:

Adult Sporting Goods, Textbooks, Encyclopedias, Rugs, Magazines, Curtains, Decorative and Bed Pillows, Fabric Scraps, Electronics, Furniture and Pet Supplies



This Week's Update

Ongoing help will be needed to sort through the collection of donations, beginning on June 12.

For members who would prefer to become a Fair Angel, please contact Peter and Susie Walker.

We are also in need of clear plastic egg trays for our jewelry display.

Thank you to everyone involved in our Summer Fair



## Coffee Hour

Please consider brewing some **coffee** when you arrive early for worship on Sunday. All that is needed is to make a couple pots of coffee and put out some coffee cups.



#### Greeters

Please consider participating as a **Greeter** at Sunday's Worship. The most important role of a greeter is to make sure all are welcome. Let's make sure visitors feel welcome and know how to get to the service.

# Share what makes you HAPPY!

Share your pictures, notes, or write something on the sticky notes available on the resource table. Share them on the bulletin board in the office hallway.



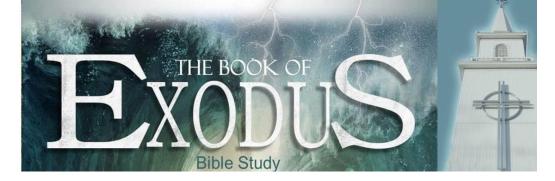
#### New Photo Directory



I am currently working on putting together a Photo Directory. The pictures I have are either very old (clipped from the last photo directory) or not very good. I know we all have photos on our cameras or can have someone take a new one that you may prefer to use. Please send your desired photo to allsaints@metrocast.net. A .jpg or any photo extension on the file will work. I would like to have this ready by mid summer if possible.

It is nice to have photos to go with names and will be a nice addition to the directory. Thank you.

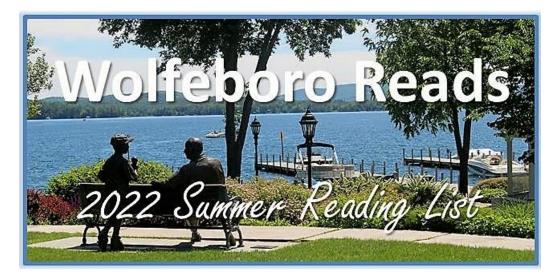
Debra, Parish Administrator



### New Thursday Bible Study

On Thursday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm we will begin studying the Book of Exodus. If you have not received the Thursday Afternoon Bible Study e-mails before and would like to be added, please share your e-mail with Pastor Bill.

The message of Exodus is of God acting to free a powerless people and bring them into covenant relationship. This event reveals God's faithfulness to Israel and to Egypt and all other nations of the world as well. The exodus is so important that it is even used to describe who God is: "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Exodus 20:2). The people become the Lord's "treasured possession out of all the people's," "a priestly kingdom," and "a holy nation" (Exodus 19:5-6) and receive the Torah to show them how to live in relationship with this gracious and liberating God through the everyday activities of life.



#### Ancestor Trouble: A Reckoning and a Reconciliation by Maud Newton

For her debut book, author **Maud Newton** digs into her own family history via DNA labs, genealogical software, and old-fashioned census-data sleuthing. The revelations are wild. It seems that Grandpa was married 13 times (and was shot by at least one of his wives). Another ancestor was an accused witch. Newton's quixotic quest opens new ways of seeing ourselves, our families, and our psychological heritage.

#### A Song Everlasting by Ha Jin

At the end of a U.S. tour with his state-supported choir, popular singer Yao Tian takes a private gig in New York to pick up some extra cash for his daughter's tuition fund, but the consequences of his choice spiral out of control. On his return to China, Tian is informed that the sponsors of the event were supporters of Taiwan's secession, and that he must deliver a formal self-criticism. When he is asked to forfeit his passport to his employer, Tian impulsively decides instead to return to New York to protest the government's threat to his artistic integrity.

## *If God Is Love, Don't Be a Jerk: Finding a Faith That Makes Us Better Humans* by John Pavlovitz

Imagine for a moment what the world might look like if we as people of faith, morality, and conscience actually aspired to this mantra. John Pavlovitz examines the bedrock ideas of our religion: the existence of hell, the utility of prayer, the way we treat LGBTQ people, the value of anger, and other doctrines to help all of us take a good, honest look at how the beliefs we hold can shape our relationships with God and our fellow humans--and to make sure that love has the last, loudest word.

#### KooKooLand by Gloria Norris

In the tradition of *The Glass Castle* and *With or Without You*, a bracingly funny and chilling true crime memoir about a girl's gutsy journey to escape her charismatic yet cruel father's reign - an unforgettable story of violence, love, and, ultimately, triumph. Little Gloria Norris is growing up in the projects in 1960's Manchester, New Hampshire. Her parents are Jimmy and Shirley, her sister is Virginia, and her cat is Sylvester. A photo might show a happy, young family, but only a dummkopf would believe that.

#### The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying times by Jane Goodall, Douglas Carlton

<u>Abrams, Gail Hudson</u>. In this urgent book, Jane Goodall, the world's most famous living naturalist and Doug Abrams, internationally-bestselling author, explore--through intimate and thought-provoking dialogue--one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope. In *The Book of Hope*, Jane focuses on her "Four Reasons for Hope": The Amazing Human Intellect, The Resilience of Nature, The Power of Young People, and The Indomitable Human Spirit

#### There Is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the Twenty-First Century by Fiona Hill

A celebrated foreign policy expert and key impeachment witness reveals how declining opportunity has set America on the grim path of modern Russia—and draws on her personal journey out of poverty, as well as her unique perspectives as an historian and policy maker, to show how we can return hope to our forgotten places.

#### This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

Straub, author of *All Adults Here* and *The Vacationers* as well as owner of the beloved Books are Magic bookstore in New York, returns this spring with an intriguing premise: *What if you could vacation in your past?* On the eve of her 40th birthday, a woman gets a chance to travel back to her life as a 16 year old, and is reunited with her vibrant and charming father.

#### Trust by Hernan Diaz

Let us be frank: Rich people are weird. Acclaimed author **Hernan Diaz** (<u>*In the Distance*</u>) brings readers back to the Roaring Twenties in this story of a flashy New York City couple with an immense fortune of suspect provenance. Diaz's layered novel deploys multiple revelations to explore America's foundational inequalities and how power and money dictate what we come to think of as history.

#### West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

Part adventure, part historical saga, and part coming-of-age love story, *West with Giraffes* explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time, and a story told before it's too late. A wonderful novel based on the true story of the cross-country road trip America's first giraffes took in 1938 it demonstrates the positive influence caring friends and gentle animals can have on a young man's life.

#### When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

For readers of Atul Gawande, Andrew Solomon, and Anne Lamott, a profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir by a young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis who attempts to answer the questions What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? What does it mean to have a child, to nurture a new life as another fades away? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir.

#### Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans, Jeff Chu

This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging. An unforgettable, moving, and intimate book.

## June Calendar

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Please let us know if you wish to continue receiving the monthly calendar by mail. Please email the office at allsaints@metrocast.net or call Deb at 603-569-3453 to let us know if you wish to continue to receive the mailing. Otherwise, you may pick up a paper calendar

from the resource table outside the Parish office or in the Narthex. You may also request a .pdf of the calendar by email at any time.



#### Thank you for participating in Dinner Bell—We are on hiatus until August

In August, we will offer two dinner options:

- 1. To-Go Meals as we have done during Covid with meal pick-up 4:00-5:00 pm, and
- 2. Gathering for dinner in the All Saints Parish Hall as we did before Covid at 5:00 pm.

Please call 569-3453 or e-mail <u>allsaints@metrocast.net</u> by Tuesday afternoons to reserve your meal(s) for the week. Your help is also welcome to share hospitality with our neighbors, please speak with Carol Simpson or Pastor Bill to volunteer.

All are welcome and donations accepted to offset costs. Thank you!

## **Zoom Connections**

While we are apart we are the church together on-line. There are many ways to connect with one another to see, hear and share God online at All Saints'.



**Sundays** 

#### Sunday Worship Facebook Live

10:00 am - Worship in-person and via Facebook Live



#### **Please Pray For...**

#### **Our Parish**

Prue Fitts, Felicity Freund, Judy Hess, Zell Kellogg, Bhupendra & Judy Khetani, Jacqueline McLaughlin, Penny Meyer, Carol Pearson, Danielle Pierpont

#### **Our Family & Friends**

Joe Blackett, Mary Ellen Davis, Michael Dowd, Stephanie Fullam, Ruth Gray, Faye Juul, Tom Southern, Debe Tetherly, Bubba Toupes, Peggy Young.

#### Accessing books in the Beck Library

Catalog is on LibraryThing (<u>https://www.librarything.com/home</u>). User name: AllSaintsWolfeboro Password: +BeckLibrary+

## **ALTAR FLOWERS-2022**



Altar Flower request slips can be found on the resource table outside the Parish office and on the Narthex table.

Dedications will be recognized in the bulletin as well as in the E-news.

The Flower Guild arranges flowers for the altar for dedications of birthday, anniversary, and in memory of loved ones.

You can include your request with your donation of \$35 by mail or dropped off at the office.

Paper copies can be found on the table outside the office.