



July 13, 2022, Newsletter Good Afternoon

VESTRY MEETING ~

The vestry meeting for July will be held tomorrow (Thursday July 21st) at 7:00 in the undercroft.

FRIENDSHIP DINNER ~

The Friendship Dinner for July has been cancelled. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Blake or Susan Benson.

COMFORT MEAL FOR THE FAMILY OF RAY GILLESPIE~

Janet Stewart has asked that I forward information to you regarding the comfort meal for Ray's family and friends. That has been sent as a separate email.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL ~ Last day to get them to Janet!!

It's that time of year again and again Eastside Community Ministry is collecting items for their "Tools for School". Janet Stewart provided us with this information

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Crayola 24 ct. Crayons.

Crayola 12 ct. Colored Pencils

Crayola Markers.

Ticonderoga #2 Pencils

Paper Folders with Prongs.

Elmer's Glue Sticks

Expo Erase Markers.

White Ruled Index Cards

Please note - Brand names are at the teachers request.

There is a very small window to get these supplies. They are to be turned in on **July 21st**. My address is 1226 East Drive or leave a message at (614) 204-5863.

Thanks, Janet

*** Checks should be made out to Eastside Community Ministry and given to Janet. They should not be included in the St. James' offertory and not made out to St. James. – Thanks, Mindy

THIS WEEK SUNDAY, July 24

Our chalice readers for both 8 and 10 are Vickie MacLaine and Dianne Ischy. Our lector for the 8:00 is Vickie with Kathy Shesky reading at the 10. Ushers and tellers are Beth Burton and Kathy Shesky. Molly Beetem will be our cantor.



We had an anonymous donor sponsor our flowers for the weeks of July 10, 17, 24 and 31. The flowers were given to honor all the dedicated members and staff.

We have sponsors for all of August. The first available date is September 11th. The cost is \$35.00. Please let me know if you're interested.



ST. JAMES PICNIC 2022~

The St. James picnic will be August 7, 2022, following the 10:00 service. We are looking forward to seeing all of you. Games will be available for children.

The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and table service.

We are counting on those attending to bring a covered dish. A list of suggestions follows but others can be added.

To ensure a variety of offerings we ask that attendees contact Mikki Bixler at 1-740-453-2931 or bixler@ohio.edu to identify their choice.

The list will be updated each Wednesday prior to the picnic.

List as of 7/20/2022 – Thank you to those who have already contacted Mikki.

Meat

- Hot Dogs + buns
- Hamburger + buns

Salad/Vegetables

- Potato Salad
- Potato Chips/Dip
- ~~Pasta Salad~~
- Broccoli Salad
- Three Bean Salad

Desserts

- Sheet Cake
- Fruit – cobbles, pies
- ~~Cookies~~
- Others – specific

Condiments

- mustard, ketchup, mayo,
- lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, onions

Salad/Vegetables (continued)

- Macaroni Salad
- ~~Baked Beans~~
- ~~Deviled eggs~~
- Cole Slaw
- Other - specific

MORE FROM JANET STEWART ~



News and Inspiration from Forward Movement

Dear friends in Christ,

It's been a difficult few weeks for the world and for the United States. We've seen earthquakes, gun violence, political upheaval, wars, and the ongoing global pandemic. It wouldn't be difficult to lose hope at a time like this.

How can we stay hopeful? What are we to do?



Image from the catacomb of Domitilla shows one of the oldest known images of Jesus Christ as the good shepherd / Wikimedia Commons

I find the Gospels helpful in difficult times. There I am reminded that even Christ's disciples—people who knew Jesus and saw his works—didn't have the answers and sometimes lost their way. Jesus again and again had to redirect his followers. Sometimes he cajoled them. Sometimes he taught them. Sometimes he showed them signs and wonders. Always, he loved them.

If we lose our way, we are never alone. The Spirit abides with us. But what about all those times we can't even see the Spirit at work in the world and in our own hearts?

Thanks be to God we have the church. Christ's body, the church, is our haven and our sustenance. We can be nourished as we hear God's word spoken to us. We can be sustained as we receive the sacraments. We can be inspired as we listen to others bear witness to the grace and mercy of God at work in their lives.

I am not suggesting that we should flee the world and hide out inside our stained glass windows. I am not suggesting that the Gospel magically remedies the injustice and violence of the world. But the fact is that we who follow Jesus need to be reminded that he is the way, the truth, and the life. We need to remember that we are beloved of God, and that we are called to love others as he first loved us.

You and I don't have to save the world. Jesus has done that. Our task is to give thanks for God's love for us and to manifest that love in word and deed. I can't say that we will make everything right in this world, but I can say with every fiber of my being that, in the end, love wins. Easter shows us that.

So what shall we do now?

We can offer compassion. Console those who suffer. Speak up for the voiceless. Give of our substance to those who have less. Name evil when we see it. Love our enemies. Pray for the needs of the world. And above all bear witness to God's grace and mercy.

I might also add that righteous anger is holy, as the scriptures remind us. Righteous anger is not anger at our own suffering, but rather rage on behalf of the poor, the vulnerable, the widow, the orphan, and all those in great need. God sides with the meek not the mighty, and it's just fine for God's people to remind everyone of that.

In these times, I beseech you to spend time with other Christians. Worship on the Lord's Day. Go to a Bible study. Pray with a friend. That's how we keep our compass when the world seems to spin out of control.

We can't make peace, but we can find Christ's peace even in the midst of the storm.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Gunn', followed by a horizontal line and a small arrowhead pointing to the right.

Scott Gunn
Executive Director



July

Birthdays

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| 1 | Fritz Douthitt |
| 5 | Vickie MacLaine |
| 8 | Carolyn Thompson
Beth Burton |
| 9 | Lee Martin |
| 17 | Pat Longshore |
| 29 | Mark Eagleson |
| 29 | Tyler Bixler |

Anniversaries

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| 6 | Tom and Diane Ischy |
| 12 | Mark and Lori Eagleson |