



ST. JOHN'S HONEOYE FALLS NEWS

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

BY THE VERY REV. VIRGINIA TYLER SMITH

One of the hazards of being a priest is that I'm drawn to Episcopal Churches like moths are drawn to flames. My husband and I spent the last week of August driving around northern New England, and every time we passed an Episcopal Church, I'd crane my neck to look. "Slow down!," I'd say to Brad, "it's a CHURCH!"

Mind you, New England has a lot of churches. Congregational churches dominated--due in large part to the history of Puritans that settled that portion of the country. But the Episcopal Churches had their place too. As we leisurely drove through Vermont, central New Hampshire, and coastal Maine, we saw a wide variety of sizes, styles and shapes. Often times a town's churches stood in quite prominent spots. In the older, smaller communities like Craftsbury, Vermont, the collected churches of the community sit like proud matriarchs guarding the village green. In larger (and more affluent) communities, the churches sit at the center of the community, and we could see how the community grew around them.

I was intrigued to see that communities on the coast of Maine often had more than one Episcopal church. They might have one in the center of town, and a "summer chapel" out on the coast. The summer chapels were often as big as (or bigger than) our church at St. John's, yet they only operate from June through September.

Mount Desert isle in Maine is the site of Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor. Year-round population on the island is approximately 5,000, and yet they have FOUR year-round parishes and two summer chapels! The nature of the ragged coast line is such that these parish's would have been far apart from each other a century ago. Cars make it easy to get between them all in under 30 minutes nowadays. *(continued)*

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JOIN US!

SUNDAY SERVICE, 10 AM

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY,
11 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING
PRAYER, 6 PM

ALL EVENTS ARE ON
ZOOM:
MEETING ID
532-398-8617

OR JOIN US IN
PERSON FOR SUNDAY
SERVICE!

(continued from page 1) As I looked at each of these churches, I wondered about their founders, and what caused them to build where they did. I noticed that churches on the greens tended to be wooden structures with clear glass windows gone wavy with age. Churches on the coast tended to be stone with more gothic stylings: stained glass and dark wood interiors.

Each church that I passed told a story--or so I imagined. The white Greek Rival churches told stories of patriots who eked out a farming existence during short growing seasons surrounded by gorgeous mountains. The stone churches in the center of coastal communities were the spiritual homes of sailors and fishermen who braved the rocky shore and cold waters in order to make their livings. And the summer chapels? They were the well-funded vacation parishes of the wealthy elites from New York and Boston. Interestingly, I only saw Episcopal summer chapels. Maybe that was because the land was too expensive for others? Or perhaps that was because some of the elites (think Nelson Rockefeller in Bar Harbor) were not interested in worshipping alongside the swarthy fishermen of the town?

The truth is that I don't know the full story. What I do know is that the summer chapels are still the spiritual vacation homes for many. One summer, a few years ago, I attended the Sunday service at the Trinity Chapel in York, Maine. The preacher that Sunday was

the Right Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, bishop of Ohio. His family had been summering in York since he was a child, and going to Trinity Chapel each year was a rite of passage for Bishop Hollingsworth.

In other cases, summer chapels are the summer refuges for clergy who come to the coast to stay in the lovely rectories while serving as the Sunday officiant at the chapel. Such is the case in Ogunquit, Maine, where every summer chapel is staffed almost entirely by clergy from Texas.

With all of the variation that I saw in churches throughout the region, I could see the various roles and functions that the church has served in its respective communities. The church has obviously grown and evolved over the years.

Now, in addition to being a centerpiece of history, the church often serves as the site of food cupboard, diaper pantries, and the site of displays ranging from pride flags to Black Lives Matter.

As we drove around, I would find myself looking forward to finding a church, because it was a sign for me of God's abiding presence in a world that is constantly changing. Those wavy glass windows from the 18th century stood as testament to a preservement of faith. The stone churches on the shore reminded me of resilience in the face of wind and cold.

More than anything, I saw the churches as a welcome reminder that people, everywhere, need faith. We all need to know that when we enter a community, God is there ahead of us, and when we stay in a place (even for a short time) we will find places to worship and give thanks. I am so grateful for the church among us, and I pray for our brothers and sisters in churches both near and far.

In peace,
Virginia+

SEPTEMBER SERVERS

Date	Usher	Crucifer	Opening Hymn	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel Hymn	Prayers	Closing Hymn
9/6	Allan Shafer	Ray Locke	Allene Baillargeon	Eileen Locke	Jan Metcalf	Allan Shafer	Maggie Gibbons	Allene Baillargeon	Kaelin Richards
9/13	Andy Smith	Mary Jo Smith	Gina Hurley	Catherine Faurot	Judy Haravitch	Valerie Schillinger	Jonathan Motherwell	Jan Metcalf	Allan Shafer
9/20	Allene Baillargeon	Allan Shafer	Jan Metcalf	Allan Shafer	Chris Baron	Jonathan Motherwell	Ray Locke	Mary Jo Smith	Catherine Faurot
9/27	Mark Donahoe	Ray Locke	Gina Hurley	Allene Baillargeon	Valerie Schillinger	Maggie Gibbons	Kaelin Richards	John Rutkowski	Judy Haravitch



Thank you, Fr. Paddy Collins-Bohrer, for covering for Virginia while she was on vacation!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Theresa, Rich, Turi, John, Keith, Noah, Rosemary, Jane,
Karen, Joe, Michael, Renee, Elaine, Sarah, Roger, Josie,
Paul, Rachel, George, Becky, Nick and Alex.



FEEDING THE FISH FOOD CUPBOARD

Please remember our neighbors in need as the school year starts.

The Food Cupboard is looking for donations of:

- canned vegetables,
- fruit,
- chunky soups,
- drink mixes (lemonade, ice tea),
- mayo,
- ketchup,
- baked beans,
- children's snacks,
- liquid hand soap,
- shampoo, and
- laundry detergent.

Donations of gift cards to HFMP, Family Dollar Store, Walmart and Wegman's are welcomed. Checks may be made out to the : FISH Food Closet, and mailed or delivered to 153 East Street, Honeoye Falls. There isn't staff available at the food closet daily but phone calls may be received Monday-Friday.

For information or to arrange a donation pick-up please call 624-3057. If you or someone you know needs food (and lives in Honeoye Falls, Mendon or West Bloomfield) please call 484-7103 (FISH Answering Service) Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.

COMMUNION

If you would like home communion, or to come to the office to receive, please contact Virginia. We are all welcome at the Lord's table, and all made one through the Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.



BICYCLES WANTED

If you are cleaning out your garage/shed or just have bicycles, or parts, that you no longer need or want we can put them to good use! Contact John, the Bicycle Recycler at 624-4188!

SAVE THE DATE!

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY OCTOBER 4
10 AM AT CHURCH!**



Congratulations



Kaelin & Phillip

JOINED IN HOLY MATRIMONY

AUGUST 15, 2020

DAUGHTER OF JOHN RICHARDS &
VICKI HANSON

HELPING THE VETERAN'S OUTREACH CENTER

The Veteran's Outreach Center needs **men's underwear in the larger sizes**. They could also use any **canned and dry foods like rice, pasta, beans, tuna**, etc. And, though it is currently hot out, they will soon need **blankets, and other cold weather items**. If you have things to donate, they can be dropped off at the church. Please call 624-4074 to make an appointment, or simply bring the items with you to church on Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who has helped so far this year! ~ John Rutkowski



Do you like to knit or crochet? We have just heard that the nursery at Highland Hospital is looking for infant caps. For more information about making caps for the nursery, please contact Cyndy Lamphier. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 10:

Samantha Lloyd

September 16:

Jan Metcalf

September 26

Gary Reinhard

September 27:

Cynthia Archbold

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September 3:

Will & Jane Ingle

September 13:

Gary & Judy Reinhard



SEPTEMBER

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Virginia is on vacation Aug 24 - Sept 7

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14 Post
Pentecost

The Rev.
Paddy
Collins-
Bohrer

7

8

11 am
Bible
Study

7 pm
Vestry

9

6 pm
EP

10

11

12

13

15 Post
Pentecost

Zoom
Coffee Hour
11:45

14

15

11 am
Bible
Study

16

6 pm
EP

17

18

19

20

16 Post
Pentecost

discussion of
chapters 4-6
of Unsettling
Truths

21

22

11 am
Bible
Study

23

6 pm
EP

24

25

26

Wedding
celebration
of Sarah
Shafer &
Michael
Wert

27

17 Post
Pentecost

28

29

11 am
Bible
Study

30

6 pm
EP

Our Sunday Services are live streamed on Facebook!



If you would like printed copies of the readings
mailed to you, please let Jill know
(info@stjohnshoneoyefalls.org)

Join the discussion on Race

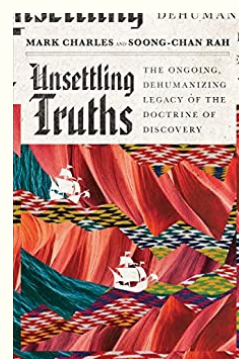
Join us at St. John's for discussion of chapters 4-6 on
Sunday, September 20th at 11:30 on Zoom.

ALSO...

The author's of *Unsettling Truths* will have a virtual discussion group! This event is sponsored by the Racial Reconciliation, Healing and Justice Commission of the Diocese of Rochester.

Mark your calendars for October 23 and 24.

The exact details are still TBD.



ST. JOHN'S FLOWER MINISTRY

Are you interested in learning more about the altar flowers that are prepared or given to St. John's for our services? Want to know what happens to the flowers after service is over? Would you like to provide flowers for a week?

Reach out to Ray Locke (757-371-6749 or BroRay57@gmail.com) for more information!



Join us for
Zoom Coffee Hour
Sunday, September 13
at 11:45
Catch up with your St.
John's Family!

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