



ST. JOHN'S HONEOYE FALLS NEWS

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

SEPARATING THE SPOOKS FROM THE SERIOUS

BY THE VERY REV. VIRGINIA TYLER SMITH

Recently, my friend T. told me a hilarious story about a haunted hayride she took with her teenagers. I should preface this by saying that, as kids ourselves, T. and I loved watching scary movies on her parents' huge waterbed almost as much as we loved playing Space Invaders. (It was the 80's, after all.) T. still loves a good thriller, and if it's in black and white, or directed by Hitchcock, all the better.

As the story goes, T.'s family received an invitation to attend a haunted hayride out in Wayne County. Just like any good haunting story, T. informed me that she really didn't want to go, as it was a "chilly night, dark as the inside of your pocket." She put on a game face for the kids and drove out to Wayne County. After the kids jumped onto the wagon, T. hopped up to take the last place on the very back of the wagon. Here is where we should all pause to shake our heads and cluck, "Oh, T., you should never take the last place on the back of the wagon."

Sure enough, as the costumed goblins, ghouls and spooks started jumping out from the corn, T., somehow lost her capacity for logic, and screamed as if they were real. Then they started reaching for her ankles. Then they started coming closer. Her children thought all of this quite funny, as did the other families on the wagon. Not T. It didn't help that the ride was bumpy, and occasionally one of her kids would have to hold onto T.'s jacket, just to make sure she didn't tumble off the wagon. As the ride continued all the tension built up to a breaking point. T. had turned to say something to someone on the wagon—probably to reprimand the children for laughing at her—and when she turned back, a goblin was inches from her face. T. somehow jumped off the wagon (and out of her jacket) and ran screaming back to the parking lot!

By the time the wagon made it back to the starting point where T. met up with her kids and recovered her jacket, her pounding heart rate had slowed and both she and the kids were able to laugh about it all the way back to Rochester.

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JOIN US!

SUNDAY VIRTUAL OR
IN-PERSON SERVICE,
10 AM

TUESDAY VIRTUAL
BIBLE STUDY,
11 AM

WEDNESDAY
VIRTUAL EVENING
PRAYER, 6 PM

ZOOM MEETING ID:
532-398-8617



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There is something about consuming what is scary, where we purposefully expose ourselves to things that frighten us, that raise our heart rates, that make us jump in surprise. It's titillating. In small doses (very small, at this point in my life) it can be fun. Maybe it's the endorphin rush we get, or maybe it's knowing that we are not actually in danger.

The problem comes when we find ourselves consuming the serious, actual news—the stories of floods and famines, and despotic regimes, and pandemic casualties-- with the same sort of fetish that teenagers have for scary movies. The news sells, and it keeps us engaged. However, too much of it can build up in us like the compounding of T.'s scary moments on that hayride. We may not even realize the degree to which we find ourselves reaching for more headlines, more bad news, more proof that the world is doomed, only to find that what is really doomed is our sense of the goodness in the world, the beauty of creation, the rightness of God.

No doubt there are many serious and very scary things going on in our world right now.

No doubt we have reason to be concerned, and to keep ourselves informed to a point. But my friends, we ought not seek it out. We ought not look for proof of evil, or reasons to worry, or evidence of hate. If we do, then those elements of our world will have won; they will have gotten our attention in ways that we not only look for, but we grow addicted to finding (and fostering).

Don't do it. Don't be like T., jumping onto that wagon anticipating and hoping for the next thing to terrify you. Instead, turn it off, and listen to the silence for a moment. Watch the way sunlight emphasizes the changing color of the leaves and say thank you to God for the seasons. Smell the wood smoke of fireplaces housing their first fires of the season, and praise God for the warmth of our homes. Taste the cider, and the doughnuts, and all the fall flavors, and relish the senses our Lord gave you. Finally, and most of all, give those things that do worry you, that do cause you to fear in the night, to the loving One who is with you always. There is no need to fear, no need to jump off the wagon, no need to run screaming. It's just a goblin. Let it go.

May the peace of God, be with you always.
Virginia+



SUNDAY SERVERS

Date	Crucifer	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Prayers	Altar Guild	Altar Flowers
10/3	Maggie Gibbons	Mark Stiegler	Jonathan Motherwell	Mary Jo Smith	Cindy Hebda	Allene Baillargeon & Lorraine N'dusha	Judy Haravitch
10/10	Ray Locke	Allene Baillargeon	Kaelin Allmendinger	Judy Haravitch	Chris Baron	Judy Haravitch & Anne Streule	Shelly Shellman
10/17	Allan Shafer	Jan Metcalf	John Rutkowski	Gaie Goodness	Gina Hurley	Shelly Shellman	OPEN
10/24	Mary Jo Smith	Allan Shafer	Jan Metcalf	Mark Stiegler	Allene Baillargeon	Gloria Ulrop	OPEN
10/31	Maggie Gibbons	Cindy Hebda	Chris Baron	Kaelin Allmendinger			



SILVER SPOONS LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 7 • 12 PM
ST. JOHN'S PARISH HOUSE
\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

RSVP to the Church Office.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 7. Please contact the church office with the names of those you would like remembered.

12-STEP MASS

12-Step Mass—6 pm, Tuesday October 5, at the church. If you are in a 12-step program, or know someone living with addiction, you might find meaning in the 12-Step Mass. This service of Holy Eucharist joins each part of the service with an aspect of the 12-Steps, and provides a means for bringing oneself closer to God in worship. The Rev. Mark Stiegler will be the celebrant, and all are invited.

CONNECTING WITH THE SACRED POSTPONED

This Yoga and Meditation program has been postponed until January! More information is coming!



Happy Birthday!

4: LUCINDA SEQUEIRA
6: JAKOB WHEELER
8: JANE INGLE
9: DAVID LAMPHIER
26: DAN WHEELER, JR.
30: JENNIFER LOCHNER

Happy Anniversary!

5: REV. VIRGINIA & BRAD SMITH
30: GINA & BILL HURLEY

FISH FOOD CLOSET HOLIDAY PLANS

Again this year we are following COVID-19 protocols at the food closet. We are on limited staff and are restricting meeting as a group. Some of our supporting donors are also restricting some group projects so we are choosing to help local families have holiday meals by giving them gift cards for food instead of baskets filled with holiday foods. The local families who received the gift cards last year were thrilled to be able to have a holiday meal. They were very excited also to plan their menu for the holidays with their own family favorite foods. We found this was a blessing for the families and for the volunteers so we don't have any reservations about doing it again. The donations that came in last year were very generous, which enabled every family helped by the food closet to have a nice holiday meal!

Gift cards to HFMP/MMMP, Walmart, Wegmans or Tops are welcome. If you choose to not purchase a gift card but would still like to donate, checks may be made out to the : FISH Food Closet. Gift cards and checks may be mailed to FISH Food Closet, 153 East Street, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472.

The food closet will continue to collect and give out regular food all year. Some of the items we are in need of are: chunky beef and vegetable soups, canned chicken, canned ravioli, canned stew, cereal, instant oatmeal in packets, tea, crackers, broth, cranberry juice, grape juice, canned fruit, small boxes of sugar, mayo, miracle whip, jams, Kleenex, toilet tissue, dish soap and laundry soap. Food donations may be dropped off to a food closet volunteer's porch at 25 Stonefield Place (off of York Street), Honeoye Falls. If you need more information, need food or have questions please call the food closet phone number: 484-7103. Thank you for whatever you are able to do to help! We wish you healthy, happy and fun holidays!

~Volunteers of the FISH Combined Communities Food Closet



THANK YOU
to all who made our 2nd Annual Fall Flea and Fun such a success!



September 27: Virginia and Allene with staff from **Senator Samra Brouk's office and the Worker Justice Center** put on a clinic for persons seeking application assistance for the **NYS Excluded Worker Fund**. As the name implies, this fund helps persons, especially migrant laborers, who were not able to access other COVID relief funds. Yet another way St. John's is reaching into the community!



DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

One of the most special pieces of the St. John's campus is our historic set of bells. You may hear the bells on Sunday mornings, or at various times during the week. What do you know about our bells and our bell ringers? Let's start with the facts. The bell tower was added to the church building in 1855. Our set of 16 bells was made by Meneely/Wvelt in Watervliet, NY and installed in 1927. Technically, our bells are really chimes, in which the bell swings just enough for the clapper to strike but does not swing from side to side. Each bell is affixed to a lever, which, when pressed, bell to strike the clapper. Of the 750 known sets of chimes in the US, only 72 sets have 16 or more bells. Ours are considered to be in excellent condition.

The bells are played by striking the lever, or pushing the lever manually. Each lever is marked with the musical note of that bell, as well as a number. Our current "main" player is Maggie Gibbons, who has been at it for 10 years. The bells used to be played via a small keyboard at the organ. Over time, the connection to that keyboard was lost, and Maggie went up into the tower with an electrician to figure out if the bells could be reconnected. The short answer: not easily.

Nevertheless, Maggie was hooked. She has since transposed many hymns and other songs to be played manually, using a number system. She admits that all one sees when looking at the transpositions is a string of numbers and letters corresponding to each lever; one has to know the rhythm of the songs to really play the tune. For that reason, she has tacked up the Westminster Carol and has Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ready to go for anyone who tries the bells for the first time. Both tunes are easy to play. Most recently, Maggie's grandson Jack Ingle gave the bells a try during our Fall Flea!

There is no heat or cooling up in the tower, so one must be willing to bear the elements. Maggie keeps gloves up there to warm her hands in the winter. Playing is physically strenuous, and she only plays for about 15 minutes at a time. Maggie shared that mice or squirrels once ate one of her books of music, and "it really freaked me out." However, she is intrepid and keeps climbing that ladder. When asked about the non-hymn music she plays, Maggie said: "Sometimes I run off the rails and play other things. A little bit of whimsy. I always do Happy Birthday dear Jesus on Christmas Eve."

Recently, Chris Baron has joined Maggie in the bell tower. Chris enjoyed listening to church bells as a kid and says they always brought a sense of peace and curiosity as he tried to figure out the song being played. When he heard our bells being played, he asked who was playing. "That's Maggie," people said, and Chris replied: "Who's Maggie??" Soon, he was following her up the ladder, and he thought it was fantastic! He says, "It's a very heavenly sound. It's subtle, but you hear it very far away. It's peaceful and enjoyable. I'm cheating when I play. Maggie has written down the notes and the numbers of each lever, and I'm reading those. She made it easy. I can do Amazing Grace, but I'm learning the timing on others. I need to listen to the hymns so I can get the timing better. Maggie is a great teacher—very funny! She's got a very cheerful, upbeat attitude, and encourages me not to give up and to keep trying."

Amen to that! If you're interested in learning more about the bells, please speak with Maggie or Chris. They'd be happy to give you a tour and teach you how to play too!



Spaghetti or Lasagna Supper



Saturday, October 16, 5-7pm

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
11 EPISCOPAL AVE, HONEOYE FALLS**

Salad, Main Dish and Dessert Included

Additional Bake Sale

Drive-thru or Dine in!

Adults: \$12 | Seniors: \$8 | Children ages 5-18: \$8 | Children under 5: FREE

OCTOBER

Sunday

Monday

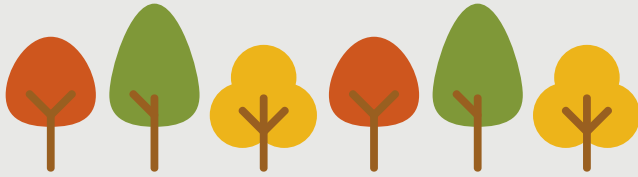
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1
2pm
Warden's
Meeting

2

3
**Blessing of
the Animals**
Pentecost 19

4
6:30pm
Girl Scout
Troop
60249
Meeting -
PH

5
11am
Bible Study

6pm
12-Step Mass

6
5pm
Girl Scout
Troop 61044
Meeting - PH
6pm
Evening
Prayer
7pm
AA Meeting -
PH

7
12pm
Silver
Spoons

8
2pm
Warden's
Meeting

9
9am
Quilting
Group - PH

10
Pentecost 20

11
**Columbus /
Indigenous
People's Day**

12
11am
Bible Study

13
6pm
Evening
Prayer

7pm
AA Meeting -
PH

14

15

16
5pm
Spaghetti /
Lasagna
Supper

17
Pentecost 21

18
6:30pm
Girl Scout
Troop
60249
Meeting -
PH

19
11am
Bible Study

7pm
Vestry
Meeting

20
6pm
Evening
Prayer

7pm
AA Meeting -
PH

21

22
2pm
Warden's
Meeting

23

24
Pentecost 22

25

26
11am
Bible Study

27
6pm
Evening
Prayer

7pm
AA Meeting -
PH

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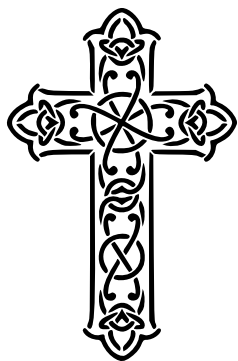
29
2pm
Warden's
Meeting

30

31
Pentecost 23



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Health and well-being:

Theresa, Turi, John, Keith, Elaine, Roger, Josie, George, Stephen, Tom, Mike, Bev, Rosemary, Gloria, Kate, Maryanne, Harold, Kathryn and Taran

For those who have died:

Ronnie, David, Paul, Doug, Elissa, and Rocky



FINANCIAL UPDATE



Thanks to YOU (and the stock market), St. John's is enjoying a terrific year financially.

Pledge and plate are well ahead of budget, and our August Year-to-Date financial report shows that our deficit is just a fraction of what we had predicted. Thank you to those of you who paid your pledge in advance, and to those who have given more than you pledged.

Thanks also for your help with fundraising efforts such as the can and bottle return through Nickel and Dime and the Fall Flea and Fun Event. We do anticipate at least two draws on our endowment to assist with cash flows before the end of the year. Luckily, the endowment is also doing very well, due to stellar stock market performance. As of August 31, total assets were \$358,124. Total liabilities were \$4,991.

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