



ST. JOHN'S HONEOYE FALLS NEWS

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

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ABIDING LOVE

BY THE VERY REV. VIRGINIA TYLER SMITH

Recently, i was lamenting to a Jewish friend that the entire world of the church had changed, and it felt strange. He quickly reminded me that, throughout our history, Christians have evolved and adapted to the time. The early church had to find new ways to worship outside of Jerusalem. The church also had to find new languages for prayer as it moved into new places.

Congregations had to develop new structures of leadership as the church became more formalized. And through wars, famines, disease outbreaks, the rise of literacy, and even the discovery of new continents, the church adapted. Our architecture changed, our modes of being changed.

Change is, in fact, the one thing that Jesus promised us. Throughout his ministry and his teaching, he advises us that we need to listen and understand because he is going on ahead of us. How are we listening and understanding now?

I almost can't count the number of changes we have done since early March. We now gather on video and phone. We've mastered some of that technology and become mentors for our peers. We've added new voices and ways of expressing ourselves. We are live-streaming on Facebook. We are giving online. We are responding to the community's needs. (next page)

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JOIN US!

SUNDAY SERVICE 10 AM

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY
11 AM

WEDNESDAY CHECK-IN
CALL 11 AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING
PRAYER 6 PM

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

FISH NEEDS

The food closet is pretty well stocked but they are low on canned peas, corn, carrots, kidney beans, pears, mandarin oranges and ketchup. They are out of laundry soap and liquid hand soap. If you are able to, please drop off donations outside the church office and we will get them to FISH!



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We are making masks, and gathering food, and serving those who need meals, and sending cards and funds to those who need support.

With all of these changes, I have observed one very important thing. Love remains the thing that glues us together. When Jesus said, "Abide in Me, and I in you," ((John 15:4) he was telling us to live our lives in faith, serving others as we have been served, and trusting in the limitless love of God.

We want to do the right thing in this changing time. We want to be present. We want to be compassionate. We want to love (and to be loved).

One of the greatest gifts of this time has been how it has opened us up to our own desire for connection and sharing. That is the love that God wants to give us, and for us to give each other. Abide in that love, Abide in him. We will get through this, and we are now, and every shall be blessed by God.

Yoga with Gaie

Thursday evenings at 7 pm via ZOOM!
Participants pay what you can.
The goal is to get us up, get moving, and help us to ease some of our stress.

Email Gaie for more info:
yogagirl23.gg@yahoo.com



BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Tuesday's at 11 am for a Virtual Bible Study!

We will take a look at the scripture readings that will be used in the following Sunday's Service. We will meet on zoom! Use meeting ID 532-398-8617.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Theresa, Rich, Turi, John, Keith, Noah, Allen,
Rosemary, Jane, Karen, Joe, Michael, Pat, Kennedy,
Renee, Mark, Angela, Elaine, Gloria, Jean, Sarah,
Laura, Madelein, Roger and Chris



IF YOU ARE ABLE, PLEASE KEEP YOUR PLEDGES UP-TO- DATE!

While we are only meeting online for the time being, there are three ways to continue your financial support of our shared mission.

- We are still picking up mail from our locked mailbox nearly every day. If you would like to mail in contributions they will be safe until deposited. Our address is: St. John's Church, 11 Episcopal Avenue, Honeoye Falls, NY 14472.
- You can make an immediate online contribution using the Contribute Online button at www.stjohnshoneoyefalls.org. You can designate the contribution as "pledge", "plate", "discretionary fund", or "special gift" and will receive a confirmation receipt in your email. (note that fees are 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction which can be covered by you if you choose)
- If you would like to pledge you can print out and mail the pledge card from the website.

Now available on our website...

Online giving through Tithely!

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HELP THE TENANTS DISPLACED BY THE FIRE:

At the end of April, the Four Seasons Chinese restaurant in Honeoye Falls, suffered a major fire. The restaurant is a complete loss. The families that live above lost their homes. Here are ways you can help our neighbors in need at this time.

1. If you would like to donate towards that gift, please send a check to the office with the words "Fire Assistance" in the memo line.
2. A local organization called the Kade Project is collecting furniture for the families who were displaced: end tables, chairs, a small dresser, love-seat (or same size couch), a medium- sized bookshelf, a small cupboard (for canned goods), cabinet table, 2 tall stools and gift-cards to Wal-Mart or Target.
3. There is a GoFundMe account for the Yang family, the owners of Four Seasons Restaurant. The fund will be used to help them restart their business. A link can be found in the almost daily emails!

Worship via livestream

JOIN THE SUNDAY SERVICE ON ST. JOHN'S FACEBOOK PAGE--
INVITE A FRIEND, SHARE IT WITH OTHERS ON YOUR PAGE, OR
CHECK OUT THE SERVICE LATER IN THE WEEK--THE FEED
STAYS UP UNTIL THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY!

VETERANS' OUTREACH CENTER NEEDS YOUR HELP!

John Rutkowski, our liaison to the Veterans' Outreach Center, spoke with their staff recently. They are serving a variety of veterans who are staying at their shelter during the crisis. They need our help with the following:

- non perishable fruits and vegetables
- canned goods
- rice, pasta, grains
- and (of course) toilet paper.

If you'd like to add these items to your grocery order, John will be happy to pick them up from your front porch. Please call John directly at 598-4335 for more information.

FORWARD DAY *by* DAY

The latest copies of Forward Day by Day have arrived! If you would like a copy, please reach out to John Rutkowski at 598-4335!



DID YOU HEAR THAT?!



The church bells are ringing!

Pay close attention if you are in town, because you never know when you'll hear them! They ring "when the Spirit moves"!

Thank you Maggie and Will!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MAY 5: IRENE TERRY
MAY 8: RACHEL SEQUEIRA
& DAN WHEELER
MAY 9: SANDRA CARBONE
& JULIE CLOUGH
MAY 16: EVELYN GAY MILLS
MAY 27: WILL INGLE
MAY 30: KAYLA HANSEN

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Easter 4	4	5 11 am Bible Study	6 11 am Check-In Call 6 pm EP	7	8	9
10 Easter 5 Bishop Singh Visits!	11 	12 11 am Bible Study 7 pm Vestry	13 11 am Check-In Call 6 pm EP	14	15	16
17 Easter 6	18	19 11 am Bible Study	20 11 am Check-In Call 6 pm EP	21	22	23
24 Easter 5	25 	26 11 am Bible Study	27 11 am Check-In Call 6 pm EP	28	29	30
31 Easter 6	<p>Our Sunday Services are now LIVE streamed on Facebook! </p> <p>If you would like printed copies of the readings mailed to you, please let Jill know (info@stjohnshoneyefalls.org)</p> 					

SUMMARY OF THE SALE OF THE RAND HOUSE

In April we completed the sale of the Rand House, the rectory that we owned since 1876. It was quite an adventure to sell the property, involving various levels of Diocesan and Court review, as well as re-routing of utilities and a number of projects to research titles, deeds, and property lines. In total, staff, Vestry and our various consultants spent hundreds of hours to complete the sale. We welcome our new neighbors, Joel and Kelly Kreider. Once we are able to gather again in person, we will hold a party to welcome them.

In the meantime, here is an accounting of the sale:

Total proceeds: \$121,000

Expenses:

Relocation of the utilities:	\$21,300
Legal	\$ 6,384
Engineering	\$ 1,470
Appraisal	\$ 500
Permits	\$ 500
Repairs	<u>\$ 458</u>
Total Expenses	\$30,612

Net proceeds: **\$90,388**

The proceeds were deposited into our operating account, and will be transferred to our endowment. Thank you to the various firms with which we worked to complete this transaction, including Trevett Christo attorneys, the Village of Honeoye Falls, the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, McMahon LaRue Engineers, AP Plumbing, and James Heath.

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