



ST. JOHN'S HONEOYE FALLS NEWS

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

FALL CLEANING, NEW MEANING

BY THE VERY REV. VIRGINIA TYLER SMITH

At the end of every summer, I always get an urge to clean. More to the point, I get an urge to clean OUT. Sometimes I want to organize decades of old tackle at the family cottage. One year I went on a rampage and organized my pantry (complete with labeled bins for grains, baking supplies, canned goods, cookie decorating, and the like). This year it's linen closets and desk drawers. I can't explain why I get these urges. Maybe I'm watching the end of summer and going through some primordial need to nest before the coming cold weather.

This year, my urge to purge has been aided by a book my friend Rebecca recommended. Rebecca reads far more than I do, and I can always trust her recommendations. The book is *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning*, by Margareta Magnusson. I admit that I'd never heard of Swedish death cleaning before. (I had heard of Swedish death metal, which is an especially loud and grating form of heavy metal music. Apparently, that's a different concept entirely.)

The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning is a short little book, based around the idea that when someone dies, other people must clean out the dead person's home. Magnusson wrote her book, as a person "somewhere between 80 and 100 years old," to encourage people not to wait for their loved ones to do the task. She encourages sorting things to give to friends and loved ones who can use the items now and appreciate them while you can still explain why the items matter. My mother did this for us years ago. She sorted through various platters and serving items, explaining both who had given the items, and how they came to her—wedding gifts, Christmas, things she inherited herself. Mom was living out, "Where your treasure is, there your hearts is also."—Matthew 6:21. When I later inherited some of Mom's things, I could appreciate them all the more.

My father didn't do any of this. When he died, we all stood outside a storage unit in the rain, wondering what to do with all of his "treasures."

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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



Save the date!

SEPTEMBER 25



**ST. JOHN'S
2ND ANNUAL
FALL FLEA & FUN
EVENT**



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Except for the most obvious items, such as Alaskan carvings from his time in the Navy, books from his career as a civil engineer, none of the items held much value to us. I nabbed his Cuisinart, thinking that at least I understood what to do with it.

The point is, our houses are full of THINGS. Some of the things have memories, but no one will know those memories unless you explain what their importance is to others. Some of the things have sentimental value only to you. Other things have outlived their usefulness. (Why we have a broken toaster under the counter where the working toaster is, I'll never know.)

Now is the time to consider what you need, what you want others to have, and what you can give to others. You can think of this as a time to share as a gesture of love for the recipient. You'll never use that fishing gear again, but maybe they will! You can also think of this as a time to recycle rather than adding to our planet's ever-growing trash piles. Lastly, and certainly not the least, you can think of your sorting and giving away as a way of unburdening yourself. Jesus said, "Take nothing for your journey. No purse, no bag, no staff."— Luke 9:3. Our stuff can wear us down. It can overwhelm us. Think of how light you will feel without so many THINGS in your way. Trust me, it's a freeing feeling.

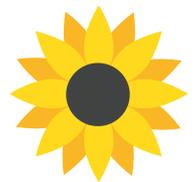
On September 25, we will have our Fall Flea and Fun. This event is a fundraiser for the church, and an opportunity to bring people from the community together. **If you have items that you would like to sell, it's not too late to reserve a space, which is \$20.** We would like to know by September 20, so we can include you as we map out the spaces. You will be responsible for your own set up, staffing on the day of the event, and clean up after the event ends.

If you do not have enough for an entire table or space, then you can donate your items to the church, and we will add them to the general flea market. Please make sure all donated items are in good working order and clean. **We will receive donated items from September 12-22.** PLEASE bring all items by the 22nd so that we can arrange and price the items by the time the event opens on September 25.

I've already gone through a couple of closets and have some good items to donate. These are items that are useful, unique and might be a treasure to someone else. I'm sure you have items like that too. If so, consider the scripture: "See, now is the time..." –2Corinthians 6:2

Happy sorting, and see you at the Flea!

With peace and blessings to you all,
Virginia



SUNDAY SERVERS

Date	Crucifer	Old Testament	Psalm	New Testament	Prayers	Altar Guild
9/5	Mary Jo Smith	Chris Baron	Allene Baillargeon	Jonathan Motherwell	Josie Meza	Deb Donahoe
9/12	Ray Locke	Kaelin Allmendinger	Cindy Hebda	Mary Jo Smith	Jan Metcalf	
9/19	Allan Shafer	John Rutkowski	Mary Jo Smith	Mark Stiegler	Judy Haravitch	Ray Locke
9/26	Mary Jo Smith	Gina Hurley	Ray Locke	Shelly Shellman	Cindy Lamphier	

GETTING TO KNOW

John Rutkowski

Many of you know John Rutkowski from his involvement in the Veteran's Outreach Center. John and his partner Audet Price are very involved with Silver Spoons and Coffee Hour as well! John has also agreed to coordinate our readers for our Sunday worship. Here's an interview with John—a man of many talents!



1. You've been a member on and off for a long time. You've even served as our parish administrator in the past! How has the parish changed over the years?

The parish has become more welcoming and 'parish-community' centered. (That is what Audet felt right away.)

2. Is there a favorite memory that you have from your time here?

My favorite memory may be when Glora Ulrop jumped right in to help me when we held the barn sale at my farm (summer of 2019). I really didn't know her well before that event.

3. Say a word or two about your secular career.

I had a broad work experience; Xerox, Gannett, Federal Government (the last 18 years of my career) often in management/leadership roles. My education was in Chemistry which was especially valuable in the production of materials to produce currency (ink, paper, et al). I was responsible for the quality/security of paper produced for Federal Reserve Notes.

4. What are your passions outside of church?

My interests outside of church include gardening, antiques, and most recently support for the Veterans Outreach Center. (Audet and I are both veterans. Audet served in Viet Nam.)

5. What inspired you to take on the role as coordinator of the readers?

I agreed to serve as coordinator of the readers' schedule to try to balance the activity so that all of the readers would be able to feel that they were contributing and sharing in this parish activity somewhat regularly and without partiality. It is marvelous to see so many ready and willing to participate. Several said they would be happy to read but had never been asked. Inclusiveness in parish life, I think, is a critical factor in parishioners' staying in the fold.

6. What's the best part about being a reader?

For me, the best part of being a reader is trying to bring to the congregants the lessons we learn each week. Whether I am the reader or not, I take those lessons into my head and heart to live the next week through.

7. If someone wanted to become a reader, what would you encourage them to do?

If someone wants to be a reader, they should talk to you or me about what that means. The lessons should not be read at one's fastest reading ability. They should be read somewhat slowly with emphasis on what the writer of the lesson was trying to get across. The reader should project and speak clearly so that the listeners can follow and think about what the lesson is teaching. It often means that the reader should read the lesson in advance a couple of times so they are prepared to be heard.

For more information about reading, the Veterans Outreach Center, or how you can become more involved, you can reach John directly at uskirt61@gmail.com.

IT'S COFFEE O'CLOCK!



Volunteer to host Coffee Hour!

Sign-up on the sheet in the Parish House or through the link in the weekly email.

HELP NEEDED!

Fall Flea & Fun volunteers are need to:

- set up on Friday 9/24,
- provide items for the bake sale
- clean-up after the event

The following supplies are also needed:

- masking tape
- contractor-sized garbage bags
- large garbage cans that we can borrow for the day

Please contact the church office if you are able to help with any of this!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



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.

Blessing of the Animals—Sunday, October 3, at the church. We will offer blessings for all of our pets and animal loved ones. No critter too small, no elephant too big! All God's creatures got a place in the choir!

Fall Spaghetti/Lasagna Dinner—Saturday, October 16, 5-7 pm, in the Parish House. Tell your friends! Tell your family! No one will leave hungry!

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

The graphic features a green background with a string of colorful bunting flags at the top. On the left, there is a red party hat with confetti. In the center, there is a small illustration of a birthday cake with lit candles. On the right, there is a colorful party popper.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Virginia will be at a Transition Conference September 13 - 17. For pastoral emergencies, please contact the Very Rev. Ginny Mazzarella at 683-2448</p>	<p>1 6pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>7 pm AA Meeting - PH</p>	<p>2 12 pm Silver Spoons</p>	<p>3 2 pm Warden's Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>		
<p>5 Pentecost 15</p> <p>Will & Jane Ingle</p>	<p>6 Labor Day</p> 	<p>7 11am Bible Study</p>	<p>8 6pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>7 pm AA Meeting - PH</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 2 pm Warden's Meeting</p> <p>Samantha Lloyd</p>	<p>11 9am Quilting Group - PH</p>
<p>12 Pentecost 16</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7 pm AA Meeting - PH</p> <p>Gary & Judy Reinhard</p>	<p>16 Jan Metcalf</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>Virginia at Transition Conference</p>						
<p>19 Pentecost 17</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 11am Bible Study</p> <p>7 pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>22 6pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>7 pm AA Meeting - PH</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 2 pm Warden's Meeting</p> <p>Gary Reinhard 5-7 pm Flea Set Up</p>	<p>25 9 am Fall Flea & Fun</p> 
<p>26 Pentecost 18</p>	<p>27 Cynthia Archbold</p>	<p>28 11am Bible Study</p>	<p>29 6pm Evening Prayer</p> <p>7 pm AA Meeting - PH</p>	<p>30</p>		



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

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