

The Messenger

JULY 2021

RECTOR'S COLUMN

by The Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund



In his article on hospitality on the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE) webpage, Brother Luke expands the notion of hospitality way beyond entertaining guests and even beyond friendship. He describes relationship, healing, and being present to another human being.

He writes,

“Hospitality becomes healing when I am so present to another that they are able to be fully themselves. *Who are you? How are you?* Hospitality means my attentive response to you, making space for you to show up as you are.” I invite you to visit the webpage where he has many questions for us to ponder and much more to pray about and think about on the subject of hospitality. <https://www.ssje.org/monasticwisdom/hospitality/>

You may remember that St. Paul's was awarded a Clergy Renewal grant by the Lilly Foundation in 2019. Last summer, the summer of 2020, you and I were to enter into the theme of the grant, “Deepening Our Practice of Christian Hospitality.” I was to take a trip overseas to study ancient practices of Christian Hospitality. You were to enjoy the wonders of Scriptural hospitality by studying with New Testament scholar Deidre Good, Ph.D. A few of you were to take a weekend retreat with Brother Luke at the SSJE monastery on the subject of monastic hospitality. As we know, the pandemic forced closures and ended international travel last summer. We were unable to enter into our plans for Clergy Renewal.

Fortunately, I was able to rewrite aspects of the grant, and I am able to take three months of renewal starting September 13 until December 11 this fall. On my part, I will still be honoring the theme of hospitality, taking six cooking classes right here in Maine, and host my siblings down east in a rented cottage (in November and December). As a parish, we are emerging to begin our own path of discovering God's call to expand hospitality as we regather in person this summer and fall.

I want to share an experience I had last week in my neighborhood that informed me as to why hospitality, which Brother Luke describes, has captured me. Hospitality is deeply relevant to us all as we open up and reach out.

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Newcomer's Brunch

Saturday, July 10
at 10:00 a.m.

in the Memorial Garden
to meet the Vestry.

All newcomers,
even if you've been with us
for a couple of years,
are invited!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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There is a basketball goal at the “T” end of my street, Spring at Thompson Street. I walk Sophie in the evenings and frequently pass by this basketball goal. There is always a small group of boys dribbling in the street and shooting, mostly missing that very high basket. They shoot and dribble, shoot and dribble. I love the noise. After all, I’m from Kansas, where basketball was invented.

Last week, there were two boys under the basket. One, about ten years old, was dribbling, dribbling. The other boy was maybe six. He was stomping away from the older boy muttering what I hope wasn’t the four-letter word I thought I heard! He stopped muttering when he looked up and saw me.

His older brother hadn’t been passing the ball to him. Yes, that was naughty and selfish. But what I loved was seeing that 10-year-old boy singularly focused on his technique of dribbling and shooting, dribbling and shooting. Three in a row, he shot and scored. I looked at him and said, “Great shooting!” He looked up but didn’t miss a dribble. He looked at me and broke into a grin right before he pivoted toward the basket and shot another 2-pointer. His ever so brief smile told me a bit about him. It told me that he was proud to have someone notice his talent but was bashful to have me know he was proud.

I went further and said, “You have a really good wrist for making baskets.” He shot and scored again, five in a row. I applauded and then walked toward my house with Sophie. As I walked, I felt tears come to my eyes. I loved how much I had connected with my neighbor at that moment. He grinned a kind of self-conscious grin that told me he was delighted to be noticed. My 10-year-old basketball player neighbor showed delight on his face. My tears told me something about me, too. That his 65-year-old neighbor was proud of him and he delighted in it.

All the way home, I thanked God for my neighbor and this moment of brief connection. It was clear that my experience was godly neighbor-love. Maybe I’ll never experience it again with him. But I was also clear that what we shared was a moment of hospitality. The kind that Brother Luke writes about. What we shared was being fully ourselves.

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Our parish is preparing to set up what we call “Coffee on the Corner,” funded in part by the sabbatical grant. The project is already underway with a brightly painted picnic table, thanks to the Rev. Katie Holicky, our youth, and our family group. Read about “Coffee on the Corner” in this issue. My hope and prayer for “Coffee on the Corner” as we emerge from the terrible pandemic and isolation is that we are granted delight when we connect with a neighbor.

SUMMER SCHEDULE 2021

(Not at all-inclusive. We are also very busy with fellowship groups, bible study, hybrid meetings this summer!)

- **Sundays, June 20 – August 15** (except July 11 pre-recorded Diocese of Maine spiritual Eucharist)
 - 10:30 a.m. “Picnic Eucharist” under the canopy in the Memorial Garden.
 - 2:00 p.m. Family “Picnic Eucharist” and Family Group, Memorial Garden.
- Friday, July 2, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, “test run” of “**Coffee on the Corner.**” Pleasant and Union Streets
- Saturday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. Vestry sponsored **Newcomers Brunch.** Under the canopy in the Memorial Garden.
- Sunday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. **Pre-recorded Diocese of Maine Spiritual Eucharist.**

PROJECT SCHEDULES

- The month of July Installation and planting of Rain Garden, sponsored by Earth Care. On the west lawn outside of the west transept.
- July 5 Vinyl flooring installed in restrooms and sacristy.
- July 12 Vinyl flooring installed in the kitchen.
- August 2 Tentative date to begin installing carpet tile. Three-week project. Installing in the nursery, Lion’s room (old choir room), hallway, Great Hall, parish office, steps, and landing into the vestibule.

“Hospitality becomes healing when I am so present to another that they are able to be fully themselves.”

Brother Luke, SSJE

ST. PAUL'S COFFEE ON THE CORNER OFFERS NEIGHBORLY CONNECTION

by Rev. Carolyn H. Eklund

On one of the busiest corners in the heart of Brunswick, the people of St. Paul's are being called to practice Christian hospitality. This summer of 2021, when our Brunswick community has spent 15 months closed up and taking precautions against the deadly pandemic, we are heading out to the corner of Pleasant and Union to share conversation and a cup of coffee with our neighbors.

"Coffee on the Corner" was born out of our clear calling to hospitality as the St. Paul's Lilly Grant writing committee envisioned our proposal, "Deepening the Practice of Christian Hospitality." Not only have we lived into this call to hospitality from our earliest days of over 175 years of ministry, but we also practiced it even in the 2020-2021 pandemic. At the beginning of the pandemic, one of the first things this parish organized was a team to bring food and other supplies to those quarantined.

As our Brunswick community opens up a bit, our Hospitality Ministry, led by Nancy Whitehouse and Caroline Russell, is planning the launch of "Coffee on the Corner." **On Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to Noon**, two volunteers will offer coffee and a small bag (compostable) with a cookie to neighbors who pass by. Perhaps they will strike up a friendly conversation. Perhaps a smile and a wave of the hand are all that's needed to convey friendship. I believe that God is calling us to this simple neighborhood presence of hospitality as a sign of God's grace and love.

The grant St. Paul's was awarded from Lilly Foundation for Clergy Renewal (the Rector's sabbatical grant) funded a picnic table. Nancy Whitehouse and Hugh Savage brought it from Lowes to St. Paul's. Nancy primed it and finished it. The St. Paul's Family Group, headed by the Rev. Katie Holicky, our assistant rector, painted the table in bright colors. And look! Here is a photo of its joyful glory! Thank you all.



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"Coffee on the Corner." On Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to Noon



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And now, we are poised as a parish called to connect with the world in a friendly, loving, and prayerful way. What other joy can there be in our life of faith than to offer coffee, a cookie, and conversation on one of the busiest corners in the heart of Brunswick?

- Please sign up to be part of a duo that serves on Fridays from 10 to Noon at the corner.
- Or sign up to bake cookies, no more than a dozen.
- Sign up by emailing the parish office: stpauls@stpaulsmaine.org



I'm excited about the possibilities "Coffee on the Corner" offers us to live fully into the promise, "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" Extending Coffee and a cookie offers a beautiful beginning.

Surely, Jesus is smiling.

ST. PAUL'S SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

Sunday Worship

- "Picnic Eucharist" 10:30 a.m. in the Memorial Garden
- Family "Picnic Eucharist" 2:00 p.m. in the Memorial Garden
 - If storms are predicted, Facebook Live.
 - *Exploring the Sermon* at 11:30 a.m. will **not** meet over the summer.

Week Day Worship

- Daily Morning Prayer and Compline starting July 6
 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Facebook Live.

Please note, the Wednesday afternoon Bible Study, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., will **not** meet over the summer.



A NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR

by Rev. Katie Holicky

It has been such a year! We have felt heartache as distance took priority for the safety of us all. We have also learned how to be flexible and creative in new ways. We have connected via Zoom and in the Garden, and learned so much about the ways in which we can remain the Body of Christ outside of our church walls. The creativity of this season of life and flexibility are yet to leave us. I pray these virtues of creativity and flexibility stay with us as we move forward into the future, as opposed to returning back to what was.

There will be some changes in our shared life together as the people of St. Paul's. We have tried on Family Group and come to love that as a mode of learning and connecting in community. This summer and into the next school year this will likely stay with us as a new way of doing "church school" formation together. Worship will change a bit too... mostly by way of schedule. While it has been a gift to stay a faithful worshiping body via Zoom, we look forward to coming back in person! What will always remain the same is the love and faith that binds as the Body of Christ no matter what!

- **June 20th - mid August** we will gather in the afternoon 2pm worship, 2:30 Family Group
 - **Youth Group** will continue to meet at 1pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Youth will be discussing how their schedule will change with Katie during our summer gatherings.
- **By mid August we will gather in the morning, 9:30 worship, followed by Family Group at 10:15.**
 - A few notes about that change:
 - We will give a firm date as it becomes more clear when the first floor flooring renovations will be completed.
 - We will take turns leading the Family Group time of prayer, story, and play. So, please keep an eye out for sign ups for leading Family Group.
- In general:
 - We will remain masked and stay outside under the tent while kiddos under the age of 12 await access to vaccines only moving into the hall with windows and doors open should it rain. After everyone has access to vaccines we will consider moving indoors permanently. *Once indoors, we will provide a digital connection to worship as well.

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I leave you with this image of the Easter Sunday flowers that are still in bloom on our front porch. As I come and go I am reminded of the promise of new life, and I feel that fresh new life is coming to greet us again as we prepare to come together in person. Please reach out with any clarifying questions you may have about the schedule.

Blessings to you!
With love and hope,
Rev. Katie Holicky, Assistant Rector

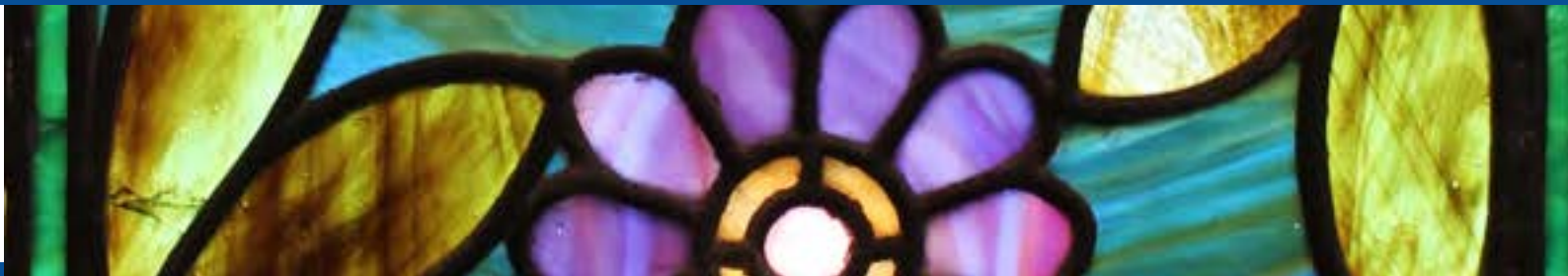


THANK YOU!

by Susan Tyler

Thank you for the lovely gathering on Sunday, May 30, and to all who contributed towards the generous gift. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at St. Paul's. It has been a privilege and a blessing to have been a part of this caring parish. When Rev. Dan Warren mentioned that the parish was looking for someone to work in the office one Sunday in 2002, I could never have guessed that I would be starting a nineteen-year journey. I have had the joy to work with many dedicated, faithful, and talented people. I'm not going to list them as I am sure the list would not be complete, but I thank them all for their generosity and counsel through the years.

Blessings and Peace to you all.
Susan



FROM THE MUSIC DESK

by Randy Day, Music Ministry Director

One memorable summer, I traveled for two weeks in Italy as an accompanist for Bach Festival Choir. One particularly humid day, our itinerary took us to Pompeii, a city studied years before in World Civilization class. Walking over the large, square, dusty stones, surveying scenes I'd only viewed in a textbook, I was struck by the calm, warmth, and serenity of the ruins. I mused about that final day in the city's existence before Vesuvius destroyed the area and decimated the population. How quickly serenity flipped to destruction! Did the inhabitants have any time to pray, make peace, and accept their fate?

Globally and personally, we have been challenged over a greater period than just a few hours to deal with the loss of life, change of routine, diminished social interaction, and reliance on alternative means to communicate, not always leaving us fulfilled and replenished. So, where have we turned for inspiration, hope, and clarity of thought and purpose? In those moments when the pandemic has struck us dumb and left us at a low ebb, how have we responded?

You might think my musician head and heart would turn to song. Well, you would be partially correct. Yet, I've experienced more than my share of silence and solitude with the lack of music-making per usual. And it's one thing to choose to be alone and quiet, quite another when dictated for you!

So I've turned to lyrics, texts, verbal inspiration unadorned by rhythm or sound or voice or instrument. Below I've shared lines from hymns and tunes that have guided, nurtured, and inspired me these many months. But before I compile that list for you, allow me to update you on St. Paul's music ministry going forward. This summer, individuals and quartets will lead the hymns during our outdoor worship services from June 20 until we re-convene in the Nave for in-person worship. For Sundays, July 4 and August 1, we will have the delight of George Lopez being with us as keyboardist. As in past summers, St. Paul's choir will be taking a hiatus, this time from our weekly Zoom meetings, hopefully gathering again in the fall, when permitted, to rehearse and prepare for worship.

Now to that list.....

- "Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home."
- "No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you. Lean, weary one, upon His breast, God will take care of you."

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- “Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.”
- “Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow....”
- “When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies, I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free; His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me....”
- “Lead me, guide me,....I am weak and I need thy strength and power...Help me through the darkness thy face to see...”
- “In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.”
- “There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.”
- “Fill me, joy of Jesus: anxiety shall cease and heaven’s serenity be mine, for Jesus brings me peace.”
- “Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain lying in darkness does in life retain, in resurrection to grow green again. Alleluia!”
- “Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as we go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.”
- “Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us....”
- “Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.”
- “Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.”

The above quotes are a drop in the bucket compared to the exhaustive total of texts that have helped me through the pandemic and goaded me on to more hope, fuller joy. My desire in sharing these few lines is that the words will ignite in you a renewal of melody and turn you toward the Light and Provider of our faith and future. Join the musicians of St. Paul’s every step of the way as we head in the direction of corporate praise once again, my greatest joy each Sunday. We will once more sing our Alleluias in unison and harmony. We will return to hymns and Glorias and sung prayers. Let’s celebrate each step made on that journey.

To all musicians who assisted with pre-recorded services or singing live at any moment during the past months, I say a huge thank you. To all parishioners who’ve sung from your couches and other moments when alone, or perhaps when you joined our online hymn sings, another big thank you is in order. Finally, to those who’ve prayed for Parish leadership as we’ve navigated the ‘how’ of worship during this alternative life event, yet again, thank you.

In gratitude for all of you and your voice and heart, Randy Day



EARTH CARE NOTE

by Deborah Goodwin, EarthCare member



As many of you know, “hospitality” has been a prominent theme at St. Paul’s for a few years now. With the sure guidance of Hugh Savage, Nancy Whitehouse, and members of the Earth Care committee, hospitality is taking a new turn this summer.

In March 2021, Martha Burt wrote in this column about plans for a rain garden that Hugh had advanced a few years ago, to be created to help manage run-off from the church’s roof along the Union Street side of the building. “Hmm,” you say, “that’s fine, but hospitality...?”

Managing the water flow from rain or snowmelt on our roof will be helpful – hospitable – to pedestrians walking along the sidewalk who might otherwise face puddles or ice. A rain garden captures excess water in a shallow depression planted with vegetation that can quickly absorb water flow. The same plants can also endure bouts of dryness, thanks to their deep and sturdy root systems.

The garden also acts as a filtration system, helping to absorb chemicals mixed with the roof run-off, or splashed up from the street. When it rains or snows, runoff from streets and yards flows into storm drains, dragging along pet waste, lawn chemicals, litter, spilled oil and gas, etc. This runoff goes untreated into our rivers and coastal waters. The prime source of pollution to our local waterways often can be traced to run-off from impervious surfaces. Filtered through the garden, excess groundwater will enter the storm drains cleaner than it would have been after running off the roof. The cleaner – more hospitable! -- water ultimately reaches the Androscoggin River, home to native wildlife and plants.

Finally, the plants that the Earth Care group and other volunteers will plant in the rain garden will be native to Maine or greater New England. Unlike the many familiar plants that we may love for their singular beauty or unusual characteristics, native vegetation – also beautiful and unusual – underpins the lives of essential insects and other fauna that are increasingly challenged by lack of habitat. We will be choosing plants that can serve as hosts for endangered or threatened species of butterflies, native bees, and other essential pollinators. “Hosts,” you murmur. “Now that really sounds like hospitality!”

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Watch for signs of development along the Union Street side of St. Paul's. Our church maintenance partner, Delroy Taylor, also operates a landscaping business. He will be doing the site work, and planting will follow over the course of the summer. In the meantime, if you want to add native plants to your garden, check out Michael Anne Banks's column about Maine Audubon's summer-long native plant sale in June's Messenger.

If you would like to join in Earth Care's work, please reach out to any committee member, which includes Martha Burt, Michael Anne and Tim Banks, Jeff DeBlieu, Richard and Anne Brautigam, Rebecca McConnaughey and Deborah Goodwin, among others.



MY STORY OF GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

by Carol Thomas, member of the Healing Prayer Team

This is the eighth of several healing stories that the Healing Prayer Team is eager to share with you. The stories and writers are all different, but they all speak of God's healing presence in the life of the author. Because the accounts have inspired us and encouraged us, we want to share them with you.

My family tree is littered with alcoholism. It includes violent alcoholics who were in their third marriage or some other mess so common in situations like ours. I became aware of our family's "situation" pretty early on. As I grew, I watched the punishing abuse my mother sustained. I had a picture of Jesus above my bed, and one night I heard His words to me, "Do not be afraid, Carol." I told my mother about it the next morning. She passed me a knowing look, but nothing more.

Soon things changed for me. I daily feared my father's violence. Dinnertime was one of the worst times of day. We always uttered the "Come, Lord Jesus" prayer before eating. I would then feel the tension rise in me, since I was never sure when my father would find reason to shout at me and harshly slap my head and face. I have remembered glimpses of scrambling to retrieve my glasses and quietly regaining my seat at the table. No one said a word, and this became "normal." Then an event that became life-altering for me took place the summer after high school graduation.

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Unbeknownst to my father, my mother had traveled to Milwaukee. He was over-the-top angry about it. My sister, Linda, and I were home alone with him. After supper one night, I saw an opportunity to have fun. I gathered up all the kids on my block and piled everyone into my used baby blue Ford Fairlane for a trip to the Dairy Queen in town. We were a happy bunch going for ice cream on a hot summer evening, and THERE WERE NO PARENTS ALONG! I remember that singing filled the car on the way home.

Once back home, Linda and I found ourselves locked out of our house. (We never had a key.) I knocked and knocked until my Father appeared. He exploded with epithets and then, with full force, struck my head as hard as he could, knocking me backward onto four cement steps. True to my “code,” I quickly got up, assuring everyone that I was fine. Within two months of this event, I accepted a marriage proposal from a sailor whom I had dated once or twice. The one thing I knew about him was that he had orders to Japan.

Traveling to Japan while seven months pregnant, I noticed changes in my vision. Once settled in our Japanese house, we made trips to Camp Zama for my medical needs. I saw an optometrist who examined me and suggested that I see an ophthalmologist after I delivered our baby. I then saw Dr. Calvin Miura at Camp Zama, who thoroughly examined my eyes with so much equipment! He expressed surprise at his findings. He quietly left the examination room and canceled all of his appointments for the rest of the day. He administered more eye drops and then started making hand-drawn pictures of each of my eyes. Dr. Miura performed my bi-lateral retinal detachment surgeries the very next week. It was 1968, Vietnam was raging, and the Army had their very best surgeons available for the wounded at Camp Zama. While being wheeled to the surgery building, I remember helicopters above us bringing in the casualties of war.

I saw Dr. Miura every two weeks for the next fifteen months. I learned that he had canceled his scheduled leave to do my surgery as soon as possible. He became my favorite “uncle.” Before leaving Japan, he gave me a schedule of my next eye appointments at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He asked me, “Tell me, Carol, what kind of accident were you in that caused your vision problems?” I told him that I had never been in an accident.

It wasn't until years later that I understood the cause of my detached retinas. But even more fully, I understood how God made certain I would have my

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vision restored. Through that “seeing,” I was able to accomplish many plans God had in mind for the little girl from a small place amid the cornfields of Illinois. Many more years later, I searched for Dr. Miura online. He headed up the Ophthalmology Department at the University of California at Berkeley. God shoots petty darn high for those who need His help. I sent Dr. Miura a letter explaining my cloak of denial in 1968 and how it was only lifted when I was ready.

My physical healing allowed my vision to be nearly fully restored. The various aspects of my emotional and spiritual healing came later, in part through Al-Anon, where I accepted the truth of my childhood abuse. In that fellowship, I spent twenty-plus years developing a strong spiritual recovery, which allowed me to have a relationship with my father before he died.

Without God’s gift of spiritual healing, I could never have become a mental health therapist at the Togus VA. I was honored to work with many veterans who had PTSD. In those sessions, I’d often throw away the textbook and speak from the new heart God had granted me.

THE HARVEST FAIR, YEAR TWO!

by Jan DeBlieu, Christmas Fair Chairperson

The Silent Auction is Back!

(as are Baked Goods, Country Store, Fiber Arts, Gourmet Freezer, Jewelry, Treasures, and More!)

We’re pleased to announce that the Harvest Fair on October 2 (in lieu of the Christmas Fair) will again feature the popular Silent Auction, with unusual items in the spotlight, along with all manner of excursions and services. One of the most fun and exciting of the booths at the annual fair, the auction wasn’t offered in 2020 because of safety concerns about bidding during last fall’s surge of Covid-19 cases.



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What items and activities might be auctioned off this year? It's up to you! Do you have an artistic talent? Are you a great cook? Do you have a boat and know of an island where you could take a small party for a picnic? Or perhaps you'd like to donate something that could be auctioned off, like theatre tickets or a family jewel.

This year's auction will be chaired by a three-person team: Nancy Whitehouse, David Treadwell, and Ellen Hall. To be successful, the auction will need to offer a variety of goods and services. In past years the auction has significantly benefitted from the generosity of folks with creative imaginations. What can we offer as a parish this year? All proceeds will go into our Outreach Fund to assist people in need. Please contact one of the team members if you have an idea for something that can be included in the auction this year.



Are you cleaning out a closet, basement, or attic? Please save items for our **Treasures** table! Last year with the lockdown, many of us got rid of a heap of unwanted items, in what I've come to call the first wave purge. If you're like me, there are still things waiting to be jettisoned from your household. Please hold onto them and bring them to church in the early fall! Dates for drop-off will be announced. Nancy Johnson has kindly agreed to chair this table again. We'll let you know when we're ready to start receiving items. If you need a pick-up, that can likely be arranged. We'll need unwanted gems and trinkets as well for our **Jewelry** table.

Do you love readying your house for Christmas? Please consider chairing our Christmas Decorations table. We always get plenty of Christmas-themed donations. Last year we included them in with Treasures. But it would be great to break them out into a separate table as in years past (and you'd get first dibs on whatever comes in!). Interested? Please contact me at the email address at the end of this note.



Summer crops are beginning to come in, and if you're canning or otherwise putting up produce, please set aside some things for the Country Store, chaired again by Carol Martin. The Fiber Arts table, chaired by Charla Spann, needs beautiful handmade items to include on its shelves.

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We will once again be hosting a Gourmet Freezer for the cooks out there, with frozen dinners available through preorder. Contact Caroline Russell if you have a special dish you can contribute to this part of the fair.

Remember, every cent of what we take in goes into the Outreach Fund to help our neighbors in need. There's no profit and no overhead, just an army of good-hearted people getting together to raise money for a great cause and having a lot of fun in the process. If you'd like to help with staging the fair, please get in touch with me at jdeblieu@mindspring.com Big thanks!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday

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| Larry Wooten 7/2 | Carolyn Eklund 8/5 |
| Caroline Nickerson 7/4 | Susan Lermond 8/5 |
| Beth Ann Nickerson 7/5 | Lisa Sholtis 8/6 |
| George Peck 7/6 | Carolyn Eklund 8/5 |
| Sarah Arnold 7/7 | Susan Lermond 8/5 |
| Caroline Russell 7/7 | Lisa Sholtis 8/6 |
| Nancy Pennell 7/8 | Charla Spann 8/7 |
| Pam Nugent 7/9 | Zoe Bolton 8/9 |
| Alan Shaver 7/11 | Bethany McCarthy 8/9 |
| Mary Lou Brown 7/13 | Madeleine Msall 8/9 |
| Nancy Adams 7/17 | Kathleen Robinson 8/9 |
| Mark Nickerson 7/18 | Nora Leigh 8/15 |
| June Coffin 7/19 | Johanna Wigg 8/15 |
| Pat Ford 7/22 | Gil Peterson 8/19 |
| Nancy Gardiner, 7/28 | Bill Martens 8/21 |
| Angus King 7/31 | Donna Thivierge 8/21 |

- Lollie Brown 8/25
- Lois Kwantz 8/28
- Susan McCracken 8/29
- David Kwantz 8/31
- Erik Plunkett 8/31

Happy Anniversary

- Bob & Karin Jackson 7/23
- Jean & Bob Mulligan 7/23
- Beverly & Richard Nickerson 8/12
- Bob & Julia Walkling 8/15
- Kathleen & Steve Carey 8/29



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