

Fall Crossroads 2015

Calendar for October and November

- *AA Meetings Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:00-1:00PM, Mondays 6:30PM, Wednesdays 6:30PM, Men's AA Thursdays 8:00PM, Friday AI-Anon 10:30AM and Women's AA Fridays 6:30PM
- *Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00-12:00 at the Sanford Farmer's Market
- *Diocesan Pre-Convention Hearing October 6 at St. G's 7:00PM
- *Parenting Group on October 7 from 10:00AM-11:00AM
- **Crazy Christian* Book Study on Tuesdays at 1:00AM and 7:00PM with groups meeting October 13, 20 and 27, November 3, 10 and 17
- *SMART - Teen Recovery Group every Monday through Thursday 2:30PM-5:00PM
- *Cooking Matters Class, the children and parents start up Mondays, October 26 from 4:30PM to 6:30PM
- *Women's Re-entry Center at York County Jail, Mondays, Holy Eucharist Service at 6:30PM and *Picking up the Pieces* class follows at 7:15PM
- ***Stewardship Sunday October 25**, one service at 9:00AM
- *Holy Eucharist at the Greenwood Center on October 26 at 10:30AM
- *Fall Fair set-up Friday, November 6
- *Fall Fair at St. G's on Saturday, November 7 from 9:00AM-2:00PM
- Healing Prayer Conference* - November 20 and 21, Evergreen Covenant Church, details are on the Ministry Board.

KIDS CLUB *Cooking Matters* will run on Mondays beginning October 26 and run for 6 weeks. This is a program we provide space for as part of our community participation with the school departments KIDS CLUB for ages 1-6.

Our **KIDS Supper Club** will start up soon and we are working on a slightly different program.

Fall Fair Saturday, November 7, 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Set-up the afternoon and evening before on November 6.

Annual Meeting Part 1 Sunday, November 29, one service at 9:00AM

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The summer is soon passed and we are starting up with many Fall ministries and activities. Our summer was a busy one with several completed projects on the outside of the church. Gary Samia was the clerk of the works as we hired professionals to refurbish the ends of the church building with some new wood and paint, the front doors were cleaned and received many coats of poly to brighten them up and a small section of the roof was fixed thanks to Lester Cail's eagle eye. Richard Watson made sure the lawn was mowed, Tammy Chadbourne provided flowers and care, and a little elf planted some tomato plants in the memorial garden making for some tasty sandwiches and salads.



I was able to have 6 weeks of sabbatical time and a two week vacation, and best of all, Terri and I were married at St. G's on August 29th. Your love and support for the both of us has been a pure gift.

We have many irons in the fire for Fall and early Winter so please take a moment to read about how you may be involved.

As we lie in our safe homes, protected in the richest country in the world, we must look outside our borders to others who are in need. When I go to bed at night I do not have to be in fear that my family could be bombed at any moment. I have good food to eat, excellent medical care, more clothes than I need, and a home that is fully furnished with all the comforts of home. This is all good, but also I must be concerned and aware and ready to act for those who are not safe. Millions of people all over the world are not safe. Social media brings us into contact with the other side of life and due to our blessings we need to ACT. What would Jesus have us do? **ACT!!! So we will.** It has become one of the vestry goals and several parishioners, that we ACT to support a family from Syria. St. G's provided a home for an Iranian family back in the early 80s. The process has changed dramatically so we will be working with Catholic Charities Maine immigration and refugee services, along with the Episcopal Church in New York who will help us through some of the additional needs. So stay tuned and pray for the refugees and their families so we may have the courage to go outside our comfort zones and ACT!!!!

May God bless you and yours as we grow in the love of God and our neighbors, Susan+





**Ann O'Sullivan was Ordained to the Diaconate on
June 13, 2015**

Ann is wearing her white stole that she purchased with the gift of money we gave her. She and Bishop Lane are all smiles after a wonderful ordination celebration at the Cathedral.

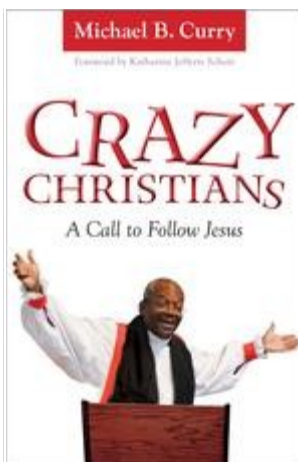
Communities Care Day - Monday, October 12 from 8:30AM -1:00PM

This year Communities Care Day will again be held at North Parish Church on Main Street in Sanford. New underwear and socks, blankets that are new or gently used, and 9v batteries for smoke alarms, etc. are needed. Volunteers for the day are also needed, please see the sign-up sheet near the collection area in the front of the church.



Family Game Nights

Family Game Nights will start up the second Saturday of the month. Don't miss a chance to have some fun! Sometimes we play music and it causes some of us to get up and dance like Mari and Dave! Games, karaoke, snacks and a ton of fun.



Adult Book Study for the Fall

The book for our Adult Book Study for the Fall will be *Crazy Christians* by our new Presiding Bishop elect, Michael Curry. This will be a good opportunity to see his vision for where we can be going as a Christian Community, when we are willing to take risks for spreading and being the GOOD NEWS for the world. There will be 2 choices for meeting both AM and PM times on Tuesdays. The sign-up sheet is on the Ministry Board. Classes will be held in the parish office on Tuesdays in the AM at 10:00 and PM at 7:00 beginning October 13 and will run for 6 weeks. A donation of \$10.00 will help defray some of the expenses for the book.

Bishopswood Campers from 2015

This year we supported, with some scholarships, 5 of our young people from the parish and our neighborhood who had a great experience. The vestry also allocated \$1,000 for the septic system that failed this summer at camp. The camp remained open, but it became very expensive to pump every day. Our campers were not at all phased by the situation as the staff did such a great job. Rev. Susan will be assuming the President of the Bishopswood Board of Directors in November. Always up to the challenge of fixing a situation that will cost upwards of \$100,000!



“Sundaes on Tuesday”

Our “Sundaes on Tuesday” was well attended when it was offered in August. Worshipping outside when the weather was cooperative was a delight. Five folks from the neighborhood joined us and enjoyed ice cream after worship.

SMART

Southern Maine Alternative for Residential Treatment provided treatment for 7 teens this summer. We provided the space and healthy juice, fruit and snacks for their breaks. They met with their therapists Mondays through Thursdays from 2:30 to 5:00. A new group will be starting up shortly.



St. George's presented Terri and Rev. Sue with two Rose of Sharon bushes with many money blossoms, in celebration of their marriage, at a Parish Picnic on September 20th.