



St. George's Episcopal Church

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CROSSROADS

Summer 2023

It is hard to believe it but summer is finally here! After so much snow, ice and time spent below freezing, it feels so wonderful to welcome this season with open arms. We are rejoicing in sunny days, warm weather and time spent outdoors.

We find ourselves in a state of transition recently. Our search for a new rector continues. In the meantime, we have welcomed a supply priest, Fr. Steve Fales, to St. George's (more on that inside this newsletter!).

It's also exciting to see new faces at the church. How wonderful it is to rejoice with newcomers, learn about them, and tell them about what it means to be an Episcopalian.

There is a lot to look forward to over the next few months. We're also looking back at some of the moments we spent together.

Enjoy this latest version of *Crossroads*.



Thanks Lynne for being the LEM on Palm Sunday and to all who pitch in to make our services possible!

Inside this *Crossroads*

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HELLO
my name is

Need a new name tag?

We haven't been wearing our name tags that much but we are hoping to change that! In order to welcome the stranger, we need to let them know what our names are. Some name tags may need to be updated. Others could just use a freshen up! Maybe you haven't had one before and need it now.

Whatever the reason may be for requesting a new one, please jot down your name as legibly as possible so Mal may make you a new one. There's a sheet by the name tag bin. He is hoping to complete this some time in early July, though will continue to create these as needed!



From the desk of Fr. Steve

Grace to you and peace!

The summer months are here in Maine. As of the first of June, there remained a rather significant pile of dirty, black snow next to the toll booth on the north bound entrance ramp to the turnpike in Kennebunk. It is now melted, however, it is a reminder of what we have endured.

I love the old Maine saying: "If you can't take the wintah, you don't deserve the summah!" Well, summah is here and we deserve it!

The months of June, July, and August usually bring a slower pace to life. It is hot, school is out, and many activities cease until September. The church calendar is not an exception to this reality. We are at the halfway point in our liturgical year.

Beginning with Advent, we keep a hectic pace from Christmas to Pentecost. The story of Jesus Christ "come among us" occupies the first six months of the liturgical year: birth, death, resurrection, and ascension/giving of the Spirit. Now the pace slows.

In the Episcopal Church we call this summer/autumn time "The Season After Pentecost". I like the Roman Catholic designation for these slower months: Ordinary Time. Indeed, no major feast days to celebrate and the altar is dressed in green for what seems like forever!

This time of "liturgical relaxation" does have merit. On Sundays our gospel readings often include the parables of Jesus. Each of the parables has a teaching to ponder. The scripture readings give the preacher a wealth of material to explore. It is my favorite time to preach.

I hope and pray that your summer will be pleasant, healthy, and relaxing. It is a good time to reflect on your spiritual journey and to rejoice at God's presence in your life.

Blessings and cheers,
Fr. Steve Fales

(Right) Fr. Steve preaches on Easter Sunday. He is a retired priest from the Diocese of Indianapolis. During his 40 years of ordained ministry, he has served five parishes in four dioceses. He retired in 2017. Fr. Steve will serve as our supply priest until we can find a permanent Rector.



Mark Your Calendars!

June 29: St. George's Goes to the Ball Game

St. George's will be attending a Sanford Mainers baseball game at Goodall Park on Roberts Street as a "family" on June 29th. A block of 30 seats has been reserved. The cost of the seats are \$5 each but the vestry voted to cover half the cost which means it will only cost you \$2.50 per ticket. Bring a friend, spouse, child or grandchild and enjoy an evening out together.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board by the entrance to church starting. Please put your name and how many tickets you would like to purchase. Payment information will be on the sheet, or you can contact Sara Gauthier for more information. Please make the payment by June 25th or alert Sara right away if you would like to attend.

Gate opens at 5:30 and game starts at 6:30 p.m.

August 12: Annual JUMBLE

August 12th will be the annual JUMBLE or yard sale. There are a variety of items that will be available for purchase like household items, books, and much, much more. Pricing and set up will be the afternoon and evening before. More information to follow in July. Please keep your eyes peeled for that!

Monthly Vestry Meetings

Do you want to know more about church happenings? Learn about how decisions are made? Check out the monthly vestry meetings! They are open to all in the congregation. See the monthly calendar for the date and time. In some cases, there may be an executive session that is closed off. Please note, these meet in the church office next to the church.

50 Cent Clothing Sale a Big Success!

Our 50 cent clothing sale was a huge hit this year. We are so grateful to everyone who helped by donating clothing, sorting it, setting up, running the event and cleaning up afterward! Nearly 1,000 pieces of clothing left the parish hall and went out into the community. In all, we raised almost \$500. On top of that, some people in need redeemed vouchers to use for clothing items.



Church Cleanup

Some members of the congregation chipped in for some spring cleaning recently. We must say, the church is looking great! If you missed it but would still like to lend a hand, there are plenty of ways to help. Please contact stgeorgesanford@gmail.com to see if there's something to do!

A Look Back at Lent Pt. 1

Ash Wednesday

We once again held Ashes To-Go both at the church, as well as in Gowen Park. This gave us the chance to connect with those we see often and others who are exploring their faith. Then, we held a service together later that night in the sanctuary.

This kicked off our Lent and Holy Week offerings, which included a variety of events to help us reflect on this time and connect deeper with our faith.



Ashes to-go with The Rev. Lauren and Betsy!



Lenten Book Club

During Lent, several congregation members read *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community* by the Rev. Cn. Dr.

Stephanie Spellers. The group would read a couple chapters and then come together to discuss during coffee hour.

“In this critical yet loving book, the author explores the American story and the Episcopal story in order to find out how communities steeped in racism, establishment, and privilege can at last fall in love with Jesus, walk humbly with the most vulnerable and embody beloved community in our own broken but beautiful way. *The Church Cracked Open* invites us to surrender privilege and redefine church, not just for the sake of others, but for our own salvation and liberation.”

If you weren't able to join us for the “official” book study, it is a great read and thought provoking.

Stations of the Cross

This year, we partnered with St. David's in Kennebunk to offer Stations of the Cross. The weekly offering during Lent went back and forth between our two churches. This was a way to give members a way to meditate and pray through the season while meeting others of the same faith.

A Look Back at Lent Pt. 2

Lenten Suppers

Our potluck soup, salad, and bread suppers returned once again for Lent. This year, we had a great lineup of speakers to share with us about faith and formation. Our speakers and topics included:

- *All About Education for Ministry (EFM) with Betsy Reilly*
- *Intergenerational Spirituality with The Rev. Sara D'Angio-White*
- *Discovering the Diaconate with The Rev. Jean Cavanaugh*
 - Rev. Jean Cavanaugh is our Deacon. She is a lover of animals, people and life! Co-facilitator of a NAMI Peer Group meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the church library. She is still discovering who and what a Deacon is and does.
- *We Can't Have One Without the Other: Grief, Anger and Praise in the Psalms with Anna Youngmann Morrow*
 - Anna is a pastor's kid with lots of mixed emotions about organized religion, and a lot of love for Jesus and a longing for faith community. She's attended St. George's for the last 3 years with her spouse. She works as a domestic abuse prevention educator and bakes on the side.
- *The Trinity and Forgiveness with The Rev. Eleanor Prior*
 - Eleanor is an Episcopal priest serving two congregations in the diocese of Massachusetts. She has been on a journey exploring forgiveness, both for herself, and as a Christian concept for about 15 years.



Deacon Jean, The Rev. Eleanor, and Anna (left to right)

Meeting with the Diocese

In early May, we had The Rev. Suzanne Roberts come serve as the celebrant and preacher. Suzanne is the Deployment and Transition Officer for the diocese. After church that day, she met with the members of St. George's to explain the current process for seeking a new Rector. While we did not stream the special meeting to our Facebook page, we have kept a video copy of it just in case. Please ask Mal to see the video if you would like to review what was discussed.





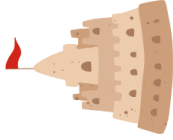
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4 Trinity Sunday NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm MAP- 5 to 7 pm Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	5 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm MAP- 5 to 7 pm	6 AA- noon MAP- 5 to 7 pm	7 AA- 6:30 pm	8 Right Brain Club- 5 to 7 pm NAMI- 6:30 pm	9 NA-6 to 8:30 pm Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	10 <i>Dr. Gold's birthday</i> Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm
11 <i>Marge Lewis's birthday</i> Second Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	12 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	13 AA-noon Lions Club-7 pm	14 <i>Anne Bean's Birthday</i> AA- 6:30 pm	15 <i>Debbie Oelschlaeger's b-day!</i> Right Brain Club- 5 to 7 pm NAMI- 6:30 pm	16 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	17 <i>Andy Bean's Birthday</i> Men's Breakfast- 8 a.m. at the Hen House Cafe in Lebanon
18 Third Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	19 <i>Comrad Grenier's & Judith Bridges's birthday</i> NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	20 AA- noon Lions Club- 7 pm	21 AA- 6:30 pm	22 Right Brain Club- 5 to 7 pm NAMI- 6:30 pm	23 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	24 Baby Blessings- 10 am to noon
25 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	26 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	27 <i>Dennis Driscoll's & Carolyn Higgins's birthday</i> AA- noon Lions Club- 7 pm	28 AA- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting- 6:20 pm (church office)	29  Sanford Mainer's baseball game! 6:30 pm	30 <i>Barbara Dias's birthday</i> Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	

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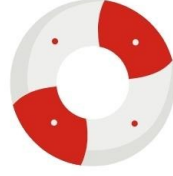
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2 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	3 <i>Dennis & Sandy Driscoll's Anniversary</i> NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	4 AA- noon MAP- 5 to 7 pm Fourth of July	5 AA- 6:30 pm	6 NAMI- 6:30 pm	7 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	8
9 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	10 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	11 AA-noon Lions Club-7 pm	12 <i>Conrad & Judy Grenier's Anniversary</i> AA- 6:30 pm	13	14 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	15
16 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	17 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	18 AA- noon	19 AA- 6:30 pm	20 NAMI- 6:30 pm	21 <i>Jill Dias & Tom Wozniak's Anniversary</i> Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	22 <i>Robert Oelschlager's b-day</i> Men's Breakfast- 8 a.m. at the Hen House Cafe in Lebanon
23 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	24 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	25 AA- noon Lions Club- 7 pm	26 AA- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting- 6:20 pm (church office)	27	28 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	29 Baby Blessings- (July 22) 10 am to noon

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AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
July 30 9th Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	July 31 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	1 AA- noon MAP- 5 to 7 pm	2 AA- 6:30 pm	3 NAMI- 6:30 pm	4 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	5
6 The Transfiguration Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	7 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	8 AA-noon Lions Club-7 pm	9 AA- 6:30 pm	10	11 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	12
13 11th Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	14 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	15 AA- noon	16 AA- 6:30 pm	17 Sara Gauthier's Birthday NAMI- 6:30 pm	18 Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	19
20 12th Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	21 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	22 AA- noon Lions Club- 7 pm	23 AA- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting- 6:20 pm (church office)	24	25 Linda Samia & David Higgins's Birthday Al-Anon-10:30 am NA-6 to 8:30 pm	26
27 13th Sunday after Pentecost Service at 9 am Coffee Hour after	28 NA- 1 to 3:30 pm AA- 6:30 pm	29 AA- noon	30 AA- 6:30 pm	31	 Note: Men's Breakfast date for the month is TBD	

Want your birthday or anniversary on the calendar? Reach out to Mal!

The 2022 Vestry

The Vestry has been elected to serve you and is always available to listen and to act.

Keren Gilpatrick, Senior Warden (2022-2025)

Sara Gauthier, Junior Warden (2021-2024)

Maria Lantagne, Treasurer

Rachel Driscoll, Clerk (2021-2024)

Donna Hansen (2021-2024)

Gary Samia (2022-2025)

Cathy Larson (2022-2025)

Vicky Lynn (2023-2026)

Rev. Jean Cavanaugh, Deacon



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Who We Are

St. George's is a welcoming, loving community that strives to live into what it means to be the church in the world. In the heart of Sanford, we seek to be of service and support to the community around us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here! All walks of life, all identities, all abilities, ALL are welcome here, no exceptions.

We recognize the Abenaki tribe of the Wabanaki Confederacy (People of the Dawnland), the indigenous peoples in whose territory our church home was built. As Episcopalians, we repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery, repent of our colonizing history which resulted in generations of harm to the native people of this land, and seek to learn and understand how we may take part in the ongoing work of healing.

More information about this can be found on our website and in the church. We encourage others to take part in this journey with us.

Our Mission Statement:

We are a welcoming, accepting Christian Community that worships God through Jesus Christ fostering love, learning, and spiritual growth which enables us to reach out in service to others.

Fr. Steve Fales, Supply Priest

Rev. Jean Cavanaugh, Deacon

Dr. Morton Gold, Organist

Jacob Zwain, Sexton

Mal Meyer, Office Administrator

For pastoral care, please contact the office at (207) 324-8119 or email the church for a quicker response

Worship Services and Holy Eucharist are held each Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.



All are welcome— no exceptions!

