

HOLY HAPPENINGS

July 2024

From the Desk of Rev. Diana

Together in Love

I had the privilege of attending the 81st General convention in Louisville KY for the past 2 weeks. The theme of the convention is Together in Love. President of the House of Deputies, Ayala Harris commented in her opening address I've come to understand that "Together in Love" is more than just a slogan. It is a sacred charge, a holy calling, to embody Christ's reconciling love in all that we say and all that we do. It means committing ourselves to the hard work, the holy work that is justice, not in the abstract, but in concrete realities and actions in our communities and of our churches." I am proud to say that addressing the hard work of justice and the holy calling of being the church was what happened. The week kicked off with a revival meeting with song and preaching and dancing and anointing. We asked the Holy Spirit to walk with us during the week of reports and resolutions, and especially to help us pick a new Presiding Bishop. It felt



like the Holy Spirit was very present especially when the bishops elected our new Presiding Bishop with just one vote. Usually, it takes at least two or three votes and as I learned this week, once it took 13 votes. Our new Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe has the distinction of being the youngest priest ordained, the youngest bishop ordained and now the youngest Presiding Bishop ever consecrated. Bp Sean's said in his sermon at the closing worship "We have to get it together. That's going to mean laying some things down. The struggle ahead will require a tolerance for uncertainty, a willingness to make real sacrifices. We'll actually need to let go of some of our grievances and hold more lightly our beliefs about how the church should work and who has a voice. And we must learn to have hard conversations with each other, with love and respect, so that we're all pulling in the same direction: the transformation of the world by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The hard work that was accomplished included the mergers of three Wisconsin dioceses back

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into the Diocese of Wisconsin. And the merger of two Michigan dioceses into the Diocese of the Great Lakes. The creation of a new missionary diocese, for the Episcopal Church in Navajo land. The expansion of the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii to include Guam and Saipan, which formerly comprised the Episcopal Church in Micronesia.

We changed our catechism and some of the marriage rites to include that marriage is between 2 people. The House of Deputies repudiated the pro-slavery theology of one of its Civil War-era presidents on June 27 at the request of the host Bishop Terry White and deputation from the Diocese of Kentucky, where the deputies' former president was a priest. We also acknowledged the hurt done to those innocents who were taken from their homes and families and placed in boarding schools in the US and Canada. Please see the prayer card following my message. The bishops and youth delegations took to the streets of Louisville to bring gun violence into the forefront and marched to nearby Jefferson Square Park to pray and speak out in favor of gun safety. Many of the bishop attending the rally wore orange stoles, the color of gun violence prevention.

I was happy and proud to stand and be counted as a female priest as the ordination of the first women was honored and placed in the calendar of the church. The struggle to respect the dignity of every human being is an ongoing challenge for all of us and especially those of us tied to traditionally colonial sects of Christianity. The diversity of those attending was a joy to behold. All of this and much more happened at the 81st General Convention.

The Episcopal Church continues to preach in word and deed the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Co-Warden's Report

Looking back over the past month, I see a lot has happened, with the largest attendance at our First Saturday supper on June 1st, with sixty-seven guests.

The Saturday Studio offering continued with a small but dedicated group.

Malcolm Gurney's work on the church property is in full swing. The septic tank in the back of the rectory has been removed, and the sump pumps in the rectory have been redirected, which should eliminate flooding during heavy rains. Work in the playground area includes the installation of new stairs and an improved drainage system. The Parish is very grateful to Malcolm for taking the lead on this project and looks forward to when it is completed.

Other work at the church includes installing three new stairwell lights and replacing lighting fixtures in the preschool bathroom. The electrician has also replaced two of the lights in the Sanctuary with new lower-wattage LED bulbs to allow us to see how they perform.

The Adult Christian Education forum continues on Sundays after coffee hour with the discussion of "Looking For God in Messy Places."

So, I feel pleased that as our physical plant is being tended to, so is our spiritual life under the guidance and leadership of Rev. Diana, with many opportunities provided to grow in our faith.

In closing, I wish you all a safe and relaxing summer.

In the love of Christ,
Ed Muller, Co-warden



A Prayer to Remember the Innocents

*Ohĩni wičhaŋkiksuyapi kte.
We will always remember them.*

Dear Lord, Almighty God, We pray for all Indigenous children who were in residential and boarding schools in Canada and the United States. Some died there; we ask that you give assurance to their descendants that their souls are with you and their ancestors. Some survived there; we ask that you give your healing grace to all who endured hardship while there and are still struggling with those memories. Lastly, we ask you to help us guard our children against harm in this world. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Children's moccasins displayed at
the Verendrye Museum,
Fort Pierre, S.D.*

I would like you to join me in welcoming The Rev Liz Goode to the pulpit this month on the 21 st of July. She and John joined us as parishioners about 6 months ago. I am grateful to have another clergy colleague in our church family. I hope to support her as I hope to support all of you in the ministry to which you have been called. Proclaiming the Gospel and giving the dismissal after the service are two unique places that deacons serve in worship. Liz is also called to preach. So that you can get to know her better, I have asked her to share her ministry journey with you. Thank you for your warm welcome to all who come through our doors.

Rev Diana



From Liz Goode

I was raised in the Episcopal church, but like many other people I fell away from regular observance when I went to college and for about 20 years afterward. When I rejoined a parish and started singing in the choir, it was as though a piece of the puzzle that I hadn't known was missing finally fell into place. I discovered that I could sing about my faith, although I couldn't talk about it. Then I was asked to direct the choir and did that for about 20 years. Music became a true ministry and started the path that eventually led me to become a deacon. My paid work also shifted: after a long career in textbook publishing, I changed my focus and became a housing case manager for Father Bills Main Spring, where I help people who have been homeless settle into housing and learn how to deal with their new lives.

While I was in formation for the diaconate I spent almost 3 years at Holy Nativity. It became my church home, and I've been delighted to return here. Greeting old friends and making new ones is a joy!

Why Pray?



The **St. Paul Center for Theology and Prayer** each summer hosts an in-person day to tackle a “big question” and this year asks: “Why Pray?” All are invited and welcome to explore this important question together, in honest and open conversation. The day will include teaching, conversation, reflection and, of course, prayer. All participants will leave with materials to bring back to their congregation, to continue the conversation and learning. “Why Pray?” will be hosted at St. Paul’s Church in Newburyport, St. Thomas’s Church in Taunton and the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston on Saturday, **July 27, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** Participants may register to join at whichever location they wish. Find more details and sign up at www.stpaulboston.org/why-pray.

Save the Date

Rain or Shine!

Sunday, August 11th
at 11:00AM

Outdoor Service and Potluck Picnic

at Webb Memorial State Park,
371 River St, Weymouth, MA 02191

Church Picnic



On our Prayer List today we remember
(pray together):

- Abraham
- Anne and Ed
- Andrew Bober
- Aurora,
- Bill Lucier
- Brian
- Carol
- Carolyn Butterfield
- Cathy
- Charlie
- Chris
- Chris M.
- Corinne
- Debbie Y.
- Deborah
- Ed Walsh
- Freddy
- Ginny
- Herb
- Jackie R.
- Janice
- Jim Murphy
- Joan D.
- Judith Fenton
- Kathryn
- Kendall Demore
- Laurie Hasty
- Linda
- Linda Cardillo
- Linda Chadbourne
- Mallory J.
- Marilyn & Matt J.
- Matt
- M.E. Rich
- Paige
- Pam Walston
- Patty Sewall
- Peggy Cinotto
- Robert Vinton
- Rohana
- Rose
- Sargent Mike
- Savannah
- Shannon and James
- Sophia
- Sue and Don
- Victor
- William Terry, Jr.

Archives exhibit chronicles evolving roles of women in The Episcopal Church

From early work to support church missions to the struggle for equal representation in church leadership and ordination, the history of women in the church is told in “[For the Extension of the Kingdom: Women of The Episcopal Church](#),” a comprehensive online exhibit curated and presented by The Archives of The Episcopal Church.

In 2018, the Archives received a \$36,000 grant from the United Thank Offering to help preserve and share the history of Episcopal women. Research began that year and represents more than 150 resources and 40 collections of archival material, spanning more than 250 years.

Nearly 30 tabs offer viewers numerous photographs, reports, minutes, pamphlets, and letters, in addition to summaries that trace the mission support of the early church in the 1800s; the formation of the [Woman’s Auxiliary](#) and [United Thank Offering](#); the role of deaconesses, professional laywomen, and women deputies; and much more.

The exhibit’s [Virtual Reading Room](#) offers a firsthand glimpse into the work and dedication of the women of The Episcopal Church through digitized versions of the Woman’s Auxiliary Triennial meeting minutes and handbooks, as well as annual reports and publications of the Auxiliary and the United Thank Offering.

“The Archives continues its efforts to process and digitize numerous collections to make accessible and showcase the history of women in The Episcopal Church and looks forward to expanding this exhibit in the future,” said Whitney Hughes, interim director of the Archives.

The Archives staff will be in the Exhibit Hall at the 81st General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, June 21-27; all attendees are encouraged to stop by and receive a memento of the exhibit’s launch. The exhibit also includes link to current organizations, including the [Episcopal Church Women](#), who will celebrate their 51st Triennial gathering June 22-28 in conjunction with General Convention.



Bishop Barbara Harris confirms a member of the Church of St. Stephen in Boston, Massachusetts, 1990. Copyright, Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society

Strawberry Lemon Trifle



Ingredients

- 4 ounces fat-free cream cheese, softened
 - 1 cup fat-free vanilla yogurt
 - 2 cups fat-free milk
 - 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant lemon pudding mix
 - 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
 - 2-1/2 cups sliced fresh strawberries, divided
 - 1 tablespoon white grape juice or water
 - 1 prepared angel food cake (12 ounces)
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- Optional: Whipped topping and additional strawberries

Directions

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and yogurt. Add the milk, pudding mix and lemon zest; beat until smooth. In a blender, process 1/2 cup strawberries and grape juice until blended.

Cut cake into 1-in. cubes; place a third in a trifle bowl or 3-qt. serving bowl. Top with a third of the pudding mixture and half of the remaining strawberries. Drizzle with half of the strawberry sauce. Repeat all layers. Top with remaining cake and pudding mixture. If desired, garnish with whipped topping and additional strawberries. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Nutrition Facts

1/2 cup: 108 calories, 0 fat (0 saturated fat), 2mg cholesterol, 279mg sodium, 21g carbohydrate (10g sugars, 1g fiber), 4g protein. **Diabetic Exchanges:** 1 -1/2 starch.

Billy's Giving Hands Needs YOUR HELP

Our trecks downtown have taken on a different flavor since the tent city at Mass and Cass was dismantled. Many folks received housing and there are still many who mostly live out of shelters or on the streets. Most of the folks' lives we touch are afflicted by addiction. As the weather gets warmer our friends are going to need some extra water and a few other things.

Donations are needed of

- Cases of water
- Individual bags of chips
- Ballcaps - sunhats
- Underwear
- T-shirts

Pants and shorts with elastic waist / drawstrings
 And if you are traveling this summer, please bring back any soaps, shampoos and lotions that you may find in your hotel room.



St. Margaret's Day

All are welcome to share in the annual celebration of St. Margaret's Day with the Sisters of St. Margaret in Duxbury on Friday, July 19. There will be a Eucharist at 11AM; the preacher will be the Reverend Robert Edson. A reception will follow the service.

RSVP's helpful, but not required
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St. Margaret's Chapel .
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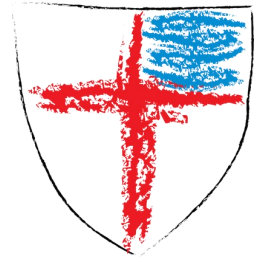


Events in July

**First Saturday of the Month
Free Dinner Saturday, July 6th at 4:30
BBQ
Hot Dogs & Hamburgers**

Monday Matters

Please join Rev Diana and other guests to explore the issues and missions of the Episcopal Church. The group will meet Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm. Please feel free to bring your supper along. We will engage in a study of the important missions of the Episcopal Church at large and the Episcopal Church in Massachusetts through bible study, engagement with current efforts in the church, study materials and lively discussion. In the month of July beginning on the 8th we will explore poverty and how we are called to serve the poor. Mathew Desmond's Book *Poverty, by America*.



The mission of The Episcopal Church, as stated in the Book of Common Prayer's catechism, is "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ." In step with that mission, we follow Jesus into loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships with God, with each other, and with the earth. Come explore how we as Christians can live into this mission.

The Adult Christian Education Forum will continue at 11:45am in the Common Room.

Please join us as we discuss the book "Looking for God in Messy Places" by Jake Owensby. The author is the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana.

Here's a quote by the author from the introduction:

This book is for those whose struggles have been long and for those who are growing weary from heavy burdens. For those facing an unforeseen crisis or for those enduring a slow personal train wreck. For those whose throats have grown raw from crying for justice and for those whose wounds have gone unhealed. This is a book about hope, and I have written it especially for those who refuse to yield to discouragement and despair.

Please see Ed Muller for a copy of the book

Notable:

New Directory

Please check your email for the draft Directory next week. A copy is available in the back of the church, please check that your information is correct.



FUNDRAISER

A YARD FOR THE YARD

JOIN US FOR A NOBLE CAUSE!

The Church of the Holy Nativity invites you to be a part of our fundraiser aimed at alleviating the burden of water issues on our property. You can be a part of the solution by purchasing a **yardstick for \$50** each. Not only will you be helping to offset the costs of resolving our property's water challenges, but you'll also be investing in the future of our beloved church community. Every yardstick sold brings us one step closer to ensuring a sustainable and thriving environment for worship and fellowship.

**PURCHASE A
YARDSTICK FOR
\$50 today**

Your \$50 donation covers the cost of a yard of dirt. Yardsticks are for sale in the Parish Hall. We accept cash or check. You may also scan the QR code below, indicating the name of the fundraiser.



Scan the QR code to make a donation. Please note fundraiser in the memo.



CHURCH OF THE
HOLY NATIVITY

Saturday Studios

Please join us for a fun-filled creative morning as we create
Holiday votive decorations!



Christmas in July
Saturday, July 13, 2024
9-11 am

All ages and skill levels are welcome!

All supplies included AND tasty snacks!

Advanced sign-up is encouraged but you can also just show up!

Sign up via Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-in-july-holiday-votive-decoration-tickets-919547530417?aff=oddtcreator>

\$5.00 donation is welcomed!

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Important Dates

Saturday, July 6th at 4:30
First Saturday Dinner ~ Cookout
will be served

First Food Sunday: We collect
non-perishable food donations
every 1st Sunday of the month.

Every Tuesday: 11:30 am Holy
Eucharist & Luncheon

Monday evenings from 7-
8:30pm Monday Matters

Mission Statement

The family of the Church of the Holy Nativity is called to be a caring community, committed to spiritual development; encouraging growth in each member's personal relationship with God, through Christ; by providing educational opportunities for youth and adults as well as Christian Formation for all, going forth to share God's message of love and forgiveness.

Important Dates

Every Tuesday: South Shore
Deanery: 7:30 pm - Compline
on Zoom with Phil Flaherty

Every Thursday: South Shore
Deanery: 9:00am - Morning
Prayer on Zoom with
Phil Flaherty

Saturday, July
Saturday Studios, 9-11 am