

News You Can Use

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2017

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Our Staff:

The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon
Jolene Johnston, Director of Children's Ministry and
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Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator
Bethany Paden, Music Director

Church Office Hours:

Please note that summer office hours vary. While someone will be in the office most weeks Monday-Wednesday from 9-2, it is best to call before you visit to be sure there is staff available to greet you. (317) 842-4133

The Vestry:

Senior Warden Ben Paden, **Junior Warden** Lauren Hendrickson; *Treasurer* Betty Bogeman; Connor Wilson (youth), Dan Chillemi, Marty Blake, Fred Stahly, Susie Beard, Debbie Talbert, Doug Tannas, Lauren Wilson, Lee Cahalan; *Clerk* Jim Agnew

The next vestry meeting will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 19th.

Serving this Sunday, August 20:

Celebrant: The Rev. Robert Dekker
Homily: The Rev. Robert Dekker
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Gary Snyder
Ushers: Larry Pickens, Andrew Barker
Readers: Wade Nichols, Betty Bogeman, Jonathan Gosser, Bob Murray
Prayers: David Emerson, Chris Brown
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Debbie Talbert, Joan Head
Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Hannah Tannas, Matthew Johnston, Lauren Cahalan
Healing: Stephen Canter
LEV: Stephen Canter
Almoners: Fred Stahly, Lee Cahalan
AG Sat. Set Up: Lauren Wilson
AG Bread: Lauren Wilson
AG Sun. Set Up: Lauren Wilson
AG Clean Up: Lauren Wilson, Kris Brown
Hospitality: Assistance Requested

9 AM Sunday School:

Classes for all ages are closed for the summer so that our teachers may refresh and renew themselves spiritually. Classes will resume with our fall programming.

10 AM Nursery: Bethany Cason

10 AM Childcare: *Closed for the summer*



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Genesis 45:1-15 **Psalms** 133 **Second Reading** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 **Gospel** Matthew 15:21-28

Our Mission

We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

Worship and Feast Days

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, August 21st at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).

Stewardship Sunday: Please join us for one service at 9 AM on Sunday, August 27th. We will gather our entire parish family to worship and thank God for His many blessings. In response to God's bountiful gifts, we will offer and bless our 2018 financial commitments to Holy Family. Immediately following the worship service, we'll enjoy special hospitality in the parish hall. We hope you'll join us.



Rector Search

We will make every effort to keep all members of the congregation updated on our progress during our search for a new rector. Currently we are in the congregational self-discernment phase. Questions about the search process may be directed to our Senior Warden Ben Paden: benpaden@hfec.org You may also follow our updates [ONLINE](#).

Search Prayer: Creator God, thank you for bringing us together as a holy village. Send the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our Search Committee as they discern rector candidates to lead us in worship and service to others. Grant our Committee clarity, wisdom and vision as they work together in the selection of our new spiritual leader.

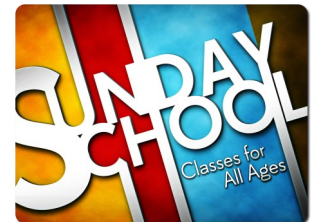
Grace us with joy, patience, mercy, and strength to continue to bear witness to the light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus. Open our hearts to support and care for each other during this time of transition. Likewise, prepare the heart of the priest who will answer our call for leadership. May this servant of God be responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Christian Education

Sunday School Resumes: Sunday school for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 10th at 9 AM. Classes are available for Godly Play (PreK-grade 1), Believers (grades 2-3), Disciples (grades 4-6), Youth Group (7-12), and adults. Volunteers are needed in our Children's Ministry program - please sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

Preschool Openings: Stepping Stones Child Development Center, Inc. at Holy Family has Christian preschool openings for children ages 17 months - 5 years. More information is available by clicking [HERE](#).



Outreach Opportunities



Outreach Focus - Care Package Ministry: Holy Family supports college students and those deployed in the military through our Care Package Ministry. Please use [THIS LINK](#) to submit mailing information to participate in this year's program. Monetary donations toward the cost of supplies and postage are appreciated - please write "Care Package Ministry" in the memo line of your check.

Third Phase Emergency Food Drive: Third Phase is the only homeless shelter in Hamilton County, and is currently at full capacity of 33 residents. Last year their food pantry served more than 10,000 people. At present the pantry is critically low. Third Phase is asking for our help with an emergency food drive. The most needed items are shelf stable canned vegetables, fruits, soups, and meats as well as boxed food of all kinds. Please donate generously!

Thanks Be to God

- Rev. Jay Lawlor for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his homily [HERE](#)
- Volunteers for painting the mechanicals enclosure near the playground: Preschool Director Jenn Norris and her son Will, preschool parents Audra Loggins and Brian Anderson



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Fellowship Gatherings

Youth Group Monthly Dinner Meeting: Youth Group students (grades 7-12) are invited to our monthly dinner meeting on August 20th from 5:30-8:00 PM. Grilled hot dogs and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish or drinks to share. We will enjoy team building, campfire, and compline after dinner. Please contact Youth Director Marty Blake to RSVP or for more information. mblake@hfec.org



The Doughnuts are Coming! Beginning this fall, we will return to our doughnuts and coffee hospitality time following the 10 AM service each Sunday. Please consider signing up to host this important fellowship ministry by clicking [this link](#).

Game Night: Join us on Friday, September 8th beginning at 6 PM for our monthly game night. We'll play board games and card games - fun for the whole family. Food and drinks will be provided. See you there!

Other News

Childcare Volunteers Needed: Please use [this link](#) to access the Sunday 10 AM Nursery sign-up sheet. All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer. *10 AM Childcare for children in preschool - 1st grade is closed for the summer and will resume on September 10th.*

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, September 6th.

Message from the City of Fishers

On August 8th, the City of Fishers was notified by the Hamilton County Health Department of positive West Nile Virus samples in eleven locations throughout the county. Hamilton County Health Department will begin spraying affected areas within one mile of each of the positive sample site. All spraying activities are weather dependent and have an approximate start time of 8:30 PM or local sunset.



Mosquito Prevention Tips:

- Remove standing water in ponds, ditches, clogged rain gutters, flower pots, plant saucers, puddles, buckets, garden equipment and cans.
- Check for items that might hold water including barbecues, toys, pool covers, tarps, plastic sheeting, boats, canoes, and trash.
- Avoid mosquitoes by staying indoors at dawn and dusk when the bugs are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors.
- Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Use only 10% DEET on children, and make sure everyone washes their hands well so that they do not get any product in their eyes or mouth. **Follow directions carefully.**



Oscar Waddell	August 18
Christopher Luce	August 19
Greta Wilson	August 22
Shelly Clark	August 23
Ethan Tannas	August 23
Josh Wilson	August 23

Happy Anniversary

Troy & Ruth Everett	August 18
Marty & Hillary Blake	August 21
Bryan & Susan Luce	August 21

Church Budget Through End of July:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$102,765	\$103,351
Expenses	\$93,217	\$102,143
Difference	\$9,548	\$1,208

Pledging Options: Did you know that you can issue checks from your bank directly to Holy Family? As more and more people stop carrying checkbooks with them, this is an easy option to set up recurring payments to fulfill your pledge for the year. If you prefer, you can pay your pledge via credit card through the church website. Simply use the secure PayPal link on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org