# **News You Can Use**

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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Marty Blake, Director of Youth Ministry Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator Bethany Paden, Music Director

#### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday from 9 AM -2PM

#### 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, September 17:

Celebrant: The Rev. Jay Lawlor
Homily: The Rev. Jay Lawlor
Deacon: The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director: Bethany Paden
Greeter: Judi Taflinger

Ushers: Joe Schrock, Bob French

Readers: Sandra Cline, Glenda Borreo, Jim Taflinger,

Barb Spangler

Prayers: David Emerson, Joan Head

Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Debbie Talbert, Scott Wilson Acolytes: Joe Spangler, Shannon Luce, Matthew Johnston,

Noah Tannas

Healing: Stephen Canter LEV: Kristine Canter

Almoners: Doug Tannas, Debbie Talbert

AG Sat. Set Up: Jenny Barker AG Bread: Evelyn Johnson AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie

AG Clean Up: Jenny Barker, Greta Wilson

Hospitality: Cahalan

### 9 AM Sunday School

Godly Play: Heather Tannas Believers: Stephen Canter Disciples: Lee Cahalan

**Youth Group:** Mission Trip Presentation **Adult Forum:** Mission Trip Presentation

Sign up to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher by

clicking **HERE**.

#### 10 AM Childcare

Nursery: Kate Chillemi

PreK-1st Grade: Teresa Conroy-Roth



# Sunday's readings:

First Reading Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Second Reading Romans 14:1-12 Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

### **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, September 18th at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

Altar Flowers: The 2017 sign-up sheet for altar flowers is now available in the hallway outside of the parish hall. The cost is \$55, and you are able to dedicate your gift in the bulletin. It is a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or just a special remembrance of a date. At the end of the 10 AM service you are invited to take your flowers home. You can pay by check and write "flowers" in the memo line or pay on-line on the HFEC website via the PayPal option on the Contact Us page.

## **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.

2. Congregational Self-Discernment

1. Separation & Planning

<u>Search Prayer</u>: 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**

<u>Mission Trip Presentation</u>: Please join us this Sunday, September 17th at 9 AM for a presentation made by the members of this year's Mission in the Mountains trip to Johnson City, TN. The participants will share personal stories and photos from their worship, fellowship, teambuilding, and service project experiences.



C.S. Lewis "Mere Christianity" Adult Forum: This eight-session video study and discussion explores one of the most influential books on Christianity. In "Mere Christianity" Lewis delivers a powerful, rational case for the Christian faith, focusing on the core doctrines that all Christian traditions accept, including the reality of moral law, human sinfulness, the nature and work of Christ, Christian ethics, and the doctrine of the Trinity. This study will enhance your understanding of basic Christian teachings and give you greater confidence to discuss your faith with others. Join us each Sunday from Sept. 24th-Nov. 12th at 9:00-9:50 AM in the Parish Hall. Participants may purchase their own paperback copies of "Mere Christianity" for less than \$10 from leading booksellers, including Christianbook.com and Amazon.com.

# **Outreach Opportunities**

Outreach Focus - Care Kits for Kids: Students in Holy Family's Godly Play class, grades PreK-1st grade, have partnered with HSE schools to create care kits of hygiene products for children who receive assistance via the Gleaner's Back Sack Program. In order to serve these children more fully, we plan to provide them with items such as soap, shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, and a toothbrush. Please consider making a monetary donation to support this program by writing CARE KITS in the memo line of your check. Care kits will be assembled in late September.

Kairos Prison Ministry: Help support Kairos #21 Prison Ministry on October 5th-8th by: PRAYING (sign up on the Prayer Chart), PLAYING IN or SPONSORING the GOLF OUTING (September 23rd at Fall Creek Golf Club in Pendleton), BAKING Kairos cookies (ask Stephen for the Kairos Cookie recipe), MAKING handprints, placemats, or posters (see Jolene Johnston in Children's Ministry for placemats), DONATING money, or ATTENDING THE CLOSING CEREMONY from 12:00-3:00 PM on October 8th. Please contact Stephen Canter or the church office for additional information. admin@hfec.org

<u>Hurricane Relief</u>: Please give today to the Episcopal Relief and Development <u>Hurricane Relief Fund</u> and help reach vulnerable communities devastated after Hurricane Irma and other major storms. In the face of what could be a record-breaking hurricane season, please make an urgent gift today to provide relief to devastated communities in the Caribbean and the US.

# Fellowship Gatherings

<u>The Doughnuts are Coming!</u> We have returned 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 <u>this link.</u>

<u>Game Night</u>: Join us on Friday, October 13th 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

<u>Childcare Volunteers Needed</u>: All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese and must have been active members of the church for at least six months. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer. Please use <u>this link</u> to access the 10 AM Nursery sign-up sheet. Click <u>HERE</u> to sign up to supervise 10 AM Childcare for children in PreK-1st grade.



Altar Guild Breakfast: Please consider joining the Altar Guild for a Fall Breakfast to find out more about joining this wonderful ministry on Saturday, September 23rd at 9:30 AM in the parish hall. We will talk about what the job entails and you will have a chance to meet other Altar Guild members. Altar Guild is a behind the scenes ministry that is vital to the smooth operation of services, and it is very flexible to meet your schedule. In addition, it is a ministry that you can do with your kids! If you have questions please ask Greta Wilson or Lauren Wilson. Please RSVP to Greta via the church office: admin@hfec.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex at 7 PM on Wednesday, October 4th.

<u>Meal Ministry</u>: Meal Ministry is looking for volunteers; no cooking experience is necessary. The mission of Meal Ministry is to demonstrate love, mercy, hospitality, compassion, and outreach by providing meals to those from Holy Family that are in need of a meal due to sickness, hospitalization, or other hardship. When a meal is requested, we will notify the group of volunteers for interest in signing up to provide a meal or gift card for a meal. Currently we have 10 members of our ministry, we are always looking for more! For more information or to sign up to donate meals, please contact the church office. admin@hfec.org

### Thanks Be to God

- Rev. Jay Lawlor for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his homily HERE
- Search and Stewardship committees for presenting their updates during Adult Forum
- Cheryl Burke and Bryan Luce for managing contractors and insurance adjustors related to our recent lightning strike at church
- First responders and volunteers who have helped following all recent natural disasters worldwide

Marina Waddell September 14 Will Forman September 16 Alex Keys September 17



### **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

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