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The Sixteenth 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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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, October 24th.

Serving this Sunday, September 24:

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

Ushers: Joe Spangler, Troy Everett

Readers: Jeff Merryman, Betty Bogeman, Bryan Luce,

Joel Bruns

Prayers: David Emerson, Joan Head

Chalice: Sandra Cline, Joan Head, Ruth Everett
Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Thomas Canter, Matthew Beard,

Sarah Beard

Healing: Nancy Thomas, Barb Spangler

LEV: Barb Spangler

Almoners: Dan Chillemi, Lauren Wilson

AG Sat. Set Up: Kris Brown AG Bread: Chris Brown AG Sun. Set Up: Amy Mundie

AG Clean Up: Kris Brown, Lauren Wilson

Hospitality: Ray

9 AM Sunday School

Godly Play: Heather Tannas Believers: Stephen Canter

Disciples: Lesley Cahalan, Bryan Luce **Youth Group:** Marty Blake, Carol Bruns

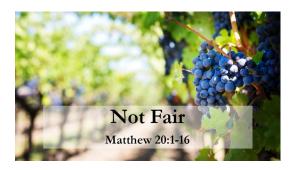
Adult Forum: Mere Christianity

Sign up to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher by

clicking **HERE**.

10 AM Childcare

Nursery: Bethany Cason
PreK-1st Grade: Susan Luce



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Second Reading Philippians 1:21-30 Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Our Mission

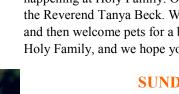
We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

Worship and Feast Days

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, October 2nd at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking **HERE**.



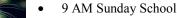
Social Media Sunday: Social Media Sunday is this Sunday, September 24th. Join with other Christians as we show how social media can help us be the church, a #holyvillage, in addition to formal worship. Tweet your Sunday morning thoughts, check in at church on Facebook, share a photo or video, or livestream part of the service. Don't forget to use the #SMS17 hashtag! @holyfamilyfshrs @therevjaylawlor



Special Sunday: Join us on Sunday, October 1st for several special events happening at Holy Family. On that day we will welcome our interim rector, the Reverend Tanya Beck. We will gather for worship, enjoy our fall picnic, and then welcome pets for a blessing in the afternoon. This is a special day at Holy Family, and we hope you can join us!

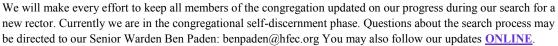


SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1st



- 10 AM One worship service with Reverend Tanya in the sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Parish picnic; grilled items provided by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and other items prepared by the congregation
- 1:00 PM Pet Blessing in the outdoor shelter

Rector Search

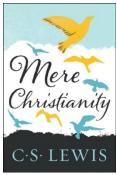




Search Prayer: Creator God, thank you for bringing us together as a holy village. Send the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide our Search Committee as they discern rector candidates to lead us in worship and service to others. Grant our Committee clarity, wisdom and vision as they work together in the selection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



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. Click HERE for the presentation schedule.

Men's Retreat: Save the date! All men of the church are invited to a spiritual retreat held at Fort Harrison on Friday evening, November 3rd through 12 Noon on Saturday, November 4th. More details will follow.

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. 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 this Sunday, September 24th.

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



Hurricane Relief: Please give today to the Episcopal Relief and Development Hurricane Relief Fund 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 com-Relief & Development munities in the Caribbean and the US. Please donate online to the link above.

Healing a hurting world

Fellowship Gatherings



Hospitality Hosts: 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 this link.

Game Night: 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

Dinner Groups are Coming Soon! We're trying something new! Instead of having dinner groups that last all year long, we'd like to rotate groups every three months. Your group needs to meet at least once (but hopefully more) in that three month period. At the end of the three months, new groups are chosen. This way you get to know more families! All families are automatically signed up to be in a group. If you are not interested in participating, you must choose to opt out. You can also choose to be in a group for one session and then opt out for the next session if it doesn't fit your schedule. Contact Lauren Wilson with questions or to opt out for the first session by September 30th. DinnerGroups@hfec.org





Gospel at Hogwarts: Holy Family extends an invitation to children of all ages to go on a family-friendly adventure of discipleship as we uncover the Gospel at Hogwarts. The adventure will take place on November 11th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Led by House prefects, guests will use a magical Disciples Map to discover Scripture hidden in the church and classrooms at Holy Family and share their discoveries with all assembled in the Great Hall. Four Hogwarts houses = four Gospels! The evening ends with a celebration of snacks reminiscent of the food found in the movies. Please RSVP online by November 1st so we can prepare enough snacks. (Familiarity with the first two Harry Potter books or movies is desirable.) Muggles are welcome!!

Thanks Be to God



- The Reverend Jay Lawlor for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his Homily HERE
- Mission in the Mountains youth and adult leaders for sharing their presentation during Adult Forum
- Sunday school teachers and childcare volunteers for their caring work with our children
- Ben Paden for working with technicians to repair our damaged AV equipment and wi-fi system

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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 this 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.

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

<u>Meals Ministry</u>: Meals Ministry is looking for volunteers; no cooking experience is necessary. The mission of Meals 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





<u>Fall Bazaar</u>: Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Bazaar shopping event from 10 AM—3 PM on Saturday, November 4th. We'll host a variety of vendors and highlight local artisans and home business owners. We are looking for volunteers to help with set up on Friday evening, November 3rd as well as during the bazaar. Please contact the church office if you can help. Admin@hfec.org



Lexi Burke September 21 Barb Chapman September 23 Annaliese Pierce September 23

Happy Anniversary

Dave & Barb Chapman September 21
Andrew & Jenny Barker September 22
Chris & Kris Brown September 26

Church Budget Through End of August:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$114,684	\$118,116
Expenses	\$105,715	\$117,881
Difference	\$8,969	\$235

<u>Pledging Options:</u> 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 <u>Contact Us</u> page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. admin@hfec.org

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