

News You Can Use

September 28, 2017

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday from 9 AM -2PM

Our Staff:

The Rev. Tanya Vonnegut Beck, Transitional Rector
The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon
Jolene Johnston, Director of Children's Ministry and
Director of Communications
Marty Blake, Director of Youth Ministry
Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator
Bethany Paden, Music Director

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* TBD

*The next vestry meeting will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday,
October 24th.*

Serving this Sunday, October 1:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Tanya Vonnegut Beck
Homily:	The Rev. Tanya Vonnegut Beck
Deacon:	The Rev. Cathy Scott
Music Director:	Bethany Paden
Greeter:	Larry Pickens
Ushers:	Brad Daniels, Andrew Barker
Readers:	Bob Murray, Greta Wilson
Prayers:	Barb Spangler
Chalice:	Joe Spangler, Scott Wilson
Acolytes:	Ian Johnston, Eliza Wilson, Matthew Beard
Healing:	Ruth Everett
LEV:	Nancy Thomas
Almoners:	Marty Blake, Susie Beard
AG Sat. Set Up:	Lauren Wilson
AG Bread:	Lauren Wilson
AG Sun. Set Up:	Amy Mundie
AG Clean Up:	Lauren Wilson, Cathy French
Hospitality:	Parish Picnic

9 AM Sunday School

Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers: Stephen Canter

Disciples: Lee Cahalan, Bryan Luce

Youth Group: Ruth Everett, Fred Stahly

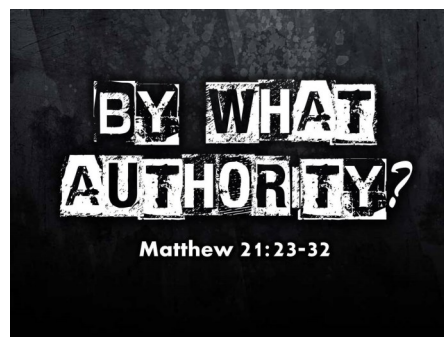
Adult Forum: [Mere Christianity](#)

*Sign up to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher by
clicking [HERE](#).*

10 AM Childcare

Nursery: Kate Chillemi

PreK-1st Grade: TBD



Sunday's readings:

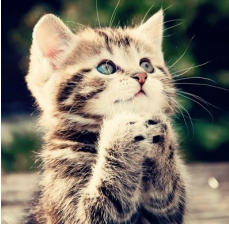
First Reading Exodus 17:1-7 **Psalm** 78:1-4, 12-16 **Second Reading** Philippians 2:1-13 **Gospel** Matthew 21:23-32

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

Special Sunday: Join us this Sunday, October 1st for several special events happening at Holy Family. On that day we will welcome our transitional 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

- 9 AM Sunday School
- 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 - congregation members are asked to bring a dish to share
- 1:00 PM Pet Blessing in the outdoor shelter



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](#).

Rector Search

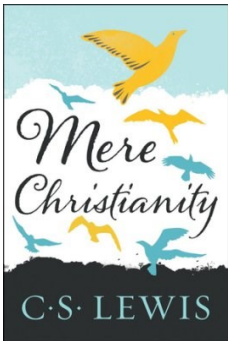
We will make every effort to keep all members of the congregation updated on our progress during our search for a new rector. Currently we are in the congregational self-discernment phase. Questions about the search process may be directed to our Senior Warden Ben Paden: benpaden@hfec.org You may also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



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.



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!!

Outreach Opportunities

Kairos Prison Ministry: Help support Kairos #21 Prison Ministry on October 5th-8th by: PRAYING (sign up on the [Prayer Chart](#)), 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



October Outreach - Disaster 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 communities in the Caribbean and the US. *Please donate online to the link above.*

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 there!

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



Thanks Be to God



- The Reverend Jay Lawlor for celebrating Eucharist with us; view his Homily [HERE](#)
- Deacon Cathy Scott for presenting at the DOK Spiritual Retreat; Ruth Everett and Jolene Johnston for organizing the retreat
- Deacon Cathy for meeting with our Godly Play class to discuss poverty; Chad Tunison for contacting area schools; Heather Tannas, Kate Chillemi, and Susan Luce for assisting children in packing hygiene kits; Holy Family congregation members for donating money to purchase supplies

- Cheryl Burke, Doug Tannas, Bryan Luce, and Ben Paden for researching options for resumed coffee service on Sundays



Other News



England Cathedral Journey: The Luce Family regularly flies to England to see relatives. Many here at the church have expressed a desire to tour some of the great cathedrals and sites in England. Spring break 2018, the first week of April, the Luce family will be off to England again. Anyone interested in joining for a pilgrimage of sorts, please come to our preliminary interest meeting, Sunday, October 8th at 11:30 AM in the Sanctuary. This will be a 20-30 minute discussion. Please see Bryan Luce for more information.

Childcare Volunteers Needed: 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 [this link](#) to access the 10 AM Nursery sign-up sheet. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to supervise 10 AM Childcare for children in PreK-1st grade.

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

Meals Ministry: 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



Fall Bazaar: 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



Bill Dickason	September 28
Wendy Snyder	September 28
Noah Tannas	September 29
Carol Bruns	October 1
Paxton Perigo	October 3
Daryl Ewick	October 4

Happy Anniversary

Chris & Jennifer McGuire	October 4
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Church Budget Through End of August:

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

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