



The Beehive

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Dear Ones,

As I write this, I'm fretting about an ice dam over my front door. I have been trying to find a roof rake to bring it down, with no success. It's a temporary problem and it will be sorted out soon enough, but it has me thinking about more serious "ice dams" in our lives.

Lent begins late this year (March 1) so it seems a little early to be thinking about Lenten practices of self-examination and repentance. But it is also the start of a new year, so maybe we can think about it in terms of New Year's resolutions or taking on a better habit.

As part of my new year resolutions, I promised myself to do a very brief daily journal entry, to help keep those spiritual ice dams from building up. Every day I jot down the answers to the following questions:

- Where did I encounter God (the Divine) today?
- How did I respond?
- For what am I grateful today?
- What do I need to confess/let go so that I can be prepared for tomorrow?
- Who/what needs my prayers?

I'm only about four days in, but I already see a difference in my attitude (even when I fret about things like ice dams!) and I hope that as we move into the New Year, I'll see that I am spending more time each day looking for God, being grateful, and holding others in my prayers.

Blessings to you all in 2017.

Nancy+

PS As I typed this, I had a thought—and found a roof rake!

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With Thanks.....

After three years as warden of Christ Church, I feel that it is time to step down from the weekly duties and refocus my energies in other areas. I have enjoyed my time as a “servant leader” and will continue to be active in the church.

Three years ago, when I became warden, I felt called to help our church during a time of transition and to help “rebuild our church”. This was what St. Francis did and I felt, as a Franciscan, that I was called to do that at Christ Church. Here was an opportunity for me and the vestry to help make our little church a place where our parish community could find refreshment and fellowship so that we could minister to ourselves, our families and our neighbors.

The vestry felt that the place to start was with making our facility more inviting and a place of hospitality. The list of projects done over the past three years, by a number of people, has ranged from having the sanctuary painted and the organ and altar repositioned, to having the building and grounds tidied up. The vestry and wardens took on a number of projects to make our church more inviting. A gravel walk was built to make the office more accessible from the parking lot. New signs were hung so visitors could find their way into the church more easily.

All these projects were done to make our little church and parish house more inviting for parishioners and the greater community to attend prayer groups, bible study groups, and our Sunday and Wednesday Eucharist.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as Warden. It was a wonderful experience.

Yours in Christ,

Douglas Wall, Warden

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 06 Carolyn Tanner
- 09 Marcia Pottle
- 20 Nancy Rideout
- 25 Wendy Emerson
- 29 Sandy Luke



ANNIVERSARY IN JANUARY

- 30 Michael & Bonnie Trundy



JANUARY CALENDAR

- 01 10:00 A.M. Breakfast Church at Christ Church with Trinity Lutheran
- 11:50 A.M. Choir rehearsal
- 04 11:30 A.M. Roundtable/Bible Study
- 08 11:50 A.M. Choir rehearsal
- 10 *Annual Reports due in office!*
- 11 10:00 A.M. “Embracing the Silence”
- 11:30 A.M. Roundtable/Bible Study
- 2:00 P.M. Fundraising meeting
- 15 11:50 A.M. Choir rehearsal
- 3:00 P.M. Bethel House Church
- 18 10:00 A.M. Vestry
- 11:30 A.M. Roundtable/Bible Study
- 20 *Beehive deadline!*
- 22 11:50 A.M. Choir rehearsal
- 25 10:00 A.M. “Embracing the Silence”
- 11:30 A.M. Roundtable/Bible Study
- 29 11:30 A.M. (after church) **ANNUAL MEETING**

CHAPEL SHEPHERDS

January:	08	Susan Glines
	15	Carlyn Kroitzsh
	22	Jen Lehr
	29	Martha Eaton
February:	05	Susan Glines
	12	Mary Bickford
	19	Carlyn Kroitzsh
	26	Jen Lehr

Please note: If you are not able to serve on the designated Sunday, please swap with someone on the list. Thanks!



Do you want to get your Beehive by email? Just let us know!

SUNDAY WORSHIP—10:30 A.M.

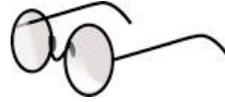
EUCCHARIST—Wednesday at 9:00

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The Deacon's Lens



I gave up making New Year resolutions years ago. Some were just fanciful and others were just reaffirmation of what I was doing anyway.

But I have been carrying around in my prayer book a book mark from the Fund for the Deaconate. It is a reminder from the Iona Community which I read every day.

Remind Us

God in whose love we are made, when bread is before us remind us of the hungry.

When our key is in the door remind us of those who have no home.

When we enjoy the opportunities of money in our pockets remind us of those who only know poverty.

When the laughter of friendship fills out hearing remind us of those who only know loneliness.

When the love of our family keeps us safe remind us of those whose family was the place of their pain.

When we wonder what it is we can do remind us that you said: Whenever you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the prisoner, you do it to me.

And lead us to do as you call us to do.

Happy and blessed new year.

Rev. Lanny



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STEWARDSHIP IS MANY THINGS

♦ Br. Matthias Tanner, O.S.L.

A once-upon-a-time colleague dedicated the offering at a worship service with these words:

No matter what we say;

No matter what we do;

Here, O Lord,

Is what we REALLY think of you.

I was surprised by his nerve, and amused by his cleverness. After the service, I didn't hear any comments about it, so either the congregation present was used to his way, or they were really put out by what he said. I went away thinking that I would never say such a thing out loud, in public.

I couldn't forget the little ditty, though, and began to really get into the meaning of it. It is true that we reveal what is most important to us by how we use our money, what we spend it on, and what we don't spend it on. That is something that is not often apparent to us until we keep track of our spending and then look at a year's worth of records, and the totals in a number of categories.

If we do that, we can see what is most important to us. That will reveal some areas of our spending that are dictated by our circumstances: we have to pay the rent or the mortgage, buy food, take care of having clothes, and so on. Other items are optional and the amount we spend on them is revealing and significant.

That may be behind Jesus' remark: "No one can serve two superiors. You will either hate one and love the other, or be attentive to one and despise the other. You cannot give yourself to GOD and Money." (The Inclusive Bible translation; Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13) We show our love/respect/dedication to GOD largely by the way we support GOD'S work in the world, much of which is done by our Church.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

35 Paris Street, Norway, ME 04268



JANUARY 2017

WORSHIP & OTHER PERSONNEL JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2017

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON A SCHEDULED DATE, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT. LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW THAT PERSON'S NAME BY THE **TUES. MORNING BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED DAY.**

Coffee Hour will be AFTER church. Coffee is also available in the Guild Room before the church service.

	JANUARY 01 Breakfast Church	JANUARY 08	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 29
<u>EUCH.</u> <u>MINISTER</u>		Peter Bickford	Priscilla McFarland	Tom Knight	Allan Crane
<u>ACOLYTE</u>		Mary Bickford	Doug Wall Jason Wallace	Peter Hammond	Carlyn Kroitzsh
<u>LECTORS</u>	Ted Kehn Keith Willoughby	P. Bickford-OT/Pr. S. Jones-Ps./NT	P. McFarland-OT/Pr. Br. Matthias-Ps./NT	T. Knight—OT/Pr. N. Moore-Ps./NT	A. Crane—OT/Pr. R. Laban—Ps./NT
<u>USHERS</u>		Carol & Steve Jones	Wes McFarland Tom Knight	Carlyn Kroitzsh Beulah Ayer	Rosemary Laban Tom Knight
<u>COUNTERS</u>	Tom Knight Peter Hammond	Steve Jones Merton Lord	P. McFarland Tom Knight	Carlyn Kroitzsh Tom Knight	Carolyn Tanner Peter Hammond
<u>COFFEE</u>	Pot Luck/ Breakfast Church	Carol Jones	Alison Whitney	Bernice Kehn	Thelma Cunningham
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>Dec. 31—Jan. 13</u> Martha Eaton T. Cunningham		<u>Jan. 14—Jan. 27</u> Mary Bickford Carlyn Kroitzsh		<u>Jan. 28—Feb. 10</u> Bernice Kehn Bonnie Trundy

	FEBRUARY 05	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 26
<u>EUCH.</u> <u>MINISTER</u>	Barbi Tinder	Carlyn Kroitzsh	Mary Bickford	Sue Emerson
<u>ACOLYTE</u>	Priscilla McFarland	Peter Hammond Jason Wallace	Peter Bickford	Doug Wall
<u>LECTORS</u>	Carol Jones	Ted Kehn	Priscilla McFarland	Rosemary Laban
<u>USHERS</u>	Carol & Steve Jones	Beulah Ayer Rosemary Laban	Wesley McFarland Tom Knight	Peter & Mary Bickford
<u>COUNTERS</u>	Steve Jones Tom Knight	Carlyn Kroitzsh Peter Hammond	Priscilla McFarland Carolyn Tanner	Steve Jones Peter Hammond
<u>COFFEE</u> <u>HOOR</u>	Carlyn Kroitzsh	Kathy Parsons	Beulah Ayer	Jan Wall
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	<u>Jan 28—Feb. 10</u> Bernice Kehn Bonnie Trundy	<u>Dec. 03—16</u> Bernice Kehn Bonnie Trundy	<u>Dec. 17—Dec. 30</u> Jan Wall Merton Lord	