

KTF 2025 June 12

Dear Ones,

Over the winter and spring, Liz has been diligently cataloguing all the sheet music stored in the choir room. Three weeks ago, we shared that catalog with the wider diocese, so that congregations with active choirs can put it to good use—and we can reclaim that storage space to use for children’s ministry materials. We received several inquiries in response, and we are seeing it rehomed to places where it will once again be translated from page to sound, voices lifted in the worship of God. My deep thanks to Liz for her herculean effort in pulling it all together and coordinating the responses to the requests.

One of those transfers involved a visit from the priest serving in Augusta. He came Wednesday morning to join our Bible study and Eucharist. He was very energized by the experience, and whispered to me after, “This is a great congregation!” I told him what I tell everyone—Christ Church, Norway, is the best congregation in the diocese.

And you are! Thank you for a being a place where we have room for all kinds of people, ideas, beliefs, histories, practices...you really do embody Christian community at its best.

In the meantime....*keep the faith*,
Nancy+

PS My brother’s surgery FINALLY happened on Monday. It went well and he is recovering comfortably.

THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 * Psalm 8 * Romans 5:1-5 * John 16:12-15

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy Williams (6/18); Patricia Stewart (6/21)

CREATION CARE TIPS

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the Earth is full of your creatures. All of them look to you to give them food in due season. – Psalm 104: 25, 28

Today I want to focus on three animals that are connected to creation care work: Dogs, lobsters, and peregrine falcons.

Last August, when our daughter’s family moved back to the US, she and I were heading into a diner to pick up dinner for 6 of us – as their kitchen supplies were still in storage - when suddenly she stomped her foot and swore. Surprised, I gave her a motherly and questioning look. She apologized for the vocabulary, then said she had just smashed a spotted lanternfly, and would not apologize for her actions. To date, I still have not seen a spotted lanternfly, since all that was left on the walkway was an obliterated mess, and this particular invasive species has not reached Maine yet.

An article in the Portland Press Herald last January reported that a group of concerned dog owners had participated in a pilot program, teaching their dogs to sniff out spotted lanternflies and their eggs so they can be destroyed. The article described infested areas as “Scorched earth without the fire.” Why are the dogs being trained, if spotted lanternflies haven’t reached Maine? Because they are expected to make their debuts next year, and “forewarned is forearmed.” We don’t want Maine to look like scorched Earth without the fire.

The New York Times ran an article that highlighted a fisherman named Dick Bridges, of Stonington, Maine. He is part of a team that makes chowder for church suppers. In earlier times, the chowder had several types of fish, scallops, and lobster. Now, it only has lobster, because the scallops are so tightly regulated and the groundfish have largely disappeared. Lobster is abundant but regulated and moving northward. In the 1960s *Homarus americanus* was caught off the coasts of Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey. In 1990, the species all but disappeared from Connecticut waters. Luckily for us, it's thriving off the Maine coast, but the migration due to warming waters is not slowing, and will not wait for global warming to cease. The movement of lobster populations to higher latitudes is a harbinger, or very visible indicator, of climate change.

And above us, in the blue skies, the Peregrine falcon soars and swoops, searching for some hapless critter that will be its next meal. The Lewiston Sun Journal reported in late May that the Peregrine falcon population in Maine is not affected by avian fluYET. The disease that raised the prices of eggs and emptied supermarket dairy department's refrigerators earlier this year hasn't made its way to our region. We hope it doesn't. We hope researchers will find a way to protect the egg industry and wild birds. We hope funding for this type of research, research that will lead to a return of groundfish off Stonington, and research that will control the spotted lanternfly will not be removed from the federal budget.

– Patty Watts, Christ Church Earth Keeper

Hurt not the earth—neither the sea—nor the trees. Revelation 7:3

CALENDAR

SUN:	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Eucharist/In-person and online
	3:00 PM	Bethel House
WED:	9:00 AM	Eucharist/Bible Study
THU:	9:00 AM	Christ Church Book Group/Zoom
	7:15 PM	Zoom Compline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UTO Spring Ingathering We are happy to share that the spring United Thank Offering ingathering came to \$437.77! (About \$100 of that was egg money) These funds help support a variety of grants in The Episcopal Church and around the world. FMI: unitedthankoffering.com.

Summer Garden Maintenance We are looking for volunteers to maintain the gardens in the front—mostly weeding and maybe a little trimming. Would you like to help? (And thank you to the person who was out there last Monday!)

The **funeral service for Ada Moore** will be on Saturday, June 28, at 2:00 PM at St. Paul's in Brunswick.

The **funeral service for Martha Eaton** will be Sunday, July 6, at 1:00 PM at Christ Church. The full reception will be at their camp in Waterford following the service.

Backyard Eucharists During COVID, we enjoyed gathering outdoors to celebrate the Eucharist together and there was some desire to continue them during the summer. Would any of you like to host one some evening?

MINISTRIES LIST

	This week:	Next week:
Lector 1:	Allison Long	Tom Knight
Psalmist:	Bella Long	Peter Hammond
Lector 2:	Mary Bickford	Jill Cunningham
Acolyte:	Bella Long	Evie Lehr
Euch. Minister:	Peter Bickford	Tom Knight
Chapel Shepherd:	Jason Long	Holly Stuhr
Usher:	Jen Lehr	David Mering
Altar Guild:	Marg Means	Marg Means
Coffee Hour:	Jose & Carolee Garcia	Rosemary Laban
Counter:	David Mering	Peter Hammond
Closer:	Jen Lehr	Tom Knight