



Pastor's Corner

Rev. Deadra Ashton, Pastor

A few weeks ago I ended a sermon with words attributed to Mother Teresa. Several people have asked for them. They are:

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

November/December Events

Every Sunday our Worship Service is held at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday School for children is held during worship. Adult Bible Study, led by Rev. David Wolfe, is held at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish House. The Weekday Bible Study group meets every Tuesday at 5p.m. at the Parish House.

Rev. Ashton's Parish House Office hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Regular Meetings

- Parish Council: First Sunday of the month after the worship service.
- Christian Education Committee: Second Sunday of the month after worship.
- Great Choir: Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
- Youth Choir: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
- Community Food Shelf: open every Friday between 4-6 p.m.
- Youth Group: Third Sunday of the month at 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- DivorceCare: Support Group meetings, Parish House, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Special Events

- Stewardship Potluck Luncheon: November 3, in the Town Hall following worship
- Thanksgiving Bag delivery: Saturday, November 23.
- Thanksgiving Eve Service: Wednesday, November 27, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- Church decorating and Carol Sing: Friday, December 6, beginning at 6 p.m.
- "Ways of Knowing God": Saturday, December 7, 4 p.m. at the Parish House.
- Gift Items for Christmas Baskets: drop off in church on Sunday, December 16.
- Caroling: Friday, December 20, meet at 6 p.m. at the Parish House. We will leave the Parish House at 6 p.m. Refreshments at the home of Matt and Amy Frost following caroling.
- Candlelight Christmas Eve services: Monday, December 24: 6 p.m. Children's Pageant; 8 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols.

Special Advent Event

The “Ways of Knowing God” event will start at 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7 in the Parish House. Anne Leeds and Deadra Ashton will lead a contemplative reading of an Advent scripture after which participants will create an art piece inspired by the text. It’s the perfect opportunity for a little bit of quiet reflection during this busy holiday season.

Choir News

Our choirs have begun preparation for the holiday season. The youth choir directors are now assigning parts for the choir’s 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Pageant. Children of all ages are invited to participate. They may be part of the choir or simply a part of the cast. Please speak with Liz Mulvey or Janet Zug for more information.

The theme of this year’s pageant will be the longing for the peace of the Christ Child and will tell the traditional biblical Christmas story. Liz Mulvey is in charge of this year’s pageant.

The Great Choir also has begun preparations for the Advent season and we invite any interested singers to participate during this special time of the year. The Great Choir is responsible for the music at the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols.

The Neptunes, a four-member group of close harmonies, will offer a mix of sacred Christmas music at the Dec. 22 worship service.

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is gathering items to include in Thanksgiving Goody bags filled with treats for our community seniors.

We will deliver them on Saturday afternoon,

November 23. If you would like to contribute items or help to deliver the bags contact Sue Barnaby at 889-3736.

Thanks!

Judie Lewis, Janet Zug and Liz Mulvey for leading the choirs and guest musicians in an inspiring Festival of Worship – the Fair Service! The choirs have never sounded better, and that’s due to their leadership.

Corner Rail Fence, Corner Stop Mini Mart, Hannaford of West Lebanon, South Royalton Market, Welch’s True Value Hardware and everyone who participated in the Tunbridge Harvest 5K Fun Run and Walk. You helped us raise more than \$1100 to benefit the Food Shelf!

Ed Howe, Bob Rogers and David Smith for reinforcing the sagging Parish House floors. More work will be done in the spring.

Parish Council Members

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