

## E-News for the Week of Sunday, July 24

### 10th Sunday After Pentecost

#### Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

#### Worship Participants

**Celebrant:** Pr. Ann Larson

**Altar Guild:** Lucy Beck

**Communion Assistant:** Julie Valliere

**Liturgical Assistant:** Kathe Bruno

**Lector:** Janice Tilley

**Organist:** Ann Gnagey

**Greeters:** Donna and Gary Pittman

**Ushers:** Sharon Sturm and Richard Butz

**Coffee Hour:** TBA

#### Upcoming Week

##### **Wednesday, 7/20**

10:00 a.m. Organ Repair (3 hours)

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

##### **Sunday, 7/24**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and KidzKamp

##### **Wednesday, 7/27**

5:00-6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (rental)

Click [HERE](#) for a long-range calendar.

#### Upcoming Birthdays

7/22 Anna-Marie Mattson (Carter)

7/23 Margit Sirgo

7/24 Sally Norton

7/25 Lillian Johnson

7/27 John Qubrosi

7/27 Isaac Sponem

7/28 Susan Norton

7/30 Johnathan Fry

#### Pastor's Message

There's no message this week as Pastor Nancy is enjoying a much needed vacation, but she wanted to make sure everyone knew about the rally being held tomorrow, July 21. The Rally for Clean Water will be held at City Hall Park in Burlington at 7:00 p.m.! She hopes to see many familiar faces there. In the meantime, Pr. Ann Larson will be the preacher and celebrant on July 24. She will return to us again from her "staycation" on Sunday, July 31.

#### Sunday School News

KidzKamp has been a blast! Last week Kelli Tylenda taught us about horses and the joy and benefit of horseback riding. Sitting in saddles was cool and making little horses was fun too. She had a lot of stories about her times riding and helping disabled children to ride and grow. Horses were very important to settling the United States, too.

This Sunday, **July 24 is about pets**, and the value of pets in our lives. Kids are welcome to bring a picture of a pet they have, had, or would like to have. We will talk about love, caring for others, trust, and responsibility, as it applies to pets, as well as to friends and to our relationship with God.

**The last KidzKamp Sunday is July 31, and is Woodland Animals.**

Children's programs take a break until September 11, when we resume Sunday School.

September 11 is also "God's Work, Our Hands Sunday".

After the 10 AM service, our congregation (and others helping us) plan to pack 12,000 mac and cheese meals for the local food shelf. Each meal costs 25 cents. Please consider having your children save quarters from their allowance or their money, to contribute to this effort. Quarters might be placed in an envelope labeled Macaroni money, or GWOH. Bigger checks are welcome as well for this important and monumental undertaking. Think about it like this: \$25 make 100 meals and feeds 100 people. It is like the story of the fishes and loaves...a little gift offered can make a lot of meals! Please plan to help in contributions and in planning to set aside time to pack meals on September 11. A tall macaroni thermometer to gauge our giving progress is in the narthex. On this 15th anniversary of 9/11, bring the family and friends and do God's work for others.

Warmly,

Lydia

### [HARK! IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS](#)

#### [Seeking Volunteer for Fun Project!](#)

We have a wonderful batch of photos (thanks to Kelli Tylenda!) of our 50th anniversary opening event on June 26th. Who would like to put them into an album? There is not a critical timeline here. We'd just like to have the album in the next couple of months so that ten years from now someone is not saying "Now what were these photos about?" If you're interested, please contact Marcia at [marciagus@earthlink.net](mailto:marciagus@earthlink.net) or talk to her in church on Sunday. This really could be a fun and short project, while being a BIG contribution to helping document the life of Ascension. Thanks!

#### [JUMP NEWS](#)

That time of year has come again - yes, it finally feels like summer has arrived, but also the time for the JUMP bags has arrived!

Our July JUMP bags are being collected now! You can bring in the bags anytime from now 'til the end of July. Last year we donated 60 bags of food. This year hygiene items are the most needed so the list has changed. Please note the items on the list and fill'em up!

Bags, lists, and encouragement will be available at church. As always, if you would like a personal shopper, the Dreibelbis Jr. Ushers are on the job! You give us your donation and Lauren, Noah, and I will shop 'til we drop!

Thank you so much for your continued support for our neighbors in need. Questions? Contact Beth Dreibelbis, 899-4557 or [edreib2@comcast.net](mailto:edreib2@comcast.net).

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the list!

#### [Mac & Cheese Challenge](#)

We've been talking about our Mac and Cheese Challenge but what is it exactly? Early in September members of the Social Action Committee will drive to Rutland, with a trailer, to pick up the bulk supplies and assembly line equipment. When we get back to the church we'll need help unloading and storing the materials we picked up. On the day before the event, volunteers will set up two or three assembly lines in the fellowship hall and stage the bulk supplies.

On **Sunday, September 11**, after the service, lunch will be provided and then we'll assemble to begin the process. A volunteer from another congregation, who is certified to oversee a food packaging event, will oversee the process that will, ideally employ 45 - 50 people. On the assembly line we'll use special equipment to carefully measure ingredients to produce individual packets of nutritionally enriched meals. 12,000 packets will be boxed up for efficient distribution, and the whole event should take about three hours, can you imagine that? Then we'll clean up and, later in the week begin to distribute the bounty.

So, we need your encouragement, your help unloading, setting up, and packaging, and we need your financial support. This is what Ascension is all about.

Want to see the work in action at another church? Watch a video

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGANKsERJrg>

### ***The Property Committee Needs Your Help!***

The Property Committee has a number of projects ahead of us. Some more urgent than others. Some are beyond the scope of our members and will require professional help. Others are "in-house" jobs doable by the committee or volunteers from the congregation. Check out the list of projects on the "Property Committee" bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We welcome any and all help!

### ***Mowing Sign-ups***

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to mow the lawn! We have someone for the week of the 10th, but so far no one has signed up for the rest of July or into August. We've done a great job so far of helping to ease stress on our budget by doing some of our maintenance tasks, like mowing, ourselves. If you can take on a week of lawn mowing (or even team up with a friend), it would be a great help! The sign-up sheet is on the Property Committee bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Questions? Contact Richard Butz.

### ***Names Tags Are Important***

To make it easier for members to find their name tags, there is new storage box on the table right outside the library in alphabetical order. Please find your name tag and wear it each Sunday, and then return it to the box. Lauren Dreibelbis will be maintaining the box.

### ***Hymnals***

The Worship and Music committee invites anyone to make a memorial donation to purchase a new hymnal. To accommodate all worshipers, we need to purchase about twenty new hymnals. The cost for each ELW hymnbook is \$22.50. The name of the person in whose memory the book is given will be placed inside the hymnbook. Please inform Pr. Nancy by email if you are interested.

### ***Coffee Hour***

The 2016 coffee hour list has been posted. Please sign up!

### ***Additional News and Opportunities***

#### ***Film "Oriented" to Be Shown August 3 in Waitsfield***

We recently joined Peace and Justice Center staff to preview the film *Oriented*, a feature documentary that explores the lives of three gay Palestinian friends confronting their national and sexual identity in Tel Aviv. As the *Variety* review stated, "The result puts a uniquely Middle Eastern spin on a classic coming-of-age tale." In making the film, first-time director Jake Witzenfeld followed the trio of real-life friends for a year and a half; the resulting 80-minute documentary has screened in festivals including the prestigious Sheffield Doc/Fest and Los Angeles Film Festival.

Press reports and the film's trailer can be accessed at [www.orientedfilm.com](http://www.orientedfilm.com).

When we saw the film, we were struck by its honesty and the integrity of the people whom we meet—the three protagonists, their lovers, friends, and families. Full of humor and insights grounded in reality, this is "probably the first

film about gay Palestinians that is blissfully free of clichés” (+972). The documentary does not present clearly defined answers to the ambiguities that swirl around the young men at its heart; rather, it offers us space for exploration and conversation.

The Peace and Justice Center, with a number of cosponsoring organizations including Outright Vermont, Pride Center of Vermont, and Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel, will show the film at the Big Picture Theater and Cafe in Waitsfield on **Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 6:30 P.M.** For more information and tickets, please call 802-863-2345 x 6.

---Mousa Ishaq and Kristin Peterson-Ishaq

**Main Street Landing Black Box Theatre presents:**

Bob Stannard & Those Dangerous Bluesmen

**All Proceeds Benefit JUMP** (Joint Urban Ministry Project)

**Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 8:00 PM (Doors Open at 7 PM)**

Main Street Landing Black Box Theatre at 60 Lake Street, Burlington, VT 05401

All tickets \$21.75 (Ticket prices include a Box Office Surcharge)

Every individual, regardless of age, requires a ticket.

This production is exempt from VT Sales Tax – documentation in show folder.

Direct ticket Link: <http://www.flynntix.org/see-description/bob-stannard/Details?perfNo=13737&;perfCodePrefix=OPJ17S>

**From the New England Synod Newsletter**

Bishop James Hazelwood and Bishop Lloyd Allen of the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras presided at the dedication of a new church building in Yuscaran, Honduras this past weekend. (click video above to view a 3-minute movie of the dedication) La Iglesia de La Presentacion, the Church of the Presentation, began as a small community of six people in 2004, when then Pastors Jim and Lisa Hazelwood of St. Andrew in Charlestown, RI first traveled to Honduras. In the years that followed, the New England Synod began the first ever Lutheran-Episcopal Companion Diocese Synod relationship, and multiple partnerships began. Since 2005, people from all over New England have traveled to Honduras to help construct this church building, start scholarship programs for students, support a Nurse through the Lutheran Church of Honduras.

"The completion of this church in Yuscaran caps a chapter in our global mission partnership," Bishop Hazelwood said. "I am so pleased about this joint relationship with both the Episcopal and the Lutheran Church in Honduras." He continued, referencing the fact that the New England Synod has a joint companion relationship with the Lutherans as well as the Episcopalians.

The Episcopal Church in Honduras has tripled in size since 2001. They now have over 150 congregations after beginning with 56 at the turn of the century. This has largely been accomplished through training lay people to take leadership roles in small villages. "Where do they meet?" asked one of our group participants, Victoria Wittman. "In a small shop, in someone's home or under a tree," came the surprising answer from Deacon Kathy Pennbaker. This expansion of the church through the ancient practice of training lay leaders is one of the many ways we in the New England Synod are learning from our sisters and brothers in Honduras.

The New England Synod has Global Companion Relationships with Honduras, as well as with the Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Annually, small groups of people take pilgrimages to these places to support ministries, learn about the global mission of the church and grow in their walk of faith. If you'd like to be a part of one of these mission trips, contact us at [office@nesynod.org](mailto:office@nesynod.org).