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To be honest
To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope



Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, September 24, 2023

Worship Bulletin

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Profession of First Vows for Damaso Hodges

This morning we celebrate the Profession of Life Vows to the Companions of Our Lady of Walsingham by Damaso Hodges. Damaso has been in discernment for joining the Companions for the last year and this morning asks us to join his prayers and witness his vows. With this profession of vow, Damaso's name will change to Brother Dunstan OLW. Thanks be to God for this wonderful affirmation of ministry!

For more information on the Companions of Our Lady of Walsingham, click [here](#).



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Hymntune Psalms

Beginning this Sunday, we will chant the Psalms. You are welcome to join in the chant, using the music in the bulletin.

Pet Blessing

Join us with your furry friends on October 8 at 1:00pm for the Blessing of the Pets. Weather permitting, we will bless our pets in the St Francis Garden.

Incense on September 24th

Incense will be used for church on 9/24. It will be light but we remind people with sensitivities to please plan their seating accordingly.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be on September 25th at 6:00pm. Please join us and check-in about the ministries of the Parish.

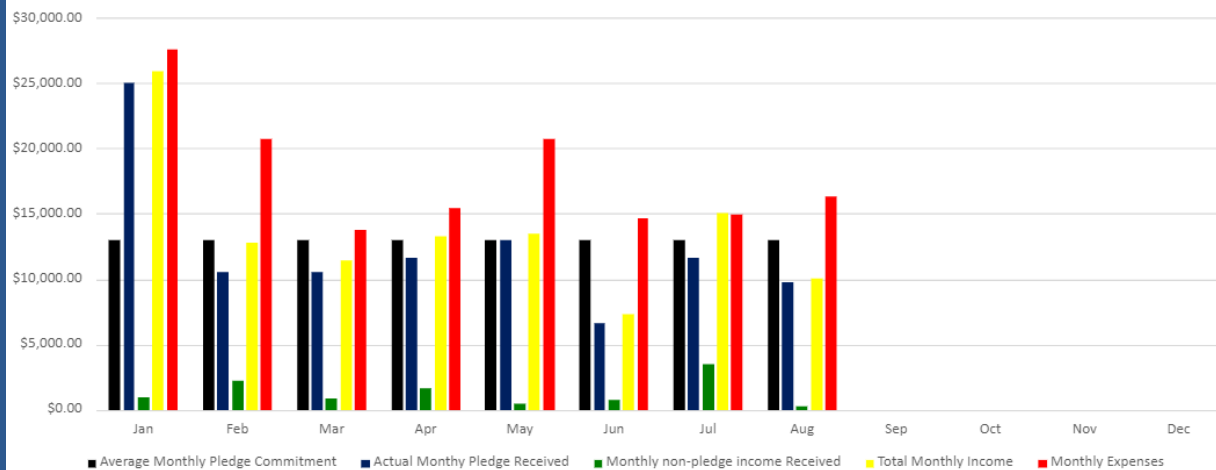
If you aren't able to join us for the meeting, please send in a brief summary.

Pledge and Expenses Update

Please take some time and look over our pledge and expenses update.

MONTHLY INCOME -EXPENSE CHART 2023

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Wednesday and Sunday Study

We had our first session on our study of the Acts of the Apostles on Wednesday, September 20 and it was great. We had 13 people there. We learned about how the books of the Bible were chosen to be a part of it, what the Apocryphal is, who wrote both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (Dr. Luke) and met ALL the Apostles. We gave out handouts and folders to put all their handouts in. To tell you quite frankly, I think everyone was really excited about getting the folders!!!!

This same class will be repeated on Sunday shortly after coffee hour.

Next week we will learn about how the replacement for Judas Iscariot was chosen and who it was. We will also learn about the two Pentecost's which as we joked about will, go with the three Creation stories in the Bible along with the two flood stories.

If this all sounds interesting, please plan to join us on Wednesday at 10 AM or Sunday. We are suggesting you order a copy of *The Rose Guide to the Book of Acts* which we are using as a resource but do not have assigned reading in it.

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry or Pastor Jenni.

Community Meals

Our next Sunday to prepare and serve the Community Meal at Christ Church Waukegan is October 8. We are forming our team for preparation of the meal on October 7 from 11 to 2 at Annunciation and set-up and serving the meal on October 8 from 12:30 to 3:30 at Christ Church. We usually serve 60 - 80 meals, and we prepare for 80. We also prepare 80 bags with snacks, fresh fruit and water. We need the following items for the snack bags - please bring by October 1. Please sign-up on the whiteboard at church or tell Deacon Anne.

- 80 16-oz bottles of water
- 80 snack-size chips - all the same
- 80 protein or granola bars
- 80 juice boxes
- 80 individual packs of cookies or rice crispy treats

If you would like to bring fresh fruit for 80 meals, please bring it on Sunday October 8.

Please contact Tom Crafton, tlcrafton@outlook.com, or Deacon Anne, deacon.annunciation@gmail.com, if you would like to participate or have questions.



Photo Directory

We are now working on the "special event" pictures for the directory. This includes St. Nicholas Day, the Ornament Exchange, Souper Bowl Sunday, the picnic, the Feast of the Annunciation, etc.

If you were not able to make the appointments for your photo to be taken at Annunciation, we have learned that St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst on Grand Ave. will be having the photographers there on October 5,6,7. We will be able to send some of you over there to have your picture taken. We thought we would be able to take pictures on our own here at Annunciation and just submit them but the rep told us each submitted picture would cost us \$15 to be included. We don't want to do that, so Lindenhurst it is. We will not know what appointments will be left after their people sign up so if you do want to take advantage of this possibility, please let either Deb Gallinger (deb gallinger1@gmail.com) or me (mamamastercard@comcast.net) know. We will keep in contact with St. Mark's and let you know about available appointment times closer to October 5.

Last time we had 66 families photographed. Currently, we have 30 who were photographed so we would love to have more than that to make a nice book for all of us. Remember, if you are photographed, you receive a directory.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb or Miriam.

Publication schedule

The deadline for articles or announcements for bulletins and Parish News: For Sunday 10/1, please have your submissions in by 9/27 at noon.

Actions for Justice and Peace

"Let justice and peace roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." Amos 5:24

We are in the Season of Creation, September 1 - October 4. We can show our care of creation in prayer and action.

Pray this prayer for care of creation from the Church of England:

God of creation and Lord of life, you entrusted us to care for our environment, but in many parts of the world we have failed. Help us to realise how fragile and unstable our surroundings are, because we are not looking after creation. We need to be true stewards and to understand how the most insignificant little flowers, and the tiniest insects, each creature and individual people are all part of a wondrous whole.

Act by advocating for congressional action for protecting wildlife and for environmental justice. Go to the Office of Government relations of the Episcopal Church and then to action alerts or use this [link](#).



Parish Life Corner

This Sunday, September 24 we will have a special celebration for Damaso Hodges so be sure to come help celebrate his taking vows for the Companions of Our Lady of Walsingham.

October 15 will be our next Parish Planning Sunday so the Vestry will be hosting coffee hour.

October 22 will be another special day as we celebrate the one year anniversary of our signing of the Parish Link document with Venerable Canon Donne representing the Fort Dauphin district. We will have all things Madagascar. So, we will be serving Loaka a staple of the Mada diet plus Susan O'Morchoe will be making a special Malagasy cake and we will have fruits found in Mada as well. Be sure you join us for this special celebration.

We still need some hosts for the remainder of this year. Here are the available dates: October 8; November 12 and 19 (one of these will be the All Parish Squash Off); and, December 10 and 24. December 10 could have some leftovers from the Ornament Exchange happening on December 9 so it could be an easier one. Just a little tip!!!! And remember, if we don't have a host, it will be only coffee and juice. So, please check your calendars and sign up for a Sunday or two.

It is easy to sign up. You have two options. You can sign up on the paper copy of the sign-up sheets on the board in the Parish Hall. I check it each week and add any new entries to Sign Up Genius so you get a reminder email a few days before your selected Sunday. OR, you can follow the link below and use Sign Up Genius yourself. Either way works great. So, please check your calendars and sign up to host. Thank you ahead of time for your help. If you use Sign Up Genius, please remember it is a two-step process so select the date then save it and be sure you get the screen asking for your name and email address. We had a potential host who did not do the second step, brought all her food and discovered someone else had signed up since the date had remained open. If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry or Andrea Lindblad.

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)



PADS Lunches and volunteers!

The PADS team would like to invite additional volunteers to help in making the lunches. If you are interested, please speak with Pam Meyers.

Our team provides lunches to PADS twice each month. We purchase the food and supplies to make those lunches a reality. If you would like to contribute to this ministry of PADS, please note on the check or mark on the envelope, **PADS**.



12@12 Service

Beginning on September 26, we will start a new book in the 12@12 service. We will be reading *Why Can't Church be more like an AA Meeting?* by Stephen Haynes.

Stephen R. Haynes is professor of religious studies at Rhodes College, adjunct professor of

recovery ministry at Fuller Theological Seminary, and theologian-in-residence at Idlewild Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

This book explores the way in which 12-step philosophy can aid the church in its own healing.

Please consider join us for our Noonday prayer and discussion.

For 9/26, we will read the introduction and first chapter.

You can purchase the book [here](#) or [here](#).



We are coming up on the first anniversary of the signing of our Parish Link Agreement with the district of Fort Dauphin. This district, along with Amboasary (St. James the Less' Parish Link), are overseen by Venerable Canon Donne. We are planning a celebration on Sunday, October 22. We will have a special coffee hour with Loaka and a special Malagasy cake. Loaka is one of the mainstays of the Malagasy diet. It is made up of meat of whatever kind available (we will use ground beef) and various veggies all served over rice. We

had this as lunch during one of our Madagascar Wednesday Book Studies and everyone really liked it. So be sure to be in church on October 22 and stay for coffee hour.

Have you now checked the kids wall to see the updated pictures? Several months ago, all us sponsors received the updated pictures and letters from our kids. I still smile when I remember the salutation from my Ronia ("What's up Mama Miriam?")!!!! If you haven't checked them out, please do so.

Next week is the week for the kids attending Tsiharoa Primary School, a government school, to receive their school supplies from us. The teachers will also receive either the money we earmarked for them or their supplies, I don't know which at this time. Either way, you all have helped this school tremendously.

Large numbers of baptisms continue to be happening throughout the Diocese of Toliara and new churches are rising up. What a wonderful testament to what God can do in the poorest of places and with unexpected people. Remember, Venerable Canon Donne was the town drunk when Bishop Todd McGregor first met him and he had a third grade education. Now he goes on vacation and founds a new church of 90 members!!!! Truly, all things are possible....

If you have questions about Madagascar, education there or being able to help the children, please see Miriam Berry.

Music Minister

We are still accepting names for a music minister and are asking for you to spread the news. If you know of potential candidates, please talk with Debbie Rakestraw.

Nursery Attendant

We are still accepting names for a second attendant for the nursery. If you know of candidates, please talk with Pastor Jenni.

Annunciation Book Club

The book list is set for the 20th year of the Annunciation Book Club. The club is open to all and if you would enjoy getting together over zoom or at a host's home, if there is sufficient interest, to discuss a book and enjoy some treats, we would love to have you join us. We meet most months on the first Monday of the month, moving to the second Monday in holiday months. A highlight of our year is the book exchange and potluck in December. The book list and schedule can be found on the communication wall at church, on the website or in the parish news. If you have any questions, please email Deb Gallinger. (deb gallinger1@gmail.com)

[Click here to see the list of books](#)

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Thursday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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Friday Morning Prayer | 8:30am

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Meeting ID: 820 1881 2369

Passcode: 138576

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During the week:
Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730
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