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### What Are You Doing For The Summer?

That is the question I was asked recently while waiting with one of my dog's to see his veterinarian. It initially struck me as rather odd, but I dismissed my thought quickly when I realized the person was asking an important question. After all, are we not in the "land of pleasant living?" Is summer not the time many go on trips, to camps or tend to outdoor pursuits? Is it not the time to be with family, friends and experience the richness of God's world?

Pondering her question a bit has me writing today about a couple of summer time thoughts. First on my list is a reminder that in summer, worship doesn't take a break on Sundays. We still have our Sunday liturgies and even our Adult Forum. We are even preparing two persons for Confirmation on July 7th. Years ago, a former treasurer of mine, in another parish, used to put a note in the bulletin every summer: "YOU may be on vacation but OUR bills are not!" This was a not so subtle way of reminding the parish about keeping up their pledges during the often termed "lean months" of the summer.

In all seriousness though, I hope you will keep coming to church during the summer. So many parishes see a drop in attendance and I suspect much of that is because people are away or as Bobby Holland reminds me, he is "attending the Chapel of the Great Outdoors." I also suppose some folks worship at the shrine of St. Mattress of the Springs and have coffee communion on a few Sundays.

Whatever it is you do, remember we are here and we are energized by not only God's presence but by <u>your</u> presence.

If you do travel and go to church out of town, bring back a bulletin and drop it off. I'm always amazed at the wonderful array of worship occurring all around the globe. Enjoy it and share it when you return.

My friends, we all stand to remember that God is found everywhere. God can be worshipped and praised and glorified in even the most unlikely and even the most unholy of places. We worship God in Word and Sacrament on Sunday, but we can worship God beyond the traditional setting anywhere and everywhere. That is so because we worship God in Spirit from even the farthest reaches of our minds and hearts. We worship God, we praise God and yes, we love God.

Wherever you go this summer, whatever you do and whomever you're with, give thanks and praise to God. For God created you and called you good and God is even deep within you. That is no small thing.

May your summer be joyful and your hearts rest in God,

Henry+

The Rev. Henry Sabetti

Rector



July 7th One Service at 9:00 am. followed by Breakfast

On Sunday, July 7th we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist Rite II.

We will have one service at 9:00 am followed by a "pitch-in"
breakfast. Please see Lucinda McCartan to bring a breakfast
item and join us for worship and fellowship.

The planned Confirmation will be rescheduled at a later date.

# RECTOR'S VACATION TIME

FR. HENRY WILL BE TAKING VACATION TIME BEGINNING JULY 8TH AND RETURNING FOR SUNDAY JULY 21ST.

OUR GUEST CELEBRANT WILL BE THE REV. STEPHAN KLINGELHOFER ON SUNDAY JULY 14TH.

FR. STEVE WILL BE
"ON-CALL" FOR
PASTORAL EMERGENCIES
DURING THIS TIME.



### Thank You: The RDF

Following the death of her sister, a parishioner presented me with a large sum of cash with the instruction from her late sister, "to use the enclosed for those that need it the most." In three separate envelopes were \$1000.00 each. She had been saving \$10.00 at a time and storing it away for after she passed. I nearly fell over with gratitude.

The money was deposited in the RDF (Rector's Discretionary Fund) and this fund is used to assist members of the parish and the wider community for a variety of needs. Recently the RDF assisted two persons with rental assistance, paid for gift cards for groceries and helped someone with auto repairs. Those are only three examples of the good work the RDF does.

The RDF receives funds from a variety of parishioners and even some community members. All of the Honey sales go into the RDF. Your donations are significant sources of help for those in need.

As your rector, I consider it a blessing and honor to manage these funds and use them to assist the people of God.

Thank you, dear friends.

Henry+



### LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

- Agree, Never Argue
- Divert, Never Reason
- 3 Distract, Never Shame
- Reassure, Never Lecture
- 5 Reminisce, Never Say "Remember"
- 6 Repeat, Never Say "I Told You"
- 7 Do What they Can Do, Never Say "You Can't"
- 8 Ask, Never Demand
- 9 Encourage, Never Condescend
- 10 Reinforce, Never Force

### SHREWSBURY DOUBLE TAP DINNER NIGHT

Wednesday, June 26, 2024 6:30 p.m.



Double Tap Tavern Golts, MD

# ENJOY DINNER IN THE PAVILION AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS!



Chaplain at Camp Fairlee

Thanks to the invitation of Sallie Price, Director of Camp Fairlee, an Easter Seals Camp in the county, Fr. Henry will be serving part of one day each week at the camp as chaplain to the campers and staff. He will be available for individual pastoral counseling and the "ministry of presence" for the many persons who travel to Camp Fairlee each summer. Counselors will represent 18 countries this summer. If you would like to go one day this summer, please contact Fr. Henry to make arrangements.

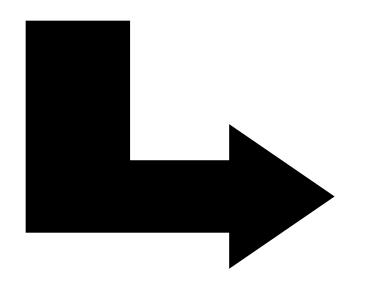
# Chicken Ninistry With Social Ministries and The Bayside Hoyas

The Social Ministries Committee is partnering with the Bayside HOYAS to provide chicken to families in need beginning June 13th. Thanks to Trey Hill of Harborview Farms, John Queen of the Bayside HOYAS and Fr. Henry, a partnership is forming to receive, process and deliver approximately 400 pounds of chicken quarters each month to residents of Kent County. Our very own Social Ministries Committee has unanimously approved this new ministry venture and will be participating in the chicken ministry. Many thanks to Sue Coleman, Emily Cassidy, the O'Connells, Rich Walls, Jane Cropper and Katie Hughes for their service!





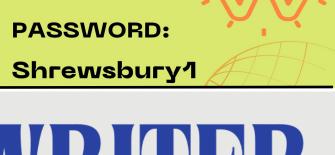




NEW SHREWSBURY INTERNET NETWORK !!!!!

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### GUEST WRITER



Each Newsletter addition will feature a Guest Writer from either inside or outside the parish.

This is an opportunity to share thoughts on some aspect of God and the spiritual life. This edition's writer is Bruce Fritzsche, a personal friend of the Rector.

Perhaps YOU would like to submit something for the Guest Column? See Fr. Henry and start writing.

Share the Word through your words!

#### There IS A God

### Guest Writer: Bruce Fritzsche

Thy will be done. Easy to say. Not so easy to do if my faith is weak. There is a God. I don't know much but I know that is true to the core of my being. I have been on the receiving end of God's good grace plenty of times. The interesting thing to me that tells me it is grace is that whenever I received something good in my life, I had nothing to do with it. My God doesn't just talk the talk. He walks the walk. I don't quote the Bible a lot but I have 1 Corinthians 13 tacked to my wall.

13 If I speak in the tongues<sup>®</sup> of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast<sup>®</sup> but do not have love, I gain nothing.

\*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

\*Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love

It needs to be said that I am not devout about religion. I'm not really sure who Jesus was or wasn't. I certainly won't say he wasn't whom many say he was. In speaking with Fr. Henry, I've expressed the thought that the thing that matters most to me is that people want God in their lives. It does seem that the obeying the Ten Commandments and Golden Rule is a good way to make that happen. Even if there isn't a belief in God, what would be unnecessary if everyone lived by the Commandments and the Golden Rule?

Think about it.

I've endured a lot of pain and drama in my life and I am certainly not unique. As I continue to grow in my faith, life is getting better. I could share with you, as you could with me, the many times God's will manifested itself in my life. I wouldn't be where I am today without God. It wasn't my will to even be writing today.

I want to express my appreciation to Fr. Henry for encouraging me to put my thoughts into words. I have only respect for anyone who seeks God and wants God in their life. I hope what I wrote today is the truth. God bless you all.

### SHREWSBURY'S SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Our 2024 focus is assisting our local community, especially the children. Here are three programs the entire congregation can help support and be a participant.

### **Horizon Summer Enrichment**

Contact Person: Emily Cassidy 302-668-8172

This yearly summer program is to help local children reach their greatest potential and to develop their self-concept. There is no cost for the selected children and transportation is provided. We are providing lunches for 123 children and staff at the Kent County site on July 12,2024. The last several years we have partnered with the Chestertown McDonalds. They provided free hamburgers by way of Shrewsbury's La Sarala member, Marcelina. Please contact Emily if you want to help.

### Chicken Processing to Feed Locals in Need

Contact Person: Sue Coleman magpiesuz@gmail.com

This is just the beginning of a much needed and wholly appreciated program to provide free bags of chickens to local families and individuals in Kent County. (See the details from Father Henry's article.) Each month we need supplies and a team of at least 6 to 8 members to be apart of an assembly line to process chicken parts in a safe, well thought-out process. Our first group came together on June 13, 2024. When the 400 pounds of raw chicken arrived, we washed, sterilized, bagged, vacuumed-packed, froze or iced over 90 bags of chickens in one hour. Just picture the smiles on people's faces when they got those bags of chicken. This is truly God's work.

### **School Supplies for Chestertown Middle School**

Contact Person- Katie Hughes HughesKatherine04@gmail.com

Each year Social Ministries selects a school to provide school supplies. These are the items that are consumed, used and always needed in the classroom. We will start collecting at the end of July, but if you see some good deals, you can pick them up. They will be distributed at the end of August.

Teacher Requested Schools Supplies List: pencils, markers, composition notebooks, Kleenex, and disinfecting wipes.

Thank you for supporting Shrewsbury Social Ministries and join us anytime. Ask Father Henry, or Co-Chairs Emily or Sue when we meet again.