

June



# The Evangelist



## From Candine's Desk

The Day of Pentecost is behind us and our work is ahead of us---I like to refer to this as Doing Pentecost. For the apostles, Pentecost was a call to action and to this day it retains that spirit. On Pentecost (June 4) we prayed the Collect for Pentecost. Before we go any further, let us take a few seconds and read/pray Sunday's collect:

*Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (BCP, 1979, p. 227)*

The Christian Church considers Pentecost the birthday of the Church and the beginning of Christianity. Therefore, it is vital for all Christians to know this day and to honor it. Now here is the paradox, while Pentecost is but one day, we are called to honor it for the next 364 days.

In sending the Holy Spirit to empower the apostles to preach the good news so that all might understand, we too have been called to preach the gospel. St. Francis of Assisi said, we must preach the gospel often and sometimes, we'd have to use words. As the above prayer directs us, "(share) this gift throughout the world by preaching the Gospel..." Take a moment to reflect on this---how do you "preach" the gospel to family and friends? in Walmart? in the post office parking lot? through out Essex County? yada, yada, yada.....you get the point I'm trying to make. The world is our pulpit so let us preach on!

Remember the old saying, *Actions speak louder than words*? How about if we tweak it a bit, let's make the old adage our new mantra....*Actions **preach** louder than words!* As we all know, it's not so much what we say but what we do. Our behavior speaks volumes about who we are and what we hold dear. Don't tell people that you're a Christian, simply act like a Christian and they'll know you are a Christian.

All of us need to monitor ourselves and at times check our behavior, after all, we can't preach the gospel while simultaneously shouting at someone or being rude or thinking solely of personal wants and ignoring the other's needs-----no, that will never preach!

*Yours in Christ, Candine*

### From the Vestry: To our brothers and sisters in Christ

You may have noticed a renewed energy and corresponding level of interest and enthusiasm among parishioners in the past year. We certainly have, and we are grateful for it! As a result, a number of folks are stepping up with projects that will make a difference for the parish including programs and facilities improvement. Please remember to follow established protocols and present any ideas for projects, programs, etc to the Vestry for approval before starting any project and before giving permission to use church facilities. This will help ensure mutual understanding, necessary planning, and accountability. Thank you.

### Also

**A Gentle Reminder:** We're delighted and blessed to have Candine in residence in the St. John's Rectory! It's been over a decade since we've had our priest living there, and we'd like to provide a few reminders to help ensure things work out for everyone.

For most of us, work and home have clear space boundaries, but this isn't the case when the priest resides in the adjoining rectory. Here are a few suggestions:

- Keep normal parish business within established office hours.
- Remember that the Rectory is the priest's private home. It is right that her expectations for privacy are the same as ours in our own homes. Showing up unannounced, particularly with parish-related issues that can be conducted within office hours, should be avoided unless it's an emergency. Whenever possible, call in advance to ask permission to visit.
- The age-old etiquette for visits and phone calls goes a long way: "Not before 9am and not after 9pm." unless it's an emergency. This applies for contacting the Parish Office and the Rectory.
- Remember that Sunday mornings are a busy time for the priest and everyone else involved in the services. Therefore, messages left on the parish voicemail will not likely be heard until Monday morning or next time the office is open.
- Emergencies are always an acceptable exception! If you have an emergency, please reach out to the priest and/or members of the parish, as needed.

Developing and honoring boundaries of space and time will help us and Candine find a good balance in our "new normal".

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday & Friday: by appointment

Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-4pm

Wednesday: Closed

## Sunday Services

8:00 am and 10:30 am

## Parish Staff

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To arrange for weddings and baptisms, or to reserve the Parish Hall, please contact the Parish Office.

Ministry of the Month:  
*ECW Leadership Team*

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. The tradition was said to be started from a memorial service held for a large group of men who died in a mining accident in Monongah, West Virginia in 1907. It was first proposed by Sonora Dodd of Spokane, Washington in 1909. It is currently celebrated in the United States annually on the third Sunday in June.

Father's Day is June 18, 2017

## Happy Father's Day





# Mark your Calendars

## June Birthdays

4 Austin Tribble

15 Bill Woodhouse

24 Robert M. Haley

27 Howard Reisinger

28 Lyn Amos

## June Anniversaries

6 Fred/Paula Myer

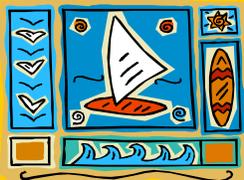
8 Bill/Elizabeth Lewis

16 Andrew/Louisa Hammond

19 Steve Szemes/Carol Claspell

27 Larry/Dianne Thorn

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Haven Board 5pm Backpack 1pm</i>	2 <i>TRIAD 9:30am SMS/Baccala 5pm</i>	3 <i>SMS Day Student Grad Party 12n</i>
4 <i>PENTE-COST ECW 11:45am</i>	5 <i>Prayer Group 9:30am</i>	6 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>Prayer Group 9:30am Ushers Dinner 6pm</i>	13 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	14	15 <i>Vestry 6pm</i>	16 <i>ECW-Set up for Rivahfest Healing Service 12n</i>	17 <i>Rivahfest Bake sale/ Wine tasting 10-4pm</i>
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19 <i>Prayer Group 9:30am</i>	20 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Prayer Group 9:30am Community Dinner 5:30pm</i>	27 <i>Choir Practice 7pm</i>	28	29	30	



# June Worship Schedule

Date/ Service	Time	1 <sup>st</sup> Read- ing	2 <sup>nd</sup> Read- ing	POP	LEM	Host	Ushers
June 4	8:00	Louisa		Louisa	Sandra		
	10:30	Patricia	Anita	Larry L	Patti	Sally C/ Tobey T	Bill W/ Austin T
June 11	8:00	Carol W		Carol W	Steve		
	10:30	Lyn Amos	Tobey T	Leslie R	Howard	Linda S/ Patti R	Bill W/ Austin T
June 18	8:00	Joe/ Ginevra		Joe/ Ginevra	Carol W		
	10:30	Barbara	Howard		Larry L	Latane D/ Shep L	Jack W/ Ben R
June 25	8:00	Bob/Eva		Bob/Eva	Carol W		
	10:30	Ann B	Dianne T	Bill L	Ellen	Elizabeth/ Bill L	Jack W/ Ben R

Tellers: Latane Dillard and others  
 Altar Guild: Downi Blanton, Susan Fogg

# Ministry of the month

## ECW Leadership Team

Lori & Tobey have been at the helm of ECW these past 2 years, steering and guiding the women of this parish in the myriad ministries that keep the ship of St. John's afloat. It was shortly after my arrival. October 4, 2015 to be exact, at our Blessing of the Animals that I realized I needed help. I knew something was missing but I couldn't put my finger on it. At my previous parish, I simply had to mention VBS or extending Coffee Hour and it became a reality—food, beverages, and a flower arrangement appeared as if flown in on the wings of angels. I know and you know it wasn't brought by angels but by the ECW, good hardworking talented and gifted Episcopal Church Women...and that's what I was missing!

St. John's ECW was disbanded, on sabbatical, in prayer—whatever the reason, I knew it had to be resurrected. An Episcopal parish without ECW is like a church without prayer books. ECW gives order and structure to all our activities and events. The women of the church are its handmaidens offering comfort and love and smiles and chocolate chip cookies. They provide the framework for all we do as the church. Grace and decorum are the hallmarks of ECW. Since October 2015, Lori & Tobey have shepherded there St. John's Tappahannock chapter of ECW and renewed the spirit of St. Johns and refreshed us all. I am personally grateful for them as I know the community of St. John's is grateful.

Lori & Tobey heard my "call" and they answered, "here I am" and with joyful and happy hearts they undertook their ministry. Their work has made me a better priest and made us a better parish. They are stepping down from their leadership roles after two years because this was the covenant we made in October 2015. I hope everyone gets a chance to thank them for their service to St. John's, the Church, and God. I miss them already!



# Announcements

Jack Weiss is still looking for men and women to join the Usher's Guild. Please contact Jack at (804)443-3204 if you are interested. He will be hosting an ushers dinner on June 12th at 6pm.

Rivahfest Wine tasting and bake sale is 10-4, if you would like to help there is still a sign up sheet in the vestibule.

The Longest Day: 10:00-7:30 at River Fitness Center on June 21 to support the Alzheimer's Association sponsored by Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa and River Fitness. For more information see the brochure in the