

Announcements – July 11

Zoom Coffee hour following today's Diocesan-wide service

Catherine Richards, head of the Outreach Committee, will host our coffee hour this Sunday. The topic for discussion will be Reimagining Outreach at St. Bart's ~ updates and information, initial projects, hidden resources and more! The link for coffee hour can be found in the e-bulletin.

Call for Parishioner Photos

We are excited about being able to gather in person at a few Sunday services over the summer. We're sure everyone is looking forward to seeing old and meeting new friends as we gather together again. During this past year several of us have been working on updating our membership list to be sure we have everyone's names and contact information correct. The new software we have to keep all the contact information updated also has a spot for a photo of you! We would love to have photos of everyone that we could also display on the bulletin board in the narthex. Those of you who attended St. Bart's Anniversary Celebration in September 2018 will recall how fun it was to view our parishioner photos from years past on the bulletin board. Displaying our photos would be helpful for newcomers and current parishioners alike to help identify each other.

Here's all you have to do:

--Take a photo of you, you and your significant other, or you and your family. If you don't want to have your whole family pictured, feel free to just send a photo of yourself and significant other. Please be sure the picture is a head shot or close up if it's more than one person so we can see clearly your smiling faces!

—Email the photo along with the name(s) of the person(s) pictured to our [St. Bart's Tech Team](#)

—**Deadline: July 15th, 2021**

—Questions? Email the membership committee co-chairs: [Anne Berg](#) or [Susie Soule](#)

Afternoon Handwork – Summer 2021

This summer we will meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month by zoom. The upcoming dates are: July 19, August 2 & August 16. We welcome all to join us on zoom every Monday from 3-4:30pm as we work on our craft projects and have friendly conversation. Find the link in the weekly e-bulletin.

Ushers needed for In-Person services

We are looking for volunteers to be Ushers during our In-Person worship services scheduled **for July 25, August 15 and August 29**. Some of the responsibilities of being an usher include:

- * Direct people to available seats in the sanctuary.
- * Dismiss people to Coffee Hour, row by row, to keep safe distances through the doorway.
- * Hand out bulletins or make them available for people to pick up themselves.
- * Bring the offertory basket forward during worship.

Please [contact the office](#) if you would like to help with this duty.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

168 neighbors visited this week for **Diaper Day** and 249 bundles of diapers (6,225 diapers) were distributed. Volunteers from St. Albans helped with distribution out front as well as background work bagging TP, organizing houseware and kitchen items and finally hauling a carload of clothing to Goodwill. (St. Elizabeth's no longer distributes clothing but unfortunately it continues to be dropped off at St. Luke's).

Simultaneously, the **COVID-19 vaccination clinic** took place in the Lower Hall and Oratory. The final tally: 7 vaccination shots administered and many Covid fact sheets distributed which may lead to a larger turnout at this Thursday's Clinic during the St. Luke's Food Pantry. The DHHS rep. was very pleased with the results so far.

Current requests: sheets & pillowcases, bath & beach towels. **Always welcome:** bedding & kitchen items.

See our [website](#) for ongoing needs: *Please drop items off in the church office door and side entrance.*

[Learn more about St. Elizabeth's](#) on their Facebook page. FMI: [Linda Draper](#) or [Anne Jacobs](#).

Friendship House

We are collecting donations of: Cleaning Supplies, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Pillowcases (new or used), Blankets, Comforters, Pillows, Razors, Shaving cream, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Body Wash. Donations can be dropped off in the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of the church. Financial contributions can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln St, South Portland, ME 04106.

Zoom Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Zoom Coffee Hour is a great way for us to connect with each other as a community! Please consider volunteering to serve as a host. Email [Paule French](#). Choice of topic for discussion is up to you!

Looking for Volunteers to Pass the Peace during Online Services

We invite all St. Bart's members to help us Pass the Peace! Simply take a short video of yourself with your family, loved ones, pets, etc. saying "The Peace of Christ be always with you - and also with you!" or just "Peace!" Or even just a photo while making the peace sign is welcome. Submit your photo or video by emailing it to the [St. Bart's Tech Team](#) and we will feature it in an upcoming online service. Please make sure to record with your phone or camera sideways/horizontal.

Sharing your Musical Gifts

Do you have a musical gift you could share with our St. Bart's family? Would you be willing to play some instrumental music during our in-person services over the summer? We welcome kids or adults on all instruments! Please contact [Sarah Covie](#) to get more details or to sign up.

Not receiving our e-bulletins and newsletters?

If you would like to be on our email distribution list to receive weekly announcements and monthly newsletters, please go to our [website](#). Scroll to the very bottom and you will see the following: "Click here to receive our weekly newsletter and monthly Mustard Seed publication via email." Please click on it, fill in your email address, as well as your first and last name, and then hit 'Subscribe'. That's it! Any questions, [email the office](#).

Pastoral Care Booklet: Words of Comfort

Nina and the Pastoral Care Committee have compiled a collection of prayers and psalms into a booklet titled, "Words of Comfort, for Times of Worry, Distress and Grief." The idea for the compilation arose as a means to support the community during the pandemic. As the name implies, it is intended to be a resource for comfort beyond just our current situation. To access the booklet, click [HERE](#) to go the Pastoral Care section of our website.

Pastoral Care: Healing Prayers

The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request via a phone call or video call. If you would like to arrange such a call, please send an e-mail to the [Pastoral Care Team](#). You will be contacted by a Committee member to schedule a convenient time.

Pastoral Care Email

The Pastoral Care Committee has its [own email address](#); This provides the committee a centralized e-mail for parishioner questions, thoughts, concerns, and requests for prayers.

Summer Youth Camps - Play, Pray, Connect LIVE!

Sunday, July 25 from 1:00-4:00 PM at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland

Sunday, August 29 from 1:00-4:00 PM at Camp Bishopswood

These programs are open to all youth completing 5th-12th grades. Youth will come together to play fun games, do an outreach project, connect with one another, and gather around good ice cream and good worship. Families who register will be provided with a list of fun things to do in the area while you wait. We take your child's safety very seriously and will be in communication about safety precautions during these events. Questions? Questions? Contact [Cn. Sara D'Angio White](#). To register: https://episcopalmaine.formstack.com/forms/pray_play_connect_live

Summer Finale Weekend at Camp Bishopswood - August 29

Summer Finale is a program for whole households to gather at Camp Bishopswood for free diocese-wide programming. Want to camp overnight? Come up on Friday or Saturday, and enjoy Camp Bishopswood's lodging, food and hospitality all weekend. Swim, boat, hike, rest, lunch and worship on scenic Lake Megunticook. Scholarships available; we want this to be accessible to all families.

We will gather on August 29 in the morning and late afternoon for worship, and in the afternoon for a free Bishopswood lunch. Stations will be set up across camp throughout the day, where individuals and households can experience the liturgy on their own terms, at their own pace. Youth completing grades 5-12 will have Pray, Play, Connect LIVE programming available in the afternoon. [Click here to register for Summer Finale, and for the optional camping](#). Questions? Contact [Cn. Sara D'Angio White](#) or [The Rev. Katie Holicky](#)