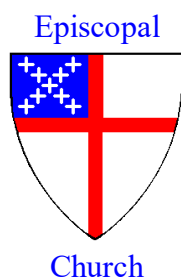


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May 17, 2022

Dear Friends,

Today Brian and I celebrate our 36th wedding anniversary. We were married at “high noon” at my home parish of St. Matthew’s in Horseheads. My father, a retired Episcopal priest, walked me down the aisle and then presided over the marriage portion of the service. My Rector, now my stepdad, presided over Holy Eucharist. (Two years after my father died my mother married my stepdad. He’s Rev. #3.) It was a glorious spring day, flowers abloom, and the world seemed full of hope.

Flash forward 36 years to today and while flowers are abloom, the world doesn’t seem full of hope. A few days ago I was pondering the state of the world during my morning prayer time and was struggling not to be afraid, to “live without fear”, as I say at the end of every service. A clear message came to me and I want to share it with you. “God is not afraid.”

The next wave of new omicron variants B4 and B5, is in South Africa and will find its way here late summer or early fall. God is not afraid.

The war in Ukraine isn’t close to ending. God is not afraid.

The Supreme Court’s leak of confidential material to the press is almost more troubling than the leaked opinion on Roe v. Wade. God is not afraid.

Violent acts of racism continue on two years after George Floyd’s death, fueled by the bogus “replacement theory”. God is not afraid.

Those four words allowed me to reorient my focus. They are helping me to come closer to living without fear. If God is not afraid then I should not be afraid. I must follow God’s lead and spread God’s message of hope and love. Jesus came to bring us new life. We are an Easter people, not a Good Friday people. We walk in the light of Christ as members of God’s kingdom. As beloved children of God who have been redeemed through faith, we know that the Holy Spirit is active in the world, even if we don’t always recognize how. God knows. God is not afraid. God is pure and perfect love. This is how we can live without fear.

Mother Julie+



Emmanuel
Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Alban's
Tuesday, May 31 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

Two Evenings Out

Both Parishes are Invited to Both Events!

June 4 at Emmanuel

Since June 5 is an East Side Episcopalians gathering for Pentecost, this time at St. Alban's, there won't be a service at Emmanuel on June 4. Instead we will gather at the usual time for an evening of fun.

4:15-5:30 p.m.

Game Night

Apples to Apples and other Board Games/Cards

5:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner

June 14 at St. Alban's

6:00 p.m.

Dinner (TBA)

7:00 p.m.

Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist.

Before the pandemic we gathered at St. Alban's on second Thursdays for dinner and the service. Many of us miss it!

Mission

Martha's Kitchen (St. Alban's)

This ministry is on hold until the Women's Opportunity Center opens back up fully. At the moment most of their work is online. Their freezer is stocked with our food for clients present for pre-scheduled events.

Walk the Neighborhood (Emmanuel)

Join the Vestry as they introduce Mother Julie to our neighborhood and greet our neighbors on Saturday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs in the Kingdom is May 26!

Second Thursdays at Emmanuel from May-September

Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks

Games and prizes for the kids

Canine rest stop

In Person Schedule: All are welcome!

Saturday	Emmanuel	Coffee Hour: 4:15 p.m. Worship: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	St. Alban's	*Bible Study: 8:30 a.m. *Worship: 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday	Emmanuel	*Bible Study: 2:00 p.m.

* Also on Zoom

Please Note: As long as Onondaga is "high"
on the CDC county map masks are required at both churches.

Zoom Schedule & Codes

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: **835 9000 0245 & 562087**
9:30 a.m. St. Alban's Holy Eucharist: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

Use your telephone for Zoom

Dial **1-646-558-8656**

When prompted Enter

826 9515 6305#

First number#

When prompted Enter

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When prompted Enter

446765#

Second number#

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Other Events

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **824 6993 1403 & 680299**

Wednesday

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Eat and Chat: **861 7759 3272 & 295096**

6:30 p.m. Last Book Study: Chapter 10 on May 19