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Dear Friends,

Today, at long last!, is election day. Never in our lifetimes have we had such a critical vote for President of the United States of America. People are voting in record numbers because so much is at stake: COVID-19, racial injustice, climate change, health insurance, and so much more. In at least twelve major cities across the country stores have boarded up their windows against potential street violence and looting. When the results of the presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore could not be determined right away the world watched as we let our democratic process peacefully play itself out - all the way to the Supreme Court. We need to be praying for peace over the next days and weeks.

For this morning's service I chose the following Gospel reading from Mark: Then they [Jesus and his disciples] came to Capernaum; and when Jesus was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

We can never be assured that our president will be a servant leader, human nature being what it is. However, as Christians we are citizens first of the Kingdom of God and we follow the quintessential servant leader, Jesus Christ. Our primary allegiance is to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, not to Donald Trump or Joe Biden. Citizenship in the Kingdom of God also means that our hope is in God and not in any human leader. It is God in whom we trust. The following set of prayers from the Morning Prayer service says it well.

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
- R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
- V. Day by day we bless you;
- R. We praise your name for ever.
- V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
- R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
- V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
- R. For we put our trust in you.
- V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
- R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Mother Julie+

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Room and also on Zoom

9:30 a.m. In-person Holy Eucharist and Zoom Spiritual Communion

Zoom Code/Password for Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. - 835 9000 0245 & 562087

Zoom Code/Password for Worship at 9:30 a.m. - 826 9515 6305 & 446765

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Dial 1-646-558-8656

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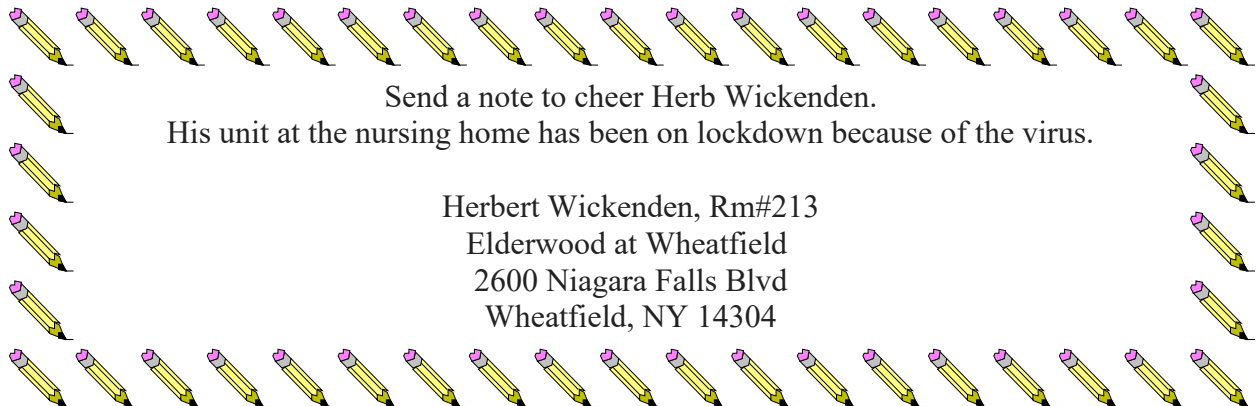
That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and I will let you in.

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The Bishop's Discretionary Fund

When the Bishop makes her visitation the members of the parish are asked to give to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Parish visitations are a chief source of income for the fund. Since the Bishop and 2/3 of the congregation participated virtually we need to give through the mail or online at cnyepiscopal.org/give.

Mail to: Episcopal Diocese of Central New York
1020 7th North Street, Suite 200
Liverpool, NY 13088-6192 (Put St. Alban's on the Memo Line of your check)



Change in Schedule!
Sunday, November 15

The Sunday service is at 10:00 a.m. as we join the rest of the diocese in worship led by Bishop DeDe Duncan Probe as part of the annual Diocesan Convention. The service will be on the TV screen in the church and on Zoom. Come in person or join us on Zoom.

Bible Study is at 9:00 a.m.



Thanksgiving Eve, November 25

5:30 p.m.

In Person and on Zoom

868 7740 0339 and 763802

Neighborhood Watch Meets at St. Alban's with Joe Driscoll

Thursday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

In Person and on Zoom. The Zoom link will be emailed the day before.

Tuesday Abbreviated Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

Zoom Code: 868 3084 1089/Password: 114552

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Thursday Rector's Class: Matters of Faith at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Zoom code: 858 6751 9278/Password: 211036