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The Gospel Messenger

True Worship † Powerful Community † A Heart for the Lost

July-August 2023



My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are now firmly in the midst of Summer. As I've said before, it's a slower time at the Church and for that I am grateful. Some of us can have a less busy personal life as well. Some of us have been / will be traveling. And some will be spending time with family that they don't always see frequently.

We will have some opportunities for outdoor worship. Nice, when our Church can be quite warm.

One thing I do want to mention, though it's a way off, is Carrie Schofield-Broadbent's consecration as Bishop of Maryland. We will have a watch party at Church so that we can celebrate in community as opposed to watching our laptops at home. Details to follow. As well, my wife and our friends will provide music for the community on a Sunday in September.

I'll turn now to a poet that can describe this time of year much better than I;

The Summer Day

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean-
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life? (Mary Oliver)

Grace and Peace,

John +

Father John ✠

ON-LINE WORSHIP

Sundays - 10am Worship Service

Livestream on Facebook and YouTube.

Zoom Worship Schedule and Numbers

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday – Friday

MORNING PRAYER – RITE II

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/john.rohde.16/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92662278952>

Meeting ID: 926 6227 8952

Dial by your location

+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 926 6227 8952

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ac4XCk34Dn>

For the months of June, July, and August there will be no Tuesday Bible Study and no Wednesday Noon Worship

Vestry Voice

The June Vestry meeting began with an opening devotional. The May minutes were approved.

Father John will be attending the workshop in Manlius on Church Finances.

Bill Abdallah attended a seminar on Grant Writing given by the Emerson Foundation.

Bill Abdallah stated that a Finance Committee has been formed.

Father John's 3-year contract will be up October 1, 2023.

Vestry likes the new finance reports from Quickbooks. They feel they are easier to understand.

The May finances were approved.

Kim Brown told Chuck Hausman to get quotes to repair the men's bathroom in the church. We need to be sure that the contractors are ADA approved if we are going to make the bathroom handicap accessible. Chuck is working with Arise on this approval.

The work on the organ that Patrick McMullen requested has been completed.

Peg Abdallah and Ginger Farr went through what needed to be done on the building grounds. Apple Valley Tree Service came and trimmed the trees and replanted some bushes. The tree over the parish hall

will be next year.

Bill Abdallah plans to attend the Safe Church training offered by the diocese on June 24th in Manlius. Father John has sent out invitations to do the training on-line. If anyone did not receive an invitation, please let Father John know.

Father John stated that the delegates for convention will be Lisa Semenza and Joy O'Donnell with Denise Whalen and Mary Riley as alternates. Vestry approved.

The meeting closed with a benediction and blessing by Father John. Next Vestry meeting will be July 11, 2023.



We will be doing Mass on the Grass on August 6th, weather permitting. Bring your own lawn chairs if you have them. We will have folding chairs available.



The parish picnic will be August 20th at Emerson Park. There will be a service starting at 9:30 am with the picnic to follow. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers.

Memorial

Our memorial garden is in need of repair and of course this costs money. Please consider a donation to help us make our memorial garden beautiful.

Blessed are the Poor

Friday June 14, 2013

[The Rev. Frederick Buechner](#)

Organization: Frederick Buechner Center

Denomination: Presbyterian Church (USA)

In a sense we are all hungry and in need, but most of us don't recognize it. With plenty to eat in the deep freeze, with a roof over our heads and a car in the garage, we assume that the empty feeling inside must be just a case of the blues that can be cured by a Florida vacation, a new TV, an extra drink before supper. The poor, on the other hand, are under no such delusion. When Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28), the poor stand a better chance than most of knowing what he's talking about and knowing that he's talking to them. In desperation they may even be willing to consider the possibility of accepting his offer. This is perhaps why Jesus on several occasions called them particularly blessed. (from [Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC](#))

You can find additional Buechner quotes, and audio and video recordings, at www.frederickbuechner.com.



Centering Prayer Workshop
September 16, 2023
9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
Details to follow



Carrie Schofield-Broadbent's consecration as
Bishop of Maryland.

We will have a watch party on September 16th at
the church for anyone who is interested.

Details to follow

Calendar of Events for July-August 2023

Sundays:	8:00 am	Worship
	10:00 am	Worship w/Music – Livestreaming
Mondays:	8:30 am	Morning Prayer – Facebook/Zoom Event
	11:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Clothes Closet
	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Soup Kitchen
Tuesdays:	8:30 am	Morning Prayer – Facebook/Zoom Event
	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Soup Kitchen
Wednesdays:	8:30 am	Morning Prayer – Facebook/Zoom Event
	11:00 am – 12:00 Noon	Clothes Closet
	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Soup Kitchen
Thursdays:	8:30 am	Morning Prayer – Facebook/Zoom Event
	12:00 Noon	Worship – In-Person - Community Room
Fridays:	8:30 am	Morning Prayer – Facebook/Zoom Event
Saturdays:	11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Soup Kitchen

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| Wed., July 19 <sup>th</sup> | 5:00 pm         | Ultreya Meeting via Zoom               |
| Sun., Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 8:00 am & 10 am | Mass on the Grass (Weather permitting) |
| Tues, Aug. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 pm         | Vestry Meeting via Zoom                |
| Wed., Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup> | 5:00 pm         | Ultreya Meeting via Zoom               |
| Sun., Aug. 20 <sup>th</sup> | 9:30 am         | Parish Picnic @ Emerson Park           |

### **Jan. – Jun. 2023 - Actual vs. Budget**

|                |                                    | <b>Jan. – Jun. 2023</b> | <b>Budget</b>  |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>  | <b>Offerings</b>                   | 58,182.00               | 47,315.70      |
|                | <b>Other</b>                       | 19,963.57               | 11,685.00      |
|                | <b>Legacies/Bequests</b>           | -                       | -              |
|                | <b>Total Income</b>                | \$ 78,145.57            | \$ 59,000.70   |
| <b>EXPENSE</b> | <b>Gas, Electric, water, sewer</b> | 19,087.25               | 10,000.02      |
|                | <b>Salary &amp; Benefits</b>       | 56,839.85               | 57,330.18      |
|                | <b>Insurance</b>                   | 9,643.50                | 7,999.98       |
|                | <b>Other</b>                       | 22,927.70               | 22,845.00      |
|                | <b>Total Expense</b>               | \$ 108,498.30           | \$ 98,175.18   |
|                | <b>sale/purchase of securities</b> | 0                       | 0              |
|                | <b>Net Income</b>                  | \$ (30,352.73)          | \$ (39,174.48) |