



July-August 2021 Newsletter

FROM THE RECTOR

We are now worshipping again indoors! Our first service was a baptism, which was so appropriate because we're not just coming back, we're moving forward. The biggest change is that the service accommodates both those attending in-person as well as those on zoom. We are utilizing a wide-angle camera, and overhead microphone, and a computer attached to a television so those on zoom can be seen and heard. Thanks to the Moores, additional lighting has been put up.

In addition to zoom, the vestry approved the purchase of a keyboard piano using memorial funds. You may have noticed the hymns over the past year and a half have been easier to sing because they have been on a lower key. (A lot of the Episcopal hymns were written for full range choir with choirboys – not for an older congregation that can't hit the notes the way they used to!) A keyboard will enable Pam to continue to do that as well as utilizing some of the special features that can enhance some musical pieces. The plan is to have one purchased by July 25.

We've been offering communion different ways - the first week "Roman style" with people coming down the central aisle for bread only; the second with me serving a piece of bread that I had dipped an edge in wine; and this Sunday we'll be offering both bread and wine around the altar rail as we had done in the past. As always, you can choose to receive only the bread.

So bit by bit, we are adding more elements and I welcome any and all feedback as we go along. But it is SO GOOD to be together once again!

Blessings,
Carolyn

TRANSITIONS

Since the last newsletter, we've had some losses, additions, and changes. Two of our long time beloved members, *Diana Seifert and Tom Johnson*, have gone to be with the Lord. May they

rest in peace and rise in glory! We also have a new member many of you have met – *Brandon Sousa*. Welcome Brandon! *Kathy Hall* has moved to the Residence At Salem Woods, 6 Sally Sweets Way, Rm 204, Salem, NH 03079. Feel free to visit or send her a card. And we baptized *Hadley Milone, the daughter of Kaitlyn and Stephen*.

Finally, the vestry appointed a new member to complete Diana Seifert's term – *Dianna Chamberlain*. She will be a real asset to our leadership.

CRAFT FAIR

With the craft fair coming up September 18, we're beginning to move into full preparations. For the raffle a list of suggested gift baskets to be made has been posted in the upper hall.

Reference letters are available for those soliciting donations from businesses. We do need some volunteers to reach out the businesses that Diana Seifert used to cover. If you are willing to help, please contact Vera Kirk at 603-329-5739 or loon633@aol.com. You will soon be receiving letters with raffle tickets we are asking people to buy or sell. We have around 15 crafters but need a lot more! So if you know of crafters or attend any fairs, invite them to go to our website for detailed information or contact the church. When we get into August, new signs will be available for you to post in the area. Thank you for all your help!

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

Bishop Rob Hirschfield will be visiting St. David's on Sunday, October 17. One of the things the bishop does on the visit is to do confirmations or to receive people into the Episcopal Church. Both are important sacraments you are encouraged and expected to receive when being a part of the Episcopal Church. Please let Carolyn know if you are interested in exploring doing this.

WANTED – BAPTISMAL INFORMATION (and more)

Every year official membership and financial records are submitted to the diocese and the national church. For all these years I had thought that for the official count "members" were defined as those who had been baptized or confirmed/received at St. David's or transferred from another Episcopal Church. Everyone else were in a category called "other". But I learned that we should be counting every person who has been baptized and that baptism has been recorded in the parish register.

If you have not given your baptismal and/or confirmation information (as best as you know) to Carolyn, please do so. If a form would be helpful, they are in the foyer.

While we're at it, our birthday and anniversary lists are also in need of updating. If you'd like to be remembered in the prayers, please put down the month and date.

OUTREACH

Lancaster Elementary School – Lancaster Elementary is one of our two outreach mission partners. There is a new principal, Jan Marino. If you'd be interested in helping be a liaison with the school, please let Carolyn Stevenson know. She has reached out to the school to see if they need help with providing backpacks and school supplies to needy students this year.

PROPERTY

Let's give a shout out to Bob McGilvary, his friend Phil, George Younker, Bob Habeeb, and Richard Boucher for cutting down some dead trees in danger of hitting the church or a car in the back parking lot during a deluge of rain last Monday. Thanks guys!

DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Want to keep up with all the happenings in the diocese? Would you like to have news about and links to special on-line events or diocesan book reads and other opportunities? An e-newsletter is emailed out every other week. Simply send an email to officeassistant@nhepiscopal.org.