

ST. A'S NEWS

Remember in prayer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER HAPPY BIRTHDAY greetings to:

10/20 Dot Fleming

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants. as they begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen they trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Thank You!

Also a big Thank You to all those who help to bring you information on our Facebook page, New Website, and the Newsletter.

Click on the link to [the Bible Project](#) for more information about Bible Project

-Outreach-

◆ There will be an **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)** collection being taken up October 18 and 25. You can put cash in an envelope marked ERD or write a check to St. A's with ERD in the for line. We will be adding \$200 to whatever amount we collect.

◆ **Social Knitworking/Makers:** October 6, 7-9pm and October 15, 10-12pm for Social Knitworking. 150 hats were sent to St. Paul's Cathedral in Erie to be distributed at Harding Elementary School, 4 special yarn knit hats went to the Cancer Center in Meadville, 18 knitted dish clothes and approximately 50 hand carved wooden spoons were donated to the Boro Women's and Family Services

◆ A sign up sheet for Kiwanis Christmas Gift tags is on the Outreach Table

◆ **Friendship Quilt Group:** Meeting 1pm Monday, October 19.

◆ Three laundry baskets full of items were taken to the **Safe Journey Women's Shelter** last month. Donations of gently used or new clothing, household appliances and accessories are ongoing. Please place your donations in the baskets at the end of the Outreach table.

-News of Note-

◆ **Harvest/Holiday Wreath** workshop will be held Saturday October 17 10:00 am to noon. Contact Cyndi Altman at 814 323-4990 for more details.

◆ For information about Yoga and Mediation please contact Jan Stachowiak at 814 734-4594 for more information.

◆ QiGong will continue Tuesday's at 1:30, cost \$10 per session.

◆ If you would like to host coffee hour please contact Karen Bond

-A View From the Pew-

October gives us one of the loveliest lessons in creation: the changing leaves. All summer long, the leaves cling to the trees, soaking up sunshine and doing what leaves do. Then October arrives, and slowly, almost magically, they begin to change. Green becomes gold, orange, red, and every shade in between. And eventually, they let go. I sometimes wonder if the trees have figured out something we humans struggle with, letting go. We tend to hold on. We hold on to old routines, old worries, old disappointments, and sometimes even things that God may be gently asking us to release. We tell ourselves that holding on means being strong. The trees don't seem to think so and they let go when the time is right. And somehow, they don't look empty. They look beautiful.

Maybe that's a little reminder for us. Letting go doesn't always mean losing something. Sometimes it means making room. Room for a new season. A new beginning. A new way of seeing things. A little more peace.

And isn't that what faith asks us to do sometimes? To trust that even when we can't see what comes next, God is already there.

October has a funny way of reminding us that change is not necessarily something to fear. The leaves change. The weather changes. Our schedules change. Life changes.

Through all the changes, God remains present—in the beauty of a tree losing its leaves, in a quiet prayer, in laughter shared over coffee, and in the familiar faces sitting beside us in the pews.

So this October, maybe we can take a lesson from the trees.

Let go of what we no longer need.

Make room for what God may be bringing next.

And when the wind blows the leaves to the ground, remember it's not necessarily a mess.

It might just be God's way of reminding us that every season has a purpose.

Cyndi Altman



The Lectionary

Sunday October 4

[Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)

[Psalm 19](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

Sunday October 11

[Exodus 32:1-14](#)

[Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23](#)

[Philippians 4:1-9](#)

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

Sunday October 18

[Exodus 33:12-23](#)

[Psalm 99](#)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

Sunday October 25

[Deuteronomy 34:1-12](#)

[Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17](#)

[1 Thessalonians 2:1-8](#)

[Matthew 22:34-46](#)

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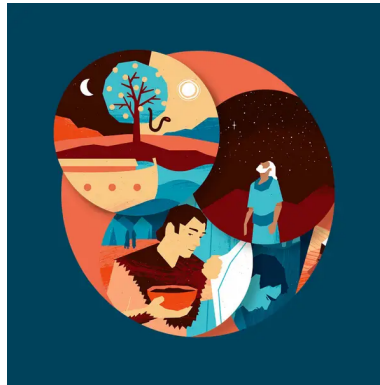
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Let Us Pray:

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings
with *thy* most gracious favor, and
further us with *thy* continual help; that
in all our works begun, continued, and
ended in *thee*, we may glorify *thy*
holy Name, and finally, by *thy* mercy,
obtain everlasting life; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

-A Good Listening-



The link below is to a podcast from the the Bible Project. Click on the link below and listen. This podcast is part of a set of podcasts discussing the Book of Genesis and outlines the concept of blessing and curse.

[Link to the podcast](#)

Great Blessing and Great Responsibility

-Vicar's Note-

It is that time of the year when we are beginning to think about our fall activities and one of those is the stewardship campaign. While many think of stewardship in monetary terms only, there is much more to being a good steward. As defined in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary stewardship is, "the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care."

So what is it that has been entrusted to us that we must carefully manage? God has blessed each of us with a unique set of talents and in some cases resources which we can share with those around us. For many of us one of those resources is time. Time we can use to do a little cleaning around the church, mow the lawn, remove snow or for a friend who needs a helping hand. Time to drive someone to an appointment or pick up groceries. Time to sit and be present with a friend who just needs someone to listen to them. Time to pray.

Talents are also gifts we can share. We have a number of very talented craft persons who volunteer time and resources for workshops and actually make things like hats, scarves or quilts for people in need. Some serve during Eucharist and others help set up and clean up after the service or prepare delicious goodies for coffee hour.

Lastly, treasure. I would be remiss if I did not say the church needs money. We have utility bills, snow plowing, general maintenance, supplies, etc... While we work hard to keep the expenses down, if we want to keep the lights on and the furnaces running we have to come up with the money to pay the bills.

God has blessed each and everyone of us with a gifts and no gift is too small or insignificant when it comes to offering it back to God. So when to get the pledge form, take a little time to pray and think about how God has blessed you and the gifts you have been given and make an offering to God.

Peace, Fr. Dave +