



## The Fledgling--Week of June 1, 2018

From Mother Megan:

A podcast I enjoy was explaining the evolutionary basis of humor. The host theorized that humor became a benefit because those who took delight in being mystified, and then struggling to learn, tended to last longer than those who saw learning to be a chore.

I don't know about you, but on any given day, I can go either way. There are times I don't mind feeling mystified. How do cashew nuts grow? Let's google it! But there are other, more frequent times, when I would prefer certainty. Discovering how cashews grow is delightful; wrestling with the nature of God, like Jacob by the river, is not delightful.

And yet, it is this sort of unhumorous tussling that allows us to grow in our faith. Those moments when we admit that the answers we thought we had no longer fit, and we must look for something else. Despite the discomfort this searching might cause, it is in this process that we grow closer to God, and wiser in faith. Where are you called to grow in your faith this week?

### Prayer for the coming week

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth; Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- If you have a submission to the Fledgling, send it [to the office](#) by Thursday morning for inclusion on Friday.  
Bulletin announcements should be into the office by Wednesday morning.
- If you know of someone who would like to receive the Fledgling, please send their email [to the office](#).

**Have you taken the Tablet Survey Yet?** The black stone tablets that sit on the high altar (referred to as the reredos) currently block a large portion of the stained glass windows behind the altar. Mother Megan and the vestry have been contemplating whether or not to move the tablets to another appropriate location where they wouldn't block anything. Before we make this decision, we would like to hear from you. Please take this [very short, three question survey](#) and let us know what you think. If you have any questions, please talk to Mother Megan.

Thank you for your input!

## Happening this Week:

- The Wednesday midday service will be back in the Nave this week, as Bovard has headed off to work on other jobs. When they return, we shall let you know!
- **2018 OFFERING OF LETTERS: For Such A Time As This** Your advocacy is critical in creating political will by writing your policy makers and urging them to make public investments in key domestic and international programs that will reduce hunger and poverty. Writing a personal message is simple and should take only a few minutes. Ready to take action? Join the Episcopal Peace Fellowship **THIS WEEK**, during the fellowship hour in the parish hall as we turn our faith into action by writing letters to our members of Congress.

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### New in This Issue:

**Parishioner Data Form** The link in the Fledgling to update your information on file with St. John's didn't really work, so it is linked [here as a PDF](#). Please print it or pick up a copy in the rear of the church, fill it out and drop it off with the office, in the locked mailbox out front, or with Mtr. Megan on Sunday. Thank you, and sincere apologies for any confusion. (Mtr Megan repeats her assurance that we will not sell, give away, or otherwise distribute your information, despite our momentary technological glitch.)

**SAVE THE DATE:** To celebrate the end of Summer, St. John's will be holding a Mass on the Grass with a potluck lunch following on **August 5 at Stewart Park!** There will be ONE SERVICE at **10am** on that day. Mark your calendars now, and be on the lookout for more information.

### Ongoing Concerns:

- **ADULT FORUM** The adult forum will have resumed on Sundays at 9:15 in the Chapman Room. The book we are studying is "Living Into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America." The book is available thru Amazon. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Tatusko 607-351-2890.
- **FYI:** AnnMarie, our Parish Administrator, will be on vacation and out of the office from June 7 through June 12. Office matters that are urgent should go to Mtr Megan.

## Community Events:

- **MARCH with LOAVES and FISHES in the ITHACA FESTIVAL PARADE!**  
Show your support for our Loaves & Fishes ministry  
Join the fun! -- March with L & F in the Ithaca Festival Parade  
**Friday, June 1st @ 6:00 pm**  
Meet on East Jay St. -- near Utica St. All are welcome,  
bring your families, friends, children.  
We will have bubbles, balloons and more!
- Mtr Megan and Sr. Warden Mike Roman will be speaking on the role social media can play in the faith community on **June 5th at 7pm**. The event, sponsored by Communities Acting Together, will also feature other local faith leaders joining them in a panel discussion. Come hear what they have to say at Forest Home Chapel, on June 5th!
- There will be an interfaith LGBTQ Pride service on **June 6th at 6pm, at First Baptist Church**. Members of St. John's have been on the planning team, and will be participating. Come and show God's love for all God's children!
- **EfM CELEBRATION Save the date: Saturday, June 16, 2018, 10:30 am to 1 pm (tentative)**  
Join Bishop DeDe and The Rev. Canon John Crosswaite in honoring this year's graduates, participants, and alumni of the EfM program in DCNY, here at St. John's. Eucharist followed by a luncheon and an opportunity to engage in small group theological reflection. Bring friends/family!



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