



## The Fledgling--Week of June 22, 2018

### From Mother Megan:

First, thanks to everyone who offered to host an hour of prayer in the Nave on Thursday for our Prayer Vigil! On quite short notice, St. John's stepped up in a big way, and for a whole 12 hours, our church was open so that the community could come and pray for families separated at the southern border. I so appreciate your willingness to serve! What is happening at the border right now challenges each and every one of us. No matter your political affiliation, caring for the least among us, and particularly for our children, is vitally important. As we face this moral crisis in our country, we each need to discern how we are called to help: prayer, protest, calling our members of Congress, and other ways to respond.

None of us can do everything, but each of us can do something. And I am endlessly grateful to be in a community of such faithful, committed people.

### Prayer for the coming week

O Lord, make us have perpetual reverence and love for your Holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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](#).**

**You have been patiently waiting...**

The results of the Tablet Survey are in and have been shared with the vestry. Thank you to everyone who participated, whether via the online survey or through hard copy.

The results were fairly decisive. Of the 65 responses, including the paper ones, roughly 75% of people surveyed either did not care for the marble tablets, or did not have strong feelings about them. A full 67% of those surveyed did not mind where they were moved, with 16% requesting that they not be moved.

If you would like to see all the survey results, they are [here](#).

In reading the options people offered for where to move the tablets, a few things became clear. One is that there is a concern that the historical nature of the tablets be discovered and respected. Another is that the tablets continue to be displayed in a context consistent with worship--since they do, after all, contain the Ten Commandments and the Creed of our faith. And finally--that the tablets' position in front of the windows is not the best place for them.

With this in our minds, the vestry and I have decided to seek the advice of a mason, to learn what the cost would be of moving the tablets. We would like to move them to a space where they may continue to be displayed, in a respectful way, such that they enhance worship. For this reason, we think the Parish Hall is no longer an option; however space may be found along the back walls of the Nave itself along with the memorial plaques, or in the Children's Chapel, once it is restored to a liturgical use.

No matter the final decision on where to move them, they will continue to be displayed publicly and respectfully. They were a memorial gift in honor of a departed parishioner, and therefore, represent the faith and love of that person.

We will keep you informed as we move forward. Thank you again to everyone who participated. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to me.

--Mtr. Megan

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### **Happening this Week:**

- The Wednesday midday service will again be in the Chapman room this week. Mtr Megan will be at Kendall, as it is the 4th Wednesday of the month. Bovard willing, this will be the last time we change locations!

## **FYI:**

Mtr Megan will be at General Convention from July 1 through July 14. She will then be on vacation from July 14--July 20. She will have intermittent access to email and cell phone service while she's away, and will have many exciting stories of General Convention when she returns!

There will be supply clergy on July 1, July 8, and July 15. Rev. Kit Tobin will be here for both services on July 1, and Fr. Cole Gruberth will be here for 8am Eucharist on July 8 and 15th. For the 10am service on those weeks, we will be offering Morning Prayer.

## **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.

- **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.
- **Summer Services:** Beginning with the first **Sunday in July**, our services times will shift to **8am and 10 am**, to beat the heat in midmorning. Mark your calendars now! We will return to the usual schedule in September.
- **STUDENT INSTRUMENTALISTS** are invited to offer their musical gifts in worship this summer. Our church is a beautiful space in which to play, and our appreciative congregation is very supportive. Most student literature, including NYSMMA and ITE pieces, can be used as a prelude or offertory in our later services. For more info, contact Karen Hindenlang through the church office, or speak with her after services.



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