



The Fledgling--Week of May 18, 2018

Special announcement!

We have a lot going on this week, as we celebrate both Pentecost and the graduation of our Education for Ministry graduates!

Please join us at both services this Sunday, and wear red if you'd like, to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.

If you have a submission to the Fledgling, send it [to the office](#) by Thursday morning for inclusion on Friday.

Prayer for the coming week

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of the Holy Spirit: shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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](#).

The Vestry would like your input! 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 in the Chapman Room this week, as the Nave will be under construction.
- Bovard will be re-installing our stained glass windows, beginning May 23rd, and continuing through June 2. Parking will be limited during this time, and you will not be able to access the Nave except on Sunday morning during service. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but are excited for our windows to return!

New in Issue:

EDUCATION for MINISTRY In EfM we explore the basic truths of our faith in a committed community. We read, discuss, pray and worship together and in the process deepen our understanding of what it is to be Christian in our world today. The EfM graduation is this Sunday at the 10:30 service. The graduates will be preaching the sermon.

Ongoing Concerns:

- **LECTORS AND LEM's** We are getting ready to schedule the next three months of LEMs and Lectors. If you would like to join us, please contact or see [Pam Talbott](#) or [Mike Roman](#).
- **PRAYER LIST UPDATE** Next week we will change the list of people we pray for to those names that have been called or emailed into the office in the last few weeks. If you put or are a name on the list and want that name to remain, please call or email the office this week.
- **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 on **June 3**, 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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Community Events:

- 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!

