



The Fledgling--Week of July 20, 2018

From Mother Megan:

Well, General Convention 2018 is now behind us. Like all councils of the church, this one featured heated debates, thoughtful prayer, political maneuvering, and unexpected visits by heavenly doves (or, in our case, pigeons.) We discussed prayer book revision, new liturgical language, the calendar of saints, the #metoo movement, and same-sex marriage, and then about 1200 of us went to pray outside a federal detention center. Most of what was decided will not immediately affect our life here at St. John's, though—like everything in our small church—it will have a ripple effect. I will find some Sunday soon to hold a forum to go through what happened in greater detail, and to try to explain the new Episcopal love affair with pigeons.

But for now, just know that the Episcopal Church continues to move outward into the wider world. (One of the reporters who talked to me at the Hutto prayer service asked me, in all earnestness, if this gathering outside in public witness was a weekly part of our tradition. NO, I answered, emphatically, pointing out that we were a tradition generally known for things like the Royal Wedding, and less for doing anything outside. "But," I reflected later, "It's a new day." Maybe outside is just where Christ wants us.

Prayer for the coming week

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Happening this Week:

- This Sunday services will be at 8am and 10am!
- Wednesday services are back in the Nave.
- Mother Megan is back Sunday!

- 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](#).

FYI:

Mass on the Grass!

Sunday, August 5

10am Eucharist

Stewart Park Large Pavilion

**On August 5, 2018 there will be only one service,
10am Eucharist in in the Large Pavilion
at Stewart Park.**

Please join us there to celebrate summer in Ithaca

We will have a dish-to-pass lunch after the service, so if you're able, bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share.

Drinks and tableware will be provided.

There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to let us know what you're thinking of bringing -- or just bring something -- or just bring yourself! You can also email Sara Van Looy (svanlooy@umich.edu), message us on Facebook, or call the office.

IF you need a ride to this service, please look for a sign-up sheet at coffee hour, or contact the office. Rides are available so that all who want to come can be there.

Ongoing Concerns:

YOUTH PICNIC Join the Diocese for a FREE summer picnic for youth in grades 6 through 12 (including entering 6th-graders and graduating seniors) at the Cayuga Nature Center in Ithaca.

The picnic starts on August 18th at noon and lasts until 5:00 p.m.

Please bring a side dish to pass (we'll provide the BBQ) and wear close-toed shoes for the team-building challenge!

Online registration & completed medical release form are required by August 11th. CNYEpiscopal.org

Questions? Please contact Tory and Kristen Blum, Co-Coordinator of Youth Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, at (607) 743-9229 or tblum@cnyepiscopal.org.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN On Saturday, September 15, 2018, 7:00 PM thrill to the music of Margaret Wakeley, Molly MacMillen, Alice Saltonstall, Doug Robinson, and Mike Wellen at St. Catherine of Siena Church to benefit Feed My Starving Children. The theme for this years program is "What The World Needs Now..."

Admission is \$20 per person, \$5 for students under 18. Also, please bring either dry food, personal hygiene or paper products to go to the local food bank. Join us in feeding the hungry and put a little love back into the world.

ADULT FORUM The adult forum will has 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.)



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