

Resources Available During this Pandemic:

Healing Prayers

The Pastoral Care Committee is available to offer healing prayers upon request via a phone call or video call. If you would like to arrange such a call, please contact Barbara Barhydt (jbml@gwi.net) or Pam Hobson (pamhobson46@gmail.com), and they will schedule a convenient time with one of the Committee members.

Maine Front Line Warm Line is a free, confidential warm line for Front Line healthcare providers and First Responders who are feeling the emotional effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. A team of Maine licensed mental health volunteers is ready to support Front Line callers facing stressors due to COVID-19. Front Line healthcare providers and First Responders can call (207) 221-8196, seven days a week to speak with one of these trained volunteers. To be connected via text to a Warm Line volunteer: Text "Frontline" to 898-211.

Forward Day by Day Daily Meditation; a resource of Forward Movement. Click [Daily Prayer](#).

Forward Day By Day - The August, September, October edition is available in pocket and large print sizes. *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. We have left copies on the porch at St. Bart's. Stop by anytime to pick up a copy.

Yarmouth Aging in Place

If you need assistance with such things as grocery shopping (if you aren't comfortable going out) or other needs (including emotional first aide, because goodness knows we all need that right now), you can call the Yarmouth Help Line Mon-Sat from 10am-2pm at 846-4763.

And if you have specific questions that our senior Resource Specialist Michele Grivois can answer please call her at 835-9866. She is available on Tues and Thursdays but will return you call if you leave a message.

Announcements

Please join us after the service for our **Zoom Coffee Hour**. This week's discussion will be led by Arthur Woolverton. Get the Zoom link for the coffee hour from Nina's News and Notes email.

The 12th annual Yarmouth Art Festival is on! The "call for entries," when artists submit works for jurying, **has begun!** The deadline is Saturday, Sept. 19. The festival will be fully virtual this year, and will run Oct. 19-31, The show will include online purchasing for the first time, and we are planning an efficient no-contact process for buyers to pick up purchases. Submission fees are a large part of the fundraising aspect of this event, so **please spread the word to your artist friends, and ask them to submit their best works!** Any questions? Contact Joe Michaud michaud.joe@gmail.com.

BOOK NOTES – Fall 2020

We cannot accept new donations of books at this time. Unless and until the church building is open, we have neither browsers nor customers to visit the book room. We are brainstorming ways to make use of our inventory, but for the time being, **St. Bart's bookstore is closed.** Please keep in mind that leaving books or other paper or cloth-based products in the shed means they are fair game for mold and/or nesting rodents. **If you have books to donate** to St. Bart's for the future, **best to keep them at home until the building is open.** FMI, contact Margaret Betts, mmbetts@roadrunner.com, Linda Draper, ldraper347@gmail.com, Jan Burson, janzimsu64@gmail.com, or Linda Perkins, lindaperkins77@gmail.com.

CLYNK Bags are available: We all still need to be recycling our bottle deposits correctly. CLYNK bags are available to help support St Bart's. We have placed a clear plastic container with CLYNK bags under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of St Bart's. Thanks for your continued support.

Mask sewing continues! We are looking for more people to help us out. We have very simple patterns and fabric to give to you. You can pickup and drop off at 3 Church St, Yarmouth. If you don't want to go out, Leigh Kirchner, leighmk2050@gmail.com, Yarmouth Aging in Place and CV Task Force member, will pick up and deliver for you. FMI: Contact Mary Calvin at 713-385-4708 or maryecalvin@gmail.com.

Zoom Handiwork gathers every Monday!! All handicrafts - we hope you will join us for our Monday handicrafts gathering on zoom. Check Nina's News and Notes for the invitation.

Christmas Fair in October

We are celebrating the season of Christmas early this year! Please contact Cecilia Guecia (cguecia@boppguecia.com) if you would like to participate OR if you have ideas for our "Christmas" in October Fair, which will be held on October 10, 2020 from 9:00 - 2:00 at the Bickford Pavillion on Main Street! We need lots of help - quickly - to pull this off and welcome newcomers to the team!! You can also reach Cecilia at 207-772-0720.

The Christmas **Greens table will be autumn arrangements!** Contact Mary Calvin at maryecalvin@gmail.com if you have ideas or would like to lend a hand!

In addition, we want to do a simple raffle of 4-6 "big ticket" items. If you have something to contribute, please contact Cecilia! Thank you!

Christmas in October - Crafts

Calling all crafters early!! There's still plenty of time to make a craft before this year's Fair. You can make 6 of any item, or more if you think appropriate. Table decor/linens, scarves, pot holders, mittens, hats, face masks, coasters, soaps, candles, bath salts/bombs, wooden or metal crafts or whatever you would like to contribute. If you need suggestions or have questions, please contact Harriet Davis (harriet.davis@gmail.com).

Also, **we need License Plates!** If you have any, please email Joe Michaud, michaud.joe@gmail.com, to let him know. We'll arrange to get them from you. Many thanks.

Jewelry - donations are needed! After last year's very successful Fair, our jewelry inventory is quite low. Please check if you have items you no longer use and consider donating. We accept all jewelry - costume, silver, gold - bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings, pins, etc! If an item is broken, our elves will repair. We do need time to price, polish, repair as needed, so time is of the essence. Please add a note with your name if you would like a tax receipt. You can drop off Jewelry when the church office is open, or I am happy to pick-up from your front porch, just let me know. (This year we will not be selling scarves and handbags.) Thank You ~Anne Jacobs (ajacobs207@gmail.com, 776-5852).

Attic Treasures –This year we are looking for **seasonal decorative items, kitchen items, tableware, ceramics, Artwork, lamps, games & puzzles, baskets**. Due to limited space we will not be accepting stuffed animals, electronics, all kitchen appliances, camping gear & sports equipment. **Please make sure your 'treasures' are clean and securely boxed and leave them in the shed on the right-side shelves.**

Friendship House - We are collecting donations of: pillows, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste and body wash. They can be dropped off in the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" under the wooden bench that sits below the overhang at the front of the church. Also, financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln Street, South Portland, Maine 04106.

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

Adult Winter Coats and Boots: St. Elizabeth's is now accepting donations of adult winter coats and winter boots. Donations can be brought to the rear parking lot of St. Luke's (134 Park Street) on any Tuesday between 8:30-11am and placed in the bin provided during these hours. You can also drop them off in the large, labelled bins outside of the St. Bart's office under cover near the bench. These items will be distributed to neighbors in need in October.

Boots: Please label toe of boots with its size (ex. Men's 10) using masking tape and tie the laces together.

Coats: Please make sure all coats are clean and in good working order.

(Please donate children's coats and boots to one of the many organizations that specialize in these items.)

We Need Volunteers:

If you are willing to serve directly with the public during our distributions on Tuesdays this fall and winter, please contact the St. Elizabeth's board member for St. Bart's: Anne Jacobs at ajacobs207@gmail.com. Masks and face shields will be provided.

If you'd be willing to serve behind the scenes by repairing jackets (sewing on buttons or organizing inventory), please also contact Anne.

Cash Donations for St. Elizabeth's: If you would like to make a cash donation to St. Elizabeth's for the purchase of coats and boots in hard to find sizes or for the purchase of wool socks, please send checks payable to: St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center, Attn: Rev. Holly Hoffmann, PO Box 4036, Portland, ME 04101

In Kind Donations for St. Elizabeth's: Consider purchasing our high need items listed on our Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/eV6rZyn>.

Yarmouth Food Pantry currently has a need for the following items: Boxed Mac and Cheese - Canned Pasta - Cereal - Laundry Soap - Dish Soap - Shampoo - Conditioner - Kids small snack bags of Cheez-Its/Popcorn. Please place donations at the rear of the First Parish Church in the basket by the Food Pantry door.

Black Lives Matter Open Discussion

We are offering an online forum on the Second Tuesday of the month, 7-8:30pm. A collaborative program with First Parish, co-facilitated by Rev. Kate Dalton and The Rev. Nina Pooley, it will use Microsoft Teams (a video conferencing platform similar to Zoom). You can either click on this link...[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) or call in # 207-352-3423. Conference ID: 214 715 005#. You do not have to sign up, just click on the link to start Microsoft Teams or call in using the phone # provided.

For upcoming months, they will follow the topics listed below from the first four chapters of *White Fragility*. The books are currently available at Royal River Books and on Amazon. First Parish has a few copies of the book available. You can join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

Sept 8 – Challenges of talking to white people about racism

Oct 13 – Racism and white supremacy

Nov 10 – Racism after the civil rights movement

Dec 8 – How does race shape the lives of white people

Sacred Ground

We will be able to offer a second round of The Episcopal Church's Sacred Ground Program. This is a 10 week film-based course on racism, which provides a substantive overview of the history of racism in America. FMI - see the link below. Questions, feel free to contact Peter Sillin, sillin@gmail.com.

About Sacred Ground:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>

Article from Episcopal News Service:

<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/07/28/finding-sacred-ground-thousands-connect-with-episcopal-churchs-film-based-series-on-racisms-historic-roots/>

Dialogues on Race

In January we will start a seven-week class on Tuesday nights using *Dialogues on Race* as a guide, <https://www.wearesparkhouse.org/store/category/286991/Dialogues-On-Race>.

This will be a class you will need to register for in order to participate. Stay tuned for info on how to sign up for this course. The topics for each week will be as follows:

Jan. 5 – What does it mean to be white?

Jan. 12 – The Bible and Race in America

Jan. 19 – Anti-Blackness, Oppression, and the Dehumanization of Black Bodies

Jan. 26 – Christianity and the Erasing of Native American Stories

Feb. 2 – Race, Gender, and the Intersecting Nature of Oppression

Feb. 9 – American Religion in Black and White

Feb. 16 – The Problem with Racial Reconciliation