

Jennifer Willard will lead our Zoom coffee hour following the service today. The topic for discussion will be: How we become who we are - the paths taken instead of the ones not taken.

On **Monday, September 28th**, at 7pm, the *After13th* Organizers will offer our final zoom conversation related to legislative criminal justice reform bills currently in committee and restorative justice practices in Maine.

Panelists:

- Rep. Charlotte Warren (Hallowell, Manchester, West Gardiner), *House Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee*
- Ryun Anderson, Executive Director of the Restorative Justice Institute of Maine

Moderated by Art Bell, Yarmouth Community Leader. To register for this event, please use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pcumqzMoGdAF5JY0t0ovyv6YQFBdIg7E>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th! For more information, contact: after13thme@gmail.com.

YCHI News –

If you can help, please let me know. Carla Hunt, musseit@yahoo.com or 206-251-8694 (note the area code).

****Furniture Friends is in need of volunteers who can pick up furniture with their own trucks and deliver it to Furniture Friends.** They have many requests for pick-ups but very little manpower which means that stock is getting low and it is becoming difficult for them to support people in need. YCHI uses Furniture Friends for every family moving into their own home; most recently, a month ago. If you want to restrict your pick-ups to areas in Yarmouth, Cumberland or Falmouth that would be just fine.

CHRISTMAS FAIR IN OCTOBER! - Come and enjoy beautiful Fall weather (we hope!) and lovely items (we know!) on **Saturday, October 10th from 9:00am to 2:00pm at the Bickford Collection Pavilion on Main Street**, which is being donated for our use by Lynn and Tamson Bickford.

We have food trucks scheduled to appear, there will be baked goods, fudge, and you can place an order for delicious, gourmet frozen food to be picked up in December!

Our holiday decorators have been busy at work creating absolutely stunning fall arrangements, which will lend a bit of joy and festivity to "down-sized" holiday gatherings this year.

Jewelry will be available to purchase, as usual, and everyone's much loved Attic Treasures will be there with loads of items as everyone has been looking for a place to donate their pandemic-cleaned attics.

Of course, you will also be able to order your Christmas wreaths, to be picked up in December! Handiwork, crafts, and the work of artisans will be available to purchase. We are mixing up our seasons a bit, but in 2020, anything goes!!

We will, of course, observe all safety precautions, wearing masks, social distancing, and providing hand sanitizer.

As always, if you would like to sign up to help in any way (or if you have teenagers who are eager to earn some community service hours or just get out of the house!) please email Cecilia Guecia at gueciacecilia@gmail.com.

Baked Goods / Food Table - Cookies, breads, jams, pies or any other food creation, would be most welcome. Please note that all food contributions must be labeled with ingredients listed AND packaged for selling. Please contact Pam Hobson (pamhobson46@gmail.com) with your offerings.

Artisans, Fine Arts and a little Whimsy - This year, for our Christmas Fair in October, we will be transitioning from our Silent Auction to a Fine Arts table. We will showcase the talents of woodworkers, furniture makers, artists and artisans. We will be curating our collection to include a limited number of items. To date we have some David Platt furniture, a beautiful Bicentennial Quilt and a Lu Tingley original silver bracelet. Please call Laurie Hyndman at 233-9439 or email her at lauriehyndman@gmail.com if you have items that might fit the bill. Thank you.

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!

Crafts - Calling all crafters!! 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).

A large blue bin, clearly marked, is outside the church underneath the overhang for Craft donations.

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).

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Attic Treasures – Volunteers needed to help set up and work at the Fair. **Two to three hour shifts are available between 7am and 4pm.** 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. Questions & comments to: Liza Chandler 846-9432.

Frozen Food Orders - Plan on filling up your freezer this December! **Orders and pre-payments will be taken for frozen entrees and soups at the October 10th fair.** The frozen foods will then be available for **curbside pick-up on Saturday, December 5th**, which corresponds with the Christmas wreath pick-ups. While we need to finalize the list of available frozen food items before October 10th, cooking is not required until November! Please contact Barbara Barhydt (jbml@zwi.net) or Michele Johns (michele49johns@gmail.com) if you are interested in cooking.

The 2020 Yarmouth Art Festival is off to a great start!

By the deadline, 515 pieces had been entered by 130 artists from as far south as Berwick and as far north as Old Town. Given the pandemic, we weren't sure we'd get even half of the 629 entries we received last year, so this is a major success, and reflects the solid reputation of this juried show. Entry fees are a big part of this fundraiser, and they totaled over \$4,000.

The show itself will be Oct. 19-31, fully online, with a new e-commerce system and no-contact pickup for buyers. **Please mark your calendars, and plan to spread the word to your art-loving friends!**

The jurors for 2020 are:

— Bob Keyes, arts writer for the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram

— Anne Haas, art librarian at Bowdoin College

— Wes LaFountain, art curator, formerly at Greenhut Gallery, currently at Phillips Exeter Academy

More information is on the website, <http://yarmouthartfestival.com>.

Any questions, contact Joe Michaud, michaud.joe@gmail.com

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@zwi.net or Pam Hobson, pamhobson46@gmail.com and they will schedule a convenient time with one of the Committee members.

Friendship House - We are collecting **donations of: MEN'S WINTER CLOTHES, BLANKETS, 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 - 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.

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.

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.

Lawn Care Schedule

Sept. 27-Oct. 3: Peter Sillin

Oct. 4-10: Doug Reighley

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 Knitting gathers every Monday!! All handicrafts really - we hope you will join us on Mondays from 3-4pm as we work on our handicrafts and chat on zoom. Check Nina's News and Notes for the weekly invitation.

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 *White Fragility*. The books are currently available at Royal River Books and on Amazon. You can join the discussion even if you haven't read the book.

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