

Announcements – Nov 22

Calling all pledge cards! Please return your card to the office at your earliest convenience. If you've a question, please call a stewardship committee member (Bill Macleod, Jamie Michaud, Peter Sillin, Michele Johns), or any member of your vestry. Thank you for your support in 2021!

Please join us for coffee hour after Sunday's service. Lu Tingley will lead our discussion. Her topic will be: "Happy COVID Thanksgiving! Have a very Merry COVID Christmas! Family gatherings? Probably not! (Maybe we only need a chicken - not a big turkey!) So, what is "Plan B"? How are we coping with the added stress? Is God creeping in to help calm us? Have we invited Him in? See Nina's News and Notes email for the Zoom invitation.

A Grateful Wall

Come share with one another your Thanksgivings on the church porch. We have set up an easel, sticky pad poster paper, and plenty of markers. Stop by anytime and write in your thanksgivings. Let us fill the walls with how grateful we are for God's abundance in our lives!

Be Kind Project:

A Collaboration with First Parish, Yarmouth to promote kindness during these fraught days after the election. This effort includes:

- 1) Stickers (designs for which were posted on the Yarmouth Community Facebook page, and more than 150 people voted to choose one) Our stickers are on the bench in front of St. Bart's, in a box with a sticker on it :) Please feel free to come by and pick up a few to share.
- 2) Ecumenical Evening Prayer on Monday evenings in November at 7pm. Streamed to Facebook live, from zoom. (A quick 30 minutes of prayer for your week!) You can access that worship on the First Parish YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgjmLEVJwGPvfrovfga4dBA>

Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Interfaith Service

St. Luke's Cathedral invites you to their annual Thanksgiving Eve service, online, at **7 pm on Thanksgiving Eve, November 25.** (More info as it becomes available.)

This will be a wonderful and very moving service with participants sharing a short reading, prayer, reflection, or musical piece from their tradition. It will be especially meaningful this year, particularly as most will not be able to gather with loved ones.

Weekly St. Bart's Children's Homily! All interested families and parishioners are invited to check out weekly St. Bart's Children's Homilies. To locate them, go to the main page of our website, hover over "Our Community," and then click on "Children and Youth." Or you can follow this link directly to our YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNo2ud6XfWf1Y33SzAxfPLQ?view_as=subscriber

Children's Virtual Coffee Hour

All St. Bart's kids are invited to attend every Sunday at 10:30am beginning November 22nd. The Zoom link will be emailed to parents.

Opportunity for youth in grades 6-12!

A Zoom meeting occurs on the third Monday of every month for all Episcopal youth in Maine in grades 6-12. This is a chance to "pray, play, and connect" with other youth around the state. The next meeting is Monday, November 16th beginning at 7pm. The Zoom link to attend is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81625716888>. ALSO, check out and follow their Instagram account: maineyouth_episcopals

St. Elizabeth's Boot Day Success!

120 pairs of boots were distributed on Nov. 17th and the remaining will be offered on the 24th. In addition to boots, warm socks, purchased by St. Alban's, were handed out to everyone.

St. Bart's Volunteer Day - Tuesday, November 24th

Please consider lending a hand preparing donations for distribution. For information contact Linda Draper at ldraper347@gmail.com. Thank you!

Donations of hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, are still needed.

We Need Volunteers:

If you are willing to serve directly with the public during our distributions on Tuesdays this fall and winter, please contact Linda Draper, ldraper347@gmail.com. Masks and face shields will be provided.

Cash Donations: 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: Consider purchasing our high need items listed on our Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/eV6rZyn>

Hannaford Gift Cards a Big Winner!

Do you shop at Hannaford's or Bow Street Market? If you do you could earn \$5 for St. Bart's with every \$100 you spend buying groceries. So far this year thirty-three (33) St. Bart's households have earned \$6,000 for St. Bart's. Let's see...that's a LOT of grocery shopping at 5% donation to St. Bart's by Hannaford!

Many thanks to folks who are participating! It's an extra step in your grocery shopping process, but at the rate we are going we will earn \$8,000 for the St. Bart's education program this year.

Please contact John Duncan at 232-6743 or johnwduncan29@gmail.com if you want to learn more.

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.

CLYNK Bags

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.

Zoom Handiwork 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.

Mask sewing continues!

We are looking for more people to help us out. We have kits with very simple patterns and fabric to give to you. Pick-up and drop-off of masks is available from the porch at 3 Church Street. If you don't want to go out, Leigh Kirchner, Yarmouth Aging in Place and CV Task Force member, will pickup and deliver them to/from your home, leighmk2050@gmail.com. FMI: Contact Mary Calvin, 713-385-4708, maryecalvin@gmail.com.

BOOK NOTES – November 2020

Looking for something to read while you're staying safely at home? Or a gift for a friend? St. Bart's building may be closed, but that doesn't mean our book sale is inactive. We have been working to streamline the books on display so that all are either newly donated, or were donated last year. If you have business to conduct in the building and want to check out the book room, please do. Leave payment in the cash boxes on the shelf near the door. Paperbacks 50 cents to \$1.00. Hardcover: \$2.00. And yes, we are accepting new donations; If you have books to donate, please stop by the church office on Wednesdays between 9am and 3pm. Any questions, please contact, Margaret Betts (mmbetts@roadrunner.com), Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com), or Jan Burson (janzimsu64@gmail.com).

Upcoming Lawn/Snow Care Schedule

NOV. 22-28: Ed Simmons
NOV 29-DEC 5: John Duncan
DEC 6-12: Peter Sillin
DEC 13-19: Doug Reighley
DEC 20-26: Gregg Hoerr
DEC 27-JAN 2: **NEEDED**

Useful Resources During this Pandemic:

Pastoral Care Booklet: Words of Comfort

Nina and the Pastoral Care Committee have compiled a collection of prayers and psalms into a booklet titled, "Words of Comfort, for Times of Worry, Distress and Grief." The idea for the compilation arose as a means to support the community during the pandemic. As the name implies, it is intended to be a resource for comfort beyond just our current situation. For ease of printing portions of the booklet, we have created a Table of Contents in the Pastoral Care Booklet and we have made the Psalms/Canticles a separate booklet. There is now a Pastoral Care tab on the home page of the St. Bart's website, www.stbartsyarmouth.org, with links to the booklets.

Pastoral Care: 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.

Pastoral Care Email

There is a new e-mail address for the Pastoral Care Committee, which will provide a centralized e-mail for parishioner questions, thoughts, and concerns; pastoralcare@stbartsyarmouth.org.

The Maine FrontLine WarmLine is now available to Maine's Educators. This free, confidential warm line for Front Line healthcare providers and First Responders and their families now includes teachers and all school personnel and their families. A team of trained volunteers is ready to support Front Line callers facing stressors due to COVID-19. Those seeking support can call (207) 221-8196, seven days a week, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM to speak confidentially with one of these trained volunteers. To be connected via text to a text "Frontline" to 898-211.

Maine Front Line Warm Line is a collaborative effort of the Maine Association of Psychiatric Physicians, Maine DHHS, The Opportunity Alliance, Maine Department of Public Safety including EMS and Law Enforcement, the Maine Psychological Association and the Maine Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Click [Daily Prayer](#) for the Forward Day by Day Daily Meditation.

Forward Day By Day Booklet - **The November, December, January edition is now available.** 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.

From Leigh Kirchner, 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.