

Announcements

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Jay Reighley will lead the coffee hour discussion about:

- How Covid has crept into the holidays, how our traditions have been thwarted by it and what letting go of those rituals brings up. Are they important? Necessary? Missed?
- Looking ahead into the New Year, what will we take with us, what will we leave behind?
- Nina's departure and honoring her call to an urban ministry of service in Pittsfield, wishing her well and saying goodbye. See Nina's News and Notes/Worship Links email for the Zoom invitation.

Your Vestry Leadership During Transition

Even before Nina's announcement, your current vestry recognized that the "unsettled-ness" of 2020 would be bleeding into 2021. Because we have invested much time, thought and prayer navigating to this point, each vestry member agreed to "pause" their term for a year, subject to a vote at our annual meeting, with one shift in officer status; Anne Berg to assume the role of Assistant Treasurer and Susie Peixotto becoming our Secretary. Arthur Woolverton will remain on the vestry as an at-large member. Given our now transition status and our continued remote meeting status, the working relationships that have been established is even more important during the year ahead.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact any vestry member prior to our Annual Meeting!

Your Wardens, Michele and Dennis

St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry

NEW Toothbrush Drive - We are delighted to report we've already received 173 toothbrushes! Will you help us meet our goal? St. Bart's is collecting toothbrushes to distribute at the Pantry in January and hope you'll help us reach our goal of 200 toothbrushes! We welcome individual toothbrushes and family packs (of 4-5).

Other **In Kind Donations**: We are currently seeking donations of sheets (please label the size with masking tape), tablecloths, cloth napkins, towels, winter hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. We no longer accept clothing.

Donations can be dropped off in the large blue bins outside of St. Bart's office.

Or, consider purchasing our high need items listed on our Amazon wishlist: <http://a.co/eV6rZyn>.

Online: Learn more about St. Elizabeth's Jubilee Center and ways to give at the new website: <https://stelizabethsmaine.org/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StElizabethsJubileeCenter/>.

FMI: Contact Linda Draper (ldraper347@gmail.com) or Anne Jacobs (ajacobs207@gmail.com)

Friendship House - We are currently collecting the following donations:

****New or used twin sheets**

****New or used pillowcases**

Men's Winter Clothes

Blankets & Pillows,

Razors, Shaving cream, Shampoo, Toothpaste and Body wash.

Items can be dropped off in the plastic box labeled "Friendship House" at the front of the church. Also, financial contributions are welcomed and can be mailed to: Friendship House, 390 Lincoln Street, South Portland, ME 04106.

Upcoming Lawn/Snow Care Schedule

DEC 27-JAN 2: Peter Chandler

JAN 3-9: Mark Goettel

JAN 10-16: Peter Chandler

JAN 17-23: Joe Michaud

JAN 24-30: Ted Danforth

Weekly St. Bart's Children's Homily!

All interested families and parishioners are invited to check out the weekly Sunday School videos posted to our YouTube page. 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?>

All St. Bart's kids are invited to **Children's Virtual Coffee Hour every Sunday at 10:30am!**

Join at this link every week to visit with your Sunday School friends: <https://maine.zoom.us/j/81664389210>

St. Bart's Youth Instagram page: [stbartsyouth_yarmouth](https://www.instagram.com/stbartsyouth_yarmouth) ! Encourage your older kids to follow our account and stay connected! Parents are welcome too!

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@gwi.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.