

SMC Newsletter September 2022

This cool air at night has me excited for fall. School is starting and a new season is upon us. Please send me any information you would like included for next month. Many blessings, Patty

ECW Update

At the ECW meeting on September 2, our treasurer Lorraine Newton reported that the first quarterly payment of the group's \$100 per month pledge to the Maxfield Community Food Pantry has been fulfilled. In current business, the ECW agreed to work with the school nurse at SMT Elementary School to provide, at her suggestion, **a supply of children's pants/shorts and underwear** to be used as needed. Other church and community needs were discussed and will be further considered. We also voted to have a fundraising Thanksgiving pie sale on Saturday, November 19, from 10 am to 1 pm in the parish hall. More details will follow, along with baking sign-up sheets. Finally, it was decided that if conditions permit, the ECW will hold a Christmas Bazaar at the beginning of December. Planning will begin in earnest at our **next meeting on Friday, October 7, at 10 am**, so please come and bring your ideas!



An Update from Meryl on Birthdays and Anniversaries. Apologies for belated wishes!

The birthdays for Sept are:

Max Novak Sept. 13th, Jennie Peters & Dylan Walker Sept. 18th, Jackie Gallagher Sept. 23rd, and Linda Sarles Sept. 26th.

The anniversaries for Sept are:

Dave & Dana VanAuken Sept. 19, Jennie & Mark Peters Sept. 21st, and Ted & Jacquie Walker Sept. 29th.

Please give Meryl your birthdate so we don't forget anyone's birthday! You do not need to give the year! Please notify Meryl of any upcoming anniversaries. Photos are also welcome from these occasions.

SMC Studies, and Services

Fr. Lou has had his Facebook morning prayer changed to Tuesday mornings at 8:30am.

Fr. Lou continues to have morning prayer with Eucharist, followed by the upcoming Sunday's readings on Wednesdays from 10am to noon.

Fr. Lou was so very grateful to have had the opportunity to perform his first church wedding for Kathryn and Brian Vecchio. We were all blessed with their marital covenant and celebration.

The liturgical color for September which is in Ordinary Time, is green.

Fr. Lou will be gone Sunday, Sept. 11th. Fr. Colin will be filling in.

Fr. Lou is always accessible by phone at 802-734-0263.



DOK

The meeting for the next DOK is Sunday, September 18th, after church in the Parish Hall/Sanctuary.

Some are reading Tim Keller's *The Songs of Jesus: A Year of Daily Devotions in the Psalms* and are reflecting daily with each other via email. Everyone's has different insights, and we are grateful for their participation.

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in the DOK ceremony on Sunday, August 21st and the celebration at the church picnic. We are grateful that Jennifer Firth, the Diocesan President of the Daughters of the Kings, was able to join us. We welcome (or re-welcome) Fr. Lou, Ruth, Paula, Donna, and Barbara Brewer-LaMere as a fellow brother and sisters in Christ into the DOK. See more pictures at the end of the newsletter.

Save the date: Diocesan DOK Assembly at CTK on Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2022



Alpha will be starting Wed, Sept. 7th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Please join us.

The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore spirituality from a Christian perspective. Relaxed, non-threatening, low-key, and fun, Alpha is a place to ask anything – no question is considered too simple or too hostile.

Over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions, Alpha guests share meals, listen to a series of talks, and then have small group discussions. Each talk covers a fundamental question, such as “Who is Jesus?” “Why and How Do I Pray?” and “Does God Heal Today?”

Everyone is welcome on an Alpha course! Some people want to investigate whether God exists and if there is any point to life; others are concerned about what happens after death. Still others may have attended church but feel they have never really understood the basics of the Christian faith. People come from different backgrounds and hold many different viewpoints, but most come with the same basic objective: to establish whether God and Jesus Christ have any real relevance for their lives.

The Alpha course is free. Guests may be asked to make a voluntary contribution toward the food.

Contact Father Lou if you are interested and find out more at www.alphausa.org



Prayer Requests

****Please Pray for:** Larry W., Gayle M., Gillian T., Rick & Cathy, David and family on the passing of Rosemary, the congregation and family of Fr. Robert as they grieve his sudden passing, Melissa M., Mark P., Dan & Shawna, Ray & Tracy, Margaret and her children, Deb & John Fish, Emily & Chris, Erich's Aunt Carol & Uncle Roger, Sharon K, Frank, Lynn, Ruth, Tristan, Jeff, Sylvia & Bruce, Charlie, Anne and David & family, Janet and family, Sarah, Peter and Nancy, Margit, Alan, Vanessa, Linda & Mason, Amy & Maddie, Carol, Marissa, Mary Carol and Alan, Jennifer, Judy, Kailee & Dante, Claudette, Bob & Schuyler, Michelle, Paul, Mary & family, Mark, Marika, Mariana and family on the passing of Eduard, Joyce, Jackie, Kathy, Jack, Sonia, Carole, Greta, Sue Ellen, Joan & Jimmy M., Sharon, Bill, Brenda B., our community's youth, the men and women in law enforcement, EMT's, fire departments, and in the armed forces of our country, all victims and families of the COVID-19 pandemic. All those whose needs are known only to our Lord.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for Bishop Smith, the Standing Committee, the Profile and Search committee, and for Holiness of life in every Episcopalian. Additionally, please see: <https://albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/prayer/jnml>

****It is time to update the prayer list. Please contact Erich Kaminsky by email at erichkaminsky@yahoo.com or by phone or text at 518.502.4075 with updates.**

Annual Church Picnic

Thank you to everyone who cooked, baked, volunteered, or attended the annual church picnic on Sunday, August 21st. The weather was wonderful, and the food, like always, was tasty. We have a wonderful church family, and it was so nice to spend time together.



Karen Love's Bible Study

Hi Ladies and Hello September!

It is time to start planting seeds for our next Ecumenical Women's Bible Study. I hope you had an incredible summer and are interested in studying with us. Please pass this email on to friends you know as well.

Our Ecumenical Women's Bible Study will begin on **October 4th**. Like usual, we will be meeting **every Tuesday at St Mary's Parish Hall from 4-5:30 pm**. This Fall's Women's Bible Study is called **Better -- A Study from Hebrews**. We will be studying for 10 weeks and conclude around mid-December. We are using a new teacher: Jen Wilkins. I have done 3 personal Bible Studies with her (1st Peter, & 2 Exodus studies). I highly recommend her. She has a similar format to Beth Moore and Priscilla Shirer will includes watching a video, doing 5 days for homework during the week, and then coming together for solid teaching and discussion.

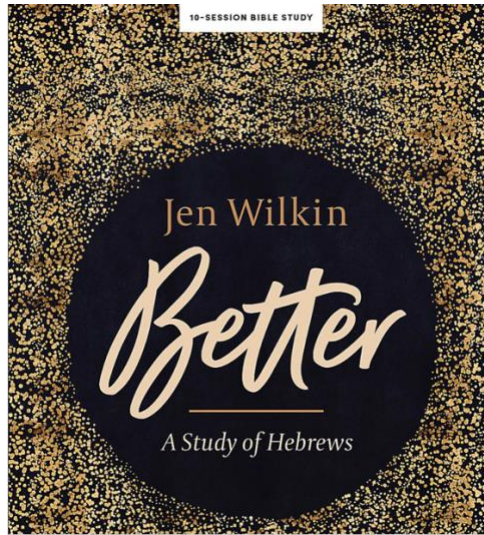
The summary of this New Testament Bible Study by Lifeway is as follows:

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God “provided something better for us” in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40). Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending and if you want a book. The cost of the workbook is **\$18 dollars** if you would like me to order it. Please let me know by Monday, **September 26th**. You are most welcome to call me on my cell **518.260.2391** or email me at

karenlove12846@yahoo.com

If you prefer ordering it on your own workbook, here's the link: [Better - Bible Study Book](#)



Noel and the Welcome Home Initiative - WHI

The next Welcome Home Initiative © at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center, Greenwich, NY 12834 is from November 7-9, 2022. Registration is now open. See poster for full details.

Please share widely, as appropriate.

Information: The Welcome Home Initiative
ctkcenter.org/healing-ministry/the-welcome-home-initiative

Register for the Retreat at this link or click the box towards the bottom of the information page (<https://christthekingcenter.campbrainregistration.com/>)

WELCOME HOME INITIATIVE®
a program for combat veterans

2022 PROGRAM DATES
Fall Retreat for All Veterans: November 7-9

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David, the Live Theatre Trip.

The time has come for our Lancaster, PA trip to see the **Story of David at the Sight and Sound religious theater**. This is a live show, and you feel like you are there. We leave next week and the show will be **Wed, Sept.14th at 10a.m.** Please check in with Ruth to verify you have your hotel, tickets, and itinerary details. Thank you Ruth!!



Odds and Ends.

Ruth's Quote of the month:

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Are not multiple choice.

True Christians know

You don't cherry pick the ones

You want to follow!



