

SMC Newsletter Oct 2022

This fall weather reminds me it is almost time for another SMC Friday night dinner! I hope you feel the same. Please send me any information you would like included for next month. Many blessings, Patty

ECW Update

The **next ECW meeting** will be on **Friday, October 7, at 10 am** in the Parish Hall. (Please note that this is a half-hour earlier than before, as decided at our last meeting.) Agenda items include: finalizing details of our collaboration with the elementary school nurse to provide a supply of children's pants/underwear for use as needed; deciding on other community and church needs that have been under consideration; organizing for the **Thanksgiving pie sale on November 19**; and planning for the **Christmas Bazaar on December 3**—only 9 weeks away! Your input is important, and we hope to see as many of you at the meeting as possible.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



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

The birthdays for Oct are:

Barbara Brewer-LaMere Oct 30th, Sylvia Oct 8th, Fr. Lou Oct 7th, and Jerry Sarles Oct 22nd

The anniversaries for Sept are:

Mac & Barbara Caldwell Oct 19th, and Gary & Lorraine Newton Oct 23rd

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 grateful to do the blessing at the Pugs and Pumpkins Halloween Party at the Pavilion. He also did a blessing of the animals at SMC on Oct. 2nd at 2pm (a small but mighty group).

Fr. Lou had the privilege of giving the homily and worshipping at Fr. Ian Montgomery's retirement party at Zion Episcopal Church in Manchester, VT. It was a wonderful day.

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

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

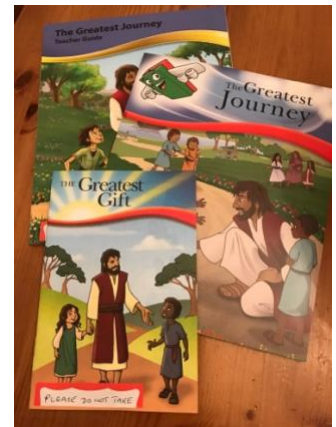


DOK

The meeting for the next DOK is Friday, October 14th, at noon at the Parish Hall/Sanctuary.

We discussed that we will be collecting new and gently used winter coats and clothing, with more details to follow after our October meeting.

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



Operation Christmas Child

I believe Operation Christmas Child is not new to any of us. We have been sending boxes from St. Mary's for quite a few years and have reached and blessed many children in 9 different countries - some countries more than once. A child receives an OCC box once in a lifetime. That's why we try hard to make them special.

By packing these boxes, we are seeking to act on St. Mary's mission to fulfill the great commission of spreading the good news of Jesus and the hope that he brings to the world.

The boxes are now available in the Parish Hall every week up to Sunday, November 13th. Please have them filled by then because we will have "the Blessing of the Boxes" that day. I will deliver them to the drop off center the following week.

So, please consider taking one or more boxes home to fill with the suggested items on the flyer given out in Church. There is also an information leaflet in every box. No check or cash is needed for the suggested \$10 donation. It will be fully covered by St. Mary's from the profits from the Fall Spaghetti Dinner. PTL. So, just find wonderful items to fill your box with – please remember to fill out and paste to your box the gender and age label that is in every box.

The children will receive books in their own language along with their box and during the 12-lesson course they can attend.

Traditionally, the age group that receives the fewest boxes are 10-14 year old's. Boys traditionally get fewer boxes than the girls.

Have fun and enjoy packing your box. Look for mark downs at this end of season time. Remember to check the donor lists and remove the packing materials because remote destinations do not have trash facilities.

If you would rather sponsor a box and still be part of this outreach from St Mary's to children in the wider world, come talk to me.

God bless you.
Meryl



Alpha has started.

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.

We have a good attendance and we have had good food, good company, and good questions.

Contact Father Lou if you want to find out more. More info at www.alphausa.org

Prayer Requests

****Please Pray for:** ALPHA, Liam T., Kathy C's family as they grieve the passing of her uncle Butch, Heather K, Jackie G. and family, Mrs. Jeanne Mayo, Larry W., Gayle M., Gillian T., Mark P., Melissa M., Mark P., Dan & Shawna, Ray & Tracy, Margaret and her children, Deb & John F., Emily & Chris, Erich's Aunt Carol & Uncle Roger, Sharon K, Lynn, Ruth, Tristan, Jeff, Sylvia, Charlie, Anne and David & family, Janet and family, Sarah, Peter and Nancy, Margit, Alan, Vanessa, Amy & Maddie, Carol, Marissa, Mary Carol and Alan, Jennifer, Judy, Kailee & Dante, Claudette, Bob & Schuyler & Romi, Michelle, Paul, Mary & family, Marika, Mariana and family, Joyce, Jackie, Kathy, 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.**



Church Spaghetti Dinner

On Friday, October 21, from 4:30 to 7:00pm, there will be a spaghetti dinner in the Parish Hall. It is EAT IN OR TAKE OUT!

Dinners will include spaghetti, homemade meatballs, tossed antipasto salad, garlic bread, gourmet lemon bar, and beverage. Cost of the meal is \$12.00. Proceeds will benefit local outreach through support of the Community Fuel Fund and global mission through the sending of Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to children in need around the world.

Please call 518-696-2193 with any questions.

Pre-ordering for take-out is not required, but if you wish to phone ahead with your order you may call 518-696-3030 from 9 am to noon on Tuesday, October 18, or after 10 am on October 21.

For your convenience, pick-up of take-out orders will be outside the parish hall.

We're looking forward to seeing and serving you!

Karen Love's Bible Study

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. It includes watching a video, doing 5 days for homework during the week, and then coming together for solid teaching and discussion.

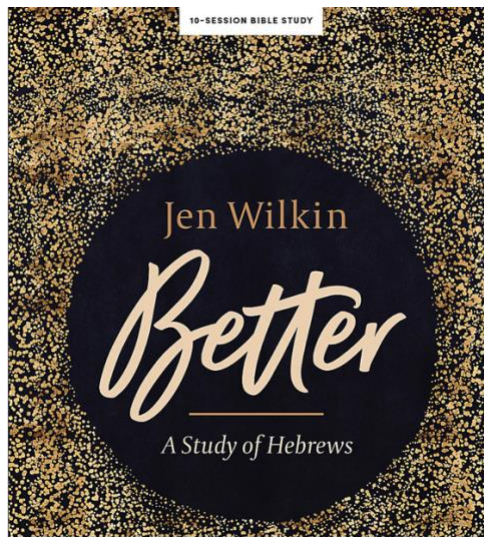
The summary of this New Testament Bible Study by Lifeway is as follows:

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

The Welcome Home Initiative© is a healing program for military combat veterans and spouses. These veterans may be suffering in varying degrees from Post-Traumatic Stress or Moral Injury and are in need of Soul Repair.

The format of the program helps veterans and spouses understand the hidden impact of combat and provides a safe place for their emotional healing. This essential spiritual and emotional healing is a complement to healing received from medical, psychiatric, and social services.

There is NO CHARGE for veterans or their spouses thanks to the generosity of individuals, churches and businesses.

To learn more, apply to attend, or to support this initiative contact

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David, the Live Theatre Trip.

Thank you, Ruth, for a wonderfully organized trip to PA. We had interesting accommodations, too much food to eat, and an exciting show about David. Ruth is already organizing for next year.





