

Church of Our Saviour
Episcopal
Milford, New Hampshire

*Forming community through Christ,
serving community in Christ*

Wednesday Notes for May 15, 2024

Dates to remember

Saturday, June 1: Milford Pride Fest, 12-4 p.m. *The Stage at Keyes Park, Elm Street, Milford*

Sunday, June 2: Sunday in the Park begins, 9 a.m., *Emerson Park*

Wednesday, June 5: Beer & Hymns, 6-8 p.m., *Union Coffee Co., 42 South St., Milford*

TBD- see below: Book Group, *Holder Chapel*

Please check our online calendar for upcoming dates and events [HERE](#).



From our Priest-in-Charge

“All mine are yours, and yours are mine.” *John 17:10*

This verse from Sunday’s Gospel reading records the Lord Jesus Christ praying to the Father about his disciples – those who believe that Jesus came from God the Father. That includes us, who love and follow Jesus, no matter how falteringly! Notice with me, the profound sense of belonging this verse implies. We ‘belong’ to Jesus; He says we are ‘mine.’ He says that we also belong to the Father! While the Holy Spirit is not in view in these words, He is surely fully involved, especially as Jesus soon after asks the Father to “sanctify” us – the particular work of the Holy Spirit.

I hope that you know deeply, or have some sense, that you belong to God. How does that feel? My youth group leader, Curate Alan Neale, instructed me that “facts are most important, and the feelings follow from the facts.” Sometimes we can feel adrift in life, and even doubt who we are, or whose we are. If that ever describes you, then dwell on the Gospel fact that you belong to God, the Good Shepherd who cares for all the sheep – the 99 safe in the fold, and the one that wanders off.

Since I, along with Michael, became your priest, I have started an act of recognizing this belonging, by always having a bowl of water in the font, which is strategically placed by the entrance to the church so that we pass it each time we enter the Nave. This affords the opportunity to touch a finger into the water and mark a cross on our foreheads, an enacted prayer to remind ourselves of our baptism and the deep sense of belonging this provides for us.

I am teaching my grandchildren to do this and to say "I belong to God" or "I belong to Jesus" when they do so, because I want them to know it. I do it myself, with that same affirmation of belonging, because I need to know it. Even when I don't need to be reminded, it reminds me of this beautiful truth. In easy days, or rough days the fact remains the same. This simple act of devotion helps me to apprehend it. We belong to God. Amen.

The Rev. Edward Frost
Priest-in-Charge

This Sunday's Gospel: **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



Wednesday Group: *Join our Bible discussion*

Today, the Wednesday Group meets at 11 a.m. on Zoom -- as we do on the first and third Wednesdays each month -- to connect with one another and discuss our take on this Sunday's gospel. It's informal; please join us!

Look for the Zoom link in an email each Monday.

Next Wednesday, Father Michael celebrates Holy Eucharist at noon in the Holder Chapel (and on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month). Please join us in the church on these days.



Office hours

The office will be **closed Monday, May 27**,
in observance of Memorial Day.

Regular office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9
a.m. to 1 p.m.



The Diocese has kicked off the public phase of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire's capital campaign, **From Deep Roots, New Life**. This is Week 2.

"Talking about coaching is inherently being a little vulnerable, because if I'm saying, 'I'd like coaching,' I must be saying, 'I need help.' But of course, we all do need help, and it's a great thing to have your diocese say, 'We expect and want you to ask for help. In fact, we'll find someone to support you.'"

— The Rev. Reed Loy

In this week's testimonial video, the Rev. Reed Loy, rector of St. Andrew's, Hopkinton, shares his experience with the Coaching Fund, one of the five funding priorities of the **From New Deep Roots, New Life** capital campaign. You can view Rev. Reed Loy's video [HERE](#).

This campaign is focused on investing in our people, not buildings. **From Deep Roots, New Life** allows the Diocese to create a lasting endowment to train, place, and support the lay and ordained leaders in our churches — all our churches, both big and small.

Please check out their new **From Deep Roots, New Life** [campaign website](#). The website is loaded with information about the campaign, words from Bishop Rob, an overview of the campaign, impact stories, and their [public phase brochure](#), which you can also find in our Narthex.

In case you missed Bishop Rob's message last week, you can view it [HERE](#).

Our own Michael Reinke is on the Steering Committee for the campaign, so please feel free to reach out to him if you have any questions.

Take a Book. Share a Book.

Thanks to those who have donated books already to our Little Free Library. Please continue to bring in books, leaving them in the marked donation box in the Narthex so we can put the Little Free Library/Church of Our Saviour stamp inside it before adding them to our library. We want a mix of books, some for adults, others for teens, as well as children's books. We seek diverse types of good reads you'd be proud to have Church of Our Saviour's name inside.



Milford Pride Fest 2024

Milford Pride Fest 2024 is **Saturday, June 1**, from noon to 4 p.m. at The Stage at Keyes Park on Elm Street, and Church of Our Saviour will be there. We will fly the flag, literally, as an affirming and inclusive congregation, a safe place where all are welcome.

We often speak of our hospitality to people who come into our church. In June, we can extend that welcome and support to a larger community, taking our place as allies to those who have not yet discovered there is a place for them within our red doors.

Want to help plan and set up? Volunteer an hour or two to staff the booth? Talk to people about our church ... the church that elected Gene Robinson the first openly gay bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion?

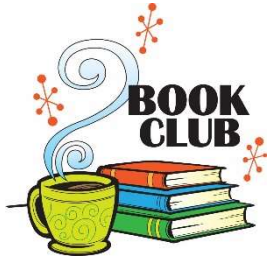
Please contact Ken or join a planning meeting this **Sunday, May 19**, in the Holder Chapel immediately following the service.

Beer & Hymns

Join us for our next Beer & Hymns on **Wednesday, June 5**, at the Union Coffee Co., 42 South St., Milford, from 6-8 p.m. and on the first Wednesday of each month. A variety of beverages will be available.

Bring your voice, bring an instrument if you have one, and if you have a favorite hymn, we will try to sing it or at least practice it for next time.





Book group needs to reschedule

The book group is reading *Strength in What Remains: A Journey of Remembrance and Forgiveness* by Tracy Kidder. The Goodreads abbreviated summary calls this “a wonderfully written, inspiring account of one man’s remarkable American journey and of the ordinary people who helped him – a brilliant testament to the power of will and of second

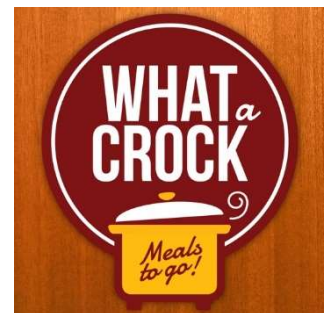
chances.”

We are rescheduling our original meeting date to avoid a conflict with the Beer & Hymns event that same day and time. If you are reading the book and hope to join us, please email Debbie so we can include you in selecting our new day/time.

What a Crock: Meals to go

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a year-round fundraiser called ‘What a Crock’ to help us raise money for outreach grants to local not for profit organizations like SHARE, Bridges, and Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire.

How does it work? You just click on this [link](#), create your account (selecting Church of Our Saviour Lucia as the organization to support), and order the frozen foods you’d like which are then shipped directly to you. To save on shipping charges, consider placing your order with a friend; discounted shipping starts at orders of \$50 and free shipping starts at orders of \$99 or more. The merchant then donates 20 percent of all orders to Church of Our Saviour’s outreach committee. And you have some delicious meals in your freezer, ready to pop into your crock pot or oven. Take a look at their [menu](#). No subscriptions, buy whenever you want, and whatever you want. What could be easier?



Fresh Fashion Show Brunch
Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire

Sunday, May 19th at
Nashua Center for the Arts
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Fun Spring Fashions
Hosted By: Fresh Boutique!

Cost: \$75 per ticket.
Includes: Brunch and Cash Bar

Purchase tickets at
www.familypromisesnh.org or QR Code





"a casual chic boutique"

Family Promise of Southern NH -- an organization our church supports through our outreach grants -- invites you to attend the fashion show and brunch, hosted by Fresh Boutique of Nashua to celebrate community and compassion while raising funds to support local homeless families.

SHARE: The need continues

Please continue to keep SHARE in mind each week as you shop. You can drop items in the basket in the Church Narthex, take items directly to SHARE (1 Columbus Ave., Milford, Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30), leave them in barrels at Shaw's or Market Basket in Milford, or Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (32 Elm St., Milford), or donate online via their [Amazon Wishlist](#).



Thank you for your ongoing support to this vital community organization providing food, clothing and emergency financial assistance to area families in need.

Our Prayer List this week

Please keep these loved ones in your prayers for healing and support: **Mike, Stefanie, Michael, Kara, Jackson, Brenda, Betty, Joanne, Deirin, Mabel, Cathy, Carrie, Erika, Cheryl, Susan, Ben, Diana, Carole, Joe, Forrest, Brian, David, Valerie, Terry, Peggy, Jeff, Sharon, Paul, Amanda, Stephanie, Andrew, Fr. Jack, Fred, and Lu.** May God's grace and the healing love of Jesus Christ be with them each day.

Please call or email the office to add names to the prayer list. When the time comes that a name could be removed, please let the office know that, too.

Altar flowers/Sanctuary lamp

Altar flowers are given this week to the glory of God by Michael & Staci in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary and the 20th anniversary of Kevin's adoption day.

The sanctuary lamp burns in honor of the Lord's presence with us.



To donate for the lamp or flowers, sign upon the calendar in the Narthex (to the left of the Memorials Book) and fill out one of the forms there; or simply contact the church office (mail, email or phone) with your name and those to be honored. The suggested donation is \$10 for the lamp and \$35 for flowers.

ENews: Follow The Episcopal Church of NH

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