



Parish of the Ascension Chimes



February 17, 2019

Epiphany VI/Queens College Sunday

Lections: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1 (*Refrain: Happy are they who trust in the Lord*); 1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
Presider: Rev'd Lynn Courage
Homilist: Rev'd Canon John Courage

9:15 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist BAS
Presider: Rev'd Lynn Courage
Homilist: Rev'd Canon John Courage
Readers: Trevor Earle and Sarah Earle
Gift Bearers: Stewart and Cindy Button
Hymns: (CP) 434, 472, 381, 455 & 439, 565

Services During the Week:	Morning Prayer daily at 9:30 a.m. (Except Wednesday & Saturday)	
Wednesday February 20	9:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)
Sunday, February 24 Epiphany VII	8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11:00 a.m.	Family Service
	6:30 P.M.	Holy Eucharist (BAS)

“Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.” Luke

Weekly Word

Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people.

Power came out from him, and he healed all of them.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is God’s Realm.”

“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”

These words are offered in the book of Luke, and for those that are not believers in Jesus, they can be seen as magical, incredulous, and impossible. I do not question nor challenge those that may not see these words as important, as Scripture, as holy. These words for me are a part of a Holy Story, one that unfolds each day, as the sun rises and the sun sets.

For people of faith, Christian or otherwise, the term ‘theological education’ indicates professional learning that helps individuals to share how belief and practice of faith can be integrated in the here and now. Perhaps this is not so important for you at this moment, but for me, and for my faith community, this week we acknowledge and give thanks for teachers and students, for those within and apart from faith communities that are exploring their faith through theological education.

For me this week, I give thanks as well, for my training in theological education helps to give me a lens through which I see the world. And let me share with you what I saw in the world this week, in relation to this story from Luke:

The Holy One came and stood among crowds of people: Among them, not above them. The Holy One looked up to the ones who followed. The Holy One blessed the poor, the hungry, and the weeping, promising them joy, fulfilment, and a place of honour.

This past Tuesday at the St. John’s Farmers Market there were crowds of people, leaders and followers, hopeful people, helpful people, and vulnerable people. We gathered as one crowd, and we were all at various points of our life’s journey. In our gathering, we were fed and filled, physically and spiritually. We were blessed in our being and in our doing. Friends and strangers, young and older, gathered to help and give dignity and justice to a portion of the community that is hurting, and that needs our help. I gained friends, strengthened bonds, and served with others, to bring about hope for those I may never encounter.

This is what I will remember as I hear these words on Sunday. I will pray thanks to God, through Jesus, that I continue to learn how the Holy One is present and integral in this world I encounter.

Peace, David

Pastoral Care Workshop

Saturday, March 2, 2019

9:45 am-2 pm

Parish of the Ascension Auditorium

9:45 am-Registration/Housekeeping

Opening Prayer

10:00 am –Presenter

Part 1-Susan Barrett, Vice President of Shannik Barrett Preneed Solutions

Wills, Enduring Power of attorney, Advanced Health Care Directive; Worldwide Travel Protection

11 am- Presenter

Part 2- Susan Barrett-

Three Simple Steps of Planning Ahead-Funeral Planning

Noon-Lunch-

Provided by the Anglican Church Women of the parish

1 pm- Presenters

SeniorsNL Kelly Heisz, Executive Director / Elizabeth Siegel, Director: Information and Referral Services of SeniorsNL and Lorraine Best, Peer Support Volunteer for 25 years with SeniorsNL.

Closing Prayer

If you plan to attend, please send your name and contact information to Rev.'d Lynn Courage at lcourage@parishoftheascension.ca, or call the church office 368-5693. In order to prepare food for the lunch, the final registration date is Monday, February 25.

ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS

Susan Barrett---Shannik Barrett Preneed Solutions is a 100% Canadian owned and operated business focusing on Funeral Planning. Vice president, Susan Barrett, will provide valuable information on Funeral Planning highlighting 3 Simple Steps to planning ahead thus ensuring your funeral is a unique reflection of your life, recording your wishes, while at the same time reducing the stress on your loved ones. Susan will explain pre-payment options, travel protection within Canada, US, and abroad, provide knowledge on wills, enduring power of attorney, advance health care directive, plus various resources and materials to aid you and your family in your decisions for your personal wishes and legacy.

SeniorsNL---Kelly Heisz, Executive Director SeniorsNL and Director of Information and Referral Services SeniorsNL, Elizabeth Siegel will outline and explain the importance of their organization sharing resources and materials that are available to seniors. They will search out answers to your questions and lead you to the people, groups and organizations that will meet your required needs. If you are looking for affordable housing, information on hearing aids, health subsidies, preventing fraud, tax clinics, audio book clubs and so much more SeniorsNL can aid you in your navigation. Lorraine Best a Peer Support Volunteer for 25 years will share her experience on the importance of this organization to her and to all seniors.

Admission for this is event is a non-perishable food item.

Duty teams for next Sunday, February 24, 2019: Sidespersons' Team #5, Counting Team # 5.

Food Bank: All donations collected up to February 24, 2019 will be given to Community Food Sharing Association. Mr. Eg Walters will be joining us on February 24 to accept donations from the Parish.

Lenten Bible Study: This year's topic for Lenten bible study is *The Way of Love*. Classes begin on Wednesday, March 6, following the morning Ash Wednesday Service. Other dates are March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 and 17.

Card Party and Afternoon Tea: The ACW will be hosting a Card Party and Afternoon Tea on Monday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Cost is \$10.00. There will be a baked goods table, grab bags and other items for sale, and, of course, PRIZES! Come along and join the fun!

Parish Network Visitation: The next Parish Network Visitors' Meeting/AGM will be on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. at the home of Shirley Cooper on 67 Commonwealth Avenue, Mt. Pearl (telephone 368-6180, e-mail: g.cooper@nf.sympatico.ca.) New members are welcome. This ministry involves the visiting of mainly shut-in seniors of our parish for about an hour or so each month. We bring a friendly face and a sense of continuity with their parish family. For more information contact Rev'd Lynn or Rev'd David. There are also pamphlets located in the church.

Youth Group: As part of our Lenten outreach, the youth group has decided to look after our four-legged friends! If you have old towels or blankets (not duvets) please drop them off at the parish from March 10 to 24. We will make sure that your donation finds a new home and owner. Thank you for your assistance in this project. The next youth group meeting is Friday, February 22 at the Parish of the Good Shepherd. Kim Thistle-Murphy will be joining us to share her personal story about deafness and being visually impaired. Come and bring a friend; we would love to have you.

World Day of Prayer: The date for World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 1, at St. Peter's Church at 7 p.m.

Ascension Café: The café will be closed on March 3. The ACW/MSC will be having their installation and corporate breakfast. Thank you for your understanding.

Confirmation Classes: Class will take place today, February 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the church's multipurpose room.

Church of the Good Shepherd Jiggs' Dinner: Church of the Good Shepherd will be hosting a Jiggs' Dinner on Monday, February 25, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling the church office at 747-1022. Both eat-in and take-out tickets are available.

PWRDF Luncheon: Our annual PWRDF luncheon will be held on March 10, 2019, immediately following the 11 a.m. service. We will be serving delicious macaroni and cheese, caesar salad, rolls, and ice cream. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. We also have a gluten-free option. Our PWRDF committee members will be calling those who normally attend to book tickets over the next few weeks. However, if you have a new phone number or did not attend the PWRDF luncheon last year, you can phone the church office at 368-5693 for tickets. You can also call Fronie Squibb at 368-7424 if you have any questions or would like to help in any way with this event.

St. Michael & All Angels Men's Association Moose/Beef Stew Dinner: St. Michael and All Angels Men's Association will host a Moose Stew or Beef Stew Dinner with pancakes for dessert on Saturday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. This will be held at their parish hall at 75 Kiwanis Street. Tickets are \$20.00 each. For tickets call Buster at 579-8279. Dead line for booking tickets is February 28.

Alzheimer Society Webinar: On Tuesday, February 26, the Alzheimer Society of Newfoundland and Labrador will be hosting another Lunch & Learn webinar. Join us from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. to get information on our First Link program, including how to become a referring partner. This presentation is free and open to the public. The aim of this webinar is to provide information about our First Link Program and inform you of the process to connect individuals with us. In order to connect with our clients, we require people such as you to help bridge those connections by becoming referring partners. If you are interested in being registered for the webinar, email your name, email address and profession and/or position title to firstlink@alzheimernl.ca or, give us a call at (709) 576-0608.

Queen's College Appeal: We ask people to contribute to the mission of the Church in a special way by making an offering to Queen's College Appeal through the parish collection or by donating online at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/16498>