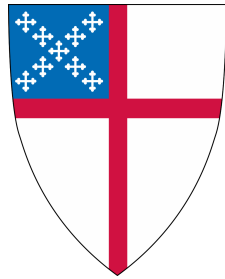


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**Weekly News**  
**March 10, 2024**

**Rev. Susan McGarry, Officiant**

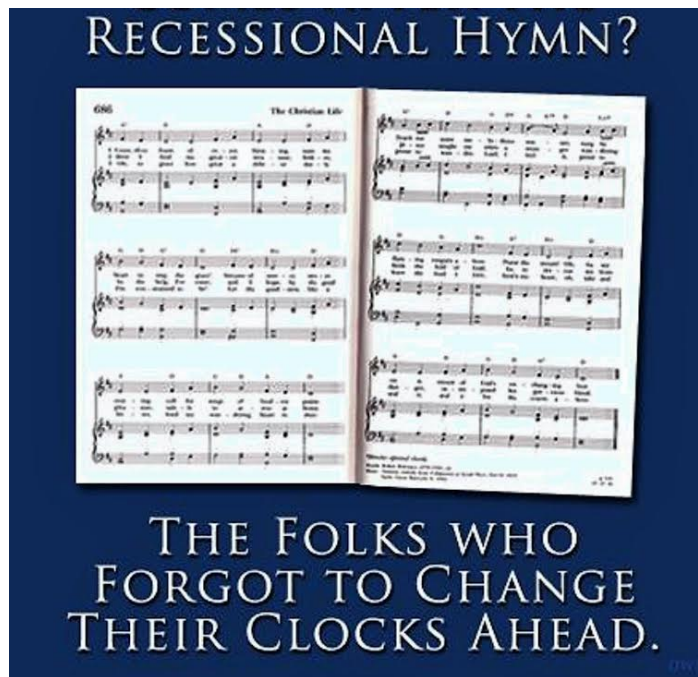
**Readings for Sunday, March 10, 2024**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Numbers 21:4-9**  
**Ephesians 2:1-10**  
**Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**  
**John 3:14-21**

**Loose Plate Offering**  
**ReNew**

**Fair warning, Daylight Savings Time is upon us!**

**THIS SUNDAY, WHAT  
COMES AFTER THE**



Thank you to Father Glen Michaels for reminding us to spring forward.

**Mark the Date**  
**Third Lenten Study**  
**March 6th, 2024; 7pm – 8:15**

**It is Not too Late to Join the Lenten Study**

**Zoom Link for today's time together :**

**New Zoom Link:**

Lee Maxey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mindmax.zoom.us/j/83298563882>

Meeting ID: 832 9856 3882

**We are in the third week of our Lenten Study. This starts on page 75 and ends of page 99 of *A Season For The Spirit*. If you would like to join us you will be welcomed. It is not too late. Please email Heather Maxey at [heathermaxey@gmail.com](mailto:heathermaxey@gmail.com) so that she can see that you will be a participant in one of the break-out groups. Thank you.**



## **We do Believe in Miracles**

**Every inch of the way since Lee Maxey's injury we have seen the Holy Spirit at work. First he survived the accident, then his surgery went well and he was in rehab, and then he was able to come home with braces that immobilized both of his legs and a wheelchair and bed were his place to hang out. Not to be daunted Heather wheeled him into church one Sunday morning and we were all amazed. His faith and his positive outlook had carried him far. But, there was more. This past Sunday in he came - walking with only a simple wood stick to help him. That was enough for us to take in but, no, he was assigned to be the Epistle reader and up the aisle he WALKED and then, to put icing on the cake he walked up the aisle and up a step to receive communion. He has another two or three months before he can cast aside his braces but it will happen! Yes, we do believe in miracles and thank you Lee for reminding us of this blessing!**

## **The Meal Train for Lee and Heather**

**If you can help us over the March 31st finish line with evening meals for them it will be wonderful. We know how much this has meant to them since they live in their barn while their house is being finished. (It is not a barn inhabited with their alpacas but it has been their surrogate home for many, many months.) Preparing meals on a hot plate, a microwave and a toaster oven is**

not easy. I know from experience.

If you can help contact Norma Goff at [normagoff13@gmail.com](mailto:normagoff13@gmail.com).

## **Prayers**

### **For Those in Need or Any Kind of Distress**

**O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle: we pray especially for Carolyn, Geoffrey, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Noa, Lillian, Rae, Olivia, Cheryl, Larry, Steven, Tom, Karen, Chris, Lynne, Eve, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Lee, Alicia, and Charles.**

Hear us when we pray to you.

## **Palm Sunday Service**

### **March 24, 2024**

**In keeping with our tradition, the Gospel reading at our Palm Sunday service will be the entire Passion according to Mark which we will read aloud. At coffee hour on March 10 and also on March 17 there will be opportunities to sign up for a role in the reading and we encourage everyone who will be in church on Palm Sunday to select a role that they would like to take - be it large or small. This is a very meaningful church community opportunity.**

## **Easter Flowers**

**If you would like to donate Easter flowers in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out a yellow form which will be available on the counter in Persell Hall during the next two weeks and place it, with your donation, in the offering plate. Next week's newsletter will also have the form for you to complete and return to St. John's with your contribution. If you are not in the area we would love to have you participate. Simply call Nancy Sherman at the church office (518-963-7775) and she will fill out a form for you. You can then send a check in that amount to the church. Please clearly note on the check that it is for Easter flowers.**

**Thank you so much for helping to make our sanctuary a place of beauty and celebration on Easter.**

## Lakeside Friends of Refugees

Lakeside Friends of Refugees is closing in on the Welcome Corps application process. Its newest committee members, Mary Bell and Jim Kinley, have brought their expertise as former Peace Corps volunteers and trainers to help us achieve a necessary certification, plus the technical abilities required for personal signatures of the members to be attached to the online only application form.

Bobbi Perez, the coordinator of the group, has been meeting with Linda Beers, Essex Co. Public Health Director, and other Social Service Directors, to make sure that the committee members are ready to address the needs of the vetted refugees who we will be with us. She has stated that these groups are using what they are doing as a prototype for future refugees in similar circumstances.

Treasurer, Dick, has set up a "Lakeside Friends of Refugees" checking account at the Champlain National Bank and they plan to hold their first fundraiser - a bake sale, on April 8, in conjunction with the Town of Essex's tourism program.

The group's greatest need right now is finding suitable living accommodations for its future refugees. According to Welcome Corps, the two Spanish speaking men that we will accommodate will not be allowed even temporary housing with a committee member unless they are related to that person. Bobbi has asked Barb Davis, the assigned manager from the Integrated Refugees and Immigrant Services, to see if an exception can be made due to the circumstances of living in a rural area.

They ask that if you are spring cleaning and no longer need some cooking utensils, cutlery, linens, or simple furniture pieces, you put them aside for use when the men arrive.

They continue to thank everyone for their continuous prayers and support for this effort. There are no "OTHERS" among us as we honor Jesus who is present in every soul.

## Alicia Kelly

Alicia sincerely thanks all those who have been preparing dinners for her. She is up and walking, but is battling an infection with antibiotics. If anyone would like to contribute a meal please call Bobbi Perez at 518-837-1015. Food can be left in the Persell Hall refrigerator and will be taken to Alicia and Donny, her caregiver, or it can be dropped off at 325 Daniels Rd. in Essex.

## Being There for Those in Memory Care at Champlain

## Valley Community Center

Valentine cards and decorations from St. John's were greatly appreciated by the residents. Following up on this outreach, the same is planned for St. Patrick's Day. Anyone who would like to write cards and /or create eye-catching shamrocks, please call Bobbi at 518-837-1015.

### Search Prayer

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we embark upon our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this will be a challenging journey for all of us, but we pray that it will strengthen our faith and our respect and love for each other. Help us to share more deeply our faith in you as we learn to listen to each other with open hearts and minds and to hear your voice in all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

### History Tidbit Part 17

#### Essex N.Y. May 4<sup>th</sup> 1905

Andrew J. Tucker presented financial report for the past year report showed balance of \$23.43 in Treasurer's hands. On motion report was rec'd & adopted.

Rev'd H. B. Whitney, Ervin G. Lyon & W. H. Cruikshank were continued as committee on repairs.

Cornelius DuBois & John B. Burnham were continued as committee on finance.

#### Essex, N.Y. April 27 – 1906

At an adjourned meeting of the Vestry held at the Rectory, this date –  
Rev'd H. B. Whitney presiding –

Committee on Electric Lighting of St. John's Church made report of work, report accepted and contract given for same to Leon Baker.

Treasurers report for past year showing a balance of \$108.05 in his hands rec'd and accepted.

#### Essex N.Y. Nov 9<sup>th</sup> 1906

The following minute was adopted at Vestry meeting of said date

Again we are called upon to witness the departure from this earthly life of one of the best and most valuable men from our small and diminishing number – Ervin George Lyon – Vestryman and sometime Warden of our Parish of St. John's, was a man of exceptionally sweet, pure and attractive nature, sterling character and a devoted and enthusiastic Churchman, being of an essentially

religious type of mind and heart –

**Resolved – That we the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. John’s Church, hereby record our unfeigned sorrow at the loss of so faithful a fellow Churchman and dear friend realizing that we shall sorely miss his unassuming but ever helpful presence from our services and our Councils, and his loving care for the beautifying of the sanctuary on the great Festivals of the Church, we also record our thankful appreciation of his quiet but steadfast example as a man, as a friend and a citizen of the community, praying our Heavenly Father for grace to follow the like course in our own daily life, and for our departed Brother rest and everlasting light in the Paradise of God.**

**H. B. Whitney, Rector**

**Essex N.Y. Feby 6<sup>th</sup> 1907**

**At a special meeting of the Vestry held this date at A. J. Tucker’s store –**

**Rev. H. B. Whitney, presiding.**

**Moved and seconded we ask for an appropriation of Three Hundred dollars from the Diocese to assist in paying the Rector’s salary for the year 1907.**

**Moved & seconded that St. John’s Parish offer to make their usual contribution of thirty dollars toward the board of Missions Collection to be made in month of Sept.**

**Essex N.Y. April 5<sup>th</sup> 1907**

**Treasurer’s report received and duly accepted showing a balance of \$127.40 for fiscal year.**

**Moved Committee get estimates of needed repairs on Rectory.**

**Essex N.Y. Jan’y 17<sup>th</sup> 1908**

**At a special meeting of the Vestry held this date at the Residence of A. J. Tucker. Rev. H. B. Whitney – Presiding.**

**Moved & seconded we ask for an appropriation of Three hundred dollars from the Diocese to assist in paying the Rector’s salary for the year 1908.**

**Moved & seconded that St. John’s Church offer to pay their usual contribution of Thirty dollars towards the board of Missions, to be paid on or before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1908.**

**Moved & seconded St. John’s Church pay to the Bouquet Electric Light Co. \$9.00 per annum for lighting Chapel, commenced using same July 1<sup>st</sup> 1906.**

**Moved & seconded H. H. Knapp be appointed Sexton St. John’s Church –**

**Moved & seconded John B. Burnham be authorized to purchase one dozen curtains for St. John’s Church.**

**Essex N.Y. April 4<sup>th</sup> 1908**

**Treasurer’s report showing bal. of \$24.08 on hand was received & accepted.**

**Moved & seconded the Clerk communicate with the Treasurer of St. Mary’s Mission Willsboro requesting them to make good the balance due St. John’s Parish Essex N.Y.**

**Essex N.Y. Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1908**

**At the regular meeting of St. John's Vestry held this date at the Home of A. J. Tucker the following being present;**

**Moved and seconded Lyman Thompson & John B. Burnham be appointed a committee to prepare a plan and the cost of same for flooring St. John's Church and report same to the Vestry.**

**Essex N.Y. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 08**

**At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church held this date at the residence of A. J. Tucker Warden.**

**Special repair committee report received.**

**Moved & seconded Leon Baker be awarded contract for roofing and flooring the Chapel for the sum of (225.00) Two hundred & Twenty five dollars.**

**Moved & seconded Treasurer be hereby authorized to draw balance from Savings Bank, needed to complete the above repairs.**

## **St. John's Zoom Passcodes**

**St. John's Sunday Service**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/worshipmeet>***

**Morning Prayer**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/morning-prayer>***

**Vestry Meetings**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/vestrymeet>***

**Finance Committee**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/financemeet>***

**Buildings & Grounds Committee**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/bandgmeet>***

**Contemporary Bible Study**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/biblestudy>***

**Meditation**

***<https://www.stjohnsessexny.org/meditationmeet>***

**Sunday Service Zoom Recording**

***[stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsessexnyzoom@gmail.com)***

***Passcode: +W2t+Fwu***

**AA 12-Step Meeting**



***Zoom Meeting ID: 817 7797 4233***

***Passcode: 123456***

## **Weekly Calendar**

**Tuesday Contemporary Bible Study (Zoom) 9:30 - 10:30 AM**

**Wednesday Meditation (Zoom/In Person) 4 PM**

**Thursday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10 AM**

**Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 AM (Zoom/in person)**

**Sunday AA Meeting (Zoom/In Person) 7 PM**

## **Your Vestry**

**Scottie Emery-Ginn and Bill Tribou (Wardens)**  
**Louise Baietto, Bruce Hale, Diana Lawrence, Jon McBride**  
**Bruce Stephan and Anne Zilch (Members)**  
**Darcey Hale (Clerk)**  
**Antonia Bullard (Treasurer)**  
**Dick Perez (Chair, Search Committee)**

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