



**~ St. John's Church ~
Weekly News
May 8, 2024**

Morning Prayer

Steve Rucker, Officiant

**Readings for Sunday, May 12, 2024
The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

**Loose Plate Offering
ReNew**

THE AMEN EFFECT
WEEKLY DISCUSSION MEETINGS BEGIN
MAY 8, 2024

Today we will have our second weekly discussion meeting using the *Amen Effect*, by Sharon Brous. We plan to meet every Wed. night from 7-8:15 from May 1 until June 19. Instructions for how to order the book are given below.

To Order:

You'll see there are a few places to order, including Amazon.

(Note: If you cannot get the title directly through Amazon search for it in Google and the first and this title will bring up Amazon. Amazon also has the Audio and Kindle versions as well as hard copy.)

If you would like to sign up for the weekly discussion please visit a 'live' shared document to do so and click on the link below

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cQsnCjXxu0CvOfzbXtwpBaiGa5zKPMbyTtfz-meqaRU/edit?usp=sharing>

Then just click on the indicated box and start typing - it auto saves your entries.

If you want to **LEAD** any of the discussions on a given Wednesday, then indicate as much on the sign-up form.

Key Concepts of the Book:

- Power of Connection: Brous argues that our fundamental human need for real connection is the key for healing not only for our personal heartaches but also the fractured world around us.
- Meaning of "Amen": The book delves into the ancient word 'amen,' exploring its significance as an affirmation for our shared humanity and the act of seeing and acknowledging each other's experiences.

The link to the Zoom Meeting is below. It's ONLY on Zoom FYI

Heather M is inviting you to an hour of lively discussion re: the *Amen Effect*

Topic: *Amen Effect* Study Group St. Johns

Time: May 8, 2024 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83768989146?pwd=SzR5Rjlvbmc0QW9Yd29LYk1vU0Zwdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6898 9146

Passcode: 121212

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 Charlie, Carolyn, Rob, Geoffrey, Kathy, Noa, Lois, Abra, Mike, Beverly, Lillian, Chris, Rae, Olivia, Steven, Tom, Chris, Eve, Cheryl, Ella, Louis, John, Arnold, Alicia, Sarge, Etta, Mary, Todd, and Kathy.

Hear us when we pray to you.

We Need your help

The following people have been on the prayer list for some time and we do not know who put their names forward: Ella, Louis. If you placed them on the list please contact Bobbi Perez at perezgonehome@gmail.com or call her at 518-983-0008 so that we can update our files. Thank you.

Search Prayer

Dear Lord, grant us your wisdom and guidance as we continue our search process. Help us to humbly discern and accomplish your will for St. John's. We know this is 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

Our New Episcopal Church Flag

Thank you, Tom Duca and thank you, Steve Rucker and Jonathan Gillespie for hanging our new Episcopal Church flag. Sadly, it soon was dangling from one grommet because the old pole had no provision for keeping this from happening. Now we have a new pole that we think will solve the problem. None of our "ladder safe" parishioners were available to put it up so we turned to Tom who is definitely the go-to person in this community for such projects, just as he has been for more than 30 years. Now our flag hangs proudly – and we hope permanently. Thank you, Tom!

So, what is the Rectory?

"This is a very good question and the answer to it I took for granted"? So, let me explain

the Captain.

Traditionally, churches have had rectories, manses and a host of other named domiciles for their clergy. This was the case with St. John's. By the 1870s the church vestry realized that they needed to provide housing for their clergy, and after the decision to build one was made, they began an ambitious plan. They moved the church, which they often called a chapel, up the hill to the vacant lot on the corner and Elm and Church Streets. This provided them a place to build a rectory where the church had been. Gothic Revival architecture was at its height so, of course, that had to be applied to the new rectory and the church and they had to have the trappings of that art form.

For many years the rector of St. John's has lived at this rectory. When we announced our search for a rector a few months ago we included the rectory in the description of offerings. We anticipate that our next rector will reside in our rectory. As it is currently, the kitchen has definitely outlived its time and is in serious need of major renovation. While we have no one in occupancy it seemed to be a perfect time to make some necessary improvements to the kitchen, as soon as possible, and heating and cooling which will be done in early July. (More on that later.)

As we all know, the kitchen is often the heart of a home and we want ours to be just that for our rector. The room is undergoing a complete remodeling with cost and conservatism very much in mind every step of the way. The goal is a kitchen that is serviceable, comfortable and inviting to the rectory's occupants. Right now, the room has been stripped down to its bare bones in order to have access for electrical and heating/cooling installation. We are on a tight timeline so cabinets, counter tops, lighting fixtures and flooring, etc. have all been ordered and scheduled so that, as much as possible, we don't get caught with backorders and delays.

I will be keeping a running blog, as well as posting pictures in the Weekly News from time to time. Because there are some construction conditions where this would not be advisable, we request that parishioners not visit the rectory kitchen while this is going on.

Please free to send or ask me if you have questions. I will be happy to answer them.

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A Communication from Our Church Ministerial Association

Pastor Nina Dickinson, Willsboro United Methodist Church Willsboro United Methodist Church is hosting a Community Information Presentation by Heather Bienstock of Behavioral Health Services North. She works as a home finder in their Therapeutic Foster Care program and will be sharing

information about who is eligible to become a Foster Care provider, the training needed, the options in Foster Care, and possibly some general ways that we, as the body of Christ, might support the mission and work of the Foster Care Program at BHSN.

Our Association is hoping that the churches in the association will send out the following bulletin inserts or distribute take-home flyers to their congregations to help spread the word about this gathering.

Are you or someone you know interested in giving back?

Have you ever considered Foster Care?

Join us Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM at the Willsboro United Methodist Church

Heather Bienstock, Homefinder, for Behavioral Health Service North (BHSN) will offer a presentation on what it means to provide foster care and how to get started.

Open your heart, open your home.

History Tidbit Part 26

Wed., Dec. 12, 1923

At a meeting of the Vestry held this day the first business to come before the meeting was the presentation of the resignation of the Rev. Albert Gale as rector of St. John's. Mr. Gale presented same as follows:

“The Wardens & Vestry

S. John's Parish

Essex, N.Y.

I beg to tender my resignation as Rector of S. John's Parish, to take effect today, and ask your acceptance of the same. In resigning I must express my appreciation of the gracious hospitality, kindness and goodwill which has made my work with you a very pleasant one.

With every good wish for the future of St. John's Church and S. Mary's Mission.

Believe me, yours very faithfully

Albert Gale”.

After some discussion the following motions were made and, in each case,

unanimously
carried:

1. That the Rev. Albert J. Lovelee, of the Church of the Transfiguration, Brooklyn, N.Y. be elected to the Rectorship of St. John's Parish
2. That his stipend be fixed at \$1500. and the Pension Fund Premium paid in addition.
3. That the Parish pay one half the moving expenses of Mr. Lovelee from Brooklyn to Essex.
4. That the Parish declare itself ready to do whatever may be within their power to procure an automobile for the Rector's use in the Spring, and also, to make such repairs to the Rectory as the Rector and Vestry may deem necessary and possible.

It was further moved, seconded and passed that:

1. The Bishop Coadjutor be requested to consider the feasibility of continuing the Diocesan grant of \$500- in view of the present financial condition of the Parish.
2. That an honorarium of \$10 be sent the Rev. Percy A. Paris of Ticonderoga, N.Y. for his kindness in coming to us for Communion Service on Dec. 9th.
Mr. I. D. Townsend was instructed to attend to whatever correspondence might be necessary in carrying out the above motions.

Mr. G. R. Lowrey tendered his resignation as Vestry Clerk but by common consent it was decided to hold this matter over until the Parish Meeting in the Spring.

The following resolution was then passed with the injunction that it be spread upon the minutes:

Resolved: That the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Essex, N.Y. desire to express to the Rev. Albert Gale their sincere appreciation of his never failing faithfulness to the Parish during his years as Rector, to wish him every success in the future, and to hope that his ministrations at St. John's may not be entirely discontinued.

Monday, May 19, 1924

Meeting of the Vestry held this date called to order by the Rector at 8:10 P.M.

Mr. I. D. Townsend appointed Vestry Clerk.

Moved, seconded, and passed:

That the Parish buy for the Rector a two-door Ford Sedan, the car to be the property of the Parish, the Rector or Mrs. Lovelee to be always in the car when it is driven except in the case of emergency. The Parish to assume a pro rata share of the running expenses, to be based on the mileage used in Parish work, to cover gas, oil, tires, brakes and transmission linings, battery

charging etc. The Rector to assume, for the period of one year, all expense of repairs due to accidents arising from the driver's fault. The Parish to assume garage expense.

Moved, seconded & passed that Mr. I. D. Townsend be appointed a committee to purchase the car.

Moved, seconded, and passed that Willsboro pledge itself to give the sum of three hundred dollars each year toward the Rector's salary.

Bills from telephone Co., W. H. Cruikshank, E. S. Garham (service book), Fee Bros. (ex. on wine), Bluebird Press (Parish stationary), C. Williamson (palms) ordered paid.

Moved, seconded, and passed that the sum of one hundred dollars be drawn from Burlington Savings Bank for the purpose of defraying what deficit there may be until the summer parishioners begin to arrive

Monday, July 14, 1924

Special meeting of the Vestry called to order this date by the Rector at 8:15 P.M.

Bill of assessment from the Essex Water Co. ordered paid.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Clerk send to Mr. Halpin a letter conveying the good wishes of the Vestry and their profound hope for his speedy recovery.

It was moved, seconded and carried that a letter of appreciation be sent Mr. Girard Lowrey for his generosity in the matter of the purchase of the Rector's car.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the matter of garage rental for the rector's car be reduced to writing and signed by the interested parties.

Thursday, Aug 7, 1924

Special meeting of the Vestry called this date at the request of Archdeacon Purdy, brought to order by the Rector at 8:40 P.M.

It was moved, seconded and passed that one parish Register be used for both St. John's, Essex & St. Mary's Willsboro and that one of the newly purchased Registers be therefore returned.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Clerk be empowered to write to each member of the Vestry absent from this meeting asking their opinions concerning the investments of such funds as the parish holds in trust and further asking if they would be willing to have such monies, to be taken from

Parish Treasury added to such Trust Funds as will bring the investment to one thousand dollars.

Monday Aug. 25, 1924

Regular meeting of the Vestry called this date brought to order at 8:15 P.M.

It was moved seconded and passed that a bill for \$13.75 covering the pro rata expense incurred by the Rector in using the car for Parish work be paid.

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

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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