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The Place Where We Are Right

From the place where we are right
Flowers will never grow
In the spring.

The place where we are right
Is hard and trampled
Like a yard.

But doubts and loves
Dig up the world
Like a mole, a plow.
And a whisper will be heard in the place
Where the ruined
House once stood.



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Yehuda Amichai is a Jewish writer, born in Germany, who immigrated to British Palestine with his family in 1936. He fought with the British army in World War II and the Israeli War of Independence, and with the Israeli army in the Suez War and the Yom Kippur War. One hears echoes of the Arab-Israeli conflict in this poem, but also resonance with so many wars and conflicts where it is obvious to us that we are fighting on the right side of history.

This last week, decisions from the Supreme Court and elections and statements from the General Convention of the Episcopal Church have led many folks to celebrate. One friend told me "It feels as though God has saved up all the progress from the last five years and has delivered it all to us this week." It's wonderful to be able to rejoice at signs that our church and our society seem to be moving in directions that feel like justice to many.

I have been troubled, though, to hear a discordant note of triumphalism, an ungracious stifling of those who see the world differently than we do. It may just be that I read too much social media, but I have been dismayed to hear those who conscientiously object to marriage equality demonized as uneducated bigots; to hear those who question the constitutional logic of the Supreme Court's decision shouted down as homophobes. I was disgusted to hear one of the candidates for Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church described by an online commentator as "dangerous" because he "has a reputation for being a conservative."

If our side "wins," it can be very hard to hold ourselves back from the equivalent of a schoolyard "Nyah, nyah, nyah," especially if we feel that our side has been silenced in the past. Liberation Theology calls this phenomenon "flipping the tortilla:" when those who have been powerless come into some power, there is an almost irresistible urge to punish those who had been in power previously, leading to a vicious cycle of violence and oppression.

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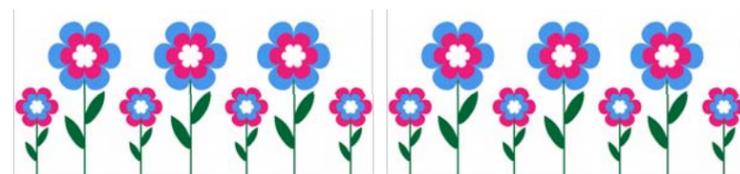
WELCOME, KATHLEEN

We welcome The Rev. Kathleen Killian to St. Andrew & St. John as our new Curate. Kathleen+ will be presiding (along with Tim+) and preaching at St. Andrew & St. John on July 12, so be sure to be in church that Sunday to meet her. Kathleen+ will be keeping weekday office hours in both Southwest Harbor and Bar Harbor, and the details of that schedule will be worked out over the coming weeks. As of this writing, it's not clear what phone number she'll be using, but her e-mail address is Kathleen@MDI-Episcopal.org.



If you no longer wish to receive the Net Tender or prefer to receive it by e-mail, please call the church office.

Deadline for articles for August Net Tender is July 27



QUIETSIDER FESTIVAL SATURDAY, JULY 18, 9:00 TO 3:00

Bunny Watts



A tisket a taskit, please bring in your **basket!** If you have one ready bring it in to the office now so we can get a head start on wrapping it. Be sure to identify what's in it and who the donor is. If you have a good idea the sooner you put it into action the better. The basket raffle is always one of our really popular events!

In the "yummy" department Margot and Dottie will be serving up **pies** so plan now to do some baking... Or gather one in from one of our wonderful local pie bakers. Edie and Bob Stanwood will be heading up the **lemonade stand**; volunteers are needed to help serve all these goodies.

Do you have something to contribute to the **silent auction**? Perhaps you would like to provide a service such as food for a dinner or luncheon party, meals for a shut-in, or take someone off for a boat ride and picnic? Contributions from local merchants and restaurants are slowly coming in but we could use some help in following up. If you have a little time to give to this, please call Michele at the office.

Last but NOT least, we need some fresh energy coming on hand around 2:30 - 3:00 to help take things down and put them away. Many volunteers will have been there since well before the parade to set everything up. If you are busy elsewhere early in the day perhaps you can plan to come for an hour or two at the end - it would be a huge help! Please let the office know if you can if this could fit in to your day. 244-3229!



CONGREGATIONAL PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Joan Bromage

We continue helping our parishioners with rides, food, visits and support as needed – let me know if you'd like to help out!

We met on May 21 at St. Saviour's with Fr. Tim and The Rev. Jenny Reece, to catch up with how things are going—it's always good to learn from each other, and to share ideas and needs that we might help with. In addition we gave thanks to Jenny for all her help, especially at the beginning of this ministry. As we shared supper, Jenny opened small gifts we'd found to assist her in her writing projects—from #2 pencils to aspirin—and we wished her well.

Our next gathering was on Saturday, June 6, for a day of reflection with the Rev. Lynn Orville. It was a good time of worship and thoughtful conversation. Led by Lynn, we focused on close consideration of the Mary & Martha stories, and read and prayed with the 17th chapter of John, making the language Jesus used in describing the commissioning of his followers specific to each of us. (It was very meaningful--you might want to read the chapter in this way yourselves.)

Now we look forward to welcoming Mother Kathleen, learning from her and supporting her ministry in both parishes.

As always, thanks be to God for the many parishioners who help each other at church and beyond, in many quiet ways.

The Place Where We Are Right *(continued)*

To be clear, I'm not talking about compromising with evil. Many of you have heard me preach on the importance of our yes being yes and our no being no, and on the danger of trying to find an inoffensive, politically correct, sterilized version of the Gospel that has power neither to shock nor to save. We need to proclaim the Gospel, speak truth to power, do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

Where we get into trouble, as Amichai so poignantly shows us, is in the place where we are right. That place where we are so addicted to the rush of adrenaline that comes from knowing that we are right that we have no room for doubts or loves. That place where our sense of righteous victimhood and vindication blinds us to any other interpretation of the world. We get into trouble when our focus shifts from God's righteousness to our rightness.

I write these words on the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul: two apostles who occasionally found themselves caught on the hard-packed yard of being right, and yet who were able (mostly) to get past it into the fertile, plowed-up soil where love takes root. May we learn from their examples, and share in their blessings.

Feedback? I hope you will call or e-mail me to continue the conversation.

Yours in Christ's Peace, Tim

NEW PRESIDING BISHOP ELECTED

The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was elected the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church on the first ballot on June 27. Bishop Curry, 62, is the first African-American to be elected Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. The election occurred during the 78th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. Of the 174 votes tallied, Bishop Curry received 121 (89 needed to elect). Following his election by the House of Bishops, Bishop Curry's election was overwhelmingly confirmed by the House of Deputies, 800 for, 12 against.

Bishop Curry was ordained Bishop of North Carolina on June 17, 2000.

His experience includes:

1988-2000: Rector, St. James' Episcopal Church, Baltimore, Maryland

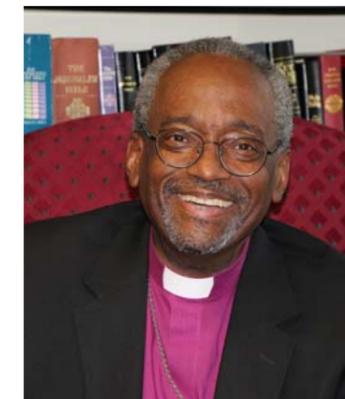
1982-1988: Rector, St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church, Lincoln Heights, Ohio

1982-1988: Chaplain, Bethany School

1978-1982: Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Winston Salem, North Carolina

He has served on a number of Episcopal Church Committees, Commissions, Agencies, and Boards.

He is married to Sharon and they are the parents of two adult children.



COMMON GOOD CAFÉ IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Stop by the Common Good Cafe (now located in the post office building) and let us make your summer mornings a palate pleasing, special time! Enjoy hot, light & airy freshly baked popovers with butter and homemade blueberry jam, slow simmered oatmeal, coffee, tea, juices and hot chocolate. Serving from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM seven days a week.

Birthdays

JULY

2—William Fletcher
4—Ida Smallidge
7—Mary Mitchell
17—Karen Craig
20—Dana Hiscock
26—Bill Krueger
29—Betsy Hewlett

Wedding Anniversaries

JULY

7—Andrew & Dianne McMullan

AT HOME MDI

At Home Mount Desert Island, a program of Washington Hancock Community Agency, is a member-based, volunteer supported program designed to provide older residents of Southwest Harbor and Tremont with core services, empowering them to continue to live independently in their homes for as long as they are able. *At Home MDI* is underway and moving forward with a cadre of volunteers and a growing membership. Responding to members' requests for services is based on the willingness of our neighbors to volunteer their support in service of older members of the community. Some of you may choose to become donors, volunteers, members, or may know of those in the community who would benefit from the services of At Home MDI.

More *At Home Mount Desert Island* information will be shared at one of the fall adult forums. In the meantime, you may obtain additional information from Program Manager, Kara Janes at 374-5852 or Steering Committee member, Anne Welles at 460-7245.



NOTES FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Stephen Sampson

The music of François Couperin (1668-1733) makes frequent appearances in Sunday services at St. John's, and we thought that it be interesting to learn a bit about his life. Analogous to the Bach family in Germany, the Couperin family held a dominant position in the musical life of France. François was recognized as the most accomplished musician of the family; he was known as Couperin le Grand, even during his lifetime. François was born in Paris, the son of Charles Couperin, the first of the family dynasty of organists at the Church of Saint-Gervais in Paris. François was 10 years old when his father died, at which time the wardens of the church reserved his father's position as organist for him until he was 18. He assumed the post before his 18th birthday, and became one of the four organists of the royal chapel in 1693. In 1694 he became teacher to the royal children, and beginning in 1717 he was harpsichordist in the musique de chambre, a position that he later passed on to his daughter Marguerite-Antoinette.



François is known primarily for his harpsichord music. Between 1713 and 1730 he published four books of suites for harpsichord. Couperin also wrote chamber music, including trio sonatas (for harpsichord and two violins) and *Concerts royaux*, which he composed for the king's entertainments on Sunday evenings. He also wrote church music, including motets.

Sources for this article: www.britannica.com and www.allmusic.com

MORE! MORE! MORE!

Recitals for our Westside Food Pantry!

Susan Buell

Monday, June 29th was our first collaboration with the ACADIA TRAD SCHOOL--In a benefit for our food pantry, Prince Edward Island musicians Ward MacDonald and Cynthia McLeod joined Southwest Harbor native Chris Gray in a program titled "Scottish Roots."



July 11th, Saturday at 7:00pm; Soprano, CAROLINE HOMER and pianist BEN HAVEY perform works by Rossini, Bellini, Tosti, Brahms, and others. Suggested donation-\$15.00-ALL proceeds go to our food pantry. Dianne McMullan will host the reception. Many of us remember CAROLINE HOMER'S exceptional performances at Mount Desert Island High School. A Southwest Harbor native, Caroline is the daughter of Linda and Peter Homer and the granddaughter of Steve and Nancy Homer.

Late in July organist, ANDREW MEAD will perform. Some of us will remember Andy's performance at the dedication of GRETA, our beautiful Hook and Hastings organ. His mother is food pantry committee member, Dot Mead.

Looking down the road to September, Southwest Harbor native and baritone, JOSH MILLER accompanied by our STEPHEN SAMPSON will perform LIEDERS

Hope you will come to enjoy the beautiful music, to support our food pantry, and to thank these talented musicians for their gifts to our community.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Michele Daley

Sometime during the months of July and August the church office will be installing a new membership program called *Church Windows*. In order to facilitate this I would like to collect up to date data about members and friends of St. Andrew and St. John Church. In order to do this I have created a form that you can fill in on line and send to the church or you can fill out a paper form and mail or bring it to the office. The PAPER form is included in the mailing; the ON-LINE form will be attached to the e-mail version of this month's *Net Tender*. If you have any questions, please call me at the office (244-3229). Thanks for helping with this.

ANNUAL MEETING PART II HELD ON JUNE 14th

The second part of the Annual Meeting was held following the 10:00 service at St. John's. Annual reports were passed out, Jim Vekasi gave a budget report, and new officers elected.

The current vestry is:

Senior Warden: Eleanor Watts
Junior Warden: Rita Redfield
Clerk: Andrea Horner
Treasurer: Elizabeth Erickson
Assistant Treasurer: James Vekasi
Vestry members: Marilyn Mays, Elaine Theriault, Michael DaCosta,
Floy Ervin, Paul Haertel, Genevieve Mackenzie
Delegates to convention: Rita Redfield, Eleanor Watts, Ted Fletcher
Seasonal vestry: to be appointed by Rector and wardens

Annual Reports are available in the church office.

YARD SALE 2015

Barbara Campbell

The second annual Yard Sale at St. Andrew's was a HUGE success. This year we tried a new approach of "Make an Offer" on most of the merchandise. It seemed to work very well with many people being very generous. They saw it was for a good cause and were happy to contribute. Not having to price everything saved a lot of time and humor. We did tag a few of the upper-end items and that seemed to work as well. Our grand total was \$3,067.50 up from last year's \$2,115.32!



The sale could never have happened without all you unsung heroes who donated wonderful merchandise for us to sell. Customers commented on what a selection of neat and varied items we had. They found it well worth their while to go all the way to Seal Cove.

Once again, Carol Nelson did a bang up job on the publicity: flyers, radio, television, newspapers, and probably other media that I do not even know about. One woman was so excited-she came a week early! Fr. Tim has the science of sign placement perfected so the people could easily find us.

Without Ted Bromage's electrical knowledge, I think I could have caused serious damage. MCM Electric kindly loaned us two strings of contractor lights (up from last year's one). I happily plugged them into the one extension cord Ted had put out for me. Prior to the sale, when I unplugged them, there was a puff of black smoke and a crackling sound too. Emergency call to Ted - he came over and rerouted extra extension cords so the two sets of lights could be run separately, and more importantly, safely. Ted kindly gave me an electrical lesson - just because there are plugs it does not mean you can load it up and not expect consequences. I guess it is rather like thinking you can keep writing checks without the money in the bank. Go figure.



Please join me in thanking the best workers. Everyone stepped up and did a fantastic job. From the very beginning of unpacking the boxes, organizing, and all the way through to selling and cleaning up, this is an amazing group of women: Ann Benson, Karen Craig, Alice Downs, Patsy Fogarty, Chloe Hatcher, Betsy Hewlett, Marilyn Mays, Sue Newman, Dottie Ritsko, Ida Smallidge, Edie Stanwood, Elaine Theriault, and Anne Wetzel. Job well done! Dottie enticed us with blueberry coffee cake, coffee, sandwiches, cookies and lemonade for lunch. A number of workers commented that having the sale a catered affair was a grand enticement to work. It certainly works for me.

Jennie and Dudley Poirier whisked away (or should I say lugged away) any leftovers that could not be taken to the S.P.C.A. or Goodwill, so that means the basement is ready to receive items for the 2016 Sale. Feel free to drop off whenever you have a full box. If it is something that might pick up the cellar mustiness, like linens and pillows, please wait to bring them next spring. As usual, please no books, clothing, or electronics.

KNEISEL HALL ON TOUR

Kneisel Hall Chamber Music will provide a free concert at St. John's Church
Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 5, Pentecost 6

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 48; 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
The Rev. Regina Knox

July 12, Pentecost 7

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 24; 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
The Revs. Timothy Fleck and Kathleen Killian

July 19, Pentecost 8

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 89:20-37; 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
The Rev. Kathleen Killian

July 26, Pentecost 9

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew by-the-Lake
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 14; 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
The Rev. Timothy Fleck

Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12:00 p.m. — Holy Eucharist
The Rev. Timothy Fleck

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THE LIGHTER SIDE...

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service, "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

The Sunday School teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My mom is a good cook."