

The Herald



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St Raphael's Upcoming Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is November 12. We will have a catered breakfast from 9 - 10:15 a.m. (Furnished by Chef Matt Powell).

There will be one Service of Holy Eucharist which will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the Parish Meeting occurring during the service. There will be no 8:30 a.m. service that day.

Please plan to attend! This will be Mother Karen's last Sunday with us. She has been called to serve as Priest in Charge at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Georgetown.

Some of the important items on the agenda:

- Review and vote on new St. Raphael Bylaws.
- Thank outgoing Vestry members.
- Elect new Vestry members and Lay Deputies to the next Diocesan Convention (Feb. 24, 2018)
- Review proposed 2018 budget which will be based on income estimate from pledges received.

The nursery will be staffed from 10:00 - 12:00 by UK students, and children's Sunday School will be available from 10-11:00 am.

Please make every effort to attend the Service and Meeting.

Our supply priest until after Christmas will be the Rt. Rev. Larry Maze, retired bishop of Arkansas. He will be with us for both services each Sunday beginning Nov. 19th.

Stewardship Update

This evening as Amy and I packed up food for the kids at James Lane Allen, I was reflecting on the generosity of our parish. Here I am, putting chicken soup (good for the soul), noodles, beans and breakfast cereal into a bag that a child will take home. The problem of food insecurity in the U.S. is serious and it is one which our parish is doing its part to help alleviate. I thought about so many of our other activities: the Angel Tree, school supplies for children in Nicaragua, and stockings for the children of prisoners. We have so many people who spend their time supporting reading camp.

People often say that charity begins at home, but we are a parish that does not see borders. We support people who fly to Honduras to teach sewing. We support people who travel to Costa Rica and build sheds at schools. We support people who clean homeless shelters in Juneau Alaska. And we support our own with food and love when they are hurting. We let the world see God's love through our actions. But I think, sometimes, we forget about ourselves. God asks us to love God, our neighbors and ourselves. Sometimes we forget that last part. Our worship, our fellowship, our Christian Education programs are all important ways we love ourselves. Having an active, vibrant worship community gives us peace and grants us the strength and courage to love and serve God with gladness and singleness of heart.

I am really pleased to report that, as of this writing, we have received nearly \$100,000 in pledges for next year. That's almost 2/3 of our goal. I am always humbled and thrilled at the generosity of our parish. If you are a regular pledger, and have not renewed your pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so as soon as possible. If you have never pledged, please prayerfully consider it this year. Finally, if you know that pledging is not something you can do, prayerfully consider how you can help.

We walk out of our red door every Sunday and I know we each carry God's love in our heart. We need to support the community that provides that base.

Chris Bollinger
Vestry Stewardship.

Blessing of the Animals



Senior Warden's Corner

The approach of the Advent Season brings us closer to the end of our search for a new Rector, and an opportunity to reflect on the past year. We have carried on under the leadership of Mother Karen and are ready to give thanks to her and to Bonnie for the work they have done to make us ready for someone new.



Mother Karen is leaving us to become Priest-In-Charge at Holy Trinity in Georgetown and we wish her well. We will have retired Bishop Larry Maze each week, for Sunday services only, to see us through Christmas. Provision has been made to have a priest for emergencies during the week, and our Pastoral Care Team will be on call as it is now.

Let us prepare ourselves for December as it is a time to make ourselves ready for the joy of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a time when we can faithfully and prayerfully look inward to remember that all the hustle and bustle and Christmas craziness that surrounds us in our culture is not what the season is about. Thanksgiving is the holiday for November and we have so much to be thankful for. In December we are expecting a baby. More about that next month.

May every day be one for giving thanks,
May every heart be peaceful,
May every soul sing praises,
May all of you, my friends,
Know the joy of God's love In your lives.

May those who are far from family table be specially remembered and held in our hearts this day and every day. We are all God's blessed children.

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Friends of St. Raphael's Music Program

A huge Thank You to those of you who have made a commitment to the music program at St. Raphael's by donating money to be used to pay our very talented Choir Scholars.

Any one is welcome to become a "Friend of Music" at St. Raphael by contributing on a regular basis.

The names below are those who have responded with a commitment to the program already.

Dana Berry & Lee Davis
Amy Smereck & Chris Bollinger
Rose Canon
Joseph & Heidi Hayse
Roger Kirk
CC Johnson
Nancy Christiano & Hunter Mathews
Ann Rogness
Dave & Paula Seigny
Al & Martha Helen Smith
Melinda & Ben Storey
Patty & Jack Supplee
Marie Sutton
Ron Vittitoe
Bernice Wood
Fernie Williams

"If Music Be the Food of Love, Play On!"

**Twelfth Night
William Shakespeare**

Children's Christmas Play coming soon

We will soon begin working on the Christmas Play to be held at the 5:00pm service on Christmas Eve. If your child is interested in participating, please let Dana Berry know as soon as possible so that we can select the appropriate play for the cast we will have on hand! danabruceberry@gmail.com, or 381-1830





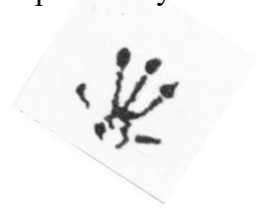
Church mouse in God's house

Well it looks like it's Fall, and you people will probably be having a lot of festivals. We mice don't have a lot of festivals. It's probably because a lot of us are afraid to get together in big groups. You talk about us like we're always together, but we're really not. It's always like, "we have mice!" But really a lot of times there's just one of us. Nobody ever wants to say something like, "I have a friendly Mouse living in my basement." It's more like, "we have a problem with mice so call the exterminator." If we go outside, it's one or two of us together at the most.

I wish we could get together in big communities like you do. I gather that you get a lot out of that. Seems like you're always celebrating something, and you're always doing it in a big group. Do you think it makes the experience better? I know that you get on each other's nerves sometimes, but still it must be nice to be able to be all out in the open together.

I think if we did more things as communities of mice we would probably start to resemble you guys. We would have committees, organizations, more formal leadership, maybe we'd even build bigger nests. I was reading one of your books about how fear can make us not want to be around others, and I guess that's what's going on. When you have to worry about being chased, stepped on or eaten it's difficult to form much of a community. And I guess it's kind of a spiral too, like maybe you're less afraid because you have each other, And then because you have a community you become even more unafraid.

Anyway, while you're doing all these fun things I hope you'll remember us little guys too. Going about living your lives together and with such little fear is a great privilege, but I hope you take it as a responsibility as well.



Parish News and Events

November Birthdays

Harwell F Smith	November 1
Megan Chapman	November 2
Tony Francis LoBianco	November 2
Kris Tavis Olson	November 2
Lois Howard	November 10
Roger Lynon Kirk	November 11
Benjamin Amick Mudd	November 20
Nancy Lee Christiano	November 21
Ann W. Rogness	November 22
Cindy England	November 23
David Allen Dedman	November 27
Evan Graham Cole Monk	November 29



November Anniversaries

Steve & Ginger Garvin	November 11
Karen and Kent Allen	November 20
Patty Bond & Jack Supplee	November 30

A View from the Pew

A lot to be thankful for

It's November! I love November. My dad was born election day, November 7, 1916. Woodrow Wilson won, and that was what my super-patriotic grandfather named his second son. On election day 12 years later, he had to wait three days to name his sixth (of eight) sons because the race was so close. Thus was born my Godfather, Herbert Hoover Dawahare, the third son named after a president (Grandfather also named a son after Warren Harding).

My Godmother, dad's older sister Nellie, was born in November too. Aunt Nellie was, like all of my family, most thankful for all the blessings God bestowed upon us. Their faith undoubtedly flowed from their father, my grandfather, Serur Dawahare.

Salvation definitely has a way of making one thankful, and America was the land of his salvation. He was so grateful to be in this land of values, of freedom, of justice and fairness for all. For Serur, every day was like Christmas once he arrived to America's shining shores.

It is, therefore, no small coincidence that November is also the month of Thanksgiving. And I am fortunate that Thanksgiving, like Christmas, has been a wonderful holiday for me (it's not for many). I'm thankful for the Norman Rockwell memories of Thanksgivings past. Every one a treasure. The fellowship. The football. And of course, the food, the sumptuous feasts, where the turkey was center stage, but never the main attraction. The family, all aglow with thankfulness, for having each other, for having so many blessings and for living in a land that prioritizes this expression of gratitude. We were grateful for that too, without really knowing it.

Today I look around every day of the year and marvel at how much there is to be thankful for. The garbage trucks come clanging by each Monday morning. How thankful that these men with their machines clear the refuse from all the other blessings I've enjoyed over the last week, creating space and cleanliness for yet more to come. Thank you gentlemen, for your work! I am so grateful for the smiling, friendly service from the Starbucks baristas, the grocery cashiers, the stockmen and women, all retail



By Richard Dawahare

workers at stores both big and small. These unsung heroes are universally friendly and helpful and I appreciate them all. Speaking of grocery stores, I am grateful for the farmer that raised the fruit, the pickers and packers, the truckers, and finally the stockmen, for putting it on the shelves for me and you to buy and enjoy. It's a long chain from seed to table, dependent upon many independent—yet interdependent—moving parts.

Just like our democracy. Thus, I am thankful for a government that helps insure tranquility and stability. For providing a safety net, for helping our interconnected quilt stay together. Sometimes it loosens. But we, the people, regain a renewed appreciation for what we have, and we eventually come back together, and tighten the weave and strengthen our bonds. I'm thankful for our national principals and the institutions we've created to promote and protect them.

I wonder if the gratitude I often feel is capable of being shared by everybody, regardless of circumstance. In matters of wealth or health, some may have more, some undoubtedly much less. I've seen those with more, sometimes a *lot* more, who seem to lack gratitude, while those with so little who have an abundance of it.

Is the overwhelmingly good feeling of gratitude a matter of mindset? Is it put there by outside spiritual forces? I don't know. But I am thankful that for whatever reason I mostly have it, and pray that others do too.

Most of all I am thankful for my parents, Woodrow and Genevieve. None of us asked to come into this world, and I was fortunate—as I am sure you are—to have had such wonderful parents.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Richard Dawahare



Music Notes

As a child, I looked forward to Christmas, as most Christian children do. Who wouldn't?! No more need be said. But as an adult and a church musician, Christmas has been supplanted in my affections by Advent. It is a beautiful season of hope, with beautiful music, peace and tranquility (within our liturgy at least!) Something wonderful is going to happen: the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;

Arise, thou Sun so longed-for, above this darkened sphere.

Advent also is concerned with the Second Coming of Jesus, when Christ will come to judge the living and the dead and usher in a reign of peace. This "Peaceable Kingdom" is described in Isaiah 11:

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid . . . and the hand of a child shall lead them.

The liturgical readings even in the month of November hint of the Second Coming, with the admonition in Matthew 25 to "Keep awake . . . for you know neither the day nor the hour." In I Thessalonians 5, we hear, "for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night." With the help of our liturgy, we can look forward to Advent, a very significant season in its own right, just as we anticipate the glorious season of Christmas.

Our music will reflect the importance of the Advent season, with such wonderful anthems as "And the Glory of the Lord" from *Messiah*, by G.F. Handel:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together;

For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

We will hear the lovely duet, "'He Shall Feed His Flock," also from *Messiah*. On the third Sunday of Advent, the choir will sing "This Is the Record of John" an historically important verse anthem (having both solo and choral parts) by Orlando Gibbons, text from John 1:19-23. We will also hear favorites such as "A Shoot Shall Come Forth Out of Jesse," "Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People," and *Ave Maria*.

It's coming up quickly, so "keep your lamps trimmed and burning."

Blessings to our congregation and staff as we approach to these most beautiful seasons,

Melinda Storey, Organist/Choirmaster

Datebook

All Saints Day - Nov 1

Diocesan ECW meeting and lunch - Nov 11

Barnett/Waskey wedding - Nov 11

Sunday Breakfast - Nov 12, 9 AM

HE & Parish meeting - Nov 12, 10:30 AM

Sages - Nov 16, 11:30 at Longhorn on Harrodsburg Rd

Vestry meeting - Nov 16, 7 PM

DOK - Nov 19, 12:30

Property meeting - Nov 26, 9:30 AM

Advent begins - Dec 3

Greening of the Church - Dec 10, 12:30

Thanksgiving Jacket and Sock drive for James Lane Allen Students now through Nov. 22

Ninety-three percent of the families at JLA fall at or below the poverty line, and keeping growing children in coats that fit is a real challenge. Warm a young student's heart and life with the gift of a new winter coat. It's getting cold now, so don't wait until Christmas! Children's and Youth/ Junior's sizes are appropriate and appreciated. Please drop off items at the church and please volunteer to deliver items to the school on Monday, Nov. 27. Questions? Please contact Michelle Binkauskas at m.binkauskas@twc.com.

Children's All Souls Party



The children had a great time at the All Soul's Party on Sunday, Oct. 29th. We played some games and then made picture frames with Halloween decorations and each child had their picture taken in their costume to put in the frame. Thanks to Natalie Fagan and Nancy Christiano Mathews for the wonderful snacks! Thanks also to Marie Jacobs for the decorations and craft items and for leading the games and craft time!

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Articles and news information for December must be submitted by Saturday, Nov 25 , 2017 to Dana Berry at danabruceberry@gmail.com

Sunday Services

8:30 am Holy Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 am Christian Education for all ages

Nursery provided from 10:00 am to end of 11 am

service for children: infant to 2nd grade

11am Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

Wednesday

12 Noon Holy Eucharist with Unction

6:30 pm Evening Prayer with Unction (healing prayers)