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From Our Rector

We are now entering the longest season of the year: Pentecost. The season of discipleship – of learning and growth, seeing and believing, walking in faith. Right through to Christ the King on November 20. The lectionary readings follow a pattern of discipleship through till the Fall when they switch up to teaching about peace and justice.



Rev. Canon Dr. Helen Van Koevering

In September, we will follow, as usual, the lectionary for the seasons of creation: this year, the themes will be ocean, fauna, storm & cosmos, and I know Diane and Becky will set up beautiful Stations for us to reflect on these themes as they develop each week.

However, I am writing this at the beginning of Pentecost, whilst preparing for our VBS. We will be following the 'TryPraying' syllabus, and looking at prayer for thanksgiving, for hard times, and for praying anywhere. Also, I shall be threading those themes into our liturgical prayers, having discovered a lovely children's version of our Book of Common Prayer. You all know that we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension 10 days before Pentecost, and I wanted to share with you the collect for that day from this children's BCP:

God of all times and all places, when you arrived in Christ Jesus you began to bring heaven down to earth, and when you departed you began to draw earth up to heaven: bless us so that we may continue to worship you joyfully in the power of the Holy Spirit, inviting all the people of the earth to become part of your heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

Do you hear the Lord's Prayer in this as well? We pray at every service – Eucharist, Compline, Morning & Evening Prayer- that God's will come 'on earth as it is in heaven.' And the Feasts of the church show us God's response. Listen to the collect for Pentecost:

Creator of speech and silence, Holy Spirit of water, fire and

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Worship

Sundays

Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

Eucharist with Healing
Noon

Compline

Sundays, Tuesdays, and Fridays
7:00 p.m.

From Our Rector, continued

wind, we give you thanks for all the languages of the earth. Fill our souls and the Church with your holy flame and bless our tongues to tell the world of the love that unites us all. *Amen.*

And the delightful collect for Trinity Sunday:

Holy Trinity, dancing mystery, you are the Light from Light, and we worship you as one God: Lover, Beloved, Love. Open our eyes to see that we are your children; open our hearts to the life of Jesus, your Son; and our mouths to breath of your Spirit. *Amen.*

So, may we go into this new Pentecost season, wherever we find ourselves and in everything that happens, aware of heaven touching earth and earth reaching heaven, of our language and our silence, and the mystery of the dance of the Lover, the Beloved and Love!

Be blessed,

Rev Helen

Common Prayer for Children & Families, by J. Gamber & T.J.S. Seamans, published by CPI: NY (2019)

Senior Warden's Corner

Will we see red this Pentecost?

The idiom "to see red" means to be very angry. But don't be angry! On Pentecost, this color represents flame, a symbol of the Holy Spirit. It is a tradition at St. Raphael's that parishioners wear the color red at services. How fun it is to see everyone in their red shirts, blouses, and dresses! I hope to see a whole sea of red in the congregation June 5 to rival pre-Covid days! Please join us! No red in your closet? You don't *have* to wear red, but if you need an excuse to get a new outfit, this might be the occasion.

If you are motivated by birds, the dove is another symbol for the Holy Spirit. You can bring faux doves to church, but please leave your live Columbidae (order Columbiformes) at home.

Yet another symbol of the Holy Spirit is wind. (Meteorologists, we've got you covered!) Do bring your hot air to church on Pentecost, and to the potluck lunch afterwards. How nice it is to have real, face-to-face conversations! We will be honoring St. Raphael members of 30 years plus. All are invited and encouraged to attend because we need folks to do the honoring! Bring a dish to share. You can sign up [here](#).

Pentecost Potluck Lunch Sunday, June 5: Honoring St. Raphael members of 30+ years

Our super senior Sages have the Spirit! Year after year, through thick and thin, they have led by example, showing the rest of us what it means to be faith-full followers of Jesus Christ. What better day to honor their spiritual gifts among us than Pentecost, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church? Bring a dish to share after the 11 am service June 5th.

HAVE NEWS FOR OUR NEXT ISSUE?

Send articles and information for the Back-to-School issue to Amy Smereck at amy.smereck@gmail.com. The submission deadline is July 17, 2022

Money Talk

After a strong start to the year, St. Raphael's finances have slipped a little. We are still going strong, but as we move into summer with graduations, family reunions, weekend getaways and vacations on our minds, let's not forget St. Raphael. As of April 30, pledge income was down 4.78% from budget (budget is based on actual pledges received), leaving the Church with a \$1,444 operating shortfall so far this year. Your pledges are important to the work of the church. We keep the lights on and the A/C running all summer!

We know cost of living is up, but if you are able, we would appreciate your continued support of St. Raphael at your pledge amount. No need to find an envelope, stamp, and mailbox if the beach is calling and you are not attending church on Sunday - St. Raphael uses safe and secure online giving. You can access online giving on our website at <https://sreclex.org>. There is a "Give" tab on the upper right menu. Set up a user account to make giving easy every time! And you can earmark gifts for specific things like the music fund, VBS, flowers, mission, or honorariums. It's so easy!

If you have questions about your giving statement, contact Dave Sevigny

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Please continue to support St. Raphael's.

We use Engage for online giving. To access Engage and set up your user account, please click [here](#). You can also access the page via the menu on our website at sreclex.org.

Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser

St. Raphael participates in the Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser. Find out how to enroll [here](#).

From the Properties Committee

We have installed the latest small set of solar panels, continuing in our effort to reduce our environmental impact. Solar energy is healthier for our planet and the panels also reduce our electric bills.

We, in conjunction with our neighbor, are trimming and/or removing old/dead trees on our grounds.

We are in negotiation with KU to move our KY security pole light in the back to better serve the back entrances of our Parish facilities.

We will meet again the 4th Tuesday of June at 6:30 pm. Do you have time and talents to give towards maintaining and improving the St. Raphael building and grounds? You are welcome to join us on the Properties Committee. See Mike Booth or Roger Kirk for more information.

Music, Live and Alive at St. Raphael's

It has been a wonderful first year for me here at St. Raphael's. The beauty of music in worship has lifted me on so many occasions. My soul thirsts for those moments when the unexpected happens in church and many times it happens through music. I hope you have had the same experiences which I have had on Sunday mornings.

The summer is a time for the choir to take a break. They will be singing for Pentecost Sunday, June 5, then will be off until the first Sunday in September.

Don't fret. We have great organists and soloists lined up to lead us in worship. While Clif and his family are in Paris and London, there will be several guest organists. Ron Pen will be substituting on June 12, Gwen Frazier (nee Thornbury) on June 19, and Melinda Storey on June 26. Many of you will remember Ron and of course we all love having Melinda back on the bench. Some of you may remember Gwen who was a former choir director/organist here at St. Raphael's. Make sure to greet each of them after the Postlude.

Our vocal scholars are starting college in the Fall. Audrey Weber has been accepted to study at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and Dory McDonald is going to attend Texas Christian University. Our other two vocal scholars are going to be with us next year! Mason Franklin is attending UK and Sarah Wiseman will be at ECU. All four will be featured this summer while the choir is away.

The final note I have to share is that the guest classical guitarist, Jamie Monck, will be performing a concert at St. Raphael's on Sunday, June 5. Jamie is a native of Lexington and now lives in Louisville. Here is an extended bio. You don't want to miss hearing Jamie!

From being a child banging on pots and pans with chopsticks to clamoring for attention on a plastic toy guitar, classical guitarist Jamie Monck's music begins from a place of exploration and creativity. Monck's expansive repertoire has been described by Eliot Fisk as, "Conquering not just Everest, but the whole Himalayan Mountain Range." He is an advocate for pieces off the beaten path (and also the Bach Chaconne). Much of Jamie's repertoire seeks to explore musical structures and ideas that came before us in a way that invites both the performer and the listener to consider their past experiences and memories.

Upcoming highlights of 2021-2022 include appearances at the Montreal Contemporary Music Lab, New Music Gathering, WUOL's New Lens series, Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville, the University of Georgia, Experimental Sound Studio in Chicago, the 21c Guitar Festival, and more.

Jamie follows in the footsteps of Segovia, Bream, Fisk, and others through his commitment to commissioning new works for solo guitar. Summer of 2021 sees him releasing, "the sun also rises," a recording of the solo works of his dear friend and colleague Bosba available on Bandcamp.

Classical Guitar Concert

Jamie Monck

Sunday, June 5, 2022

at 4 pm in the afternoon

He is proud to be collaborating with Liam Ritz and Javier Contreras on new pieces. In the spring of 2022, he will complete his endeavor of learning the complete Sonatas and Partitas for Solo Violin by Bach. He will also break ground on a new undertaking, the solo pieces of Javier Farias' "Seis Miradas." These pieces are inspired by the award-winning writers of the Nobel Prize in Literature from Latin America.

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From our Ministry Committee

Children's Chapel News

Children's Chapel will take a break for the summer effective June 5 until September 11. There will be activities for kids to explore in the back of the church or in the pews with their families during Sunday services.

Prayer for Children and Families

God, send your Holy Spirit to open our eyes and minds to be the church that nurtures children, young people and families to belong and fully participate in God's Mission. Amen.

Sages

Sages will meet Thursdays, June 16, and July 21, at 11:30 am. Locations will be published in the Eminders, or contact Diane Whorley at 859-224-4762

Music, Live and Alive, *continued*

His project "dark is a way" features new pieces for solo electric guitar composed for him by Elizabeth A. Baker, Gulli Bjornsson, Isaac Roth Blumfield, James May, Andrew M Rodriguez, and Cassie Wieland. In the fall of 2021, the works by Baker and Blumfield will be premiered and the first set of recordings of the cycle will be released.

When he's not pumping nylon, Jamie loves flowers, long walks, FC Barcelona, Racing Louisville FC, Arvo Part, Ocean Vuong, Jean-Michel Basquiat, the scent of lavender, sunshine, tacos, and pups. He currently lives in Louisville, Kentucky with his girlfriend Erin and his pooch Basil.

Jamie plays Ondine, a guitar built by Stephan Connor, and uses Augustine strings.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE FUN!!!

Get ready for a wonderful time at Vacation Bible School (VBS). VBS will happen Monday, June 6-Thursday June 9. Hours are 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Kid-friendly lunches include pizza, tacos, pita sandwiches, plus snacks and LOTS of fun activities, including:



PUPPETS!!!!

Each child will get their very own puppet to name and to experience VBS right along with them. How fun is that?

WORSHIP, PLAY & CRAFTS

We will have stories about Jesus and how he helps us to be kind to others. Reverend Helen will start each day in the sanctuary (puppets attend too), and learn about the Church, Jesus, and prayers.

Godly Play is structured play/story time with lessons that continue what Reverend Helen discusses that morning. Craft time is for children to express what they've learned.

BIG OUTSIDE PLAY

Coach John Hazlett has planned outside games that children are bound to love.

We still might be able to accept a few late enrollees. But you MUST text Janis Rosebrook at 626-389-7474 right away to see if there are any slots left. We are ordering food and supplies **NOW**. Don't let your child miss out on the BEST VBS EVER!!

Building Security is No Small Thing

Our building is currently protected by an old push button entrance program, where one code is shared by every user. If a user (organization, member, staff) leaves the church, the master code is still active. We have no idea who has the code, or who has given the code to someone.

Members of the Vestry believe we have been very fortunate and lucky that the church has not been broken into, items stolen, or been vandalized. We cannot and should not assume our luck will continue.

Security systems have made huge improvements in the last few years. Two vestry members (Laurie Daugherty and Janis Rosebrook) have volunteered to obtain estimates from security companies to install a system where each user and group have an individual code that allows access to the building, tracks users, access, and (hopefully) is camera enabled. We have four doors that are used to access our building – plus the kitchen door. We find that doors are currently propped open, allowing unlimited and unmonitored access.

Instead of hoping for the best, let's safeguard our sanctuary and meeting space for years to come.

—*Janis Rosebrook*

From our Mission Committee

Greater Gardenside Association's Lexington Farmers Market in Gardenside Plaza

Support our local farmers by shopping at the Greater Gardenside Farmers Market, 1729 Alexandria Drive. Kickoff events with lots of kid's activities on Wednesday June 1, 4-7 pm (Kickoff Rain Date is June 8). The Farmers Market is open every Wednesday, 4-7pm, all summer.

St. Raphael to host Reading Camp July 18 - 22

A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Reading Camp is a FREE week-long camp for kids going into third, fourth or fifth grade who could use extra help with reading. Reading Camp builds both reading skills and self-confidence! Our parish will host the July 18 – 22 camp, 8:15 am - 3:45 pm each day. If you are interested in volunteering, you can find more information [here](#).

ECW News

Once again, Saint Raphael's has an active Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Chapter. Recently they donated a Silent Auction basket for St. George's Day at Cathedral Domain. Proceeds from the Auction will provide camp scholarships for young people in the Diocese of Lexington. In addition, recipients of donations from Saint Raphael members and ECW included The Nest, James Lane Allen Elementary School, The Well, and Greenhouse 17. ECW meets the last Sunday of each month, except June and July. The next meeting will be Sunday, August 28, after church. Please mark your calendar.

Men's Group Meeting Sunday June 12

St. Raphael men, you are invited to an inaugural meeting of the Men's Group. We will gather between the services June 12th and enjoy breakfast and fellowship together. Our special guest will be Canon George Koor from our Diocese.

Flowers and Funds

I believe God gave us beautiful things to help us through the hard times in our lives.

I believe also that the beauty of flowers, music, the liturgy, and the worship space itself help us to enter a spiritual state as we attempt to draw closer to God in a service.

When I say flowers are a gift from God, I don't mean they fall from heaven like manna and we only have to stand out holding baskets to catch them. There is sometimes a need for money to buy them.



Flowers used in altar arrangements have never been paid for out of the operating budget. During the growing season, the arrangers use flowers from the churchyard (planted with that in mind) or our own yards. For other months and the major festivals of Christmas and Easter, we rely on special donations, which may take two forms: donations for poinsettias at Christmas and tulips at Easter in memory of or in thanksgiving for someone the donor wishes to honor, and donations for Sunday services in honor of a birthday, anniversary, or any reason.

The custom of asking donors to pay for the extra festival flowers, as shown in an old bulletin, goes back even before I joined St. Raphael's (1986). Names of the person honored and the donor are printed in the bulletin for that service. If you donate for a regular Sunday service, the names will appear in the bulletin, and you may take the flowers home afterward. There used to be an annual flower chart for people to sign up on, and we will restart that tradition soon.

The monster we call Covid has changed our habits in many ways. At its worst we weren't having indoor services, there was no bulletin and no easy way to sign up to be a donor. We are gradually working our way back to "normal." Isn't it time to revive these two customs of donating to the flower fund?

We can offer two ways to sign up for a Sunday donation: [online](#), if you prefer, or if not, simply do one of these things: drop a check and note in the offering; call the office, tel. 859-255-4987 to ask for a date; send the office an email, office@sreclex.org; or stop by when the office is open, 10am-2pm Mon., Tues., Thurs; or call Rose Canon, 859-312-6156.

– Rose Canon

Congratulations, Graduates!

Emma Daugherty, daughter of Laurie and John Daugherty, graduated from Lesley University with a Master of Arts in International Higher Education with a Specialization in Intercultural Relations.



Thomas Bollinger, son of Amy Smereck and Chris Bollinger, graduated from Kenyon College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Economics. He will attend UNC at Chapel Hill in the fall, working towards a PhD in Economics.

Thank You Lexington Lafayette Scapa Seniors

St. Raphael's Lexington has been blessed with the talents this year of four seniors of the Lafayette School for the Creative and Performing Arts. According to the SCAPA website, SCAPA Lafayette is a program for students in grades 9 – 12, who have been identified as gifted/talented in the areas of Art, Music, Dance, Drama and Creativity. In addition to their core and AP class work, SCAPA students take two courses per year in the area of their talent. Our SCAPA singers have focused on vocal music and have taken Music: Musicianship I and II, Musicianship III (Pre-AP Music Theory) and AP Music Theory in addition to a performing ensemble each year.

Our singers for this year have been Dory McDonald (soprano), Audrey Weber (soprano), Sarah Wiseman (alto), and Mason Franklin (baritone/bass). Of course, it is wrong to refer to these four as students. No, these are highly trained and disciplined, sight-reading professionals, leaders of the sections in which they sing. Their talents were displayed at the Friends of Music lunch recently when they performed a series of a cappella traditional songs from Portugal as a thank you to St. Raphael's for giving them a place this year to exercise their lovely voices. Without their voices, our parish would not have heard the beautifully chanted psalms or the wonderful anthems that Clif Cason selected throughout the year and patiently taught to us.

As the school year closes, we rejoice with Dory McDonald, who has been accepted by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX with a double major in Biology and Music, Audrey Weber, who has been accepted by the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, majoring in Music Education, Sarah Wiseman, who has been accepted by Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond, KY, taking classes leading to a degree in nursing, and Mason Franklin, who has been accepted by the University of Kentucky, majoring in Music Education.



We are happy that Sarah and Mason will be singing with us next year and will love having Audrey and Dory join us whenever they are in town. Thank you, SCAPA singers, for all that you have done this year and for the luncheon performance. We look forward to seeing you in the months and years to come.

—Ben Harper

Keep in touch with St. Raphael!

Stay informed about everything that's happening! Subscribe to our [email newsletter](#) to get the latest information on Wednesdays (the Eminders), Saturdays, and the occasional special broadcast. The Herald is published seasonally and includes longer articles. It is distributed via email. A few copies are mailed, and copies are printed and available at church. The church website, sreclex.org, is another source; it has the church calendar, back issues of the Herald, a vestry roster, and information about events. Check our [Facebook page](#) for announcements and live streams. When you're at church, pick up a copy of The Herald, Sunday Edition, which lists a month's worth of events at a time. At Sunday services after the passing of the Peace Rev. Helen makes announcements too.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

June 1: Harvey S
June 5: Erica F
June 7: Daisy B
June 16: Afsi D
June 18: Ben H
June 20: Robert B
June 21: Jeff C
June 21: Dave S
June 21: Jack S
June 23: Isaac F

June 23: Noah T A
June 28: Moses M
June 28: Jonathon M
July 3: Patrick P
July 5: Ian R
July 6: Diana T
July 10: Bernice W
July 15: Rose C
July 16: Jack C
July 22: Carole M

July 22: Ron V
July 23: Anna P
July 25: Amy S
July 26: Aaron S

ANNIVERSARIES

June 8: Amy & Tony L
June 16: Sarah E
July 8: Chris B & Amy S

Prayers Requested

Long term prayer list: Art, Hilda, Mary Jane, Roy, Joan, Martha Helen, Pat Dinsmore, Steve & Ginger, Rose, Sonya, Don, Sarah, Annette, Mary, Kenneth & Seth, Anisa, Mickie, Jim C, and Andree.

Currently in need of prayer: Cathy Hunt, Hannah & Volodymyr, Heidi, Alex, Kelly, Edna, Madhu, Julie, Sheenagh, Zack, Karen, James W. and James G.

Pray for the people of Ukraine, Afghanistan, the military, and all who are in harm's way.
Please keep in your prayers all who have fallen ill from Covid-19.

Contact Rev. Helen for prayer list changes.

News from our Diocese

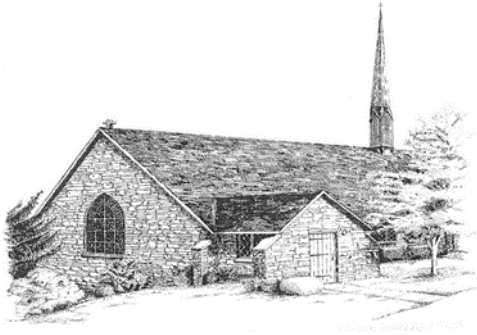
Celebrating the Installation of Bishop Mark!

After two long years of virus-induced limbo, Bishop Mark will be formally seated as the Eighth Bishop of Lexington. Plus... our two new Canons will be collated: Canon to the Ordinary, The Rev. Canon Amy Chambers Cortright; and Canon Missioner The Rev. Canon George I. Kovoov.

Please plan to attend June 5, 2022 at 4pm at Christ Church Cathedral. And please register [here](#) in advance to ensure seating and enough provisions for the reception.

Keep up with news from around our Diocese!

Subscribe to the Diocesan email newsletter using the form found at <http://diolink.org/diolex/index.php/newsandevents/>.



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