

The Chant

St. Gregory's Anglican Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World by Knowing, Loving and Serving God.



Tony was speechless following the farwell by Sr. Warden Tim Cannon

Tony Casamento will be missed.

On July 8 we had a farewell party for the "incredibly handsome" Tony Casamento who moved back to his home state of New Jersey. Tony and his wife, Maria were long time members of St. Gregory. Sadly, Maria passed away on March 26 this year due to complications of MS. Tony was a substitute math teacher with MISD as well as Maria's caregiver. He was a member of the St. Gregory's men's group and also served as a lector.

I know that I will miss his sharp wit along with his insights about
Robert Bloomfield



Margeaux Horton giving Tony a goodbye hug.

life.

I would like to thank Tony for the many things he and Maria brought to St. Gregory's. Tony served faithfully on the vestry and was an active member of our men's group.

He also rallied the congregation to participate in the local MS Walk and in outreach programs in the local high school. We will surely miss him but are happy that he will be able to spend time with his Grandson Dino.

Tim Cannon



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Men's Group

St. Gregory's Genealogy Research Group

Meeting August 3, 2023, 9:30 a.m. – Parish Hall

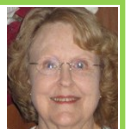
We postponed the presentation on Ancestry's ThruLines at the last meeting. Instead, we had a wonderful "Show and Tell" by Bill Griffin. Bill is working on the story of his life using Ancestry's Books and More feature. It was inspiring to see his dedication to genealogy and the book he has created.



The next meeting of the Genealogy Group will have the video and a discussion on the new features of Ancestry's ThruLines that was planned for the June Meeting.

We will gather for great food and fellowship at Los Molcajetes in Mansfield following the meeting.

Happy Hunting!! *Gayle*





It's hard to believe that this summer is drawing quickly to a close. I am eager to leave behind the 100 degree temperatures and get back to our normal routine here at St. Gregory's. Just a quick notice that this year we will be tackling the Acts of the Apostles in our Wednesday evening Bible Study. The Book of Acts is the story of the early church. In it we have the birth of the church at Pentecost, we have Paul's conversion and subsequent missionary journeys, the opening up of the Gospel to the Gentiles, the first ecumenical council in Jerusalem, and so much more. But be prepared, it is a long book and covering it will take up the majority of both the fall and spring semesters. I would encourage everyone to make an effort to join us as we study the earliest years of Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Now, back to enjoying the last few weeks of summer and the tail end of my vacation.

Fr. Alan Horton+



In-Reach Team

Hello from the In-Reach duo!



As a reminder of upcoming monthly church events, you may pick up or view a hard copy of the church calendar at the back of the church or on the board in the parish hall. If you don't see any, please ask one of us and we will get you a copy. FYI: a hard copy of The Chant is also available at the back of the church and at Watercrest.

Thank you for another well attended and delicious July potluck. By the time you read this, the inside of the church will be free of dust and spiders. Thank you to all who provided their elbow grease.

There are several unique events occurring in August that you won't want to miss. These include:

August 6th: The bishop is coming! There will be a reception immediately following 9am mass. If you would like to bring something for the reception, the signup sheet is at the back of the church.

August 11th, Friday: Second game night of the year. Tim has a new game, and he is very excited to show his new skills. Pizza will be provided.

August 12th: all women of the church were mailed an invitation to the bridal shower honoring Paige Cannon. It is scheduled for two o'clock at St. Gregory's church hall. Regrets only by August 2nd.

August 20th: the most anticipated event of the secular season, Pie Sunday!!! Entries must be homemade to be eligible for the contest. All pies are welcome. (This was moved from September to accommodate an unnamed member, but no one is complaining).

And finally, be looking for details on the next gathering of the women of the church. (Rumor has it, it will be in October at the same tearoom as previous).

God's Blessings, *Beth & Susan*

August Birthdays

05~ Paul Jennings
06 ~ Micah Odunze
08~ Anahi Gambel
13~ Chinenye Okafor
15~ Janie Smith
22~ Kathy Walker
30~ Thomas Hightower Jr.
30~ Tate Hightower

August Anniversaries

16 ~ Edward & Barbara Trice – 9 years
19 ~ Jeff & Bernice Baldwin – 41 years
20~ Rita & Fritz Barowsky – 46 years

Mark Your August Calendar

02~ 6:30pm Eucharist
03~ 9:30am Genealogy Group
6pm Bridge Group
05~8am Men's Group @ Rosa's
06~ 9am Bishop Visitation & Potluck
09~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist
6:30pm Eucharist
10~ 6pm Bridge Group
11~ 6pm Game Night
12~ 9am St. Clara's Guild
13~ 9am Eucharist
10am Coffee Hour
15~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
6pm Vestry Meeting
16~ 6:30am Eucharist
17~ 6pm Bridge Group
19~ 8am Men's Group @ Rosa's
20~ 9am Eucharist
10am Pie Sunday
22~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
23~ 1pm Watercrest Eucharist
6:30pm Eucharist
24~ 6pm Bridge Group
26~ 11am OSL Meeting
27~ 9am Eucharist
10am Coffee Hour
29~ 9:30am Women's Bible Study
30~ 6:30pm Eucharist
31~ 6pm Bridge Group

St. Clara's Guild



The next meeting for St. Clara's Guild will be August 19 at 9:00 in the Parish Hall. This meeting is a week later than we normally meet due to a scheduling conflict. We will have a quilt to baste and hopefully, another quilt top to sew.

On June 25, a quilt was presented to Jim Willbern since he was having shoulder surgery the following Wednesday.

The additional photos were taken at our last meeting on July 8. The photos show Candace Griffin, Sharon Holcomb, and Barbara Edwards basting a quilt and Barbara Hanson and Alice Nelson sewing blocks together to make a quilt top.

New members are always welcome. We normally meet on the second Saturday of even-numbered months at 9:00 in the Parish Hall.

Barbra Edwards



July Potluck



Choir



The choir once again thanks the parish for allowing us to make a joyful sound!! This group of individuals are so enjoyable to be around, and we have a great time together. That said we still have some empty chairs in our choir. We would luv to have more participants. If you feel your calling, or just enjoy participating in the hymns, please feel free to join us in the choir loft.

Also, as the choir has need for those who have computer operational experience. If you know how to run a playlist, or how to use a PC mouse, we would appreciate any and all those interested in running the playlists on Sunday. You don't have to be a vocalist to help here, just a PC operator. If you are interested or feel a calling in any way to help with the choir, please let me know or anyone else from our choir. It is so true with the more the merrier.

Blessings to you all, *Fritz*

Order of St Luke, the healing ministry

A Chance to Build - Learning to pray the kingdom way - This is Helpful Prayer Hint No. 2



Remembering thinking about H O P E - this hint is under the capital 'O'. It stands for the OPPOSITE. We've gone the wrong way. Adam and Eve (in a snapshot depicting the ongoing movement of the whole human race to this day) turned their backs (as most of us are quite used to doing) on the life that God wants for us and had to leave.

This appalling drifting is like an iceberg breaking away from the seaward tip of a glacier. Nowadays we are all standing on the iceberg as it sails away from the mainland shore. Drifting further and further away on the currents of this worldly life - our world which contains hatred, sadness, unrest, impatience with one another, anger, a general lowering of too many human standards, disloyalty, viciousness and self-seeking. Then add pain, sickness, grief and sorrow to this mess and we know we are all very far from the home that God dreams of. The greatest sadness is that we are actually rejoicing in our freedom to make these bad choices and constantly seek to take down more and more God-based standards of life. Let's apologize to God and turn around, admiring his plan to draw us all back together into a perfect family life with him.

That's helpful Prayer Hint No. 2. Others coming soon! Result? My thoughts will be more like his thoughts and, consequently, my prayers are more likely to be answered! Like it! Share it! Look for more in the days to come!

Revd Mike Endicott, Prior, Order of Jacob's Well UK, Revd Dean Drayton, Prior, Order of Jacob's Well AUS

Heinz Liedke

Personal

Noah & James McDuff attended Family Camp week at Camp Crucis in July for the second year in a row. Leah McDuff turns 2 on August 7th! Seems like just yesterday she was born and baptized! *James*



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