

Red Door in the time of COVID 19

July 26 – August 2, 2020



“I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, and serene life

repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, impurity, and self-seeking . . .”

Thus begins “A Morning Resolve,” printed every month on the inside cover of *Forward Day by Day*.

The devotional booklet called *Forward Day by Day* has been used by Episcopalians since 1935 to deepen their connection with God. A mere 3” x 5”, it tucks easily into a purse, under the sun visor of a car, even in a back pocket. Doesn’t take up much room at all on a nightstand.

For every day of the year, it offers a single (or two) bible verses to ponder, a brief meditation to read, and an action to take to move yourself closer to God. It also gives the citations of the bible lesson to read as prescribed in our Daily Office lectionary. If you read those lessons over the course of two years, you read most of the Bible. Finally, it also gives for each day, Anglican dioceses around the world seeking your prayers, and if a giant of our faith is to be remembered.

You can pick up a copy of the August – October edition during office hours (M-F, 11-3) and at church on Sunday.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY MAILED TO YOU, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE at 734-721-5023.

It is also available online at www.forwardmovement.org, where you can also a large-print edition. You can get each day sent to you as an email. You can download it as an App on your smartphone and onto an electronic reader such as a Kindle, Apple Book, or Nook. And finally, you can listen to it as a podcast.

How do you connect with God, and what nurtures that relationship? For some it is bible reading. For some it is meditating. For some being surrounded by nature brings a sense of closeness and intimacy with our Creator.

If you would like to find or strengthen your connection, let's get together for a cup of coffee or tea, a glass of wine or a beer. God is always present, always with us. Sometimes another pair of eyes or ears can pick up the signs with you.

Peace,
Henny+

Good news from our Vestry

Our new roof on our parish hall is all paid off! Thanks to the generosity of one of more parishioners, we are free and clear of that debt. Grants from our diocese totaling \$18,000 paid for the majority, but the need to replace all of the roof boards pushed the final bill to around \$34,000, about \$10,000 more than anticipated. All breathed a sigh of relief at that news from our treasurer, and our clerk will write thank-you notes to those parishioners whose contributions are known.

We also received a description of a Music Minister for St. John's, who we hope to find in the next couple of months. Rather than searching for just an organist, the Vestry will look for a musician skilled at playing a variety of keyboards and perhaps other instruments as well. The Vestry wants to find someone who can lead all of us in making "a joyful noise" to the Lord with music that inspires and uplifts our spirits.

Sharon Scott, Sonya Kowalski, Erin Downey, and Rev. Henny have all applied to various funding sources for grants for personal protective equipment, and to make up for income lost due to the closure of the building and the cancellation of our Fall Festival.

Thank you to Don and Ed

for cleaning up all of the tree branches brought down by the storm July 19. Fortunately, none fell on any of our structures – and the storm took down a dead tree along Bayview Street for us! If you are interested in and have time to assist in the maintenance of our property, please let Don Streeter know, and thank you!

"What's Cooking in Westland?"

Our new partner, Services To Enhance Potential a.k.a. STEP, launched its cooking class on Monday, July 20. It meets five days a week at St. John's from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please say "hello"

to Chef Brown, the instructor. STEP is planning an Open House in August for the general public to introduce this program. Stay tuned for details!

During the time that STEP is in our building, a gate in the hallway outside the tool room and office remains in place and locked. Please enter through either the door by the choir room or the door by the black handrails.

Please “check in” with Charmaine

If you come into the building during office hours, please stop in to the office and let Charmaine know that you are here so that we can keep track of who is in the building and on what days, just in case someone is diagnosed with COVID-19.

Many, many thanks to Joan Wegehaupt

who has served as the Directress of our Altar Guild since 1996. The ministry of the Altar Guild is crucial to our parish life and gives you a close-up view of the “behind-the-scenes” workings of our worship. Want to know more? Speak with Joan Harmon, Wendy Clayton, Joan Smith, Sharon Scott, Julie Jones, Sande or Maria Godbout, or Rev. Henny.

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for pick-up on Sunday mornings after worship and during regular office hours, which are 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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