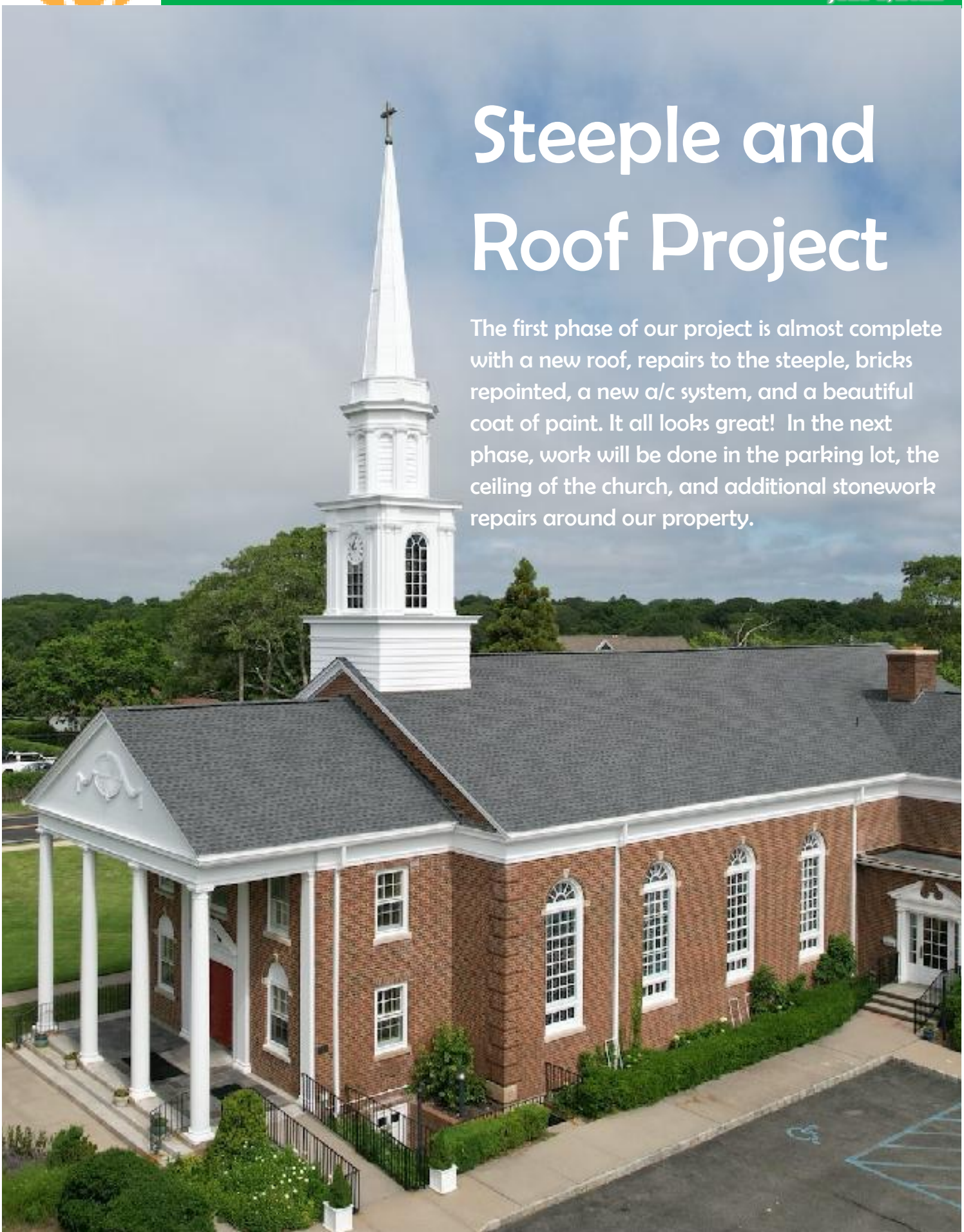
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

A Lion's Share

July 8, 2022



Steeple and Roof Project

The first phase of our project is almost complete with a new roof, repairs to the steeple, bricks repointed, a new a/c system, and a beautiful coat of paint. It all looks great! In the next phase, work will be done in the parking lot, the ceiling of the church, and additional stonework repairs around our property.

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Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
(Livestreamed)

The Rt. Rev. Lawrence Provenzano
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St. Mark's Voice—Parish News

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday (07/11) Parish Office Closed
Saturday (07/16) 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist in the Columbarium Garden
Sunday (07/17**)** 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Church

Serving Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM

LEM/Lector	Sundy Schermeyer

Serving Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Altar Guild:	Victoria Garcia & Lee Wadelton
LEM/Prayers:	Madeline Glover
Lector:	William Glover
Ushers:	Steve DeCaro & Pete Williams
Coffee Hour:	

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Freear Pollard in loving memory of her mother, Caralisa Barry Pollard and John & Diane Stewart in honor of their daughter Tricia's birthday.

Anniversary Congratulations to Richard & Deborah Caccavano & Gino & Allison Martuscello.

Birthday Wishes to Frances Graham, Chris Allan, Lois Simson, Paul Canty and Casey DeCaro Shea.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Amanda E. Degener, Kyle M. Degener, George L. Degener, Jesse Fritz, Nicholas LoRusso, Joshua Rudd, and Michael Keegan.

We ask that you remember those for whom prayers are requested: Chris Allan, Darcy F. Chester, Deana Chiusano, Fred Edwards, Anthony Graviano, Noel Hayes, Barbara Ireton, Gretchen & Jim Jubinski, Cole LoRusso, Jim McDermott, Jock McLean, Sean McLean, Sudie Nostrand, Paul Oele, Cassie Panzarino, Joan Petrella, Betty-Rose & Stuart Richardson, Jean Scopinich, Jason Thomas, Sarah Witters, and Fr. Ron Wickey.

n Thomas, Sarah Witters, and Bill Jones.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Farmworker's Cooperative will be selling plants after church on Sunday, July 10th in our parking lot.

Please Note: Hosts/Hostesses are needed for Coffee Hour following the 9:00 A.M. service for the Sunday's in July. Kindly volunteer and add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the narthex.

Fr. Chris will be away on vacation from 7/13 to 8/2. In case of pastoral emergency, please call Kate in the Parish Office or one of the Wardens (Diane Stewart or Sandy Wyman) who will contact a Priest.

Community Garden: Individual planting beds are available for your own personal garden or share a bed with others. Call Diane Stewart if you would like to sign up for one.

Bible Study has been suspended until Thursday, August 4th at 10:00 a.m. in Fr. Chris' Office.

Ways to Help the People of Ukraine…Please visit our website at www.stmarkswhb.org

Altar Flowers: If you would like to dedicate flowers for the Altar contact Laura Bott at 631-722-4749 or email her at Laura.bott17@gmail.com. One vase is available for July 31 and August 7 and 14. Each vase is $40.

Anniversaries & Birthdays: We are updating our Anniversary and Birthday lists along with the names of those in need of healing prayers for the bulletin announcements. These names can be emailed to the church office at kate.gabrielsen@stmarkswhb.org.

Maureen's Haven "Thank you" for donations to Maureen's Haven. A box for donations, along with a list of suggested items such as individual containers of non-perishable food, is in the office lobby.

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m. June 18, 2022 15
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. June 19, 2022 40 (plus 49 households viewed us online.)
Total 55

Pray for your parish family every day at 12:00 Noon!

BULLETIN INSERTS

July 10, 2022 – Pentecost 5 (C)
Scripture at Lambeth

The Lambeth Conference, the international gathering of bishops across the Anglican Communion, will take place July 26 through August 8, 2022. This bulletin insert series, produced with The Episcopal Church's Office of Global Partnerships, introduces readers to Lambeth and what they can expect from the conference.

The theme of the fifteenth Lambeth Conference is "God's Church for God's World: walking, listening, and witnessing together." As the bishops at Lambeth explore that theme, they will also maintain a Biblical focus through the book of 1 Peter. Over the past several years in planning, a range of resources have been developed for use in Bible studies, discussions, and seminars. These have been used in preparation for the conference and will be looked at on an even deeper level as the bishops gather together.

Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby describes why this letter was chosen as a focus for Lambeth: "The book of 1 Peter is a personal favourite of mine. There is so much in it that is pertinent for the Church, for the world, for the times we are living in and for us as we seek direction for the Anglican Communion in the years ahead.

"1 Peter is a book that doesn't shy away from difficult things. It's a book that addresses the challenges that Peter's communities were facing. It speaks about belonging, alienation, exile, slavery and persecution – you can immediately hear the echoes in our world today.

"It's a book that raises an utterly compelling and inspiring vision of God's kingdom. It raises our eyes beyond the immediacy of our struggles and differences. It urges us to hear a far deeper call. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, Peter encourages us to live lives of witness, hope and holiness as God's chosen people."

The journey through the book of 1 Peter looks at specific themes in each of the five chapters which include: Calling, Communion, Peace-making, Suffering, and Authority. You and your congregation can join in reading through 1 Peter looking at each of the themes, asking together what it means to be "God's Church for God's World." A series of videos and commentary was created before the Lambeth Conference was rescheduled due to the COVID19 pandemic. These videos can be found at *https://www.lambethconference.org/resources/1-peter-resources/watch-the-1-peter-videos/*.

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BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

Pentecost 5
Proper 10 (C)
July 10, 2022

[RCL] Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Amos 7:7-17

The prophet Amos is known for siding with the powerless against the powerful. He prophesied during the 8th century BCE, during the reign of King Uzziah of Judah and King Jeroboam in Israel. This is the time in Ancient Israel's history when the kingdom was divided: Israel in the north, Judah in the south. Amos, called from his work as a shepherd to bring the word of God to King Jeroboam, uses the imagery of a plumb line, which measures the structural integrity of a wall, to describe what YHWH is doing by sending him. God is measuring their worship, and, as we hear in other parts of this book, taking note of their oppression of the poor.

YHWH finds Israel wanting in these areas and sends Amos to warn Israel of their coming defeat and exile. But King Jeroboam will not hear of it. He sends Amaziah, a priest of Bethel, to send Amos away. Amos refuses to budge and shares his prophecy. While he is neither a "prophet nor a prophet's son" (v. 14), he knows God called him, and can only speak what God has told him to speak.

By the end of the 8th century BCE, Israel is defeated by the Assyrians, placed in exile throughout the Assyrian empire, and the region is purposely populated by people from other lands conquered by the Assyrians.

- In this passage, Amos uses the image of a plumb line to describe how God measures the structures of their society, both in terms of their religious integrity and socioeconomic oppression. What critique might a modern-day Amos bring to this country, and this Episcopal Church?
- Amos is not from a line of prophets. He is a shepherd and "a dresser of sycamore trees" (v. 14). While he is likely to be a relatively well-off person, he is not a member of the royal court nor part of the religious elite. He offers his prophecy as an outsider. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know felt the need to offer critique as an outsider to a system? How did you feel, and what kind of reaction did that criticism receive?

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Psalm 82

The Psalms are unique in the Biblical canon. It is one of the few books of the Bible comprised entirely of poetry, and it is intended to be sung. On its pages are the full range of human emotions: joy, exultation, horror, sadness, grief, thanksgiving, loneliness, and so much more. They express ways of understanding God.

Today's psalm offers a way of understanding God in a polytheistic culture. At the very beginning, we hear of God as part of a divine council. It is important to keep in mind when reading the Bible that, much like in our own society, there was a great deal of religious variety in the ancient Near East. Other gods are mentioned throughout the Bible, from Baal and Moloch to Artemis and Zeus. This psalm is making the claim that only God brings justice among all other gods, and other gods will fall away, leaving only the God of Israel to judge the nations. This is closely linked to the Amos reading, where God judges Israel for its oppression of the poor.

- The central claim of this psalm is that justice comes from God. Where have you seen this idea inspire the work of change? Have you ever seen this idea block the work of change?
- Living in a religiously diverse place is something many Episcopalians experience. If you were to write a psalm that acknowledges this religious diversity, what image would you use to describe it?

Colossians 1:1-14

This letter, which claims Paul as an author, is written to the church in Colossae. We hear in this introduction that Paul and Timothy heard that the church here has become a faithful and love-filled community of believers, thanks to the work of Epaphras. Colossae was a haven for mystery cults at the time this letter was written, and the intent of the author is to stave off any wrong ideas about who Jesus was, is, and will be.

The introduction of this letter focuses on three things: thankfulness, the importance of unceasing prayer, and the efficacy of the wisdom and strength of God in enabling believers to do good works and live worthy lives. It contains a beautiful prayer for the community at Colossae (vv 9 - 14) containing these themes. In this letter, prayer becomes a connection between the authors, the recipients, and the church as a whole, through God and the saints. It encourages gratitude as the posture of the Christian and reminds the readers of Jesus' work of rescue and liberation for each of them.

- Concern about how communities of Christians understand Jesus comes up repeatedly in the New Testament writings. Who is Jesus to you?
- This passage links prayer, thankfulness, and good works. What do you see as the relationship between these things, in this reading and in your own life?

Luke 10:25-37

The parable of the Good Samaritan is well known and much loved. Jesus tells this parable in response to questions from what the NRSV Bible calls a "lawyer." The original Greek in this passage connotes someone well-versed in the Torah. Here, the lawyer challenges Jesus: "What must I do to inherit eternal

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life?" Jesus points the lawyer to the Law, and his answer is accepted. He tries to catch Jesus up one more time: "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus offers a parable in response.

The parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of a man, traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, who is beset by robbers, beaten, and left on the side of the road. A priest and then a Levite pass him by, and he is helped and cared for by a Samaritan. The tendency of modern Christians is to think of the Samaritan as a member of an oppressed group offering help to someone they don't know. But this doesn't quite capture the feeling of enmity that existed between Jewish people and the Samaritans. Both claim lineage back to Moses and both use the Torah as the source of religious observance. Where Samaritans are descended from the northern kingdom of Israel, who had Samaria as their main center of worship, the Jewish people are descended from Judah, which had Jerusalem as their main center of worship. Samaritans weren't any more or less oppressed than the Jewish people living under Roman occupation.

What we have here, then, is a story of a Samaritan crossing boundaries by not crossing the road. He uses the money and social position he has to care for an enemy. It's as if a Ukrainian person were to stop along the side of the road to care for a Russian person. It is unexpected, and, if enacted in real life, is violence-disrupting.

The lawyer realizes that the neighbor is the Samaritan but can't bring himself to actually say the word. Jesus tells him to do what the Samaritan does. We are called to do the same.

- In this passage, the Samaritan is "moved with pity" to act, as the lawyer observes, with "mercy." The term translated as "moved with pity" could also be translated as "to feel compassion." In what ways do compassion and mercy work together?
- When we read stories like these, we want to identify with the person who Jesus holds up as an exemplar. Think about each character in the parable: the robbers, the priest, the Levite, the man, the Samaritan, and the innkeeper. Which of these characters have you been in your life? Which characters have you met in your life? If you were ever the Samaritan, how did you decide to act?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 3 Pentecost (Proper 8) 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Coffee Hour	27 Parish Office Closed	28 *Irenaeus of Lyons, Bishop and Theologian, c.202*	29 **St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles**	30 10:00am Bible Study	1 *[Pauli Murray, Priest, 1985]*	2 *[Moses the Black, Monastic and Martyr, c.400]* 5:00pm Come as you are Holy Eucharist
3 4 Pentecost (Proper 9) 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Coffee Hour	4 **Independence Day** Parish Office Closed	5 Parish Office Closed	6 *[Eva Lee Matthews, Monastic, 1928]*	7 10:00am Bible Study	8 *[Priscilla and Aquila, Coworkers of the Apostle Paul]*	9 9:00am Men's Breakfast 5:00pm Come as you are Holy Eucharist
10 5 Pentecost (Proper 10) 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Coffee Hour	11 *Benedict of Nursia, Monastic, c.543* Parish Office Closed	12	13	14 *[Argula von Grumbach, Scholar and Church Reformer, c.1554]*	15	16 5:00pm Come as you are Holy Eucharist
17 6 Pentecost (Proper 11) 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Coffee Hour	18 Parish Office Closed	19 *Macrina of Caesarea, Monastic and Teacher, 379*	20 *Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman, Social Reformers* 5:30pm Hospice Cam Good Grief Meeting	21 *[Maria Skobtsova, Monastic and Martyr, 1945]*	22	23 *[John Cassian, Monastic and Theologian, 435]* 5:00pm Come as you are Holy Eucharist
24 7 Pentecost (Proper 12) 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Coffee Hour	25 Parish Office Closed	26 *The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*	27 *William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909*	28 *[Johann Sebastian Bach, Composer, 1750]* 1:00pm Wedding Rehearsal	29 *Mary and Martha of Bethany* 3:00pm Wedding	30 *William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833* 5:00pm Come as you are Holy Eucharist
31 8 Pentecost (Proper 13) 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:00am Coffee Hour	1 *Joseph of Arimathaea* Parish Office Closed	2 12:00pm Westhampton Garden Club	3 *[Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-Bearing Women]*	4 10:00am Bible Study	5	6 5:00pm Come as you are Holy Eucharist

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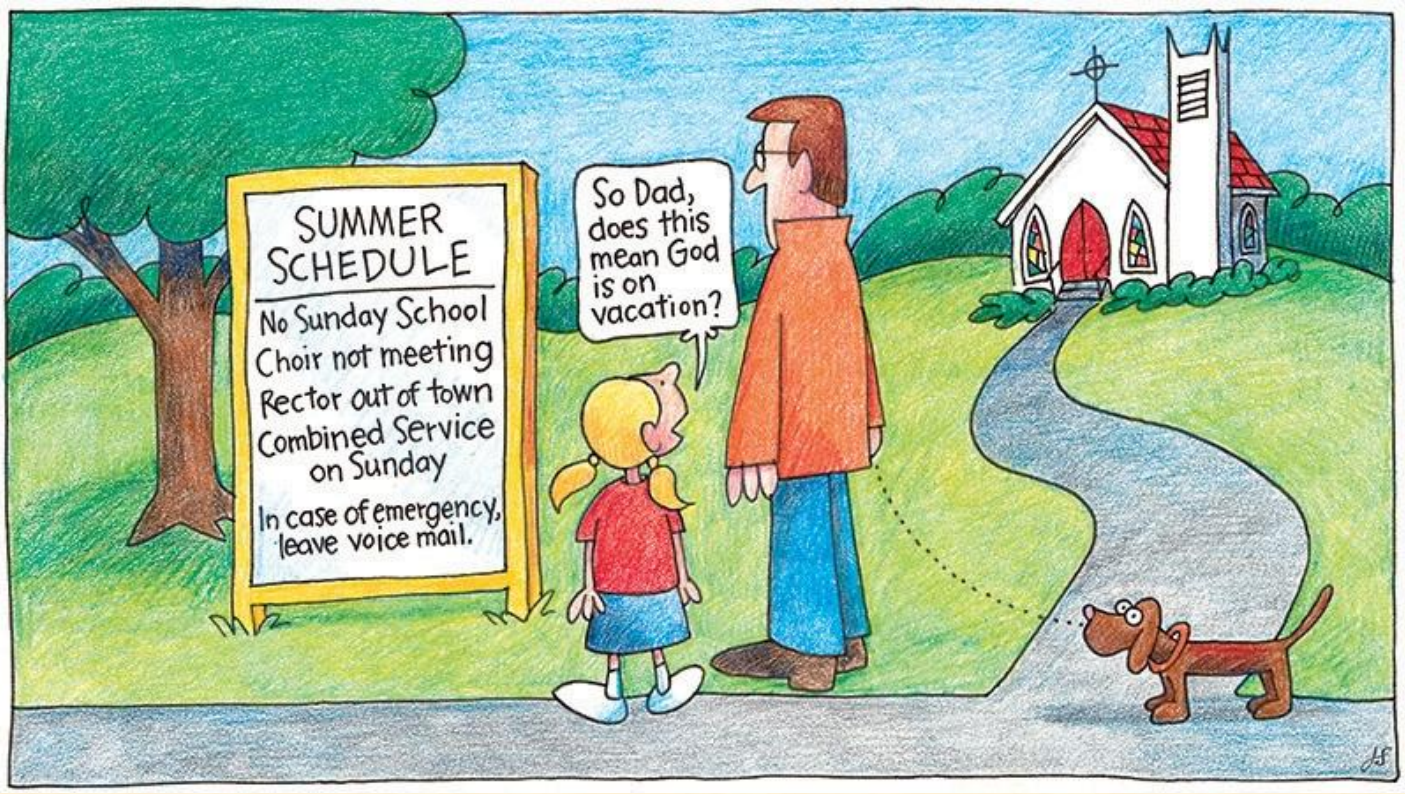
Rites of Passage

July Birthdays
9 Allison Martuscello
11 Frances Graham
13 ChrisAllan-Ferebee
14 Lois Simson
14 Paul Canty
16Casey DeCaro
17 Edward Callahan
17 Kara Norton
22 Bryn Wolgemuth
27 Helen Horton
30 Virginia Connolly
31 Paige Wolgemuth

July Anniversaries
13 Richard & Deborah Caccavano
15 Gino & Allison Martuscello
22 Ronald & Jennifer Marwood
23 Tom & Liz Horan

On the Lighter Side...



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