

July 26, 2026
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Anniversary and Birthday Prayers



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

Thought for the Day...

*The work we do in the present only gains its full significance
somewhere in the future.*

~ N. T. Wright, Bishop and Theologian



Thank you for choosing to worship with St. Dunstan's this morning! We are a community of seekers doing our best to live authentically and faithfully in this challenging and complicated world, and we are delighted that you are sharing the journey with us today.

Children are *always* welcome here; please make yourself and your family at home. Rest assured: We are delighted by the “joyful noise” that children inevitably make, *and* don't worry if you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a few minutes. *To learn more about offerings for children and families, please share your contact information on the clipboard on the Welcome Table.*

Babysitting for children **4 and under** is provided **downstairs in the Youth Room. For everyone's safety, registration is required:** Please scan the QR code to sign up.



Restrooms are located in the hallway by the glass doors.

If you find the chairs uncomfortable, feel free to borrow a **cushion** from the basket near the door for use during worship.

Please wear a **name tag**! Permanent name tags are on the board in the entry hall. If you don't yet have a permanent tag, please use a stick-on badge until we can make you an official one. **Please return your name tag to the basket on the Welcome Table at the end of the service; we will hang it back up for you!**

This morning we welcome **Dr. David Palmer** as our **Guest Pianist**,
and **Lance Fisher** as our **Guest Cantor**.

For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

Diane Adams; Joyce Bleby; Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy;
Steve Cooper; Henry Cox; Traci Dean; Kenny Farnsworth;
Katie Beck Fey; Nick Gilbert; Louisa Greene; Terry Haight; Ben Hull;
Henry Jeanneret; Patricia Mackenzie; Jenna Monroe; Rick Nickles; Linda Rogers;
Curtis Shively; Nancy Thoreson; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters;
David Wheeler; Martha Lou Youngblood; Anne; Ben; Bill; Christopher;
Craig and Robin; Griffin; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty;
Melanie; Michelle; MT; Paola; Patrick; Phyllis; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

For peace in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South
Sudan, Ukraine, the United States, and throughout God's world

For refugees and immigrants

For the women and men of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces

For emergency personnel and first responders

For the victims of climate and natural disasters, especially in Venezuela

For missionaries serving throughout the world

May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

Janine Hadge
cousin of Tony Gomez

Ted Hartz
Former parishioner and choir member

Lynn Larson
Susan Maloney

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

C. Simone

David Palmer, *piano*

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing the hymn.

Opening Hymn

“I love thy kingdom, Lord”

Hymnal, 524

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her
4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.
5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817). Music: *St. Thomas* (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God,
and People to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Song of Praise

“Sing praise to God who reigns above,” v. 1

Hymnal, 408

I Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all cre -
a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

Please be seated.

The Epistle: Romans 8:26-39

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name,
we make known your deeds among the peoples,

We sing to you; we sing your praise
and speak of all your marvelous works,

We glory in your holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice;

We search for you and your strength;
we continue to seek your face;

We remember the marvels you have done,
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth:

We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant,
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.

You are our God indeed;
your judgments prevail in all the world.

You have always been mindful of your covenant,
the promise you made for a thousand generations:

The covenant you made with Abraham,
the oath that you swore to Isaac,

Which you established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To them will I give the land of Canaan
to be their allotted inheritance."

Alleluia!

Please stand and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

Sequence Hymn

"Seek ye first"

Hymnal, 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Refrain

Our license does not permit us to print the music for this hymn.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher’s invitation.

The Sermon

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Leader and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made

man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, Amen.

**universal*

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your Church throughout the world;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, and lay ministers;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We remember the President and Vice-President, the members of Congress and the Justices of the Supreme Court, and all those called to serve the common good. We ask your blessing on the women and men of our nation's Foreign Service and Armed Forces, and we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We remember all who have been commended to our prayers, especially remembering those named on our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 3*). Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially this week *Janine Hadge, Ted Hartz, Lyn Larson, and Susan Maloney*. Give them, and all the departed, eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or out loud.

Pause for prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving

The Presider concludes

For all who are oppressed, may we proclaim the justice of God's Kingdom. For all who hunger, may we, the Body of Christ, be bread. For all who weep, may we offer comfort and joy. As we yearn to be the faithful people of God, may we be people of true and gracious welcome to all, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Deacon and People God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will, Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life, **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Please greet one another in the Name of Christ and then be seated.

Welcome

The Offertory

Presider

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

If you would like to make an offering this morning, you may place it in the Offertory bag.

Please also feel free to donate online at <https://stdunstansbethesda.org/support/donate.html> or mail a check to the Parish Office.

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

Offertory Hymn

“Come and fill our hearts with your peace”

Taizé chant

Repeat, following the Cantor

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Communion

Please stand as the Offering is brought forward and join in singing.

The Doxology

Music: Hymnal, 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 255

The musical score is written for a vocal ensemble and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble and bass staves) and a piano accompaniment (treble and bass staves). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -".

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or sit.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, **"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever, **AMEN.**

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever, Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider These are the Gifts of God, for you, the People of God, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. Consecrated wine is available by sipping directly from the silver chalice or by dipping your bread gently into the blue chalice; gluten-free Communion bread is available upon request. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to place your hand over your heart when you reach the Altar.

Music during Communion

Panis Angelicus

C. Franck (1822-1890)

Lance Fisher, *tenor*

Remaining seated, please join in singing the Communion Hymn (next page).

“How lovely is thy dwelling place”

Hymnal, 517

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
 2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
 3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
 4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
 nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
 springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
 way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

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Please stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray:

and People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

The Blessing

Presider

May God bless you with a restless discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart;

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace;

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy;

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you, and all those you love, from this day forth and forevermore, **Amen.**

Please join in singing the Closing Hymn (next page).

Closing Hymn

“Rejoice, ye pure in heart!,” vv. 1-3

Hymnal, 556



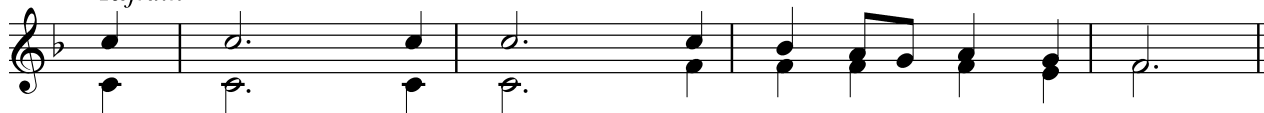
1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while



1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.



Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.



re - joice, re - joice,

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements and July Anniversary and Birthday Prayers

For Those Celebrating Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year together. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

For Those Celebrating Birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.

Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you!
Happy birthday, God bless you!
Happy birthday to you!

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Allegro Molto, from Sonata in A♭ major L. van Beethoven (1770-1827)
David Palmer, *piano*

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Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- **Welcome, Visitors!** We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you will stay for a few minutes after worship so that we can greet you properly. To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a **visitor form**, found on the **Welcome Table**, and help yourself to a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.
- **Fellowship Time:** All are welcome to **Founders' Hall** for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack following the service!
- Remember to pick up a couple of **blessing bags** after worship! Keep them in your car for those times when you would like to help someone seeking assistance but would prefer not to hand out money. This is a tangible way to share God's love.



This Week:

- + **Wednesday, July 29:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Midweek Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke (Zoom).**
- All are welcome, anytime!

- + **Thursday, July 30:**
 - + **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (*Zoom*)
- **Next Sunday, August 2:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist** (*Parish Hall*)

Save the Dates!

- **Saturday, August 29:**
 - + **10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Children's Choir Camp ~ "A Mary Poppins Musical Adventure"** (*St. Dunstan's*)
- **Saturday, September 12:**
 - + **10 a.m.-5 p.m.: Adult Choir Camp** (*St. Dunstan's*)

*Please contact Minister of Music **Diane Atherton** for more information about our choir program.*



Pastoral Notes

This past week our Children's Minister, **Jenna Monroe**, underwent much-needed and long-anticipated rotator cuff surgery...Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! *And...*As you might imagine, caring for a recuperating Jenna and an active two-year old Elias will be a lot for Cami in the coming weeks, and she could use our help. If you would be willing to provide one or more **meals** for their precious family, please see the online newsletter for Meal Train details. Because they live in Virginia, you may prefer to provide restaurant or DoorDash cards, which they welcome; you also could drop your meal here to the office for me to deliver to them. (They live across the street from me.) On behalf of Jenna, Cami, and Elias, *thank you* for your love, prayers, and support.

Former parishioner and choir member **Ted Hartz** died on Friday morning, with his wife, Mary, and daughter, Chrissy, by his side. If you would like to send a card or note of condolence, Mary can be reached at **9728 Digging Road, Montgomery Village, MD 20886**. *Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*



Reaching Out

Refugee Ministry – Help Needed!

Our Afghan friends Syed, Elyas, and Erfan urgently need help finding new housing by **August 31**. They would like to find an affordable rental in or near Bethesda, but they're open to Montgomery County, PG county, or Northwest DC. A three-bedroom home or apartment would be ideal, but a two-bedroom arrangement could also work since Elyas and Erfan will both be in college during the school year.

If you know of a possible rental, have an available guest house or guest rooms, or have suggestions for people or organizations to contact, please reach out to St. Dunstan's parishioner **Fred Bentley** at fbentley14@gmail.com or **202-215-8340**.

Cooking Oil for San Mateo

Every month **Iglesia Episcopal San Mateo** in Hyattsville provides food for over 300 families struggling due to current immigration policies, and currently they are asking for donations of **24 or 40 oz. plastic bottles of cooking oil**. Please contribute! It's easy: Just bring your bottle(s) of oil to St. Dunstan's **between now and August 9**. We will deliver them to our ministry partners at **St. John's, Norwood**, who will transport them to San Mateo on our behalf. Thank you!



From the Capital Campaign Committee

Your Capital Campaign contributions are being put to good use – and very quickly!

While you are admiring our new roof, we hope you enjoy the air-conditioned comfort of "church in the Parish Hall" this summer while our primary HVAC system is undergoing replacement. This is a massive project and our biggest budget item by far of the entire Capital Campaign. We want to thank you for the cash contributions already made and encourage anyone who is able to fulfill their pledges early to do so, as our cash outlays are projected to exceed cash inflows by the end of the summer. While we can borrow from the endowment to meet this short-term liquidity crunch, we can avoid it altogether if we collect some more pledges ahead of schedule. Thank you to everyone who has pledged to date. Your support to the physical structure and mission of St. Dunstan's means a lot to all of us. If you do wish to make a contribution, please let the Committee and/or **Elisabeth Saidi** know to expect your cash, stock, charitable trust or QCD distribution; please help us keep our records accurate and current!

Faithfully,

Karen Kosiba Edwards, Carmen Petruzzi, and Rosi Sweeney

Serving this Morning

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***Artist's Reflection**

Pearls, in some Jewish traditions, are related to the study of Torah. So I suppose the “one very precious pearl” found by the merchant may mean that studying the word of God is the most precious thing imaginable. In this image, the man is holding something close to his heart, almost curling himself around it to protect it. The “ground” on which he stands and the radiant streaks emanating behind him are made from the pages of Bible study materials. Are they radiating into his heart, or from it?

Made from painted mulberry paper, painted text, ink, and colored pencil on plain paper.

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