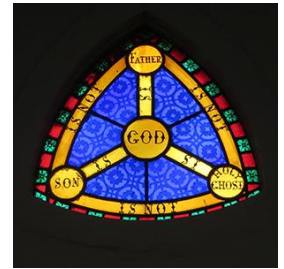




Episcopal Church

Ashfield, Massachusetts
Corner of Main and South Streets



October 2014

Eucharist Service is at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 12th

FALL FESTIVAL NEWS

The Ashfield Fall Festival is just around the corner. The Festival will be October 11 & 12. Start thinking now about how you can volunteer. The cobbler is made Thursday and Friday (October 9 & 10) before the Festival; we need at least 1 more volunteer for October 9 and 2 more for October 10. Volunteers are always welcome to help serve during the Festival. There are still MANY volunteers needed during the Festival, especially on Saturday the 11th. How can you help? Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary. No volunteer will be turned away! **DON'T FORGET SERVICE ON THE 12TH WILL BE AT 9:00 AM & (HOPEFULLY) OUTDOORS.** How can you help? Both days are divided into 3 shifts (10:00 - 12:30; 12:30 - 3:00; 3:00 -5:30) help is needed on all shifts.



Kitchen - needed for all shifts on both days;
2-3 volunteers.

Servers -needed for every shift except 12:30 - 3 on 10/12; 1- 2 volunteers.

Runners - needed for all shifts on both days;
1-2 volunteers

Cashier - 1 volunteer needed 10- 12:30 on 10/11 also on 10:00 - 12:30 and 12:30 - 3:00 on 11/12.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the Sanctuary. No volunteer will be turned away!



Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of the Animals



In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, St. John's will have a Blessing of the Animals on October 5th after our 10:00 a.m. service (around 11:30 a.m.) Please bring not only your animal friends but also your human friends and their animal companions. All people and all animals are welcome.

Blueberry Muffins

Everyone loves our Blueberry Cobbler and jam, but we must not forget another favorite that sells out every year. If you aren't able to help in the tent during the Festival, you could help from your own kitchen! You could bake a batch of our wonderful blueberry muffins following this recipe:

You will need: 1 ½ cup flour; ½ cup sugar; 1 ¼ tsp baking powder; ¼ tsp baking soda; ½ cup oatmeal; ½ cup orange juice; ½ cup oil; 1 egg; 1 cup blueberries; ½ tsp cinnamon and 3 tsp sugar; muffin cups.

1. In a large bowl sift together the 1 ½ cup flour; ½ cup sugar; 1 ¼ tsp baking powder; ¼ tsp baking soda. Then mix in the ½ cup oatmeal.
2. Combine the ½ cup orange juice; ½ cup oil; 1 egg. Add this to the dry ingredients.
3. Coat the blueberries in 1 tsp flour and then add to mixture.
4. Put muffin cups in the muffin tin and fill with 1 heaping Tbsp. of muffin mix.
5. Mix ½ tsp cinnamon with 3 tsp sugar and sprinkle on top of the muffins.
6. Bake at 400 degrees for approximately 20 minutes or when a toothpick comes out clean from a muffin.

This recipe will make about 10 muffins.



A Life Lived Courageously: Ruth Johnston Craft

Ruth was born at home in South Ashfield on July 21, 1916, to Margret Jane Frank Johnston and William James Johnston. She attended a one-room classroom for grades one through eight, after which she attended Sanderson Academy for grades nine through twelve, where she met the love of her life, Clayton Craft.



While raising their family, Ruth worked nights on the surgical ward at Cooley Dickinson Hospital. She was also the on call nurse for her father-in-law, Dr. Harry L. Craft. Ruth was a lifelong member of the Ashfield Historical Society. Ruth was a co-owner of Yesterday's Books. Ruth was a founding member of the "Ladies Literary Society." This was a group of women with wildly divergent points of view who came together to talk books, foster friendships, and engage in lively discussions.

For many years the watering trough by St. John's church went unused. In the 1980's Ruth drove by it and had another good idea, why not plant flowers in it? So Ruth suggested it to the town select board who agreed and, shortly thereafter, the water to the trough was cut off and a load of dirt was delivered. Ruth sold surplus cut flowers and vegetables from her own garden until she had enough money to buy the plantings for the trough.

Ruth died at home on August 29, 2014.

An excerpt from "A Time I Was Courageous" by Ruth Craft:

"I am not sure I know what things I have done that took courage, or whether it was just something I saw or thought needed to be done. I have been surprised at times to have someone say something I said or did took courage. At the time it just seemed like a good idea."

Donations in Ruth's memory may be made to St. John's Church, the Belding Memorial Library, The Ashfield Historical Society or to the "Watering Trough Flower Fund" in care of St. John's Church.



Season of Creation 2014

Oct. 4 (St. Francis Day) – Nov. 23 (Christ the King)

Bishop Douglas Fisher has given the diocese his blessing to celebrate a Season for Creation, which will extend from St. Francis Day (October 4) through Christ the King (November 23). The Diocese of Western Massachusetts is joining a growing number of dioceses and Provinces in the Anglican Communion that set aside a special period every year in which to honor and serve "this fragile Earth, our island home."

Our hope and expectation is that every congregation will find something to do this fall that responds to God's call to protect and cherish the Earth, which ultimately belongs to God, not to human beings (Psalm. 24:1). As Archbishop Desmond Tutu writes in an essay in *The Green Bible*, "Jesus Christ's supreme work is to reconcile us to God and to one another and, indeed, to reconcile us to all of God's creation." During this Creation Season – and in every season – we invite you and your congregation to find a way to participate in that supreme and holy work.

From our Missioner of Creation Care

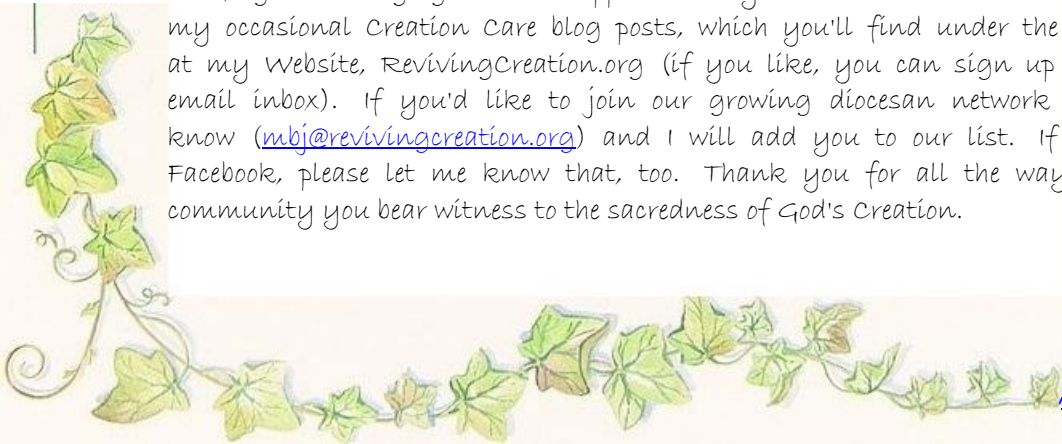
Thank you, St. John's, for mentioning in your September newsletter my new ministry in the diocese as your Missioner for Creation Care. The diocesan web page for Creation Care has been moved to the tab What We Do; go to Congregational Support and you will see Creation Care. I also invite you to read my occasional Creation Care blog posts, which you'll find under the tab Diocesan Bloggers, and also at my website, RevivingCreation.org (if you like, you can sign up to receive the blog posts in your email inbox). If you'd like to join our growing diocesan network for Creation Care, please let me know (mjb@revivingcreation.org) and I will add you to our list. If you'd like to join our group on Facebook, please let me know that, too. Thank you for all the ways that as individuals and as a community you bear witness to the sacredness of God's Creation.

The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas

Missioner for Creation Care

Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

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Council on Aging Outreach

Leanne Dowd, Outreach Coordinator for the Senior Center, will be available to answer questions about entitlement programs including fuel assistance and SNAP benefits, home care services, home repair or senior center programs. In order to make it easier for Ashfield residents to meet with her, she will be at St. John's Corner on Main St. the first Thursday of every month.

Stop in and see say hello!

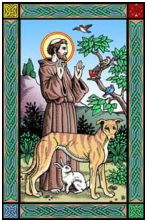


Welcome Double Edge Theater!

As you may know office space on the second floor of St. John's Corner is currently vacant. We are grateful for the opportunity to use this vacant room as outreach to our community and we are pleased to be able to strengthen our ties with Double Edge Theater. They will be using this space as a quiet reflection spot for reading, writing, and research. The students will most likely be coming individually or in small numbers. The space will be open to students of the Double Theater 3 times per week: Saturdays 10am-12pm, Wednesdays 4-7pm and Fridays 4-7pm.

We are very grateful to Double Edge Theater for volunteering their help with church activities throughout the year. We should be able meet the students who are volunteering to help us during the Fall Festival. So, please take the opportunity to say hello and to welcome them to St. John's.

An Early Environmentalist



The image of St. Francis of Assisi is familiar to most Christians. There are many paintings depicting St. Francis bringing the word of God to the animals. This is why we celebrate his feast with a "Blessing of the Animals." I think it is safe to say that usually when a Christian sees an image of a monk with animals around him we assume it is a depiction of St. Francis.

But there is much more to St. Francis. He was born in 1181 to a wealthy silk merchant. He helped his father run the business and was active in the social life of Assisi, you might even say a "playboy". While on a pilgrimage to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome he was moved by the poor begging in and around the Basilica, he returned to Assisi, began to live in poverty and preach in the streets.

He soon gathered a group of followers that were authorized by the Catholic Church in 1210 as the Order of Friars Minor, commonly known as Franciscans. He then known as the Order of St. Clare or Poor Clares. for those followers who were unable to take the their separate communities and took vows of



Francis is also known for preaching about said he preached not only to humans but also to our his companions of him preaching to the birds.

Francis is the first person recorded to have the stigmata and in 1220 he is the first person to celebrate Christmas using a Crèche, or Nativity scene. Accounts say live animals were used and the empty manger was used as an altar for Christmas services.

St. Francis died on October 3, 1226. He was declared a saint in 1228; his feast day is observed on the Sunday closest to October 4th. He is known as the patron saint of animals, the environment, Italy and the Cub Scouts, to name a few. St. Francis adopted the Tau cross as a personal symbol and it is still used today as a symbol for the religious orders he established.

You are invited to join St. John's in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, October 5th with a Blessing of the Animals; don't forget to bring your animal friends.



Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

This commemoration found in the Book of Common Prayer 1979



Western Massachusetts Takes Bold Environmental Stand

[Diocese of Western Massachusetts press release] The Trustees for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts passed a resolution at their meeting on August 27, 2014, “to reduce fossil fuel exposure and to invest in renewable energy projects as objectives for our portfolio going forward.” The initial reduction of the diocese’s and parishes’ investments in fossil fuels will be immediate [November 12, 2014], and the first step in an ongoing process to align their investments more closely with their Christian faith and values.

This resolution is the fruit of an eighteen-month process that was begun in February of 2013 and that was carried out with the full support of the bishop, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher. Under the leadership of Sue Ellen Lovejoy, President, the Trustees engaged in a lengthy period of research, prayer and discussion before voting to make this change to their investment portfolio.

They were aided in this dialogue by the Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Missioner for Creation Care. Deciding to redirect a portion of financial resources to renewable energy projects is a proactive, faith-based move that acknowledges that care of the earth is not an option but a moral imperative. As the resolution states in the opening paragraph, “Scripture tells us that all the world is God’s precious creation, and our place within it is to respect and care for its health.

We therefore have a spiritual and moral obligation not to profit from damage inflicted on God’s creation by the

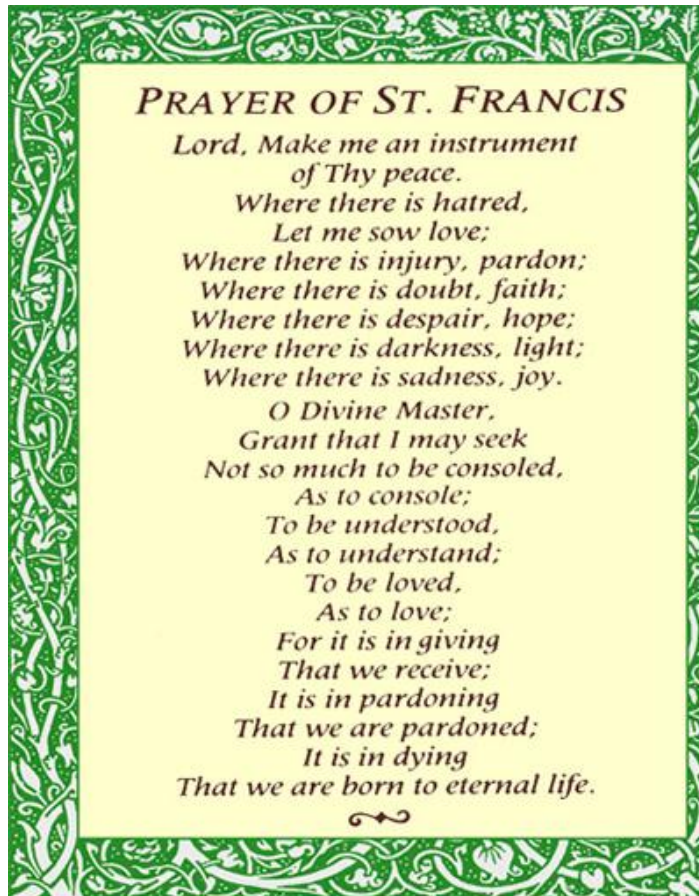
production and use of fuels that hurt the environment, and a corresponding obligation to seek out and invest in ways to promote its healing and health.”ⁱ

Ms. Lovejoy stated that the Trustees took on this responsibility in sober appreciation of their fiduciary duty, in full understanding of the responsible leadership expected of their body, and in clear devotion to their Christian role as good stewards of God’s earth.

As a diocese committed to social justice, the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts is proud to be part of the growing movement of religious groups that have declared their commitment to reduce or eliminate holdings in fossil fuel companies. With the World Council of Churches, the United Church of Christ, the Unitarian Universalist Association, the Anglican Church in New Zealand and Polynesia, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, and many other regional and local religious groups worldwide, the diocese has made a thoughtful, prayerful decision to re-align its investments and to underscore the urgency of building a sustainable, just, and low-carbon future.

The Trustees for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, “Resolution,” August 27, 2014

You can read the full resolution on the link from “The Diocese in the News” web page.



World's largest climate action march: Episcopalians protest for change



Don Robinson, a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Northampton, Massachusetts, and a trustee of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, lifts his hands during a moment of silence at the People's Climate March Sept. 21, in New York, two days before the United Nations' Climate Summit commenced. Photo: Amy Sowder

[Episcopal News Service] Don Robinson's right hand gripped a leaf of curly kale, pointing it toward the sky as he lifted his eyes in silent prayer.

Robinson, from the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, stood among more than 200 Episcopalians and Anglicans from as far as Alabama, Oregon and South Africa, all squeezing into their designated patch of 58th Street in Midtown, Manhattan.

He stood for the human right to save Earth and all of its living things from the snowballing effects of climate change. "We have a responsibility as stewards of God's creation," Robinson said.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, more than 310,000 people of all faiths and none joined the People's Climate March, the largest demonstration for climate action in history, while a series of religious events included a multifaith evening service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York.

Episcopalians from across the nation and a few other countries joined the interfaith-themed section of the People's Climate March in New York Sept. 21, holding protest signs, carrying banners, singing, praying and chanting. Photo: Amy Sowder

The 2.2-mile march snaked from 93rd Street and Central Park West to Columbus Circle down through Times Square to 34th Street. Near the back, the Episcopal contingent held signs such as "There is no Planet B," "For Christ's Sake, Tax Carbon" and "I'm marching for wildlife (That means humans too)."

The march was endorsed by more than 1,200 organizations, including the nation's largest environmental organizations, labor unions, faith-based and social justice groups.

It's a movement spurring action much wider than New York, or even the U.S. More than 2,800 solidarity events unfolded in 166 countries, with demonstrations spanning from Sydney, Australia and Budapest, Hungary to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The global initiative was planned two days before the United Nations Climate Summit, convened by Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, kicked off Sept. 23 at the U.N. headquarters in Manhattan. The summit delayed the opening of the general debate by one day, to Wednesday, during the 69th session of the U.N. General Assembly, which extends from Sept. 16 to Oct. 1. Ban, who also participated in the march, invited leaders from government, finance, business and civil society to galvanize at the summit and bring bold action-oriented announcements that will reduce emissions, strengthen

climate resilience and mobilize political will for a meaningful legal agreement in Paris in 2015.

Besides Ban, some of the most well-known march participants were former Vice President Al Gore, musical legend Sting, and actors Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo.

Meanwhile, the leaders of the Episcopal and Lutheran churches together issued a pastoral message on climate change Sept. 19.

Climate change is "going to affect the poorest among us first," said Brother Bernard Delcourt from The Order of the Holy Cross, an Anglican Benedictine monastery in West Park, New York. "People who depend on natural resources for their livelihoods in developing countries are already being hit."

Lella Lowe, a member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Mobile, Alabama, scheduled her vacation to attend the march. She helped form the Mobile Environmental Justice Action Coalition to prevent Mobile from turning into a major transportation hub for tar sands oil.

"You either have a movement with money or a movement with people, and when you don't have the money, you have to motivate the people," Lowe said. "It's time to see our world as interconnected and that everything we do affects others. It's critical, and there's a lot of denial."

Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner was set to share her story at the U.N. Climate Summit's opening ceremony on Sept. 23. Two days earlier, the young mother from the Marshall Islands stood onstage among several activists at a pre-march press conference to tell the crowd how her home is in danger of disappearing due to rising seas caused by global warming. Her island is two feet above sea level.

"We need to act now. We cannot wait. We only have one land to call home. We need you," Jetnil-Kijiner said.

The People's Climate March in New York led by indigenous and frontline communities from across the globe to highlight the disproportionate impact of climate change – from communities hit hardest by Hurricane Sandy to those living near coal-fired power plants and oil refineries to people living in island nations already faced with evacuating their homes. Photo: Amy Sowder

During the march, people and groups with political, religious and other differences united around a common theme. Interfaith groups joined with scientists for "The Debate is Over" section. Other crowds included labor unions; environmental justice; renewable energy; food and water justice; anti-corporate campaigns; and indigenous communities.

In the interfaith section, Episcopalians marched with Jews, Baptists, Mennonites, agnostics, Quakers, ethical humanists, Presbyterians, Methodists, and Hare Krishnas.

An inflatable mosque floated near a wooden replica of Noah's Ark. Earth balloons bobbed over the sea of people.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration meteorologists announced last week that this summer was the hottest on record globally.

"Despite the U.N.'s efforts, member states have not done what needs to be done – not even close – and carbon levels are increasing, not decreasing. It's not only more worrisome than ever, it's morally wrong," said the Rev. Canon Jeff Gollhofer of St. John's Church in Ellenville, New York, and chairman of the executive group of the Episcopal Diocese of New York's Committee on the Environment.

Most of the problem, he said, is created by the energy policies in the world's three biggest economies with large population growth: the U.S., China and India.

Those countries need to figure out how to create more clean energy rather than burning fossil fuels, Gollhofer said, because creating energy requires a lot of water, "and we're seeing water shortages."

"We may be creating solutions that benefit the wealthy more than the poor," said Gollhofer, who attended the Stockholm International Water Institute's annual conference Aug. 31 to Sept. 5. "The moral issue is not whether climate change is real – most of the population knows this by now. It's what kind of debate we're having to create an economy based on human rights and sustainability for everyone to thrive."

The U.S. National Academy of Sciences released research in 2013 showing abrupt climate changes are already underway, while other potential threats are not as imminent. Warmer Arctic temperatures have caused a rapid decline in sea ice in the last decade. Rising sea levels threaten coastal regions and islands.

Academy scientists report that another abrupt change is underway: increased extinction pressure on plant and animal species due to the current pace of climate change, a warming event expected to increase over the next 30 to 80 years. The number of frost-free days, length and timing of growing seasons and the frequency and intensity of extreme events are examples of changes happening so rapidly that some species can neither move nor adapt fast enough. Combined with other sources of habitat loss, degradation and over-exploitation, the problem is even worse, according to the report.

Then there are the increasing periods of drought in western U.S., northern Iran and Africa. "The thing scientists are worried about most is the unpredictability. Because that's unmanageable," Gollhofer said.

"The carbon is just one issue. It's the indicator. It has to do with power, equality and justice. What kind of world do we want to live in?" Gollhofer asked.

While initial estimates of the People's Climate March in New York at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, calculated the crowd to be about 310,000, by 5 p.m. so many others streamed in that the final participation count neared 400,000 people. Photo: Amy Sowder

While legions swarmed the streets of Manhattan to send a message to members of the U.N., 30 faith leaders representing nine religious traditions signed their names to a statement calling for concrete actions to curb carbon emissions. The interfaith conference was co-hosted by the World Council of Churches, which includes 345 churches representing about 560 million Christians worldwide, and Religions for Peace, an interfaith coalition with members in more than 70 countries. Signatories hailed from 21 countries on six continents.

The march was particularly focused on highlighting the intersection between people's needs and climate change,

including housing, employment and education, said Elizabeth Yeampierre, executive director of Uprose, which helped lead the community response to Hurricane Sandy after it hit New York in October 2012.

"I think there is a fear of working with people from different communities," Yeampierre said.

"Regardless of what your field is, your passion, everyone is affected by climate change," she added, acknowledging that the disenfranchised and the country's top 1 percent are taking action, and doing it publicly.

Significant and far-reaching change all comes down to money and fossil fuel corporations make a lot of it, said Stanley Sturgill, a retired underground coal miner from Kentucky,

"But if we don't do something, we won't be able to breathe or have water. We're fighting over gas and oil, but soon we'll be fighting over water. Once you lose water, that's it."

The Rockefeller family, heirs to the Standard Oil Co. fortune, will divest their foundation's fossil fuel investments and put them into renewable energy sources, according to an announcement timed in conjunction with the People's Climate March and the U.N. Climate Summit.

Robinson, as he marched with his fellow Episcopalians and interfaith activists, said the Diocese of Western Massachusetts decided in early September to shift about 20 percent of its \$60 million of investments from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

"We took a vote after a long, hard debate. It reflects the bishop's commitment," Robinson said.

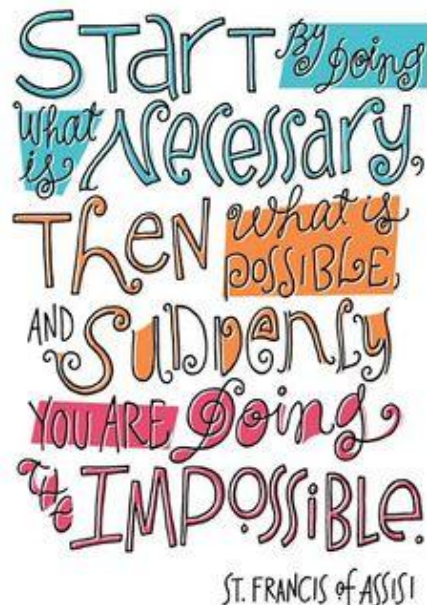
He traveled to the march on the "Episcopalians on a Journey of Hope" bus filled with more than 55 people from the Episcopal Church's Province 1 dioceses of New England. Organized by the Rev. Stephanie Johnson, the province's environmental stewardship minister, the bus picked up students from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

"I think this march can make a difference," Johnson said. "I've been working in the environment field for over 30 years, and I've never seen anything like this."

Marching near Robinson and Johnson, Anne Rowthorn, member of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Old Lyme, Connecticut, nodded in agreement.

"The No. 1 pro-life issue is the life of our planet," Rowthorn said. "It's the No. 1 issue of our time."

"We need to put our feet to the pavement to let our leaders know they have disappointed us. This is a message to those leaders meeting this week."





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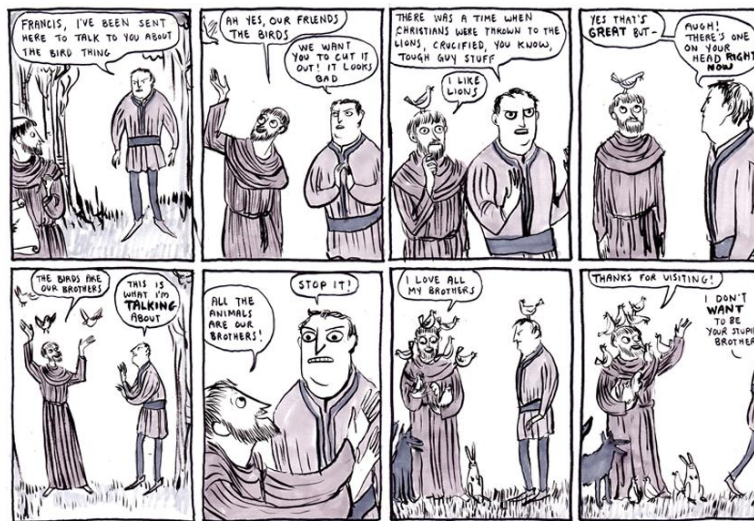
Diocesan Ministries

1. Fresh Start
2. The Rev. Tom Callard, Missioner for Hispanic/Latino Ministry
3. Grace Church, Chicopee – The Rev. Donna Larson
4. St. Mark's Church, East Longmeadow - The Rev. Peter Swarr
5. Good Shepherd, Clinton - The Rev. Dr. William Bergmann and Dcn. Donna Kingman
6. St. Christopher's, Fairview - The Rev. Scott Seabury
7. St. Paul's, Holyoke - The Rev. Barbara Thrall, Dcn. Ann Wood
8. World Mission
9. Bishop's Chaplain to Retired and Clergy families – The Rev. Jane Dunning
10. Hispanic Ministry in Diocese
11. Trinity, Milford - The Rev. Mac Murray
12. Trinity, Lenox - The Rev. Michael Tuck
13. St. Helena's Chapel, Lenox - The Rev. Daina Salnitis
14. Congregational Development Investment Team
15. Central and West Worcester Deanery - The Rev. Warren Hicks, Dean

Wider Mission

1. Anglican Fellowship of Prayer
2. United Thank Offering, Ms. Susan Howland
3. Episcopal Relief and Development Fund
4. The Church Home Society, Boston
5. Church Without Walls, Springfield
6. Repose for the soul of The Rt. Rev. Alexander Hamilton Vinton, I Bishop of Western Mass.
7. Hospital Ministry Program, Boston
8. Sherrill House, Boston
9. Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless, Worcester
10. Military Chaplains
11. Seminaries of the Episcopal Church
12. National Episcopal Historians and Archivists
13. Ministering to the Alcoholic, Blind, & Deaf
14. Mass. Council of Churches, The Rev. Laura Everett
15. Episcopal Church Building Fund

16. St. John's, Athol - The Rev. William Hobbs
17. The Rev. William Coyne, Missioner for Congregational Vitality
18. Christ Church, Fitchburg – The Revs. Bennett and Carolyn Jones
19. Church Musicians and Artists
20. St. Barnabas' and All Saints', Springfield – The Rev. Charles R. Summers
21. The Commission on Ministry -The Rev. Nancy Strong, Chair
22. Hampden Deanery - The Rev. Barbara Thrall, Dean
23. All Retired Clergy
24. St. Francis', Holden - The Revs. Randall Wilburn and Karen Safstrom
25. Trinity, Shrewsbury - The Rev. Dr. Erin Kirby
26. Christ Church, Rochdale – The Rev. Molly Scherm and Dcn. Audrey Cronin
27. St. Thomas', Auburn - The Rev. David Hall
28. Grace Church, Oxford - The Rev. Alfred TK Zadig
29. Commissions, Committees and Task Forces of the Diocese
30. Chancellor of the Diocese - Hamilton Doherty
31. The Board of Examining Chaplains, The Rev. Dr. Will Bergman, Chair
16. ONE Campaign
17. Ministering to people with Aids
18. Church Innovations
19. Open Pantry Community Services, Springfield
20. Ministering to people with Mental Illness and their families
21. Daily Bread Food Pantry, Milford
22. North Berkshire Community Action
23. St. Stephen's Table, Pittsfield
24. The Mission to Seafarers in North America & the Caribbean
25. Tough Love Program, Amherst
26. The Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Diocesan Missioner for Creation Care
27. Pittsfield Council of Churches
28. Greater Springfield Council of Churches
29. Massachusetts Inter-Faith Hospitality Network
30. Worcester County Ecumenical Work
31. Church Video & Film



The Canticle of Brother Sun

St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor,
and all blessing.



To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun,
who brings the day; and you give light through him.

And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!
Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon
and the stars, in heaven you formed them
clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which
You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you light the night and he is beautiful
and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will
find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord,
and give Him thanks
and serve Him with great humility.

AMEN



In the Hymnal 1982 there are 4 hymns whose words are attributed to St. Francis. The hymns 400, 406 and 407 are all based on the Canticle of Brother Sun; of these hymns 406 and 407 follow the words of the Canticle most closely. The fourth hymn is 593, based on the Prayer of St. Francis.



NOVEMBER 2nd!!!

October Calendar

2	9:30 am	Osteoporosis Class St. John's Corner	17	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner
	10:30 am	COA Outreach Counselling St. John's Corner	18	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Society of Companions of the Holy Cross St. John's Corner & Sanctuary
3	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner		10:00 am – 12:00 pm Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner
4	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner	19	10:00 am Eucharist Service
5	10:00 am	Eucharist Service	20	11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mother Woman St. John's Corner
6	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Mother Woman St. John's Corner	21	7:30 pm Al Anon St. John's Corner
7	7:30 pm	Al Anon St. John's Corner	22	9:30 am Play Group St. John's Corner
8	9:30 am	Play Group St. John's Corner		2:30 pm Food Pantry Congregational Church
9	2:30 pm	Food Pantry Congregational Church		4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner
10	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner	23	5:30 pm Centering Prayer St. John's Corner
11	5:30 pm	Centering Prayer St. John's Corner	24	9:30 am Osteoporosis Class St. John's Corner
12	9:30 am	Osteoporosis Class St. John's Corner	25	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner
13	9 & 10	Blueberry Cobbler Baking St. John's Corner	26	10:00 am – 12:00 pm Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner
14	 Fall Festival		27	10:00 am Eucharist Service Fall Clean-up
15	11 & 12		28	11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mother Woman St. John's Corner
16	12	9:00 am Eucharist Service	29	7:30 pm Al Anon St. John's Corner
	13	11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mother Woman St. John's Corner	30	9:30 am Play Group St. John's Corner
	14	7:30 pm Al Anon St. John's Corner	31	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner
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	17	5:30 pm Centering Prayer St. John's Corner		
	18	9:30 am Osteoporosis Class St. John's Corner		
	19	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm Double Edge Theater Studying St. John's Corner		
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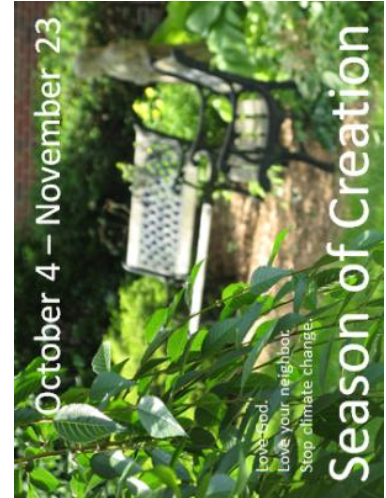
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