

<u>Sunday, July 7th</u>	<u>Upcoming Week</u>
8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00 am Spiritual Journey 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II	July 9 10:00 am Facebook Prayer
	July 10 9:00 am Facebook Liturgy
<i>The Nursery is open from 9:00 am - 12 pm every Sunday</i>	July 11 10:00 am Facebook Prayer
	July 13 9:00 am Food Pantry

Message from the Vestry

Expectations Might Matter

Think back to one of the best meals you ever had. It might not have been at the most highly rated restaurant you have ever been to. When we expect something to be amazing, we sometimes find it not to be as good as we anticipated. On the other hand, we can be pleasantly surprised by how good something is when we were only expecting something to be average. I had this experience myself this past year. I am really interested in pizza. I have a pizza oven and make pizza. There is a ranking of the 50 best Neapolitan pizza restaurants in the world. You may be surprised to learn that none of them are in Tallahassee. Not surprisingly, the number one and two rated pizza restaurants are both in Italy. But the third best pizza restaurant in the world is Una Pizza Napoletana in New York city. I took advantage of an opportunity to be in the city to go there. It is almost impossible to get a reservation. You have to get online at exactly the day and time that reservations for the evening you want open up. We managed to get a table right next to where the pizza was being made and the pizza indeed was very good. However, there is another pizza restaurant in New York City called Ribalta that is rated the 22nd best pizza restaurant in the world. We went there on another night, and I didn't expect it to be as good, but I actually liked it better.

What, you might be wondering, does pizza have to do with Holy Comforter? When I switched to Holy Comforter from another Episcopal church in town, I was struck by the way Father Jerry started the service by talking about expectations. He would say that God is longing to connect with you this morning. If you just are expecting a routine church service, that is probably what you will experience. But if you expect a genuine encounter with God, you might actually have one! I was pleased to find that Father Allen does the same thing. After the opening acclamation of "Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," to which we respond, "And blessed by His kingdom, now and forever. Amen," Father Allen welcomes everyone to church and then let's us know that that God is present this morning. He also adds something that relates to the theme for the day from either the readings or the occasion just before we begin the prayer "Almighty God, to you all hearts are open..." You might also notice that before the service, Father Allen gathers the clergy and servers together for prayer. Part of which routinely is thanking God for being here this morning with us.

Expectations might matter. If you come to church expecting to have an encounter with God, it just might happen.



Rick Wagner

Children's Ministry Announcement

Sunday School will not meet formally during July. Activities, snacks and games will be set out in the classroom beside the nursery where Ms. Arianna will be.

Packets will be on the round table in the narthex and should either be returned there after each service or left in the classroom for the next week.

Children have the option of picking up an activity packet and staying in church for the service or taking their activity packet to the classroom. Ushers should escort the children back in time for communion.

Sunday School will resume in August.

Joke: Why did the cellphone get glasses?

Riddle: What runs around the whole yard without moving?

Scroll to the bottom for answers



Worship Opportunities

Sunday Services

8 am, Rite I, Traditional

10:30 am, Rite II, Contemporary,
(Service live-streamed on YouTube)

Wednesday Service

3:00 pm @ Westminister Oaks
5:30 pm, Rite II, Contemporary

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