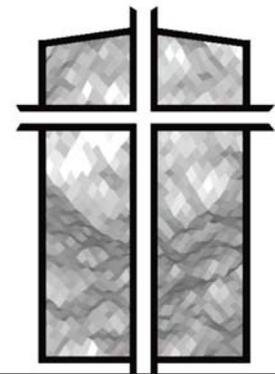


St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church

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You are invited to the livestreamed
ordination and consecration of

The Reverend Deon Kevin Johnson

as the 11th Bishop of
the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri

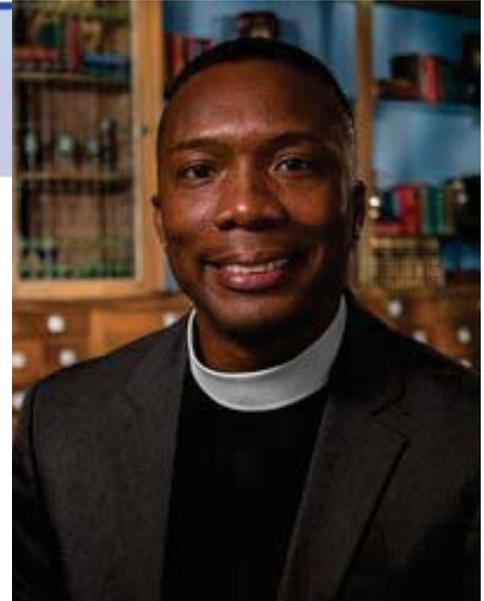
Saturday, June 13, 2020

11 a.m.

Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis

Watch on the diocesan website,
YouTube or Facebook

The Standing Committee requests
the honor of your presence.



Send us a photo from your Watch Party:

If we can't see your beautiful faces at the Cathedral, take a moment to snap a picture of yourself and anyone watching the consecration with you. Be sure to include the names of the people and the location of the picture.

[Submit your watch party pictures here.](https://www.dropbox.com/request/9KpAR0bwXXKckqVVPX1c) <https://www.dropbox.com/request/9KpAR0bwXXKckqVVPX1c>

The Deadline for submission is Tuesday, June 30



A Psalm of Lament in the time of COVID-19

by Bishop-elect Deon K. Johnson

*How lonely sits our neighborhood O God!
How we weep bitterly in the night!
Silent tears have become our song.
“Gone too soon,” has become our lament.*

*Our hearts are heavy and our souls cry out.
Our elders and our children, our neighbors and our friends are gone.
Our ancestors weep at the legacy of injustice, inequity, inequality.
Our young men and young women cannot breathe.
Our streets mourn; our doors are desolate; our leaders groan.*

*How long O Lord will you keep silent?
How long O Lord will our loved ones die alone?
How long O Lord will deadly pestilence ravage our people?
For these things we weep; our eyes flow with tears.*

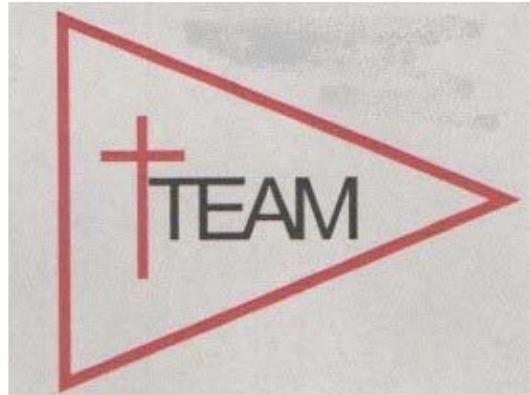
*Our elders sit in silence; our young bow their heads to the ground.
Weeping and wailing, despair and distress have become our companions.
We wait for a strong deliverer, one to revive us in hope.
Look to God and consider! Give ear O my soul and hear.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.*

*“I am your God and you are my people,” says our God,
“I will dry your tears and lift you up O my people.
I will turn your mourning in to dancing,
and your lament into songs of joy.
Turn again to joy, and exchange mourning for a song.”*

*Be still then, O my soul, take courage,
The God our Ancestors dwells with us
And in hope shall be our strength.*

STRUGGLING

TO MEET A GROWING NEED



The coronavirus pandemic has had an overwhelming effect on our community, as many members in our parish will have reason to know, and the financial impact of the necessary stay-at-home orders to slow the spread of COVID-19 has been significant. Sadly, it seems that the greatest impact has been on those who had the fewest resources to weather the crisis, with large proportions of poorer families experiencing pay cuts, furloughs, and layoffs. TEAM is among the service agencies struggling to meet the greater needs of North County residents for food and monetary assistance.

St. Barnabas' has been an important partner of TEAM for many years, but the closing of our building and our own dispersal has made that partnership harder to maintain. A special fundraising effort by Allyse Haefner with Fallon's Restaurant in Ellisville has helped significantly, but while we are making near-weekly deliveries to TEAM's offices, they are much smaller, and with the decrease in pledge receipts, so is our regular monetary support.

These are challenging times for everyone, including members of the parish, but with parents off work, and children home from school, the need of the poorest are critical. If you possibly can, please continue to make payments to the Hunger Fund, so that money can be sent to TEAM and Diocesan Task Force on Hunger. If it is no longer feasible to purchase food and paper items for direct donation, please consider adding the amount you would have spent to your pledge for hunger relief. And if you have missed the special blessing of remembering others when you do your shopping, consider dropping food off at the church or at the Grames' house. They can be left at the door at either location. Simply call me at (314) 838-7069, and your kind donation will be collected and delivered to TEAM.

Thank you and God bless you in these difficult times.

Ron Grames

Message from the Senior Warden



Dennis Haefner

Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

**I hope that you have a good Father's Day
and are able to do something fun!**

I was reminded of the gift of my father during a situation which occurred in early April of this year. I had some pork steaks that I wanted to put on the grill. Like many folks these days I have a propane grill. Yes, I know that all of you who subscribe to the purist charcoal briquette grill side, are now thinking of me with disdain. We can debate all day on the qualities of each type. We can save that for another day.

I fired up the grill to get it hot so I could get a nice brown sear on each side before reducing the heat and ore slowly cook them to perfection. I know your mouths are watering about now. Are they not? But wait, I discovered the propane tank was empty. Further anguish set in when I realized, I forgot to have the reserve tank filled. No big deal I thought. I still have time to run to Handyman Hardware to get the tank filled. But wait. We were in the midst of a stay at home order due to the Covid-19 pandemic. I was aware that they were open during that time but there was a limit on the number of people allowed in the store and waiting in line would really put a dent in the timeline to eating those perfectly grilled pork steaks. I soon remembered that I was storing a grill for a friend. One of those models that has propane on one side and charcoal on the other. That model is for those who are unable to choose a side in the debate. I could use the charcoal side of that grill to cook my pork steaks.

But alas, despair set in again because, I did not have any charcoal or lighter fluid. After pondering my predicament for a bit, I remembered that I had a nice size tree branch from the cherry tree in my front yard. The branch had been sitting and seasoning for a while. Not really sure why I was holding on to it. For those who believe in the power of fate, I suppose they would say, that the reason was that I would discover this situation. I got out my trusty axe and hatchet

and began splitting it into sizes which could be used in the grill. Ah, it was nice and dry. That would be important later. I then recalled from my youth the skills I learned as a Boy Scout, how to properly build a small fire. I began assembling the items. Paper, dry twigs, smaller pieces of the branch and then the larger pieces, which I had cut up earlier. I was ready to light the paper. The moment of truth had come Did my skills, learned as a Boy Scout, stick with me? I lit the paper and it began to burn. First, just the paper. But soon the dry twigs. Then the smaller pieces of the branch I cut up, the larger pieces. Soon I had a proper fire. At this point, I was very happy with myself. I placed the pork steaks on the grate and soon they were cooking nicely. Being that the wood was fairly dry, the fire tended to burn quickly and die down a bit, but after about an hour they were done. They turned out to be some of the best I have ever cooked. I was feeling rather proud of myself. And then I recalled the reason I had those skills: my dad took the time to be involved in my life and taught me about many things. For several years, he was the Scout Master of the troop I was in, but he also spent time with my brother and me, teaching us how to fish, fix things, and yes - how to build a proper fire without a chemical fire starter. I even felt his spirit was with me and helped me to remember what he had taught us.

These days, we recognize many people who are heroes: people who serve in the military, first responders, and healthcare workers. I am sure all of you Fathers, in some way have instilled your knowledge and skills in your children, hoping that they will continue this tradition of teaching and helping. To that I say you are all heroes. Of course, as are our mothers and grandparents, and any other person who takes time to teach our youth. But this month holds Father's Day, so I salute all of our dads. I can safely say that my dad was one of my greatest heroes.

ROAD CLOSURES on I-270



CURRENTLY I-270 - Eastbound I-270 off-ramp to Washington Street/Elizabeth Avenue closed until mid-2021.

FUTURE - Friday June 8: The northbound Highway 67 (Lindbergh Boulevard) ramp to westbound Interstate 270 will close. *Duration: 2 years*

Friday June 12: I-270 will close near Old Halls Ferry Road, bridge demolition.

Duration: 9 p.m. Friday June 12 through 5 a.m. Monday, June 15



CHURCH BELLS RANG

Church bells rang throughout Missouri at noon on Pentecost, May 31, 2020, to commemorate lives lost to COVID-19 and in thanksgiving for all essential workers putting themselves on the line for the sake of all during the pandemic.

Leaders from the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, the Diocese of West Missouri, the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy are asked all churches to ring their bells for one to two minutes at 12 p.m. on May 31. "Bells have been a part of the public witness of Christianity since the 6th Century and have continued to call the faithful to worship and to mark significant events in the life of the Church and the community," said the Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop-elect of the Diocese of Missouri. "It is my hope that in ringing bells on Pentecost, the birthday of the church, we can mark the significance of this present moment."

"As we take our first tentative steps away from self-isolation, it is important that we remember those who have suffered, lost their lives, and those who have worked ceaselessly to keep our society going," said the Rt. Rev. Martin Field, Bishop of the Diocese of West Missouri. "In ringing the church bells we are expressing our thanks and support to all who have served us so well and our care and our concern for all who have been impacted by the pandemic."



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The Episcopal Church Women Board
Invites All Women in the Diocese of Missouri to -

CONNECTIONS

**Living on the Fly:
Holy Humor and Absurdities**

**With guest speaker
The Rev. Dr. Maria Evans**

- * Zoom Meeting
- * June 10, 2020
- * 5:30 p.m.



The Rev. Dr. Maria Evans

There is nothing funny about COVID-19. However, coping when the world instantly changed has led to some absurd moments in our lives.

Humor is one of the ways we cope.

We found it in Biblical times and we find it now.

Grab your favorite beverage & snack and join us!

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcudeugpjsuE9wdfrol6X1YjW4-vDKmykO>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We hope this is a brief break for you from the chaos of your life and you leave feeling loved and heard in our circle of sisterhood.

Sometimes it is difficult to get away directly at 5:30 p.m.

We understand. Join us when you can!



BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

BG Garrett	June 10
Debbie Palmer	June 24
Julie Manton	June 29



PLEASE DONATE TO TEAM

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought financial burdens on so many families. We all have a chance to help them, especially those with children by donating either food or money to TEAM. I had a fairly large donation from a group and the woman in the TEAM office cried when it was given to her. Thank you!

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A monthly calendar and the serving schedules will be sent out separately as soon as we know when we will be resuming services. Sincerely, thank you for your support, patience and understanding during these unusual situations.