THE WHEEL

News from St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

AUGUST 2019

Dear People of St. Catherine's,

Last Saturday I found myself sitting on the steps of the pool at our clubhouse next to my grandson Liam. I am trying to teach him to swim! His sister now swims like a fish. Liam is more like a "splashing superhero", sure enough to splash with his feet, but not sure about going out into the deep with grandpa. But I told his parents that swimming is not an option in Florida. For children, it's a matter of life and death, so Liam will swim! Step by step, blowing bubbles, kicking his feet. Little by little he will also attain "fish" status like his sister.

I thought of Liam as I considered our life together at St. Catherine's during the next month. We will undertake two adventures that are basic, necessary and dazzling in their lasting impact on our lives.

On August 4, at the 10 a.m. Eucharist will baptize Julian. He's a small boy, not even ready to enter the pool. Except that he will enter the baptismal pool on that morning and be washed with the grace, love, mercy and joy of Christ. We who know how to swim in the baptismal waters must now swim with him, showing him how to blow bubbles, how to make a splash, how to launch out into the deep when that time comes. It's what we do as Christians. It's a matter of life and death. And I invite you to be with us on that great and glorious day to promise our support and encouragement to Julian as he embarks on his baptismal life.

Then, on August 11, at the 10 a.m. Eucharist, we will bless the children of St. Catherine's and their backpacks. We will salute them and encourage them as they "swim" into uncharted waters for the new school year. We will bless their teachers and all who assist them in this adventure, And we will bless backpacks filled with school supplies that will be given to children at Temple Terrace Elementary School who do not have "grandpa" to teach them to swim. So we stand with them and say "swim on, precious young people, we're with you."

There always comes a moment, when I have taught my children and grandchildren to swim, when I just need to say "you're swimming! You can do it." With my older son it was in a lake at Nashotah House seminary in Wisconsin. With my granddaughter it was when she swam the whole length of the pool by herself – "I thought you were behind me, grandpa!"

So we say to Julian – "you can do it, precious child. You can live the Christian life. We believe in you and God believes in you." So we say to the children of our parish and children in Temple Terrace School – and every school "you can do it, precious ones, you can learn. We believe in you and God believes in you."

And I want to say to all of you in this lovely congregation, "you can do it, precious people. You can live together in grace and joy, move forward in hope and all because I believe in you and God believes in you.

With watery hope,

Allen W. Farabee

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Senior Warden

"Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*." **The Book of Common Prayer**, p. 818.

The Work of DISCERNMENT continues!

On July 22, 2019, the Vestry met with The Rev'd Canon Richard Norman, Canon to the Ordinary. Canon Norman serves as our Diocesan Transition Officer during this Interim period. It was our second meeting with the Canon. After a light supper, the Canon led us in discussion. We began by asking, "How did we get here?" Our discussion was lively and heartfelt, but just a beginning. The biggest take-away for me was how imperative "Communication" is in the healthy life of a Parish. We vowed to work on communication, and acknowledged that our Website, for example, must be updated! We also learned of a ministry in the Episcopal Church called "Renewal Works," http://renewalworks.org/, and are in the process of learning more how this might benefit our Parish.

Last month when I described **"The Search Process,"** I outlined **STEP 7**, which included the formation of Subcommittees. **We are ready to form the Website Subcommittee**. With Brenda's help, I have already begun to make some changes, and Fr. Allen has written a letter which we will include, but much more work needs to be done. Our Parish Secretary and Vestry Clerk, Melinda Gibbs, has volunteered. Are there others? Please let me know as soon as possible because bringing current and maintaining the website, especially through the Interim period is of utmost importance, not just for us, as we seek to better our internal "Communication," but for any and all interested in knowing more about our wonderful Parish!

Other Parish "News"

At our first meeting with Canon Norman, we shared our desire for an **Interim Minister**, a skilled, trained priest who will be the "Rector in the Interim," with the rights and responsibilities normally accorded to the Rector (with the exception of tenure). We are actively searching in our discernment for an Interim Minister, someone who can help us evaluate our mission and ministry, someone who would be able to facilitate the developmental process of an Interim period.

We are so grateful for our faithful Associate Priest, **Fr. Allen Farabee** who has been with us formally since December, 2016, and continues to preach and celebrate at the 8:00am and 10:00am services. He even agreed to be Music Leader for the "Contemplative Service" in July when our Interim Organist/Choir Director, Linda Ruescher was away on vacation (and a fine job he did)! In addition, this past month, Fr. Allen chaired the Worship Commission Meeting and met with the Pastoral Care Commission. He continues to have **"Office Hours"** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:00am – 12:00pm. This past Tuesday, Fr. Allen and I, and fellow choir member, Paul Johnson said **"good-bye" to parishioner Sherra Parent** who is moving on after graduation from USF. We will miss her. Godspeed, Sherra!

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I want to thank our Vestry for all its work in Discernment, and in leading the efforts of our Commissions and Committees which continue to meet and plan and do for all of us at St. Catherine's. In particular, kudos to the Evangelism Commission and the many volunteers recruited for another fantastic Fourth of July celebration! If you haven't already, take a moment to acquaint yourself with your Vestry members, and the Commissions and Committees for which they are liaisons. Ask questions. Get involved! I would also like to thank our Junior Warden, Rick Schultz for all the work he and his Committee have been doing to maintain our buildings and grounds. Unless you've done it, you really have no idea what all this entails! We always want to put our best foot forward, and particularly during this Interim period. **Brenda Menendez**, our Financial Secretary continues to be a Godsend, however, she **will be on vacation August 3 – 10**. Please still email your requests, but know she cannot respond until after she returns.

I have very much appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk with you, to hear your concerns and hopes. I will continue to make myself available to you, although with summer almost over, at some time other than during the week day. We are all in ministry together here at St. Catherine's. May we continue to grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord, empowering each other to go forth to do the work we are all called to do.

In Christ's love,

Manon Alewynse

Senior Warden, (813) 507-1334; alewynse@verizon.net

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

Notes from the Junior Warden

As we are working our way through the hot summer, I thought I would continue with an update on your Jr. Warden's work and your Building and Grounds Committee.

Our ever faithful, John Grupposo, still has a paint brush in his hand and has completed the men's bathroom in the parish hall and is continuing on to the ladies bathroom and then to the rector's office. Thank you again, John.

Malcolm Gibbs and Marc Vanderveen came forward and volunteered to replace the damaged acoustical tiles in the storage areas. This is a big job and we really appreciate their efforts. We will continue around the building replacing any damaged tiles. Thanks to you guys for a job well done.

The water leak in the Koch Tower has been repaired and we are water tight. Dominic Valenti has done a terrific job of inventorying all of the items in the church valued over $500. We now have a copy for our safe, building & grounds, and finance which will be used in our annual audit for the diocese. Thanks to you Dominic for a huge job well done.

Andy Walsh continues to trim our bushes and tree limbs. We can now reach the flag pole without having to go through the tree limbs to raise and lower the flag. Andy, thanks.

Thanks to all the volunteers that keep St. Catherine's looking so great and making this a welcoming space.

Probably our biggest news is that the painting and pressure washing of the entire complex will be starting very soon. The finance committee and vestry have given us the go ahead. Watch for big changes.

Manon and I continue to work together to keep St. Catherine's moving forward.

Notes from the Treasurer

In this time of change and transition at St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church it is a good time to be made aware and reflect on the financial impact of all this change on our parish. The Vestry thought it a good idea to keep the congregation up to date on the current status of finances of our parish and the potential impact of the rector search process might have moving forward.

In the month of July the Vestry approved a transfer of $25,000 from the earnings of our Endowment Fund to be used to accomplish a major Buildings and Grounds project. This approved project is to paint the entirety of the exterior of the church. The Buildings and Grounds Committee received three bids to accomplish this work and is awaiting the transfer of the funds to begin work. This project will also include repair and replacement of some of the facia boards around the church but in particular some on the south side of the church which have been damaged and rotted by the years of wear and tear. This project will be scheduled to begin in the month of August. The completion of this project will add curb appeal to our building and facility at St. Catherine's moving forward.

The financial position of our parish continues to be positive. The total annual revenues for pledges through July is approximately $6500 less than budgeted, however total revenues are approximately a plus $1700 to budget. Total expenses are approximately $7000 less than budgeted. As discussed in last month article there will be some budgeted expenses moving forward that will be less (i.e. rector compensation). We are not yet certain what expenses for the interim rector will be required moving forward. Therefore, a forecast of what our finances will look like at the end of the year is still unknown at this time.

The most important thing we as a parish can do financially moving forward is to be sure to pay our pledge on time and keep informed and aware of what is happening in our parish. This is both a nervous time and an exciting time for each of us and it is important that we remain as one body in Christ.

Terry Bechtel

Treasurer

AROUND ST. CATHERINE'S

BINGO Family Fun Night

Friday
August 23
6-8 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!
$5 ENTRANCE FEE
BINGO CARDS
DINNER & SNACKS

Food, Fellowship, & Fun

Dinner: sandwiches, chicken, fruit,
cookies, snacks & drinks

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Attendance				
	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
8:00 AM	18	23	18	33
10:00 AM	73	67	76	92

Financials				
	May Budget	May Actual	Year to Date Budget	Year to Date Actual
Pledge Income	$ 21,583.33	$ 20,358.00	$ 129,499.98	$ 133,236.64
Other Income	$ 2,466.67	$ 18,243.00	$ 31,100.02	$ 47,784.59
Expenses	$ 33,333.89	$ 37,498.24	$ 177,406.34	$ 174,179.45
Net Total	-$ 9,283.89	$ 1,102.76	- $ 16,806.34	$ 6,841.78

Choir resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, August 14 at 7:30 pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome! Questions? Contact Linda at Linda.Ruescher@gmail.com.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

News from St. Catherine's

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Hello Everyone!

Looking forward to a great year!
See you Sunday!

Rachel

St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church

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Looking Ahead:

August 11

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday School Registration and Kick-off

Happening This Month

August 4
Planning Meeting with Sunday School Teachers
11:00

August 11
Blessing of the Backpacks;
Teacher Commissioning;
Registration and Kickoff Party

August 18
Sunday School Begins
Proper 15
"Risking the Choice to Change"

August 25
Proper 16
"You Are Free"

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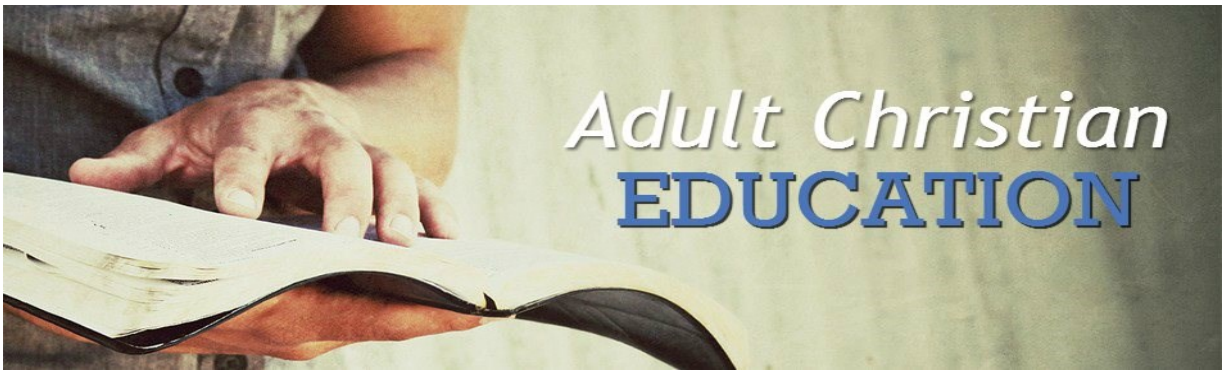
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Please join us on Facebook for a weeklong discussion/blog

"Adult Christian Education @ St. Catherine's"

and click on "Join Group"

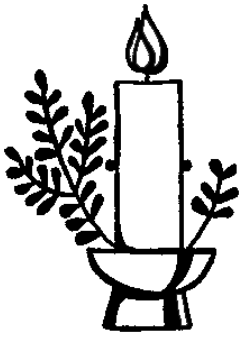
Service Schedule

	August 4		August 11		August 18		August 25	
	8:00am	10:00am	8:00am	10:00am	8:00am	10:00am	8:00am	10:00am
Preacher	The Rev. Allen W. Farabee		The Rev. Allen W. Farabee		The Rev. Allen W. Farabee		The Rev. Allen W. Farabee	
LEM	Bernice Hull	Phil Channell	Ronelle Norris	Terry Bechtel	Ronelle Norris	Joan Kaywell	Diana Grupposo	Rory Eubank
LEM	Sandra Sharma	Manon Alewynse	Bernice Hull	Catherine Temple	Lois Gonzalez	Paul Johnson	Susan Gough	DeeDee Schatzberg
Prayers of the People	JoAnn Ruger	Ned Averill-Snell	Don Prosser	Jeanne Willis	Clara Arrington	Jess Wiggins	Nelson Gough	Jo Averill-Snell
Acolyte		Maddie Gibbs		Michael Quire		Kevin Carpenter		Michael Grant
Acolyte		Ashley Riefler		Abigail Kolka		Kiersten Carpenter		Kate Grant
Acolyte				Bridgette Kolka				Ashley Riefler
Usher	Clara Arrington	Juana Delgado-Miller	Walt Williams	Milton Temple	Don Clark	Rick Scott	Clara Arrington	Terry Bechtel
Usher		Melinda Gibbs		Catherine Temple		Bea Scott		Carol Bechtel
Greeter	Anna Allen	Libbet Jenkins	Nelson Gough		Chris Conn	Juana Delgado-Miller	Al Berman	Amy Carpenter
Greeter			Susan Gough				Patty Berman	
Altar Guild	Diana Grupposo		Ronelle Norris		Renee Stembridge		Ellen Buckley	
Altar Guild	Kelly Hancock		Brenda Hunter		JoAnn Ruger		Lagretta Lenker	
Altar Guild	Louise Channell		Carol Horn		Bernice Hull		Patti Hansen	
Altar Guild	Leslie Provence		Suzette Lemrow		Phil Channell		Corrine Cherpak	
Vestry Closer	Paul Johnson		Brenda Hunter		Anne Hocutt		Manon Alewynse	
Announcements	Bernice Hull	Paul Johnson	Susan Gough	Brenda Hunter	Renee Stembridge	Anne Hocutt	Manon Alewynse	Manon Alewynse
Counters	Rick Schultz & Terry Bechtel		Terry Bechtel & JoAnn Ruger		Terry Bechtel & JoAnn Ruger		JoAnn Ruger & Paul Johnson	

There are open dates for the Altar flowers. This is a beautiful way to remember our loved ones and to celebrate our families and friends.

Donation for the flowers is $50.

		October 6, 2019	*still available*
		October 13, 2019	*still available*
		October 20, 2019	*still available*
		October 27, 2019	*still available*
August 4, 2019	**Eleanor Wells**	November 3, 2019	**Catherine Temple**
August 11, 2019	*still available*	November 10, 2019	*still available*
August 18, 2019	**Catherine Temple**	November 17, 2019	**Sandy Boehning**
August 25, 2019	**DeeDee Schatzberg**	November 24, 2019	**Corrine Cherpak**
September 1, 2019	**Sandy Boehning**	December 1, 2019	**Bernice Hull**
September 8, 2019	**Mattison**	December 8, 2019	*still available*
September 15, 2019	**Bernice Hull**	December 15, 2019	**Eleanor Wells**
September 22, 2019	**Morgan Miller**	December 22, 2019	*still available*
September 29, 2019	**Joyce Neville**	December 29, 2019	*still available*



SANCTUARY CANDLE

A powerful way to remember our loved ones and to celebrate our families and friends. Donation for the candle is $10.

August 4, 2019	***still available***
August 11, 2019	**Sandy Boehning**
August 18, 2019	**Catherine Temple**
August 25, 2019	***still available***
September 1, 2019	**Sandy Boehning**
September 8, 2019	**Catherine Temple**
September 15, 2019	***still available***
September 22, 2019	***still available***
September 29, 2019	**Joyce Neville**
October 6, 2019	***still available***
October 13, 2019	***still available***
October 20, 2019	**Sandy Boehning**
October 27, 2019	***still available***
November 3, 2019	**Sue Scully**
November 10, 2019	**Sue Scully**
November 17, 2019	**Sue Scully**
November 24, 2019	**Sue Scully**
December 1, 2019	***still available***
December 8, 2019	**Catherine Temple**
December 15, 2019	**Catherine Temple**
December 22, 2019	***still available***
December 29, 2019	***still available***

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August Birthdays

Donna LaMetterey	8/1	Geoffrey Roberts	8/23
Jennifer Manning	8/3	Catherine Temple	8/24
Gene Edwards	8/6	Jeanne Willis	8/24
Chelsea Arrington	8/8	Diane Roberts	8/24
Stephen Kaywell	8/8	Iliene Page	8/25
Jake Schaffer	8/9	Judy Brown	8/26
Corbin Cepero	8/9	Mary Reid	8/27
TC Kaiser	8/10	Hilda Hendrickson	8/28
Lora Leiter	8/11	Logan Alderman	8/28
Amelia Boehning	8/11	James Whittemore	8/29
Jennifer Cook	8/15	Brittany Williams	8/29
Sandra Boehning	8/16	Dawn Headland	8/30
Tiffany Grant	8/16	Anne Evans	8/30
Charles Kimball	8/18	Laura Schaffer	8/30
Madeline Gibbs	8/18	Marta Tyler	8/31

August Anniversaries

Mark & Lagretta Lenker	**8/2**
Dennis & Ann Rezabek	**8/5**
Richard & Bea Scott	**8/5**
Douglas & Elizabeth Riefler	**8/16**
Richard & Katy Saunders	**8/16**
Milton & Catherine Temple	**8/23**
Marty & Monica Mantia	**8/27**
Glenn & DeeDee Schatzberg	**8/29**

Directory Changes

Please inform the Church Office of any changes in your address, phone number or e-mail. If your birthday or anniversary is not included in the celebration list, it is because we do not have that information. Please call the church office, at 813-988-6483 or email Brenda@stcathtt.org to update. Thank you!

Directory Updates

We will keep a running list for corrections to the directory.
NEW changes will be in RED with a star.

Jim Burns - Cell phone 813-766-8458

Al & Lou Currie - Address: 4000 E. Fletcher Avenue Apt. E-107, Tampa FL 33613

JoAnn Ruger - email - jruger@gmail.com

Sue Scully - no home phone, email; susandscully@me.com

HOSPITAL VISITS / PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Please let us know if you or other parishioners are in the hospital, so that we can visit.

The Church office is open Monday – Thursday, 8:00am until 2:00pm

For pastoral emergencies every day, call the Associate Priest –

The Rev. Allen W. Farabee - 716-400-7593.

Any other questions or concerns, contact the Senior Warden, Manon Alewynse, 813-507-1334.

For Building & Grounds concerns, please contact Rick Schultz, 813-598-3289.

Church E-Mail List

We communicate about events and things of interest to our parishioners via e-mail. If you would like to be on this list, please write your name on a Church service bulletin and give it to an usher after the service, or call the church office. We will not share this information with anyone.

Find us on Facebook!

Search for "St. Catherine of Alexandria Episcopal Church", or use the link from our website: http://www.stcathtt.org/
If you are on Facebook, click "like" and pass the word!! Post pictures and comment and the page will have a wider audience. We have a policy of not putting children/youth names with pictures on the internet, so do not tag anyone under 18 in a photo, please.

The Rewarding Formula:

Go to www.stcathtt.org + hover over the Welcome button in the blue bar at the top of the page, then click Resources, then click on the Amazon.com button = commissions for St. Catherine's at no extra cost to you!

St. Catherine's School of Fine Arts

The School of Fine Arts offers music lessons for all ages and levels. Lessons are available for piano, voice, and more. In addition, St. Catherine's hosts a summer fine arts camp. To get more info, please contact the School of Fine Arts Director, Becky Brall at 813-748-6668, Rebekah.brall@gmail.com or St. Catherine's at 813-988-6483. Becky has her Master's in Piano from USF and has been director of the School of Fine Arts for over 5 years.

Becky Brall - SoFA Director

Brandon Baltodano - piano

Alex Gendron - piano

Jordan Houk - piano

Our mission is to expand community experience of the arts through quality music, art and drama education and enrichment. We are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, while fostering a love and enjoyment of great music, art and drama.

August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 12 Step Group Meeting Schedule **1:00 PM** AA Meeting **4:00 PM** OA Meeting **5:30 PM** 12 Step Meeting				1 **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **8:00 PM** AA Meeting	2 **7:30 PM** AA Meeting **RECORDING IN SANCTUARY**	3 **9:00 AM** Tai Chi **10:00 AM** OA Meeting **12:00 PM** AA Meeting
4 **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite **9:00 AM** Christian Education **10:00 AM** Children's Chapel **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II **11:30 AM** Commission Meeting	5 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	6 **7:00 PM** OA Meeting **7:00 PM** Boy Scouts **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	7 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **6:30 PM** Commission Meetings **7:00 PM** Tai Chi	8 **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **7:00 PM** Contemplative Service **8:00 PM** AA Meeting	9 **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	10 **9:00 AM** Tai Chi **10:00 AM** OA Meeting **12:00 PM** AA Meeting **3:00 PM** Wisdom Practice Circle
11 **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite **9:00 AM** Christian Education **10:00 AM** Children's Chapel **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II **11:30 AM** Education Meeting	12 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	13 **7:00 PM** OA Meeting **7:00 PM** Boy Scouts **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	14 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **6:30 PM** Committee Meetings **7:00 PM** Tai Chi	15 **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **8:00 PM** AA Meeting	16 **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	17 **9:00 AM** Tai Chi **10:00 AM** OA Meeting **12:00 PM** AA Meeting
18 **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite **9:00 AM** Christian Education **10:00 AM** Children's Chapel **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II	19 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	20 **7:00 PM** OA Meeting **7:00 PM** Boy Scouts **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	21 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **12:00 PM** Lunch Bunch **6:30 PM** Vestry Meeting **7:00 PM** Tai Chi	22 **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **8:00 PM** AA Meeting	23 **6:00 PM** Bingo **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	24 **9:00 AM** Tai Chi **10:00 AM** OA Meeting **12:00 PM** AA Meeting
25 **8:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite **10:00 AM** Children's Chapel **10:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II	26 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	27 **7:00 PM** OA Meeting **7:00 PM** Boy Scouts **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	28 **11:00 AM** Tai Chi **1:00 PM** Lunch Bunch **7:00 PM** Tai Chi	29 **6:30 PM** Tai Chi **8:00 PM** AA Meeting	30 **7:30 PM** AA Meeting	31 **9:00 AM** Tai Chi **10:00 AM** OA Meeting **12:00 PM** AA Meeting

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday - 9:00AM—12:00PM

Worship Services at St. Catherine's

Sunday 8:00AM—Holy Communion Rite I

Sunday 10:00AM—Holy Communion Rite II

Sunday 10:00AM—Children's Chapel

Second Thursday 7:00PM—Contemplative Service

Sunday 9:00AM—Education Hour for All Ages