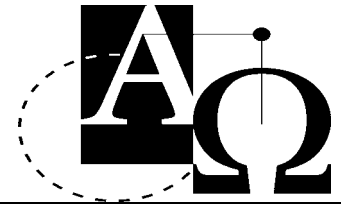


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June 2009

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Regular Events...

Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9:15
- Spanish Eucharist 12 pm
- Spanish Bible Study 1:30

Monday

- Quilting Group 6:30 pm
- Narcotics Anonymous 7

Tuesday

- Men's Social, St Luke's 10
- Exercise 10 am & 6 pm
- Spanish Choir Practice 5
- Tap Dance 6 pm

Wednesday

- Holy Eucharist 6 pm,

Thursday

- Holy Eucharist, St Luke's 2 pm
- Friends Anonymous 4 pm
- Exercise 10 am & 6 pm

Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10 am

Saturday

- Holy Eucharist 5 pm
- Spanish Family Prayer, Spencer Hall 7 pm

June Coffee Hosts

Glenda Erwin

Dr. Paul Carr

Please begin praying for the upcoming General Convention of the Church, to be held in Anaheim, California, from July 8-18. This triennial event is the governing body of The Episcopal Church, and will decide policy for the next three years of ministry and mission.

From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

June is traditionally the month for weddings—a custom we're observing with a vengeance at Grace Church. I believe we have five scheduled in the coming weeks, which is some kind of record. June this year is also the month in which we will observe Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. These two concepts, marriage and Trinity, are intimately related.

A marriage, when it is at its best, is an opportunity for the world to experience something profoundly spiritual. The simple fact that a marriage, when it isn't working so well, causes such pain points out that all of us place immense value on the ideal of marriage. And that ideal is all about love, specifically the unifying power of love. The "perfect couple" may be many things, but they will never be identical—they come from different histories and experiences, have different preconceptions and blind spots. No matter how alike we are, we are also always profoundly different from one another.

And yet. And yet, we still long to be so tied up in love that we feel, even fleetingly, "one in heart, body and mind," as the Prayer Book order for marriage so beautifully says. Marital love doesn't erase our differences—but sometimes, spectacularly, it can so unite us that they become occasions for joy and not for division.

That, I think, is what the Trinity is. God is an eternal community—the Son isn't the Father isn't the Spirit isn't the Son, and yet, God is love and God is one. It is the love of God which takes differences and make unity without uniformity. In theological language, we'd say God has three Persons and one Substance. In marital language, we'd say the Holy Trinity is "one in heart, body and mind." (Not that any of those words applies that well to God, but you get the point.)

Our human relationships have eternal significance. Our marriages are icons of the Trinity, when they are working at top form, revealing to the world how love really works, how it unites but does not homogenize. How much safer would the world be if every love, every romance, started with accepting that my beloved and I are simply not ever going to be the same, that our differences are halloved? Our parental and childish relationships too are Scriptural icons through which we glimpse God Who is Father and Son. So too, the mystery of the Church, which is not an institution but a Body of varied parts, a set of branches on a Vine.

Who we are together says much about Who we believe God to be. So, as you listen to vows and watch kisses this month of marriages, remember this: You are God's beloved. Oh, that He might kiss you with the kisses of His mouth...for God's love is sweeter by far than honey in the comb.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Christopher Palma
- 2 Gerri Green
- 3 Christa Kirk
- 4 Ann Curtis
- 5 Jimmy Slates
- 6 Carter Hensley
- 7 Alex Wiedemann
- 8 Susan Young, Paul Hauser, Carmen Lee
- 9 Mark Sponaugle, Beth Simmons, Adam Hertzberg
- 10 Chris Orr, Shirley Pace, George Conrace, Chris Rogers
- 11 Dick Ralston
- 13 Vi Wampler, Oliver Sprengle, Robert Washburn
- 14 Sandy Spradling
- 15 Susan Conrace
- 16 Jose Palma Jr
- 17 Amy Grimes, Fr Fred Taylor
- 18 Melinda Wilson
- 19 Michelle Sexton
- 21 Matt Anderson, Betty Carpenter
- 22 Justin Slates, Savannah Charleston
- 23 Dennis Convrow, Eric Kellstadt
- 24 Marsha Kirk, Caryl MacMorran
- 27 Wade Hamilton, Karen Washburn, Steven Goodman
- 29 Paul Dunaway, Michael Anderson
- 30 Miles Putnam

Anniversaries

- 1 Joe & Marsha Kirk
- 4 Jim & Sandy Spradling
- 6 Claude & Karen Newport
- 7 Joel & Melissa Erdman, David & Debbie Hertzberg
- 10 Mike & Latoyia Robertson, Michael & Jeanne Goolsby
- 18 Ron & Crystal Stiles, Rebekah & Frank Casillas
- 19 Bob & Sue Anderson
- 22 Ladell & Becky Neal
- 24 Kevin & Ann Curtis, Bob & Ann Carter
- 30 Wesley & Jackie Campbell

OUTREACH

QUARTER TUBE

At the close of May we have completed our \$300 goal for goats and chicks for villages in Afghanistan. Animals continue to 'march' around the world on five continents due to your generous gifts. Many thanks for your generosity!

ST LUKE'S NEEDS

Join us for men's fellowship each Tuesday morning at St. Luke's Nursing Center at 10 a.m. See Chuck Erwin or Dale Hopp for details. **Each Sat morning, we need volunteer bingo callers** to help with the social highlight of the weekend at St. Luke's. See Richard Roske for details.

NEARLY NEW

Many of our outreach projects are funded by the sale of gently used clothing at the Nearly New Shop. We encourage you to speak to Cindy Chilton or Carolyn Cole about donations (you can receive money back on consignment or make a tax-deductible contribution) or to volunteer for a 3-hour shift once a month. This shop provides many in our community with clothing that would otherwise be unaffordable.

FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

MOVIE NIGHT

Join us on Friday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. for the blockbuster 2008 movie, "Doubt," starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman. This film, set in a Civil Rights era Roman Catholic school, is rated PG-13. Report the awards won by this film for a bag of popcorn! Bring a snack and a friend!

ANGLICAN ANGELS

Join our Episcopal motorcycle gang us as we ride on Sunday, June 21. Meet in the parking lot at 1 pm. Future dates: July 19, Aug 16.

SOFTBALL

See the calendar for times for our Tuesday night Church league softball, and turn out to cheer them on to victory! June 2, 7:30 p.m. versus Knights of Columbus; June 9, 8:30 p.m. versus Good Shepherd Lutheran; June 16, 6:30 p.m. versus Fairview Christian; June 23, 7:30 p.m. versus Forest Park Baptist.

BBQ in JULY

Get ready for a rip-roaring barbecue (chicken, pork & beef on Sat, July 25), from 6-7:30. This is a fundraiser for our youth pilgrimage next summer.

The Parish Prayer List

Betty Carpenter, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Muriel Hallam, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Carolene Kelly, Juanita Pence, Harley Madsen, Evelyn Jackson, Kay McNew, Michelle Short, Patty Fasken, Lois Raschke

Edith Pemberton, Gerri Green, Earlene Evans, Philip Byrd, Alicia Wilkowski, Tom Adams, Ruby Wilson, Clifford Bell, Bob Erwin, Carolyn Ford, Peter Frame, Marie Wilson, Susan Baize, Rick Mammen, Kelly Pierce, Mark Guideon, Alex Brock, Tad Herz, Dwayne, Teresa Reeder, Shawnda Eley

(Military service) Dane Bell, Ben Killman, Ethan Feurborn, Gary Welch, Jeffrey, Eric Leek, Jake Douglas, Randy Ayers, Gary Pieschel, Trevor Shields, Grant Stevens, Jake Evans, Rich Jones, Rick Frink, Jason Reynolds, Trey Schesser, Ladell Neal, Ed Kvam

Please pray for **St. Luke's** Nursing Center, and **Fr. Dan Erdman**, their chaplain. Pray for our Haitian sister parishes, **Sts. Philip & James** in Trou Jacques and **St. Andrew** in Marcabee.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Please note that we are praying for parishes of our companion diocese of Botswana as well!

TRINITY SUNDAY: Liberty, Grace Church, The Very Rev Susan G McCann, Rector; Congregational Development/Rural & Small Town Context Committee
Rt. Rev. Theophilus Naledi, Assistant Bishop of Botswana

II PENTECOST: Marshall, Trinity Church (NE Regional Ministry), *Holy Cross Cathedral, Gaborone Botswana*
Dr. David Mongezi Guma, Dean/Vicar General, Canon Dr. Howard Moffat

III PENTECOST: Maryville, St Paul's Church, (Sacred Hills Regional Ministry), *St. Patrick & St. Carantoc, Francistown, Ven. Dr. Archford Musodza, Archdeacon North*

IV PENTECOST: Monett, St Stephen's Church, The Rev Katherine Calore, Priest In Charge, *St. Peter, Mogoditshane, The Ven. Andrew Mudereri, Archdeacon South*

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Ogoni, Oji River, Osun, Okigwe North, Okigwe South, Okrika, "On the Niger," Ondo, Orlu, Osun, Oturkpo, Owerri, Owo, Oyo (Nigeria), Ohio, Oklahoma, Olympia (*western Washington State*), Oregon, Pennsylvania (USA), Okinawa, Osaka (Japan), Ontario, Ottawa (Canada), Oxford (England), Panama (Central America), Paraguay (South America), Patna (North India), Pelotas (Brazil)

Transitions, April 2009

New Addresses/ Directory Changes

Mike Sneed, 1224 S. Maple, Carthage

Congratulations

To our Sexton, **Rita Burken**, on the birth of her granddaughter, Aliyah Hill, on May 20. 20 inches, 7 lbs, 5 oz.

To Donald Wagner and Jessica Carver, both of Webb City, married on May 16

To **Stacey Perry** of this parish and Cruz Sanchez of Arkansas, married on May 23

To **Mariah Marsden**, our parish's sole graduating high school senior, who will be enrolled in William Jewell next year

To **John Conrace (MSSU)**, **Theo Estes (Truman State)**, **Teresa Stone (KU)**, **Brooke Wampler Gavino (Arizona State)** who graduated from college this month, and **Grant Williams**, who graduated from Drexel University Medical School

To Kelsy Campbell, granddaughter of **Fred & Opal Faye**, who graduated from high school in North Carolina

To Pat & **Carolyn Phelps**, the McCune Brooks Humanitarians of the Year

To **Dr. Dorothy Bay**, MSSU's International Teacher of the Year

To **Kenny Johnson**, the National American Public Power Association Public Official of the Year

To **Madi Kyger, Drew Longan, Savannah Orr, Chase Pitner, Doug Snodgrass and Kaylee Washburn**, this year's Grace Church scholarship recipients.

Banns of Marriage

The Rector publishes the banns of marriage between **Dennis Connell** of this parish and Julie Stebbins of Diamond. Nuptials are to be solemnized at St. Luke's on Friday, June 12. This is the third & final time of asking, and also...

between **Flynn Mountjoy** of this parish and Andrea Anestis of Garden Grove, CA. Nuptials are to be solemnized on Sat, Sept 5. This is the third & final time of asking, and also...

between **Blake Ferguson** of this parish and Molly Hubbard of Neosho. Nuptials are to be solemnized on Sat, June 27. This is the third & final time of asking.

FROM the PARISH NURSE: Barbara Mountjoy, RN

I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you about my new spiritual journey. I have been accepted as an applicant to an Episcopal Community - The Worker Sisters and Brothers of the Holy Spirit. My friend, Margie Tucker is a member of this group and encouraged me to learn more about it, and begin to pray about the possibility of becoming a member. Well, I have done that and have made application to the community and have been accepted as an "Applicant". The journey, before becoming a Worker Sister, can be quite long. I have a good deal of study to satisfactorily complete before that occurs. So, I am doing a good bit of reading about the Holy Spirit and thought I would share some of what I am learning with you.

The Bible doesn't have a section on the Holy Spirit, we see it here and there from the beginning to the end of this Holy book. The Jewish Scriptures declare that the Spirit of God was at work in the creation of the world, giving life to plants, animals, and humans. The leaders of Israel were given power and direction by the Spirit, including Moses and the seventy-two leaders chosen to help him. Gideon and Kings Saul and David had the gift of Holy Spirit, but Saul had it taken away after his disobedience. Earlier prophets like Elijah and Elisha were given the power of the Holy Spirit, and later ones like Isaiah and Ezekiel were guided by the Spirit of God and given messages for the people. The Lord promised to give his Spirit and message to his people so that they would become eager to obey God's law and teachings.

For the writers of the New Testament, Jesus is seen as the one who fulfills the vision that inspired the prophets. Luke reports that an angel told Mary that the Holy Spirit would come down to her, and God's power would come over her and that her child, Jesus, would be called the holy Son of God. The Holy Spirit was at Christ's baptism and Christ told his disciples he would send the Holy Spirit to them.

The book of Acts shows that the spirit is the power behind the church's growth. The Spirit gave the disciples power to testify about Jesus. He gave the disciples great boldness in preaching Christ. He gave instructions to Philip regarding the Ethiopian eunuch and later transported him. The Spirit encouraged the church and set leaders in it. He spoke to Peter and to the Church in Antioch. He inspired Agabus to predict a famine and Paul to pronounce a curse. He led Paul and Barnabas on their journeys and helped the Jerusalem council come to a decision. The church existed and grew only through the Spirit working in the believers.

And according to the Bible the Holy Spirit is intimately involved in our lives today. He leads us to repentance and gives us new life. He lives within us, teaches us and leads us through Scripture, prayer and other people. He is the spirit of wisdom, helping us look at choices with confidence, love and self-control. Paul tells us the Spirit circumcises our hearts, seals us and sanctifies us, setting us apart for God's purpose. He produces in us love and righteousness. We are to worship God "by the Spirit," with our minds set on what the Spirit wants.

One author I will quote stated that, "the Holy Spirit is God at work in our lives. Everything God does is done through his Spirit." Paul encourages us: Let us keep in step with the Spirit... Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God... Do not put out the Spirit's fire." In summary, be attentive to the Holy Spirit. And, may I ask you to ask the Holy Spirit to bless my journey.

Nurse Barbara

McCune Brooks Hospital offers a special \$10 PSA screening for men at their outpatient lab Mon-Fri, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., throughout June. PSA is one of the most significant early indicators for prostate cancer. Typically, men whose prostate cancer is detected through screening are found to have very early-stage disease that can be treated most effectively. The American Cancer Society recommends PSA tests annually for men over age 50 or, for men with high risks such as African American or men with strong family history of prostate cancer, starting at age 45.

June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Season: Pentecost Color: Green (except June 1 & 24, white, & June 11 & 29, red)	1 Visitation (transferred)	2 <u>Martyrs of Lyons</u> 6:30 St Catherine's Guild at McGuire home 7:30 Softball (Knights of Columbus)	3 <u>Ugandan Martyrs</u> / Ember Day	4 <u>The First Book of Common Prayer</u>	5 <u>Boniface, Archbishop</u> / Ember Day	6 Ember Day
7 Trinity Sunday	8	9 <u>Columba, Abbot</u> 8:30 Softball (Good Shepherd Lutheran)	10 <u>Ephrem of Edessa</u> 1 St Martha's Guild at Sassy Spoon	11 St Barnabas, Apostle	12 <u>Enmegabbowb, Missionary</u> 1 Wedding (St Luke's)	13 10-12 Pack Military Care Packages
14 II Pentecost Proper 6	15 <u>Evelyn Underhill</u>	16 <u>Joseph Butler, Bishop</u> 6:30 Softball (Fairview Christian) 7 Vestry	17	18 <u>Bernard Miszki, Martyr</u>	19 6:30 Movie Night: "Doubt"	20 2 Wedding
21 III Pentecost/Father's Day: Proper 7 1 Anglican Angels 2-4 Garden Party	22 <u>Alban, Martyr</u>	23 7:30 Softball (Forest Park Baptist)	24 Nativity of John the Baptist	25	26	27 10:30 Wedding (home) 3 Wedding
28 IV Pentecost Proper 8	29 <u>St Peter and St Paul, Apostles</u>	30		<u>What does "proper 6" mean on Sundays?</u> The number of Sundays after Pentecost depends on the date of Easter, which moves. The earliest possible date for a Sunday after Pentecost is the weekend of May 11—proper 1. This year we start six weeks after that date.		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 a.m. Acolyte Practice 12 pm Spanish Eucharist	6pm Quilting Group 7 pm NA "Clergy day off"	10 am Men's Social Hour, St Luke's Exercise 10 am & 6 pm 6 pm Tap Dance 7 pm Spanish	5:30 p.m. Choir 6 pm Holy Eucharist	2 pm St Luke's Eucharist Exercise 10 am & 6 pm 7 pm Spanish Prayer Group	10 am Holy Eucharist	5 pm Holy Eucharist 7 pm Family Prayer, Spanish Parishioners Homes

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACON: "The Holy Trinity"

The Rev. Jeff Bell

A few years ago some of the PBJ's and I were discussing the Nicene Creed when we stopped to discuss the Holy Trinity. The Holy Trinity is hard enough to discuss with adults, but how do you get young teens and pre-teens to understand this concept. Leave it to the kids themselves to come up with what I think is one of the best explanations I have heard to date. I can't remember whether it was Ashley or Haley, but how they explained the Trinity using simple H₂O. When asked how three substances could exist together and still be the same substance? The answer came back as water. Water exists as ice, vapor and as water, yet it still is the same substance.

Trinity Sunday is June 7, and for about 700 years now, the western church has set this Sunday aside for reflection on the tremendous mystery of the Trinity. Many ministers would just as soon skip preaching about the Trinity and most Christian folk I know have little or no desire to grapple with this concept when the world is already confusing enough. Does it matter? I believe that this is the most important question of all. What difference does this teaching make to people who rise each day to meet the challenge of making a living, balancing their lives, and caring for home and family?

A little bit of history is important for our discussion. It has been the source of debate, struggle over the ages. In fact one of the reasons some folks want to skip the issue is because of all the pain and anguish that has attended the question of the Trinity. Yet, struggle over a thing is never satisfactorily resolved by simply doing away with it. The name of Jesus has brought about struggle for many people. Public prayer in the name of Jesus is offensive to many. If Jesus is a problem for some people, would the best way around the issue be to drop all talk of Jesus? For most of us, Jesus is a part of our faith that is a non-negotiable.

Ah, but here's where we enter the murky waters of detail. It has been said that the devil is in the details -- but the fact is that truth is frequently found or lost in the details. Even a simple little comma can change the meaning of something entirely. Have you heard the story of a woman who many years ago was visiting in Paris when she came across the most wonderful painting which could be hers for the bargain price of \$150,000 dollars. She immediately sent a telegram to her husband in New York saying that she absolutely loved the painting and wondered if she could have it for her birthday. He replied by asking that this telegram be sent in reply: **No, price too high.**

The clerk at Western Union however, made one tiny error in sending the telegram. This is what was sent to the woman: **No price too high.** The meaning was absolutely reversed for lack of a comma! Something like that was going on about 1675 years ago when the Emperor Constantine called 317 bishops from all over the Christian world to settle the question of the divinity of Jesus Christ. Was Christ simply another great prophet and teacher or was he, God from God?

The long and short of the story of Nicaea is that the debate centered around the inclusion or leaving out of one simple letter, the Greek letter iota. If everyone would agree to include the letter, all could go return home in peace and there would be unity in the church all over the Empire. After all, hadn't the church been through enough with all the persecution and struggle to come out of the catacombs? Who would squabble over one little letter?

There was one bishop named Athanasius who wouldn't let go of the issue. The Greek words involved in the debate even sounded alike. One group, led by Athanasius, wanted to use the term "homo-ousios" to describe Jesus. It was used in a phrase which meant Christ was "of one substance" with the Father. The other group, led by a bishop named Arius, wanted to use the word, "homoi-ousios" - which meant Christ was "of like substance" with the Father. So what was the big deal with Athanasius? "Homo-ousios." "Homoi-ousios." "Same substance." "Like substance." Who cares? So does it matter? Athanasius and his followers finally prevailed and the Nicene Creed expresses our faith in the most widely accepted statement of Christian Faith in the church around the world. The more familiar Apostle's Creed is widely accepted in the western churches, but only the Nicene Creed brings east and west together.³

Now all of this goes to the question, what does all of this have to do with you and me? Does it really matter? Actually, I believe that it does. The answer for Christian people is that God took on human flesh and came to us in the person of Jesus Christ. God is not only our Maker, but God is our Savior. If he is not God, he can not truly be our Savior. God alone can save what God alone has created. If Jesus Christ were simply another created person, he could not truly be our Savior. **This does not mean that he could not have been a wonderful teacher and prophet, maybe even one of history's greatest persons, but he could not be our Savior if he were not, "of one Being with the Father."** Because God loves us and is merciful and not indifferent to our needs, God has come to us as our Savior in the person of Jesus Christ. So does it matter whether Jesus was of the "Same substance" or "Like substance." I for one believe that it matters one "Iota".

Deacon Jeff

VESTRY UPDATE

At the May 19 meeting, the following was discussed:

Fr. Steve: With the change in mail rates, our old means of mailing the newsletter is becoming cost prohibitive. After discussion, it was agreed to go to the new format, stapled in the corner and mailed in an envelope, which saves 28 cents per newsletter in mailing costs. The perpetual trust met in early May to review its financial situation. After a very rough two quarters, we have reached the point where the perpetual trust balance is approximately equal to original contributions. The trust can only contribute to the parish budget if it is larger than original contributions, which could conceivably happen late this year. It was requested and approved that the original formula for stock purchases be revised to allow up to 1/4 of the perpetual trust to be in foreign stocks.

Deacon Galen: We have finished our quarter tube for Afghanistan/Pakistan and received a grant of \$500 for the roof of our school in Marcabee Haiti from the Diocesan MDG fund. It was requested and approved to “tithe” \$2500 from the roofing project (see below) to finish that school roof.

Deacon Jeff: We granted an acolyte scholarship this year, to Mariah Marsden. Acolytes must take part in the four years of their high school career to be eligible for this.

Senior Warden: The secretarial search committee has finished a job description and will place ads in the Joplin *Globe* in the coming weeks. Fr. Wilson and Warden Johnson had a meeting with Christ Church, Springfield, to review how their recent capital campaign worked, and learned several items of interest.

Junior Warden: We lost one tree in the storm, and a water main in the plumbing work on the rectory. The rectory bathroom work is mostly complete, and some work remains on the back porch. The water main was completed May 20 after the garden was moved.

Treasurer: April was good, with a year-to-date deficit of \$324. The diocese refunded \$3000 of our apportionment in recognition of the financial difficulties facing parishes.

Roof: Roof bids were placed and discussed, but more information is needed to make a decision. We have enough in savings to do this project, which is badly needed, this year, but will request contributions to assist from the congregation.

Building Usage: A new building use policy was presented and approved. **All uses of the building will require an application.** Church groups do not pay for use, but all individuals and outside groups must. Profit-making enterprises, pets, use of the nave (except for musical performances) and use of the electronic equipment (except by trained parishioners) are prohibited. Cost is \$70 for the parish house & kitchen, or \$35 for one room only. Copies of this will be distributed. A separate wedding guideline will be discussed next month.

Parish Life: The military boxes will need to be mailed mid-June rather than late May. We hope to have a photo directory this fall.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 16

EDUCATION

VBS ALERT!

Aslan is coming!!! Everyone – of every age – is welcome to Narnia this summer – **August 4th, 5th, and 6th.** Mark your calendar to be there between 6-9 pm and walk through the wardrobe into another world! See Aslan’s world come to life through the eyes of its character’s and eat a specially prepared Narnian dinner each evening - which might have to include some Turkish Delight! This is an opportunity for everyone to play, create and enjoy all that Narnia has to offer!

KID’S SUMMER FUN

Kids, join us during the Sunday School hour in Spencer Hall for a movie and snack! 9:15 every Sunday.

ADULT FORUMS

During June, the following will be discussion points on Sundays at 9:15:

June 7: The Deacon’s Ministry: In History and Today

June 14: Flag Day—**What does it mean to be both a Christian and a patriot?**

June 21: Father’s Day—**Why do we say “God the Father”?** What about God the Mother?

June 28: **Setting Priorities** for our families, lives and Church

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Newly purchased books, soon to be on the shelves of our parish library, include:

Jaroslav Pelikan, *Jesus Through the Centuries*

Jonathan Kirsch, *The Harlot by the Side of the Road: Forbidden Tales of the Bible*

Wayne Meeks, *The Origins of Christian Morality*

Bruce Feiler, *Where God Was Born*

Thomas Craughwell, *Bad Kids of the Bible*

Scott Turow, *Ultimate Punishment: A Lawyer’s Reflections on Dealing with the Death Penalty*

David Yount, *Growing in Faith: A Guide for the Reluctant Christian*

Marcus Borg & Tom Wright, *The Meaning of Jesus*

John Danforth, *Faith and Politics*

With a two week check-out period, our library provides far more substance than the usual summer reading list...

SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN JUNE 2009

Sunday, June 7 8 a.m.

Reader: Glenda Erwin
Chalice: Larry Ross
Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell
Server: Richard Roske
Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

10:30 a.m.

OT: Debbie Jones
NT: Mark Sponaugle
Chalice: Brad Cameron
Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones
Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron
Servers: Ian Kyger (*Capt*), Jackie Spencer
Crosses: Quincy Charleston, Emma Charleston
Torches: Jay Simmons, Tom Simmons
Sacristan: Donna Lane
Greeters: Kevin Curtis
AV: Mike & Ryan Robertson

Sunday, June 14 8 a.m.

Reader Dana Cameron
Chalice: Wayne Ytell
Subdeacon: Larry Ross
Server: Michelle Sexton
Sacristan: Sharon Burwick

10:30 a.m.

OT: George Platt
NT: Margie Tucker
Chalice: Chuck Edds
Subdeacon: George Platt
Acolyte Mentor: Michele Sexton
Servers: Ashley Heidlage (*Capt*), Deandra Sexton
Crosses: Carlie Wakefield, Matt Goolsby
Torches: Ashleigh Wilson, Sarah Wilson
Sacristan: Jeannie Slates
Greeters: Michael & Jennifer Cartwright
AV: Jim & Colby Wakefield

Sunday, June 21 8 a.m.

Reader: Kelly Roske
Chalice: Larry Ross
Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell
Server: Brad Cameron
Sacristan: Beth McDaniel

10:30 a.m.

OT: Rosalie Griffin
NT: Marty Griffin
Chalice: Tom Flanigan
Subdeacon: Don Gass
Acolyte Mentor: Kevin Curtis
Servers: Madeline Marsden (*Capt*), Ellen Stiles Salchow
Crosses: Will Mansfield, Chase Taylor
Torches: Katie Mansfield, Taylor Mansfield
Sacristan: Lynette Gass
Greeters: Joel & Melissa Erdman
AV: Elisa White

Sunday, June 28 8 a.m.

Reader: Wayne Ytell
Chalice: Wayne Ytell
Subdeacon: Larry Ross
Server: Nancy Dymott
Sacristan: Sharon Burwick

10:30 a.m.

OT: Wade Hamilton
NT: Jerry Sample
Chalice: Charlyn Kester
Subdeacon: Scott Stone
Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst
Servers: Cecilie Washburn (*Capt*), Drew Schesser
Crosses: Oliver Sprengle, Elle Lanham
Torches: Evan Sexton, David Sexton, Alex Wilkowski
Ushers:
Sacristan: Lynette Gass
Greeters: Troy & Liz Salchow
AV: Joel Erdman

Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

June 3:
Chalice: Ron Ferguson
Reader: Bonnie Jones
Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy

June 10: St Barnabas
Chalice: Bonnie Jones
Reader: Scott Stone
Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy

June 17:
Chalice: Margie Tucker
Reader: Glenda Erwin
Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy

June 24: Nativity of John the Baptist
Chalice: Scott Stone
Reader: Julie Anderson
Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

Sacristans:
Ann Ulmer/Delores Beiswanger

Fridays, 10 a.m.

Sacristan: Sue Neely

Saturdays, 5 p.m.

Reader/Chalice

June 6:
Reader/Chalice: Jimmy Grimes
Sacristan: Carolyn Phelps

June 13
Reader/Chalice: Glenda Erwin
Sacristan: Donna Lane

June 20
Reader/Chalice: Jimmy Grimes
Sacristan: Jeannie Slates

June 27
Reader/Chalice: Glenda Erwin
Sacristan: Carolyn Phelps

CARE PACKAGE CHANGE

We will need to postpone our project on mailing boxes to servicemen for a couple of weeks, allowing more time for contributions of items. Here's how you can help:

1.) Bring in items before Saturday, June 13 to send in our care packages. Especially useful are:

- Bibles & devotional materials
- Body wash soaps
- Wet wipes
- Mouthwash, toothpaste, shaving cream, deodorant & other toiletries
- Foot powder/gel insoles
- Eye drops
- Sun block
- Socks (white, black, green)
- Pain relievers, throat lozenges, tissues, jock itch powder
- Flea collars, bug repellent wipes
- Beef jerky (NO PORK)
- Trail mix, crackers, nuts, hard candy (no chocolate)
- Instant oatmeal, hot chocolate, ramen noodles, dry mac & cheese, etc
- Crossword puzzles, Sudoku, etc
- AA or D batteries
- Sports & outdoor magazines
- Chips in cans
- Kool Aid
- Peanut butter
- Fruit roll ups
- Canned goods with pop-top lids
- Applesauce cups
- Tuna in pouches
- Cards & Notes
- Phone cards (international, 500 minutes usually means about 30 minutes)

2. By sponsoring a box. Write your check to the church for \$12 to pay for postage and send a personal thank you to the serviceman you're sponsoring!

3. By helping pack the boxes on Sat, June 13, from 10-noon, so they can be mailed out Mon, June 15 (Flag Day) after being blessed.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS IN JUNE

Mon, June 1, Visitation of the Virgin Mary: I Samuel 2:1-10, Romans 12:9-16, Luke 1:39-57

Tues, June 2: Deuteronomy 11:13-19, II Corinthians 5:11-6:2, Luke 17:1-10

Wed, June 3, Ember Day: Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29, I Corinthians 3:5-11, John 4:31-38

Thurs, June 4: Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 17:14-20, II Corinthians 8:1-16, Luke 18:1-8

Fri, June 5, Ember Day: I Samuel 3:1-10, Ephesians 4:11-16, Matthew 9:35-38

Sat, June 6, Ember Day: Exodus 19:3-8, I Peter 4:7-11, Matthew 16:24-27

Sun, June 7, Trinity Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

Mon, June 8-Wed, June 10: Deuteronomy 29:16-32:14, II Corinthians 10:1-11:33, Luke 18:31-19:27

Thurs, June 11, St Barnabas: Isaiah 42:5-12, Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3, Matthew 10:7-16

Fri, June 12-Sat, June 13: Ecclesiasticus 45:6-46:10, II Corinthians 12:11-13:14, Luke 19:41-20:8

Sun, June 14, II Pentecost (Proper 6): I Samuel 15:34-16:13, Psalm 20, II Corinthians 5:61-7, Mark 4:26-34

Mon, June 15-Sat, June 20: I Samuel 1:1-4:11, Acts 1:1-5:11, L:Luke 20:9-21:28

Sun, June 21, III Pentecost (Proper 7): I Samuel 17:1, 4-11, 19-23, Psalm 9:9-20, II Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

Mon, June 22-Tues, June 23: I Samuel 4:12-10:1, Acts 5:12-7:43, Luke 21:29-22:51

Wed, June 24, Nativity of John the Baptist: Isaiah 40:1-11, Acts 13:14-26, Luke 1:57-80

Thurs, June 25-Sat, June 27

Sun, June 28, IV Pentecost (Proper 8): II Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Psalm 130, II Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

Mon, June 29, Sts Peter & Paul: Ezekiel 34:11-16, II Timothy 4:1-8, John 21:15-19

Tues, June 30: I Samuel 11:1-15, Acts 8:1-13, Luke 22:63-71

Patronal Feasts:

Please pray for the following on their name days

St. Alban's Church, Bolivar, June 22

St Peter's Church, Harrisonville, KC (Red Bridge), June 29

St Paul's Church, Clinton, KC (Westport), Lees Summit, Maryville, June 29

What's "Ecclesiasticus"? It's another one of those "apocryphal" books that we read for instruction in morals and manners, not doctrine. Also called Sirach. If your Bible doesn't include it, don't worry!

Crece en EE UU el interés por los temas religiosos

Según un informe de una revista especializada, cada vez se publican más notas que vinculan la fe y las creencias con los problemas cotidianos.

Qué tienen en común una nota periodística sobre el crecimiento de la pobreza, el origen del Universo, la invasión de la privacidad o la moral de fin de siglo? Todos estos temas pueden ser abordados, cada vez más, desde una mirada religiosa. Según un informe del mes de mayo de la revista Editor & Publisher -publicación estadounidense especializada de la industria de diarios, la cobertura de temas religiosos creció de manera significativa en la última década en los Estados Unidos. Más allá de las noticias sobre actividades eclesíásticas, los diarios estadounidenses dedican cada vez más espacio a temas vinculados con la espiritualidad y las creencias, e incluyen con más frecuencia una mirada religiosa en notas que plantean debates éticos. Según una encuesta realizada en 1993 por el Freedom Forum -asociación internacional para la defensa de la libertad de expresión- el 90% de los estadounidenses cree en Dios o en una fuerza superior; el 80% reza regularmente y el 70% se identifica con alguna agrupación religiosa. Desde 1994, el número de miembros de la Religion Newswriters Association (asociación de redactores de temas religiosos en los Estados Unidos) creció de 150 a 240, de los cuales 50 se sumaron sólo durante 1998. En 1996, una encuesta telefónica realizada por esta asociación entre periodistas especializados reveló que el 64% cree que la cobertura de temas religiosos creció en los últimos 5 años. El 75% coincidió en que la calidad de la información había mejorado, y el 67% reconoció un mayor interés en temas religiosos en los medios. La agencia estadounidense de noticias Religion News Service, que nació bajo la administración de Franklin Roosevelt, duplicó su número de suscriptores en los últimos cinco años: pasó de tener 200 a 400 clientes en la actualidad. Más espacio y más temas como ejemplo del crecimiento del espacio dedicado a la fe y las creencias en la prensa, Editor & Publisher señala que el diario Los Angeles Times aumentó de 3 a 5 el número de redactores de su sección Religión en 1998 y amplió el espacio dedicado al tema en sus páginas de los sábados. El periódico Columbus Ledger-Enquirer, de Georgia, reemplazó de su edición dominical dos páginas dedicadas a Negocios por la sección Fe y Espíritu. El Midland Reporter-Telegram, de Texas, encargó la redacción de una serie de 66 capítulos basada en los libros de la Biblia. El Atlanta Journal-Constitution hace dos años amplió su cobertura de los sábados de un informe de una página a una sección de ocho páginas, e incorporó dos redactores y un editor. El diario de Atlanta está publicando desde fines de 1998 una serie de notas sobre la Cristiandad en el Milenio. Comenzaron con la Navidad en Jerusalén, la Pascua en Roma y la vida protestante en Alemania. Uno de los lugares privilegiados para el debate religioso es Internet. Los últimos estudios de consumo de información en la red indican que, en términos de frecuencia, la religión aparece en segundo lugar después de los usos comerciales. Se calcula que el número de sitios dedicados a temas religiosos está cerca del millón. La clave del éxito parece ser la misma, tanto para las publicaciones gráficas como para los medios digitales: cubrir los temas religiosos como auténticas noticias, y vincular la fe y las creencias con los problemas cotidianos: la familia, los negocios, la salud, el trabajo, la vida.

WORSHIP

PILGRIMAGES 2010

Currently, we are working on two trips for 2010—for adults, in late May (departing around the 26th, for two weeks) in the Holy Land. This includes Galilee, the Dead Sea, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and, if security permits, “off the beaten track” sites like Jacob’s well in Nablus and Abraham’s tomb in Hebron. All meals, hotel & airfare, in the low \$3000 range.

Shortly after that, in early June, high schoolers aged 16 and up who have been active in our youth program can participate in a ten-day trip to either Jordan or Turkey (sorry kids, Rome is too expensive!). Be saving money—youth need to contribute \$750 to this trip, plus some spending money (about \$150 ought to do). All other costs covered, God willing, by fundraisers.

EMBER DAYS

The three summer Ember Days, set aside to pray for the clergy, for the raising up of new vocations to ordination, and for the ministry of all Christians, are June 3, 5 & 6. These “minor fasts” are traditionally opportunities to examine our own opportunities to live the Christian faith more richly. Appropriate prayers on page 256 of the Book of Common Prayer.

GENERAL CONVENTION

The 76th General Convention, our official governing body, meets in Anaheim California from July 8-17. Please be praying for the bishops and deputies, both clergy and laity, who will take council together for the ministry of the Church. Appropriate prayers are found in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 255. Fr. Wilson is the head of our deputation and will host a session of adult education on Sunday, July 19, about the events of the Convention, as well as participating in later informational meetings throughout the Diocese.

VACATION WORSHIP

While you are “out of town” this summer, don’t forget to worship! To find the parish closest to your hotel, you can check with the office, or go to ecusa.anglican.org and check into the Visitor’s Center, from where you have several opportunities to locate congregations.

STEWARDSHIP

Where do I recycle my compact fluorescent bulbs (those twisty mercury-lined “environmentally friendly” light bulbs that can’t be tossed out)? The Home Depot provides a consumer compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulb recycling program at all locations. Simply bring in any expired, unbroken CFL bulbs, and give them to the store associate behind the returns desk. According to the EPA’s ENERGY STAR® program, if every American switched out one incandescent bulb to a CFL, it would prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions from 800,000 cars.

Where do I recycle other mercury items (such as old thermostats and thermometers)? The official policy of the Carthage city dump is to place the item in an old coffee can or milk jug, place the lid on, and tape the item closed. However, a more secure way to dispose of poisonous heavy metals such as mercury might be to contact the Joplin collection facility at 624-0820, extension 501. All residents of McDonald, Newton, Jasper, Barton and Vernon counties can bring in items containing mercury to this facility during open hours.

Please strive to stay current on your pledge during the summer! Even in vacation months, the ministry—and the costs—of the Church continue.

GARDEN GUILD

Our thanks to those who helped weed, till, plant and mulch the biblical garden during the Rogation Days in May: **Larry Hartman, Brian Brooks, Frank Lane, Cathy & Jerry Gilpin, Father Jose, Father Steve, Deacon Galen, Joel & Melissa Erdman, Bill & Libby Wilson, Ann Ulmer, Steve & Betty Goodman, Rhonda Ralston, Debbie Putnam, Wayne Campbell, Sherry Mason, and Sue Neely.** Join us for a weeding party on Sunday, June 21, from 2-4 p.m. Herbs in the garden may be gently harvested for your kitchen—rosemary, basil, tarragon, lemon balm, oregano, chives, dill, cilantro, cumin, bay leaf. See the Rector for instructions!

WEST MO YOUTH NEWS

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(Just one of 365+ reasons to be an Episcopalian - and the list keeps growing!)

God loves you, and there is not a thing you can do to change that!

Check out **Upcoming Events** and what you can do with **"do-nothing" time** on the back!

Ah....summertime! Finally, days are long - it's the perfect time to chill out, slow down from the stress of a busy school year, take some time off.... and here's hoping that's the summer ahead for you!

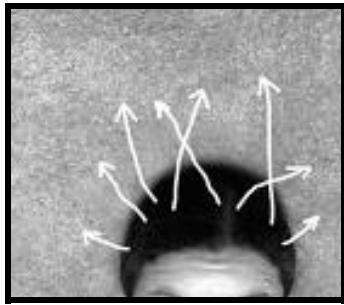
Without so much on your mind, summer's also the perfect time to relax and let yourself be open to spending deliberate quality time with our Creator.

With the summer off the potential is there to make an impact for God in any way He lays on our hearts, which works out great all around - because God doesn't take the summer off! For instance, there's nothing like the beauty of a setting summer sun to make the beauty of evening prayers seem so real. Or, reading the Bible under the shade of a tree with everything that God has made around you lets ancient words come alive with a breath of fresh air! Or, counter the summer shutdown mentality by connecting with friends from church – spur of the moment hang out time – just for the fun and fellowship!

If we let it, summer can be full of free time to focus on a lot of entertaining – but, basically meaningless things. Consider that God also gives us these long hours to use and invest - like spending some of that extra time at Missionpalooza or volunteering somewhere you have a heart to serve. Use some of that extra time to develop your relationship with Him. Vacation from school does not equal vacation from church, each other - or God. Have fun with God this summer. Enjoy being outside. Light a candle! Read the Bible. Talk to God.



Everyone seems so busy it's not surprising that we just want to let the summer



be do-nothing time! But, do-nothing time can make us feel unconnected with ourselves and other people—endless days of actually get pretty boring after awhile. For the most part, that's because we like to feel useful, connected, productive, by staying "busy" doing what we like doing - the key being able to make our own choices on what that 'busyness' is. **Your life is about what you do every day.**

Summer can give us a chance to decide how each day's going to unfold. Here's a few God-oriented ideas to sprinkle into the week's ahead that don't require much, if any, planning at all!

- ✦ Invite a friend(s) to church and for lunch afterward (picnics are great!)
- ✦ Volunteer somewhere God is calling - a food pantry, community kitchen, library, humane society - there are plenty of places that need you!
- ✦ Read the Bible - just a little each day. Reading just three "chapters" a day you'd have the Bible read in one year - and, a chapter from the Bible can be less than one page long!

Upcoming Events

June 7 - 13

Extreme Build Mission Trip
McCreary County, Kentucky

June 26-28

Sr. High Retreat
Sunburst Ranch, MO

July 7-14

General Convention Youth Trip
Anaheim, CA

July 21-26

Missionpalooza '09
St. Paul's, Kansas City

YAC Retreat

August 28-30 and October 2-3

Diocesan Youth Event

October 30 - November 1

Happening #60

November 20-22

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Implementation of the MDG's

Again this month we continue to examine the Millennium Development Goals and our responses at Grace. By now, each of us knows in 2006 The Episcopal Church passed a resolution asking churches and parishioners to give 0.7% or \$7.00/\$1,000 of income to reduce global poverty by 2015. This column is to continue in the education of the goals outlined by the United Nations.

Target 6a: Halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS

6.1 HIV prevalence among population aged 15-24 years. 6.2 Condom use at last high-risk sex. 6.3 Proportion of population aged 15-24 years with comprehensive correct knowledge of HIV/AIDS. 6.4 Ratio of school attendance of orphans to school attendance of non-orphans aged 10-14 years.

Target 6b: Achieve, by 2010, universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for all those who need it

6.5 Proportion of population with advanced HIV infection with access to antiretroviral drugs.

Target 6c: Halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases

6.6 Incidence and death rates associated with malaria. 6.7 Proportion of children under 5 sleeping under insecticide-treated bed nets. 6.8 Proportion of children under 5 with fever who are treated with appropriate anti-malarial drugs. 6.9 Incidence, prevalence and death rates associated with tuberculosis. 6.10 Proportion of tuberculosis cases detected and cured under directly observed treatment short course

Our response: In September 2008 Bonnie, Pam, and I went to Haiti as part of a larger medical mission to several remote villages. It was a couple of weeks after the last of four hurricanes hit the island, so malaria and other water borne diseases were our concern. After the first two clinics the doctors commented that they weren't seeing HIV/AIDS like they had in the past. A sign the education and actions being done are working. Worms and other minor problems were the most common, so prescriptions were given and filled instantaneously. The pharmacist gave away lots of worm pills, vitamins, antibiotics of all types, cough medicines, and antifungal creams. Some of the funds you gave us were spent at the 4-C Pharmacy to supplement our medicine crates.

But one of the most important items we had was mosquito netting over our beds. Every night the team of nine was able to sleep without fear of being bitten; reducing our exposure to malaria. (We also were on medications for malaria.) Two months ago Grace Church sent \$192.00 to ERD for sixteen bed nets to reverse the incidence of malaria for those in the world. One net can cover several children, a couple, or a family of three. Thank you for donating to Target 6c printed above.