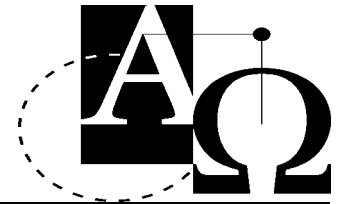


# The SPIRIT of GRACE

MAY 2009

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## Regular Events...

### Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9:15
- Christian Education 9:15 (last Sunday School May 17)
- 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, with Adult Ed, Young Adult, Youth Group & Dinner (ends May 20)

### 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

## May Coffee Host

*Barbara Mountjoy*

## From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

In the most traditional Anglo-Catholic parishes, May is celebrated as "Mary month." The connection seems to come from the long-standing association of the Blessed Virgin with flowers, which are prominent in the landscape at this season. Mary is often equated in medieval piety with the Rose of Sharon and the Garden Enclosed from the Song of Solomon, and the Burning Bush filled with fire (the Holy Spirit!) and yet not swallowed up from Exodus. There are whole gardens dedicated to Mary flowers—Lady Slippers, Lady's Mantle, Mary-Gold, Virgin Bower.

The Rogation Days reinforce this notion that the times and seasons are somehow tied into our devotional life. These days, the three weekdays just before Ascension, were long used to bless the fields for planting, and to make sure that no one had encroached on their neighbor's property by moving the boundary markers during the winter.

As Christians, we live in story rich in natural imagery. Adam and Eve in the Garden—Jesus buried in a Garden—the parables of fig tree and vine—the Tree of Life in Revelation. All are natural images. God, it seems delights in our participation in the world around us. His word is filled with flowers and trees, animals and natural objects. The Church worships Him with the fruit of the

vine and the broken wheat of Eucharist, the water and salt and olive oil of Baptism, with beeswax candles and palm branches. Christians are in and of this world, and we have obligations to it. As George Bernard Shaw, no great theologian (albeit a knockout of a playwright), once said, "The best priests were always men of the world before becoming men of the world to come." And we are all called to be priests in His Kingdom.

So what can we do, in this coming summer of long, hot days and slow, sticky nights, to care for the garden we've been given? I'd like to propose that we start by looking about the natural world we have inherited and begin to thank God for it. It is amazing, this planet, and all its rich diversity. Even mosquitoes and poison ivy have their stunning beauty, if looked at from a respectful distance.

But we need to be more than passively thankful. God has given each of us hands and minds to co-create with Him. Where are the uglinesses in our neighborhoods that we can work on healing? Where can we plant, literally, a garden, or restore beauty to some place ravaged and abandoned?

The Christian message is not for the mind or the spirit alone—it calls us to actually go out and do something with our newfound faith that Christ is alive. His first acts after the Resurrection? To walk to Emmaus, to give directions about fishing to

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## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dustin Chapman
- 2 Matthew Goolsby
- 3 Jackie Cato, Robert Harwell, Bill Haughwout, Jennifer Mansfield
- 4 Stephen Henderson
- 8 Biffie Creighton, Spencer Orr, Bill Schesser
- 14 Len Luehring, Byron Ovalle, Josh Slates, Marcella Christy
- 15 Alex White, Michelle Henderson
- 19 Kevin Charleston, Kayla Anderson
- 20 Robert Duvall, Frank Lane
- 21 Dr. Denise Hamar
- 22 James Lee, Reece Taylor
- 23 Twila Ferguson, Katherine McNew
- 24 William Labhart
- 25 Charlotte Dunaway
- 26 Mark Baucom
- 27 Tiffany Lindsay, Shirley Cornell
- 28 Riley Hogg
- 30 Diann Ferguson, Sarah Evans
- 31 Emerson Parker Rogers

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Jason & Lindsey Hettinger
- 13 Bill & Lora Phelps
- 15 Mark & Stephanie Williams
- 18 Troy & Liza Salchow
- 19 Gabriel & Elizabeth Speck
- 22 Dustin & Stacey Chapman  
Jamie & Michelle Hensley
- 26 Chris & Debby Orr  
Fr. Fred & Elaine Taylor  
Jeff & Nancy Dymott
- 28 Forrest & Catherine Marsden
- 29 Andy & Sabrina Lynch  
Jerry & Doris Sample
- 31 Harry & Cindy Rogers  
Bryan & Katy Bewick

**Have you noticed our roof is in need of replacement? A first gift to help defray costs has already been received from St. Joseph's Men's Group...**

## OUTREACH

### QUARTER TUBE

At the close of April we are nearly at our \$300 goal for animals to a village in Afghanistan. Animals continue to 'march' around the world on five continents due to your generous gifts. Special donations of nearly \$1100 were made to help rebuild earthquake shattered regions in China. 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.

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Good Friday offering for the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan was approximately \$400. The Easter offering for the needs of our Hispanic ministry and the Literacy Center was approximately \$600 each. Thank you for your generosity!

## FELLOWSHIP & PARISH LIFE

### MOVIE NIGHT

The film for May will be Fri, May 15, at 6:30 p.m.—*Second Hand Lions*, starring Michael Caine, Robert Duvall, and Haley Joel Osment. PG-13. A wistful little film about truly living as opposed to merely existing—bring a friend and a snack!

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to give altar flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for family or friends, please call the office 358-4631.

### GARDEN GUILD

If you are interested in helping put in biblical bulbs, shrubs, perennials, and herbs which will arrive this spring, or helping to cultivate the small patches of annuals and grains, please contact the Rector. We will meet on the Rogation days, May 18-20, in the mornings.

### ANGLICAN ANGELS

Join our Episcopal motorcycle gang us as we ride on Sunday, May 17. Meet in the parking lot at 1 pm. Future dates: June 21, 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!



## 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

Reese Taylor, Gerri Green, Michael Kissel, Margo Lee, Clifford Bell, Jim Howerton, Bob Erwin, Nancy Eddy, Carolyn Ford, Ron Sealey, Jerry Stevens, Earl Pyle, Peter Frame, Jennifer Martin, Travis

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

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

St Mark's (Kimberling City), Trinity (Lebanon), St. Anne's (Lees Summit), Christ Church (Lexington)

## The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Nord Kivu (Congo), North Carolina, North Dakota, Northern California, Northern Indiana, Northern Michigan, Northwest Texas, Northwestern Pennsylvania (USA), North Central Philippines, Northern Luzon, Northern Philippines (Philippines), North East India (North India), North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (West Indies), North Kerala (South India), North Kigezi, North Mbale, Northern Uganda (Uganda), North Queensland, North West Australia, Northern Territory (Australia), Northern Argentina (Southern Cone), Northern Malawi, Northern Zambia (Central Africa), Northern Mexico (Mexico), Norwich (England), Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada), Nsukka, Offa, Ogbomoso (Nigeria), Nyahuru (Kenya)

## Transitions, April 2009

### New Addresses/ Directory Changes

**Jim Johnson**, 815 N Cedarbrook Ave, Apt 21, Springfield 65802

**Virginia Morris**, 1700 B S. Hudson Ave, Room 208, Aurora MO 65605

**James, Jess, Zashius, Lage, Jamez, John-Lloyd & Ally Grigsby**, 14264 CR 138

**Sam Platt**, 534 Forest Ave, KC MO 64106

### Visitors

**Wayne Campbell & Sherry Mason**, 1422 Grand, 358-4483

**Wesley & Jackie Campbell, Savannah, Wesley Jr, Emily**, 1831 Garrison, 262-4085

**Kathy Williams**, 112 W. Macon, 793-6995

**Rebekah Casillas**, 417 S. Orner, 592-4235

### Congratulations

...on the baptism of **Mason Anderson**, son of Michael and Heather, and **Fallon Ferguson**, daughter of Blake and Molly Hubbard, and **Dagan Nelson**, son of Steve & Joni, and **Larry Hartman**, all on Easter Eve

...on the birth of **Alexandra Grace Wyczynski**, daughter of **Jacquee and Jeremiah**, granddaughter of **James & Carmen Lee**, on Fri, April 24

...on the marriage of **Scarlet Wright and Vince Kaercher** on Sat, April 25

### 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 second 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 second 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 first time of asking.

### Did you know...

One of the distinctive rules of The Episcopal Church is a long-standing prohibition on playing "Here Comes the Bride" at weddings. The reason? In the opera for which it was composed, **Lohengrin**, composer Richard Wagner uses it not for a wedding, but for a wedding night scene dominated by a huge bed. The newlyweds are undressed by attendants who sing to this tune as the lights dim. The music was considered shockingly racy in the 19th century, rather like playing a Madonna tune at a wedding, and its use is banned by episcopal decrees!



It is a glorious day as I am writing this. The sun has shown brightly all day, birds are singing, flowers are blooming and the dogwood trees are beautiful. We have celebrated the resurrection of Our Lord in a lavish style. All these are reasons to be happy!! But some of us are struggling with the blues. Blues that just won't go away, regardless of the season. People expect many things to "make them happy." A different job, or a bigger house, or more money, and oh, yes, losing weight and getting a nose job—these could bring happiness. But in truth you would only end up with yourself, maybe a beautiful new nose, but the same problems and hang ups. So happiness has to come from the inside. No person can make us happy, no things can make us happy: it seems we have to do it ourselves, and we can. I have been doing some reading about happiness, about attitude and how we can develop some strategies that will help. You know, we humans were not designed for our sedentary, socially isolated, indoor, sleep deprived, poorly nourished lifestyle. Here are some things I have garnered from my reading:

1. Boost intake of omega-3 fatty acids. The average American diet is very deficient in this nutrient, which, as a matter of fact, aids healthy brain function. Sources of omega-3 fatty acids are fish such as salmon and sardines, mackerel and tuna. Also flaxseed, canola and soybean oils can be good sources. Of course, flaxseeds by themselves, and walnuts as well. It would be best if you ingested these wonderful chemicals naturally, but if you can't, then try the supplements.
2. Get thirty minutes of exercise, such as walking, at least three times a week. Many of us get no more exercise than walking to and from the car and down the aisles at WalMart.
3. Get thirty minutes of daily exposure to sunlight, as often as the sun shines. You could simulate direct sunlight with a light box that has 10,000 lux. I am told lux is a measurement of light strength.
4. Sleep eight hours a night. It is a myth that older people need less sleep. We all need eight hours!
5. Build and strengthen social connections. Many of us are too busy to "visit" with others. Remember when we actually went to the businesses or people to which we owed money, and looked right at them and paid up? We probably exchanged a few pleasantries before we walked on down the street to the next place! Now we don't even write a nice little note to go with our check, we just have the bank or computer do it for us.
6. Many of you will remember the old song, "You've Got to Accentuate the Positive and Eliminate the Negative." Well, that is great advice. You are in control of your own attitude! If the news is too depressing, turn on some music. If one particular friend does nothing but talk negatively, don't answer the phone. Look on the bright side! You can decide each day as you awaken to make it a good day.
7. And remember as you are reading this, that you are a person who has a relationship with Jesus Christ! Our belief in a God who personally loves us, who willingly bears our burdens, and frees us from our sin, to whom we can turn in any distress, is an excellent source of joy. Even if we encounter things in our life that sadden us, we can trust that God is working in our lives. He promises to be with us and bear us up in our trials. And we have a network of kindred spirits in our fellow Christians!

Jesus' own life serves as a model for many of the things numbered above. We don't know exactly what Jesus ate, but I'm sure he had plenty of fish from the Sea of Galilee, plenty of olive oil and pomegranate juice. We don't know how much he slept, but he got plenty of exercise walking from village to village, certainly soaking up plenty of strong Middle Eastern sunshine. For social connections, he had the disciples and the crowds of people seeking wisdom and healing. He taught us not to get caught up in endless cycles of fretting or fear or resentment, and to forgive readily as we have been forgiven. We should not worry, because God will supply our needs, and is always working for our good. Jesus taught us that we should not live for ourselves, but for others, and exemplified that compassion for us. So find a way to actively help others. We have many opportunities in our church and community! It is almost impossible to reach out to others in their need and not feel great about it! You, finally, are in charge of you!

I love this quote from Abraham Lincoln, "Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." Maybe this is the perfect day to make up your mind!



## May 2009

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Season of Easter May 1-30 Color: White	Day of Pentecost May 31 Color: Red				1 <b>SS PHILIP &amp; JAMES</b>	2 <i>Athanasius of Alexandria</i> 10-1 Women's Brunch
3 <b>IV EASTER</b>	4 <i>Monnica</i>	5 6:30 pm Special Speaker at St. Catherine's 8:30 Softball vs Fairview Christian	6	7	8 <i>Julian of Norwich</i>	9 <i>Gregory Nazianzene</i>
10 <b>V EASTER/ Mothers' Day</b>	11	12 7:30 Softball vs Forest Park Baptist	13	14	15 6:30 " <b>Second Hand Lions</b> "	16 9-4 Guatemalan Consulate 10 Deanery
17 <b>VI EASTER</b> 9-3 Guatemalan Consulate UTO Sunday <b>Last Sunday School</b> Anglican Angels ride!	18 <i>Rogation Day</i> 10-Noon Garden	19 <i>Dunstan/ Rogation Day</i> 10-Noon Garden 7 pm Vestry	20 <i>Alcuin/Rogation Day</i> 10-Noon Garden <b>Last Wed night youth group</b>	21 <b>ASCENSION</b>	22	23
24 <b>VII EASTER</b>	25 <i>Bede of Jarrow</i> Memorial Day: Office Closed	26 <i>Augustine of Canterbury</i> 6 Pysanky workshop 6:30 Softball vs First Nazarene	27 5:30 Historic play	28	29	30
31 <b>PENTECOST</b> Noon: Parish Picnic						

### Sunday

8, 10:30 am  
Holy Eucharist  
9 a.m. Acolyte Practice  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
12 pm Spanish

### Monday

6pm Quilting Group  
7 pm NA  
"Clergy day off"

### Tuesday

10 am Men's Social Hour, St Luke's  
Exercise 10 am & 6 pm  
6 pm Tap Dance  
7 pm Spanish

### Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Choir  
6 pm Holy Eucharist  
7 pm Dinner, Youth Group,  
Bible Study,  
Young Adult

### Thursday

2 pm St Luke's Eucharist  
Exercise 10 am & 6 pm  
7 pm Spanish Prayer Group

### Friday

10 am Holy Eucharist

### Saturday

5 pm Holy Eucharist  
7 pm Family Prayer, Spanish Parishioners Homes



**FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACON:**  
**The Rev. Galen Snodgrass**

**Easter is a Season**

Alleluia, the Lord has risen! I'm still saying those words to people I encounter in daily life. I do this since the Season of Easter is 50 days long. Aren't we blessed to have the attitude that major holidays are more than one day long? This gives us time to gaze into the holiday, examine how it's affecting us, while absorbing its beauty. Most everything else of value in life is enjoyed for more than one day.

When visiting the maternity wing of McCune Brooks to welcome a newborn, I've noticed all eyes are on 'the baby'. Not surprising. The parents, grandparents, and extended family fix their gazes on the newborn; especially first timers. No matter who enters the room, family rarely looks up or notices anything around them. 99.9% of their attention is on this new child, this new life. You can see the minds of those around this child churning at all the hopes and dreams they have for their newest loved one. While in the room I often talk with those present, say a prayer, or stand in quiet observance; receiving a momentary glance...if I'm lucky. That's totally understandable and how it should be. This moment is all about this new life that has come into the world.

So it should be for the risen Lord. The Season of Easter draws us to look in amazement at the exciting post-crucifixion events and encounters between Jesus and those person's accounts that are recorded in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. It's very acceptable to insert ourselves into the story. We can be one of the Mary's at the tomb, the disciples in the upper room, walking with Cleopas to Emmaus, and one of the hundreds he appears to at different times, not counting the times not recorded in the book. Easter 2009 is a time to be in our story of today and to feel comfortable asking questions about where we are in life. You have doubts that Jesus is alive; be Thomas; question and touch Him. You don't recognize Jesus, be Mary and ask 'the gardener' where he's been put. You've had a fleeting encounter with Christ who then vanishes before your eyes; be Cleopas who runs to tell other--only to marvel once you've share it. 'Be in' the stories over the next 50 days, modify them to your life today, and be present in the events and emotions that follow. Then share those with others.

The disciplines of the 40 days of Lent; plus the Holy Week Services have formed a pattern that should be easy to continue over the next 50 days. Keep up what you've started. No matter how well you think you've done. Encourage yourself and your neighbor. We should encourage one another.

We are truly blessed to be in a denomination with a liturgical cycle that allows us more than one day to soak up and continue investigating all that is happening to us, in us, and around us. Alleluia, the Lord has risen indeed!

*Deacon Galen*

**From the Rector** (Continued from page one)

friends, to climb a mountain. Christ calls us into the actual world—not the world of books and ideas alone, but the world of the Humane Society, of trash pick up along the roads, of eco-friendly light bulbs and garden planting. During the months which come, many of us will be in nature at times which might more commonly be thought of as worship time. It is what we do with our time that transforms it from recreation into praise. If we are only enjoying, then we have become consumers. But if we leave the places of our enjoyment better than we found them, we have taken part in God's creation of the world to come. So plant a tree, don't merely rest in the shade of one planted by another. You have the possibility of changing the world for the better! Bloom!



## VESTRY UPDATE

*At the Vestry meeting on April 19*

**Special Report:** Carly Ospina, who has worked with Fr. Palma on youth projects for the Hispanic community, made a presentation on the possibility of beginning a Legal Aid service for family and immigration law in our area. Ms. Ospina, a native of Webb City, is bilingual in Spanish, and hopes to begin the necessary educational processes to explore this option in late April.

**Rector's Report:** The Rector updated the Vestry on the proposed national health insurance plan being presented to the Church this summer, and on the Listening Process held in our diocese which enabled gay and lesbian Episcopalians to share their faith story without the distraction of being "quizzed." We will investigate hosting such an evening in this area for Episcopalians who would like to take part as observers.

**Deacon's Reports:** We collected \$192 for malaria nets through ERD Sunday. The congregation will request a \$500 MDG matching grant from the Diocese to sponsor a roof for our school in Haiti. The Bishop indicated to the Deacons' meeting that the Diocese may be able to refund a small portion of this year's apportionment. The Motorcycle Ministry will begin riding in May!

**Fr. Palma's Report:** Fr. Palma turned in a very active reporting for March—weddings, house blessings, Bible study, and house prayer groups.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Kevin discussed the Parish Life Committee's work, including plans for a photo directory and mailing of care packages to military.

**Junior Warden's Report:** Windows in the parish house, a tapestry for the parish house and a statue for the parking garden have been received as gifts. We have replaced Fr. Palma's refrigerator and dishwasher and will be installing a second bathroom in the rectory this month.

**Treasurer's Report:** March and April were very good months so far, bringing the budget to only a small deficit for the year to date. Costs are lower than anticipated, due in part to the retirement of our long-time choirmistress, Ida Ruth Locarni. Dr. Andrews will be taking on the role of choirmistress.

**Old Business:** Gary Cole presented options for roofing materials, including some new items which have only begun to be available. After much discussion, it was concluded that we would like to look at a composition "slate look" roof. Samples are available for your perusal in the Parish House. Bids for roofing were reviewed, but until we have investigated further options it is too early to make a decision.

**New Business:** A search committee has been constituted to screen and interview candidates for the secretary position, which became vacant with Brenda Vaile's resignation on April 3. It was decided after discussion that this position should continue to be filled by a non-parishioner, as has been our practice for many years.

**Next meeting May 19, 7 p.m.**

## EDUCATION

### **ADULT FORUMS: SUN 9:15**

Sun, May 3: Ritual Notes: Why do we do that?

Sun, May 10: Mother's Day: Some notes on women's and family health

Sun, May 17: A festival for the end of the Sunday School year

Sun, May 24: Memorial Day: Who are saints and who cares?

Sun, May 31: Pentecost: Being part of something universal

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Ages 3-K, Grades 1-4, 5-7, & 8-12

**FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE SUMMER IS SUNDAY, MAY 17!**

### **WED BIBLE STUDY at 7 p.m.**

The Proverbs

### **WED YOUTH GROUPS at 7**

Grades 1-4, 5-6, 7-8, & 9-12

**FINAL YOUTH GROUP FOR THE SUMMER IS WED, MAY 20!**

### **PLAY**

Brittany Golden & Andrew Schesser will present "Annie Baxter: A Lasting Legacy for Women's Suffrage," their state-winning history day two-person play, at 5:30 p.m. on Wed, May 27 in the Parish House. They portray Annie Baxter, who may well be the first woman elected to public office in the US (our county clerk) and buck reporter Lang Rogers. All are invited!

### **VBS ALERT!**

We WILL have Vacation Bible School in August! Be watching for dates and thinking about how you can help with this ministry!

### **PYSANKY-ISTAS**

Did you purchase an Easter egg dyeing kit for those gorgeous Ukrainian eggs? IF SO, please remember that egg artist Carol Trout will be here Tuesday night, May 26, at 6 to help you make a pysanka of your own! She will bring an egg for each kit, already blown and with lines drawn!



# SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN MAY 2009

## *Sunday, May 3* 8 a.m.

Reader: Dana Cameron  
Chalice: Wayne Ytell  
Subdeacon: Chuck Edds  
Server: Richard Roske

### 10:30 a.m.

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

## *Sunday, May 10* 8 a.m.

Reader/ Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell  
Chalice: Larry Ross  
Server: Michele Sexton  
HC: Ytell/Ross—R. Wilson

### 10:30 a.m.

OT: George Platt  
NT: Margie Tucker  
Chalice: Tom Flanigan  
Subdeacon: Don Gass  
Acolyte Mentor: Michele Sexton  
Servers: Ashley Heidlage (*Capt*), Deandra Sexton  
Crosses: Carlie Wakefield, Matt Goolsby  
Torches: Sydney Harlin, Sarah Wilson  
Ushers: Steve Erwin, Frank Lane  
Greeters: Michael & Jennifer Cartwright  
AV: Jim & Colby Wakefield

## *Sunday, May 17* 8 a.m.

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

### 10:30 a.m.

OT: Wade Hamilton  
NT: Jerry Sample  
Chalice: Bonnie Jones  
Subdeacon: Marty Griffin  
Acolyte Mentor: Kevin Curtis  
Servers: Mariah Marsden (*Capt*), Madeline Marsden  
Crosses: Ellen Salchow Stiles, Julio Ovalle  
Torches: Chase Taylor, Will Mansfield, Katie Mansfield, Taylor Mansfield  
Ushers: Claude Newport, Richard Ralston  
Greeters: Joel & Melissa Erdman  
AV: Elisa White

## *Sunday, May 24* 8 a.m.

Reader: Glenda Erwin  
Chalice: Larry Ross  
Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell  
Server: Nancy Dymott

### 10:30 a.m.

OT: Dana Cameron  
NT: Jack Slates  
Chalice: Brad Cameron  
Subdeacon: Margie Tucker  
Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst  
Servers: Cecilie Washburn (*Capt*), Drew Schesser  
Crosses: Oliver Sprengle, Elle Lanham  
Torches: Evan Sexton, David Sexton  
Ushers: Chuck Erwin, Jim Wakefield  
Greeters: Troy & Liz Salchow  
AV: Joel Erdman

## *Sunday, May 31* 8 a.m.

Reader: Kelly Roske  
Chalice: Wayne Ytell  
Subdeacon: Larry Ross  
Server: Ashleigh Wilson

### 10:30 a.m.

OT: Julie Anderson  
NT: Debbie Jones  
Chalice: Scott Stone  
Subdeacon: Chuck Edds  
Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron  
Servers: Nancy Dymott, Michele Sexton  
Thurifer: Ashley Heidlage  
Boat: Deandra Sexton  
Crosses: Richard Roske, Brad Cameron  
Torches: Scott Stone, Kevin Curtis  
Ushers:  
Greeters:  
AV:

## Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

May 6—Reader: Julie Anderson  
Chalice: Ron Ferguson  
May 13—Reader: Glenda Erwin  
Chalice: Margie Tucker  
May 20 (**ASCENSION**)—  
Reader: Margie Tucker  
Chalice: Bonnie Jones  
May 27—Reader: Glenda Erwin  
Chalice: Scott Stone

## Saturdays, 5 p.m. *Reader/Chalice*

May 2—Scott Stone  
May 9—Glenda Erwin  
May 16—Jimmy Grimes  
May 23—Bonnie Jones  
May 30—Glenda Erwin



## Implementation of the MDG's

This month let us continue in our education about the Millennium Development Goals and our responses at Grace Church. Remember that the MDGs are the United Nations' effort to end the worst effects of "extreme poverty" worldwide—the kind of poverty experienced by those living on less than one dollar a day. The world's wealthiest nations are asked to give 0.7% of their income to help with this goal—that's \$7 per \$1000 in income—for specific purposes. The Episcopal Church agreed in 2006 that these were worthy goals, and has restructured our missionary efforts around the world to include them as a part of our ministry.

### **Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women:**

1a) Raise ratios of girls to boys in primary, secondary and tertiary education. 2a) Raise the share of women in wage employment in the non-agricultural sector. 3a) Raise the proportion of seats held by women in national parliament.

**Our response:** Our partnership schools are very good about offering education for girls and boys equally. The other two are a bit harder for us to say we have some influence. The Haitian Secretary of Education is a woman and all seem to agree she is serious about enforcing a standard school curriculum. We should pray for her since those who endorse Voodoo are not as inclusive.

### **Goal 4: Reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under five:**

1a) Reduce the under-five mortality rate. 2a) Reduce the infant mortality rate. 3a) Raise the proportion of 1 year-old children immunized against measles.

**Our response:** Last fall Bonnie Jones, Pam Schaffer, and Deacon Galen went on a medical mission in and around Torbeck with thousands of dollars of medicine. Children were always given first priority, then the elderly, then the remaining adults. We were fortunate to have additional funds to purchase medicine from the 4C Pharmacy in the city; leaving it for the next medical group in the spring.

### **Goal 5a: Reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio:**

1a) Maternal mortality ratio. 2a) Proportion of births attended by skilled health personnel.

**Our response:** Grace Church has in the past participated with funds for the Birthing Center in Haiti. Sorry I don't have the exact figures. In 2007 \$12,000 from our diocesan budget went directly to that same center, so by paying our portion of the diocesan assessment, which is 7% of that total we did participate.

### **Goal 5b: Achieve, by 2015, universal access to reproductive health:**

3b) Raise the contraceptive prevalence rate. 4b) Reduce the adolescent birth rate. 5b) Raise prenatal care coverage (at least one visit and at least four visits). 6b) Address unmet needs for family planning.

**Our response:** I've been told the birthing center posts all information about the above stated goals. I've been to other medical clinics and have seen the government sponsored posters. Please remember that The Episcopal Church's stated policy on contraception has been that it is legitimate for Christian couples—and that this policy dates to 1920! While we continue to proclaim the virtue of abstinence from extra-marital sexual relations, we are well aware that not all people will follow that teaching, and believe that bringing children into families which are unprepared for their care and nurture is not precisely what Christ meant when He said "suffer the little children to come to me."



**La Amistad**

1. La amistad esta en ti y no en los demas. Si la cultivas en tu propio ser, encontraras el gozo del amigo.
2. El tiempo no condiciona las amistades. Tampoco lo hacen las razas ni las limitantes propias o las ajenas.
3. El tiempo y la distancia no son los factores que destruye una amistad. La destruyen las dudas y nuestros temores.
4. Cuando pierdes un amigo, una parte de ti se va con el. Las frases, los gestos, los temores, las alegrías, las ilusiones, todo lo que ambos compartieron en el tiempo, se va con el.

Reconoce la riqueza de quien es diferente a ti y, aun asi, esta dispuesto a compartir contigo sus ideales y temores. “Nadie tiene amor mas grande que el dar la vida por sus amigos.” (JUAN 15:13) “En todo tiempo ama el amigo, y es como un hermano en tiempo de angustia.” (PROVERBIOS 17:17)

*Padre Jose*



**The Annual Pentecost Picnic will be held  
Sunday, May 31, The Day of Pentecost**

Beginning at 12:30 p.m.

At the Neely Residence—Go east on Fir Road, turn right (south) on CR 110, take the 2nd Driveway!

Bring a covered dish or dessert—meat, drinks and tableware provided.

Wear red! Bring a kite! Come to enjoy your parish family on this, the birthday of the Church!

**ST CATHERINE'S**

Please join St. Catherine's Guild on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 for a special speaker from the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of St. Philip's Joplin. All women of the parish are invited to attend!



## WORSHIP

### SATURDAY NIGHT

Holy Eucharist will be held at 5 p.m. through the coming months.

### NAT'L DAY OF PRAYER

Please pray for our nation and leaders on Thursday, May 7.

### ROGATION

Join us in the biblical garden on Mon, May 18-Wed, May 20, for Rogation tide gardening. We will begin and end with prayers! Bring your gloves, spade, hoe, wheelbarrows and hats!

### ASCENSION

The 40th day after the Resurrection, Christ was taken into heaven from the Mount of Olives. Celebrate this major festival, the theme of our Choir windows, with the Holy Eucharist on Wed, May 20, at 6 p.m.!

### PENTECOST

Pentecost Sunday is the “birthday of the Church,” the day the Holy Spirit was given like tongues of fire and rushing wind. We will celebrate this day with:

- 1.) Incense (10:30 only)
- 2.) Wear red, like those flames!
- 3.) This is an appropriate day for baptisms—if you would like to be baptized, please speak to the Rector.
- 4.) It is traditional to read portions of the service in other languages. Do you speak a language you'd like to share? See the clergy to sign up!

### 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 would include Galilee, the Dead Sea area, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and, if security permits, a few sites “off the beaten track,” like Jacob’s well in Nablus and Abraham’s tomb in Hebron. All meals, hotel & airfare, in the low \$3000 range (we’re still waiting for airfare quotes). 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 your money—you need to contribute \$750 to this trip, plus some spending money (about \$150 ought to do). All other costs covered, God willing, by fundraisers.

## Military Care Packages

Would you like to say thank you to our men in service abroad in a very personal way? Here’s how:

**1.) Bring it items** before Saturday, May 23 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, May 23, from 10-noon, so they can be mailed out Tues, May 26 after being blessed on Memorial Day weekend.



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS IN MAY

**Fri, May 1, Sts. Philip & James:** Isaiah 30:19-21, II Corinthians 4:1-6, John 14:6-14

**Sat, May 2:** Daniel 6:16-28, III John 1-15, Luke 5:27-29

**Sun, May 3, IV Easter:** Acts 4:5-12, I John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

**Mon, May 4-Sat, May 9:** Wisdom 1:1-3:9, 4:16-7:14, I Peter 5:1-11, Colossians 1:1-3:17, Luke 6:1-7:35

**Sun, May 10, V Easter:** Acts 8:26-40, I John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

**Mon, May 11-Sat, May 16:** Wisdom 7:22-10:21, 13:1-17:1, 19:1-22, Colossians 3:18-4:18, Romans 12:1-15:13, Luke 7:36-9:17

**Sun, May 17, VI Easter:** Acts 10:44-48, I John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

**Mon, May 18-Wed, May 20, Rogation Days:** Deuteronomy 11:10-15, Job 18:1-18, Romans 8:18-25, I Corinthians 3:10-14, I Timothy 6:7-19, Mark 4:26-32, Matthew 6:19-24, Luke 12:13-21

**Thurs, May 21, Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

**Fri, May 22-Sat, May 23:** Ezekiel 1:28-3:17, Hebrews 4:14-5:14, Luke 9:28-50

**Sun, May 24, VII Easter:** Acts 1:15-7, 21-26, I John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

**Mon, May 25-Sat, May 30:** Ezekiel 3:16-4:17, 7:10-27, 11:14-25, 18:1-32, 34:17-31, 43:1-12, Hebrews 6:1-9:14, Luke 9:51-11:23

**Sun, May 31, Pentecost:** Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27, 16:4-15

### PATRONAL FEASTS

*Please pray for the following on their parish name days:*

May 1, St. Philip's Churches, Joplin & Trenton

May 21: Church of the Ascension, Springfield

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