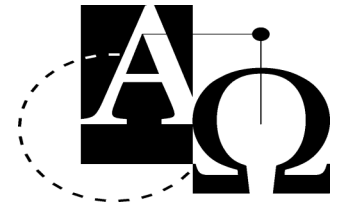


The SPIRIT of GRACE

Sept 2009

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Regular Events...

Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9
- La Santa Misa 12
- Estudia Biblica 1:30

Monday

- Quilting Group 1 pm
- Narcotics Anonymous 7

Tuesday

- Men's Social, St Luke's 10
- Exercise 10 & 6
- Tap Dance 4
- Coro en Espanol 5

Wednesday

- Choir practice begins SEPT 2 at 5:30
- Holy Eucharist 6 pm
- Dinner, Bible Study & Youth Groups begin SEPT 9 at 6:30

Thursday

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

Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

Saturday

- Altar Guild 9
- Holy Eucharist 5
- Estudia Biblica, Spencer Hall 7

Sept Coffee Hosts

*Kelly Heidlage &
Sylvia Sprenkle*

Our primary sourcebook for parish history was prepared for our 100th birthday by the late Dick Ferguson. Our 140th anniversary was on April 20 last, and the 120th anniversary of our current building will be Dec 22 upcoming.

From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

“Stewardship” is often a synonym for “fundraising,” but they are not the same word. Stewardship is a recognition that we are not the owners, but the care-takers, of the resources at our disposal. “We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we shall take nothing out,” says the Burial Office. Nonetheless, we often act as though we own things. In reality, our things often own us—witness the amount of time that people devote to the care and feeding of their 401 (K), their vacation home, their television, their public image, when they let their souls, communities and relationships wither from neglect.

Grace Church has been blessed through its history with people who have understood that we are stewards—that this county and community, parish, and historic building, our children and neighbors, are entrusted to us, and that we shall someday make an accounting for how we dealt with them, used the resources of time, talent, and treasure God grants us to serve and strengthen them.

For instance, at the very beginning of our history, we had a wonderful sense of stewardship. At our first formal act of worship with a clergyman, on April 20, 1869, we organized as a missionary body and raised \$286 to purchase a lot for a

building, which we later sold to its current occupant, First Baptist Church. When our new rector, D’Estaing Jennings, arrived for his first service, on Dec 22, we took up an offering of \$12.20 and set up a stewardship meeting for the following week, when our first pledge drive took place. Our budget for 1870 was based on \$330 in pledged income!

Of course, in those days, things cost less than today—our stone nave was put up in 1889 for the princely sum of \$6000, the pipe organ was hauled in from Boston in 1908 for \$2500 and \$41 in shipping charges, and our June 1910 electric bill was \$1. But despite inflation, one thing is clear—from our earliest history, we have been committing to the future of Grace Church, holding a pledge drive one week after our first service to make sure our ministry was on a sound financial basis.

As a result of far-sighted stewardship, we have been debt free since 1943, when we burned the mortgage on our rectory. Our stewardship isn’t about meeting a budget—it is about building a stable financial basis for ministry in the next century. Remember that when your pledge cards arrive sometime this month...

SEPT BIRTHDAYS

- 1
- 2 Dorene Woods
- 3 Betsy Taylor, Adam Crowder, Marie Estes
- 4 Brad White, Michael Goolsby
- 5 Betty Hoover, Marsha Delaney, Ruth Smith
- 6 Caleb Stiles
- 7 Mitch Christy, Zina Lewis
- 8 Sam Cebula, Jeff Dymott
- 9 Amanda McClanahan
- 10 Samantha Snodgrass, Brandy Kissel
- 11 Stacey Chapman, Dorothy Wilson
- 12 Ida Ruth Locarni, Megan Grimes Adams, Wanda Spencer
- 13 Bryan Bewick, Betsy Pauly, Earlene Evans, Stephen Beimdiek, Beth McDaniel, Mike Thompson
- 14 Michelle Hensley, Claire Hamilton
- 15 Ted Evans, Sr., Lisa Snodgrass, Tyler Harwell, Sydni Cornman, Eric Leek
- 16 April Jones
- 17 Anita Flanigan
- 18 Frank Dunaway IV
- 19 Amy Heese, Paige Rhymer, Owen Sawyer
- 20 Terry Chilton, Chase Pitner, Allysa-beth Grigsby
- 21 Debbie Putnam, Kim Snodgrass, Paul Matteo, Jackie Campbell
- 22 Ellie Flanigan, Colby Wakefield, Austin Daniel
- 23 Melissa Erdman, Patrick Pettie
- 24
- 25 Sean Garza
- 26 Kirsten Robertson
- 27 Philip Patrick, Chuck Edds, KC Hagensieker, Israel Putnam
- 28 Glenda Erwin, Jim Spradling, Chaine Bell, Kathy Conrow
- 29 Andrea Hertzberg, Van Ellis
- 30 Kelly Roske

Anniversaries

- 9-1 Rev. Galen & Kim Snodgrass
- 9-2 Mel & Julie Anderson
- 9-2 Larry & Marcia McGuire
- 9-4 Jim & Pat Brown
- 9-8 John & Pam White Schaffer
- 9-13 Paul & Cathy Hauser
- 9-20 Steven & Betty Goodman
- 9-25 Shawn & Whitney Hussey
- 9-29 Steve & Melinda Wilson
- 9-30 David & Laren Cruse
- 9-30 Michael & Heather Anderson

OUTREACH

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 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.

MUM'S THE WORD

The Family Literacy Center is selling hardy mums for fall planting. Orders may be placed with Jeff Bell and Sandy Swingle after services Wed and Sun; Fr Steve will take orders during the week. The mums are in 8 inch pots and sell for \$10 each. Money **MUST** be received at time of order, no later than Sept 10. Delivery here at Church Sun, Sept 20. This fall fundraiser will help beautify your garden while helping the community!

QUARTER TUBE

Did you know that in the past four years, we have raised over \$3000 from the Quarter Tube for the Heifer Project? Bees, trees, llamas, goats, chickens, ducks, water buffalo, rabbits, pigs, sheep and cows have been sent to Bolivia, Poland, Guatemala, Nepal, Zimbabwe, Pakistan and Cameroon—every continent except wealthy Australia and uninhabited Antarctica. Your generosity has enriched the futures of literally hundreds of people throughout the world!

The 80 CENT SOLUTION

A consistent national concern in recent years has been the scant number of missionaries The Episcopal Church supports. While we support literally *thousands* of clergy, teachers and doctors abroad, almost all of them are natives of the regions in which they minister, and very few Americans have been able to participate in missionary efforts on a sustained basis due to low funding. Starting this year, The Episcopal Church has a new initiative—the 80 Cent Solution. If every single Episcopalian would contribute 80 cents this year, we could **DOUBLE** the number of missionaries we send abroad annually. To participate, put your 80 cents (hey, how about a dollar?) in an envelope marked **80 CENTS** and hand it to the Rector, or put it in the plate!

The PARISH PRAYER LIST

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, Tom Adams, Jim Brown
Steve Friede, Helen Rogers, Dick Rush, Libby Wilson, Jerry Gilpin, Alicia Wilkowski, Ron Ferguson, Flynn Mountjoy, Charles Rollins, Robert Hoge, Johnna Maury, Cynthia Jo, Barb Dalton, Nevin Yankie, Sandi Willhite, Ann Fritsch, Charles Hammer, Jane Scott Campbell., Kelly Pierce, Fern Wright, Rick Mammen
(*Military service*) Dane Bell, Ethan Feurborn, Eric Leek, Jake Douglas, Trevor Shields, Jake Berger, Rich Jones, Rick Frink, Trey Schesser, Ladell Neal, Ed Kvam, Jeffrey Carnes, Allan Vaughan, Devon Walker, Jeffrey, Gary Welch

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer/Botswana

Sept 6: Kansas City, Bishop Spencer Place; Springfield, Christ Church; The Annual Clergy Conference; *St. Paul, Molepolole, Botswana*
Sept 13: Springfield, Church of the Ascension; West Missouri Academy for Lay Education and Ministry; *St. Peter, Mmodinare, Botswana*
Sept 20: Springfield, St James' Church; Department of Liturgical & Spiritual Life; *St. Mary Magdalene, Palapye, Botswana*
Sept 27: Ozark, St. Matthew's Church; *St. Andrew, Selebi-Phikwe, Botswana*

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Sodor & Man, Southwark, Southwell, St. Albans, St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (*England*), Sokoto (*Nigeria*), Soroti, South Ruwenzori (*Uganda*), South Carolina, South Dakota, Southeast Florida, Southern Ohio, Southern Virginia, Southwest Florida, Southwestern Virginia, Spokane Springfield IL (*USA*), South Kerala (*South India*), South West Tanganyika, Southern Highlands (*Tanzania*), South Western Brazil, Southern Brazil (*Brazil*), Southeastern Mexico (*Mexico*), Southern Malawi, Upper Shire (*Central Africa*), Southern Nyanza (*Kenya*), Southern Philippines (*Philippines*), St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane (*Scotland*), St Asaph, St. David's (*Wales*)

TRANSITIONS, Aug 2009

New Addresses/ Directory Changes

Greg, Charlyn & Haley Kester, 1935 S. Main, Carthage
Jason & Lindsey Hodges, 1933 S. Main, Carthage
Knox Dunaway, 302 Chestnut, Apt 4, Carthage
Keegan & Olivia Pierce, 4042 Hillcrest #206, Springfield 65807
Dick & Jeanne Fanning, 1815 Bluebird Way, Carthage
Mitch Christy, PO Box 231, Carthage
Tighe & Abbie (Heese) Hogg, Roach Gulch Dam Road, Meeteetse, WY 82433
Addie Longan, 20849 Lakeshore Dr, Springdale, AR 72764

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Alexandra Bowman, Trinity University, One Trinity Place #327, San Antonio TX 78212-7200
Drew Longan, 7 Ash St, Fayetteville AR 72701
Paul Matteo, Sigma Ep House 218 E. Nelson, Lexington, VA 24450
Chase Pitner, 2108 N. Garland Ave. Apt. 6, Fayetteville, AR 72704
Spencer Orr, Wells House #241, 1132 E. Madison, Springfield, MO 65807
Sierra Russow, Dearmont Hall, 360 Dearmont Circle MS0030, Cape Girardeau 63701
Doug Snodgrass, 526 E. Cherry Apt. A, Springfield, MO 65806-3332
Lisa Snodgrass, MU, Jones Hall RM 618 A, 502 Kentucky Blvd, Columbia MO 65201-5137
Greg Spencer, 8585 S. Campbell Rm 102, Springfield, MO 65807
Audrey White, Alpha Chi Omega, 900 Richmond Ave., Columbia, MO 65201
Alex Wiedemann, 1808 S Elm, Nation Hall Rm. 426, Pittsburg, KS 66762

Congratulations

...to **Katie Snodgrass** and Dan Rollins,
...to **Lexy Martin** of this parish and Kory Ferbet
...to **Rachael Kenney** of this parish and Justin Enderle
...and to **Caleb Stiles** of this parish and Stacey Nelson, all of whom announce their engagement to be wed in the coming year.
To **Dr. Ann Marie Hunter**, who received her PhD this summer

The Faithful Departed

Betty Carpenter, mother of Ann Carter, departed this life Wed, August 19. *Rest eternal grant to her, o Lord...*

En el principio era el Verbo. Y el Verbo era con Dios, y el Verbo era Dios. Juan 1:1

La palabra es el medio por el cual se expresan los pensamientos, y al aplicar este término al Hijo de Dios nos lleva a pensar que el deseo de expresarse es inherente a la Divinidad, y que Dios desea hablar con los seres que ha creado. Toda la Biblia apoya esta creencia. Dios está hablando. No solo que ha hablado, sino que está hablando. Habla continuamente por medio de la naturaleza; el mundo está lleno de su voz.

La voz de Dios que llena el mundo antecede a la Biblia por siglos incontables. Es una voz que no ha dejado de oírse desde los albores de la creación, y sigue resonando de un extremo a otro del universo. La palabra de Dios es rápida y poderosa. En el principio de todas las cosas habló hacia la nada, y la nada se convirtió en algo. El caos oyó esa voz, y se convirtió en orden; la oscuridad la oyó, y nació la luz. “Y dijo Dios sea, y fue!” Estas palabras gemelas, como causa y efecto, ocurren a todo lo largo del relato bíblico de la creación.

Que Dios está aquí, y está hablando, son verdades que respaldan otras verdades bíblicas: sin ellas no podría haber revelación. Todavía no hemos dado la atención necesaria a esa profunda declaración en el evangelio de Juan que dice, “Aquel era la luz verdadera que alumbra a todo hombre que viene a este mundo!” No importan los cambios de puntuación que se hagan, la verdad permanece firme, la palabra de Dios afecta el corazón de todo hombre, como la luz lo hace al alma. En el corazón de todos los hombres brilla la luz y resuena la palabra, y no hay manera de escapar.

Algo así debe ser necesario, si es cierto que Dios vive y está en el mundo. Juan afirma que así es. “Porque las cosas invisibles de él, su eterna potencia y divinidad, se echan de ver desde la creación del mundo, siendo entendidas por las cosas que son hechas, de modo que son inexcusables”(Romanos 1:20).

Los hebreos de la antigüedad le daban el nombre de Sabiduría a esa voz de que estamos tratando, pues decían que se oía en todas partes y que recorría la tierra en busca de respuesta de parte de los hijos de los hombres. El capítulo octavo del libro de Proverbios comienza así: “¿No clama la sabiduría, y da su voz la inteligencia?” Entonces describe la sabiduría como una hermosa mujer que “se para en las alturas y en las encrucijadas de los caminos; dirige su voz a todas partes, para que nadie deje de oírla y dice: ‘Oh, hombres, a vosotros clamo; dirijo mi voz a los hijos de los hombres.’ “Seguidamente se dirige a los simples y faltos de cordura y les aconseja que escuchen lo que les dice. Lo que pide la sabiduría de Dios es atención espiritual, pero rara vez este pedido es escuchado. La tragedia consiste en que nuestro bienestar eterno depende de nuestro oír, y hemos enseñado a nuestros oídos a no escuchar. Esta voz universal ha resonado siempre, y a menudo atribulado a los hombres, aun cuando estos no se daban cuenta de donde provenían sus temores. ¿No será esa voz que se cierne como niebla vital sobre los corazones de hombres y mujeres, lo que ha despertado sus conciencias y sus anhelos de inmortalidad en millones de seres humanos desde los albores de la historia?

En el soplo de vida del cosmos hay algo misterioso, algo sumamente pavoroso, que la mente humana no alcanza a comprender. El creyente no pretende comprenderlo, simplemente cae de rodillas y exclama ” ¡Dios!”.

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Season: Pentecost Color: Green (except Sept 14 & 21, red, and Sept 29, white)		1 <i>David Oakerbater</i>	2 <i>Martyrs of New Guinea</i> 5:30 pm Choir Salad Supper 6:30 Junior High parent mtg	3	4 <i>Paul Jones</i>	5 10 am Wedding
6 XIV PENTECOST Proper 18	7 LABOR DAY: <i>Office closed</i>	8	9 <i>Martyrs of Memphis</i> Wed night activities begin	10 <i>Alex. Crummell</i>	11	12 <i>John H. Hobart</i> 10 a.m General Convention mtg, Springfield 2 pm Quinceanera 5:30 pm Ice Cream Social
13 XV PENTECOST Proper 19 Sunday School begins	14 HOLY CROSS Clergy Conference	15 Clergy Conference	16 <i>Ninian</i> Clergy Conference	17 <i>Hildegard of Bingen</i>	18 <i>Edward Pusey</i> Movie Night "Waiting for Guffman"	19 <i>Theodore of Tarsus</i> 10 am First Communion 3-7 pm Festival of Friends Noche de Filma
20 XVI PENTECOST Proper 20	21 ST. MATTHEW 7 pm General Convention mtg, KC	22 <i>Philander Chase</i> 7 pm Vestry	23	24	25 <i>Sergius of Moscow</i> Newsletter deadline	26 <i>Lancelot Andrewes</i> 10 am First Communion
27 XVII PENTECOST Proper 21	28	29 ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS 4 pm Newsletter folding party	30 <i>Jerome of Betlehem</i>			

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8, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Acolyte Practice 9:15 am Sunday School starting Sept 13 12 pm Spanish Eucharist	1 pm Quilting Group 7 pm NA "Clergy day off"	10 am Men's Social Hour, St Luke's 4 pm Dance 7 pm Spanish Choir practice	5:30 pm Choir starting Sept 2 6 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Dinner, Bible Study, Youth Groups starting Sept 9	2 pm St Luke's Eucharist 10 am & 6 pm Exercise 7 pm Spanish Prayer Group	10 am Holy Eucharist	5 pm Holy Eucharist 7 pm Estudia Biblica

FROM THE DESK OF THE DEACONS: The Rev. Galen Snodgrass

A \$195 check was sent to Heifer International for three Earth Baskets for the Bothar Bee Farm in Cameroon, Africa. Monies will purchase three hives of bees plus trees to provide shade. Honey will be flowing for villagers thanks to your generous gift. To date we have sent \$3,100 or 12,400 quarters to Heifer.

Staying overnight at grandma Snodgrass's gave me an opportunity to do the special things only grandmothers do. After putting my 'grip' (overnight luggage) in the bedroom we'd head to the kitchen to get treats to watch television. We'd prepare Jiffy Pop Popcorn on the stove, open an 8 oz grape soda from The Soda Boy Pop Company, and get the M & M's from the hallway shelf. Off to the living room to watch The Adam's Family, Hogan's Hero's, Get Smart, or some other show. Then we'd match playing cards on the living room floor until well after dark. Bedtimes always came with her reading a story. One story I remember was titled "Dan the Steam Shovel Man." Dan was always doing the dirt work for schools, hospitals, police and fire stations, and large sky scrapers. On every page he would say, "I'm Dan, Dan the steam shovel man and I can build it, yes I can." At least that's how I remember it today. She must have read that story a thousand times. It was fun to hear this and other stories.

Last week I read a book where the author talked about how reading stories for pleasure is good for us, especially as children. As we mature the fun of the story can often be replaced with data, facts, and proving something. That's part of growing up and it's good, but sometimes we grow so accustomed to reading for data and proof we forget about enjoying a story. She went on to talk about how few people realize there are two creation stories in the Bible. In one Adam is created first.. He names the animals, and God sees he's lonely so he puts him to sleep, taking a rib to create Eve. The second is where God creates Adam and Eve at the same time and sets them in the garden to live. Now that you've read this I may have upset your entire thinking about how you remember the first Biblical story, but it is true. There are two stories.

This got me to thinking, which prompted a meeting with my spiritual director. We talked about how important it is to read Biblical stories for pleasure because it often inspires us to read more of them. Reading them at face value so we know the basics and where we can find them is vital since we are to be "Biblical People." We spent the next 45 minutes discussing what that term means.

Biblical People are ones who read the stories for the enjoyment and may place themselves in the stories to *feel and think* what the characters were encountering. By placing ourselves as a Biblical character the story comes alive and meaningful. We might even be able to identify with one of the people in our story. The Bible then becomes fun, even pleasurable, inspiring us to read more. Maybe this kind of talk is all new to you.

This way of thinking about the Bible isn't about memorizing scripture. We all know people who can quote a passage they think will help us in our lives. Often I don't think it does. Why? Because memorization is about *teaching the Bible*. I can hear the voices now: this is where you find it, this is what this means; do it and you'll be right with Jesus. Turn over your life now and come to him.

Do you see the difference? Biblical People focus on placing themselves in the story. One time they may be the boy who provided the fish and bread to feed the five thousand. The next they can be Nicodemus coming to Jesus by night. Another they may be Martha at the tomb of Lazarus. This can offer the fun and pleasure of being in the story. Isn't that pretending and isn't that what children do so well.

People of Grace Church, deacons are called to make known the needs of the world to the Church. What I'm saying in this article is that we need to free ourselves to open our Bibles. I believe that this type of approach to stories can excite us to explore more of them. And I know we want to. A week doesn't go by that someone will say, "I need to know my Bible better." Yes, we do! The stumbling block is we've had too many years of people proofing the stories for us. No wonder Biblical Literacy is low.

To show you I've/we've taken this seriously, Deacon Bell and I have agreed to teach on Sunday Morning Jr. High and we're excited. We're going to use the 'Biblical People' model. Our elementary kids are doing it already with Godly Play. I prayerfully invite you to try it during this entire school year. I know your school district is asking you to read to your kids. Read Bible stories using this format and see what occurs. And for good measure be like my grandmother and read a book like "Dan the Steam Shovel Man" a thousand times for the joy of it. Her reading about Dan certainly left its mark.

VESTRY UPDATE

Due to a lack of quorum, the Vestry meeting on Tuesday, August 18, was informational only.

Rector's Report: Due to a number of factors, it has been impossible to take vacation time this summer, and the fall is difficult for scheduling off large chunks of time. The Rector will be gone for a few days late in September and will be coming in late most mornings throughout the autumn. A memorial bench has been installed in the north transept of the Church for Gail Ross. We have a nearly full roster of teachers for youth activities this fall. Vacation Bible School was wonderful and well-attended, averaging about 85 nightly. Ornaments of the Church have been ordered for our 140th anniversary year.

Deacon's Report: The deacons are team-teaching Sunday School for Junior High this fall. Deacon Jeff will be attending a campus ministry workshop in September, and Deacon Galen will be riding 140 miles by bike for MS with his daughter.

Senior Warden's Report: Vestry nominations may be made to Kevin Johnson, Wade Hamilton or Connie Moss—any nominee must be a confirmed communicant 16 years old at the time of the election in January who is “known to the treasurer” and “conspicuously attached to the discipline, doctrine and worship of The Episcopal Church.” The Parish Life committee continues to work on a photo directory project for the fall.

Junior Warden's Report: The freezer broke and has been replaced, the wall above the altar arch repaired and repainted to eliminate black mold, and we remain stymied in our efforts to get the kitchen window replaced, as the company which manufactures the windows has been very slow in returning calls.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date, we are ahead about \$1400 but need to remember that we have achieved this due to a one-time “rebate” from the Diocese and four months without a secretary. Next year's budget will hopefully be able to include a contribution from the endowment, as the stock market shows signs of some recovery.

Roof Report: Gary Cole reported on the completion of the main roof (please note the paint job on the snow guards) and that the Parish House roof should be completed in August, weather permitting. The total bill is expected to be under \$56,000 for this project.

TRAVEL PLANS

Mission trip to Haiti: Feb 13-20, 2010. Our partner congregation in Marcabee on the southern coast of Haiti is building a school with your help. Would you like to join Deacon Galen Snodgrass and others as they help with that project in a hands-on fashion? To be eligible, you must be in possession of a valid passport and have your shots up to date: tetanus, hepatitis B, hepatitis A. And don't forget to get the malaria pills in advance! In other words, if you're interested, you might want to talk to Galen now, since it takes a while to get your medication up to speed.

Israel Pilgrimage: Join the rector on a 12-day trip to Israel from May 11-24 of 2010. We will stay on the Mediterranean one night, in Nazareth three nights, and in the Cathedral in Jerusalem (just north of the walled city) the remaining dates. Cost will be approximately \$3400 for *everything*, including all meals and airline taxes (current quotes only—taxes can be altered by government decree to within one month of flights). Valid passport required. See Fr. Wilson in the next few weeks to get further information on this visit to the Holy Sites of our faith. Please note that this schedule will have us in Jerusalem on Pentecost, an amazing opportunity to not only “visit the sites,” but to also experience the Holy City during one of the liturgical highlights of the year.

Jordan Youth Pilgrimage: Our senior high youth group will spend spring break, March 12-20, in Jordan, visiting the route of the Exodus, the baptismal site of Jesus and various other biblical sites. The cost is \$2799 all inclusive, of which we hope to provide \$2050 per participant through fundraising. If your teen is of the right age (and **active** in our parish's life) see the rector soon to discuss his/her participation, and plan to obtain a passport **before the end of September.**

SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN SEPT 2009

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Sept 6</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader: Kelly Roske Chalice: Larry Ross Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Nancy Dymott Sacristan: Chalaine Bell</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: George Platt NT: Mark Sponaugle Chalice: George Platt Subdeacon: Margie Tucker Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron Servers: Ian Kyger <i>Capt</i> Jackie Spencer Crosses: Quincy & Emma Charleston Torches: Jay & Tom Simmons Sacristan: Beth Simmons Ushers: Jimmy Grimes Mike Robertson AV: Mike & Ryan Robertson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Sept 13</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader/Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Michelle Sexton Sacristan: Jacqui Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: Debbie Jones NT: Julie Anderson Chalice: Rayella Lindsey Subdeacon: Scott Stone Acolyte Mentor: Michelle Sexton Servers: Ashley Heidlage <i>Capt</i> Deandra Sexton Crosses: Carlie Wakefield Matt Goolsby Torches: Ashleigh Wilson Sarah Wilson Sacristan: Marcia McGuire Greeters: Michael & Jennifer Cartright Ushers: Richard Ralston Jim Creighton AV: Jim & Colby Wake field</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Sept 20</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader: Dana Cameron Chalice: Larry Ross Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Brad Cameron Sacristan: Ann Carter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: Jerry Sample NT: Wade Hamilton Chalice: Don Gass Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones Acolyte Mentor: Madi Kyger Servers: Madeline Marsden <i>Capt</i> Ellen Stiles Salchow Crosses: Will Mansfield Chase Taylor Torches: Katie & Taylor Mansfield Sacristan: Jacqui Johnson Greeters: Joel & Melissa Erdman Ushers: Steve Erwin Larry McGuire AV: Elisa White</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday, Sept 27</i> <i>8 am</i></p> <p>Reader: Kelly Roske Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Larry Ross Server: Richard Roske Sacristan: Beth Simmons</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>10:30 am</i></p> <p>OT: Bonnie Jones NT: Chuck Edds Chalice: Charlyn Kester Subdeacon: Bill Putnam Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst Servers: Cecilie Washburn <i>Capt</i> Drew Schesser Crosses: Oliver Sprengle Julio Ovalle Torches: Evan & David Sexton, Alex & Anna Wilkowski Sacristan: Chalaine Bell Greeters: Troy & Liz Salchow Ushers: Larry Hartman Jim Wakefield AV: Joel Erdman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wednesdays, 6 pm</i> Wed, Sept 2</p> <p>Reader: Mark Sponaugle Chalice: Ron Ferguson Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wed, Sept 9</p> <p>Reader: Dana Cameron Chalice: Margie Tucker Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wed, Sept 16</p> <p>Reader: Glenda Erwin Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wed, Sept 23</p> <p>Reader: Julie Anderson Chalice: Tom Flanigan Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wed, Sept 30</p> <p>Reader/Chalice: Bonnie Jones Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Saturdays, 5 pm</i></p> <p>Sept 5 Reader: Glenda Erwin Sacristan: Ann Carter</p> <p>Sept 12 Reader: Jimmy Grimes Sacristan: Ann Carter</p> <p>Sept 19 Reader: Glenda Erwin Sacristan: Ann Carter</p> <p>Sept 26 Reader: Jack Slates Sacristan: Ann Carter</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thursdays, 2 pm</i> Sacristans: Ann Ulmer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fridays, 10 am</i> Sacristan: Sue Neely</p>

EDUCATION

PARENTS:

COMMUNION QUESTIONS?

Are your young children confused about Holy Eucharist? Are you confused about what to say to them, how to help them prepare for the Sacrament, when is the “right” time for your child to take communion? Bring your kids and join us for “First Communion” at 10 a.m. the last two Saturdays in September. Even if your children are taking communion already, these classes are designed to help you and them think about the mystery of Holy Eucharist in fresh ways.

INQUIRERS’ CLASSES

Our bishop’s visitation this year is Nov 29. Membership/confirmation/ “basic Episcopalianism 101” classes for adults 16 and older will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 starting Sept 13. Even if you’re a life-long Episcopalian, these can be useful. If you’re new to the parish and not clear about how we operate and what we believe, or if you’d like to make a formal commitment as a member of this congregation, these classes will answer your questions and give you the tools you need to live your faith in this faith family.

GENERAL CONVENTION UPDATES

Join your General Convention deputies and Bishop at Christ Church, Springfield, at 10 am on Sat, Sept 12, or at the Cathedral in KC on Mon, Sept 21, at 7 pm, for presentations on the work and decisions of the Convention.

BIBLE STUDY

Two groups meet each week on Wed night at 7 pm, starting Sept 9:

For young adults 18-35, in the library: See Deacon Jeff for details

For anyone 18-108, *The Letters to the Corinthians*, in the Parish House.

ADULT FORUMS

Sept 6: *Come, labor on: A theology of work*

Sept 13: *Ray Hargiss* of Christ Church, Springfield, shows slides of his recent term as intern at your theological college in Jerusalem, St. George’s, where he served for one semester as the “jack of all trades” for the students, mainly clergy, on archaeological and historical tours of the Middle East

Sept 20: *Anglican History 101: How did the Episcopal Church come about?*

Sept 27: *Anglican Polity 101: How is the Episcopal Church, and Grace Church, structured?*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, Sept 13!

Welcome to Sunday School! Lessons begin at 9:15 every morning. Join our fabulous team of teachers in Spencer Hall—

3, 4 & 5 year olds: Upstairs, Tricia Charleston

1st-3rd grades: Upstairs, Elaine Wurst & Tracy Wilkowski

4th-6th grades: Upstairs, Ann Curtis & Teri Diggs

7th & 8th grades: Upstairs, Deacon Jeff & Deacon Galen

High School: Downstairs, Elisa White & Nancy Dymott

YOUTH GROUPS

Beginning Sept 9.

We have a wonderful youth program for all ages on Wed night, starting at 7 pm and ending by 8:15 pm. Join us in Spencer Hall

1st-3rd grades (PBJ): Upstairs, Debbie Hertzberg & Sylvia Sprenkle

4th-6th grades (LOGS): Cindy Chilton & Catherine Marsden

7th & 8th grades: Jeanne & Mike Goolsby & Keri Kirby

High school: Downstairs, Kelly Heidlage & Steve Erwin

The most important act of Christian education is to READ YOUR BIBLE. A daily course of reading Holy Scripture helps to open one’s heart to the way God interacts with our fallen nature and to the way we ought to respond. See the back page for a suggested schedule.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

St Catherine's invites the parish to join in an ice cream social in our biblical garden the afternoon of Sat, Sept 12. Keep your calendar open for more information, and start stocking up on rock salt!

18-35?

Our young adult ministry meets Wed nights at 7 p.m. starting Sept 9. Deacon Jeff Bell and Joel Erdman coordinate a program which generally goes by alternate weeks- "fun night" alternating with study and discussion night. If you know a young adult who is looking for a way to connect to the life of faith, this is the group!

NA

Struggling with addiction? Narcotics Anonymous meets every Monday at 7 in Spencer Hall.

CHOIR KICK-OFF

Join Dr. Andrews for a first choir rehearsal and carry-in salad supper on Wed, Sept 2, at 5:30 p.m. The choir leads worship starting Sun, Sept 12.

NEEDED: HAPPY FACES

Greeters for the first and fifth Sundays of each month. Our greeters are here to meet newcomers after the service, extend a warm welcome, offer the hospitality of our coffee hour (where they introduce newcomers to a few other folks, including but not limited to clergy) and make sure our "welcome bags" from St. Catherine's Guild are firmly in hands before the visitors leave the grounds. If you'd be interested in this ministry, please speak to Fr. Steve or Deacon Galen.

ST. MARTHA'S GUILD

The fall luncheon meeting will be Wed, Sept 9, at 1 p.m. at the Sassy Spoon on the SE corner of the Square. St. Martha's has adopted a section of the garden, and supports the work and mission of the parish through volunteering at, and sharing profits from, the Nearly New. We would love to have new member! Dorsi Sample 394-2754 or Ann Ulmer 358-6661.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Join us on Friday night, Sept 18, for "Waiting for Guffman," a hilarious spoof of community theater in small-town Missouri. Christopher Guest is the eccentric local director "Corky," who learns that the famous director "Guffman" is coming to fictional Blaine, Missouri, searching for talent. A cast of well-known character actors (Fred Willard, Posey Parker) bring their most over-the-top dramatics to this delightful small film from the team who produced "Best in Show." Some talent, as they say, deserves to remain undiscovered....Rated R for brief strong language.

La noche de filma en Espanol es el Sabado, el 19 de Septiembre, a las 7 horas de la noche!

FALL BOOK STUDY

Sign up now in the Parish House for our 8-week study of John Coburn's classic *Prayer and Personal Religion*, starting Monday, Sept 14 (Holy Cross Day). The study will meet in the Parish House at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays and conclude by 8 p.m. Books may be purchased for \$16 from the bookstore. Questions? Contact Julie Anderson at 388-0709.

6+2 DINNER GROUPS

Sign up for the 6+2 dinner groups from Aug 2-16. The rotation begins in September and ends in December. Groups strive to have three couples and 2 singles who gather monthly for dinner and fellowship. Test your cooking creativity and enjoy getting to know your Church family members better. It's fun! Groups will be assigned in early September.

QUILTERS

The Quilters need some more people to join us on Monday afternoon at 1:00 pm. We are doing a Christmas Quilt for which the community can buy chances. The proceeds go to St. Catherine's to return to the church in projects for youth, St. Luke's, and the congregation.

FROM the PARISH NURSE: Barbara Mountjoy, RN

Can you believe it's September again? Our lives begin to gradually shift into another zone. Even if our children are long past "getting ready for school age", we still change our pace when summer is over and school begins. So, I thought it was time I wrote about stress and suggest some ways of dealing with stress. Stress is unavoidable. It is part of being alive. Stress can be an effective stimulant that motivates one to do more and be more. Stress gives you energy to create the effort, the ability to actually accomplish things. I recently heard an analogy of stress in relation to a violin. If you are to play a violin, you must put stress on the strings to make music. So the right amount of stress creates beautiful music. But too much stress can create chaos, even physical illness. So the trick is to keep stress at the beautiful music level. Jesus modeled this for us by taking time away from his work and spending time alone in prayer. As Episcopalians there are many resources available to us to help minimize stress to a manageable level.

- Talk to God. God is available for you 24/7. God cares for you deeply.
- Sleep at least 6 hours a day. Of course the new research says 7 hours is the perfect number.
- Know your limits. Learn to say no to additional responsibility.
- Eat right. Choose food wisely. A healthy body is the best defense against stress.
- Exercise. You can do 10 minutes a day each day. Take time when grocery shopping to walk down unnecessary aisles. Park farther away.
- Utilize your mind. Remember the state of your mind affects your body. Clinical studies have shown that using your imagination to picture peaceful sceneries is an excellent stress reliever. Take a quick break from a stressful situation and use your imagination to travel to that stress-free place. Then you can return to the task or meeting or social activity refreshed.
- Have a joyful heart. Associate with pleasant people. We all have people in our lives who can "bring us down," but after spending time with that person, call a happy friend who can always find humor in a situation. Depend on your "cheerleaders." It could be someone who is very close to you, or someone you do business with - you know a clerk at the convenience store who always make you smile. If that is where your cheerleader is, go there to buy your gas, even if it is 3 cents more.
- Read the Bible. I have friend that reads the Bible very night before going to sleep. She tells me that she awakens feeling so refreshed each morning. Reading the Bible seems to do wonders for your nerves.
- Forgive. Hate is a toxic emotion. It does no good for anyone. Hating doesn't very often hurt the one you hate; many times they don't even know you have these bad feelings towards them. It does harm **you** however. You are under enormous stress carrying this burden in your heart.
- Love others. Step out of your box. Smile at people, you might even say hello to someone you don't really know. Support your community. The more love you give, the more comes back to you.
- Pray ceaselessly. You will notice I mentioned earlier in this piece that you should talk to God. I think there may be a subtle difference in talking and praying. One way I know I am really praying and not just tugging on God's shirt sleeve is when I say the Lord's prayer....when I really think it and say it. Try writing it down, printing or cursive, and think about what each phrase says and what it means to you.
- Be at peace. Know that the quote my priest is fond of using, which by the way always makes me feel better, "It will ALL be all right. We have God's promise." And God keeps His promises.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Aslan is on the Move, Aug 4-6



The Professor helps a young Narnian through the wardrobe...



A valiant knight prepares to battle the forces of evil...



The White Witch freezes a faun with her icy magic...



The entrance to Narnia is near the magic lamp post...



A magic sled filled with Turkish delight is what seduces Edmund into betraying his siblings...



Above: Mr. Tumnus pokes a head out to see what all the commotion is as the Sons of Adam and Daughters of Eve traipse into Narnia... Below: Everyone is always delighted to see Father Christmas, who hasn't appeared in Narnia since the White Witch stole the throne a century ago...



Mrs. McReady shows the children how to play quietly and not disturb the Professor by pretending to be a tent—every other child leans in, every other child leans out, and everyone is held up by the mystical power of tension. Just like the Church...



Left: Just because she's beautiful doesn't mean she's good. Jadis, the White Witch, attempts to turn the hearts of the children with promises of sweets and special favors, making them forget their family and their real values...



ACOLYTES

Remember that acolyte practice is at 9 a.m. ! We look forward to seeing you in Sunday School after practice.

VESTRY ELECTIONS

The annual Vestry elections will be held in January. If you know someone aged 16 or older, a confirmed communicant in good standing in our parish, who you believe would make a strong leader for our spiritual family, please nominate them by the end of October *in the following way*:

- 1.) Talk to the person to make sure he or she would be willing to run.
- 2.) Speak to Wade Hamilton 358-4274, Connie Moss 782-2666, or Kevin Johnson 359-9799, our nominations committee, and let them know that you have spoken to the person, and are officially nominating them.

FLU UPDATE

The latest information from the Center for Disease Control indicates that there will be two flu vaccines this fall, probably starting in October. The regular seasonal vaccine and the new “H1N1” vaccine are both strongly recommended. CDC does not think there will be any shortages, but availability and demand can be unpredictable. The following people should be prepared to receive both shots as soon as possible:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children under 6 months of age
- Health care and medical emergency services personnel
- Children 6 months through 4 years old
- Children 5 through 18 with chronic medical conditions

Please check with Nurse Barbara in the coming weeks to see when flu shot clinics are scheduled in our area. And remember—don’t panic, plan! There will be a flu season this winter, but you can limit how seriously it impacts your life!

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS

The annual multi-cultural festival in Central Park will feature two Grace Church components this year. On Sat, Sept 19, from 3-7 pm, Padre Palma and the members of our Hispanic band will perform Latin music as part of the “Central America” section of the festival. Our youth group will also be hosting a “Middle East” booth featuring items brought back from Turkey, information about the upcoming trip to Jordan, and delectable baklava and spices for sale!

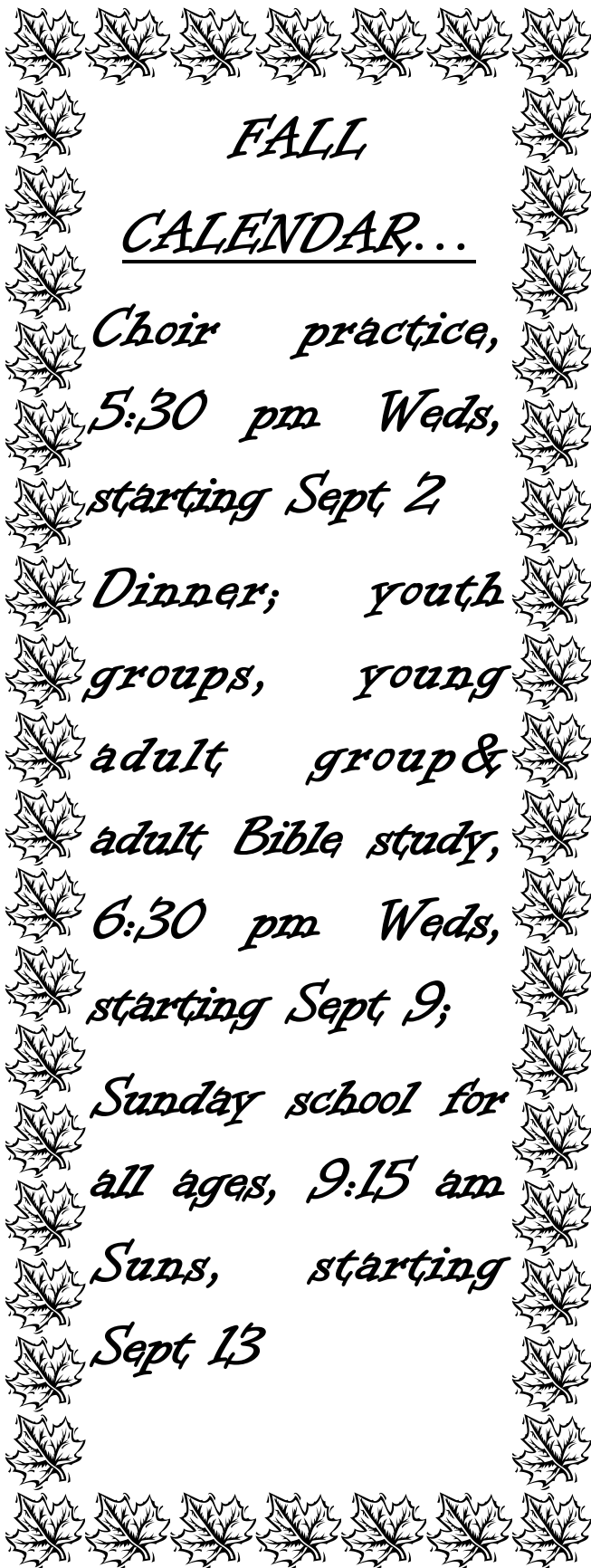
COMING NEXT MONTH

Sun, Oct 4, 5 pm: The Blessing of the Pets. Bring your pets, suitably restrained, and your friends to one of the highlights of the year on our Barking Lot. In event of rain, this will be rescheduled to the following Sunday at 5 pm.

Sat, Oct 10, 5:30 pm-7:30: **Oktoberfest** Join us for grilled brats, hot potato salad, red cabbage and a range of other German delicacies to benefit our youth group’s travel fund. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids under 12. It’s just like Erntefest in Freistatt, only with air conditioning and without mosquitoes!

Wed, Oct 28: All Hallows’ Eve, 6 pm. The annual service of light and blessing of costumes precedes a buffet and party.

Thurs, Oct 29-Sat Oct 31: Diocesan Convention at Tan-Tar-A in Camden. Please pray for our Bishop and diocese, and our own parish deputation, as we attend to the greater life of the Church. Clergy deputies: Fr. Wilson, Deacon Bell, Deacon Snodgrass. Lay deputies: Chaine Bell, Jim & Biffie Creighton, Joel Erdman, Tom Flanigan, Don Gass, Marty Griffin, Barbara Mountjoy, Carolyn Phelps. Fr. Palma votes also as the clerical deputy for St. Nicholas, Noel.



*FALL
CALENDAR...*

*Choir practice,
5:30 pm Weds,
starting Sept 2*

*Dinner; youth
groups, young
adult group &
adult Bible study,
6:30 pm Weds,
starting Sept 9;*

*Sunday school for
all ages, 9:15 am
Suns, starting
Sept 13*

DAILY READINGS IN SEPT

Mon, Sept 1-Sat, Sept 5: II Chronicles 6:32-7:7, I Kings 8:65-9:9, 9:24-10:13, 11:1-12:20, James 2:1-5:20, Mark 14:53-15:39

Sun, Sept 6, XIV Pentecost, Proper 18: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 123, James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37

Mon, Sept 7-Sat, Sept 12: I Kings 12:21-13:10, 16:23-19:8, Philippians 1:1-4:7, Mark 15:40-16:29, Matthew 2:1-3:17

Sun, Sept 13, XV Pentecost, Proper 19: Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

Mon, Sept 14, Holy Cross: Isaiah 45:21-25, Philippians 2:5-11, John 12:31-36

Tues, Sept 15-Sat, Sept 19: I Kings 19:8-21, 21:1-22:45, II Kings 1:2-2:18, I Corinthians 1:1-4:7, Matthew 4:1-5:20

Sun, Sept 20, XVI Pentecost, Proper 20: Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8, Mark 9:30-37

Mon, Sept 21, St Matthew: Proverbs 3:1-6, II Timothy 3:14-17, Matthew 9:9-13

Tues, Sept 22-Sat, Sept 26: II Kings 4:8-6:23, 9:1-37, 11:1-20, I Corinthians 4:8-7:24, Matthew 5:21-6:24

Sun, Sept 27, XVII Pentecost, Proper 21: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Mon, Sept 28: II Kings 17:1-41, I Corinthians 7:25-31, Matthew 6:25-34

Tues, Sept 29, St Michael & All Angels: Genesis 38:10-17, Revelation 12:7-12, John 1:47-51

Wed, Sept 30: II Chronicles 29:1-3, 30:1-27, I Corinthians 7:32-8:13, Matthew 7:1-21

PATRONAL FEASTS

Please pray for these parishes on their "name days"
Tues, Sept 1, St David Oakerhater, the chapel at St. Luke's Home, Carthage
Mon, Sept 21: St Matthews, Raytown & Ozark
Tues, Sept 29: St Michael's, Independence