



Vacation & Recreation

Summer is upon us and most of us will be taking vacations. I'm looking forward to a week in New Mexico and some time with my sister in North Carolina and my daughter in California. As we go about leaving for vacation, one of the things we strive to do is "get away" from the things that engage us in our everyday life. Vacation is a time to refresh and renew ourselves. The fact is, we can usually do our jobs and our other responsibilities better if we have some time to get away from them. When we return, we find that we have new energies and new attitudes that help us face the problems of everyday life.

Sometimes, either deliberately or accidentally, vacation also means "getting away" from church and our religious devotion. Not a good idea. God is a force that you can't get away from, and that is good news. As a matter of fact, with a sense of spirituality you can find new aspects and new depths to your vacation time. Have you ever seen the Grand Canyon? Look at it without the spiritual eyes that God gave you and it is an enormous ditch dug by a river, a monument to the truth of water erosion. Look at it with spiritual eyes, and you see the grandeur of something beyond humankind. You feel as you look out at the canyon the truth that you are but a small part of the universe. The canyon can inspire deep humility and a sense of worship. It can bring you to see that you, too, are a part of creation. But you have to use the spiritual eyes that can only be given by our Creator.

Want some tips for making your vacation a spiritual renewal as well as a physical one? Here are some of the things that I have found helpful.

∞ When you leave on vacation, pray. Ask for God's protection. Ask God to open your eyes to the world around you. Ask God for peace between you and those you travel with.

∞ Begin every day with prayer. It doesn't have to be a long prayer, but it can be. Make it a quiet time at the beginning of the day, either by yourself or with others who share your faith.

∞ Take a Bible with you. In that quiet time after your prayer, read a lesson from the daily office. Don't have the readings with you? Then read a psalm. Psalms are the prayers of the Bible. Let them speak to you as the spiritual poetry they are.

∞ Give God some time to speak. Sometimes my vacations are a race to see how much I can squeeze into a one week period. Slow down. Look at the sea. Attune yourself to the still small voice of God that wants to open your eyes.

May your vacation be a time of recreation. Look carefully at the word *re-creation*. It can mean yourself made new, yourself created into something different. St. Paul said God is working through Christ to make us new creations. Your vacation can be a starting point. Go forth and enjoy the world that God has given us. Use your vacation to come closer to God and to those you love. God Bless.

Fr. Fred †

Gentle Reminder

When you're high in the mountains or basking at the beach this summer, it's true that the lights, the air conditioner and the staff are still grinding away in Fort Worth. *Don't forget to bring or send in your financial contribution.*

EXPERIENCING CHRIST

On the Sunday after Easter, the Sunday unfortunately known as “Doubting Thomas Sunday”, I asked the question, “Don’t we come to church so that we can experience Christ the way the disciples experienced Christ?” Since that sermon, that question has been rattling around inside my head, refusing to let go. To experience Christ is why we come to church, isn’t it? You’ve joined this community to share and receive Christ in and from others, right? There are many reasons people go to church, from a desire to be socially acceptable to a fear of going to hell. Some folks go to church to be part of an earthly community, some to be part of a spiritual community. Both are good options.

So why do *you* go to church? Before you answer that, let me add that God is present in church in the speaking of Scripture, both in the sacraments and in the sharing of them, and especially in the gathering of believers, the Body of Christ. If you are sitting in church and not experiencing Christ, then you’re not really paying attention. If this describes you, don’t feel too bad. It’s not entirely your fault.

One of our jobs as a community is to provide opportunities for you to connect with Christ. Trinity offers seven Holy Eucharist services each week and Morning Prayer on Monday. Trinity also has a plethora of lay-led opportunities: Cell Groups, Bible Studies, Adult Forums, Sunday School (for children, youth, and adults), various fellowship opportunities (e.g., Feastings, Saturday Suppers, and the Parish Picnic), fellowship groups (e.g., EYC and Half-timers), and more! Don’t forget that whenever two or three are gathered in God’s name, God will be in the midst of you. All of these are opportunities for you to experience Christ, but what about Sunday mornings (including those whose Sunday morning comes at six in the evening!)?

When it comes to Sunday services, we clergy have to balance the creative, the interesting, and the “rattle-your-cages” on the one hand with the power, security, and peaceful-enough-to-hear-that “still, small voice” on the other hand. If given the option during a service, we clergy generally choose the traditional and peaceful over the new and creative. In our world of “busy-ness” and over-stimulation, traditional can seem like routine and peaceful can seem boring. (Take a moment here and reflect again on why *you* go to church.) So if you find yourself complacent or bored, that’s partly our fault. It’s our fault for not explaining the purpose and power of tradition, for not teaching you about what we’re doing and why, and for not mixing in enough new and creative sermons to keep you on your spiritual toes. But then, we can only point to Christ. We can only provide the opportunities. You are more than half of the equation. You must participate. You must be present (physically, spiritually, and mentally) and you must contribute.

One of the many things I hope to learn from Fr. Fred before he retires is how to listen to the liturgy. The service itself will speak to you, if you listen. Listening is not a passive function. With God present in the Word spoken in scripture and sermon, in the music and the prayers, in the Eucharist (both the elements and the sharing of them), and in the people gathered, you don’t have to try very hard to experience Christ.

But sometimes you find yourself in a spiritual desert. Sometimes you hit a spiritual glass ceiling and just can’t seem to grow any more. If either of those is true, call Fr. Fred or me. Write to us, or, the best option, make an appointment and come and talk with one or both of us. We will teach. We will guide. We will continue offering opportunities. Christ is the Living Spring of everlasting life. Come and drink. Come and expect to experience Christ.

Fr. Michael †

Half Timers Schedule June Activity

The Half Timers (folks ages 20ish-50ish) are getting together Saturday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Prima’s Pasta and Pizza, located at 6108 S. Hulen Street. Please come and join us for adult fellowship. RSVP to Julie Wilson by phone 817 926.4695 or email <nishome2@yahoo.com>.



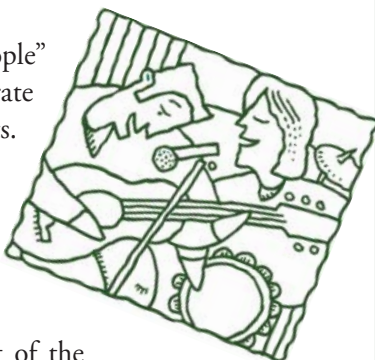
NOTES FROM THE 11:30 SERVICE

by Jan Hughes

In our Folk Mass service, we “11:30 people” love making music as part of our corporate prayer with our voices and our instruments. Reverence, warmth, and rhythm!

Today, at the outdoor labyrinth of First Congregational Church, my private prayer was nurtured by music too. Numerous wind chimes, no two alike, sang from the branches of the great tree at the very heart of the walk. On the tree, a sign: I have heard your voice in the garden.

I don't know if the chimes are there to stay, but I encourage everyone to visit. The church is at 4201 Trail Lake Drive, and the labyrinth is on the west side by the main entrance. The experience made me think of our own lovely garden at Trinity. Let's commit to visit it too, together or individually, and imagine possibilities for music there. Shall we?



*Don't forget our pot lucks, right after worship,
June 13 and July 11. See you there!*

Daughters of the King to Start Junior Chapter

The Trinity Chapter of the Daughters of the King is hoping to start a Junior Daughters Chapter this fall. The Junior Chapter will be open to all girls between the ages of 8 and 20, they do NOT have to be Episcopalians.

Junior Chapters have two Rules of Life: prayer and service, and beyond that there is fun and fellowship. Watch for more information, or contact Jane Mossbarger or Anita Beckman.

Honoring and Remembering Our Veterans

Every year on the Sunday before Memorial Day we invite our veterans to wear their uniforms as we remember those who have given their life for our country. This year that day is Trinity Sunday and the visit of Bishop Sam Hulsey for Confirmation.

So this year we are moving our “uniform day” to Sunday, July 4th, Independence Day. We ask all veterans to wear all or part of their uniforms and their decorations on that day. We will give our thanks for our country which won its freedom through the leadership of General Washington and the Continental Army. We will also offer prayers for our own members of the armed forces, active and retired.

See you at church on July 4th. Fr. Fred †

HELP HEAL A HURTING WORLD THROUGH EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

Episcopal Relief and Development is known to Trinity parishioners through its programs to aid impoverished people worldwide. While we may be most familiar with their recent disaster response work in Haiti and with certain programs like “Nets for Life,” there are a number of other funds under the ERD umbrella which deserve our attention.

Check the website <www.er-d.org> for information on these programs or mail a check to Episcopal Relief and Development, P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due...when it is in the power of your hand to do so.”

Proverbs 3:27

Submit Prayer List Names by Monday for Inclusion in Pew Bulletin

Names for the parish prayer list may be emailed, called in to the parish office or submitted online on the parish website. The prayer list is published in the Sunday pew bulletin which is prepared and sent to the printer on the Monday morning preceding the following Sunday. It may not be possible for names to appear in the bulletin if they are received after noon on Monday.

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TRINITY APPRECIATION SURVEY – COMING THIS SUMMER

by Leigh Cariker and Consultant Russ Scalpone

To remain strong and vital as a parish, there is a need to hear and respond to the needs of parishioners of all ages and life situations. For this reason, a parish Strategic Planning committee was formed earlier this spring. Members include Leigh Cariker, Sue Crouch, Barbara McColm, Susan Nanna, Elinor Normand, Jordan Parker, and Paul Warren. This committee has been conducting interviews during Eastertide with a wide cross section of groups and individuals throughout the parish to determine what they most appreciate about being a member of the Trinity parish and what topics they believe would be important to include in the survey.

The survey will be conducted starting in July, and every parishioner from the age of 12 years and up will have a chance to complete one. As important as the survey is, it is not a single event, but the beginning of an ongoing process to expand communication with and among members of the parish. More significantly, it will provide a way for parishioners to participate in shaping the future of Trinity. In September, the Strategic Planning committee will report to the parish on what the survey has revealed about the priorities and perceptions of the parish as a whole, as well as the various demographic groups that make up the parish. The key priorities revealed by the survey will form the basis for commissioning task forces to strengthen areas of parish activity—the particular ministries, activities, events, or other features of parish life—that parishioners feel to be most important to them and the future of Trinity.

You can expect to hear more announcements about the survey closer to the time it is distributed after the 4th of July holiday and during the weeks to follow. The survey will be anonymous, and confidentiality of the responses is assured in that they will be returned directly to our consultant, Russ Scalpone. When you receive a survey, please help us by completing it and returning it as soon as possible.



SUNDAY FORUM TO INTRODUCE EfM EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY



An Adult Forum on Sunday, June 13, will reacquaint Trinity church with a ministry program which has enhanced the spiritual lives of thousands of lay Episcopalians and other Christians world-wide. The Forum will be in the Parish Hall between the 9:15 and 11:30 services, at approximately 10:40 a.m..

EfM (Education for Ministry) is a four-year program of religious studies affiliated with the University of the South (Sewanee). It will be offered to Trinity parishioners beginning next fall.

In a small group setting (6 to 12 students), EfM provides a thorough background in the Bible (Old and New Testament), church history and theology while allowing participants to connect their faith with their own life experiences.

Each group is facilitated by a trained mentor, At Trinity, this will be Deacon Sharla Marks who mentored a Trinity group in the 1990's and is currently facilitating a class of St. Alban's and St. Luke's in the Meadow students. Karen Shepherd, one of Trinity's 90's group participants, will be taking training to co-mentor. Read about the EfM program on the web at www.sewanee.edu/EFM/.



STAY LINKED TO TRINITY

The next issue of the Trinity Episcopalian will reach homes in early August in time for Rally Sunday and the beginning of the school year. During the summer, stay linked to Trinity for the latest news and information by reading online at www.fortworthtrinity.org.

As of this month, about 100 parishioners regularly receive notice by email that our newsletter has been posted to our website. They save Trinity the cost of paper and postage by reading the newsletter online. If you would like to join this "green" group, click on the "Save paper and postage" link on the homepage of our website.

⊕ “Baobab Blast” ⊕

Coming in July

Vacation Bible School will bring the sights and sounds of the African savannah to the Trinity Parish Hall from July 12 – 16.

Children ages 3 through 11 (5th grade) will experience the Christian perspective of African drummers and dancers and hear an African storyteller while sitting under the baobab tree.

Fill out the application form for “Baobab Blast” on the Trinity website, <www.trinitychurch.org>. For more information, contact Karen Rangel at <www.rangel_karen@yahoo.com>.

Contribute to Trinity’s Habitat for Humanity House



The Vestry has agreed to join other parishes and faith communities of the Fort Worth West Deanery who will participate in an outreach project to build a home in conjunction with the Trinity Area Habitat for Humanity organization.

This year we are asking our parishioners to participate by contributing to a “Drop in the Bucket” drive to be held during Sunday services on June 6. If you prefer to contribute by check, please make it out to Trinity Episcopal Church and denote Trinity Habitat for Humanity in the memo line.

Remember this date and bring your contribution to help with this worthwhile effort. We anticipate a fall building schedule following the fund drive. This is a wonderful opportunity to team up with parishioners from other Episcopal churches across Fort Worth and provide assistance to a deserving family giving them a hand up – not a hand out. If you have any questions, please contact either Jack West 817 927.0707 or Chuck Weidler 817 737.2194.

HOSPITALS AND OUR CLERGY

Have you been in the hospital and no clergy from Trinity came by? Some months ago, the hospitals in our area instituted new procedures to guard the privacy of their patients. This has affected clergy knowledge of parishioners in the hospital. In former days, hospital chaplains would call us if a parishioner of ours was in the hospital. When we got the call, we would try and visit as soon as possible. Now we get no calls from hospitals.

SO WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you’re going into the hospital, give the church office a call shortly before you enter. This will work better than telling the clergy at the door on Sunday morning. We have a lot to remember with three services on Sunday (and we all know that Fr. Fred is very old and his mind is going). So call the church office and let us know. We want to be there for you.

Fr. Fred †

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SENIORS

Over 30 of the group gathered at Gloria’s for the May lunch. Everyone enjoyed the excellent food and lively conversations.

In June we will be visiting the Kimbell Art Museum for the lunch buffet. Please be there by 11:25 on Thursday, June 10. If you need transportation, please be at the church parking lot at 10:45. Each of the museums, the Amon Carter, the Kimbell and the Modern Art Museum, are nearby and have excellent exhibits available.

This will be our last outing until September, so be sure to join the group for a farewell until fall. If you have questions call Jack or Margie West at 817 927. 0707, or Floyd and Patty Durham at 817 294.2165.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1

Thomas Rodriguez

June 2

Sandy Barnes
Lois Windle

June 3

Daniel Hibbard

June 5

Michael Branch
Joy Peglar
Hal Roach

June 6

Nathan Kuhlmann

June 7

J.T. Branch
David McGill
Gayle Peterson

June 8

David Sanford

June 9

Kati Story

June 10

Judith Barber
Warren Bush
Joe Rabyor

June 12

Steven Britain
Allyn Fincher
Gary Grassia
Emerson Grimes

June 13

Annaliese Grassia
Marjory Philp
Elizabeth Rodriguez
Anne Taylor

June 14

Judy Hulsey
Reagan West

June 15

Beth Mewis
Ethan Peglar

June 16

John Butler
Beth Summers

June 17

Joyce Bills
Becky Bullard
Julian Harvey
Jennifer Rios
Matthew Shimp
Peggy Wilson

June 18

Len Caddell
Elizabeth McCook
Steve Shearin

June 19

Annaliese Fort

June 20

Lori Drew
Allison Edmonds

June 21

Elizabeth Bateman
Barclay Berdan

June 22

Aubrey Espinosa

June 23

Allison Jones
Ryan Reynolds

June 25

Frances Cox
Charles Fairchild
Samuel Williams

June 26

Eleni Barlow

June 27

Erin Langston
Jeff Roberts

June 28

Jesus Castro-Balbi
Gina Johnson
Thelma Smith

June 29

Tamica Branch

June 30

Jon Craver
Jennifer Grimes
Mary Craven Kelly
Jesus Range

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



June 1

Mark and Gwin Grimes

June 2

Charles and Diana Fairchild
Al Mathe and Sarah Matches
Jeffrey and Michele Williams

June 5

Steve and Stacy Hamilton
James and Margo Norton
James and Pauline West

June 7

John and Mary Grassia
Bill and Erin Langston

June 10

John and Harriet Woldt

June 14

David and Sheila Yeomans

June 15

Robert and Jane Lindsey

June 16

Bill and Bette Harse

June 18

Kevin Brown and Catherine Neece
Brown

June 19

Burr and Barbara Cordray

June 21

Joseph and Paula Portugal

June 22

Jim and Pat Bradley
Jack and Margie West

June 24

Ken and Cathy Bateman
John and Beverly Frank

June 25

Gage and Emily Yager

June 26

Jordan and Nicole Parker

June 28

Charles and Kathy Schneider

June 29

Duane and Christina McDaniel
Chuck and Barbara Weidler

June 30

Grant and Sandy Liser



JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Michael Tramel	July 17	Laura Doan John Frank
July 2	Baleigh Brown Kathryn Davitt Richard Harvey	July 18	Kayla Harpole Margo Norton
July 3	Beth Lea David McClellan William Zbranek	July 19	Kay Smith
July 4	Joshua Brassfield Charlotte Classen Dana Walker	July 20	Brian Allen Dolly Blackard Jefferson George Andrew Lyster Anne Van Wicklen
July 6	Fr. Michael Caldwell	July 22	Patricia Arnold
July 7	D'Aun Cunningham Robin Macchi J.D. Price	July 24	Elizabeth Nipper
July 8	Gavin Judge George McGowan	July 25	Austin Mann
July 10	Merry Kaastad Gregory Shimp Bryan Taylor-Ferguson	July 26	Jack Allen Judy Graber Steve McGinnis Brad Poulos Jeffrey Williams
July 11	John Bruton Mike Fisher George Zeiner	July 27	Karen Goldthwaite Dan Grigg Barbara McGinnis Danna West Anna Womack
July 12	Alfred Blackard Korene Soter	July 28	Karen Shepherd
July 13	Sarah Cozad Fredna Kennimer Pat Lasater David Suttmiller	July 29	Sharon Nelson
July 14	Rey Lerma Barbara McClellan	July 30	Compton Cooper Regina Hatchett Hannah NedreLOW
July 16	Angela Jaeger-Chapman Samuel Klemesrud Bianca Schinzer Geoffrey Shimp	July 31	Sue Caldwell Dane Redman

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



July 6	David and Teri McGill
July 7	Chris and Sharon Doan Henry and Gertrude Elkouri Drew and Rimi Fort
July 10	Michael and Angela Branch Leigh and Judy Cariker
July 11	Whistle and Brook Whitworth
July 14	Tim and Christina Hardman
July 15	Brian and Stephanie Allen Shannon and Cherie Shipp
July 20	Steven and Isabel Britain
July 23	Jim and Kay Smith
July 25	Mike and Ginger Smith Josh and Karri Wheeler
July 26	Cole and Mary Katherine Cayce
July 30	Jesus and Karen Rangel
July 31	Weldon and Barbara Johnson Clarence and Beth Lea Mark and Lisa Robinette



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SUNDAYS

Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Rite I

9:15 a.m. Rite II *Family Service
with Choir & Children's Chapel*

10:40-11:20 *Sunday School,
ages 2-18*

11:30 a.m. Rite II *Folk Mass*

6:00 p.m. Rite II

WEEKDAYS

Monday: 9:30 am *Morning Prayer*

Tuesday: 11 a.m. *Holy Eucharist*

Wednesday: 7 am *Holy Eucharist
followed by breakfast*

Thursday: Noon *Holy Eucharist
followed by Bible study*

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