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Church Office Hours

Mon. & Tues. 8 am-12 pm

Wed., Thurs. Fri. 8 am-4 pm

Mother Mimi Sat. 8 am-12 pm

May Events

Sunday, May 2

5 Easter

8 am Holy Communion

No Church School

9 am Breakfast

10 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

Transporters Living Community

Mon., May 3-Wed., May 5

Clergy Conference Conception

Abbey, Mother Mimi attends

Wednesday, May 5

Performing Arts in Undercroft

12 pm Amy Golding Luncheon

Friday, May 7

12:05 pm Holy Communion

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

Saturday, May 8

10 am Anti Racism Training, St.

Peter's

Newsletter

May 2010

From the Rector

As I write this, the rummage sale for the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for help in Haiti is in full force. Cathy Caldwell and a number of volunteers have been busily sorting and pricing a mountain of donations. I have been considering rummage sales of a different sort by reading The Great Emergence by Phyllis Tickle (who is our speaker at the Continuing Education Retreat in May). The book is based on a statement by The Rt. Rev. Mark Dyer that every 500 years the church feels compelled to have a gigantic rummage sale (usually called "The Great..." something). 500 years ago...The Great Reformation (circa 1517) 500 years before that ...The Great Schism, circa 1100 at the Council of Chalcedon (The Church of East and West Split), 500 years before that...Gregory the Great, circa 540 (established monastic orders to see the faith maintained through the Dark Ages), 500 years before that Christianity was born in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Each of these "Rummage Sales" resulted in one entity splitting into two and faith being spread where it was unable to go as one entity. Difficult...yes; painful...yes; necessary for the worldwide growth that has been Christianity's heritage...yes. It seemed to happen when the world was ready for a rummage sale. The Reformation could not have happened and spread like it did if it were not for literacy and mass printing being available in a portable form as well as technology that enabled world exploration and trade.

Living in a flat world meant all could be seen without obstruction, while living in a round world means there is much beyond the horizon which cannot be seen without the effort to go there and see it. With the global economy, cable TV access to news, and internet access to knowledge, technology has again placed us in a flat world. This means we must revision the meaning and purpose of life in today's world as we enter a new rummage sale and enter the repeat of the pattern which Phyllis Tickle has named, "The Great Emergence."

The second week in May I will be attending a seminar for clergy at Conception Abbey where Phyllis Tickle is our presenter. The Emergent Church Movement and questions concerning it will be discussed. I wonder such things as: How does this new structure of the technological and flat world, in which everyone is invited to the Table, affect us and our practice of faith as Episcopalians? What will the future church do with our Canon, scripture, and music, the Book of Common Prayer and our church structures?

We have already begun this process of emerging, which is why we see such difficulty within the larger church as we discuss human sexuality, authority and its structures, biblical interpretation and means of salvation; as well in seeing agreement in our responsibility for making a cleaner world, our longing for a permanent peace, and our timid acceptance that diversity is a good thing. God has been with us through all of this and will remain faithful to us as we consider what it means to be human in this age. I will let you know what we perceive about the coming Emergence when I return from the Conference.

Mimi

Church School calendar for May:

Sunday, May 9

6 Easter, Mother's Day

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Church School
9:00 am Youth Group Cooks for ODFK
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Donation Sunday ODFK

Monday, May 10

11:15 am Service Day Open Door
Food Kitchen

Thursday, May 13

6:15 pm Vestry
6:30 pm St. Fursey Dinner

Friday, May 14

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, May 16

7 Easter, Ascension Day

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 20

11:30 am Standing Committee,
Mother Mimi Out of Office
2 pm Crop Walk Meeting at Hyde
UMC

Friday, May 21

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Saturday, May 22

Conception Abbey & Clyde Monas-
tery Tour \$10 per person
10 am Conception Abbey Tour
11:15 am Mass
12 pm Lunch
12:30-1:30 Gift Shop
1:30 Clyde Sanctuary

Sunday, May 23

The Day of Pentecost

Teacher Appreciation Day

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, May 27

6 pm Autism Support Group

Friday, May 28

12:05 Holy Communion

Sunday, May 30

Trinity Sunday

5th Sunday Single Service

9:00 am Service from Enriching Our
Worship
Church School Summer Recess Be-
gins.

Monday, May 31, Memorial Day

Office Closed

5/2 Breakfast Sunday - no classes

5/9 Mother's Day

primary class – meet in regular classroom

middle school/high school class – make casseroles (9 a.m.)

The Shack – meet in acolyte room

Murder and Redemption – meet in library

5/16 primary class – meet in regular classroom

middle school/high school class – meet in youth group room

The Shack – meet in acolyte room

Murder and Redemption – no class

(graduation day at Conception Seminary College)

5/23 primary class – meet in regular classroom

middle school/high school class – meet in youth group room

The Shack – class has ended

Murder and Redemption – meet in library

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

5/30 Church School summer recess begins

The Amy Golding Guild will meet on Wednesday, May 5, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a Luncheon. This is the first Wednesday and the ladies are meeting on this day to take advantage and dine on the Taco Salad's being prepared in the undercroft by the Performing Arts Association. So all ladies of the church are invited to bring their appetites and join the other ladies for lunch with a short business meeting to follow.

Garage Sale: Thank you to **organizer Cathy Caldwell** and all of her helpers for the sale to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development's Haiti Recovery Fund. The total raised was over \$600 and the final total is not in yet. The rainy and hurricane season has just begun and for the hundreds of thousands of displaced Haitian's the recovery and rebuilding will go on for many years. At this time it is estimated some 230,000 people lost their lives during this catastrophic event. If you could not make it to the garage sale, you can still make a donation by placing a check in the offering with ERD Haiti Relief in the memo line. Please keep the people of Haiti in your prayers.

If you have some extra time you should check out **Paul Johnson's** acrylic and watercolor paintings on display at the Joyce Raye Patterson Senior Citizen's Center, 100 S. 10th Street. They will remain on exhibit until May 28th.

The Michalski and Franklin families would like to express their deepest gratitude for the kindness extended to Cyndi, Matt and all the members of both families at the time of Jim's death and burial. You have really gone beyond all measure as our church family, addressing the needs of our families.

The Youth Group will cook for the Open Door Food Kitchen on May 9th at 9:00 a.m. instead of attending the regular Sunday School Class. This is so they can all take their mothers out to lunch for Mother's day immediately following church

The Performing Arts Group will be in the undercroft on Wednesday, May 5, to prepare Taco Salad's for a fundraising activity. If you would like to order one of the salads please speak to David Bennett.

Congratulations to our graduating High School Seniors Shelby Fahrni and Jonathan McCann. Jon graduates from Central on Sunday, May 23, and will play in the MINK summer baseball league with the Blue Springs Athletics. He will then attend college and be part of the baseball program at Lower Columbia College in Longview, Washington this fall. Shelby graduates from Cameron on Sunday, May 16th at 2 p.m. at Goodwin Football Field in Cameron, MO. (In case of bad weather it will be in the high school gymnasium). Shelby will attend UMKC in the fall and plans to major in business.

The **Brotherhood of St. Fursey** will have their next dinner in the undercroft on Thursday, May 13, **the second Thursday of May**, at 6:30 p.m. If you will be in attendance please let Jim Sauls know or sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

Conception Abbey Tour

The Amy Golding Guild discussed the possibility of going to Conception Abbey at their last meeting. We checked into the possibility and several people who are not members of Amy Golding said they would also like a tour of the Abbey. We have set the date as Saturday, May 22nd. The tour of this Benedictine Monastery for men will start at 10:00 am. We have been invited to attend Mass and then at Noon eat lunch with the brothers. The cost for lunch is \$10. We will allow some time to visit the Printery and Gift Shop during this visit. After lunch we will travel across the highway to visit the Clyde Monastery, a Benedictine Monastery for women. This Abbey is in the midst of remodeling, so we will not be able to visit the Chapel of the Relics, but will be able to see the Sanctuary of Perpetual Adoration. This will be an interesting contrast between the two Monasteries. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, so we can let the Monks know how many will be there for lunch.

Believe it or not, it's time to plan this year's CROP Walk!!! The CROP Walk Planning Meeting will be on May 20, at 10:00 a.m. Hyde Valley United Methodist Church, 202 W. Hyde Park, St. Joseph, MO. Come and meet the new CWS (Church World Service) Associate Regional Director Dave Webb. Hear directly from Dave how CWS is responding to Haiti and other disasters. Let's plan together for the best walk ever. Let's fight hunger globally and locally. The actual walk will be at Hyde Park on September 26, at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call Dave Berger at 279-0210.

MAY BIRTHDAYS: Janis Irby 1, Jeremy Teeple 1, Jim Dale 2, Taylor Stanton 4, Caroline Ford 5, David Robaska 5, Mike Wright 6, Billie Vories 11, Ralph Stanton 11, Mother Mimi Ordination, Sheldon Kapp 19, Jane Hibler 21, Peter Bram 23, Todd Wilcox 24, Bennett Sauls 25, Michael Wright 26, Nancy Sanford 29, Jim Sauls 30.

"O God, our times are in your hand; Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

MAY ANNIVERSARY: Rob and Dana Walling 31.

"We thank you, most gracious God, for consecrating and sustaining these marriages in Christ's name. Lead them now and forever in love and companionship with each other and with you. And may the Spirit of Christ's peace which passes all understanding be with them now and forever." Amen.



Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially: Winston, Claudia, Ruby, Mike, Chanelle, Chrissy, Boomer, Cullen, Ted, Lou and Sara. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Jim Michalski, husband of Cyndi and father of Matthew, and Sophie Nicole Rose, 8 month old daughter of Chris and April Rose, friends of Owen Denman, who died this past month. May the peace of God be with all during this time of loss.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers



May 2 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for their families by Robert W. and James H. Roth. The cascade is given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for Amy's graduation by Bea Schmidt.

May 9 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gordon and June Robaska. The cascade is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Emmeline & Jim Riney by Rob and Brenda Houpp

May 16 The flowers at the altar are given by Charles, Marjean, and Chris McCann to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for their son and brother, Jonathan, on the occasion of his high school graduation.

May 23 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Mrs. Bickley Bayer.

May 30 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of family by Sandy Miller.

If you would like to donate altar flowers or a cascade in Thanksgiving or Remembrance please contact one of our Flower Ministry coordinators, **Kay Temps (233-8179)** or **Ginny McLaughlin (901-0254)** or sign up on the flower schedule posted in the front hallway across from the youth bulletin board on the office door and fill out one of the attached donation forms. The cost is \$25.00 per vase and \$25.00 for a cascade.

Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Summer

8:00 AM-Holy Communion
& Homily

10:00 AM-Holy Eucharist & Sermon

Fall and Winter

8:00 AM-Holy Communion
& Homily

9:00 AM-Church School

10:00 AM-Holy Eucharist &
Sermon

Fridays

12:05 PM-Holy Communion in the
Chapel

During Lent and other special seasons of the church year, opportunities are provided for additional spiritual growth and development. Please consult the Sunday bulletin or [InSpire](#) for details.

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