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Mon. & Tues. 8 am-12 pm

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August Events

Sunday, August 2

9 Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion

9-9:45 am Breakfast

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

Thursday, August 6

St. Fursey Men's Group Dinner

Friday, August 7

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, August 9

10 Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion

**Channing Horner, Botswana
Presentation between services**

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Donation Sunday ODFK

Pool Party at the McLaughlin's following 10 am service

Newsletter

August 2009

From the Rector

As I write this in late July we have had only a couple of really warm, sunny days, but summer will surely come soon! Boomer and I have been enjoying the early evenings in our courtyard and some summer reading. I thought I would offer some suggestions for your late summer reading and enjoyment. If you have read any good books, why not tell us of them so we can put them in the September newsletter?

One book I can recommend is *The Shack*, (Hodder & Stoughton, 2008) available at Barnes and Noble and on Amazon. Several parishioners have already read this book and were equally as impressed by it. Tell Barnes and Noble that you are with Christ Episcopal Church and you will get 10% off. It's an easy read fiction book that is based in a spiritual reality. Another book is *In Search of Belief* (Redemptionist, 1999), by a Roman Catholic sister, Joan Chittister. It takes one line of the Apostle's Creed for each short chapter and is very accessible and thought-provoking. This book is currently out of stock in St. Joseph, but is available on line.

A different substantial book is one written by the current Bishop of Durham called *Surprised by Hope* (SPCK, 2007). Thomas Wright is a specialist on the early Christian communities and their understandings of the resurrection. He asks us to rethink what life here on earth and the mission of the church should be in light of a bodily resurrection. This book makes one stop and say, "Umm!?!"

Two series of fiction that have been recommended to me are Philip Pulmans Dark Materials trilogy: *The Golden Compass*, *The Subtle Knife*, *The Amber Spyglass*, (all Scholastic Press). These sci-fi novels are intended for teenagers but are much enjoyed by adults as well. Another series is Alexander McCall Smith's *First Ladies' Detective Agency*, the adaptation of which you may have caught on HBO in the Spring. The stories are set in Botswana, in southern Africa, and provide a lively alternative to the gloom and doom picture of Africa the media unimaginatively presents to us. Our companion diocese, The Diocese of Botswana, is well represented (The Rt. Rev. Trevor Mwamba actually appeared in the HBO presentation). I enjoyed the HBO series and look forward to seeing them return this Fall.

I also have ordered, but not yet read, a book by Jeff Sharlet called *The Family : power, politics and fundamentalism's shadow elite*, which tells the history and ramifications of a secretive Fundamentalist group known as "The Family" who aid those who desire to rise to power. The Rev. Chase Peoples wrote an article concerning this group and their questionable claim to Christianity in his Newsletter this week. I have been aware of them since the 1980's, but assumed they had lost power when Pat Robertson lost his bid for President and with the death of The Rev. Jerry Falwell. Included in this group are the politically elite from all over the world, and include such men as Kansas Senator Sam Brownback, South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford; Nevada Senator John Ensign, former Mississippi Congressman Charles Pickering, Jr.; former President George Bush, and Arkansas Senator Mark Pryor. Let me know what you think if you have read it.

Happy Summer reading!

Mimi +

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Monday, August 10
11:15 am Service Day ODFK

Wednesday, August 12
1:00 pm Amy Golding Sack
Lunch, Parish Hall
6:15 pm Vestry

Friday, August 14
12:05 pm Holy Communion

Saturday, August 15
8 am-12 pm Community Chorus
Board, Parish Hall
1:00 p.m. Jim Moore 90th Birthday
in Undercroft

Sunday, August 16
11 Pentecost
8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Friday, August 21
12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, August 23
12 Pentecost
8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 27
6 pm Autism Support Group, Undercroft

Friday, August 28
12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, August 30
13 Pentecost
8:00 am Holy Communion
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Channing Horner will join us on Sunday, August 9, when she will speak to us about our companion Diocese of Botswana. This presentation will be given between the services beginning somewhere after 9:00 a.m.

The **Vestry** will have their next meeting on Wednesday Evening, August 12, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall of the Church

The **Brotherhood of St. Fursey** will have their next dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 6, in the undercroft of the church. If you will attend please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the church office. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Evening women's group. Although we do not have a date yet, the August activity will be ice cream sundaes at Country Squire followed by a \$2 movie, if something good is playing. Watch for the date in the service sheet. Cosette

Potluck Luncheon & Pool Party at the McLaughlins

Come one come all for a cool dip in the pool on Sunday, August 9, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. There will be burgers and hot dogs grilled by Chef Vega and all the fixings, beverages, plates, utensils, etc. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish. Also, if you have pool toys, bring them. Directions: Take 71 Belt Hwy. North past the North Shoppes. Turn left onto 59 (St. Joseph Ave.) and take the 2nd possible left turn into the driveway. RSVP to Bill or Ginny 901-0254.

The **Amy Golding/St. Paula's Guild** will have a special meeting on Wednesday, August 12, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This will be a planning meeting for the Bunco, Potato Bar, and Silent Auction to be held on Friday, October 2. All ladies of the church are invited to attend and are asked to bring a sack lunch with them to this meeting.

The choir will begin singing for services the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13th. To welcome everyone back, and invite prospective singers to join us, we will meet at David Bennett's house on Friday, August 28th, at 6:30 p.m. We will have dinner followed by a preview of some of the music we will be singing this fall. All members and prospective members are warmly invited to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office. The address is 2219 Berkshire and any questions can be addressed to David at 617-1104.

Donations of shoes are being sought for the annual "**Soles for Christ**" program sponsored by AFL-CIO Community Services. The goal of this program is to provide a **new** pair of shoes for children to begin the new school year. All new shoes should be dropped off at our agency office at 1203 North 6th Street, no later than August 3. Hours for drop off are 9 am-4:30 pm, Monday through Wednesday, and 9 am-3 pm on Thursday and Friday.

The Salvation Army is hosting a **Back-To-School Health and Safety Fair** for children at or below 125% poverty guidelines. The Fair will be held at the Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 602 Messanie Street, on Thursday, August 13, from 10 am-4 pm. We plan on serving 2,500 children in the St. Joseph area offering most school supplies needed for each student to start the school year. Your donation will directly affect children living in poverty and help alleviate the financial burden placed on low-income families at the beginning of the school year. Volunteers will also be needed to fill the back packs, set up the fair and assist with the distribution process: August 11 and 13. For additional information feel free to call LeeAnn Hobson or Teresa McDowell at (816)232-5824.

Join us for **breakfast** on Sunday morning, August 2, from 9-9:45 a.m. There is always a good assortment of food and company. Like to help? Speak to Sue Means.

Beyond Sunday School:
Faith Formation Every Step Along the Way
Saturday, August 22, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs
What?

Beyond Sunday School is a Christian Formation Workshop that will provide tools to enrich your faith and the faith of others. In addition to the keynote address, there will be two opportunities to attend specific "how-to" workshops. And there's more --- All workshop and Christian Formation Commission leaders will be available for consultation regarding your specific formation questions!

Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Bill Fasel, canon missionary for the Northeast Regional Ministry, will relate how the early church formed new members of its community. We will have an opportunity to contrast those early methods with modern day attempts at Christian formation.

Workshop Choices

1. Spiritual Retreats – Presented by Rev. Virginia Dabney-Brown
How to conduct meaningful spiritual retreats & quiet days
2. Ministry with Older Adults
How to help aging adults continue growing spiritually
3. Formation Thru Mission, Not Just for Youth!
How to plan and lead a mission trip
4. Youth Ministry – Presented by Kim Snodgrass
How to spark and/or energize your parish Youth Ministry
5. Theology and Film – Presented by Rev. Joseph Behen
How to select and use popular media in Christian Formation
6. Tradition – Presented by Rev. Jason Lewis
How to utilize the BCP & our rich Anglican tradition for formation
7. Sunday School
Tips for a successful Sunday School program
8. The Arts – Presented by Cori Pursell
How to use the creative process to uncover the longing for God

Registration forms may be obtained from the Church Office. \$15.00 registration fee.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: June Robaska 2, Brent Bird 2, Zoey Vega 2, Allison Sauls 6, Lauren Burrigh 13, Jonathan Vega 17, Alex Bonebrake 19, Lilly Frost 19, Shelby Singleton 21, Keely King 22, Angel Swinchoski 26, Cyndi Michalski 29.

"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.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES: Ken and Deb Paden 4, John and Melissa Robinson 4, Michael and Jan Wright 11, Jim and Roxanne Dale 15, Charles and Marjean McCann 22, Jim and Allison Sauls 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.

We offer our prayers of thanks for those families who are expecting a baby, especially Jon and Sabrina Vega, Nick and

Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially, Winston, Hazel, Mildred, Claudia, Allie, Anne, Larry, Charlotte, Boomer, Joe, Ethan, Janie, and Gladys.



Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Robert McLaughlin, brother of Bill McLaughlin and Susan Vega, who died this past month. May the peace of God be with all during this time of loss.

Names on this prayer list will appear for four weeks and then will be removed to the Prayer Chain unless the church office is otherwise notified.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers



August 2- The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the birthday of Allison Sauls by Jim, Zachary, and Bennett.

August 9- The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 8th anniversary Michael and Jan Wright by the Wright family.

August 16- The flowers at the Altar are given by Mrs. Bickley S. Bayer in loving memory of her mother, Sarah S. Stacy, and her aunt, Bickley S. McCaskey.

August 23- The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Harold and Alma Dugdale.

August 30- The flowers at the Altar are given in loving memory of Jim and Helen Riley by their children.

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 by the bulletin board and fill out one of the attached donation forms.

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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