



In Spire

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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

Sunday, August 1

10 Pentecost

8 am Holy Communion

9 am Casual Breakfast

10 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

Thursday, August 5

6:30 pm St. Fursej Dinner

Friday, August 6

12:05 pm Holy Communion

1 pm Staff Meeting

Kathy Kapp Vacation through

August 13

Sunday, August 8

11 Pentecost

8 am Holy Communion

Newsletter

August 2010

From the Rector

As I return from vacation, there is so much conversation concerning the beginning of a new school that although the thermometer still reads like it's the middle of summer it seems the summer is surely almost over. Boomer and I have spent much of our vacation in constructive refurbishing of our yard in Kansas City. A wind storm blew down a Burr Oak tree that was massive and very old (most probably here before the country was founded), so we watched an amazing crew cut it up and take it away. Our sadness for this loss is surprising to us, but we have had several neighbors come by and offer their condolences, so we weren't the only ones to recognize the special nature of this tree. I began to realize that there was a holiness about the tree. It occurred to me that this is probably the same thing that Jacob felt when he found a stone and put it under his head as a pillow and went to sleep. Then he dreamt of angels ascending and descending a ladder reaching up to heaven and heard the voice of God saying, "Remember, I am with you. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." When he woke, Jacob named the place "Bethel, House of God." He said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." Although I didn't hear God's voice giving me a promise, we felt much like Jacob when the tree came down. God had protected our tree, giving us shade, a place to hang a swing which each of our grandchildren used, and provided a wonderful home and playground to assorted squirrels. Surely God was in that place, and I did not know it. Jacob showed his recognition by making a stone altar using the stone pillow. The thing is, I wonder how many other places which are places where the Lord is, and we don't recognize it. I have encountered God in so many places and it is always exciting and transforming and peaceful all at the same time. This happened the first time I entered Christ Episcopal when I was a high school student. Instinctively I knew this was the House of God. I came to see the fullness of the church as the people of God. As the nursery song says, "Here is the church, here is the steeple; open the doors and see all the people." It is surely the people of God in this place that makes it holy. Here we do things together than we do not do in any other place. We name babies as we baptize them, we bury the dead, celebrate the union

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10 am Holy Eucharist
Donation Sunday ODFK

Monday, August 9

11:15 am Service Day Open Door
Food Kitchen

Thursday, August 12

6:15 pm Vestry

Friday, August 13

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Saturday, August 14

KC Chiefs Family Fun Day
MWSU

1:10 pm Autographs

1:30 pm Intrasquad Scrimmage

Sunday, August 15

12 Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 19

1:30 pm Standing Committee

Friday, August 20

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, August 22

13 Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Thursday, August 26

6 pm Autism Support Group

Friday, August 27

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, August 29

14 Pentecost

9:00 am Single Service, Fifth Sun-
day of the Month

The **Brotherhood of St. Fursey** will have their next dinner in the undercroft on Thursday, August 5, 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.

of two people in Holy Matrimony, we sing psalms, share a simple meal of bread and wine, and praise God for our lives. We grow in our knowledge and love of the Lord. This can be done in other places, in fact, I am sure God is as present on a golf course, a lake or even at a Chiefs game, but God also is present in church; the community of the faithful and the building where we come to meet God. For me, it's easier to find God in His house, and this is especially so when my heart is heavy whether it's because of the death of Cullen Bonebrake, as a dear member of our community or Barbara Gonzales a street person who found the Lord and herself in this place or simply to give thanks for a fallen oak tree.

I invite you to look for God in whatever place you are. If you know that "Surely God is in this place, and you did not know it," then build an altar right where you are, kneel down and offer your prayer and praise to the Lord who comes to us wherever we are. *Thanks be to God.*

Blessing,
Mimi

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS: Brent Bird 2, June Robaska 2, Zoey Vega 2, Allison Sauls 4, Paul Johnson 6, Lauren Burrigh 13, Jonathan Vega 17, Alex Bonebrake 19, Lily Frost 19, Jim Moore 20, 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 August 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 ANNIVERSARY: Ken and Deb Paden 4, Greg 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 August the Spirit of Christ's peace which passes all understanding be with them now and forever." Amen.

Put some "Church School" on your calendar for Fall, beginning on September 12th.

The younger children will be exploring several cool topics this year, like learning about vestments, stained glass and prayer. The older kids will be doing some "time travel," for starters, with the rest of the sessions devoted to activities and topics of interest to them. The adult class will be a mixture of 1) movie discussions, 2) a variety of 1-2 week "pop in" studies on various topics, and 3) a longer series mixed in between, as determined by the class members. The first class will be a discussion on the movie based on Dan Browns book, "Angels and Demons." Leadership of the adult class will rotate, with others including Cosette, Terzah, Carolyn et al. teaching the children.

Please be thinking about your **stewardship for CEC!** How can you step up your commitment - giving more of yourself - your talents, time and money. The campaign is not far off.

Jim & Judy Bush
Stewardship Co-chairs

In preparation for the 23rd Annual CROP Hunger Walk in St. Joseph, the public is invited to attend a special rally on Monday, August 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church (301 N. 7th Street). Come and hear as Dave Webb, the Associate Regional Director of Church World Service (CWS) gives first hand accounts of what it is like to live in a refugee camp, and what Church World Service is doing around the world. We will also hear from InterServ and Open Door Food Kitchen about what they are doing to help address hunger in St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to help make the CROP Walk part of their outreach ministry this year. Come and learn, and receive the materials you need to recruit walkers for this event from your faith community. To make a difference in the problem of world hunger, come and join the CROP Walkers on Sunday, September 26th beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Hyde Park. For more information about the CROP Hunger Walk, contact Dave Berger at 816-279-0210.

These last days of summer provide us an opportunity to look backwards and forward. Thanks go out to Judy Bush, Sue Means, Paul Johnson, and Emily Walling who have enhanced our worship by sharing their musical talents during the past month. As Labor Day nears, it is time for the choir to return to the Chancel and add to our Liturgy. A good opportunity for us to get together and plan for the coming year is Sunday, August 29, following the 9:00 a.m. worship service. All wishing to lend their voice in our praise fo God are welcome. And anyone who has suggestions for hymns or other music are invited to share them with the staff.

AFL-CIO Community Services is organizing its Soles for Christ Shoe Program that enables any school aged child in need to receive a new pair of school shoes free and we would appreciate your help. We would like to invite you to participate in this program by donating **new** shoes to our agency to be given away to those children in need. When purchasing your donations please keep in mind that athletic (tennis) shoes are best as some schools do not allow flip-flop or slip-on styles. Children's size 9 or larger is recommended (*no infant sizes please*). We would like the shoes dropped off at the front office of our agency at 1203 N 6th Street no later than Monday, August 2. Hours for drop off are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. We will give the shoes out on Monday, August 9 from 9 am to 4 pm and again on Tuesday, August 10 at 9 am until the supply is exhausted. We are in need of volunteers to help set up for this program the Friday before and to work the days of distribution. If you would like to volunteer, please contact our office at 364-1131 as soon as possible.

A great time was had by all at **Vacation Bible School** at First Presbyterian in July. Thank you to organizer and teacher Cathy Caldwell and our other teachers Allene Wright, Joyce Edwards, and Mother Mimi who helped make the school a success. We had ten children and youth connected to the church in attendance.



Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially: Winston, Ruby, Chrissy, Boomer, Ted, Lou, Deborah, Mark, Leroy, Morgan, Bella, Bill, Mimi, Janie, and Ethan.. Our sincer condolences are extended to the family and friends of Cullen Bonebrake and Barbara Gonzales who died this past month. May the peace of God's love be with all during this time of loss.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers



August 1- 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 8- The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the 9th anniversary of Michael and Jan Wright by the Wright family.

August 15- The flowers at the Altar are given by Mrs. Bickley S. Bayer in memory of loved ones.

August 22- The flowers at the Altar are given in Thanksgiving for the dedicated services of Kathy Kapp and Jim Sauls by Clark and Nancy Hampton.

August 29- The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jim and Helen Riley by their children and grandchildren.

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
9:00 AM on the Fifth Sunday of the month

Fall and Winter

8:00 AM-Holy Communion
& Homily
9:00 AM-Church School
10:00 AM-Holy Eucharist & Sermon
9:00 AM on the Fifth Sunday of the month

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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