



InSpire

Newsletter

September 2010

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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

September Events

Thursday, September 2

6:30 pm St. Furseys Dinner

Friday, September 3

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, September 5

15 Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Sign Up Sunday ODFK

Monday, September 6

Labor Day

Office Closed

Wednesday, September 8

12:00 pm Amy Golding Luncheon
in the Parish Hall

6:00 pm Wine Tasting, Grace and
Holy Trinity

Thursday, September 9

6:15 pm Vestry

Friday, September 10

12:05 pm Holy Communion

From the Rector

Several of our older students have graduated from high school and gone on to college this year; Jessica Bird, Shelby Fahrni, Keely King, and Jonathan McCann. They join those who are already in college, Owen Denman, Amanda Hardwick, Peter Johnson, Neil Robinson, Bennett Sauls, Zachary Sauls. Jordan Siewert, Taylor Stanton and Ted Wright. We miss their presence in our midst, but also wish that their college years are the most meaningful times in their lives so far. I came across this interesting story about a student at Duke University.

Dr. Will Willimon, Dean of the Chapel at Duke University, got a call from a VERY upset father who was hot because his graduate school bound daughter had just informed him that she was going to chuck it all ("throw it all away" was the way the father described it) and go do mission work with the Presbyterians in Haiti. "Isn't that absurd!" shouted the father. "A BS degree in mechanical engineering from Duke and she's going to dig ditches in Haiti."

"Well, I doubt that she's received much training in the Engineering Department here for that kind of work, but she's probably a fast learner and will probably get the hang of ditch-digging in a few months," Will said. "Look," said the father, "this is no laughing matter. You are completely irresponsible to have encouraged her to do this. I hold you personally responsible," he said.

"Me?" Will asked. And then he pointed out that the well-meaning but obviously unprepared parents were the ones who had started this ball rolling. THEY were the ones who had her baptized, read Bible stories to her, took her to Sunday School, let her go with the Youth Fellowship to ski in Vail. Will said, "You're the one who introduced her to Jesus, not me."

"But all we ever wanted her to be was a Presbyterian," said the father, meekly.

This may be what we parents want from our children too...that they be Episcopalians. Sometimes we are truly blessed and these students become truly wonderful Christians. May it be so with all of us here at Christ Church.

Blessing,
Mimi

Sunday, September 12

16 Pentecost

Grandparents' Day

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Donation Sunday ODFK

Youth Group Lunch at Napoli's following 10 am Service

Monday, September 13

11:15 am Service Day Open Door

Food Kitchen

Friday, September 17

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, September 19

17 Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist and

Baptism of Mason Henry Voss

Tuesday, September 21

7:00 pm Northern Deanery at St.

Luke's, Excelsior Springs

Thursday, September 23

6:00 pm Autism Support Group

Friday, September 24

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Sunday, September 26

18 Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion

9:00 am Church School

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 27-

Wednesday, September 29

Clergy Conference at Conception

Abby

The **Brotherhood of St.**

Fursey will have their next

dinner in the undercroft on

Thursday, September 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.

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

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.

Church School News: Date/Time: begins September 12, 9 am

Class locations:

Primary: second floor, creation station room

Mid/High School: second floor, previous video room

Adult: second floor, church library (includes video)

Adult class: Prior to next Sunday, September 12, please visit

www.thoughtfulchristian.com (if you have access to the internet) for ideas of movies, topics, or books you'd like to suggest for your class discussions.

Any other ideas are welcome, too.

A preschool class will be available by request. Please contact Carolyn Johnson at 660.582.5942 most evenings.

Youth Group-September 12. Cook for the ODFK immediately after church.

Lunch following at Napoli's.

The 23rd annual CROP Hunger Walk in St. Joseph will be held on Sunday, September 26th beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Hyde Park.

This year St. Joseph and nearly 2,000 cities and towns nationwide are joining together in interfaith community CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "Enough for all." Many of the CROP Walkers will be wearing "Enough for all" or "We walk because they walk" T-shirts, proclaiming their solidarity with the millions of neighbors around the world who have to walk to live -- as well as with the millions served by local food pantries, food banks, and meal sites here in the U.S. These local ministries share in the funds raised by CROP Hunger Walks. A portion of the funds raised here in St. Joseph will go to InterServ's Mobile Meals program and to the Open Door Food Kitchen.

East Africa is one part of the world where CROP Hunger Walks are making a big difference in the fight against hunger. With the number of people suffering from the effects of hunger growing across Africa because of harsh economic conditions, Church World Service's food security program in East Africa is assisting marginalized households and communities to ensure access to sufficient food year-round. The effort's four main areas of focus are food production, food accessibility, food utilization and asset creation.

Everyone is invited to help make the **CROP Walk** part of their outreach ministry this year. To make a difference in the problem of world and local hunger, come and join the CROP Walkers on Sunday, September 26th beginning at 2:00 p.m. at Hyde Park. Gladys Freeman, Mother Mimi and Jackie Moore are signed up so far to be walkers (more are welcome), and will be collecting donations.

With the varied ministries of our Eucharist Visitors, those who take communion to persons unable to attend church, we find our church in need of more volunteers to help with this ministry. If you would like to serve your church and community by becoming a Eucharist Visitor, please speak to Mother Mimi. We have already had one volunteer but more are needed. Also, so that we do not wear out the few youth we have who so graciously serve as Acolytes, adults are being sought to help with this ministry. Speak to Mother Mimi if you would like to help out. There are sign up sheets on the bulletin board across from the church office for both ministries.

The Amy Golding/St. Paula's Guild will have their first meeting and covered dish luncheon of the year on Wednesday, September 8, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information speak to Gladys Freeman.

Silver Tsunami: Challenge or Opportunity September 9, 2010 Noon - 1 p.m.

St. Joseph Public Library 502 N. Woodbine, St. Joseph, MO.

We encourage you to bring your lunch and enjoy!

Register today! www.heartland-health.com/silvertsunami

Come learn what you need to know from an expert in aging so that you will have a voice in shaping our future together.

John G. Carney, PhD from the Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City is the speaker. Join us for a FREE three-part learning series. This series will explore emerging issues of an aging society and the impact that the population shift, the silver tsunami, will have on every aspect of our lives. We will discuss:

- The impact in our community and in our world, including health care, housing, transportation and mobility.
- We will review how neighborhoods and social support systems are created, how they will be changing and how individuals and families will be impacted.
- We will explore how care giving and caretaking duties increase as persons live longer with more chronic health conditions, and finally, how the demand for services to seniors will increase.

Save the date! October 14, 2010 – *Is Living Longer Always the Best Medicine?* November 11, 2010 – *Our Duty to Care in an Aging Society*

Brought to you by: Northwest Missouri Area Agency on Aging, the East Hills Public Library, The Center for Practical Bioethics, Heartland Health and the Heartland Ethics Committee.

Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially: Winston, Ruby, Chrissy, Boomer, Ted, Lou, Deborah, Leroy, Morgan, Bella, Bill, Mimi, Janie, Ethan, and Charles.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARY: Ron and Cosette Hardwick 16, David and Nancy Ford 23.

"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 September the Spirit of Christ's peace which passes all understanding be with them now and forever." Amen.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Mother Mimi Savidge 4, Fred Halsey 5, Michael Shaw 6, Julia Ward 7, Nicole Bird 8, Gene Skoch 10, Lloyd DuPree 13, David L. Ford, Jr. 13, Muriel Bahr 18, Cathy Caldwell 18, Bill McLaughlin 18, Scott Selkirk 21, Lisa Bird 24, Jeanne Franklin 27, Bill Mytton 28, Deborah Nadolski 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 September grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers

September 5 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Clark and Nancy Hampton.

September 12 The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marjorie G. Mills, mother of Allene Wright, by Mike, Allene, Terzah, and Ted Wright. The cascade is given in loving memory of Harley E. Freeman, Jr. by his wife, Gladys, and their sons.

September 19 The flowers and cascade at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her aunts, Florence Lindley Perry and Levita Stewart Lambers, by Billie Stewart Vories.

September 26 The flowers at the Altar are given in loving memory of Frederick, Virginia, and Rick Griffin by Virginia Griffin Gessert and family.

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