

# The Sentinel

September 2016

## Priest's Ponderings

Last year a newlywed couple moved into my neighborhood. They are bright, young folks who were beginning a new life together, and I wondered how long before they would give news of a pregnancy. I was told last week that a baby is coming in December.

I asked the husband if he thought the baby would change the patterns and lifestyle of the couple, and he said that he did not think that would be the case. I was amused as I recalled my college roommate saying the same about 25 years ago when he was about to become a father, and then after the birth hearing his exclamation, "This child takes all of our time!" I look forward to hearing how the newlyweds are faring next March!

With September so we see the cycle of life continuing, just like with my friends who bring children into the world. The folks who were confident high school seniors in May are now the lowly freshmen at their new university. The doctors who were graduated last spring are now interns being abused by their superiors. The all-night college party-goers are having to learn a 9-5 routine at a new job.....that is exhausting. The cycle of life continues in all spheres.

The care-free days of summer with our vacation time are now replaced by a busy schedule. The days are becoming shorter. The temperatures are milder. Soon we will be wearing heavier clothes.

The church cycle continues, too. We return to our regular schedule of a late service at 10:30 am on September 11. Adult Christian Education, choir rehearsals, youth group meetings, and other activities are resurrected. We have some new and exciting events planned each month for the rest of the year. We will work around the Titans' schedule yet once again!

The cycle of life continues, as well as the journey. Some aspects are familiar as we have seen them before, though we can rest assured that God will continue to give us some big surprises. He always does! RSC+

## Movie Night

In the movie, Forrest Gump, during a horrible hurricane Lieutenant Dan straps himself to the mast of a ship for a showdown with God and exclaims, "You call this a storm? It is time for a showdown - Just you and me! I am right here. Come get me!" Though Christy Lyons and her Movie Night team were not as direct, their determination to host the event was just as headstrong, and we enjoyed a delightful evening of fellowship instead of canceling the event on the second rain date. The consensus of "We need to do this more often," was heard, and we shall do just that in the future. Stay tuned!

## Membership Quiz

- 1) What was the name ascribed to our organ by our choir? (Betsy)
- 2) Who previously worked at Church of the Advent as an administrator? (Kay Womack) *continued on page 3*



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## Special Events Calendar

Saturday, September 10th  
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 20th  
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Friday, September 23rd  
Sentinel article deadline

Regular Schedule (see below)  
Commences 9/11

### Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:30 am Adult Sunday School  
10:30 am Choral Eucharist &  
Children's Church

### Saturdays

3:00 pm Eucharist

**Happy Birthday!**

Joan Wells	9/2
Cindy Webb	9/7
Suzanne Glafka	9/8
Doug Green	9/14
Jacob Smith	9/14
Lucas Hoskins	9/15
Lauren Coppersmith	9/17
Alan McLeod	9/20
Betty Odom	9/27

Let us know if we missed one! We do not know unless you tell us ☺

**Lay Assignments for September***September 4th*

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & Jim Cate  
 Lector: Harry Spain  
 Acolyte: Jonathan Dupuy  
 Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese  
 Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells  
 Coffee Hour: The Deweeses & Ginger Huck

*September 11th*

Eucharistic: George Mickle & Cindy Reese  
 Lector: George Mickle  
 Acolyte: Alex Magnis  
 Ushers: Rick Webb & Bruce Dobbs  
 Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom  
 Coffee Hour: The Jones

*September 18th*

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & David Gaines  
 Lector: Tony McFarland  
 Acolyte: Jonathan Dupuy  
 Ushers: Don Jones & Mike Deweese  
 Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese  
 Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

*September 25th*

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb  
 Lector: David Gaines  
 Acolyte: Erick Cate  
 Ushers: Rick Webb & Bruce Dobbs  
 Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart  
 Coffee Hour: Vestry Monthly Birthday Party

**The Saint of the Month**

**Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold**  
**1905-1961**  
**Peacemaker**

**Feast Day September 18**

Dag Hjalmar Agne Carl Hammarskjold was the son of the Prime Minister of Sweden. He studied law and economics and taught economics at the University of Stockholm. Later he was President of the Board of the Bank of Sweden, then Minister of State, and head of the Swedish delegation to the United Nations where later he became the Secretary General.

In 1960 when the Belgian Congo (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo) became independent, civil war broke out and Hammarskjold went to negotiate a cease-fire. On the way there he died when his plane crashed in Zambia on September 18, 1961.

For years he kept a private journal, writing down his thoughts on the lordship of Christ, and its meaning for his life. After his death, the journal was published under the title *Markings*.

The following are two extracts:

God does not die on the day when we cease to believe in a personal deity, but we die on the day when our lives cease to be illumined by the steady radiance, renewed daily, of a wonder, the source of which is beyond all reason.

He who has surrendered himself to it knows that the Way ends on The Cross—even when it is leading through the jubilation of Gennesaret or the triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**Quote of the Month**

“Spring passes and one remembers one’s innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one’s exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one’s reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one’s perseverance.” ~ Yoko Ono

**Recipe of the Month: Cream Puff Appetizer**

Mix well and refrigerate for about an hour.

*1 can minced Clams*

*1 8 ounce cream cheese*

*2 tbsp. clam juice. (save 2 tbsp. from clams then drain the rest of the juice)*

*1 tbsp. Worcestershire*

Using white bread, use a shot glass or pill bottle to cut rounds from the bread.

Sprinkle garlic salt on bread rounds and put under the broiler to toast the rounds.

Using a teaspoon to put the mixture on the non-toasted side of the bread round and put under the broiler until bubbly. Bruce Dobbs

**Outreach**

The vestry voted to continue our partnership with Tom Joy Elementary School for another school year. Principal Moorman has suggested some ideas that would benefit the school.

Saving Boxtops for Education coupons—this is a year around project. Each boxtop is worth 10 cents. Collection box in the parish hall.

The school clothes closet needs pants sizes 4, 6, 8 blue, black, brown, khaki, need not be new. Boys belts size small. *continued on page 4*

### ***From the Loft***

Despite being on summer break (meaning no Wednesday night practices) the choir had a busy and eventful summer. Various choir members volunteered to sing solos and/or duets at Sunday services, including a beautiful rendition of "As for Me and my House, We will Serve the Lord" sung (and played) by our multi-talented organist, Bob Wiesen.

Early in June the Organ Committee, together with Father Courtney, Josh Coble (our organ consultant), and Derek Milnar of Milnar Organs traveled into Alabama to assess and consider two organs. After hearing Derek's descriptions of the instruments, we were treated to mini-concerts by Bob and Josh as they tried out the various organ stops and tested the capabilities of each organ.

After thoughtful discussion the committee decided to recommend the organ from a church in Montgomery, Alabama. The organ is somewhat larger than our current organ, in terms of number of pipes and it can produce a wide range of "voices" or organ sounds.

In August a simple service of deconsecration was held for Betsy, our faithful friend and musical voice for so many years. George Mickle offered a fitting tribute: "Well done, good and faithful servant." The next day the process began to remove her from St. James and reinstall her in a family home in Murfreesboro.

With the removal of the organ, a number of structural changes needed to be made in the choir loft. Our friends at Cross-Driven Construction worked to replace flooring, update electrical connections and lighting, and generally make the loft ready for the new instrument.

During the renovation the choir has moved to the back two pews of the church. Bob has been demonstrating his pianistic skills, bring a new sound to the hymns and service music. The choir is grateful to the congregation for "scooting up" to allow us room.

At this time Milnar Organs is in the process of installing our new organ. It is a painstaking and delicate process, and it takes several weeks. But we look forward to welcoming the new instrument very soon. The addition of a new organ is a significant event for our church. This organ is for the whole church family, not just the choir. The hope is that, with this new instrument, our worship will be enlivened, full of meaning and heartfelt joy, and above all, pleasing to God.

With such wonderful changes at hand, wouldn't this be a great time to consider joining the choir, adding your voice in the wonder and joy of singing for God's glory? No auditions required! No musical training needed! Just come and sing. You'll be welcomed and loved. Jane Emery

### ***Vestry News***

The Vestry enjoyed having the summer off for vacation and deliberated most matters via e-mail. Meetings resume in September on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm.

### ***Parish Financial Highlights as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016***

Year To Date Income: \$80,127

Year to Date Expenses: \$79,220

Balance: \$907

For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.

### ***Membership Quiz***

3) Who previously worked at Christ Church as an administrator? (Laura Drake)

4) Who works at Summitt Hospital nursing in the Intensive Care Unit? (Gail McNally)

5) What is Harry Spain's favorite liquor? (Jack Daniels - the higher the proof, the better!)

### ***Outreach News***

During September our collection for Room in the Inn is playing cards and puzzle books.

Drop off is in the corner beside the piano bench on the Epistle Side in the nave. Kudos to all for their faithfulness and generosity!

### ***Youth Ministry***

We have two programs for the youth of the parish.

Teenagers and Middle Schoolers will join Father Courtney, Lacey Lyons, and Joel Sinha for dinner and discussion on Saturday, September 10th at 5:00 pm at the church. (Note the new time.) We shall discuss summer memories and plans for the fall. Our thanks to Michael Mauk & Therese Plante for continuing to supply our dinners!

### ***Sunday School***

The summer has been fun. We've watched our apple tree grow and enjoyed great fellowship. The fall will bring some exciting projects and lessons. This month we will be studying the life of Joseph.

### ***The Old Normal?***

Our regular schedule returns on Sunday, September 11th. Our Sunday late service moves to 10:30 am, and Adult Sunday School class is at 9:30 am. The communion service on Saturday remains at 3:00 pm. The Sunday 8:00 am service is unchanged. The choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 pm.

### ***Taekwondo News***

Taekwondo helps us develop into positive, self-motivated people by teaching us to set reasonable and achievable goals. Each time we reach one of these goals, we experience the satisfaction of doing so and move closer to achieving bigger goals. Since participating in martial arts is your choice, all motivation must come from within you. This means you are developing into a positive, self-motivated person.

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**Weekly Schedule**

*Saturday*

Priest in Office - 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM  
Communion - 3:00 PM

*Sunday*

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM  
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 AM  
Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM  
Sunday School (ages 5-12) – 10:30 AM

*Wednesday*

Priest on Premises  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
Choir Practice – 7:00 PM

*Monday & Thursday*

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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**News from the Diocese of Tennessee**

*ECW Annual Meeting*

Saturday, September 10 | Diocesan House, Nashville

The annual meeting for the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) of the diocese will take place on Saturday, September 10, at Diocesan House in Nashville. The meeting will begin with registration and coffee at 9:30 AM and conclude after lunch. Bishop John will be the Celebrant for the Eucharist. The speaker this year is the Rev. Vicki Burgess, Rector of St. Philip's, Donelson and Chair of the Diocesan Delegates to General Convention. The title of her talk is "Reason is the Judge: Of Bishops, Dioceses and Where Authority Resides in the Episcopal Church."

*Daughters of the King (DOK) Fall Assembly*

Saturday, September 24 | Church of the Holy Trinity, Nashville

Come celebrate 125 years of the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of Tennessee on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 9:00 AM in downtown Nashville at Church of the Holy Trinity. The program begins with Bishop John celebrating at the Eucharist service with the Rt. Rev. William Skilton, retired Bishop of Dominican Republic, preaching. Bishop Skilton is the Guest Speaker for the day and Nancie Schweikert, Diocesan Historian and past President, will make a presentation as well.

**Outreach**

4 times a year a rewards cart visits each classroom. Students earn reward coupons to purchase items. Small items are needed (slinkys, yo-yos, slap bracelets, glow sticks, hair clips, etc.) Stores like Dirt Cheap, Dollar Store, and Bargain Hunters have many appropriate items. A collection box will also be placed in the parish hall. *For more information contact Louise Jones*



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