

# The Sentinel

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## Priest's Ponderings

I am astonished that sometimes no matter how earnestly I attempt to communicate with people, they just don't seem to understand me. I can try methods using long, complex sentences or short ones, but it does not seem to matter. I bring up a subject and receive a blank stare in return.

Sometimes as I use voice recognition on my phone, I am amazed at the words it hears me saying. Maybe I do the same in regular conversation? Perhaps I just blurt out words making no sense, but I am inclined to think that such is not the case. Voice activation is still in a learning curve process in the world of technology!

It is totally possible that I over-communicate. Perhaps I provide too much information for people to digest, and I need to show more restraint. I shall give that a try.

I am totally certain that all of us do not read e-mails and text messages. We scan them or skim them, not really focusing deeply. Do we stop to digest the information? Nope. In fact, usually we are doing something else when we are reading them.

Perhaps the greatest gift we can provide someone is our time and attention. In a world full of competing distractions such is a major gift. It is the highest compliment.

For relationships to be meaningful, communication is a major component. If we do not hear (and listen to) one another, how can we possibly encounter God, who is very subtle in his communication? Even scarier, as our interpersonal skills deteriorate from communication malnourishment, how can that affect our spiritual existence?

As we begin a new month, I challenge you to listen to others. Step into their shoes. Become actively engaged with them. It is quite a challenge.....and strangely becoming more so..... despite our sophisticated gadgets that make communication "easier."

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## Hay Ride & Picnic

Mark your calendars to attend a picnic and hayride at the home of Rick & Cindy Webb on October 29th. The fun begins at 3:00 pm. The Webbs reside at 2436 Henry Gower Road in Pleasant View and can be reached at 615-746-5650. Please bring lawn chairs. More info to come!

## Membership Quiz

- 1) Who works with Veterans to find affordable housing? Cathy Caster
- 2) Who is getting married in December? Dustin Denning
- 3) Name some of our homebound parishioners. Fran Arnold, Joyce Wright, Evelyn Sharp, Patricia Gradin, George Schutt, and Jean Hawkins *continued on page 3*



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## Special Events Calendar

Saturday, October 1st  
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 4th  
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 8th  
Animal Blessing @ 3 pm

Friday, October 23rd  
*Sentinel* Article Deadline

Sunday, October 29th  
Hayride & Picnic at the Webbs  
at 3 pm

Sunday, October 30th  
Feeding the Homeless at Holy Trinity  
Church at 2 pm

**Happy Birthday!**

Joe Reese	10/5
Lari Spain	10/10
David Gaines	10/14
Anubha Sinha	10/16
Cindy Reese	10/16
Debbie Denning	10/16
Ken Saefkow	10/18
Tony McFarland	10/22
Patrick McFarland	10/22
Noah Parker	10/27
Bob Wiesen	10/30

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

**Lay Assignments****October 2nd:**

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & David Gaines  
 Lector: Harry Spain  
 Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy  
 Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese  
 Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells  
 Coffee Hour: The Wiesens

**October 9th:**

Eucharistic: George Mickle & Cindy Reese  
 Lector: George Mickle  
 Crucifer: Alex Magnis  
 Ushers: Rick Webb & George Brummett  
 Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom  
 Coffee Hour: Reception to Honor George Mickle

**October 16th:**

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & Sarah Mace  
 Lector: Tony McFarland  
 Crucifer: Jonathan DuPuy  
 Ushers: Don Jones & Mike Deweese  
 Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese  
 Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

**October 23rd:**

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb  
 Lector: David Gaines  
 Crucifer: Erick Cate  
 Ushers: Rick Webb & Larry Emery  
 Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart  
 Coffee Hour: Gail McNally

**October 30th:**

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick & Cindy Webb  
 Lector: Michael Mauk  
 Crucifer: Alex Magnis  
 Ushers: George Brummett & Mike Deweese  
 Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart  
 Coffee Hour: Vestry Monthly Birthday Party

**The Saint of the Month**

**Vida Dutton Scudder**  
**1861-1954**  
**Educator and Witness for Peace**  
**Feast Day October 10**

Vida Dutton Scudder was an educator, an activist, and in 1911 she founded the Episcopal Church Socialist League. She was born in India to Congregationalist Missionaries. In the 1870s Vida and her mother were confirmed as Episcopalians.

After studying English literature at Smith College and Oxford University, she began teaching at Wellesley College. Her love of scholarship was matched by her social conscience and deep spirituality.

As a young woman, she began the College Settlements Association, joined the Society of Christian Socialists, and in 1889 she began her association with the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross.

In 1893 she took a leave of absence from Wellesley to work with Helena Stuart Dudley to found Denison House in Boston. Here she started a group for Italian immigrants and took an active part in organizing the Women's Trade Union League. Initially she supported World War I, but in 1923 she joined the Fellowship of Reconciliation and by the 1930s she was a pacifist. Throughout her life her primary relationships and support network were women.

After retirement, she authored sixteen books on religious and political subjects. She was the first woman to be published in the *Anglican Theological Review*.

**Quote of the Month**

Autumn is really the best of the seasons; and I'm not sure that old age isn't the best part of life.

C. S. Lewis

**Recipe of the Month: Pickle Doolollies!**

Buffet Rye Bread  
 Dill pickle slices  
 Swiss cheese

Place a pickle chip on a slice of Buffet Rye Bread  
 Lay a slice of Swiss Cheese on top of the pickle chip  
 Put under the broiler until cheese is bubbly.  
 Delicious  
 Bruce Dobbs

**Feeding the Homeless**

Our next opportunity to feed the homeless at Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville will be Sunday, October 30th, at 2:00 pm. Watch the bulletin board to sign-up as volunteers and to provide sandwiches. The requested fare is 1 sandwich, 1 bag of chips, 1 piece of fresh fruit, and 1 dessert (cookie, snack cake, etc.). Provide a variety of soft and hard fruit, and place contents in a Ziploc bag as the guests use them for storage of personal belongings during the week after the meal. Please use a marker to write on the outside of the bag the type of sandwich within, example: "ham & cheese." Please do not prepare any mayonnaise based sandwiches, as they can become very messy. Our thanks to everyone for their generous support. See Ken or Jimmie Saefkow for more information.

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

The installation of the new church organ has been proceeding according to schedule. It's an exciting time, and Father Courtney has kept everyone up to date with new photos appearing on Facebook every day. So many, many, many pipes! Fortunately the good folks from Milnar Organs know just how to place each one. If you want more information about this grand instrument, see Bob Wiesen or Harry Spain. The debut of the organ will be in early October.

On Sunday, November 6 at 4:00 P.M. the organ will be officially dedicated during a service of Evensong to be held here at St. James. Bishop Bauerschmidt will be in attendance. Special music is planned and a reception will be held afterwards in the Parish Hall. Please make plans to attend, and invite your friends and family.

Choir practices have resumed on Wednesday nights at 7 o'clock. As always, visitors (and potential members) are always welcome!

Finally, the Choir was saddened to learn of George Mickle's impending move to Clarksville. George has been a stalwart and faithful choir member for many years. His strong voice in the choir and his leadership have been inspiring. He is particularly remembered for his special solos. His performances of "O Holy Night", "The Holy City", and "In the Garden" have touched many hearts. We will miss George on a weekly basis, but feel sure he will come back to visit from time to time.

Jane Emery

### ***Vestry News***

The Vestry did not meet in September due to a lack of a quorum. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 pm.

### ***Parish Financial Highlights***

The books for September were being balanced and prepped at press time of the October *Sentinel*. For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer, or consult the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. We seem to be on track for a balanced budget for 2016. Thanks for your faithfulness!

### ***Membership Quiz***

- 4) Who works at Shoney's near the Titans' stadium? Joel Sinha
  - 5) Who installed our new organ? Milnar Organ Company in Eagleville, Tennessee
- Did not know these things? Then mingle more often!

### ***Animal Blessing***

Our St. Francis' Animal Blessing will be on Saturday, October 8th at 11:00 am. Bring your pets and friends ---- human and any other species!

### ***News from Tom Joy Elementary School***

Have you seen the parish hall and the beautiful artwork on the walls? It comes from our partner school, Tom Joy Elementary, and its gifted students. The pictures can also be seen on our Facebook page. Be sure to keep collecting the Boxtops for Education that come on items you purchase at the store. We have a collection box for them in the parish hall. Keep in mind, too, that Christmas is just around the corner so be saving items that can be used as Christmas gifts from the students to their parents. We remain blessed in this relationship with fine people. With your help, the blessings will abound more! Louise Jones

### ***Outreach News***

During October our collection for Room in the Inn is AA and AAA batteries & reading glasses. Drop off is beside the piano bench 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, October 1st at 5:00 pm at the church. Our topic this month is "Limits & Boundaries: Saying 'No' Is Okay"

### ***Sunday School***

October Exploration Points

- God renewed the covenant with Jacob and promised to be with him.
- God loves us and cares for us, no matter what we have done.
- Jacob recognized God's blessing and made a sacred place to remember God's promise.

### ***Taekwondo News***

The Taekwondo Tenant of Integrity  
A person of great integrity has strong moral principles which they use to guide their actions. Some of these principles are honesty, sincerity, loyalty, and honor. We respect people of integrity for following these principles. To develop integrity in ourselves, we must let these principles guide us. This sometimes means that we must make hard decisions and do things that are more difficult than perhaps the wrong thing might be.

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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**

*Clergy Transitions*

*St. Michael's, Cookeville*

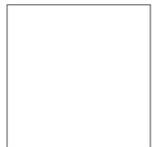
With a grateful heart, the Rev. Joe Weatherly has announced, with the permission of the Bishop, his intention to retire from full time ministry as the ninth priest assigned to serve at St. Michael's Cookeville effective October 31, 2016. His last Sunday will be October 23. Please keep Joe, his wife, Lisa, and the members of St. Michael's in your prayers as they move through this transition.

*Christ Church Cathedral*

Bishop John has assigned newly ordained vocational deacon, the Rev. Roger Saterstrom, to Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville, effective in September. Roger was ordained in June.

*St. David's, Nashville*

The Vestry of St. David's, Nashville has called the Rev. Carolyn Coleman to be Rector of their parish. Carolyn's last Sunday as Vicar at Church of the Holy Cross, Murfreesboro will be October 2. Carolyn will begin her new position as Rector at St. David's on October 11, and her first Sunday will be October 16. The Celebration of New Ministry for the installation of Carolyn as the Rector is set for Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 AM.



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