

The Sentinel



Priest's Ponderings

As I was thumbing through the collects seeking one for Memorial Day, I was shocked to see how far we have come over the past few months. Seems like we were just welcoming Jesus at his birth, and now we have him ascended back to heaven. A lot happens in a short period of time!

The season of Pentecost is called "Ordinary Time" in the church because we are not calling attention to any specific time or event in Jesus' life. It is the longest season of the church year. As some of it occurs in the summer, so it seems the church takes a break as we do not have adult classes, and we are dismissed from late worship at an earlier time to enjoy the day.

This summer the pace does slow a bit at St. James the Less'. However, the Vestry has planned a recreational outing each month. The Bishop is coming in August to confirm or receive 8 people.

The interesting twist to Ordinary Time is that it was "Busy Time" for the disciples. Jesus had left. The Great Commission had been given. The time was running out for them to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Messages and miracles abounded. A church was in formation and proving to be a lot different than had been envisioned.

I suppose when it comes to Ordinary Time we have a choice. If left to us, it will be quite ordinary. If God enters the scene, watch for the extraordinary!.

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Dates to Remember

June 7th: Parish Picnic!

July 17th: Nashville Sounds Game at the new Ball Park!

August 21st: Trip to Arrington Vineyards for Picnic and Wine Tasting!

August 30th: Bishop's Bauerschmidt's Annual Visit & Homeless

September 13th: Luncheon for Homeless

Watch the weekly bulletin for more details!

Summer Schedule

Our summer schedule began on Sunday, May 31st. Our Sunday late service moved to 9:30 am, and there is no Adult Sunday School class until after Labor Day. A communion service on Saturday at 3:00 pm will remain available, as well as the Sunday 8:00 am service. The choir will meet during the summer at the discretion of our Music Director & Organist.

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Calendar

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Parish Picnic

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Friday, August 28th:

September Sentinel Article Deadline

Sunday, August 30th:

Bishop's Bauerschmidt's Annual Visit

Sunday, September 13th:

Luncheon for Homeless

Happy Birthday

Jane Emery	6/1
LaDonna Graves	6/6
Steve Womack	6/11
Genevieve Lish	6/18
Elaine Reed	6/21
Justin Lane	6/22
Joshua Sinha	7/1
Janice Whiteman	7/3
Amy Johnston	7/6
Shaon Halder	7/9
Rachel Womack	7/11
Thomas McFarland	7/13
Dari Shadwick	7/14
Jean Bishop	7/24
Lisa Cate	7/28
John Whiteman	7/30
Ashleigh Smith	7/31
Dana Reed	8/7
Erick Cate	8/9
Mary Eliz Womack	8/17
Leigh Smith	8/19
Charles Mace	8/22
Evelyn Sharp	8/23
Therese Plante	8/23
Larry Emery	8/28
Laura Drake	8/28
Beth Coppersmith	8/28
John Graves	8/29
Sandi Windorfer	8/29

Summer Lay Assignments

1st Sundays:

Eucharistic: Jane Emery, Jim Cate, or David Gaines

Lector: Harry Spain

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy & Alex Magnis

Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells

2nd Sundays:

Eucharistic: George Mickle & Cindy Reese

Lector: George Mickle or Marcille Gustina

Crucifer: Michael Schoenenberger

Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom

3rd Sundays:

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & Sarah Mace

Lector: Tony McFarland

Crucifer: Alex Magnis

Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese

4th Sundays:

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: David Gaines

Crucifer: Erick Cate

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

5th Sunday:

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & Sarah Mace

Lector: Michael Mauk

Crucifer: Erick Cate

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

Member Spotlight: Membership Quiz

Take the quiz below, and see if you can answer questions about other members of our flock. If you can't, then perhaps you need to mingle more often.

- 1) Who taught music in an elementary school? (Jane Emery)
- 2) Who is a master thespian? (Lauren Coppersmith)
- 3) Who is having an extra-marital affair? (Just kidding! - or Who Knows?)

Saint of the Summer: St. James the Less

There are seemingly many men named James in the New Testament, mainly because of the numerous epithets and euphemisms applied to them. James, son of Alphaeus, is called "James the Less" or the Younger to distinguish him from Saint James the Great and Saint James the Just. He was a brother of the apostle Matthew (Alphaeus was the father of both) and the son of Mary. He appears in the slightly varying lists of the Twelve Apostles, as does James the Great Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13. He is also mentioned when his mother appears in Mark 15:40 (where he is labeled "less", "little" or "younger" depending on the translation) and Matthew 27:56.

Not much is known about his later ministry. He was a martyr in the early Church and one of its earliest saints. Some historians believe he was clubbed to death in Jerusalem for violating Judaic law. Others have written that he was crucified in Egypt and his body was cut up. The differing accounts of his death explain why there are two traditional symbols - a club and a saw - for St. James the Less.

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."

-John Steinbeck, Travels with Charley: In Search of America

Outreach Luncheon

Our parish has been serving meals to homeless members of our community whenever the Fifth Sunday of a month arises. We have been truly blessed by the involvement of all of you who have prepared sandwiches or distributed them when we visit Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, which is the main sponsor and site of the program. Our small parish always exceeds its goal of sandwiches, and our efforts greatly assist the folks at Holy Trinity as they get a "day off."

Though our next scheduled time for this ministry was to be August 30th, that is also the Bishop's Visitation; so we have rescheduled the event to September 13th. Our next opportunity after that for 2015 will be November 29th.

As the next time for our service comes, we will update the desired meal to be prepared. It is very important to follow the guidelines as any dressings used on the sandwiches can be biodegradable. Some of the beneficiaries of our meals actually feed on them over the week and not in one sitting, so some condiments can create health concerns. Also, it is important that each bag have the same basic items in order to be fair to all recipients. We will publish more details as the time approaches. Do know that your food offerings are appreciated and prepared in love. Such brings joy for both beneficiary and benefactor. (Continued on Page 3)

From The Loft

With the Summer months upon us, the choir is taking a break from their regular rehearsal schedule. However, the music ministry at St. James the Less will not grind to a screeching halt -- members of the choir will sing solos or play an instrument. On Sundays when no music is programmed for the offertory, members of the congregation who enjoy singing are welcomed to share their talents as well. Along with the change in service time this Summer, the Liturgy used will be the setting composed by Jane Emory.

Choir rehearsals will resume the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 9, 2015. Throughout these Summer months, I will continue to collaborate with Fr. Courtney to choose hymns appropriate for worship and continue long-term planning for the coming year. The music ministry appreciates all the support, patience, and feedback given during this time in regards to the change in leadership. If there are any questions please contact me or the church office.

-John Lucciano, Organist and Director of Music

Vestry Notes

At its May meeting the Vestry discussed:

- > Holy Trinity Outreach Lunch on May 31st and September 13th
- >Members for the Five Year Plan Committee being headed by Father Johnston
- >Summer Parish Picnic on June 7th
- >Summer Recreational Outings in July and August
- >Bishop's Visit on August 30th
- >Tom Joy Outreach - Appointed Louise Jones as Liaison
- >Vestry's Hosting Coffee Hour on 4th Sunday as Birthday Sunday!
- >Summer Vestry Meetings will be as needed.
- >3 of 5 of our toilets are broken, but being repaired, and how that compares to national averages.
- >Formation of a Building Committee so that Father Courtney does not have to hear everyone's complaints and ideas.

Parish Financial Highlights		
	<u>April</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Income	\$10,882	\$45,973
Expenses	\$10,176	\$43,648
Balance	\$706	\$2,325
<i>For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.</i>		

Outreach Luncheon Continued

Also, we are changing the name from "Feeding the Homeless Sunday" to "Outreach Luncheon." Such seems to be more respectful and descriptive. We welcome all input to make the day even more meaningful for all.

Outreach News

Our monthly collection for Room in the Inn:

- >June – Gift cards (Kroger, Target, Walmart)
 - >July - Sunscreen and Disposable Razors
 - >August - Bottled water
- Please leave your contributions in the Outreach Box on the piano bench at the front of the nave.

Youth Ministry

We have two programs for the youth of the parish.

Teenagers and Middle Schoolers are on break for the summer and will resume meetings after Labor Day.

Class meets at 9:30 am in the Sunday School room for the younger folks (4-8 years old) under the direction of Tonya Jones and the priest's former office for the elders (9-12 years old) with Lisa Cate. Both classes use a Bible study format to establish a foundation of faith in the young person's heart and mind.

Taekwondo News

6 things we help our students with:

- #1: Students Will Get More Active
- #2: Students Learn to Find Focus and Stillness
- #3: Students Learn to Take Deal with Life's Hits
- #4: Students Gain Self Confidence and Self Respect
- #5: Students Connect Their Mind and Body and Grow Spiritually
- #6: Students Learn Conflict Resolution

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Church Schedule

Saturday

Priest's Office Hours
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunday

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

Monday & Thursday

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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News from the Diocese of Tennessee

This will be a busy summer for the Diocese as delegates head to General Convention in June in Salt Lake City and the diocese co-hosts the Layman's Conference in August. Camp Gailor-Maxon will convene on the mountain at Dubose Conference Center in Monteagle for the kids in June. See the diocese website: edtn.org for more information.


