

The Sentinel

September 2017

Priest's Ponderings

Recently, I enjoyed a visit with a parishioner, and with great delight he asked, "What are our activities at church for the rest of the year?" He was eagerly anticipating any occasion to have fellowship with us, and that was wonderful, yet humbling to hear.

We gather every Sunday and worship together. I believe that creates a special bond of intimacy like no other. As we humbly approach God's altar so we understand a common humanity with one another as all of us are greatly in need of God's grace. Also, in God's eyes we are all equally loved and precious. Another parishioner has shared that he looks forward to coming to church each Sunday. It is one of the highlights of his week.

I wonder at times, though, if we take each other for granted. Attendance on Sundays is fairly steady, and usually the same folks are present each week. Yet for some, church attendance is optional. They have so many relationships pulling them in different directions that a Sunday gathering is yet another event to draw their attention and energy. We should be concerned if the church is yet another Facebook friend and not having greater relevance in our lives.

I recall as a lay person feeling similar sentiments as the folks I have mentioned. I have some prayer time in store for me to transition from our fellowship and worship as "work" to being an invigorating restorative time of renewal. That is a challenge for all clergy.....and maybe some laity!

With September we return to our regular schedule of a late service at 10:30 am on September 10. 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.

Join us for the fun as we begin another cycle in our church life. It really is fun....and much, much more! RSC+

The Saint of the Month – Harry Burleigh

Classical Composer Arranger Professional Singer

December 2, 1866 – September 12, 1949

Feast Day September 11th In 1894, Harry Burleigh, a baritone, became a soloist for St. George's Episcopal Church in New York City. There was opposition to hiring Burleigh at the all-white church from some parishioners, because of his race, at a time when other white New York Episcopal churches were forbidding black people to worship. J. P. Morgan, a member of St. George's at that time, cast the deciding vote to hire Burleigh. In spite of the initial problems obtaining the appointment, Burleigh became close to many of the parishioners during his long tenure as a soloist at the church. Burleigh made the first formal orchestral arrangements for more than 100 Negro spirituals, including Nobody Knows (the Trouble I've Seen). Burleigh's best-known compositions are his arrangements of these spirituals, as art songs.



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Events Calendar

Saturdays: 3 pm Eucharist

Saturday, September 9th:
Youth Group at 5 pm

Sunday, September 10th:
Regular Schedule Commences
8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:30 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Choral Eucharist &
Children's Church

Tuesday, September 19th:
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 23rd:
October Sentinel Article Deadline

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
Chelsey Hiehle	9/29

If we have failed to include your birthday this month, please let us know. Our list is continually evolving ☺

Lay Assignments

September 3rd:
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Emery & David Gaines
Lector: Harry Spain
Acolyte: Ashleigh Smith
Ushers: Joe Reese & Don Jones
Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells
Coffee Hour: The Reeses & Smiths

September 10th:
Eucharistic Ministers: Denise Kem & Cindy Reese
Lector: Denise Kem
Acolyte: Ashleigh Smith
Ushers: Rick Webb & Mike Deweese
Altar Guild: Janet Deweese, Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom
Coffee Hour: The Sinhas

September 17th:
Eucharistic Ministers: Tony McFarland & David Gaines
Lector: Tony McFarland
Acolyte: Ashleigh Smith
Ushers: Larry Emery & George Brummett
Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Susan Parker
Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

September 24th:
Eucharistic Ministers: Rick & Cindy Webb
Lector: David Gaines
Acolyte: Erick Cate
Ushers: Mike Deweese & Don Jones
Altar Guild: Terrie Croxall, Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart
Coffee Hour: Vestry Monthly Birthday Party

The Saints of Summer Continued

They were so popular during the late 1910s and 1920s, that almost no vocal recitalist gave a concert in a major city without occasionally singing them. In many ways, the popularity of Burleigh's settings contributed to an explosion of popularity for the genre during the 1920s. Through the 1920s and 1930s, Burleigh continued to promote the spirituals through publications, lectures, and arrangements. His life-long advocacy for the spiritual eclipsed his singing career, and his arrangements of art songs.

He was the first black composer to be instrumental in the development of a characteristically American music and he helped to make black music available to classically-trained artists both by introducing them to the music and by arranging the music in a more classical form.

Quote of the Month "My favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something." -*Groucho Marx*

Recipes of the Month**Bruce's Pea Salad**

1 15 oz green peas (drained)
4 oz sharp cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion
1 tablespoon sugar
1/4 cup mayonnaise
Mix well and chill

Bruce's Fried Zucchini and Onions

4 thinly sliced Zucchini
2 sliced onions
1/4 cup Olive Oil
1 tablespoon garlic powder.
Mix together in hot oil.
Cook until mushy and then it is done.
A good substitute for regularly cooked squash. This is very good

The Old Normal?

Our regular schedule returns on Sunday, September 10th. 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 Sunday mornings at 9:30 am thus moving the Adult Class to the parish hall.

News from the Diocese of Tennessee

Interested in hearing "tales from the trenches"? St. Philip's Parish will host a day of sharing stories about parish life: the good, the bad, and the ugly! The date is Saturday, September 10th, and the event lasts from 9 am – 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. St. Philip's address is 85 Fairway Drive in Donelson. The event is presented by the Evangelism & Congregational Development Committee of the Diocese of Tennessee. RSVP to Pat@resurrectionfranklin.org

The Diocese of Tennessee is in constant prayer for the well-being of our brothers and sisters in Texas. If you would like to donate to the relief efforts in Texas, Episcopal Relief and Development has a fund set up for Hurricane Harvey Recovery. Go to www.episcopalrelief.org.

Clergy openings in the Diocese of Tennessee:

Church of the Redeemer, Shelbyville, Priest-in-Charge (Part time)
St. Michael's, Cookeville, Rector
St. Bartholomew's, Nashville, Rector
St. Ann's, Nashville, Interim
Church of Our Saviour, Gallatin

From the Loft

With Labor Day approaching, the end of the annual "choir vacation" is coming. We'll begin weekly practices again, and hopefully learning some new music. Our fearless leader, Bob, has joined a new website, St. James Music Press, (what a fortuitous name!), which allows us to download unlimited music. We're excited about the possibilities.

This year we are going to try a different approach to choir rehearsals. We're moving our practice time from Wednesday nights to Sunday morning at 9:30, one hour before the late service. This will help accommodate several members' work schedules. The adult Sunday School class is relocating to the parish hall.

Here's a thought – since everybody is already accustomed to coming to church at 9:30 during the summer, just keep coming at that time, and you can join the choir! It'll be fun, plus you'll always be at church on time!

Submitted by JANE EMERY

Vestry News

The Vestry enjoyed having the summer off for vacation and deliberated most matters via e-mail. Meetings resumed in late August so watch the next edition of the Sentinel for the exciting news!

Parish Financial Highlights

As of August 1, 2017:

Year To Date Income: \$95,310

Year to Date Expenses: \$84,687

Balance: \$10,623

For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.

Movie Night

At press time the Vestry was in discernment relating to a time and place to see the motion picture, *All Saints'*, that recounts the wonderful resurrection for one of our sister parish's, *All Saints' Episcopal Church*, in Smyrna, Tennessee. Watch the weekly bulletin for details!

Membership Quiz

1. Who says "every Sunday at St. James' is wonderful and spectacular"?
(Dave Wiesen)
2. Name 3 parishioners who drive pick-up trucks (there are more than 3!)
(Harry Spain, Joe Reese, and Steve Croxall)
3. Who is our Sr. Warden? (Rick Webb)
4. Who has a son and daughter-in-law serving as missionaries to South Africa? (Debbie & Don Denning)
5. What is the Bishop's middle name? (Crawford)

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 and Lacey Lyons for dinner and discussion on Saturday, September 9th at 5:00 pm at the church. 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

JUDGES AND KINGS

September 3 Hannah Prays

September 10 God Calls Samuel

September 17 Samuel Anoints Saul

September 24 Samuel Anoints David

Taekwondo News

Integrity means to be honest with others, but it also means to be honest with yourself. A person with integrity has a sound moral value system and the strength of character to follow it.

We all know that none of us are perfect, and that we sometimes make mistakes. We can all work hard, though, to maintain our highest level of integrity at all times. Listen to your conscience. It will guide you and let you know when you are about to make a mistake. It's not always easy, but it is well worth the effort to always act with the highest level of integrity.

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Priest in Office - 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM
Holy Eucharist – 3:00 PM

Sunday

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

Monday & Thursday

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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On Being An Episcopalian!

Episcopalians believe in ecumenical dialogue because they are certain that after all is said and done, everyone else is bound to become Episcopalian. Episcopalians strongly believe in scripture, tradition and reason. While they aren't sure what they believe about these three things, there is almost universal agreement that that is hardly the point. Episcopalians believe that anything worth doing is especially worth doing if it has an obscure title attached to it (e.g. sexton, thurifer, suffragan, canon, dean). Episcopalians occasionally believe in miracles and sometimes even expect them, particularly during stewardship canvasses or when electing bishops or rectors, or recruiting church school teachers.

Episcopalians firmly believe that coffee hour is the eighth sacrament but only if it is caffeinated. Episcopalians generally believe that they are the only people God trusts enough to take the summers off from church. Some Episcopalians believe Rite I is the best expression of the liturgy. Some believe Rite II is better. Most Episcopalians haven't noticed the difference: they just hope the whole thing is over before noon.


