

The Sentinel



Priest's Ponderings

In the old days the school year and church year coincided. During the months from September through May, the church was busy with Sunday School programs, youth group activities, and other events. In the Episcopal Church, especially, the summer months of June, July, and August were a very quiet time, though, when families took vacations and programs ceased. We see this line of thought even now at St James the Less' Church, where we change our service times during the summer months.

Several years ago, things changed. The school year transitioned from beginning after Labor Day to commencing in early August. Now the school year has intermittent breaks, rather than going full steam for a full nine months.

Meanwhile, the church year has remained on the regular cycle of taking the time from Memorial Day through Labor Day as a quiet time. There has been no outcry to change that, and it seems to work.

In September we come to Labor Day, and thus the resumption of the church's regular cycle after a summer break. The schedule returns to the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services on Sundays. Adult Education resumes. The Youth Group will commence its monthly meetings. Even the Vestry emerges from a summer vacation. Usually the choir also reconvenes, though this year that will occur in October because of the change in status of our organist.

Despite a summer slow down, our work as Christians never stopped. Now we enter a time where we can be more focused spiritually and disciplined in our spiritual growth. Of course, God is active in all seasons!

The opportunities for your church involvement in the months ahead abound. It's time to get to work more intensely. All we need is you! RSC+

The Old Normal?

Our regular schedule returns on Sunday, September 13th. Our Sunday late service moves to 10:30 am, and Adult Sunday School class is at 9:30 am. The communion service on Saturday returns to 5:00 pm. The Sunday 8:00 am service is unchanged. The choir will meet after church in September, but return to regular Wednesday practices in October.

Tom Joy Update

With the new academic year we will continue our relationship with Tom Joy School. We encourage all who participated in the reading program last year to continue, or others interested in doing so can speak to Beth Coppersmith. This year the Vestry wanted to be more active in showing our support and appreciation for the hard-working teachers at the school so Louise Jones and Beth Coppersmith are in the process of developing some interesting ideas. There will be little or no effect on the church budget. If anyone has creative thoughts or would like more info, see Louise or Beth. You will be hearing more over the coming months!

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Calendar

Saturday, September 12th:
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 13th:
Outreach Luncheon

Tuesday, September 15th:
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Friday, September 25th:
Sentinel Article Deadline

Happy Birthday

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

Member Spotlight: Membership Quiz

- 1) What are the name of the church's Treasurer, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden?
(Jim Cate, Rick Webb, and Harry Spain)
- 2) Who is an attorney at law and has two sons that also practice law?
(Tony McFarland)
- 3) Who has a condo in Florida and spend winters there?
(George Brummett)
- 4) Who teaches at Tom Joy Elementary School?
(Beth Coppersmith)
- 5) Who is Mary Elizabeth Womack's boyfriend?
(Too Many To Count)

Saint of the Month: Jerome, Priest & Monk

Feast Day September 30th - Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for

"The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson." - Tom Bodett

Lay Assignments*September 6th:*

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

September 13th:

Eucharistic: George Mickle & Cindy Reese
Lector: George Mickle
Acolyte: Michael Schoenenberger/Natasha Reed
Ushers: Rick Webb & George WOMack
Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom
Coffee Hour: The Lyons/Lanes

September 20th:

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & Sarah Mace
Lector : Tony McFarland
Acolyte: Alex Magnis
Ushers: George Brummett & Mike Deweese
Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese
Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

September 27th:

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

his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and his Son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and St. Jerome went after him or her with his might and sometimes sarcastic pen.

He was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. He also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop and pope. St. Augustine (August 28) said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known."

St. Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. As a modern scholar says, "No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work." The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

In order to be able to do such work, Jerome prepared himself well. He was a master of Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Chaldaic. He began his studies at his birthplace, Stridon in Dalmatia (in the former Yugoslavia). After his preliminary education he went to Rome, the center of learning at that time, and thence to Trier, Germany, where the scholar was very much in evidence. He spent several years in each place, always trying to find the very best teachers. He once served as private secretary of Pope Damasus (December 11).

After these preparatory studies he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance and study. Finally he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. On September 30 in the year 420, Jerome died in Bethlehem. The remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

From The Loft

Once again we find the church in an interim situation as we seek a new Organist & Music Director. John Lucianno resigned at the end of August to commence duties at St. Ann's Episcopal Church where he will be quite busy with new and extra responsibilities.

During September we shall have Allison Williams as our guest organist. She resides in Hendersonville, Tennessee where she recently moved from Chicago, Illinois to enjoy being newly married to Tony Williams, who teaches at Fisk University and also plays the organ at First Presbyterian Church in Hendersonville. Her education includes a B.S. in Music Education, Concordia College, Bronxville, NY, 1979; M.M. in Music Education, Catholic University, Washington, D.C., 1984; Performer's certificate, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, 2009; and she is currently enrolled in the American Conservatory of Music, Doctoral Program for organ performance.

We welcome Allison and appreciate her gracious presence. The choir will meet with her after church in September for brief rehearsals, but return to regular Wednesday practices in October. Watch for more exciting news about our search in the days ahead!

Vestry Notes

In August the Vestry discussed:

- >Plumbing Repairs Completed
- >Internet Modem Replacement
- >A/C Fall & Winter Service Commencement
- >Locks & Alarm Codes Change - October
- >Small Church Sign @ Front Gate
- >Wireless Microphone Replacement
- >Office and Choir Room Reconfiguration & Schedule
- >Holy Trinity Outreach Lunch: September 13th
- >Return to Regular Schedule: September 13th
- >Five Year Plan Committee in October
- >Fall Parish Picnic Date at the Webbs - October
- >Summer Recreational Outings Report
- >Bishop's Visit in August
- >Tom Joy Outreach
- >Episcopal School of Nashville Visit
- >Organist Resignation & Search Process

| Parish Financial Highlights | |
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| | Year To Date |
| Income | \$77,134 |
| Expenses | \$76,129 |
| Balance | \$1,005 |
| <i>For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer.</i> | |

Outreach Luncheon

As part of our outreach efforts at St. James', we are assisting Fr. Bill Dennler, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville, with his ministry to homeless individuals. Every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 he has "Church in the Yard." This is a full church service plus a meal. Our next time to assist will be September 13th, and we will provide the usual sack lunch that includes: 1 sandwich, 1 bag of chip, 1 piece of fresh fruit, and 1 dessert (cookie, snack cake, etc.).

As you prepare individual sack lunches, please use a marker to write on the outside of the bag the type of sandwich within, example: "ham & cheese."

>Some of the lunches we took last time were bagged in plastic zip-loc bags. This was HUGELY popular, as people were able to use the plastic bags later to keep personal belongings dry

>Please do not prepare any mayonnaise based sandwiches, they tasted great, but became very messy (*continued on page 4*)

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 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 12th at 6:30 pm at the church. We shall discuss summer memories and plans for the fall.

Commencing September 13th class meets at 10:30 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

Monday and Thursday Nights

The purpose of Choong Sil Kwan Taekwondo is to develop an individual's mental and physical well-being through a highly stylized and deliberate method of rigorous martial arts training. The result of this training is the empowering sense of self-worth, and the ability to control one's physical state and personal destiny.

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Church Schedule

Saturday

Priest's Office Hours
2:30 pm - 5:00 PM
Holy Eucharist – 5:00 PM (starts 9/13)

Sunday (regular schedule starts 9/13)

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

Monday & Thursday

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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News from the Diocese of Tennessee

The Society of King Charles, the Martyr, commemorates the martyrdom of Charles I, King of England, Ireland and Scotland; and of France and Jerusalem also, by whose death the Catholic Faith of the Anglican Communion was preserved from Puritan intentions. St. Charles refused to resign both his faith in the apostolic order, as established by Christ Himself, and the authority of his bishops to the Puritan Roundheads, led by Oliver Cromwell, the sometime (and illegal) Lord Protector. The Roundheads committed regicide against Blessed Charles on 30 January 1649 outside the Banqueting House of Whitehall Palace. Immediately upon the Restoration of Church and King on 29 May 1660, the Convocation of Canterbury and York, now being free to assemble and act, canonised King Charles and added his name to the Kalendar of Saints at the revision of The Prayer Book. S. Charles is honoured for his strong personal piety, for his protection and patronage of the Church, and his martyrdom.

Gregory Smith, President
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Outreach Luncheon Continued

>Provide a variety of soft and hard fruit
>We also need volunteers to bring beverages (ice tea/lemonade)
We need volunteers to prepare and serve these meals (at least 200 meals). Volunteers will commit to preparing the number of meals they want to provide, and bring them to the church on that Sunday. Even if you can only provide a couple lunches, every little bit counts and matters. We will also need 4-6 volunteers to serve the meals that Sunday afternoon. There will be a sign up list on the bulletin board. Thanks for your efforts! *Ken Saefkow, Outreach Chairman*


