

The Sentinel



The Priest's Ponderings

Our Vestry does not meet during the summer months, so we met in September to catch up and make our plans for the remainder of the year. How long did it take for us to meet? Approximately 25 minutes!

That was shocking to me. As I have mentioned to many of you, our church seems on auto-pilot these days. We have our regular cycle of feasts and fasts, as well as our regular ways of observing them. I am not faulting us, but it does seem we have a comfortable, predictable way of life.

In October we will enjoy a hayride and picnic at the home of Rick and Cindy Webb on Sunday, October 22nd. We will feed the homeless on October 29th.

In November we will have our Annual Stewardship Campaign on the first 3 Sundays and our Annual Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday, November 19th. We are grateful that Tony McFarland will head our pledge campaign once again.

In December we will revisit the Salvation Army Angel Tree and have our regular Christmas Eve services after a solemn time in Advent.

Thinking further ahead, I have already scheduled speakers for next June! Now that is crazy, but I never have claimed to be sane.

So can we go ahead and close the book on 2017? Hardly. We still have 3 months left to go! No telling what lies ahead despite our predictions and desires. One thing I have learned about God: He is not into predictable comfort. That being noted, whatever lies ahead in the remainder of 2017 will be **VERY** interesting for sure!

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Quote of the Month

"Fall has arrived. Behold the changing leaves, and enjoy the crisp breeze. Let your eyes take in the bursts of color. Transformation is afoot and hope is in the air." Paul Burton Jones

The Saint of the Month

TERESA OF AVILA REFORMER AND CONTEMPLATIVE (15 OCT 1582)

Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada (later known as Teresa de Jesus) was born in Avila, Spain, 28 March 1515, one of ten children whose mother died when she was fifteen. Her family was of partly Jewish ancestry. Teresa, having read the letters of Jerome, decided to become a nun, and when she was 20, she entered the Carmelite convent in Avila. There she fell seriously ill, was in a coma for a while, and partially paralyzed for three years. In her early years as a nun, she was, by her account, assiduous in prayer while sick but lax and lukewarm in her prayers and devotions when the sickness had passed. However, her prayer life eventually deepened, she began to have visions and a vivid sense of the presence of God, and was converted to a life of extreme devotion.

In 1560 she resolved to reform the monastery that had, she thought, departed from the order's original intention and become insufficiently austere. Her proposed reforms included strict enclosure (the nuns were not to go to parties and social gatherings in town, or to have social visitors at the convent, but to stay in the convent and pray and study most of their waking hours) and discalcing (literally, taking off one's shoes, a symbol of poverty, humility, and the simple life, uncluttered by luxuries and other distractions). In 1562 she opened a new monastery in Avila, over much opposition in the town and from the older monastery. At length Teresa was given permission to proceed with her reforms, and she travelled throughout Spain establishing seventeen houses of Carmelites of the Strict (or Reformed) Observance (the others are called Carmelites of the Ancient Observance). The reformed houses were small, poor, disciplined, and strictly enclosed. Teresa

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Lay Assignments for October

October 1st:

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Emery & David Gaines

Lector: Harry Spain

Crucifer: Ashleigh Smith

Ushers: George Brummett & Rick Webb

Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells

Coffee Hour: Gail McNally

October 8th:

Eucharistic Ministers: Denise Kem & Cindy Reese

Lector: Denise Kem

Crucifer: Ashleigh Smith

Ushers: Joe Reese & Don Jones

Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack, Betty Odom & Janet Deweese

Coffee Hour: The Cates

October 15th:

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony McFarland & David Gaines

Lector: Tony McFarland

Crucifer: Ashleigh Smith

Ushers: Larry Emery & Rick Webb

Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Susan Parker

Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

October 22nd:

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: David Gaines

Crucifer: Erick Cate

Ushers: Joe Reese & George Brummett

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain, Judy Stewart, and Terrie Croxall

Coffee Hour: The Deweeses

October 29th:

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: Michael Mauk

Crucifer: Ashleigh Smith

Ushers: Larry Emery & George Brummett

Altar Guild: TBA – Watch for Details!

Coffee Hour: Vestry Monthly Birthday Party

The Saint of the Month Continued

died 4 October 1582. (She is commemorated on the 15th--why not the 14th, I wonder--because the Pope changed the calendar from the Julian to the Gregorian system, a difference of 10 days, on the day after her death.)

Teresa is reported to have been very attractive in person, witty, candid, and affectionate. She is remembered both for her practical achievements and organizing skill and for her life of contemplative prayer.

From the Loft

You may wonder how our hymns are chosen each week. Actually, there is a musician's guide that gives options based on the scripture readings. If you've ever been singing a hymn and thought, "My goodness, this song references the scripture passages I just heard," then you now know that such is very intentional. Bob Wiesen, Music Director and Organist, chooses the hymns based on selections from the guide. He sends them to Father Courtney for approval, and the final check is with the choir. Sometimes he and Father Courtney will affirm a hymn, but in rehearsal the choir will reveal the parish's unfamiliarity with the selection. At that point its decision time: We learn a new hymn, or Bob and the choir to choose an alternative from the guide, or we ditch the guide entirely and use one of our favorite warhorses that may or may not fit the theme of the day. (It is all generic anyway!)

If you have a favorite hymn, or several hymns, please let Bob know. He will be glad to include them in our worship when it's appropriate.

Hymns are prayers. In the previous hymnal, they even ended with "Amen" to reinforce that truth. On Sunday mornings take our hymns seriously and ponder them deeply, just as you do with any prayer. It's no accident that they are part of our worship, and they enhance it greatly.

Bruce's Recipe of the Month Taco Ritos

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| 1 1/2 pound ground beef | 1 package large flour tortillas |
| 1 diced onion | Chopped tomato if desired |
| 1 bag Mexican Blend shredded cheese | Taco Sauce |
| 1 can refried beans | 1 package of taco seasoning |
| Shredded Lettuce | |

Brown and drain ground beef

Heat refried beans

Heat tortillas for about 30 seconds in the microwave

Lay tortilla on plate and assemble the Taco Ritos

Spoon about 2 tablespoons of beans in the center of the tortilla

Spoon about 3 tablespoons of ground beef, add diced onion, shredded lettuce, Tomato, and sour cream (as desired)

Add cheese and taco sauce

Fold the sides of the tortilla in and then fold like a burrito. These were invented by me and they are so delicious. You have everything in the Taco Rito that you would need for a meal.

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Vestry Highlights

The Vestry met in September to discuss various projects relating to the building and heard plans for programs for the remainder of 2017. For more information consult the bulletin board with the minutes for the meeting or see Rick Webb, Harry Spain, Jim Cate, Christy Lyons, Louise Jones, Joe Reese, Ken Saefkow, or David Gaines.

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 2017. Thanks for your faithfulness!

October 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 enjoy a personal chit-chat session with Father Courtney each month. Like with our Lord, you never know when he will show up!

Sunday School in October From Shepherd To King

October 1, David the Musician - October 8, David and Goliath - October 15, David and Jonathan - October 22, David and Abigail - October 29, David Dances

Taekwondo News – (a goal setting tip)

Tell your goal to someone who will be supportive and who you can trust. Ask them to hold you accountable to your goal. When the going gets tough, as we all know it will, that is when help from others will count the most.

Animal Blessing

Our St. Francis' Animal Blessing will be on Saturday, October 7th at 11:00 am. Bring your pets and friends ---- but preferably none that bite!

Local Girl Does Good!

Guess who has opened her own business? Megan Lyons Lane. She is using her skills as a lobbyist and created Lane Government Relations, LLC. The company specializes in enhancing legislative awareness for corporations and non-profits. Her current client base includes R.J. Reynolds, Quest Diagnostics, International Paper, and The Next Door (a faith based facility for treating women with substance abuse issues). This is not new work for Megan as she worked at Johnson Poss Government Relations for ten years as a Senior Associate. Megan is a good one to have on your side, and we wish her well in her new endeavors!

Hay Ride and Picnic

Mark your calendars to attend a picnic and hayride at the home of Rick & Cindy Webb on October 22nd. 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!

October Birthdays

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

If we have failed to include your birthday this month, please let us know.

Our list is continually evolving



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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

Feeding the Homeless Sunday

Our next opportunity to feed the homeless at Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville will be Sunday, October 29th, 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.

News from the Diocese of Tennessee

The Diocesan Task Force on Same Sex Liturgies invites you to attend: An Afternoon of Conversation Regarding the Trial Use of Same Sex Marriages within the Diocese of Tennessee, Sunday, October 8th 3 pm - 5pm, Christ Church Cathedral, 900 Broadway, Nashville, TN, 37203. Light Refreshments will be served.

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EVENTS

Saturday, October 7th:

Animal Blessing at 3 pm

Tuesday, October 17th:

Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Sunday, October 22nd:

Hayride & Picnic at the
Webbs at 3 pm

Monday, October 23rd:

deadline for articles for
November **Sentinel**

Sunday, October 29th:

Feeding the Homeless at
Holy Trinity Church at 2 pm