

# The SPIRIT of GRACE

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## Regular Events...

### Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9
- Choir Practice 9:30
- Sunday School 9:15
- La Santa Misa 12
- Estudio Biblico 1:30

### Monday

- Narcotics Anonymous 7

### Tuesday

- Men's Social @ St Luke's 9:30
- Coro en Espanol 5

### Wednesday

- Choir Practice 5:30
- Holy Eucharist 6
- Youth groups, Bible study, Young Adults 7

### Thursday

- Move Exercise Class 9:30
- Holy Eucharist @ St Luke's 2
- Friends Anonymous 3

### Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

### Saturday

- Altar Guild 9
- Evening Worship 5

**November Coffee Host**  
**Steve Erwin**



ADVENT BEGINS NOV 27

## From the Rectory: The Very Rev. Steven C. Wilson

All Saints' Day starts the month, and St. Andrew' Day ends it. And in between, there's All Souls', Martin of Tours, Margaret of Scotland, Hilda of Whitby (the town where Bram Stoker's Dracula first drinks English blood, for you Hal-lowe'en fans), Cecilia, Clement, Emma and Kamehameha, and the deliciously named Richard Hooker and Robert Grosseteste ("Big Head Bob" in modern English). A month, like most of them, impregnated with saints.

Holy Scripture describes us, by the way, as saints—Paul usually begins his letters by greeting the "saints who are in X-Town," often continuing "together with the bishops/deacons/ presbyters." Makes one wonder if the "further ordained" (as our bishop puts it) aren't among those Paul considered saintly?

The Church is in the business of building saints. That is, in Hebrew, building those who are *qadosh*, which means "set aside" or "singled out." Our baptismal identity as Christians ought to make us stick out in the crowd.

Does it? A saint isn't grumpy, or judgmental, or a killjoy—but a saint is different. Some hallmarks of modern American society—our relentless consumption, our general pessimism, our debilitating individualism and isolation, our impatience—aren't Christian virtues. Do we as Christians model different ways of living? Do we look noticeably more patient, interested in our communities, connected and optimist, less enslaved to the "need" for things?

The New Testament word, *bagios*, is tighter. While *qadosh* means "set aside," *bagios* means "set aside for good, holy, pure purposes." That is to say, a saint isn't an oddball, but an oddball with a purpose—to reveal the glory of God's good and loving purposes. That is, to be a saint, we need to make sure that the quirks and foibles of our nature are bent to God's purposes, to reveal the God whose ways are rather famously not the ways of the world. That's who we are, and what we are about. Greetings, all the saints in Carthage. And also those "further ordained"....

## NOV BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Dr. Anne Marie Hunter  
6 Amanda Erwin, Debbie Hertzberg,  
7 Susan Campbell, Abbie Hogg  
9 Chance Moomaw  
10 Sue Anderson  
11 Lucas Hertzberg  
12 Heather Anderson, Terri Diggs,  
Earleen Fauvergue, Austen  
Heidlage  
13 Carolyn Amparan, Tom Geisert  
14 Wayne Ytell  
15 Emma Charleston  
17 Pam Barlet, John Schaffer, Susan  
Skaggs  
18 Donna Lane  
19 Bonny Douglas, Ted Evans Jr.,  
Connie Moss, Dr. Charlotte  
Trautman, Sheila Tryk  
20 Scott Lambert, Shellie Ross  
22 Ron Stiles  
23 Kasandra Gonzales  
24 Gary Gillum, Joe Kirk, Robert  
Locarni, Cindy Putnam  
25 Jerry Gilpin, Greg L. Spencer  
26 Gracie Curtis, Sherry Russow  
27 Linda Rowe, Beth Kang  
28 Ann Carter, Jeff Neely

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Jason & Lindsey Hodges, Fr. Ted  
& Mindy Estes  
8 Bill & Grace Schesser  
18 Fr. Jose & Mercedes Palma  
22 Frank & Donna Lane  
24 George & Ruth Platt  
25 Ted & Earlene Evans Sr., James &  
Jesse Grigsby  
27 Robert & Nance Harwell, Michael  
& Brenda Grigsby  
30 Fr. Roger & Sherrie Stinnet

**DON'T FORGET YOUR  
PLEDGE!**

## VESTRY UPDATE

*At the October 18 meeting, the following was discussed:*

**Rector's Report:** Reminders about the upcoming events in the parish's life—All Hallows' Eve service Oct 26, All Saints' observances Oct 30, the Diocesan Convention on Nov 4-5, and the KAIROS prison ministry on Nov 3-6. An update was given on the status of the Lafayette House project and pledge letters/envelopes handed to the Vestry. The congregation and vestry are asked to consider submitting their pledges at service on Sun, Oct 30.

**Deacons' Report:** Deacon Jeff reported on ERD's Nets for Life project to combat malaria in Africa. Deacon Galen discussed the upcoming Nov. 12 Haitian fundraiser and his recent participation in the *Everyone, Everywhere* conference in Colorado. At that, important discussions about the difference between outreach ("writing a check") and mission ("building a relationship") occurred.

**Fr. Palma's Report:** The Hispanic band participated in the Locarni party for Maple Leaf. Noel has had a recent boom in baptisms and attendance.

**Senior Warden's Report:** Gary reported on the rousing success of the Jim Brown Memorial Golf Tournament, which raised \$3118 for our youth travel fund.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry reports that we are roughly at break-even for the year. \$7000 remains in our tornado relief fund to be allocated.

**Old Business:** The prospective re-key was discussed and a consensus reached that we need new keys and possibly two or three exterior cameras for security purposes. The upcoming Joplin free garage sale has already had more donations than they can handle and volunteers from three states! Vestry election nominations will be handled by the outgoing members of the Vestry. Staffing issues were discussed, including possible means of expanding our pastoral/clergy staff. The Thanksgiving offering has been designated for the Carthage Crisis Center. Discussion of our Wed night worship and possibly adding some contemporary worship music to that service was held, and hopefully we will be able to enhance our offerings in that way in November. The ECW presented a full slate of events for 2012 and looks forward to ministry with our women!

*The next meeting is Tuesday, Nov 15, at 5:30 pm*

## The PARISH PRAYER LIST

(*Nursing Home & Shut Ins*) Patricia Rouse, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Carolene Kelly, Gerri Green, Evelyn Jackson, Robert Harwell, Twila Ferguson, Dan Stokes, Edith Pemberton, Michelle Short, Tom Adams, Jerry Chrisman, Bill Hansford, Jean Page, Robert Duvall

(*Immediate Needs*) Nancy Platt, Jim Armfield, Roger Stinnett, Ann Geisert, Grace Schesser, Marcia Kirk, Brett Mountjoy, Lage Grigsby, Frank Lane, Donna Lane, Susan Erdman, Sheila Tryk, Bill Schesser, Bob Anderson, Sandy Swingle, Carolyn Ford, Carolene Kelly, Cody Schuler, Larry Ford, Sophie Mickel, Robbie Stark, Marty Mann, Rhett Garner, Donald Littlefield, Cameron Baker, Chad Uber, Kay Gasteel, Walter & Gertrude Wurst, Debbie Malcom, Anna Jacobs, Jane Ballard, Jim Hodges, Leeanna Varga, Corrie Williams, Kyle Patterson, Joey Olson, David Snodgrass, Dorthy White, Amanda McClanahan, Jim & Linda White, Kelly Swingle, Alex

(*Military service*) Adam Hertzberg, Gary Welch, Brandon Collins, Michael Craig, Jake Douglas, Michael Franco, Cameron Graham, Danny Hughes, Rich Jones, Joey Olson, Grant Short, Allan Vaughan, Devon Walker, Toby Waters, Josh Wilson, Jeffrey, Monty McBroom, Cody Graham, Dawn Spiller, Steven Sample, Savas Kyriakidis, Collin Cortez, Taylor Burks, Jay Martin, December Johnson-Goggin, John R. Martin

### ANGLICAN CYCLE of PRAYER

Trichy-Tanjore, Vellore (*South India*) Trinidad & Tobago (*West Indies*) Truro, Wakefield (*England*) Tuam, Killal & Achonry (*Ireland*) Udi, Ughelli, Ukwa, Umuahia, Uyo, Warri (*Nigeria*) Umzimvubu (*South Africa*) Upper South Carolina, Utah, Venezuela, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, Washington DC, West Missouri (*USA*) Uruguay (*South America*) Vanuatu (*Melanesia*) Victoria Nyanza (*Tanzania*) Waiapu, Wellington (*New Zealand*) Wanganaratta (*Australia*) Wau (*Sudan*) West Buganda (*Uganda*) West Malaysia (*SE Asia*)

## TRANSITIONS, NOV 2011

### CHANGE of ADDRESS/TELEPHONE

**Blanchard, Dale,**  
**Doody, Dian,**  
**Ferguson, Twila,**  
**Hartzell, Kelly,**

### FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Helen Hodgson, mother of Fr. Wm. Hodgson, departed this life Oct 2

**Ruth Rogers**, departed this life Oct. 2, buried from the church Oct 8

**Della Flanigan**, departed this life Oct 3, buried from the church Oct 8

### **The Rector publishes the BANNs of MARRIAGE between...**

#### *These are all the second time of asking*

**Alexis Christy & Justin Slates.** Nuptials Sept 2012.

**Drew Longan & Tori Reeder.** Nuptials Jan 2012.

**Melissa Robertson Erdman & William Stremke.** Nuptials March 2012.

**Kathleen Flanigan & William Rhoads.**

**Elizabeth Flanigan & Jeb Cook.**

**The Rev. Dr. Andy Fritsch & Sandy Spradling.** Nuptials Dec 2011.

**Amy Heese & Dwan Young** Nuptials May 2012

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Kirby Newport**, new member of the Carthage City Council

### VESTRY

Vestry elections are in early January. If you would like to nominate someone who is eligible (a confirmed communicant 16 or older, and a giver of record- either by check or pledge) please see Gary Cole, Carolyn Phelps, Sandy Swingle or Mike Thompson, our nominating committee.

### DIOCESAN CYCLE of PRAYER

NERM parishes (Fayette, Boonville, Trenton & Lexington)

St Luke's Hospital System

Blue Springs, Resurrection

## SPEAKING OF HEALTH: NURSE BARBARA MOUNTJOY

All of us know someone whose life has been touched by Cancer, the "Big C." Cancer survivors need many kinds of support. In addition to the best medical care, they need strong emotional and spiritual support from their families, friends, colleagues and faith communities. To that end, there have been many recent studies that confirm the importance of spirituality in supporting the whole-person wellness of people with cancer.

A 2006 study that was published in "The Oncology Nursing Forum" backs up the belief that a strong spiritual life is a great support when a person has cancer. The study assessed both the patients' sense of "a clear meaning of life" and whether or not they had a regular practice of praying. Here are some of the conclusions from this study:

- Having meaning in life and practicing prayer are associated with greater psychological well-being during cancer.
- Meaning in life mediates the effects of breast cancer on well-being.

Aspects of spirituality, such as meaning in life and prayer, lessen the impact of breast cancer.

These results support the analogy that just as a tree with a strong root system can better weather a strong storm, a person with a strong spiritual life is better able to survive the storm of cancer or any other adversity. While the best time to develop a strong spiritual root system is long before a storm arrives, many people deepen their spiritual roots right in the middle of a storm in their lives.

If you know someone whose life has been touched or is being touched by cancer, reach out and support that person. This prayer below is a great reminder that cancer does not have the final word! These words remind us that cancer can not take away much of what is precious in life and that our spirits can be well when our bodies are not.

### **What Cancer Cannot Do**

*(Author unknown)*

**Cancer is so limited  
It cannot cripple love  
It cannot shatter hope  
It cannot corrode faith  
It cannot eat away peace  
It cannot destroy confidence  
It cannot kill friendship  
It cannot shut out memories  
It cannot silence courage  
It cannot reduce eternal life  
It cannot quench the Spirit**

Recognize the benefits of laughter. Scientists believe that laughter is physically and emotionally therapeutic. Laughter can relax the muscles, increase alertness and memory, reduce pain, lessen emotional stress, optimize function of the immune system, lower blood pressure, improve circulation, increase vigor, defuse anger and even produce endorphins that provide a natural high. So decide to laugh more! Laughter loves company. Seek out cheerful people and avoid grouchy ones. Laughter defuses anger - anger is your worst enemy, for your heart and for your spirit. Laughter is the ultimate cost-effective therapy. It's completely free and it prevents "hardening of the attitudes." Job 8:21 *God will fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouting.*

**From the DEACON'S DESK**  
**The Rev. Galen Snodgrass**

**The Everyone Everywhere Conference**

October 13-16 I attended The Episcopal Church Mission Conference, "Everyone-Everywhere" in Colorado. I wanted to attend the conference because in the last year I kept encountering members of other denominations who talked about how Mission/The Missional Church is changing them and their members. I was happy for them, but found the conversations a bit confusing. I've always thought the Church was mission or missional. Was I was missing the point? Had the definition of Mission changed? Is this another example of a changing world that leaves me scratching my head like Tim the Tool Man?

The morning of the thirteenth I picked up my information packet, quickly opening the conference booklet to the introductory letter by The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori. Let me share a portion. "*Everyone-Everywhere 2011*" will bring together domestic and global mission partners from across the Church and the Anglican Communion, in Estes Park, Colorado. The focus will be on sharing, learning, and recommitting to the missional work of our baptismal covenant. The heartbeat of the church is mission. In the framework of the Five Marks of Mission, we proclaim the good news of God's reconciled kingdom, teach, nurture, and baptize new believers; respond to human need in loving service; work to transform unjust structures in society; and care for the earth. The whole Church is needed to respond to the whole of God's mission. God's dream of shalom embraces all of creation, and we need partners beyond the Church as well." (Just an FYI; this letter was written in Spanish & French.)

I had come to the correct conference. This would be a time of listening, learning, and conversing with others about the categories of education and formation, justice concern, mission logistics and funding, mission opportunities, and mobilizing people and assets.

I have much to report in the coming days; let me share a few comments and phrases.

One speaker reminded us: 1) if the Spirit is upon you, you will go. 2) The Church exists by mission. 3) Mission isn't what we do; it's who we are. 4) God is not a caged animal; He's free in flight.

Another speaker shared: 1) God lives in others before we go anywhere. 2) We move our feet to "come and see." 3) When we begin to feel uncomfortable, we must put ourselves aside. 4) Westerners need to value the gift of "human touch" as much as we value "building with our hands."

A third shared how his church, located on the south side of Chicago, has successfully rebuilt 27 apartment buildings since 1992 that houses nearly 600 low paid workers. The Washington Park Neighborhood moved from the "hood" to a safe neighborhood where people walk their dogs.

Another shared: The past church model was "come to us we have the goods." The new model is "you go to them. Then come to celebrate the difference God is making in our lives." She asked, "Does your Church have passion?" I can report that Grace Church has the passion, resources, and good news of God's reconciliation. We do it when: delivering Meals on Wheels, donuts to St. Luke's Men, donations to ERD, volunteer or purchase at Nearly New, go on Mission Trips, participate in youth programs, host community events, etc. Whenever we are committed to engagement in mission partnerships within and beyond our borders we are mission. Then we gather to share our common life in the church with prayers, the breaking of the bread, and seek and serve Christ in all persons.

We have much to celebrate in The Episcopal Church's and Grace Church's missional engagement, both nearby and far away. Join this movement to be even more effective participants in God's mission to reconcile the world. May our ministries be a blessing to many. May we enjoy seeing one another in mission. I remain your servant in Christ.

Deacon Galen

## November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Season: Pentecost (through Dec 26) Color: Green (except All Saints', Christ the King & Thanksgiving, white, & All Souls, black)	Season: Advent (starting Dec 27) Color: Blue (except St Andrew, red)	1 <b>ALL SAINTS'</b> 6:30 St Catherine	2 <i>All Souls</i>	3 <i>Richard Hooker</i>	4 Diocesan Convention in KC	5 Diocesan Convention in KC 8:30 St Andrew
6 <b>XXI PENTECOST:</b> Proper 27  <b>GAIN AN HOUR SLEEP THIS MORNING!</b>	7 <i>Willibrord</i>	8 <i>James Holly</i>	9	10 <i>Leo the Great</i>	11 <i>Martin of Tours</i> Veterans' Day—pray for those who have served in our armed forces Noon: Encore Club	12 <i>Charles Simeon</i> 6:45 Haiti dinner
13 <b>XXII PENTECOST:</b> Proper 28	14 <i>Consecration of Samuel Seabury</i>	15 5:30 Vestry	16 <i>Margaret of Scotland</i>	17 <i>Hugh of Lincoln</i>	18 <i>Hilda of Whitby</i>	19 <i>Elizabeth of Hungary</i> 8:30 St Andrew 10:30 Worker Sisters/Brothers & Acolyte Training
20 <b>CHRIST the KING</b> St Catherine's Pie Auction	21	22 <i>CS Lewis</i> 10 Clericus	23 <i>Clement of Rome</i>	24 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> 10 Eucharist Noon Parish Dinner	25 <i>James Huntington</i>	26 10:30 Baptisms
27 <b>I ADVENT</b>	28 <i>Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii</i>	29	30 <b>ST ANDREW the APOSTLE</b> 3 Folding Party			

**ADVENT** is a time of preparation. While there's nothing wrong with enjoying your holidays before Dec 25, try not to get so burned out on singing carols that you're sick of them before we sing them on Christmas, so stuffed with hors d'oeuvres that you don't want to enjoy the feast!

### **KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY**

If you are interested in supporting Kairos you may now sign up directly on their website:

**[kairosmocrossroads.org/DOCgallery.htm](http://kairosmocrossroads.org/DOCgallery.htm)**  
The fall men's weekend will be held Nov 3-6 in Cameron at the Crossroads Correctional Center. A spring date will also be planned at this center. A spring date is also being planned for the women's correctional center in Chillicothe. There are many ways you can participate—contributions of letters, cards or cash; helping with meals; praying for the weekend at designated times; signing up to be part of the “in house” team. Brian Jones or Rev. Jeff Bell will be happy to help you discern where God might be calling you into prison ministry. Draw a placemat, make a poster, make a donation, pray....

### **ST LUKE'S UPDATE**

For the second reporting period in a row, St Luke's Nursing Center, our ministry with senior citizens in this county, has received a 5-star rating from CMS, which compares all nursing homes in the nation on overall quality, health inspection, adequacy of staffing, nursing and quality measures. We are, again, the only Carthage nursing home to be so honored, and one of only two in the county (National Health Care, Joplin) and only 15 within 100 miles (10% of nursing homes receive this ranking). You can view comparative results at [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov).

### **MEALS on WHEELS**

Thank you to all who are participating in our meals on wheels delivery the first two weeks of this month. Let the office know if you can serve as a substitute driver....

### **LAFAYETTE HOUSE UPDATE**

Plans have been drawn and filed for the construction of a three bedroom, two-bathroom one-story house across the street from the Lafayette House in Joplin. A general contractor has been engaged. Money is in the bank. As soon as building permits are in order, we begin construction of this transitional house for families in domestic abuse situations. What can you do?

1. Plan now to take some time in November or December to help paint, roof, side, plant or otherwise “finish out” the house. We anticipate the professional work to take about 6 weeks, and would like volunteer efforts to take about the same, so that a family can move in by New Year!
2. Talk to groups about helping with the furnishing of a room. The diocesan ECW, for instance, has taken the kitchen and will be furnishing it. But the families who will live in this house will have to start with nothing. Wouldn't it be great if they could take those dishes with them when they're ready to move on? Your guild, club or youth group might consider replacing items for the second family!



*Fr. Steve anointed the hands of the staff at St. Luke's on their patron saint day, October 18, to congratulate them and bless their healing hands.*

## **PLATICANDO en ESPANOL: PADRE JOSE PALMA**

### **Una breve descripción de la Iglesia Anglicana o Episcopal.**

La Iglesia Anglicana (Episcopal, como se llama en algunos países, o Evangélica Reformada en España) es una iglesia católica, apostólica y reformada, parte integral de la Iglesia fundada por Jesucristo a través de sus primeros apóstoles. Como la Iglesia Católica Romana tiene sus raíces y centro espiritual en Roma, la Iglesia Anglicana tiene sus raíces [históricas] en Inglaterra, aunque las dos proceden de la Iglesia fundada por Cristo en Jerusalén.

La Iglesia Anglicana es católica y apostólica porque sigue fiel a la doctrina y enseñanzas de los primeros apóstoles y guarda el ministerio apostólico entregado a ellos por Cristo. El Credo Niceno, los sacramentos, la Biblia entera y el ministerio apostólico aseguran la continuación y fidelidad de esta parte de la Iglesia Cristiana en la Iglesia del primer siglo.

Dentro de la Iglesia Católica Cristiana, la Comunión Anglicana difiere de otras comuniones en cuanto a la organización. La Iglesia Católica Romana se organiza en forma monárquica bajo el liderazgo absoluto del Obispo de Roma, el Papa. La Iglesia Anglicana, al contraste, tiene una forma más democrática, en la cual todos los obispos son iguales y comparten el liderazgo de la Iglesia bajo la dirección del Espíritu Santo, y con la participación del clero y los laicos en todas las decisiones, siendo los obispos los pastores principales y guardianes de la fe. No hay tal cosa como "la fe anglicana" sino la fe apostólica de la Biblia y de la Iglesia de los primeros siglos.

Cuando, hace cinco siglos, la Iglesia de Inglaterra y la Iglesia de Roma se separaron administrativamente, la Iglesia Anglicana emprendió varias reformas, quitando algunas prácticas, doctrinas y abusos que habían entrado en la Iglesia durante la Edad Media, y restaurando algunos aspectos evangélicos de la fe. Sin embargo, esta reforma se llevó a cabo sin romper con la fe y prácticas católicas y la sucesión del Ministerio Apostólico, en contraste con las iglesias reformadas del continente de Europa.

## **COMING UP in EARLY DECEMBER**

### **ST NICHOLAS: Dec 1**

The annual St Nicholas party follows the 6 pm service. Kids of all ages will enjoy the festivities!

### **LISTENING SESSION: Dec 4**

Between services on Sun, Dec 4, join us in the parish house to discuss how we can make the things we prize (as you identified them in our last listening session) into reality. What do you love, and what will you commit to helping thrive?

### **GINGERBREAD CONTEST: Dec 8**

St Luke's annual gingerbread house contest will be held at the Sassy Spoon on the Square between Dec 1 (delivery date, between 4 & 5 pm), and judging Dec 8 at 5:30 pm. Prizes for adults and youth winners. Remember to start your house early, and to come prepared for cut-throat bidding on the entries! Entry forms in the office.

## PARISH LIFE

### **ST CATHERINE'S: Tues, Nov 1**

Monthly Meeting Nov 1 at 6:30 pm

### **ST ANDREW'S: Sat, Nov 5 & 19**

Meetings this month will be on Nov 5 and Nov 19, starting at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and fellowship; meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. and are over at 10:00 a.m. Be there or be square.

### **TIME CHANGE: Sun, Nov 6**

November 6, 2011, fall back one hour.  
That means you get to sleep later!

### **ENCORE: Fri, Nov 11**

RSVP \$5 per person  
November 11 Noon  
Guest Chef: Steven Wilson  
Guest Presenter: To Be Announced

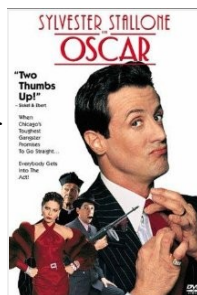
### **HAITI DINNER: Sat, Nov 12**

Tickets are on sale now!  
\$20 for a lovely dinner and entertainment, or how about sponsoring an entire table for a mere \$160?

Proceeds benefit our upcoming Feb trip to visit our sister parish in Marcabee, on the southern peninsula of the hemisphere's poorest country.

### **MOVIE NIGHT: Fri, Nov 18**

"Oscar" 1991, PG, starring Sylvester Stallone, Kirk Douglas, Marisa Tomei, Tim Curry and Don Ameche. One of Stallone's rare comedies, a tale of a social-climbing mafia boss and the totally inappropriate romantic match his daughter is about to make. After promising dear old dad on his deathbed that he'll go straight, Snaps Provolone finds that being honest can be harder than it sounds...



### **ACOLYTE TRAINING: Sat, Nov 19**

All acolytes are welcome to attend our training session this Saturday morning. Pizza is only one of the things that you'll receive from the morning—like, you know, deeper faith, better mastery of skills, stronger fellowship with your fellow acolytes....

### **ADLER & HEARNE CONCERT: Sat, Nov 19**



Last year's wonderfully received Christian folk duet return! Adler & Hearne, in a coffee house setting, in our parish house, Saturday night, November 19, at 6 pm. A freewill offering will be taken—might we suggest \$5? Join us for a great evening of fellowship with fellow Episcopalians who happen to play a pretty mean guitar.

### **ST CATHERINE'S PIE AUCTION: Sun, Nov 20**

After both services, a savory way to set your Thanksgiving table with bounty while helping our ladies' ministry!

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER: Thurs, Nov 24**

"Over the river and through the woods"...well at least through the trees on Howard to Grace Church. Our annual Thanksgiving service will begin at 10:30 on Thursday, November 24, with dinner following. Which committee can you chair: table setup, decorations, turkey/mashed potatoes/gravy preparation, handling of guest food, or cleanup? Please see or call Bonnie Jones.

### **ADVENT: Nov 27**

Advent begins this week, with blue hangings, the advent calendar, and the annual countdown to Christmas. Take time in these four weeks to remember Whose birthday is approaching...Strange music this time of year prepares us for the glories of Christmas carols, and Prayer B replaces Prayer A at 10:30.

# EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: NOVEMBER 2011

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, Nov 6</b> <b><u>8 am</u></b></p> <p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Ruth Felton Prayers of the People: Gary Cole Chalice: Galen Snodgrass Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Richard Roske Sacristan:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>10:30 am</u></b></p> <p>O.T: George Platt N.T: Mark Sponaugle Chalice: Brad Cameron Subdeacon: Margie Tucker Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron Servers: Quincy Charleston <i>Capt</i> Jay Simmons Cross: Tom Simmons Torches: Emma Charleston Layla Pettie Sacristan: Ushers: Dale Hopp Frank Lane AV: Elisa White Flower Delivery: Kelly Heidlage Nursery Asst: Amanda Erwin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, Nov 13</b> <b><u>8 am</u></b></p> <p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Glenda Erwin Prayers of the People: Peggy Ralston Chalice: Jeff Bell Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Kirby Newport Sacristan:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>10:30 am</u></b></p> <p>OT: Julie Anderson NT: Debbie Jones Chalice: Rayella Lindsay Subdeacon: Tom Flanigan Acolyte Mentor: Michelle Sexton Servers: Carlie Wakefield <i>Capt</i> Sydney Harlan Crosses: Matt Goolsby Torches: Ashleigh Wilson Sarah Wilson Sacristan: Ushers: Mike Robertson Jim Wakefield AV: Jim &amp; Colby Wakefield Flower Delivery: Mike Thompson Home Comm: Bell/Ytell-L Orr Nursery Asst: Kirsten Robertson</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 20</b> <b><u>8 am</u></b></p> <p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Kirby Newport Prayers of the People: Jacqui Johnson Chalice: Wayne Ytell Subdeacon: Kirby Newport Server: Brad Cameron Sacristan:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>10:30 am</u></b></p> <p>OT: Bonnie Jones NT: Chuck Edds Chalice: George Platt Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White Servers: Will Mansfield Katie Mansfield Crosses: Taylor Mansfield Torches: Matthew Beatty Christopher Beatty Sacristan: Ushers: Richard Ralston Larry McGuire AV: Mike Robertson Flower Delivery: Kevin Curtis Nursery Asst: Pam Robertson</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, Nov 27</b> <b><u>8 am</u></b></p> <p>O.T. Reader/Epistle: Wayne Ytell Prayers of the People: Wayne Ytell Chalice: Kirby Newport Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell Server: Nancy Dymott Sacristan:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>10:30 am</u></b></p> <p>OT: Marty Griffin NT: Rosalie Griffin Chalice: Margie Tucker Subdeacon: Michael Goolsby Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst Servers: Drew Schesser Oliver Sprenkle Cross: Sydney Harlan Alex Wilkowski Torches: Anna Wilkowski Jay Wurst Sacristan: Ushers: Chris Wilkowski Jim Creighton AV: Scott Mansfield Flower Delivery: Cliff Kester Nursery Asst: Melissa Erdman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wednesdays, 6 pm</u></b> Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy</p> <p><b><u>Nov 2:</u></b> Reader: Julie Anderson Chalice: Ron Ferguson</p> <p><b><u>Nov 9:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone</p> <p><b><u>Nov 16:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Bonnie Jones</p> <p><b><u>Nov 23:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Margie Tucker</p> <p><b><u>Nov 30:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Tom Flanigan</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Saturdays, 5 pm</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Nov 5:</u></b> Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan:</p> <p><b><u>Nov 12:</u></b> Reader: James Grimes Chalice: Margie Tucker Sacristan:</p> <p><b><u>Nov 19:</u></b> Reader: Jack Slates Chalice: Scott Stone Sacristan:</p> <p><b><u>Nov 26:</u></b> Reader: Glenda Erwin Chalice: Bonnie Jones Sacristan:</p>	<p><b>PLEASE PRAY for the DIOCESAN CONVENTION, meeting Nov 4-5 in Kansas City, and your delegates:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fr. Steve Wilson, Fr. Jose Palma Deacon Jeff Bell, Deacon Galen Snodgrass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chalaine Bell, Gary Cole, Jim &amp; Biffie Creighton, Anita Flanigan, Marty Griffin, Barbara Mountjoy, Carolyn Phelps, John Schaffer, Sandy Swingle</p> <p>Important items of business before the Convention: Two national changes to canon, which should lower the costs of doing business as a denomination; a resolution to reconsider insurance standardization; the closing of Trinity Church, Marshall</p>

**NetsforLife® Inspiration Fund**  
*From Episcopal Relief & Development*

**Visit the Inspiration Fund website at [www.inspirationfund.org](http://www.inspirationfund.org)!**

The Episcopal Church initially dedicated itself to supporting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the 2003 General Convention and put its commitment into action in 2006 by endorsing the MDG Inspiration Fund, which raised over \$3.2 million in three years. In 2009, the Church renewed its support of the MDGs by endorsing the *NetsforLife®* Inspiration Fund and contributing 0.7% of its annual budget to this sweeping national effort.

***Moving Whole Communities from Sickness to Strength***

Every 45 seconds in sub-Saharan Africa, a child dies from malaria, a deadly infectious disease transmitted by a mosquito bite. Just one life-saving, long lasting insecticide-treated net can save two lives from suffering and death.

Since 2008, *NetsforLife®* has delivered nearly 4.8 million nets across 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa resulting in less sickness, fewer deaths and stronger communities. By partnering with churches and faith-based groups in remote communities, *NetsforLife®* combats malaria by training community agents to deliver life-saving nets, educating community members about proper net use and maintenance, and providing on-going monitoring and evaluation of net use.

Working at the grassroots level within the Episcopal community, the Inspiration Fund will help *NetsforLife®* deliver upon its promise to distribute 7 million nets over the next three years. Combined with education and training, this work will better more than 37 million lives in 30,000 communities across the continent.

Through the ***NetsforLife®* Inspiration Fund**, we will:

- Engage one out of five Episcopalians in the Inspiration Fund, bringing together local communities to help shape a better world;
  - Cultivate local grassroots movements to fight malaria reaching Episcopalians in dioceses, schools, universities and seminaries;
  - Support *NetsforLife®* in the fight against malaria by:
    - o Empowering and uniting Episcopalians across the country to help save 1.25 million lives across sub-Saharan Africa from malaria over the next three years; and
- Contributing to a five-year goal of delivering 7 million life-saving mosquito nets across 17 countries in Africa.



## SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: The Rev. JOHN CHRISTIANSON

I went to the 2011 Maple Leaf Parade and it happened again. Religion was “done” to me. And it left a bad taste in my mouth. Again. Here’s the way it went down...

My family got up early and found a nice parking spot near the church. We walked down a few blocks to the Wilson’s, where we had been invited to enjoy our first Maple Leaf Parade. (We just moved to Carthage this past Christmas.) The parade started, and everyone clapped and cheered. Bands marched. Floats rolled past. Shriners zipped crazily in their go-carts. It was a perfect fall day, and we were having fun. At some point, I went inside for some tasty warm cider. And when I came back, my children each had one million dollars. “Here, dad,” they said, “We don’t want to hold this. Can I have a bite of your cookie?” I looked the bills over, front and back, and put them in my pocket. But the damage had been done.

You see, the well-meaning people who had handed my children the money weren’t really handing out money. They were pedaling religion. And telling me what I must do to be “saved.”

Don’t get me wrong: it’s important to know about Jesus and the new life that he offers. It’s necessary that I allow God’s Spirit to transform and restore me. It’s vital that I find time to pray, and listen for God’s voice. But whenever I am handed religious literature out of the blue I cringe inside. And then I throw it out.

It’s not that I agree or disagree with the message of the literature. (Yes, I do read it – out of professional curiosity – before it hits the trash.) It is instead that passing out literature to random strangers is like bulk mailings from some credit card company...or spam e-mail that promises great rewards if only I reply or forward it on.

I wonder, is this the best way to communicate the life-giving gospel? Statistically, I know that there must be *some* people who receive, read, and appreciate the messages in this kind of religious literature – just as there are people who respond positively to bulk mail. But if there are others like me who dislike and are turned off by this approach, is it worth it? Might there be another, better, way?

If the idea behind sharing religious tracts is to tell about the saving love of God in Jesus Christ, then it seems to me that a more personal approach will be more effective. In I Peter 3:15 we read that every Christian should “always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” This assumes that Christians are hopeful, and that people will notice, and ask us why. Many Christians I’ve known are hesitant to talk about such things with friends and co-workers. Perhaps it’s unnecessary shyness and humility. Perhaps it’s because we aren’t sure we’re all that faithful ourselves.

So let’s consider a more foundational idea: that God desires to change us, and fill our hearts, souls, and minds with good things. All we need to do – in prayer, through Bible study, with friends in the church community, by means of the Lord’s Supper – is allow the Spirit to work. In Galatians 5:22 we read that those who are transformed by God’s Spirit are full of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (NIV).

This is the kind of faith that I love to see in people I meet. It’s attractive and compelling. It fills me with amazement. It makes me want to be more like them – and more like the one whom they follow. When I compare the personal approach of giving witness to a random little paper, thrust into my hand and quickly forgotten, I’ll take the personal approach every time. How about you?

## EDUCATION

### *Wednesday night activities*

Choir practice at 5:30 pm Eucharist at 6 pm

Dinner at 6:45 pm (\$1 requested)

Youth groups at 7:15 (pre-K, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, junior high & senior high), young adults (20s & 30s) and Bible study

### *Sunday morning activities*

9 am Acolyte practice 9:45 am Choir rehearsal

9:15 am Sunday school

(pre-K, grades 1-3, grades 4-6, junior high, senior high, adults)

## ADULT EDUCATION

**Wed nights:** Bible study on Apocrypha—Susanna, Bel & the Dragon, Tobit, and the Maccabees, all those wacky books you can't find in the table of contents....

**Sun mornings:** Baptismal identity, a look at what baptism does, means and causes to happen in our lives

**Sun evenings:** 6 p.m. "Christ & Culture," looking at portrayals of faith in pop culture

## NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all those who are volunteering as Nursery assistants! We need volunteers for November. Please see or call Julie Anderson 358-5526. It's wonderful to have so many children that one person can't keep up with them, isn't it? Sunday morning 9:15-11:45, and Communion will be brought to you!

Nov 6: Amanda Erwin

Nov 13: Kirsten Robertson

Nov 20: Pam Robertson

Nov 27: Melissa Erdman

## FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship is to what we commit, with all the time, talent, and treasure God has given us, after we say, "I believe." What do you believe? To what will you commit your time, talent, and treasure? We will hold another "listening session" in December to discuss those activities we might make better and those new ministries to which we wish to commit. We want to hear from you, so please plan to attend. Date and time will be announced in a bulletin.

## Dear Minister Manners...

*An occasional series on Church etiquette*

*Dear Minister Manners:*

*I think it would be awesome if I could pay my pledge by credit card. When is that coming to a parish near me? Maybe I could earn miles toward my final flight to a heavenly destination?*

*Pay Paul*

Dear Paul,

Electronics can certainly be convenient. In fact, they are probably too convenient. Young (and not so young) people in this culture are at risk of becoming more and more isolated, not having the opportunity to experience valuable social, face-to-face time with God and one another. This is, in part, due to our misuse of the tools of modern communication. Cell phones and computers are not bad in themselves—but are not replacements for community. How many of us have learned, the hard way, that e-mails are not a good way to say something emotionally charged? How many people do you know who find it dangerously easy to spend money they don't have over the internet?

It's easy as pie to push that "pay pledge here" button. In fact, google some church websites and be amazed at how many of them have such portals built in. (*It's REALLY amazing how many congregations which pride themselves on not being "like those tax collectors and hypocrites over there," meaning us traditional denominational types who are accused of "always talking about money," have such portals on their home pages.*) But part of the point of giving is to be part of a community of generosity.

Grace Church uses electronic communication as effectively as we can—weekly e-mails, our website, Facebook pages for activities. Electronic media are great ways to share information! But information sharing is never the same as sharing a life in faith. We want to foster the interaction of God's children in the family of the Church and build communities made holy by His presence among us. Christianity is a life, not a video game, and it cannot be lived by only one player: "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt 18:20)

## SICILY 2012

Yes, we will be taking a parish pilgrimage to Sicily, island of oranges and mosaics, leaving May 28, 2012. Price \$3899, *not including air taxes or most lunches.* (Our assumption is that most of us will prefer a slice of pizza at noon and a full formal meal, paid for by the package, in the evening). Nine nights, all inclusive with ruins, volcanoes, beaches, markets and vineyards. Picnic in the ruins at Segesta, stay in a baroque palazzo in Ragusa, see the flamingos at Trapani, taste the Marsala in...Marsala. While St. Paul was in Syracuse (as were Plato and Archimedes, who said "eureka" there), this is not a classic "pilgrimage," but rather a lovely, delicious, historically significant destination with some thematic Bible studies in the mornings. Gelato for breakfast, anyone? Time is ticking to sign up for this....



## HAITI 2012

Our mission trip to Haiti is scheduled for Feb 25 - Mar 3, 2012. A fund-raising dinner to help defray costs is scheduled for Sat, Nov 12, featuring authentically delicious Haitian dishes (and yes, like most chronically hungry cultures, Haitians do know how to cook). For further information about how, when, where and if you ought to consider going (and what shots to get in advance!) see



Deacon Galen, Bonnie Jones, or Pam White. Our ministry in Haiti is 12 this fall! *Bon anniversaire!*

## READINGS in NOV

**Tues, Nov 1, ALL SAINTS':** Revelation 7:9-17, I John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

**Wed, Nov 2, - Sat 5:** Ezra 7:1-9:15, Rev: 14:1-15:8, Rev 17:1-14, Matt 14:1-36

**Sun, Nov 6: (Proper 27)** Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25, I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

**Mon, Nov 7- Tues Nov 8:** Nehemiah 9:1-9:38, Revelation 18:1-20, Matthew 15:1-28

**Wed, Nov 9:** Nehemiah 7:73 - 8:3-15, Rev 8:21-24, Matthew 15:29-39

**Thurs Nov 10 - Sat Nov 12:** I Maccabees 1:1-2:28, Revelation 19:1-20:6, Matthew 16:1-28

**Sun, Nov 13: (Proper 28)** Judges 4:1-7, I Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

**Mon, Nov 14: - Fri, Nov 18:** I Maccabees 3:1-4:59, Revelation 20:7-22:13, Matthew 17:1-18:20

**Sat, Nov 19:** Isaiah 65:17-25, Revelations 22:14-21, **Sun, Nov 20: (Christ the King)** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

**Mon, Nov 21:** Joel 3:1-17, I Peter 1:1-12, Matthew 19:1-12

**Tues, Nov 22:** Nahum 1:1-13, 1 Peter 1:13-25, Matthew 19:13-22

**Wed, Nov 23:** Obadiah 15-21, I Peter 2:1-10, Matthew 19:23-30

**Thur, Nov 24: Thanksgiving Day,** Deuteronomy 8:7-18, II Corinthians 9:6-15, Luke 17:11-19

**Fri, Nov 25:** Isaiah 24:14-23, I Peter 3:13-4:6, Matthew 20:17-28

**Sat, Nov 26:** Micah 7:11-20, I Peter 4:7-19, Matthew 20:29-34

**Sun, Nov 27: First Advent:** Isaiah 64:1-9, I Corinthians 1:2-9, Mark 13:24-37

**Mon, Nov 28-Tues Nov 29:** Amos 2:6-4:5, II Peter 1:1-3:10, Matthew 21:1-32

**Wed, Nov 30: ST ANDREW the APOSTLE:** Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Romans 10:8-18, Matthew 4:18-22

## PATRONAL FEASTS

*Please pray for the following on their "name days"*

Mon, Nov 1: All Saints' Churches,  
KC, Nevada, West Plains

Tues, Nov 30: St. Andrew's Church KC