



The Bay View

*The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola, Florida
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SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening @ 12</i>	2 Summer Reading 9:30-10:30	3 Parade and Ice Cream Social Apalachicola	4 SGI Parade <i>Independence Day</i>
5 <i>HE Rite I 8 am Christian Ed 9 am HE Rite I 10:30 am Coffee hr following</i>	6 Office Closed this week	7 Food Pantry Open Summer Reading 9:30-10:30 Memorial Garden Comm. 4 pm Benedict Hall	8 Choir @ 5	9 Summer Reading 9:30-10:30 Panhandle Player's Arts in Medicine @7	10	11 Panhandle Player's Arts in Medicine @ 10
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26 <i>HE Rite I 8 am Lafayette Park Christian Ed. 9am HE Rite II 10:30 am Coffee hr. following</i>	27	28	29 <i>Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening @ 12 Choir @ 5</i>	30 SRP Ice Cream Graduation @ 5	31	

Christian One Liners:

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

Opportunity may knock once, but temptation bangs hard on your front door forever.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

Peace starts with a smile.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

Some minds are like concrete; thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

We were called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

Be ye fishers of men. You catch them - He'll clean them.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

MEMORIAL GARDEN BRICK

The Memorial Garden committee is in the process of finalizing the order for the engraved brick for the Trinity garden. The brick may be purchased for anyone who is deceased.

When ordering brick to honor a loved one; the full name, birth year, death year and name and address of the contributor are need.

You may order a brick or bricks by making your check for \$100 for each brick to Trinity Church and noting on your CHECK MEMO: the person's name, and other needed information. This information and the name of the contributor will be recorded in the special book of remembrance.

For further information you may contact any member of the committee or the church office at 653-9550. Members are:

Ruth Young: 653-8675

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Gary Ulrich: 566-2078

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Martha Harris: 653-8079

Stewardship Committee Update

Your Stewardship Committee has emerged from hibernation! During the past two weeks, we have had two organizational meetings. I am happy to report that the following parishioners have agreed to serve on this lay ministry committee: Martha Harris, Bob Pruitt, Dave McLain, Carrie Kienzle, Rennie Edwards, Chris Clark, and Lacey Robinson. We are always looking for more members. If you are interested, please contact the undersigned in person or by calling 229-6735.

We have decided to abolish the term "mission statement" and will now only use the term "Game Plan". The Game Plan will include programs and events which will address time, talent, and treasure. We hope to make stewardship a year round, long term, program. Our bishop and the national church are putting increased emphasis on stewardship and we plan to do all that we can to do our part. In order to implement the Game Plan, we will partner with existing committees and interested individuals. Anyone having comments, suggestions, or questions about stewardship or the Game Plan is encouraged to contact any member of the committee.

Landy Luther - Stewardship chair

ADULT EDUCATION

Sundays at 9 am

This Christian Education forum has begun a new book entitled PRAYERS OF THE COSMOS: MEDITATIONS ON THE ARAMAIC WORDS OF JESUS. It was translated and with commentary by Neil Douglas-Klotz.

The introduction explains that a tradition of both native Middle Eastern and Hebraic mysticism says that each statement of sacred teaching must be examined from at least three points of view: the intellectual, the metaphorical, and the universal (or mystical). It goes on to state that each Aramaic word presents several possible "literal" translations. Secondly, the story (Bible verse) presents a metaphor for our lives. And the third is one that comes from the experience pointed to by a particular statement. Aramaic does not draw sharp lines between an inner quality and an outer action. Both are always present. It also presents a fluid and holistic view of the cosmos. The arbitrary borders between "mind," "body," and "spirit" fall away.

There is much to discuss. Join this group on Sunday mornings.

Notes cont:

There are so many people to thank for the success of the Silent Auction;

Generous donors gave us a wonderful array of items to draw people into the auction.

Bidders helped us reach another record goal of over \$6500.

Ron and Betty Bence, our co-chairman, made so much of it happen especially the staging of items.

Gay Grace, the Bences, and Andrea Heard made set-up awarding winners go smoothly, as well as working the tent.

Additional vital help working during the day came from Pat Horn, Carol Miley, Geri Marsolan, Jean Ulrich, and Bob and Joy Stallings.

Robert Daniel was amazing setting up tents, tables, and carrying things for two days.

Our Catholic friends, David and Sharon DeLeo, played a vital role appraising and setting values since they are art and antique professionals.

Every precious person came together to make it happen. We cannot express enough appreciation to these special folks. Next year we'll need more donations and help so please join this special group of people. We need you!

Jim and Geri Anderson

Panhandle Players are seeking persons interested in joining a **Playback Theatre Troupe** and/or becoming a **Character Clown**.

FYI -- **Playback Theatre** is a group of actors working together to replay a person's story. A person tells their story then one actor serving as the "teller" retells the story and the other actors assist in playing back the story so that the person can re-experience their story. It has been described as "theatre of the heart" by Paula Patterson, dramatist-in-residence with the Arts in Medicine program at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. A successful troupe will leave the person exclaiming "That's great!" "You got it!" or "That's accurate" and they are smiling. Playback actors do need to go through training.

Character Clowns -- Dress as your favorite character (nurse, painter, teacher, plumber, fireman, etc.) and bring joy to others. Character clowns can act anywhere - street corners, hospitals, classrooms, festivals, etc.. Clowns don't use white face of circus clowns since this has been known to frighten children. Working together with Panhandle Players can help each other develop their "Character".

Background info -- Shands is working with Weems Hospital to establish an Arts in Health program in Franklin County. This program will reach out to all of Franklin County community partnering with others in the visual arts, movement/dance, music, writing and theatre processes.

WATCH THE DVD THURSDAY JULY 9, 7PM OR SATURDAY, JULY 11, 10AM AT TRINITY'S BENEDICT HALL. Any questions please call Liz Sisung - 670-8261.

How Much Money Should I Put Into The Offering Plate?

As much (or how little) as you like. As with most churches, Episcopal congregations exist mainly on donations from our members. Once a year most parishes run a "stewardship" or "pledge" campaign asking each individual or family to make a financial promise for the upcoming year. We then total those promises and create our budget.

In general, Episcopal parishes spend the majority of their money on salaries, building upkeep, programming and outreach. Since the first two tend to be fixed costs, the more money that is collected, the more a church's ministry can be expanded into new programs and help to those outside the parish.

However, the main reason for giving to a church has less to do with paying bills and much more to do with cultivating generous hearts. God wants you and me to be generous (2 Corinthians 9:7). The Lord wants us to be known not by the kind of car we drive, the size of our house we live in, or the jewelry we wear, but by our love. As Christ gave himself away for us, so too are we asked to give ourselves away to others. So the old adage "give 'til it hurts" comes to mind - but, in fact, it could be better phrased as "give until it feels good". Money is a spiritual issue and our churches address it by gently challenging their members to grow - to strive less for acquiring things for ourselves, and doing more to help those in need.

Bottom line: when the plate gets passed, use your own discretion. Few people know (or care) how much money you put in. How much we give is between God and ourselves. Know that any contribution will be appreciated and, of course, tax deductible.

[Borrowed from "The Episcopal Handbook"]

INDEPENDENCE DAY

John Adams wrote that the Fourth of July ought to be celebrated by pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other. Other interesting parties include the American Indian rodeo and three day pow-wow in Flagstaff, Arizona and the Lititz, Pennsylvania, candle festival, where hundreds of candles are floated in water and a "Queen of Candles" is chosen and the Apalachicola Ice Cream Social.

In Boston, the USS John F. Kennedy often sails into the harbor, while the Boston Pops Orchestra holds a televised concert on the banks of the Charles River, featuring American music and ending with the 1812 Overture.

Philadelphia holds its celebrations at Independence Hall, where historic scenes are reenacted and the Declaration of Independence is read.

The Declaration of Independence itself has become one of the most admired and copied political documents of all time. It cites grievances against King George III. It is a landmark philosophical statement. It affirms that since all people are creatures of God, or nature, they have certain natural rights or liberties, that cannot be violated.

Bishops Blend Coffee

Episcopal Relief and Development is the international relief and development of the Episcopal Church of the United States. An independent 501(c)3 organization, ERD saves lives and builds hope in communities around the world. ERD's programs work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals. We provide emergency assistance in times of crisis and rebuild after disasters. We enable people to climb out of poverty by offering long-term solutions in the areas of food security and health care, including HIV/AIDS and malaria.

Episcopal Relief and Development is offering Bishops Blend, a premium line of Certified Fair Trade, organic, and shade-grown coffees from Central America and Indonesia. Your purchase of Bishops Blend helps ERD meet needs worldwide. Episcopal Relief & Development receives 15% of the purchase price from the sale of each bag of Bishops Blend coffee.

A two pound package of this coffee may be purchased from the church office for a tax deductible \$21.00.

Symptoms:

I decide to water my garden...As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking and I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The Pepsi is getting warm, so I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water. I put the Pepsi on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Pepsi on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, I don't remember what I did with the car keys and the garden has dried up.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I have been busy all day and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail.

Does this sound like your day????

Dear People of God,

Well, so far so good. Lynn and I have been here a little over two months and the enthusiasm still seems to be pretty high. In last month's newsletter I proposed to you a couple of things having to do with Christian Education. The response has been inspiring. Enough people didn't want to wait for Fall to start and Adult Study Group, so we have one going already.

I thank you for your warm reception of the idea and your openness.

There are of course some other things we need to get busy on if we are to continue to grow God's church. The obvious is growth of the congregation. In that regard I offer some well put words of the priest who is new to church in South Florida from where I went to seminary. Church of the Advent also knows that it needs to grow and Father Shires has this to say:

"The first thing is to recognize our reluctance or even apprehension about inviting people to church and why we may feel that way. Most of us are generally comfortable with inviting people to all kinds of events and occasions. But personally inviting friends and acquaintances to church may not be so easy for some of us. Why? The following possible reasons come to mind. I am sure you can add to them.

Fear that they will say 'Yes!' Now what do we do? Don't hide your joy when they accept your invitation! Offer to pick them up to take them to church or offer to meet them outside the church, walk in with them and sit with them. Afterward, ask them what their impressions were, and invite them back next week.

Fear that they won't like it if they come. Don't try to argue them into liking it - that won't work! Suggest that they try it again sometime later or even the next Sunday. Have an open and agreeable chat with them about their concerns and impressions. Our style of worship will not suit everyone's needs. Not everyone is going to 'stick!'

Fear that we might not be able to follow through adequately. That is a legitimate concern, because when they come, you are their 'guide' until they find their place and the church becomes 'theirs.' They are your 'baby.' The challenge for me as your Rector and for the Vestry, and all of us, is to offer programs and an atmosphere that make them want to come back!"

So, do you know anyone -- friends, colleagues, even family -- who may just be waiting for you to ask them to join you at St. James'? Take the risk and ask them.

God bless you and Keep you always, Fr. Tommy

SCRIPTURES

July 5 - The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12 - The Sixth Sunday after Easter

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19 - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26 - The Eighth Sunday

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

Lay Ministries Schedule--July

If you have a conflict, please get someone to fill in for you and alert the church office of the change

July 5

Acolyte: 8:00 - Frank Cook
10:30 - Alan Pierce

Lectors: Susan Galloway & Dan Wheeler

Prayers: C.T. Ponder

Chalice: C.T. Ponder

Greeters: Marci & Robert Daniels

Healing Ministers: Pat Horn & Kay Wheeler

Flower Guild: Dot Hill & Laura Moody

Altar Guild: Denise Roux and Laura Moody

July 12

Acolyte: 8:00 - Frank Cook
10:30 - Jon Hooper

Lectors: Jon Hooper & Kay Wheeler

Prayers: Dave McLain

Chalice: Patti McCartney

Greeters: Aglaia Dolan & Debbie Flowers

Healing Ministers: Pat Horn & Kay Wheeler

Flower Guild: Arlene Wingate

Altar Guild: Denise Roux & Laura Moody

July 19

Acolyte: 8:00 - Frank Cook
10:30 - Hunter & Bill Van Der Tulip

Lectors: Pat Horn & Jim Anderson

Prayers: Kristin Anderson

Chalice: Dan Wheeler

Greeter: Frank Stephens

Healing Ministers: Kay Wheeler & Pat Horn

Flower Guild: Nancy Luther

Altar Guild: Denise Roux & Laura Moody

July 26

Acolyte: 8:00 - Frank Cook
10:30 - Debbie Flowers & Richard Saucer

Lectors: Dave McLain & Kristin Anderson

Prayers: Pat Horn

Chalice: Jon Hooper

Greeters: Patti & Bill McCartney

Healing Ministers: Pat Horn & Kay Wheeler

Flower Guild: Beverly Coxwell & Paulette Moss

Altar Guild: Denise Roux & Laura Moody

Hospitality Hour

July 5 - Jim & Geri Anderson

July 12 - Hollis Vail

July 19 - Caty Greene

July 26 -

Lay Volunteers Needed:

Flower Guild--2nd & 5th Sunday

Greeters--3rd & 5th Sunday

Food Pantry--Tuesdays

Penny's Worth--1st Sat. 12-3

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist - Rite I

July 26: Lafayette Park

9:00 am: Adult Forum

10:20 am: Ministry of Healing

10:30 am: Holy Eucharist - Rite II

CLERGY, VESTRY & STAFF

The Rev. Martha Harris, Rector

Evelyn Ogilvie, Rector's Asst.

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Trinity Office Hours

Mon-Thursday 10-4

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Library

Mon-Thursday 10-4

Friday 9-noon

Sunday 9-noon

Pennysworth

(653-9405)

Tuesday 10-4

Wednesday 10-4

Saturday 10-3

AA

(653-2000)

Monday 7:30 pm

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wednesday 6 pm

(women)

7:30

(men)

Thursday 7 am

Friday 5:30 pm

N/A

(323-0974)

Tuesday 7 pm

Thursday 6 pm

ALANON

(653-3153)

Monday 5:30pm

Dear Trinity folks and friends,

I am two weeks back from my pilgrimage to Iona--a small island off the west coast of Scotland and a Christian community since the early 7th century, with a restored 13th c. abbey church--in the company of twenty-odd people who were mostly complete strangers but became very quickly holy friends.

Not because we worshipped together, although we did, but because we shared such sacred times and places, such meals and poems and teachings and ahas!. We trudged around Iona together, a seven mile trek through bogs and rocks, up hills and down. A few of us sampled scotch together. We even did a little shopping...not exactly spartan, this pilgrimage.

At the close, our leader, Jerry Wright, Presbyterian minister and Jungian analyst, imparted to us seven ways to take Iona home, in his words to "cultivate a thin place attitude." (A thin place is a place where the seen and un-seen worlds are very close together. I think of Trinity Church as such a thin place, with our "prayer-soaked walls." Iona is a very different one, a place where land and sea and sky all meet, where kings and abbots and nuns are buried, where medieval church and nunnery ruins grace the skyline, and sheep graze the golf course, and we pilgrims come because we are beckoned somehow by Someone.)

Here are his seven ways to encourage thin place seeing, thin place being, wherever we may be:

Pay attention. As I quoted from Jerry in a recent sermon, "life itself is the Primary sacred text we must learn to read." Pay attention to both your inner and outer worlds.

Honor your dreams. Every dream is a potential thin place, a portal into the other, invisible world, a visitation from God, for to God, "darkness and light are both alike." Be hospitable.

Feed your imagination. "Images are the native language of the soul, as well as its favorite food." Ingest scripture, poetry, myths, fairy tales, music, art, travel, novels, movies.

Create a place which could be a potential thin place, a home altar, a place for meditation & prayer. It could be a room, corner, garden spot, tree, body of water. The beach is a natural thin space; your inside altar would necessarily be much smaller!

Befriend nature and its animals. "Talk to your plants, and trees, and animals, and listen to them..Touch the earth knowingly and lovingly every day."

Bow seven times a day. Pay attention to events, encounters, enlightenments, puzzlements, in which you sense the presence of God/mystery. Bow, either inwardly or outwardly. Try for at least seven, but no need to stop there.

Incubate your images. Images from within (dreams, insights) or without (beauty, stories) are like little eggs, needing containment, nourishment, attention to grow and flourish. Spend time with them; let them speak to you.

May your summer be full of thin places!

Martha⁺

