

The Herald

May 29, 2011

Sixth Sunday of Easter

From the Rector: Of Power and Control

Mary and I just returned from clergy conference at which the topic was domestic abuse. It was a long hard day. We heard personal stories of domestic abuse and also learned some valuable information from experts that we as clergy need to know. In many cases clergy hurt the situation more than help it....One person told the story of a woman whose priest told her to stay in an abusive relationship because God disapproved of divorce!....We learned a lot of dos and don'ts; safety first the modus operandi of any abuse situation....and we also learned how vast this problem is in our culture....and perhaps most importantly we learned that this problem has nothing to do with a bad temper, or stress, or substance abuse, or anger management, though those things can exacerbate the problem....but the issue for a chronic abuser is power and control...power and control...the abuser is constantly taking calculating steps to isolate, disorient and hurt his victim...victims of abuse are best described as captives...and the saddest reality is that children in a family in which there is systematic abuse learn this behavior....and the rehabilitation for an abuser has long odds.

It strikes me after a few days of reflection that this problem, the problem of excessive power and control, permeates our cultural and collective life as well...and it causes abuse....the insatiable need for power and control permeates our world....in corporate America and the global economy for that matter, in the military industrial complex, in finance, in politics and government...the goal is power and control, wealth and military might, the outward and visible signs, the sacraments, as it were, thereof. And this insatiable need for power and control engenders abuse in our world, and that abuse always affects first the most vulnerable, the poor, the voiceless ones who live on the margins of the human community. In arguing against the doctrine of Papal infallibility in the mid nineteenth century Lord Acton said it best: "that power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely". I don't have to remind you that the agendas of the gospel writers was to subvert the corrupt power and control of the empire, and cause that power to be redistributed among the powerless...to give dignity and voice to the abused of our world...So, as Christians who claim to follow the gospel teachings of Jesus....this is our vocation as well....to empower the powerless...to free the captives of abuse and neglect. Community organizers know this: that when groups of people who lack power find their voice and dignity they find the ability to change their world and the world around them.

One participant in the Rector's forum just the other night asked the question vis à vis our vocation to bring mercy, justice and dignity to our world....Where is the moral authority? And I think that authority lives in the people...the collective conscience of the human community...people got us out of Vietnam....people got African Americans civil rights....people are demanding freedom from abuse and demanding empowerment and dignity all across the Middle East. One of our problems in the U.S. is that we have a large privileged class, and it is easy for us to be satisfied with such privilege....and satisfaction insidiously begets indifference. The frightening irony is that the very power and control we condemn (as I am doing) are the very engines in no small way of our privilege.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, May 25
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 26
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, May 29
8am Holy Eucharist
9am breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, May 30
Office closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, June 1
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

Thursday, June 2
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Sunday, June 5
8am Holy Eucharist
9am breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Tuesday, June 7
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place

Wednesday, June 1
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
6pm 15 Place Board mtg
7:30pm Adult choir rehearsal

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We have printed in this week's Herald an article by Bonnie Anderson, who is trying to live out her Christian vocation as a proactive leader of the church (she is the president of the House of Deputies). She, who is one of us privileged, has chosen to be in solidarity with the disenfranchised of our world... We would do well to follow her model... Our voices must be used for the voiceless... We must be about making sacred place for the place-less of our world, as Jesus commanded... the immigrant, the refugee... the unsheltered, the sick and the poor... We who have abundance must find a way with voice and creative action to redistribute freedom, power and dignity in our world, to empower others with a measure of creative control by relinquishing our own need to control, the long odds notwithstanding... because never doubt that corrupt power and control abuses... and the abuse must end.

Congratulations to college graduates!

John Caddell recently graduated Cum Laude from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. Congratulations, John!

Our prayers are offered for Michael Morrison at the death of his cousin, Anne Searcy Yoder. *May light perpetual shine upon her.*

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. This holiday commemorates those who have died in military service to the United States. Please keep them in your prayers.



The Wedding Guild will meet at Betty Bentley's house, 1256 Selma Street, on June 4 at 10:30am. If you would like to find out more about the guild, you are invited to this meeting. Men and women are welcome! You do not need any previous experience—we will provide on-the-job training! Call Betty if you have questions: 438-1312.



The EYC Mission Trip to Tuscaloosa to help tornado victims is planned for July 10-16. Stay tuned for more details to come.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

A request from the archivists:

The archive office at All Saints, staffed by Becky Wilson and Melanie Petithory, has some audio cassette tapes made during the 75th anniversary of the church. Is anyone able and willing to transcribe the tapes for them? Call the church office on Tuesdays to talk to one of them, or leave a message for them. 438-2492.

Special Ministries Camp

For more than 30 years, All Saints Parish has sent children from Leinkauf Elementary to Camp Beckwith for several days, paying for the children's tuition through fundraising and donation. This year's session will be Thursday, June 30 through Sunday, July 3 and 30 children have been signed up to go.

The cost to go to camp is \$200 per child. Many of you have said you want to send a child to camp.

Now is the time to get your money in! Please make your check to All Saints Episcopal Church and mark it for *Special Ministries Camp*. Drop it by the church office, put it in the offering plate, or mail it; your dedication to this ministry is appreciated!



Food Share Needs Help!

Ever wonder how the food that comes from the Food Bank is made ready for packing each month? Usually, Burl Ratcliffe, one of the coordinators of Food Share, meets the Food Bank truck and helps unload it into Stirling Hall. Then he checks the invoice against what has been delivered, sets up tables, unwraps the pallets, puts the cases on the tables and opens the cases, making everything ready for the folks who come to help put all the goods into bags for distribution. He would like some help!

The food truck arrives around 9am on the Thursday before the third Saturday of each month. If you have a good back and would like to help Burl with this task, please let Burl know (call the church, 438-2492, and leave a message) or just show up! Thanks for helping!



From the Episcopal Public Policy Network

A message from Bonnie Anderson, the President of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church:

I went to Capitol Hill to talk with legislators last week, and came away with the first two lines of William Cowper's famous hymn running through my mind: "God moves in a mysterious way; His wonders to perform."

The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations scheduled seven meetings for me with legislators and legislative staff. I wanted to talk about poverty and women's issues, but found that all that the legislators and their staffs wanted to talk about was the 2012 federal budget. As it turned out, however, our interests were one and the same; many of the programs that affect the most vulnerable Americans—the poor, women, children, and the elderly—are encompassed in approximately three trillion dollars worth of cuts that the House of Representatives proposes to make over the next 10 years in programs that help low-income individuals and their families.

In March, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church passed a resolution that "urges all Episcopalians in the United States to engage in advocacy for a responsible federal budget that expresses the shared moral priorities of the nation." After my visits on Capitol Hill, I am more committed to this work than ever, and hope you will consider joining me. We have a significant moral priority as Episcopalians, as Christians, to bear witness on behalf of the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. The baptismal promise to strive for justice and peace among all people makes the choice between cutting programs for the poor and elderly or raising taxes an easy one.

Consider that the House Budget Committee's FY2012 budget resolution would make at least two-thirds of its cuts from low-income programs, including a 20% reduction in Medicaid, a nearly 19% reduction in education programs, and devastating reductions in food stamps and housing assistance. It would also eliminate funding for health care reform provisions, thereby keeping health insurance out of reach for millions of people.

It is tempting to believe that a church with our membership cannot influence the course of legislation. Those who disagree with our political choices say so all of the time. But last week a legislative assistant told me that he loves it when faith-based organizations come to Capitol Hill. "It brings us good luck," he said. Well, I don't think it is luck. I think that what the Episcopal Church and other faith-based organizations bring is moral courage. We reinforce the notion that it is essential to speak up with passion and commitment for all of those neighbors whom we, as followers of Jesus, promise to love as deeply as we love ourselves. Three of the people I met with on the Hill spoke to me about their faith, and one was a preacher's son.

I saw a lot of people with heart in those Capitol Hill offices, but they need encouragement. I met people who are bringing all that they are, and giving everything they've got, to the task at hand. They need to see the rest of us doing the same. The soul of America is at stake in this budget. The People of God need to speak up, now.

The Episcopal Church gives us a way to lift our voices on Capitol Hill. The Episcopal Public Policy Network, a program of the church's Office of Government Relations, will connect you via email to your legislators in Washington and keep you updated on the federal budget and other issues on which our General Convention and Executive Council have taken a stand. To take action on the budget visit EPPN now at: http://episcopal.grassroots.com/issues/budget_action. You will find a sample letter and an "action page" that make it easy to contact your legislators. EPPN has also compiled additional resources about the budget and Episcopal Church policies. Please join me in this advocacy.

While I was in Washington, I visited my own Congressional representative from Michigan's ninth district. He told me that the budget is the most important concern on the Hill right now, and that all of the other issues in which I am interested, like the education and women's issues, are "somewhat on hold." Some of those issues hang in the budget balance, and others won't see the light of a legislative day until Congress has resolved the budget and moves on to other matters.

We have, in this budget debate, a huge dilemma, and one that in which I believe God is mysteriously moving. Right now, a big dose of God's wonder is just what Capitol Hill needs, and our prayers and voices can help deliver it.

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If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled,
 please try to get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. 438-2492.
 If you cannot find a sub, let us know as soon as possible.

Lay Ministers for June 2011

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
June 5 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00	S Willcox	J Basenberg	A Lilly		B & B Evatt	S Drew L Raouf B Ratcliffe J Rogers M Winkler		C Hall A Hamilton K McDonald A Thompson	
	10:30	R Williams H Tate	H Caddell	H Callaway B Hardaway	D Williams M Williams S Williams G Williams	H Brewster J Ayres	"			M Hennessy
June 12 <i>Day of Pentecost</i>	8:00	S Powell	B Evatt	S Willcox		M Taylor C Coker	"		C Kelly C Doyle W Hester	
	10:30	D Nichols J Hamilton	L Carsten	M Elledge N Lancaster	B Reeves D Williams D Reeves D Reeves	M Williams B Hines	"			
June 19 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8:00	K Winkler	J Clearman	M Taylor		B Ratcliffe W English	"		J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland	
	10:30	B Harris V Mitchell	S Williams	F Rouse S Robertson	B Foster B Williams E Gray	H Caddell R Pappas	"			
June 26 <i>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>(Proper 8)</i>	8:00	P Wilson	S Willcox	B Ratcliffe		B Case J Basenberg	"		J Tucker B Ratcliffe R Rodriguez	
	10:30	B Hardaway L Van Dyke	T Locke	M Morrison L Thomas	B Ayres L Ayres G Ayres	S Robertson H Callaway	"			


June Birthdays:

- 1- Rosemary Williams
- 2- Curt Doyle, Tory Cleverdon
- 4- Atem Kuot, Bobby Roach
- 6- Edward Caddell
- 7- Miller Callaway
- 10- Katie Anderson, Kate Nichols
- 15- Lister Thomas, Brewer Ayres
- 16- Valerie Case, Richard Jenkins

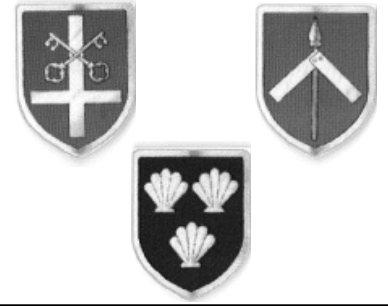
- 19- Billie Montgomery
- 21- Jean Alice Basenberg
- 22- Liam Ayres
- 24- Kelly Baker, Pete Wilson
- 25- Caitlin Looney, Henry Shields
- 26- Doc Abbot
- 27- Ellen Wingard, Emily Pierce
- 29- Serena Willcox, Jacob Harkins
- 30- Therese Fuquay



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir	2 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	3	4 10:30am Wedding Guild @ 1256 Selma Street
5 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	6	7 11:30am All Sts @ 15 Place	8 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir	9 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	10	11 10:30am PFLAG
12 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	13	14 5pm Murray House Board mtg	15 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist 6pm 15 Place Board	16 9am Food Share preparation 12N AI-Anon 7pm AA	17 5:30pm Food Share packing	18 8:00am Food Share distribution 
19 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following VBS set-up, Stirling Hall	20 6pm Vestry mtg	21	Vacation Bible School 4yrs-5th grade 9am-12noon			25
26 <i>2nd Sun. after Pentecost</i> 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Adult Christian Ed 10:30 Holy Eucharist Reception following	27	28	29 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	30		

Vacation Bible School at All Saints will be held this summer from Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24, 9:00am to 12 Noon. The theme this year is *Saints of God*, an exploration of saints from the early Church all the way to the present day — “just folk like me!” Ages 4 through rising 5th graders are invited to come learn how they can “be one, too.”



Vacation Bible School Registration Form

Name(s) _____ Age/Grade _____

_____ Age/Grade _____

Parent's name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____ (work) _____

Do any of your children have any allergies? Please list: _____

Saints of God

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 20 — Friday, June 24
9am — 12 noon

Time and Talent Sheet

(Note: you don't have to be a parent to help)
Please fill it out and return it to the church office

I am:

_____ Willing to lead a small group

_____ Willing to assist leading a small group

_____ Willing to help set up on Sunday, June 19, after church

_____ Willing to help clean up Friday, June 24

_____ Willing to take photos

_____ Willing to help with arts and crafts

_____ Willing to help with snack time

_____ Willing to help with play time

_____ Willing to help with registration

_____ Willing to help get supplies organized

_____ Willing to help make scenery

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sunday Lectionary: 6th Sunday of Easter

[Acts 17:22-31](#)
[1 Peter 3:13-22](#)

[Psalm 66:7-18](#)
[John 14:15-21](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday, May 29

Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Diana Nichols, Paula Reeves, Clayton Ryan
Flower Guild: Becky Wilson, Beth Hardaway
Breakfast: Katharine Flowers, Kim Gray, Renae Greene
Reception: Beth Hardaway, Melanie Petithory

8:00

Lector: Mary Hunter Slaton
Intercessor: Jeff Clearman
Chalice bearer: Keith Winkler
Ushers: Fred & Barbara South
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Johnna Rogers 2) Valerie Mitchell
Intercessor: Martha Hennessy
Chalice bearers: Clayton Ryan, Bruce Barrett
Acolytes: Ben Foster, Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres
Ushers: Louie Wood, Hubert Tate

Music for Sunday, May 29

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Alle Menschen müssen sterben*, BWV 1117
Processional Hymn 191 *Lux eoi*
Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*
Charles Villiers Stanford *Psalm 66:7-18*
Sequence Hymn 455 *Dunedin*
Offertory Anthem Chetham's Psalmody *O God of Bethel*
Presentation Hymn 704 *Hereford*
Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus and Benedictus*
Ambrosian Chant S-148 *The Lord's Prayer*
Craig Phillips *Festival Eucharist, Christ our Passover*
Communion Hymn 488 *Slane*
Motet Shirley McRae *O Wheat Whose Crushing Was For Bread*
Post Communion Hymn 292 *Kingsfold*
Processional Francois Couperin *Dialogue sur les grands jeux, from Mass for the Convents*

Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

victims of severe weather
David Reeves
Sarah Lacour
Frances Christian
Ronnie Benton
the Evans family
Virginia Hallock
Gary Hamilton
Dottie Lundy
Ben Wilson
Iris Prosch
Hugh Mauldin
Ken
Sarah
Shannon Reeves
Debbie Phillips
Linda Coarsey
Jerry
Martha Mason
Sylvia Spann
Richard Melton
Martha Murdock
LaNiece Bland
Lamar Elledge
Sharon Cleverdon
Mike Downing
Celeste Taylor
Pauline Oliver
Cheryl Peach
Butch Boyington
Devanie Ellison
Barbie Driver
Patsy Childress
Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Glenn Foster, Jr.
T. J. Sherman
Haley Jones
Thedford Daniel Jones, Jr.
Daniel Taylor
Charley Taylor
Daniel Robert
Wes Parks
Jonathan Carter
Scott Tanos

★ **Refugee Pantry Items** We need items such as **laundry soap**,
★ **toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels**, **adult-size toothbrushes**,
★ **dish soap**, **bath soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church
★ office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



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Amy Hunter
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey
Susan Meztista
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Diana Nichols, Clerk
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Darrel Williams

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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
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Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Breakfast 9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year) 10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays	12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)