

The Herald

September 18, 2011

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: That the Poor will be with us Always

Every now and then it just gets to me...the persistent procession of those in need who file through this office every day. They are behind on their rent and about to be evicted...or they haven't paid a power bill (Alabama Power Co. is one of the most expensive electric utilities in the country as is Mobile Gas)...their water is about to be cut off...It never ends, and it wouldn't matter how much money I had in my discretionary account...It is never enough...many who visit us looking for help are either homeless or just about to be...some just bow their heads and weep when I tell them I am out of funds. Many are addicts seeking any way possible to maintain their habit. Perhaps the problem is amplified by our sagging economy, because all so-called "help agencies" tell me they are pressed financially as well...the problem of poverty seems greater than the solution; always has; now it seems overwhelming. Must it be always this way? Shall the poor be with us always...a bone to pick with the gospel writer.

Another observation is that many, if not the majority of these people that come to us are sick...persistent colds, bronchitis, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, anxiety and depression, and many other maladies...We are asked to pay for prescription deductibles all the time for blood pressure medication, medication for depression, for pain...many of these people are quite at the end of their rope...I never say the words to these people, "Jesus loves you", because they would be hollow and dismissive...but I do believe that we as the body of Christ must find a way to love them, and by love, I mean that we are to see to their well-being and dignity....I believe Jesus loves them, but how does that love become manifest when it seems so insidiously indifferent?

The Mobile Race Relations Committee watched a documentary recently entitled *In Sickness and in Wealth* in which a medical study conducted in Louisville, Kentucky discovered that one's health and well-being is directly related to one's socio-economic status...I always thought the greatest problem in our health-care system was access...and access to primary health care is a serious problem; but the greater issue lies in who is getting sick the most, and who has the disproportionate advantage of staying well. The study clearly shows average life expectancy tracking directly with one's socio-economic status...There are some obvious reasons for this...lack of insurance coverage, lack of access to affordable healthy food in poor neighborhoods...the stress that comes with joblessness, or with extremely demanding menial work...On the other side of the coin, people who made high incomes, even though encountering high levels of stress, generally had a sense of empowerment, a sense of control over their destinies...and as a control group they are healthier. Life expectancy from top to bottom of the economic ladder varied fifteen years. So empowerment and a sense of well-being socially and economically is at the heart of the matter.

The documentary points out that in the mid nineteen twenties life expectancy in this country was forty five years old. After the government instituted the New Deal and the jobs programs after the Great Depression and after full employment during world war two, life expectancy jumped by fifteen years in the mid fifties. The U.S. in the late seventies ranked first in life expectancy...now we are out of the top twenty compared to other countries...The growing disparity of wealth of this country, the shrinking middle class, and the intransigence of being poor and staying poor, is making us sick....and causing many to lose hope...spend a day here and you will see.

So what do we do to love the least among us...We need to empower them to live productive and dignified lives...a meaningful jobs bill now being debated would be a good start. We need our politicians, and we need to tell them so, to work jointly on addressing the gross inequities and injustices in our country...injustices and inequities that have gotten much worse in the last twenty five years...fair taxation, fair lending practices, adequate health-care, good schools, employment

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, September 14
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia Choir
6pm 15 Place Board Meeting
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, September 15
9am Food Share preparation
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, September 16
5:30pm Food Share packing

Saturday, September 17
8am Food Share distribution
8-11am Layweeters Guild
10:30am Lector, Intercessor,
Chalice Bearer Training Session

Sunday, September 18
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, September 19
6pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, September 20
3:30pm St Michael Choir

Wednesday, September 21
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
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opportunities....and a chance for hope and a renewal of a sense of destiny...surely as people of faith we have something to say to our leadership whom we elect, that we can't let the gap between rich and poor grow any longer....There are some who would wish the Federal Government "out of our business"....Quite the opposite is needed, just like we needed it in 1929. We need our elected leadership to act with compassion, imagination and above all in solidarity for the good of the whole, especially for the sick and voiceless among us....get going for God's sake!...I want to say to the ones who come to our door, desperate,.... that Jesus loves you, and mean it.

The Friday Supper Club will meet at the home of Andi and Bruce Barrett, 708 Brannan Drive East, this Friday, Sept. 16 at 7pm. Please call Andi to let her know if you are coming (662-1258). All are welcome!

Food Share is this weekend!

Schedule:

- * Thursday, 9/15, 9am—meet the Food Bank truck to help unload and set up food for packing in Stirling Hall
- * Friday, 9/16, 5:30pm—pack the food and set up Stirling Hall for the next day
- * Saturday, 9/17, 7:30am—setting out frozen food; at 8am food is distributed

Layweeders Guild

The Layweeders Guild will meet on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 8-11am. Breakfast will be provided. Bring tools and gloves.

Training for Lectors, Intercessors & Chalice Bearers will be held Saturday, Sept. 17, at 10:30am in the church. Old and new participants should attend if possible. Please be on time, and the meeting will not last too long!

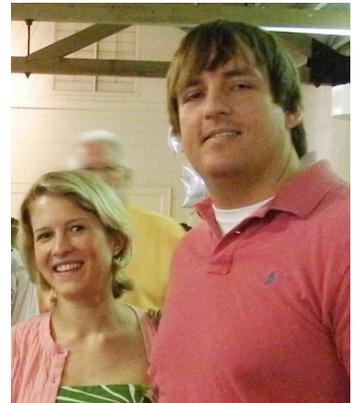
The Vestry will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 19, at 6pm in the Saad Room.

A Newcomers Dinner will be held at the home of Jim and Katharine Flowers, 922 Conti Street, on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 6pm. Anyone who is new to All Saints (if you think you are new, you are) is invited to come. Vestry and Staff will be there to welcome you and get to know you better. Please call the church office to let us know if you are planning to attend (438-2492).

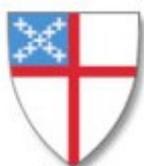
New Directors of Youth Ministries

If you have not yet heard, Scott and Liz Kirby are the new Directors of Youth Ministries at All Saints. Brief biographies are printed below their picture. Their first 'official' day was Sunday when they met with both middle and high school youth and their Sunday School teachers to begin planning the EYC year. There was a packed house and a lot of energy in the meeting; this promises to be a great year! Please welcome Liz and Scott!

Liz Kirby manages several local medical clinics, including Greater Mobile Urgent Care and Grand Bay Medical Clinic. She grew up in Birmingham and has lived here in Mobile for about 2 years. She and Scott have a house in midtown and love Mobile! In her free time Liz enjoys running, reading, working in the yard, and both she and Scott like playing with their dog, Jack. She's excited about working with the youth group and the opportunity to learn together!



Scott Kirby is an environmental engineering consultant with Environmental Resources Management (ERM) here in town. His work takes him across the country but he usually gets to enjoy his weekends in Mobile. He grew up in Hartselle, Alabama and has lived in Mobile for the last three years. Before coming here he received a doctorate degree in environmental engineering from the University of Alabama. In his free time he enjoys woodworking in his shop, going to the gym, and reading. He is thrilled to become a part of the EYC and suspects he may get more out of it than the kids will!



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Many thanks to all those who came to eat at the Atlanta Bread Company on Monday night. Your gracious tips for my more-or-less adequate job of waiting tables helped raise over \$1700 for Family Promise of Coastal Alabama! My total was \$560; an 'unattached' Episcopalian donated \$250, which was matched by his place of work, and the other 'celebrity' wait staff said I had earned that tip as well (my grand total: \$1060)!

The schedule for the rest of the participating restaurants is listed here:

- Dew Drop – Wednesday, Sept. 14; 6 – 8pm
 - Wintzell's Oyster House – Monday, Sept. 19; 6 – 8pm
 - Cafe 615 – Wednesday, Sept. 21; 6 – 8pm
 - True Midtown Kitchen – Monday, Sept. 26; 6 – 8pm
- Jim Flowers will be a celebrity waiter at True Midtown Kitchen. Why not help Jim and see if he can raise as much or even more for this great organization!

- Mary Robert

The University of Mobile Center for Performing Arts

presents Joanie Brittingham in recital September 25, at 4:00 pm in the Moorer Auditorium. Admission is free. Works by Bolcom, Lehmann, Caccini, L'India, Brahms, Fauré and Mozart will be performed. Joanie is a soprano in the All Saints Choir. All are welcome.

Toy Story

Elyzabeth Wilder has taken on the project of updating the nursery toys. She is currently working to take inventory of the toys that are still useful and clean out the ones that are ready to be retired. If you have any gently used toys appropriate for infants to age 4 that you would like to donate, please bring them to the nursery. She is also looking for cash donations, so that new toys can be purchased. The goal is to raise \$150.

If you would like to donate a new or used toy, please consider the following:

- * wooden chunk puzzles
- * wooden blocks
- * large Duplo Lego's (no small pieces)
- * crayons and coloring books
- * classic toys
- * anything by Melissa and Doug
- * busy beads
- * toys that you can push or pull
- * extra batteries

For donations and/or questions, please contact Elyzabeth (elyzabethw@aol.com).

Save the Date!!! Bayou Bash 2011

November 12 is the date for All Saints' annual Bayou Bash fundraiser. Many volunteers are needed to run this great evening. To volunteer, please contact Carol Mackey at carolhmackey@gmail.com or 251-402-9448, or Pete Mackey at psmackey@bcmlawyers.com or 251-510-6905. More details will be coming in the weeks to follow. Bayou Bash is our annual fundraiser, benefiting the community ministries supported by All Saints. Mark your calendars for this great event!

Just for fun!

Larry Hallett sent in this photo of his newest granddaughter and her 'slightly older twin'!!



The Musica Sacra Chamber Choir will be singing Choral Evensong at All Saints on Thursday, September 29th, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, at 6:15 pm. Works by Philip Moore, Charles Villiers Stanford, William Byrd, and Edward Bairstow will be sung. Everyone is welcome.

More New Citizens Congratulations to Dianyi (Thomas) Deng and children, Atong, Aguol, Nyirou and Wieu Kuot, who became citizens of the United States last week!!

Our prayers are offered for Mark Taylor and family at the death of his mother, Celeste Taylor, last week. *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

Tricia Walker in Concert You are invited to an evening celebrating the first Sacred Space Offering to the community within the restored Trinity Church Sanctuary, Saturday, September 17, at 7:00 pm. Tricia Walker is a singer and songwriter whose songs are steeped in the passion, pain and grace of the American South. One of the clearest voices of her own time and place, her music has been recorded by Faith Hill, Patty Loveless and Alison Krauss. A reception follows the concert in Irving Parish Hall.

Pictures from the Ministry Fair:



Darrel Williams, Olivia Jenkins, Susan Gardner



Burl Ratcliffe at the Food Share display



Margaret and Keith Winkler



Gretchen Thiel, Frances Rouse and Melanie Petithory with the Godly Play Desert Box



Valerie Mitchell, John Cleverdon and Lynn Walter discuss 15 Place.



Liz and Scott Kirby and Mark Williams

This Sunday: September 18, 2011

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The Lessons

[Exodus 16:2-15](#)

[Philippians 1:21-30](#)

[Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45](#)

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams, Gretchen Thiel

Flower Guild: Ricky Bradford, Beth Hardaway

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland

Reception: Elizabeth Doyle, Karen McDonald

8:00

Lector: Jeff Clearman

Intercessor: Bill Evatt

Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe

Ushers: Caroline Coker, Mark Taylor

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: Ben Harris, Marion Elledge

Intercessor: Martha Harris

Chalices: Beth Hardaway, Rose Ellen Stanbery

Acolytes: Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Thomas Locke, Marion Elledge, Henry Brewster

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Frank Bridge *Adagio in E Major*

Processional Hymn 410 *Lauda anima*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Stephen Elvey *Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45*

Sequence Hymn 627 *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*

Offertory Gerald Near *Christ Hath a Garden*

Presentation Hymn 523 *Abbot's Leigh*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 655 *Nyland*

Motet Charles Wood *Oculi Ominum*

Post Communion Hymn 551 *Festal Song*

Processional Flor Peeters *Festival Voluntary Op. 87*

Please keep in your prayers...

✚ For healing for:

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Jeff Hurst

Robby

Anne Carpenter

Ethan Fisher

Dick Van Benschoten

Devin Carlino

Charles Blackmon

Butch Boyington

Steve & Jared Hicks

Laurie Bailey

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Devon Booth

Gary Hamilton

Iris Prosch

Hugh Mauldin

Linda Coarsey

Jerry

Martha Mason

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Cheryl Peach

Patsy Childress

Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Haley Jones

Daniel Taylor

Charley Taylor

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

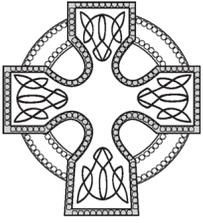
Scott Tanos

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DeMario Snead

Randy Johnson

Todd Jolly



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Woody Hannum
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Pete Mackey
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker, Senior Warden
Darrel Williams

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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
Stewardship: Woody Hannum, All Saints Vestry
Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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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)