



The Herald

September 19, 2010

17th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Emerging Reality

Mary and I just returned from clergy conference where we heard from Phyllis Tickle, noted lay scholar and theologian, who in 2009 wrote an important book called, "The Great Emergence." In it she chronicles the era-changing events since the birth of Christianity, and how these events have affected the life of the church. There is no escaping the fact that the church is shaped by and reflects the culture in which it has its being. Two cultural shaping events in the life of the church she notes are the Great Schism of 1054 which divided the Eastern Church (Greek and Eastern Orthodox) and the Western Church (Latin or Roman Catholic). This event served to lessen both the power and authority of the hierarchy of the church. The Reformation which began in Europe in 1517 essentially continued this process. The days of the Church hierarchy telling its flock, "It is true because we say it is true," were over. Increasing literacy served as Catalyst. The Enlightenment in which human reason was extolled as the highest human virtue further challenged the authority of religion itself. The authority of the Magisterium of the church was crumbling.

Cultural change is of course inevitable, but in the twentieth and early twenty first centuries this change has taken place exponentially, at warp speed. The works of Darwin and Freud redefined the nature of human origins and the human psyche; two world wars displayed the capacity of human violence on an industrial scale; antibiotics rendered dread diseases into inconveniences; the birth control pill gave women options and empowerment hitherto unavailable; space exploration once and for all convinced us that the center of the universe is relative; computers and the Internet have rendered impossible isolation from knowledge and relationship in the world, which is now intensely interconnected, and increasingly interdependent.

The church is changing at the same pace as the culture. That is distressing to some but exhilarating to others. Tickle names this rapid change as the Great Emergence in which the church is reinventing itself, seeking a new-found relevancy to a world whose identity is a far cry from five hundred years ago. There is new knowledge to consider. Here are some of the qualities she notes in the emerging church: less hierarchy, more relationship and conversation; non-literal interpretation of scripture; the Gospel narratives not considered historical but theological and metaphorical; an active involvement in the issues out in the world that affect human dignity; emotional and meaningful worship; renewed interpretation of core theology such as Atonement and Resurrection. In short the emerging church recognizes, and I think rightly, that theology is not etched in stone, but an evolving reality that is forever changing as the culture changes...a sacred relativity as it were. As emergent Christians we are duty bound to question, and doubt, the faith handed down to us in imaginative and responsible ways; to seek earnestly what God is saying to us in the present reality. It surely will have changed from earlier ages, but that I think is a good thing, an exciting thing, because the reality is that God is still about the process of creation...that even the faith is being made new...even scripture imbued with fresh and new meaning. Who knows what is emerging, perhaps a more profound wisdom, a maturity, and a collaborative authority that will give the faith far more warrant than just Sunday morning...perhaps a wisdom, a maturity and collaborative authority that might just change the world.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, September 15

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30pm Fresh Start Ministry
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 16

7:30am L'Arche Board Mtg (Smith Rm)
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Friday, September 17

5:30pm Food Share preparation

Saturday, September 18

7:30am Food Share distribution

Sunday, September 19

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Youth Christian Education begins
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, September 20

6pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, September 21

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
4:30pm Murray House Board mtg
5:30pm St. Cecilia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, September 22

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Looking Ahead:

Monday, September 27

6:30pm Adult Inquirers class begins

Sunday School begins September 19

The Sunday School classes for youth begin this Sunday at 9:25am. We have two exciting new curricula to use that will keep things fun and interesting. Renea Greene will head Sunday School again and has a great line-up of teachers ready.

Parents: please make the commitment to bring your children to class consistently. Our groups of children are fairly small and it is difficult to have a class with only 1 or 2 children in attendance!

Sunday School is offered for pre-school (age 4) through 12th grade. There is a nursery available for infants through 3 years.

Pizza & A Movie

The Race Relations Committee of Mobile United invites you to an evening of pizza, a movie and good conversation this Sunday, September 19 at 5:15pm. The movie is *Invictus*, made in 2009, directed by Clint Eastwood, and starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon.

Beginning with Nelson Mandela's release from prison in 1990 after being held for almost 26 years as a political prisoner, the film tells the inspiring true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team to help unite their country. Newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's rugby team as they make their historic run to the 1995 Rugby World Cup Championship match.

The movie is rated PG-13 for brief strong language. It is 134 minutes long, hence the early start time (5:30pm). Pizza will be served at 5:15pm.

Honor Flight IV carries Parishioner

Across the country, Honor Flight groups send World War II veterans to Washington, DC, to spend the day there visiting the WWII Memorial, dedicated in 2004, and other monuments. Next Wednesday, September 22, the Honor Flight South Alabama list includes Keith Winkler, long-time member of All Saints and WWII veteran. Keith served in the Army from 1944-46, in both Germany and the Philippines. The flight leaves early in the morning and returns at 7:40pm. Guests are invited to a reception at the airport to greet the returning vets.

Our prayers and sympathies go to Richard Fuquay and his family at the recent death of his father, Eugene. Prayers are also offered to the family and friends of Larry Hall, who died Tuesday of this week. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Food Share is this weekend!



Please join us on Friday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m. to assemble the food bags and/or Saturday, September 18 at 7:30 a.m. to distribute the food. You will be glad you did!

Friday Supper Club

After taking the summer off, the Friday Supper Club will begin again with its first fall gathering this Friday, September 17. The group will meet at Yvonne Ross' home, 4582 Avril Court, at 7:00pm. Please call Yvonne (341-1471) to let her know you are coming. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Thursday Supper Club kicks off the Fall season with a 6:30pm gathering at the home of Keith and Margaret Winkler, 9601 Three Notch Road. Please call Margaret if you plan to come at 666-0984. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Many thanks to:

- all who participated in the Ministry Fair
- those who are willing to give homework help to the Kuot children
- all those who continued making breakfasts and receptions during the summer
- our office volunteers
- those who bring items for the Refugee Pantry
- collectors of Box Tops for Education

Does anyone want a cat?

As most of you probably know, the church has been adopted by a few cats. The first two—Selma and Church—are painfully shy, but they are fed regularly and have been 'fixed' and gotten their shots. Almost as soon as they had returned from the vet, another kitten arrived to make his home here as well. Finzi is the most sociable of the three—he will rub against your ankles and let you pet him—and now he also has been 'fixed' and received all the required shots. He needs a family! If you are interested, please call the church office, 438-2492.

Inquirers' Class begins 9/27

Inquirers' class is designed to teach newcomers to the church, and those who would like a "refresher course," Church History including the English Reformation and the formation of the American Episcopal Church, Liturgy and the Book of Common Prayer, contemporary issues facing the church and more. This class will be led by the clergy but will be in a conversational setting. Inquirers' class also prepares candidates seeking Confirmation in the Episcopal Church (the "official" way to join); the service of Confirmation takes place here this year on November 7 during the Bishop's visitation.

The classes will be held Mondays, beginning September 27 at 6:00 p.m. and running the next 5 successive Monday evenings. We will begin with a light supper, followed by class time and finish by 7:30pm.

There will be a sign-up sheet for the class at the All Saints Ministry Fair September 12. In the meantime, if you have any questions please give the office a call (438-2492).

Finance Notes

Summer is over and the fall routine has returned. If you got behind on your pledge during the summer, please catch it up, as we are still behind for the year!

Also, if you are planning to spend money, or be reimbursed for money spent on an upcoming activity, please call Mary Holbrook in the church office to see if you have budget remaining. If your expenditure will be over \$150, you will need to prepare a check request for approval beforehand.

Our finances are sound, and financial statements are posted on a board outside the church office, for review.

Thanks, *Clark Kelly, Treasurer*



Presiding bishop calls for 'A Season of Prayer for Sudan'

By Matthew Davies, September 15, 2010 [Episcopal News Service]

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori is calling on Episcopalians to observe "A Season of Prayer for Sudan" as the war-torn African nation prepares for a critical referendum to determine its future. Acknowledging Sudan's fragile state following decades of civil war, Jefferts Schori said in her Sept. 15 letter that the Episcopal Church can stand in solidarity "with our brothers and sisters in Sudan as we enter a season of preparation by prayer, study, and action."

Scheduled for Jan. 9, 2011, the referendum will enable the southern Sudanese to vote on whether to secede from the north or remain a unified country. The referendum was one of the major terms of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement, which was signed in January 2005 by the two warring parties -- the Government of Sudan in the north and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in the south -- bringing an end to a 21-year civil war that claimed more than 2 million lives and displaced about 7 million people. The agreement also called for the equitable distribution of oil revenues, drawing of fair borders, and the development of democratic governance throughout the country. The north has been criticized for failing to live into the terms of the peace agreement.

"I want to challenge us as a church to pray for the people of Sudan, to learn more about the forces driv-

ing the violence, and to advocate for a peaceful referendum, and whatever the outcome, a peaceful future," Jefferts Schori said in her letter. (The letter is published in full below.)

Letter from Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori September 15, 2010

My brothers and sisters in The Episcopal Church:

The Episcopal Church in Sudan has been a significant national leader and source for peace and reconciliation throughout the hostilities and wars in recent decades. Sudan is facing a referendum in January 2011, during which most observers expect that Southern Sudan will vote to become a separate nation.

As a fellow member of the Anglican Communion, Sudan's fragile state is a matter for our own concern. Most of us know something of the violence and bloodshed in Darfur, which has been well publicized in the media. Many of us know about, and have even met, some of the so-called "Lost Boys" of Sudan, who immigrated to the United States as refugees beginning in 2001. The Episcopal Church now has a number of Sudanese congregations and communities of faith as a result.

Episcopalians have begun to learn about the violence that continues to face the people of Sudan both in south and north. The warring factions in Sudan reached a peace agreement in 2005, which diminished the level of violence, but did not end it. Part of that Comprehensive Peace Agreement called for a referendum on self-determination and possible independence for Southern Sudan, to be held in 2011.

The current political entity called Sudan is the result of its colonial history, linked with both Egypt and Britain. Since independence in 1956, it has been wracked by civil war and ongoing political and military violence. Sudan has significant natural resources, especially in the form of oil, most of which is located in southern

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Look what All Saints EYC has been up to...

New Orleans Mission Trip 2010

From the perspective of a chaperone.....

Twelve EYC girls and one lone boy left All Saints on July 18th to spend a week in the Lower 9th Ward of New Orleans doing what can only be termed "God's Work." Our high-schoolers and chaperones, (joined by an additional boy and one more girl) worked in gruesome heat and 101% humidity, rehabbing two houses left devastated by the flood of Katrina. Catherine Mackey led us and Renea Greene, Karen McDonald and Barbara Brewster fed us (and worked themselves). Split into two crews, our kids painted, added insulation and hung sheetrock in one house, the home of Karen and Ashante. The other group assisted Americorps workers move dirt, build a fence and cut siding at a large historic wood frame house close to the levy.

Who gets more out of a mission experience, the volunteers or the residents? I'd like to say I gave more than got, but I would lie. I love to be with our kids. I love to watch them learn to measure, cut and hang sheetrock then drill in the



screws and mud the seams. I love to see them sweat, and lay in exhaustion, and smile with dust on their faces as they drain their water bottles. I love to hear them sing to new (therefore awful) rock on the exuberant ride back from the site. I revel in their close friendships, non-stop jabber, and obnoxiousness. I delight as they mix effortlessly with all those they meet... neighborhood kids, volunteers from other states, new and different people of faith.

In five years I have seen our kids learn to insulate and install siding in Sewanee, lay block in Juarez, paint 20 foot walls in the Dominican Republic, and hang sheet rock in NOLA. Some have gone on and new ones have joined us, but they share a common thread. These EYC kids from All Saints are what you would want them to be: compassionate, hard-working, zany, musical, glowing friends. They are a product of your commu-

nity of caring and you should be very, very proud. --Henry Brewster

And a farewell from a senior EYC--er...

When we arrived in New Orleans, I had no idea what to expect. I had been on mission trips to Juarez and the Dominican Republic before, but never so close to home. I, like most people, had seen the pictures on the news from Katrina and the events afterward, and I had even been to New Orleans since the storm. I soon discovered, however, that that was not the New Orleans we would be experiencing.

On the first day, we all went to one worksite, a duplex owned by a single mother and her two children. We began working on painting and cleaning up her side and putting up sheet rock and insulation for her neighbors. We began talking to the woman and her daughter and heard their Katrina story. They left the day before the storm hit, and came back to find their house, like the others in their neighborhood, had been flooded. She and her neighbor hired the same contractor to fix their homes. The contractor came for a few days and then ran off with the money. I found the mother to be inspirational because even after the contractor ran off with their money, she never gave up hope and began fixing her house herself. They are members of the church we worked with - nicknamed "St. Walgreens" because it is in an old Walgreens building, so the church helped them out by bringing in volunteers to help.

After the first day, however, it was evident that there were more of us than were needed at that house, so half the group went to another worksite. These people were not connected with "St. Walgreens" but the house was located close to the church. This house was connected with a group called Lowernine.org and already had a group from Americorps working there. We met the Americorps team and began working.

Over the next four days, we helped level the yard, put up siding and helped build a fence. The woman who owned this house was so grateful and came by to thank us and bring us snow cones. By the end of the week we had all become really close and even enjoyed a trip out to eat sushi to celebrate. This was a great way to end my high school mission trip experience.

--Laura Rose Cole

Look what All Saints EYC has been up to...

Youth Work Day & Interdenominational Outreach

A friend and I have been working with a church out in Prichard, Pure Word Ministries, that I have come to love. We put together a work day with several youth groups across Mobile: All Saints, Dauphin Way Methodist, Ashland Place Methodist, Springhill Presbyterian, Young Life and USA Campus Ministry. On Saturday August 14th we had over 100 kids and adults come out to work!! We did everything from peeling wallpaper, to painting and hanging sheetrock. Families from the area came out to work together with our groups. Everyone worked together in order to get the job done. The weather hindered a full day of work, but a lot was accomplished by lunch. Wesley True, chef at *True*, came to grill out for the large group of volunteers. Thank you to those of you who came out. It was AWESOME!!

I sure am proud of the group that we have!! If you haven't come out to experience the fun, I really encourage you to get involved!! --Catherine



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Sudan. The centralized Sudan government in Khartoum is led by President Omar al-Bashir, who has been charged with international war crimes. Southern Sudan has a share in the national government, and is largely autonomous as a region. Northern Sudan is primarily Muslim and Shari'a law is the basis for justice. Southern Sudan is home to Christians and those who practice African traditional religions.

The Episcopal Church of the Sudan has approximately 5 million members, and has been a leader in seeking basic human rights, including religious freedom, as well as the hard work of peacemaking. Many observers believe there is a high likelihood for a re-emergence of violence in the build up to the referendum or in its aftermath, particularly over religious prejudice and control of the oil resources.

The world has a significant stake in peace in Sudan, for any violence unleashed there can quickly destabilize the surrounding nations of Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Congo, Central Africa, Chad, and Libya. The Sudanese bishops I met in 2008 told me vivid stories of watching arms being moved into southern Sudan by jeep and camel. Those bishops and their congregations, and many, many civilians around them, yearn for peace – for the ability to raise families and crops, to educate their children, and to worship God as they choose.

The United States is a nation founded on principles based on religious freedom, self-determination, and control of the resources of the lands we occupy. Native Americans would challenge those who came later about all of those principles and the ways in which they were (not) upheld, yet most Americans, whatever their heritage, see those principles as foundational. The United Nations holds similar principles as basic to human rights. Sudan is in the throes of a national struggle for basic freedom and human rights.

I want to challenge us as a Church to pray for the people of Sudan, to learn more about the forces driving the violence, and to advocate for a peaceful referendum, and whatever the outcome, a peaceful future. Our church-wide staff has prepared resources for use in your congregation and diocese.

The Episcopal Church can stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Sudan as we enter a season of preparation by prayer, study, and action. As we approach the season of preparation for the Prince of Peace, we pray that his reign may be made real in Sudan. The prayers and labor of people throughout the world can help to prepare the way.

I remain,

Your sister in Christ,
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate

EYC News

Saturday, September 18th

Perdido. At this point, Perdido remains oil free!

We will be spending the day at Michael Morrison's house. Please contact Catherine ASAP for more info and so that rides can be arranged!

Sunday, September 26th

Taylor Park. 2-4:30pm. We will be teaming up with Ashland Place this year for Taylor Park activities! Meet at the church at 1:45.

Sunday, October 3rd

Scavenger Hunt. 4-5:30pm. Our last scavenger hunt was such a success it has been requested again. We will start at the church.

Verse for the Week: Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all that He has done.

Philippians 4:6

Contact Info

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Upcoming Events

September:

- 17 - Food Share preparation, 5:30pm
- 18 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am
- 19 - First day of Sunday School, 9:25am
 - Pizza and a Movie: *Invictus*, 5:15pm
- 20 - Vestry Meeting, 6pm
- 27 - Adult Inquirer's Class begins, 6p-7:30p

October:

- 3 - Blessing of the Animals, 4pm in the courtyard
- 4 - Adult Inquirer's Class, 6p-7:30p
- 5 - All Saints serves @ 15 Place, 11:30am
- 9 - PFLAG, 10:30am
- 11 - Adult Inquirer's Class, 6p-7:30p



Sunday Lectionary:

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[Jeremiah 8:18-9:1](#)

[Psalm 79:1-9](#)

[1 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

[Luke 16:1-13](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Julie Praytor, Ellen Wingard

Flower Guild: Ricky Bradford, Bruce Rockstad

Breakfast: Charlotte Hall, Karen McDonald, Amy Hamilton

Reception: Charlotte Hall

8:00

Lector: Joe Basenberg

Intercessor: Larry Hallett

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Albert Lilly 2) Claudia Zimmermann

Intercessor: Richard Coarsey

Chalice bearers: Lister Thomas, Ben Harris

Acolytes: Louie Wood, Brewer Ayres, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Marion Elledge

Music for Sunday, September 19

Voluntary C. Hubert H. Parry *Chorale-Prelude 'Eventide'*

Processional Hymn 390 *Lobe den Herren*

William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo S-278*

Richard Clark *Psalm 79:1-9*

Sequence Hymn 538 *Lucerna Laudonia*

Offertory Anthem F. A. Gore Ouseley *From the Rising of the Sun*

Presentation Hymn 51 *Decatur Place*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

Mason Martens *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus S-167*

Communion Hymn 676 *Balm in Gilead*

Motet Alice Parker *Be Thou My Vision*

Post Communion Hymn 594 *Cwm Rhondda*

Processional Leon Boëlmann *Suite Gothique, 'Introduction and Minuet*

Box Tops for Education

All Saints is collecting Box Tops from the packaging of many of your favorite brands of food. (Lists are on two bulletin boards in the Parish Hall.) Please cut them out and bring them to church with you on Sunday; a box is on the volunteer's desk to put them in. Both Council and Phillips schools are collecting them, which earns them money to buy supplies. Let's help our schools!



Please keep in your prayers for healing:

Ann Mahlum

Danny Moreau

Nancy Lancaster

Adam

Betty Torbert

Nancy Strachan

Brian Watford

Mary Ladd Turner

Chris

Mary Geiger

Velma Trawick

Sue Cooper

Leila Hollowell

the White family

Charlotta Noyes

Betty Ijames

Kate Makkai

Brenda

Tillye Semple

Carol Turner

Celeste Taylor

Laura

For the safe return of those serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Steven DeWeese

William Wesley Pollard

Theodford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Our policy is to keep names on the prayer list for one month. After that, they will be removed. If you want a name to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and it will be kept on for another month.

Refugee Pantry Items

We need donations of items such as **laundry soap**, **toilet paper**, **garbage bags** & **paper towels**. **Shampoo** & **cleaning supplies** are also welcome. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



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All Saints Committee Chairs

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Ushers: Bill Evatt, Louie Wood
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Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:20 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)