

The Herald

September 26, 2010

18th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Potential and Possibility

I got in an argument (I should say a spirited conversation) with a colleague at our recent clergy conference. I made a statement that the notion of an unchanging God, the unmoved mover, a faceless and aloof God, unseen, lost in the heavens is just untenable after having passed through the lens of process, liberation and feminist theologies of the twentieth century...in and through what Phyllis Tickle describes as the Great Emergence wherein there has been a great deconstruction of the Enlightenment mythologies across all academic disciplines (see last week's blog). My colleague responded, "say what?" I answered, "Wouldn't it be hopeful if our God were learning, growing, moving towards completion with us?" If God were unchanging then God couldn't be "moved" by compassion or mercy or solidarity. No, the created order entire is moved by process and decision...individual iterations and occurrences that affect the very nature of the cosmos in instant after instant. It is heartening to me to believe, and to at least act as if God is an intimate part of this process, experiencing alongside us the wonder and mystery of life and eternity in its unfolding. Does this way of thinking make God somehow less? I think not. God is all the more present, still about the mystery of Creation; still reaching out in saving love to those who because of circumstances and adverse decisions are not empowered for the creative process and empowered agency...the way God sees us: ...creative beings for love.

Another colleague at the table said, "but love is unchanging." That gave me pause.... Well I said, could it be that a better way to say that is that love is eternal....not unchanging, but always present...In reality love must change in order to embrace the process and potential of creation...love must always be ready to improvise...find its life again when it has been wounded...Love never ends...but love is always on the move...It is for us as people of conscience and faith to pay attention to where love is and where love might be...and where love could be...love as platitude is lifeless...love as embrace is life-giving and full of potential. Love keeps open the possibilities in life because love is forever sacrificing for the good of the whole...Love the faithful midwife to all that is and is to come.

On our flight just yesterday from New Orleans to Houston in our descent we crossed over Galveston Bay where it empties into the Gulf of Mexico: A vast expanse of blue green tremulous with possibility. At fifteen thousand feet, tiny vessels about some mundane matters of commerce, their wakes glistening in the sun, borne by the taut energy of the sea's meniscus, our great mother, bearing up the enterprise that is creation itself...a fine metaphor, I thought, of the infinite potential in which we live...anything can happen on the sea... great destroyer and great life giver....unpredictable, and dangerous but full of life and engendering of hope....but of all the things to say about her, she is beautiful, and beauty is always made manifest in change or the potential for change....or the process of it...and certainly the decision for it...and God along side us still calls this marvelous becoming...good.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, September 22

8:30am L'Arche, Stirling Hall
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, September 23

12N L'Arche, Stirling Hall
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Sunday, September 26

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

Monday, September 27

6pm Adult Inquirers Class begins

Tuesday, September 28

3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, October 2

10:30am Acolyte training

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.

If those topics don't sound too exciting, how about the [Top Ten Reasons to be an Episcopalian?](#) These came from Robin Williams (yes, THE Robin Williams):

10. No snake handling.
9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
8. Male and female, God created them; male and female, we ordain them.
7. You don't have to check your brains at the door.
6. Pew aerobics.
5. Church year is color coded!
4. Free wine on Sunday.
3. All of the pageantry, none of the guilt.
2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.
And the #1 reason for being an Episcopalian:
1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.

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

If you would like to come or if you have any questions, please give the office a call (438-2492).

Youth Christian Education wants YOU!

The Sunday School classes for youth began last Sunday for ages 4 through 12th grade. Enthusiastic teachers are poised and ready to help your child along her/his Christian journey. There were 27 children present, which is a good number, but we would love to have more! It's never too late to show up—come Sundays around 9am and have a little breakfast, then begin classes at 9:25am. See you there!

Thursday Supper Club kicks off the Fall season on September 30 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.

Hands and Feet Fundraiser!

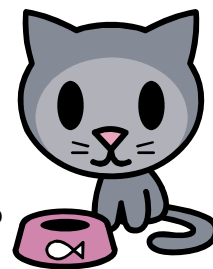
Come have dinner and enjoy the auction to benefit Hands and Feet Ministries, known now as MexicoAid, which is working in Juarez and other parts of Mexico, helping children and families get an education, have places to live, food to eat--things we all have but take for granted! This is the group that our EYC went to Juarez with for 2 years on mission trips.

- When? September 30th @ 6pm
- Where? Five Rivers (on the Causeway)
- Who? Anyone
- How much? \$25

Karen McDonald has tickets. You can call her at 433-1240 or see her on Sunday morning during breakfast in Stirling Hall and after the 10:30am service.

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.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

If you signed up to be... a lector, an intercessor, an usher or an acolyte at the Ministry Fair OR if you didn't sign up but would like to participate in any of these liturgical ministries, please mark your calendars for the training sessions you need.

- Acolytes will meet on **Saturday, October 2 at 10:30** in the church for about an hour.
- Lectors and intercessors will meet on **Saturday, Oct. 9 at 10:30** in the church.
- Ushers will meet also on **Saturday, Oct. 9 at 11am** in the church.

If you have any questions, please call Mary Robert at the church office, 438-2492.

Finance Notes

First, the Good News: Our finances are sound, and financial statements are posted on a bulletin board near the church office, for review.

Now, the not-so-great news: During the summer, it's easy to forget to pay your pledge if you are away from town on the weekends. If you have gotten behind on your pledge, please catch it up, as there are some large payments (such as insurance, pension fund, etc) coming due soon.

If you are caught up, please consider the possibility of paying ahead some. Or if you don't pay until the end of the year, please think about paying some earlier than usual.

Thanks,

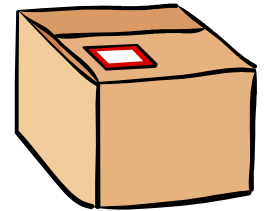
Clark Kelly, Treasurer

Cardboard City is coming soon!

For the past four years, people of all ages and from a variety of organizations have come together to spend the night outdoors in cardboard boxes on the Alabama School of Math and Science's corner lot at Dauphin and Ann Street.

Why do they do this? They are raising money for two organizations—Family Promise of Coastal Alabama (IHN) and the Sybil Smith Family Village—which help homeless families with children and homeless women.

Participants must raise a minimum of \$100 per box in sponsorships. If you raise \$200 you can have 2 boxes to sleep in, \$300 gets you 3 boxes, etc. Last year, participants raised over \$16,000! Our EYC has participated in this event a number of times, and will do so again this year.



In addition to having individuals sponsoring people who will sleep in the boxes, businesses are invited to be Corporate Sponsors for a minimum donation of \$300. Corporate Sponsors will receive acknowledgement: in the event program brochure, in printed media, on a banner (when received by October 1), in agency newsletter, on 2010 Cardboard City t-shirts, on the Family Promise website and on the event website (familypromisemobile.org and www.dumaswesley.org). Corporate Sponsors may also bring a box to spend the night in the 'City.'

If you are interested in having your business or organization become a Corporate Sponsor, contact Don Mosley (a parishioner and member of the Family Promise board) for forms at 680-8942 or dcmosley@usouthal.edu.

Thanks for your help!

Upcoming Events

October:

- 2 - Acolyte Training, 10:30am
- 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
- Lector & Intercessor Training, 10:30am
- Usher Training, 11am
- 11 - Adult Inquirer's Class, 6p-7:30p
- 15 - Food Share preparation, 5:30pm
- 16 - Food Share distribution, 7:30am
- 18 - Adult Inquirer's Class, 6p-7:30p
- 22 - Youth Confirmation Retreat, 6pm
- 23 - Youth Confirmation Retreat, 8am
- 24 - IHN/Family Promise week at All Saints begins



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 October 2010

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Oct. 3 19th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00	J Clearman	S Willcox	M Taylor		W English B Ratcliffe	B Caddell B Evatt K McKenzie S Meztista	S Drew K McKenzie	J Clearman M Harris S Cleveland	
	10:30	M Allison T Locke	M Harris	F Rouse M Elledge	D Williams D Reeves D Reeves	L Wood C Blackwell H Callaway M Morrison H Tate	"			E, M, & C Mosley
Oct. 10 20th Sunday after Pentecost	8:00	K Winkler	B Evatt	S Willcox		J Basenberg B Evatt	"	B Bentley K Butler	J Tucker W Stirling J Wiley	
	10:30	D Nichols H Snow	S Williams	M Morrison B Harris	L McDonald L Gray T Thiel E Gray	R Bradford H Brewtser M Elledge T Locke	"			D Nichols
Oct. 17 21st Sunday after Pentecost	8:00	S Willcox	J Clearman	K Winkler		W Smith R Feuerlein	"	K Flowers D Nichols	C Mackey V Case W Hannum B Schneider	
	10:30	R Williams H Tate	M Hennessy	H Callaway F Hannum	L Wood G Williams S Williams M Mosley	D Mosley H Caddell J Ayres S Robertson	"			M Morrison
Oct. 24 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	8:00	P Wilson	J Basenberg	B Ratcliffe		H Dodge P Mackey	"	S Hester C Ryan	K Flowers K Gray R Greene	
	10:30	J Hamilton B Nichols	L Carsten	B Barrett A Mitchell	D Williams B Foster D Butler	D Greene C Doyle M Williams R Pappas	"			E Doyle
Oct. 31 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	8:00	J Basenberg	L Hallett	M Taylor		R Dillard W Hannum	"	B Wilson J Tucker	C Hall K McDonald A Hamilton	
	10:30	V Mitchell H Thompson	W Butler	L Wood S Robertson	D Moreau W Kuot W Kelly SF Greene	A Mitchell J Hamilton C Conte B Hines	"			F Rouse K McKenzie

October Birthdays

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| 1 | Barbara Evatt, Wyatt Ayres | 13 | Libby Davidson |
| 2 | Nyirou Kuot | 14 | Susan Meztista, Billy Parsons |
| 3 | Suzanne Cleveland, Liam Gray | 16 | Wylly Stirling |
| 4 | Tom Hewitt | 19 | Matt McDonald |
| 5 | Aguol Kuot | 20 | Caroline Snow |
| 6 | Mark Williams, Elizabeth Jenkins, Erin Schaub | 22 | Kathy McKenzie, Michael Morrison |
| 7 | Gwen Hughes | 24 | John Shields |
| 9 | Becky Wilson, Palmer Hamilton, Gigi Armbrecht, Betsy Schneider | 26 | Randy Fogle |
| 10 | Julia Stirling | 27 | Diana Nichols, Jim Ayres |
| 11 | Hortense Bruce | 29 | Andy Mitchell |
| | | 30 | Woody Hannum |
| | | 31 | Laura Shields |



All Saints Window
All Saints Episcopal Church

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:30am Acolyte training
3 19th Sunday after Pentecost 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Breakfast 9:25 Christian Ed 10:30am Holy Eucharist Reception following 4pm Blessing of the Animals	4 6pm Adult Inquirers Class	5 11:30am All Saints serves at 15 Place 3:30pm St Michael choir 5:30pm St. Cecelia choir	6 12N Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Adult Choir	7 12N Al-Anon 7pm AA, Smith Rm	8	9 10:30am PFLAG 10:30am Lector & Intercessor training 11am Usher training
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IHN Week at All Saints						
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EYC News

A HUGE thank you to Michael Morrison for taking the EYC to his house in Perdido. The weather was amazing and we all had a blast!!

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.

Sunday, October 10th

Mulherin Home. Mulherin Home is a home for children and adults with disabilities. We will spend the afternoon playing games and spending time with the great people who are living here!! Meet at the church at 2:30.

We will stay at the home from 3-5 and will be back at the church by 5:15.

Sunday, October 17th

NO EYC!

Sunday, October 24th

IHN. We will welcome our IHN families by cooking dinner and play games with those staying with us for the week. Time TBA.

COMING UP...

Friday, October 29th

Cardboard City.

Sunday, October 31st

Halloween Party!

Contact Info

Catherine Mackey - 490.6675 - SCatherineMackey@gmail.com

Sunday Lectionary:

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[Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15](#)

[Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16](#)

[1 Timothy 6:6-19](#)

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

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

Flower Guild: Diana Nichols, Stella Hester

Breakfast: Clark, Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester

Reception: Renea Greene

8:00

Lector: Larry Hallett

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Caroline Coker, Mark Taylor

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Charlie Bailey 2) Laurie Bailey

Intercessor: Kay Montgomery

Chalice bearers: Beth Hardaway, Louie Wood

Acolytes: Rebecca Brewster, Brendan Williams, Douglas Greene,

Emily Doyle

Ushers: EYC

Music for Sunday, September 26

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *Prelude in C Major*

Processional Hymn 423 *St. Denio*

William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo S-278*

John Goss *Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16*

Sequence Hymn 609 *Gardiner*

Offertory Anthem Henry G. Ley *Fight the Good Fight*

Presentation Hymn 625 *Darwall's 148th*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

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

Communion Hymn 623 *O quanta qualia*

Communion Hymn 356 *Christus, der ist mein Leben*

Post Communion Hymn 545 *St. Fulbert*

Processional Dietrich Buxtehude *Prelude in C Major*

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:

Shirley Smith

Marion

Debbie Davis

Hank Caddell

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

Theford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Todd Jolly

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 **bar soap** (regular size), **toilet paper**, **garbage bags** & **toothbrushes** (adult size). Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



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Susan Meztista
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Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

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Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
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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)