

The Herald

October 3, 2010

19th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Easeful Death

It happens to me each time the first cool snap of Autumn appears...the blue of the sky grown poignant with the low humidity blown down from the north; the sedge along the roadside and in the delta ripening into gold fruitfulness...the sunlight now at a mysterious slant... gently questioning the undulations of the bay... In my hometown across the state one can smell in the air of dusk the peanut harvest, a moldy sweetness that used to comfort me as a child in the night hours....We slept with the windows open last night, open to the sounds of coming change...Though my father died long ago in August, it is at this time of year that I think and dream about him most...It happens to me at the turning of the season, this season in particular, that I think of death...its cold coming....for those I know, for those I love and loved....for me... Wallace Stevens coined the phrase "death is the mother of beauty." For thirty plus years I've pondered solemnly that mystery that the poet named. I feel I'm learning to trust it now.

We have only to open our eyes to know the truth of it...as the darkness approaches, as the length of days wanes...the earth shimmers with beauty. At the dying of the light the earth feasts...and we would do well to join her. It is not because of the knowledge that life cycles around again...It is simply because death has her own beauty...and if beauty, hope. My mother told me just a few months ago that being seventy eight she feels her vocation now is to die creatively...she's healthy, and not being morose...but she says she wants to make meaning of her last days; she says she has discovered joy in that.

In November we will, as the church has done over the centuries, account for our dead. In our liturgy we will endeavor to make meaning of the reality of death ... we will celebrate the lives of our ancestors in the faith, the wise ones come before us...the saints who struggled and thrived to make meaning of a life in the midst of death... Icons for us that life is worth living until death eases us into the cycle of becoming....until death eases us towards perfection....until death eases us into the mystery from which we came...Let us not despair...Let us feast.

On the Calendar:

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

Sunday, October 3

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
4pm Blessing of the Animals

Monday, October 4

6pm Adult Inquirers Class

Tuesday, October 5

11:30am All Saints serves @ 15 Place
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, October 6

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

Thursday, October 7

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



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Christian Living Today class (Adult Sunday School) will conduct a study series over the next five Sundays entitled Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What It Means to Be Christian. Each session will consist of watching about a half hour of video featuring leading Bible scholar (and Episcopalian) Marcus Borg followed by discussion. The study will address fundamental questions with which adults struggle as faith matures: Who is God? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? What does salvation mean? Each week will focus on a different topic: God, Jesus, Salvation, Community, Practice.

The class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Walter K. Smith room, and all members of the congregation are welcome.

Blessing of the Animals this Sunday

This Sunday afternoon, October 3, we will celebrate St. Francis of Assisi and all of God's creation with the annual Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets — dogs, cats, turtles, birds, rabbits, geckos, etc. — (all creatures are welcome as long as they are appropriately restrained) — to the courtyard at 4pm. There will be refreshments after the blessing for pets and their humans.



Blessing of Animals, 2008

Inquirers' Class...not too late!

The Adult Inquirers Class began meeting this week with 13 souls in attendance. We are off to a great start, but it is not too late to join! Come any Monday between now and Nov. 1 at 6pm; we'll have supper and discussion in the Saad Room, and finish by 7:30pm. Got questions? Call Jim Flowers or Mary Robert at 438-2492.

Mark your calendars for Bayou Bash

on Saturday, November 13th! More details soon. Please contact chairpersons Henry and Emily Callaway at 432-5239 if you can help in any of the following areas and have not yet signed up: food, auction, décor, ticket sales, publicity, beverages, greeters, and arrangements.

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 Delta Resource Center
- Who? Anyone
- How much? \$25

Karen McDonald has tickets. You can reach her at 433-1240.

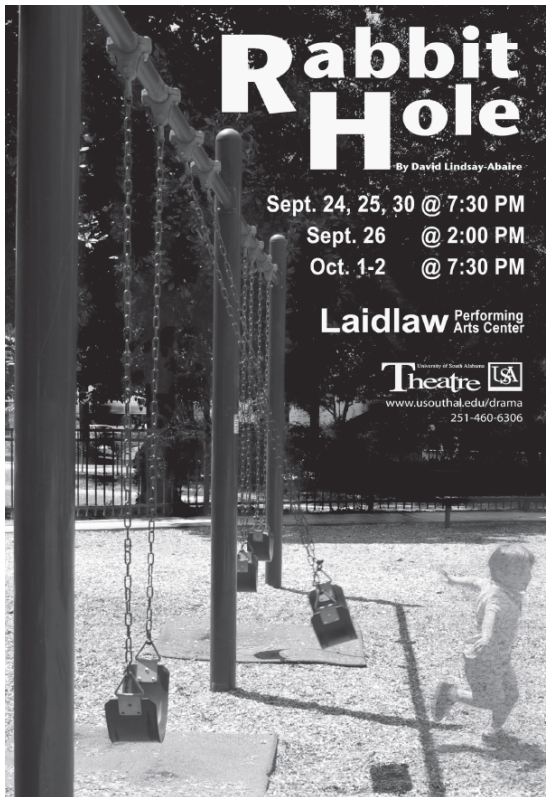
Acolyte Training this Saturday

If you are a new acolyte or are currently an acolyte, there is a training session scheduled for this Saturday, October 2, at 10:30 in the church. Please be on time; we will be finished in an hour. If you are new and cannot make it please call Mary Robert at 438-2492 .



If you are a new or old...lector, an intercessor, or an usher, please mark your calendars for the training sessions you need. Please notice this is a NEW date.

- Lectors and intercessors will meet on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 10:30 in the church.
- Ushers will meet also on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11am in the church. Questions? Call Mary Robert, 438-2492.



Rabbit Hole

By David Lindsay-Abaire

Sept. 24, 25, 30 @ 7:30 PM
 Sept. 26 @ 2:00 PM
 Oct. 1-2 @ 7:30 PM

Laidlaw Performing Arts Center

Theatre USA
 www.usouthal.edu/drama
 251-460-6306

Ticket & Box Office Information

The Box Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday and one hour before each performance. The Box Office is located in the lobby of the Laidlaw Performing Arts Center on the main campus of the University of South Alabama. (251) 460-6306



Season Membership (Includes *Rabbit Hole*, *The Beaux' Stratagem*, *Last Night of Ballyhoo*, & *Hair, the Musical*)

General: \$44.00, Faculty/Staff & Sr. Citizens: \$36.00, Students: \$28.00

Individual Ticket Sales for *Rabbit Hole*

General: \$12.00, Faculty/Staff & Sr. Citizens: \$10.00, Students: \$8.00

DAVID LINDSAY-ABAIRE

He was most recently awarded the 2008 Ed Kleban Award as America's most promising musical theatre lyricist. Prior to that, he received the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for his play *Rabbit Hole*, which premiered on Broadway at MTC's Biltmore Theatre. *Rabbit Hole* also received five Tony Award nominations, including Best Play, and the Spirit of America Award. His newest show, *Shrek the Musical* (book and lyrics) premiered at Seattle's 5th Avenue Theater, and opened on Broadway. His other works include *Fuddy Meers*, *Kimberly Akimbo*, *Wonder of the World*, *High Fidelity*, and *A Devil Inside*, among others. In addition to his work in theatre, Mr. Lindsay-Abaire wrote the screenplay for the Newline feature *Inkheart*, and Sony Picture's upcoming *Spider-Man 4*. He is also currently at work on screen adaptations of his plays *Rabbit Hole* for 20th Century Fox, starring Nicole Kidman, and *Kimberly Akimbo* for Killer Films and DreamWorks. He is a proud New Dramatists alum, a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and the Juilliard School, as well as a member of the WGA and the Dramatists Guild Council.



NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



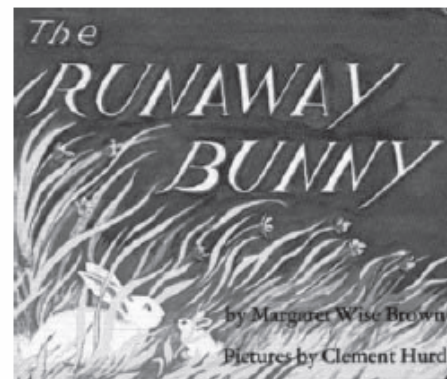
This play seems to me to be filled with details and images that I seem to "almost remember" from the very first time. By that, I mean that the play is filled with the stuff of my own memories. These memories are composed of: specific artifacts, toys, clothes, and books from both my own childhood and my daughter's. This remembered world is in turn composed of fancies, stories, and moments-shared that I think we all can be made to "almost remember." Secret

places, rabbit holes, for example, that we found when we were children. I remember one place I found on a cool day, but sunny day where deer had lain down to sleep and watch in a field of tall grass. Secret and magic all at once.

All plays certainly function in a way like collected dreams. The lights go down and we share this story as it unfolds with our fellow audience members. In such dreams we recognize ourselves, we see characters act or say the things we wish to have done or to have said under similar circumstances. In such collective dreams we've been known to share tears sometimes. This particular tale certainly contains things which may make us weep. Ah, but the tears are worth shedding! Without tears what would be the value of laughter? Without an ability to cry would we not be shallow and in the long run less human?

Do please join us as we search for a measure of meaning in the memories found in David Lindsey-Abaire's version of a *Rabbit Hole*.

Leon Van Dyke



Once there was a little bunny who wanted to run away. So he said to his mother, "I am running away." "If you run away," said his mother, "I will run after you. For you are my little bunny." ... "I will become a little sailboat, and I will sail away from you." "If you become a sailboat and sail away from me," said his mother, "I will become the wind and blow you where I want you to go." ... "Shucks," said the bunny, "I might as well stay where I am and be your little bunny." And so he did "Have a carrot," said the mother bunny. *Excerpts from The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown, Illustration by Clement Hurd*

A Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops

Phoenix, Arizona, September 21, 2010

There shall be for you and the resident alien a single statute, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; you and the alien shall be alike before the Lord. You and the alien who resides with you shall have the same law and the same ordinance (Numbers 15:15-16).

So [Christ] came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God (Ephesians 2:17-19).

Dear People of God,

Throughout our meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, we have reflected on the immigration crisis facing our host state, the United States, and all nations globally. A number of us visited the United States-Mexico border and saw first hand the many troubling and complex issues that face migrants, immigrants, the border patrol, local ranchers, and Christian communities seeking to minister to all of these groups. We are also mindful that similar border issues confront other nations represented in The Episcopal Church, especially countries in Europe, the Dominican Republic and Haiti, and Colombia and Ecuador.

Holy Scripture teaches us that all human beings are made in the image of God, and that Jesus Christ gave his life for all people. Furthermore, both the Old and New Testaments declare the importance of hospitality to resident alien and strangers, a hospitality that rests on our common humanity. All human beings are therefore deserving of dignity and respect, as we affirm in our Baptismal Covenant (Book of Common Prayer, p.305). So our gracious welcome of immigrants, documented or undocumented, is a reflection of God's grace poured out on us and on all. In this light:

- (1) Ours is a migratory world in which many people move across borders to escape poverty, hunger, injustice and violence. We categorically reject efforts to criminalize undocumented migrants and immigrants, and deplore the separation of families and the unnecessary incarceration of undocumented workers. Since, as we are convinced, it is natural to seek gainful employment to sustain oneself and one's family, we cannot agree that the efforts of undocumented workers to feed and shelter their households through honest labor are criminal.
- (2) We profess that inhumane policies directed against undocumented persons (raids, separation of families, denial of health services) are intolerable on religious and humanitarian grounds, as is attested by the consensus of a wide range of religious bodies on this matter.
- (3) We call on the government of the United States and all governments to create fair and humane immigration policies that honor the dignity of people on all sides of this issue. In the United States, we seek a reasonable path to citizenship for undocumented workers; a plan to reunite families; and a viable system for receiving temporary or seasonal guest-workers, with clearly identified points of entry. These measures would free the United States border patrol to concentrate its efforts on the apprehension of drug traffickers, terrorists, and other criminals, and not on ordinary people who are simply seeking a better life for themselves and their children.
- (4) We acknowledge the duty of governments to protect their people, including the securing of borders. The church has always respected this duty, which is grounded in government's God-given duty to protect innocent people and punish wrongdoers (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17).
- (5) We recognize that racism and bigotry impact debates over migration and immigration. The Episcopal Church is committed to the eradication of all forms of racism, and decries the use of racial profiling in the arrest of persons suspected of being undocumented.
- (6) We confess our own complicit sinfulness as people who benefit from the labor of undocumented workers without recognizing our responsibility to them. We passively tolerate an economic and political system that accepts this labor from millions of undocumented workers, and which has received approximately \$520 billion in social security revenue from them-- revenue from which they will never benefit. Yet at the same time we treat them as a threat.

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- (7) We do not discount the concerns of our fellow citizens regarding the danger uncontrolled immigration poses to our safety and economic well-being. We insist, however, that these concerns be approached within the broader context of a national commitment and covenant to inclusion and fellowship across all lines for the sake of the common good.
- (8) We take seriously our commitment to and responsibility for our fellow citizens, as we strive to face the spiritual, moral and economic challenges of life in all sixteen nations represented in The Episcopal Church. We call on our fellow citizens to remember that the good of a nation lies beyond its own self-interest, toward a vision of a humanity restored in Jesus Christ, for in him “you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13).
- (9) We offer for additional study a theological resource, “The Nation and the Common Good: Reflections on Immigration Reform.”

God’s grace be with us all.

Congratulations to Clara Leder and Bibb Lamar on the birth of their new grandchild, William Bibb Wahl. Bibb was born in Birmingham on September 15 to daughter Katie and her husband, Brian Wahl.

Box Tops for Education

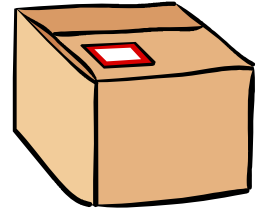
All Saints is collecting Box Tops from the packaging of many of your favorite brands of food. (Lists are on two bulletin boards in the Parish Hall.) Please cut them out and bring them to church; a box is on the volunteer’s desk for them. Both Council and Phillips schools are collecting them, which earns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



Cardboard City is in October!

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. The 2010 event is October 29.

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 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!

The next Food Share weekend

is Friday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. to assemble the food bags and Saturday, October 16 at 7:30 a.m. to distribute the food. Please join us!



The October Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19 at 6pm, instead of its regular Monday date. Please mark your calendars to attend.



EYC News

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

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Sunday Lectionary:

19th Sunday after Pentecost, 10/3

[Lamentations 1:1-6](#)

[Psalm 137](#)

[2 Timothy 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 17:5-10](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Susan Meztista

Flower Guild: Suzanne Drew, Kathy McKenzie

Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland

Reception: Emily, Meredith & Caroline Mosley

8:00

Lector: Jeff Clearman

Intercessor: Serena Willcox

Chalice: Mark Taylor

Ushers: Will English, Burl Ratcliffe

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Molly Allison 2) Rosemary Williams

Intercessor: Martha Harris

Chalice bearers: Frances Rouse, Marion Elledge

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Dustin Reeves, David Reeves

Ushers: Louie Wood, Cart Blackwell, Henry Callaway, Hubert

Tate, Michael Morrison

Music for Sunday, October 3

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*, BWV 653

Processional Hymn 360 *Rouen*

William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* S-278

George Mursell Garrett *Psalm 137*

Sequence Hymn 704 *Hereford*

Offertory Anthem Craig Phillips *The House of Faith Has Many Rooms*

Presentation Hymn 11 *Morning Song*

Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

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

Communion Hymn 659 *de Tar*

Motet Carlos Correa *O Vos Omnes*

Post Communion Hymn 551 *Festal Song*

Processional Dietrich Buxtehude *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*,
BuxWV 186

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!

Please keep in your prayers for healing:

Dot Douglas

Shirley Smith

Marion

Debbie Davis

Hank Caddell

Ann Mahlum

Nancy Lancaster

Adam

Betty Torbert

Nancy Strachan

Brian Watford

Martha Robert

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

Soren Rodning

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.



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Service Schedule

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