

The Herald

October 10, 2010

20th Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of True Faith

We have begun our Inquirers' Class at All Saints. It is designed for folks who want to know more about the Episcopal Church, and for people who just want to continue to learn about the faith. It also serves as preparation for Confirmation, the "official" means of joining the Episcopal Church as a Communicant. (It's not too late to show up.) We have a great group. It is diverse denominationally, ethnically, age-wise. We range from age sixteen to seventy plus. We have a meal together, which we all share in providing, and then we have teaching and conversation. I am amazed from year to year at the passion and hunger for meaning in the life of the Spirit that these pilgrims bring to All Saints. Many find meaning outside the church, but for these gathered they want meaning in the context of the religious tradition handed down through the generations as flawed as it certainly is. Their questions poignant. They want honesty, not institutional spin. Some have anger towards the church that they feel has abdicated its prophetic responsibility...I love this class.

It gives me hope that while mainstream institutional religion is being called into question, that the Episcopal Church still has a vibrant relevancy (not without our flaws). We expect doubt...We want challenge...We teach a critical and contextual engagement with scripture...We expect new knowledge...the old adage in the Episcopal Church still obtains: "In the Episcopal Church one doesn't have to check their brains at the door"....We don't have a weighty dogmatic magisterium to tell us what to believe or think...Our journey as a people of faith, descended from the ancient church, let us hasten to say, is one of discovery not an assent to a rigid doctrine or confession; our faith is evolving, being transformed, able to improvise among the exponential changes taking place in our culture and in the world. Our faith is one of seeking a maturity so that we may live artfully for the good of the whole...and that is not just a pill we swallow, a one time initiation into a done deal, but a lifetime of study and service...I'm biased of course...but I can't imagine any other life.

Pray for these pilgrims as they seek a deeper knowledge of God...pray for them as they seek to make meaning in their lives...They have come to us in earnest to find a place in which they can worship with integrity apropos of their lives in the world. This is no small thing... no small thing for any of us who are yet on the road to Jerusalem...the place where the joy of heaven intersects with the beauty of earth....If one wants easy answers about how it is we should live...this church is not for you...but if it is enlightened discovery and honest engagement with our exponentially changing and complex world...then we're working at it...come join the work.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, October 6
7:30am Race Relations Committee mtg
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 7
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
6:30pm Fresh Start dinner
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Saturday, October 9
10:30am PFLAG

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

Monday, October 11
6pm Adult Inquirers Class

Tuesday, October 12
12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, October 13
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6:30pm Fresh Start Ministry
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 14
12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)
7pm AA (Smith Rm)

Friday, October 15
5:30pm Food Share preparation

Saturday, October 16
8am Food Share distribution
10:30am Lector & Intercessor training
11am Usher training



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

The Christian Living Today class (Adult Sunday School) is conducting a study series 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 some 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.

Inquirers' Class...not too late!

The Adult Inquirers Class began meeting last 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.

Bridges 2010

On Tuesday October 12 from 6:00-8:30p.m., All Saints is hosting Bridges 2010, a project of two local organizations: the Bay Area Women's Coalition and The Quest for Social Justice. The Bridges project sponsors several "Bridges events" per year with the goal of bringing together a broad spectrum of area citizens for dialogue on challenging or divisive issues. At the October 12 event, participants will share a meal and facilitated conversation in small groups after viewing the documentary film "Open Secret" about Alabama's 1901 constitution. For further information or to register for the event, go to the Quest website: www.questforjustice.org. Admission is free and open to all, but registration is required.

Prayers and sympathy are extended to Rosemary Williams and her family at the death of her cousin, Mary Geiger. *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

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.

Lector, Intercessor & Usher

training will be held on Saturday morning October 16 in the church, beginning at 10:30 for the lectors and intercessors. Usher training begins at 11:00. All new AND old participants are encouraged to attend! The training will begin and end on time. Please mark your calendars!

Questions? Call Mary Robert, 438-2492.

The Friday night supper club

will be at the home of Andi and Bruce Barrett on Oct 15 at 7:00. Their address is 708 Brannan Drive, East. Please phone to let them know you are coming: 662-1258. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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.

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!



Progress on the Chapel

We are making progress on finishing renovations to the chapel. We are about to commission a reredos (the carved wooden panel and retable behind the Altar upon which the Cross sits) which will give focus and beauty to this intimate space. Hastings and Anne Read will do the work; they are consummate woodworking artisans who were reared in the Church of England. They understand the importance of the aesthetics in this enterprise. We have some seed money but we need a little more. Now would be a good time to make a memorial. If we get a good response it is possible that we can finish the lighting and refinish the flooring as well. We will dedicate the reredos at the Epiphany service this coming January.

Congratulations to Elyzabeth Wilder and Tim O'Connell on the birth of their first child, Sarah Gillian O'Connell, on Wednesday, September 29 at the Mobile Infirmary. Baby Gillian is doing well.

Congratulations to Karly and Nic Dodson also, proud parents of Mary Abigayle, born on October 1. Karly is the sister of Kim Gray. Baby Abby is currently in the NICU at USA Children's and Women's Hospital, but it is hoped she will be home soon. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Congratulations to graduates!

Recent law school graduate Laura Coker Strachan, daughter of Caroline Coker, has passed the Bar Exam!

Sue Powell has graduated from nursing school and has passed her nursing boards. She will begin a job next week at the Mobile Infirmary on the orthopedic floor.

Congratulations, Laura and Sue!

Golden Circle meets Tuesday, October 12 at 12 noon in Stirling Hall. Everyone is invited!

BayFest Scholarship Winners

Each year, BayFest, Inc. holds a music scholarship competition. Interested public and private high school students in Mobile and Baldwin counties are invited to submit an application and a videotaped audition. Winners receive funds to be used for their music education.

Out of 130 DVDs submitted this year, only 10 winners were chosen. Two of them, Kate Kelly and Grace Williams, are members of All Saints' St. Cecilia Choir! Winners were announced and received their checks this past Saturday night during the BayFest event in downtown Mobile.

Congratulations, Kate and Grace!



Finzi is not thrilled about the ratio of dogs to cats

The Blessing of the Animals 2010

Nearly 30 dogs and cats attended the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday afternoon, along with almost 40 owners and pet lovers. The weather was beautiful, the animals were well-behaved, and so were the people!



Annie and Bilbo get some 'face time'



Cardboard City

Benefiting Family Promise of Coastal Alabama
and Dumas Wesley Community Center's
Sybil H. Smith Family Village

Friday, October 29, 2010

Join us when we become "homeless" for a night at the 5th Annual
Cardboard City!

Make plans now to participate in a fun, meaningful and unique fundraising event benefiting two organizations that help homeless women and homeless families with children!

What: Family Promise of Coastal Alabama and Sybil Smith Family Village's annual fundraising event, **Cardboard City**. Participants will spend the night outside in boxes to help raise awareness and funds for these two organizations.

Who:

An event for people of all ages. School, Church and Civic Organizations can participate as a group to help raise awareness and funds.

Family Promise of Coastal Alabama provides temporary shelter and support services to homeless families with children as they seek to obtain housing independence. They do this through two programs: The Interfaith Hospitality Network and Support Services for Homeless Families.

Sybil H. Smith Family Village is a program of the Dumas Wesley Community Center and they seek to help homeless women and homeless women with children establish and maintain self-sufficiency and permanent housing.

When: Friday, October 29, 2010. Setup begins at 4 p.m. Entertainment begins at 7 p.m. An annual memorial service for homeless persons will be held at 9 p.m. A simple meal will be provided. Clean up and depart by 8 a.m. Saturday.

Where: Alabama School of Math and Science's Corner lot at Dauphin and Ann Streets.

Why: Cardboard City raises much needed funds for Family Promise of Coastal Alabama and Sybil Smith Family Village to house homeless women and homeless families and needed support services.

How: Participants must raise a minimum of \$100 per box in sponsorships. No more than 2 persons or a family with small children may sleep in a box. Participants are responsible for bringing their own box. Visitors are welcome until 10:00 pm.

Contact 441-1991 for more information or visit our website at: www.dumaswesley.org
Thank you in advance for helping homeless women and homeless families!



Cardboard City

We invite your business to participate in our 5th annual Cardboard City by becoming a Corporate Sponsor!

More detailed information is available for your review at www.dumaswesley.org then following the link to Cardboard City. Corporate Sponsorship forms are available at the office of All Saints Church.

All donations (corporate and individual) can be made to:

Family Promise of Coastal Alabama

1260 Dauphin St.

Mobile, Alabama 36604

Phone: 251-441-1991

Fax: 251-441-1992

E-mail: info@familypromisemobile.org

Donations can also be made directly using FP's website: <http://familypromisemobile.org/>

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!



Altar Flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altar, please call 438-2492.




Mark your calendars!

Fill your bowls so that others may too be filled.

ART SOUP

Friday, November 19, 6 to 9 p.m.
Christ Church Cathedral, 115 Conception St.
Tickets \$40 per person

Music by Boy Runners
Silent Art Auction

Benefitting
15 PLACE 
Mobile's multi-service center for the homeless

Tickets available from
Henry Brewster
Valerie Mitchell
Lister Thomas

EYC News

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

Family Promise/IHN Week of 10/24

On Sunday evening, October 24, All Saints will welcome once again families sponsored by Family Promise/IHN to Stirling Hall. These parents and children will be our guests for a week, eating supper, spending the night, eating breakfast and going off to school and work from here for a week.

Volunteers are needed to prepare dinners, to be evening hosts, overnight hosts and breakfast hosts. If you want to help call Henry Brewster at home: 479-9781; work: 338-0630; or email at hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net. If you have not been a volunteer before, let Henry know so he can show you the ropes!

Looking...backward?

It's almost time for the semi-annual time change! Daylight savings time will cease for the winter on



Saturday night, November 6. We've 'sprung forward' so now it's time to 'fall backward.' Sunday, November 7 is our celebration of All Saints' Day, when Bishop Duncan will be present to preach, celebrate and confirm. Be

sure to set your clocks so you'll be on time!

Sunday Lectionary: 20th Sunday after Pentecost, 10/10

[Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7](#)
[2 Timothy 2:8-15](#)

[Psalm 66:1-11](#)
[Luke 17:11-19](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Cart Blackwell
Flower Guild: Betty Bentley, Kathrine Butler
Breakfast: Jean Tucker, J Wiley
Reception: Diana Nichols

8:00

Lector: Keith Winkler
Intercessor: Bill Evatt
Chalice: Serena Willcox
Ushers: Wayne Smith, Ron Feuerlein
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Diana Nichols 2) Hendrik Snow
Intercessor: Thomas Locke
Chalice bearers: Michael Morrison, Ben Harris
Acolytes: Lizzie McDonald, Liam Gray, Trevor Thiel, Emma Gray
Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Marion Elledge, Thomas Locke

Music for Sunday, October 10

Voluntary Maurice Duruflé *Méditation 'Cum jubilo'*
Processional Hymn 410 *Lauda anima*
William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo S-278*
Charles Villiers Stanford *Psalm 66:1-11*
Sequence Hymn 571 *Charlestown*
Offertory Anthem Gerald Near *To Thee O Lord, Have I Lifted Up My Soul*
Presentation Hymn 493 *Azmon*
Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Mason Martens *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus S-167*
Communion Hymn 633 *Mt. St. Alban NCA*
Motet Percy Buck *O Lord God*
Post Communion Hymn 375 *Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesu Christ*
Processional Felix Mendelssohn *Sonata in C minor, Op. 65 'Allegro maestoso, Fuga'*

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:

Pete Gaillard
Tony Heathcock
Abby Dodson
David Sanders
Dot Douglas
Shirley Smith
Marion
Debbie Davis
Hank Caddell
Adam
Betty Torbert
Nancy Strachan
Brian Watford
Martha Robert
Mary Ladd Turner
Chris
Velma Trawick
Leila Hollowell
the White family
Charlotta Noyes
Betty Ijames
Kate Makkai
Brenda
Tillye Semple
Celeste Taylor
Laura

For the safe return of those serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Steven DeWeese
William Wesley Pollard
Thedford 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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Return Service Requested

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All Saints 2010 Vestry

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Chris Conte
Harold Dodge
Rob Gray
Renea Greene
Charlotte Hall
Martha Harris
Clark Kelly, Treasurer
Pete Mackey, Senior Warden
Matt McDonald
Susan Meztista
Michael Morrison, Junior Warden
Diana Nichols, Clerk
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Catherine Mackey
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: Charlotte Hall, Jean Tucker
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary C. Robert
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
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 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)