



The Herald

October 17, 2010

21st Sunday after Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Simple Justice

Tonight at All Saints the *Bridges* program of the *Quest for Social Justice* and the *Bay Area Women's Coalition* will present Melanie Jeffcoat's documentary *Open Secret*. The documentary is a reenactment of the 1901 Alabama Constitutional Convention based on actual transcripts of the convention. It sheds light on how conscious decisions were made to institutionalize white male supremacy. We in the state of Alabama, because of our regressive and racist constitution, are still paying the price in economic and social justice, in education, in health-care, and our state legislature has still not shown the moral will to lead Alabama into the twenty first century. The

status quo, no matter how overtly wrong, is still a powerful thing...something that stridently resists for its own sake...the ugly head of self-interest. Until the structures of our institutions are changed to uphold the dignity of all our citizens, the great divide between the wealthy and the disadvantaged will only widen. We are already seeing the violence on our streets and in our schools that such a sorry state of affairs begets.

What does this have to do with the church? The short answer is: everything. Our vocation as people of faith, and by people of faith I don't mean just the religious...I mean people of conscience who practice the high art of acting for and speaking for the good...the ones who are able through the enlightened practice of bearing dignity to our world to name what is wrong and how such wrong might be set right, we are the ones who matter for the world's sake. People of faith do their homework, employ their gifts and intelligence... It is a full time job to be sure, and it requires savvy and grace and goodwill and humility...The tactics of hate so common in the present day will bear no fruit... Certainly as Christians, the moniker of our faithfulness, we have to be about changing things for the better... the life and ministry of Jesus and those who follow him, the model... healing, including, dignifying, providing, forgiving...we are to en-flesh intelligent and loving compassion... As conscious decisions were made for injustice in the past, then conscious decisions must be made for justice now...the way things are in this state cripples us unto death, and they must change...they must change.

Perhaps the most poignant revision in the 1979 Episcopal Book of Common Prayer is the addition of the Baptismal Covenant (p. 304) in which we profess a practicing faith, not just a believing faith...In truth, I think, it is the practice of the faith that informs our belief...through our enacting the good we come to know the good deep within us and around us in collaborative community. Tonight will be an important conversation among people of faith across socio-economic, racial and ethnic lines...perhaps in our conversation we will discover a critical mass of how effective change might be brought about...I hope so, because things aren't right...they just aren't right...and if not us, then who to make them so.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, October 13
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
6pm 15 Place Board Meeting
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

Sunday, October 17
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Monday, October 18
6pm Adult Inquirers Class

Tuesday, October 19
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels Choir
5:30pm St. Cecelia Choir rehearsal
6pm Vestry meeting (note day change)

Wednesday, October 20
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

Murray House cordially invites you to their “Open House”, Saturday, October 16, from 9am to 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this special event and tour their beautiful Assisted Living Facility. There will be refreshments and door prizes. If you would like to come and you need transportation, please call 432-2272. Murray House is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

Bayou Bash Auction Items Needed

Last year, the ticket sales and auction for Bayou Bash netted almost \$20,000 for Community Ministries! We need auction items of all kinds—dinners, condo vacations, artwork, donations from businesses — anything you can think of! We are counting on you to help make this year’s Bash a BIG success!!!

Please contact Barbara Brewster if you have a donation for the Bayou Bash Auction. It can be any item or service that you would like to donate. If you have a company you would like our committee to contact we will be happy to follow-up with them. 479-9781 or brewster919@bellsouth.net. Thank you for your help!

Family Promise/IHN begins Oct. 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!

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!



Mark your calendars for Bayou Bash on Saturday, November 13th! More details coming 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.

This week at All Saints:

The Fresh Start Ministry meeting has been cancelled for this week.

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!

Food Share is this weekend!

Please join us on Friday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. to assemble the food bags and/or Saturday, October 16 at 7:30 a.m. to distribute the food. This ministry is vital. You will be glad you came!



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 438-2492.

The Christian Living Today class

will watch and then discuss a Marcus Borg DVD on how salvation fits into a modern understanding of Christianity. The class starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday in the Walter K. Smith room and everyone is welcome to attend.

Inquirers’ Class...still time!

The Adult Inquirers Class continues to meet over great food and with great discussion! It’s still not too late to join, though! Come join us for the next 3 Mondays 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.

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.

From the Bishops of New Jersey and Newark: statement on the death of Tyler Clementi

We write as Christian pastors who are privileged to serve as bishops of The Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Newark and in the Diocese of New Jersey in order to express our grief, alarm, compassion and outrage over the suicide of Tyler Clementi. We join our voices with the voices of all those concerned in Ridgewood, where Tyler grew up, at Rutgers University, where he was a freshman and across our nation. Another gay young person has died by suicide. This tragic loss of a promising life would appear to be directly related to an invasion of Tyler's privacy and a violation of his personal life. Much remains to be considered by law enforcement authorities and the courts in order to determine whether this is also a case of a bullying felony or a hate crime — or a combination of the three. Whatever that legal determination may be, we join with other Christian and religious leaders, with the LGBT community and with all people of good will who take their stand against hatred, bigotry and bullying; against every expression of physical and verbal violence; and against any violation of the dignity of LGBT persons. When the rights of any — especially the members of vulnerable groups who have so often been scapegoated — are threatened, the rights of all are endangered.

We want to call attention to another, potentially deeper, issue here. It is the invasion of intimacy. Intimacy is a holy place within every human being; an innermost sanctuary where we develop our ultimate beliefs and values, nurture our closest relationships and maintain our deepest commitments. No one has the right to disclose that intimacy for someone else without consent. Such a violation is tantamount to the desecration of a sacred space. It is, in fact, a sacred space. It is the territory of the soul.

Technology, however, now provides tools to record, seize and disclose the most intimate matters of our lives without our consent. Identities can be stolen, hearts broken and lives shattered. Technology has placed powerful tools in human hands. Will they be used for building-up or for breaking down our neighbor? Tyler Clementi's death certainly poses some important legal issues, but it also raises some critical moral concerns. Hubris has outstripped humility. And that is a serious problem. We can do better. We must do better, with God's help.

In our Episcopal tradition, whenever we reaffirm our faith in worship, we are given a challenging question: "will you respect the dignity of every human being?" And we answer, "I will, with God's help." It is an important commitment. Whatever our religious tradition, we can agree on the need to respect one another's dignity. With God's help, we can stand together and stand up against bullies who would damage and destroy the lives of LGBT persons, their

partners and families and friends. With God's help, we can offer safety, support and sanctuary to all LGBT persons who are at risk. With God's help, we can remind our society that every LGBT person is made in the image of God. The world needs our witness.

The Right Reverend Mark M. Beckwith, Bishop of Newark
The Right Reverend George E. Councill, Bishop of New Jersey

Teaching gives new meaning to the Baptismal Covenant

By Michael Drawbaugh, October 11, 2010 [Episcopal News Service]

The sun is setting on the prairie. I sit on the roadside on an abandoned tire. Next to me sits a 6-year-old Lakota boy named Tommy. I am tutoring Tommy in number comparison symbols after school, in his family's front yard. There is a glint in his eyes when he answers a question correctly. "Teacher, I'm smart aren't I?" "Yes, Tommy. You can do anything. You are a wonder."

I am a Teach for America teacher. I teach in rural South Dakota, in a town of about 300 people. I teach 14 courageous, strong, compassionate first graders. From the day I boarded the airplane in my home of Portland, Oregon, to coming here, my Baptismal Covenant has been transforming my actions, choices and mindset. The Spirit has been hovering over my life, awakening me to those promises in that covenant I made so many years ago.

I joined Teach for America because I believe that a quality education is the birthright of every human being. Teach for America allowed me the privilege and opportunity of teaching in some of our nation's most underprivileged communities. Teach for America is eliminating educational inequality.

If you are born into a poor community you have less of a chance of graduating from high school and you may never attend college or trade school. If this is you, this means your school does not have new materials or textbooks, your school may be crowded and stress-filled, and your school may have a reputation for poor performance and low morale. Consequently, new school teachers will be reticent about choosing your school as their first job out of college. Teach for America places dynamic, motivated college graduates in some of our nation's underprivileged schools. Teach for America trained me and found work for me here in

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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!

Archbishop of Sudan speaks in NYC

[*Episcopal News Service*] Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul of the Episcopal Church of Sudan spoke from the pulpit at Trinity Church, Wall Street, Oct. 10, thanking the parish for its support of the church in Sudan both in times of war and peace, and explaining his visit to the United States. "Six years ago Sudan signed a Comprehensive Peace Agreement between the people in ... south Sudan and the people in the north," Deng said during his sermon at the parish's 11:15 a.m. Eucharist service. "And this agreement is coming to an end on the ninth of January 2011. We as the church ... we have fears that the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, the CPA, all the processes that were supposed to be done have not been completed ... The fear in the country is that Sudan will go back to war."

Trinity Church was Deng's first stop on a 12-day visit to the United States, where he is joining an ecumenical delegation in promoting awareness and encouraging advocacy in advance of the Jan. 9 referendum to determine whether war-torn Sudan remains united or splits into two separate countries: north and south. The referendum is 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 predominantly Muslim north and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in the mainly Christian and Animist 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, the development of democratic governance throughout the country, and the reconstruction of devastated infrastructure. The north has been criticized for failing to live into the terms of the peace agreement.

In his sermon, the archbishop acknowledged the north's Khartoum-based government's failures and expressed concern for the safety of some 4 million refugees from the south who are currently living in the north. "Their security is not stable," Deng said. As evidence of the violence he fears is to come, Deng pointed to an incident on Oct. 9 in which demonstrators, including some police officers, at a pro-unity rally in Khartoum turned on and beat southerners who are in favor of separation. "This is a clear indication that the situation is going to be out of hand," Deng said. He warned that if war erupts in Sudan it will affect all of East Africa.

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori in mid-September called on Episcopalians to observe "A Season of Prayer for Sudan." 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."

The Episcopal Church's long-standing support for Sudan is manifested through its partnerships and companion diocese relationships, programs supported by Episcopal Relief & Development, and advocacy work of the Office of Government Relations. The American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, which counts many Episcopalians among its members, also is actively involved in supporting its Sudanese partners.

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South Dakota. But, only God would make that work holy.

On my confirmation day, I sat in that huge cathedral, ready to make promises I didn't fully understand. Now in this realm, in my new career of educational leadership, I truly see what it means to seek and serve Christ in all people. For me, it means that every little miracle that shows up at my classroom door represents a sacred mystery. For me, it means if I look closely into the eyes of the student I am teaching, I might catch a glimpse of the divine looking back at me. For me, it means that I will let my hands, feet and legs say my prayers for me and my every act of service will be a hymn of gratitude.

Respecting the dignity of every human being also was a part of the covenant that I vowed but never really knew how to put into practice. Now, for me, it means honoring my students too much to give them anything less than my best instruction and attention. For me, it means being ready to re-teach a concept again and again and again, realizing that if I give up on their learning, they are the ones who suffer. For me, it means I am always quick to forgive and slow to use guilt or shame tactics.

The call comes to you now; I do not think I am prepared to fight against injustice alone. What will you do, Baptized Christian, to eliminate educational inequality in your community and nation? What will you do to ensure that schools represent the freedom, equality and acceptance, which we have found in Christ's Kingdom? How will you live out your Baptismal Covenant in a world that needs your attention? The need is great and the time is short.

EYC News

Friday and Saturday, October 15th & 16th

Food Share. Help prepare the bags on Friday night at 5:30pm.
Saturday morning help distribute food at 7:30am.

Sunday, October 17th

NO EYC!

Sunday, October 24th

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

Friday, October 29th

Cardboard City.

Sunday, October 31st

Halloween Party! Get your costumes ready for a fun party at the Williams' house! Time TBA.

November 7th

Weenie Roast. Come roast hotdogs and make s'mores with us at the Brewster's house!

November 14th

Taylor Park. We will join Ashland Place again in making lunch and playing with the kids at the park.

As the holidays approach we will have a lot of exciting things the EYC will be involved with in our community!!

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Sunday Lectionary: 21st Sunday after Pentecost, 10/17

[Jeremiah 31:27-34](#)
[2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)

[Psalm 119:97-104](#)
[Luke 18:1-8](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Cart Blackwell
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers, Diana Nichols
Breakfast: Carol Mackey, Valerie Case, Woody Hannum, Betsy Schneider
Reception: Michael Morrison

8:00

Lector: Serena Willcox
Intercessor: Jeff Clearman
Chalice:
Ushers: Wayne Smith, Ron Feuerlein
Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Sarah Williams 2) Hubert Tate
Intercessor: Martha Hennessy
Chalice bearers: Henry Callaway, Foy Hannum
Acolytes: Louie Wood, Grace Williams, Sarah Williams, Meredith Mosley
Ushers: Don Mosley, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayers, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday, October 17

Voluntary Francois Couperin 'Basse de trompette' No.IX from Messe pour les Couvents
Processional Hymn 372 *Leoni*
William Mathias *Gloria in Excelsis Deo* S-278
William Crotch *Psalm 119:97-104*
Sequence Hymn 631 *Liebster Jesu*
Offertory Anthem Henry Loosemore *O Lord, Increase Our Faith*
Presentation Hymn 709 *Dundee*
Ronald Arnatt *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*
Mason Martens *The disciples knew the Lord Jesus* S-167
Communion Hymn 696 *Le Cénacle*
Motet Henry Purcell *Thou Knowest Lord*
Post Communion Hymn 535 *Paderborn*
Processional Healey Willan *Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'*

Refugee Pantry Items

We need donations of items such as **bar soap** (regular size), **toilet paper** and **garbage bags**. 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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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)