



ALL SAINTS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Herald

August, 2014

Sundays after Pentecost

From the Rector: π r^2 Redux

Many of you have commented on my sermon of this past Sunday in which I trod where most English majors fear to tread (at least this English major)... in the realm of Math. I suggested that the circle might be a metaphor for the kingdom of God; for life itself. The enigmatic circle has long been an archetype in human consciousness. It was the shape of ancient liturgical dance; of mandalas; calendars; sundials; it is the shape of the heavens above: planets and their orbits, stars, galaxies... a symbol of wholeness, eternity, completeness; a circle will capture immediately the gaze of a newborn child; our very DNA lives and replicates according to the physics of a circle; so too, the creative process; so too, according to Yeats, the poet, does history.

π (Pi) is the most famous constant in Math... the secret of the circle. If one multiplies the square of a radius of a circle by Pi then one may ascertain the area of the circle no matter how big or how small. Pi is the ratio of the circle's circumference to its radius... every circle is governed by this ratio. But the ratio is anything but constant. The shorthand for Pi, as you students of geometry know, is 3.14... so, if a circle's radius is ten feet, then its area would be 314 feet (10 squared times 3.14). A law of mathematics... but the ratio of Pi is unresolved. It can be carried out to an infinite number of decimal places... and there is no pattern... the ratio is utterly random, always new. So if one wished to explore further the same circle with Pi carried out more decimal places, then the circle would grow. The same circle with a radius of ten feet times 3.14159 has an area of 314.159 feet... and then to look with more precision, the radius squared times 3.14159265 is 314.159265 feet... and so on ad infinitum. At each new look at the circle it grows; it is still incomplete, though everything about it smacks of completeness. It still is process.... The circle a consummate symbol of process... the universe uncompleted, still in its becoming.... God, Godself, still uncompleted, still becoming, like the universe God inhabits.

The kingdom of God is like a circle... Our lives are like a circle... still becoming, still being defined... defined in an exquisite randomness... If God has a plan for us then it is that we live in a world of infinite possibility... That is not to say that life has no discernible meaning. Life may unfold in random improbability, but it unfolds to a mysterious rhythm, a rhythm like that of a dance... It is a rhythm spoken of by the great sages of the human drama... a rhythm that is characterized by kindness and justice and compassion and gratitude and sacrifice... Love in short... It is for us who live in the circle of God's life to carry out that life to an infinite number of decimal points, so that the circle expands and grows in goodness. In that regard, the life of faith has everything to do with history in its random unfolding, its exponential becoming.

We therefore must engage with the issues of human decency in our world. The circle of Love demands it. Issues of liberation and dignity, of peace and justice, of equality... all on the forefront in our day and age, like every day and age, matter exponentially. How we embrace these issues has everything to do with the integrity of the circle as it expands towards eternity. The circle may obey a random law, a constant of randomness... but the rhythm must be beautiful and true, like a dance, so that the circle may forever be unbroken, yet ever new.



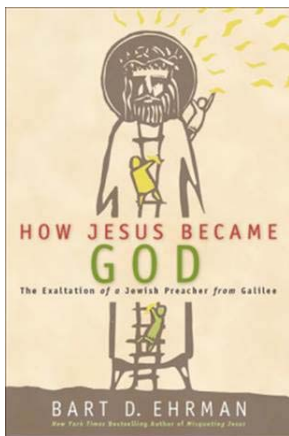
Speaking of Faith

A Sunday morning offering for youth grades 8-12, *Speaking of Faith* offers youth an opportunity to explore the Christian faith through discussion of Scripture, tradition, and experience. We will meet Sunday mornings in the Stirling Hall youth room starting promptly at 9:20 and ending at 10:15. The goal is to create a space where youth can ask questions, discuss their ideas, express both their faith and their doubts, reflect on the teachings of the Christian tradition, and explore opportunities for ministry within the Church and the world. An announcement about a parent meeting hosted by the Rector will be forthcoming. The class will be led by Peter Wilson, an All Saints parishioner and Vestry member, former parish youth director, and a high school history and social studies teacher.

Adult Education

This Sunday (August 3), Lee Van Dyke will continue his presentation about his month-long trek on El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage in Spain in the Walter K. Smith room at 9:30 a.m. Please feel free to attend even if you missed last week's program.

On August 10, the Beth Murray adult education class will start discussing Bart Ehrman's new book, How Jesus Became God: The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee. According to one reviewer: *At the heart of the Christian*



faith is a spectacular claim: Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God. But this is not what the original disciples believed during Jesus's lifetime—and it is not what Jesus claimed about himself. How Jesus Became God tells the fascinating story of how it took three centuries for Jesus's divinity to become official church dogma.

The class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays in the Walter K. Smith room, and all members of the congregation are invited. If you'd like a copy of the book (\$20), contact Henry Callaway at hcallaway@handarendall.com or 694-6224.

Recent Deaths

Please keep in your prayers those members of our All Saints family who have recently lost loved ones: Molly Dyson, whose mother died; Emily Mosley, whose uncle died; Amy Thompson, whose father has died, and Mary Hunter Slaton, whose brother-in-law died. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Special Events in August

Two big events for All Saints will take place this month. The first is the annual Ministry Fair, during which the various ministries and group activities available in the parish are on display in the Parish Hall. Conveners and coordinators are present to answer questions about the ministry, and everyone has an opportunity to join in whatever interests them. The Ministry Fair will take place between services on Sunday, August 24. Pickup breakfast will be served as well.

The second event is a Parish Picnic at the home of Kim and Clark Kelly on Sunday, August 31, following the 10:30 service. Details will follow in Herald updates.

Mark your calendars now for both of these great times to get together. Everyone is welcome!

Congratulations

to the Basenberg family on the birth of Jensen and Maggie's first child, Connor Spencer, on July 2. Connor is Joe's and Jean Alice's third grandchild. Baby and parents are all well!



Bishop's Visitation in Sept

The Rt. Rev. Philip M. Duncan will make his visitation to confirm, preach and celebrate at All Saints on September 14, 2014. If there is anyone who would like to be confirmed or received from another denomination into the Episcopal Church, or who would like to reaffirm their confirmation promises, this is the time to do it. Please contact the Rector, Jim Flowers at rector@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492. The Rector's Forum, meeting bi-weekly on Tuesdays at 6pm for supper and conversation, is the primary vehicle for adult preparation. Youth in 6th grade and up who have not been confirmed are invited to attend a one-day retreat on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the church. More details later!

We invite your prayers

The Prayers of the People are an integral part of our liturgy. The Book of Common Prayer has several prototypes for our prayers for the church and the world, but the Prayer book also encourages us to offer our own particular petitions following the pattern of intercession approved by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. We will continue to ask for names of people who need our prayers, but we also invite you to write your own petitions for our church and our world: prayers for restoration, for justice, for liberation, for whatever it is in need of God's healing. Mary and I will help you do it. Just write your prayer and send it to us at the office, and we'll make sure it fits with the form we are using. Help us to make our "Prayers of the People" truly the prayers of the people. *Jim Flowers*

Opportunity for Service

I have a pro bono client who lives on \$721/month Social Security and has gotten herself into hock with five check advance loans that eat up a big chunk of her Social Security. I think she has mental competency issues; she clearly cannot handle her own financial affairs, and even if I get rid of the check advance loans she will get in financial trouble again. I'm looking for a volunteer who would be willing to serve as her Social Security payee or perhaps conservator (assuming I can talk her into the arrangement). You would get her Social Security check, pay her bills (basically just utilities), and then dole out the remaining funds to her. The check advance companies would not be able to get at her account because you would have the funds. Catholic Social Services used to provide a payee service but no longer does so. If we can get several people to volunteer, maybe this is a service our church could offer to the low-income community; it is very much needed. Email me at hcallaway@handarendall.com or call me at 694-6224 if you are interested.

Thanks, *Henry Callaway*

Education For Ministry (EfM)

Ken Cumbie, the Rector at St. Luke's Episcopal Church here in Mobile, is exploring the possibility of offering an EfM course during daytime hours, to begin early in September. EfM is a 4-year program of bible study, church history, ethics, and theological study for laypersons created by the School of Theology at Sewanee: The University of the South. If you are interested in more information about the class, please call Ken at 666-2990 (church) or on his cell, 648-4570.

Open Table begins meeting at All Saints this Sunday. Open Table is a congregation of the United Church of Christ (UCC). Their roots are of the Congregation church movement of New England that began early in this country's history. Today they are characterized by a passion for social justice and for the inclusion of all people in the community of faith. They are not fundamentalists. Theologically they are of a very similar ethos as the Episcopal Church. They are a small congregation and have asked us to rent them space for worship and meetings. They will worship on Sunday mornings in the chapel, and we have provided office space for them upstairs in the parish hall. We are blessed to have facilities that can accommodate them and us comfortably. The vestry has unanimously agreed to invite Open Table to nest here.

We are hopeful that this new relationship will be fruitful beyond simply sharing space. Perhaps there will be opportunities for shared learning, shared mission opportunities, and from time to time, shared worship. We have agreed that we, Open Table and All Saints, will be sensitive to our respective identities, but our hope is that we may become good neighbors and good friends. The Christian faith for far too long has been weakened by its unhappy divisions. We are far more effective and relevant together. Perhaps our relationship with Open Table might serve as an example of Christian collaboration in our modern world. Please join me in welcoming the Reverend Ellen Sims and Open Table to All Saints.

The Refugee Pantry

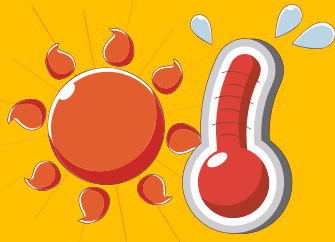
During August, we are asking for laundry detergent (liquid or powder), toilet paper and toilet bowl cleaner for the pantry. Please put it by the volunteer desk on Sundays or drop them off M-F during office hours. Thanks.

Please mark your calendars right away with the dates you are to serve!

If you cannot be present for the date you are scheduled, please get a substitute and let the church office know who it is. If you can't find a sub, let the office know **as soon as possible**. 438-2492.

Lay Ministers for August 2014

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
Aug 3 8th Sun after Pentecost	8am	P Wilson	B Evatt	L VanDyke		B & B Evatt	M Petithory K Gray B Rockstad	E Doyle K Flowers	C Taylor MS Stephens	
	1030 am	R Gray J Ayres	B Hardaway	M Morrison	D Williams	J Hamilton B Hines R Pappas L Wood <u>Greeter:</u> V Mitchell	Bread: B Hardaway L Carsten			D Foster
Aug 10 9th Sun after Pentecost	8am	L Van Dyke	J Basenberg	B Ratcliffe		W English M Taylor		B Brewster B Hardaway	M Winkler	
	1030 am	C Gardner A Barrett	V Mitchell	B Hardaway	M Williams H Gardner	M Morrison R Bradford <u>Greeter:</u> V Mitchell				TBA
Aug 17 10th Sun after Pentecost	8am	B Ratcliffe	S Willcox	H Callaway		W Hannum B Case		C Mackey K McKenzie	Open Table congregation	
	1030 am	L Carsten C Ryan	F Rouse	L Thomas	B Ayres L Ayres	C Doyle D Greene D Greene <u>Greeter:</u> V Mitchell				J Tucker
Aug 24 11th Sun after Pentecost	8am	L Hallett	J Clearman	S Willcox		TBA H Dodge		B Ratcliffe C Ryan	Ministry Fair table coordinators	
	1030 am	B Harris E Kelley	M Petithory	N Lancaster	L Wood A Atem	H Caddell J Ayres C Conte H Brewster <u>Greeter:</u>				R Williams
Aug 31 12th Sun after Pentecost	8am	A Lilly	L Hallett	M Taylor		R Dillard W Hannum		J Tucker B Wilson	F Rouse S Willcox	
	1030 am	C Zimmer- mann R Williams	H Caddell	B Harris	D Williams C Mosley	D Mosley M Williams M Durant <u>Greeter:</u>				Parish Picnic @ Clark & Kim Kelly's



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 8th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	4	5	6 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	7 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	8	9 10:30a PFLAG
10 9th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	11	12 6p Rector's Forum	13 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	14 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	15	16 7:15a Food Share packing & distribution
17 10th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	18 6p Vestry meeting	19 4p Beg. Trebles Choir	20 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	21 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	22	23
24 11th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Ministry Fair 1030a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	25 6p 15 Place Board	26 4p Beg. Trebles Choir 6p Rector's Forum	27 9:15a L'Arche, chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	28 12N Al-Anon 4p Adv. Trebles Choir 7p AA, Smith Rm	29	30
31 12th Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 930 Adult Classes 1030a Holy Eucharist Parish Picnic						

Prayer List Update

Our prayer list (both the sick and those in the armed forces) has not been updated for some time. Please look it over and if you know of any reason to remove a name because of one reason or another please let Mary Robert know (438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org). If you have a name or names to add, please let Mary know that as well. Thanks.

Prayer List

✚ For healing for: Elaine Goodwin, Kathy Shrout, John Simmance, Tamara Fulford, Boyd Reeves, Taylor Parton, Joe, James Riley, John Cleverdon, Edgar Hughes, Laura Worsham, Marjorie Graham, Juliette, Charlotte Grubbs, David French Bacon III, Gerald Pockl, Laura, Chuck Tharpe & family, Sandy Kaynor & family, Robin & Ginny Heilbron, Ed & Ruth LaMonte, Sr. Cintra Pemberton, Charlotte Orr, Steve Doan, Clinton Wilson, Rusty Glass, Robert Doyle, Sam Cockrell, Mary Lou Peake, Bonnie Brooks, Judy Strada, Sue Oom, Nancy, South Sudan, Larry Preul, Danny Moreau, Tommy, Ruth and Ruth Langan, Lee Hamilton, James Henry LeBatard, Ann, Celita Burke, Baby Connor, John Stephens, Alisha, Sybil Wilson, Howard Young, Terrance Ulmer, Opal Berry, Cora Teague, Josh Watson, Kay Myers, the White family, Susan Hannum, Sharon, Katie Hammond, Amanda, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Mackenzie Petersen, Nancy Golson Smith, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, Steven Bodiford, Walter Sims, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, Heather and family, Martha Collier, Dunn Chandler, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura

✚ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, S.T. Heath, Forrest Brewster, Daniel Robert

Lectionary Readings for August

Sunday, Aug 3, 2014

Lessons: [Genesis 32:22-31](#)
[Psalm 17: 1-7, 16](#)
[Romans 9:1-5](#)
[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

Sunday, Aug 10, 2014

Lessons: [Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28](#)
[Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b](#)
[Romans 10:5-15](#)
[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

Sunday, Aug 17, 2014

Lessons: [Genesis 45:1-15](#)
[Psalm 133](#)
[Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32](#)
[Matthew 15: 21-28](#)

Sunday, Aug 24, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 1:8-2:10](#)
[Psalm 124](#)
[Romans 12:1-8](#)
[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Sunday, Aug 31, 2014

Lessons: [Exodus 3:1-15](#)
[Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b](#)
[Romans 12:9-21](#)
[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

Food Share in August Come help pack food bags at 7:15 am on Saturday morning, August 16, just before the distribution at 8am. We'll pack the food, distribute it, and finish by 8:30.

August Birthdays				
1 - Rebecca Tucker	9 - Catherine Tucker	15 - Susan Mosley	22 - Sheri Hewitt	27 - Danny Moreau
3 - Chris Conte	9 - Parker Butler	15 - Kealen Conte	23 - Penny Coleman	28 - Atong Kuot
3 - Kate McDonald	10 - Alan Blair	16 - Jean Tucker	24 - Foy Hannum	31 - Harold Dodge
4 - Nancy Lancaster	10 - Connie Armbrrecht	17 - Debi Foster	24 - Clark Kelly	
4 - Cindy McCrory	10 - Ray Pappas	18 - David DeLaney	24 - Forrest Brewster	
4 - Sofia Swann	13 - Jana Simpson	18 - Renee Dillard	24 - Rebecca Brewster	
6 - Elizabeth Dunnam	13 - Karen McDonald	19 - Ellie Moore	25 - Ruth LaMonte	
8 - Alex Looney	14 - Jean Arnold Dodge	21 - Fred South	27 - Alan Shain	

If we have inadvertently left your birthday off of the list, please call the office (438-2492) to let us know. We will add your birthday to our database.

The kitchen renovation in Stirling Hall is well underway. The ceiling has been torn down and the hole where the pass-through was is being filled up! More details will be posted as they happen.





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Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker
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Parish Development: Clark Kelly
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Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

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Service Schedule

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