



ALL SAINTS
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The Herald

June, 2014

Pentecost

From the Rector: Of Angels and Demons

"I'm her friend. She lives with me. She's lived with me for a while; I can tell you she ain't on drugs or alcohol. I'm a witness," said the older of the two women that stopped by my office Monday morning. They knocked on the back door; I met them on the steps. They seemed harried. The younger woman, who spoke the way people speak in rural South Alabama, asked if she could see me in my office. I said yes, but wondered what kind of scam this would be. There was a weary urgency about them, disquietude.

They sat down; the younger woman spoke, agitated, speaking rapidly. Neither woman asked for money. The younger woman told me that she had a demon. Psychosis, I thought. She continued. She said she had been possessed by this demon since she was two years old. The demon was tall, rough, with deep-set eyes, never spoke, would appear at inopportune times, mostly at night. He would wake her baby, scratch her on her arms and back. Upon leaving her he would rack her body violently, only to return over and again. She said it was a living hell. Could I help her, she asked. I hesitated, my mind racing about how backward and primitive such a theology was. She needed psychiatric help. Sensing my skepticism, "don't you believe in Demons?" she asked. I hesitated... "Well, our church tradition has no teaching on demons per se..." She interrupted, "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?" "Yes, I do." "Then wouldn't it follow that there are evil spirits in the world?" "I guess so, when you put it that way," I said. She continued with her narrative... she told me how this demon was always waiting for her... a stumbling block, debilitating... She told me she was abused by her father... I just listened. Seminary didn't prepare me for this, I thought. Her words were clear, sober, sane, intelligent... She shared her life with me... the pain of it. Her friend sat in compassionate witness with her hand on the girl's shoulder.... this child of God.

I was taught in Clinical Pastoral Education by Will Spong that the key to pastoral ministry is to live, for a time, in another's world. It is an act of humility and courage. In listening to this person, that thought crossed my mind... To enter the world of another... the land of unlikeness... a land of rare beasts and unique adventures... dangerous... beautiful. It's what God does, I thought... enters our world in all humility, subject like us to the demons of transience and mortality. I told her that though I didn't know much about demons, I did believe in healing and that I would anoint her with oil blessed by the bishop (she asked what a bishop was) and pray for her healing... and so I did. As soon as I anointed her with oil, she began to shake... to shake violently... She screamed a primordial cry from the depths...gritted her teeth, and broke out in a cold sweat... reverberations throughout the building... When she regained her composure she said she was nauseous, felt faint... but she gathered herself, thanked me and went on her way with her companion. She seemed exhausted. I was exhausted.

I am not sure why I tell this story. Perhaps it is a window onto what compassion is, what empathy is... To live for a time in another's world... to live in that world without judgment, without expectation... just present, fully present. Perhaps the young woman's companion was the true protagonist...Such an awareness, if there be one, might serve us in the larger world.... To live with a deep and present sense of empathy and compassion for our neighbor... descended and descendants of God into the world as healing presence.... angels among demons, as it were. By whatever name, there is such conflict, such warfare....

The life of faith is not about belief, but about presence... loving, healing presence... I am a witness to it.

Congratulations to new graduates

Graduating high school seniors were honored last Sunday during the 10:30 service: Parker Butler, Laura Hampton Greene, Boone Reeves, Ben Foster, Yasmine Raouf, Hannah Williams, Stephen Chiepalich, Jr and Channing Flowers, II. New college graduates are Avery Kelly, Lila Raouf, Henry Perkins and Lucy Perkins. And Mary Hunter Rouse has completed a Masters in Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary. Congratulations to all of our great students!!

Sunday School on break for summer

Children and youth Sunday School classes have ended for the summer and will resume in the fall. Many thanks to Pam Ayres, Frances Rouse and Elizabeth Jenkins for their work in Godly Play and the middle and high school classes.

Food Share in June Come help pack food bags at 7:15am on Saturday morning, June 21, just before the distribution at 8am. We'll pack the food, distribute it, and finish by 8:30.

Kitchen renovation set to begin

The kitchen in Stirling Hall will be renovated over the summer months, beginning in June! This is an exciting venture. Even though we will not have access to the kitchen, we will still have breakfast between services, in the Parish Hall instead. Everything can be easy--bagels, muffins, donuts, cereal, etc, (no cooking) with paper plates and cups. We would like to give the breakfast teams a summer break; if you would like to provide breakfast one Sunday (perhaps with a friend), please contact Mary Robert to sign up ([click here](#)). The first Parish Hall breakfast will be June 1. Katharine Flowers and Clayton Ryan will provide. Only 13 more Sundays to go!



Lectionary Readings for June

Sunday, June 1, 2014

Lessons: [Acts 1:6-14](#)
[Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36](#)
[1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11](#)
[John 17:1-11](#)

Sunday, June 8, 2014

Lessons: [Numbers 11:24-30](#)
[Psalm 104:25-35, 37](#)
[Acts 2:1-21](#)
[John 7:37-39](#)

Sunday, June 15, 2014

Lessons: [Genesis 1:1-2:4a](#)
[Psalm 8](#)
[2 Corinthians 13:11-13](#)
[Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Sunday, June 22, 2014

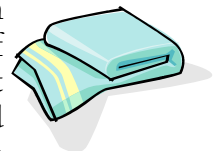
Lessons: [Genesis 21:8-21](#)
[Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17](#)
[Romans 6:1b-11](#)
[Matthew 10:24-39](#)

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Lessons: [Genesis 22:1-14](#)
[Psalm 13](#)
[Romans 6:12-23](#)
[Matthew 10:40-42](#)

Towel sets needed for IHN

All Saints' IHN closet is in need of 10 new sets of towels for our guests. A set includes a bath towel, hand towel and washcloth. If you can help, please bring them to the office between 9am and 4pm, Mon-Thurs, 9am-1pm on Friday, or Sunday morning. Thanks!



Please keep in your prayers:

- ✦ For healing for: Sandy Kaynor & family, Robin & Ginny Heilbron, Ed LaMonte, Sr. Cintra Pemberton, Charlotte Orr, Steve Doan, Clinton Wilson, Rusty Glass, Anne Carpenter, John Simmance, Robert Doyle, Sam Cockrell, Ivan Davidson, Jeannette Hall, 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, Vince Pilgrim, Jamie Pilgrim, Celita Burke, Baby Connor, Kim, Kris & Paul, 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, Skip Shirah, 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
- ✦ For those who have died, especially Sandra Riddle Brobston

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 try to 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 June 2014

Date	Time	Lector	Intercessor	Chalice	Acolytes	Ushers	Altar Guild	Flower Guild	Breakfast	Reception
June 1 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	8am	A Lilly	W Butler	B Ratcliffe		P Mackey H Dodge	J Clearman M Harris J Praytor E Wingard R Williams	S Drew J Simpson	K Flowers C Ryan	
	1030 am	B Harris C Zimmermann	R Gray	L Thomas	B Foster M Williams D Reeves D Reeves	L Wood M Morrison R Bradford A Blair	Bread bakers: J Clearman B Bentley			J Tucker
June 8 <i>Pentecost</i>	8am	P Wilson	J Basenberg	S Willcox		R Dillard W Hannum	↓	E Doyle K Flowers	TBA	
	1030 am	C Gardner V Mitchell	M Durant	L Wood	D Williams M Morrison EM Doyle SF Greene	C Doyle D Greene D Greene				TBA
June 15 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8am	L Hallett	B Evatt	M Taylor		F South H Callaway		C Hall B Hardaway	TBA	
	1030 am	M Kelley R Williams	R Coarsey	N Lancaster	B Foster C Mosley A Atem	H Caddell C Conte H Brewster				C Hall
June 22 <i>2nd Sun. after Pentecost</i>	8am	B Ratcliffe	J Clearman	S Willcox		B & B Evatt		C Mackey K McKenzie	TBA	
	1030 am	M Nissen C Ryan	A Barrett	B Hardaway	B Ayres L Ayres G Ayres	D Mosley M Williams J Ayres M Durant				R Williams
June 29 <i>3rd Sun. after Pentecost</i>	8am	S Willcox	L Hallett	H Callaway		W English M Taylor		B Ratcliffe C Ryan	TBA	
	1030 am	E Kelley J Ayres	M Morrison	B Ayres	D Williams El Doyle H Gardner	J Hamilton B Hines R Pappas				B'day celebration

June Birthdays

1- Rosemary Williams	7- Miller Callaway	16- Valerie Case	24- Kelly Baker	29- Serena Willcox
2- Curt Doyle	10- Katie Anderson	16- Richard Jenkins	24- Pete Wilson	29- Jacob Harkins
2- Tory Cleverdon	10- Kate Nichols	19- Billie Montgomery	25- Caitlin Looney	30- Therese Fuquay
4- Atem Kuot	15- Lister Thomas	21- Jean Alice Basenberg	25- Henry Shields	
6- Edward Caddell	15- Brewer Ayres	22- Liam Ayres	27- Ellen Wingard	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 7th Sunday of Easter 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	2	3	4 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	5 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	6	7
8 Pentecost Sunday 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	9	10	11 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	12 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	13 5:30p Wedding rehearsal	14 10:30a PFLAG 4:30p Wedding
15 Trinity Sunday 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	16 6p Vestry mtg	17	18 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	19 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	20	21 7:15a Food Share packing and distribution Wedding
22 2nd Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	23	24 12N Mobile United	25 9:15a L'Arche –chapel 12N Holy Eucharist	26 12N Al-Anon 7p AA, Smith Rm	27	28
29 3rd Sun after Pentecost 8a Holy Eucharist 9a Breakfast 9:30 Adult Classes 10:30a Holy Eucharist Reception follows	30 6p 15 Place Board					



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Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
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Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley
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All Saints Episcopal Church

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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)