

Tideline

Church of the Servant, Episcopal *Seeking, Serving, Celebrating*

June 2009



Life of Faith

I have been thinking of a few books related to the life of faith. Want to read and discuss?

Madeline L'Engle's *Summer of the Great-Grandmother*. This is L'Engle's memoir of a summer when the family cared for her aging mother at their big country house. It is a story of struggling to care for a much-loved family member whose health, memory, and moods are unpredictable at best. L'Engle's honesty about her feelings as her mother deteriorates fills the book with depth and insight.

Thomas Keating's *Open Heart Open Mind*. In it, this long-time Cistercian contemplative talks

about the kind of prayer that is beyond words and petitions. He leads the reader toward a relationship with God that is based on a mutual gaze of love. Beyond rationality or even consciousness, this relationship often leads to deep healing.

The Word is Very Near You. Written by then Episcopal monk Martin Smith, it leads the reader to an experience of the Bible different from the moral, analytical, or psychological approaches of others. Based in the ancient practice of *lectio divina*, it leads to an encounter with something beyond oneself, with the Divine, as it speaks in Holy Scripture.

One more! Sofia Cavaletti's *The Religious Potential of the Child* is based on Cavaletti's observations of young children as she tried to present the heart of the gospel to them. With a background in Biblical scholarship and guided by Montessori teaching methods, Cavaletti discovered children's deep spiritual lives and offered them phrases and images from scripture and liturgy as "containers" for their faith.

Want to read one or more of these? Let me know and I'll schedule some convenient times for small group discussion. Enjoy a jubilant June! *Catherine*

SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Sunday, June 21st: Service times change to 8:30 and 10AM.
- Sunday morning Christian Education is on summer vacation.
- Note: June Vestry meeting will be held on Tue., June 16th, 7 PM. COS members are welcome to attend.

June at Church of the Servant

Wednesday, June 4: Summer Adult Christian Education begins, 7 PM

Saturday, June 6th: Lobster Fest, 12-5 PM.

Sunday, June 7th: Senior Sunday recognizing graduates from high school, college, graduate

school and all else!

Tuesday, June 9th: 7PM Service and Holy Eucharist with the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel. Confirmation of Marty Brown, Alfreda Gee, Brad Mercier, Kate Mercier, Lauren Posey, Barbara Rowe, Craig and

Diane Snow, and Corey Sugerik.

Sunday, June 14th: Celebration of the Sunday school year and the playground after the 11 AM service. Hotdogs & hamburgers will be provided. **Please bring side dishes and desserts.**



Bargain Box Awards Grants

The Bargain Box Advisory Board is please to announce that grants have been awarded to the following organizations:

Wilmington Waves Basketball Club

DREAMS of Wilmington

Episcopal Farmworkers Ministry

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

First in Families of SE NC (a program of the ARC of NC)

Carousel Center

Home of Hope, India

Preference for grants is given to local agencies and agencies that have not previously received grants from Bargain Box. This year the Board had \$7,700 to award and the requests equaled nearly \$30,000! The deadline for submission for the next grant cycle is March 2010. Application guidelines are available on the Church of the Servant website. Please continue to shop and support Bargain Box, an outreach ministry of Church of the Servant.

Location: 4213 Princess Place Drive. It's behind the Market St. Churches Chicken between N. Kerr Ave. and Barclay Hills Dr.
Phone: 910-362-0603

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 am - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 5pm. (Donations accepted too.); Monday - donations only. Closed Sunday.



Bargain Box International *by Karyn Oetting*

Anyone who has ever had to buy college textbooks knows how expensive they can be—and how quickly they seem to become worthless...at least to you. Internationally, textbooks can have a tremendous secondhand value. No one knows this better than Paul Wilkes, Executive Director of Home of Hope (Prathysasha Bhavan), an orphanage and school for girls located in Southern India. Paul began the program “Used Books, New Lives” to help raise funds for the Home of Hope. The

program recycles books gathered in the states either by reselling them on Amazon.com, or buy donating them to the orphanage's school to create a library. The Amazon resale program raised \$16,000 in 2008, with the money going directly to a scholarship fund for the girls This is an impressive investment, since a mere \$1200 can send an orphan girl in India to college for a year, dramatically changing the course of her life. Additionally, the program provided each grade at the Home

of Hope's school with age-appropriate books for their students—something most of these girls have never had.

The Bargain Box participates by sending appropriate books to Home of Hope. Please consider how your old books could give an orphaned child the chance to become an educated young woman, and bring us your old textbooks, fiction, and non-fiction books. (Books need to be in good condition).

First Friday Dinners

It's time to start rebuilding our chili supplies for the lazy days of summer to feed the guests at Good Shepherd Center each month. We can use canned chili with or without meat, canned chili beans or kidney beans, and canned diced or crushed tomatoes. Checks may

also be given payable to Church of the Servant with “Good Shepherd Dinners” in the memo line.

Volunteers are always welcome to join our teams. Contact Jim and Donna Moriarty at 392-0051 or jamesmoriarty@charter.net.



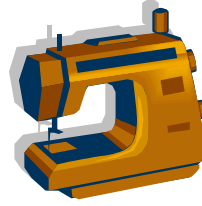
Holy Acts

Our Holiest acts are:
loving,
forgiving,
and
giving.

In these we express the essence
of God.

Amy Newsom

In the Community



Wanted: A heavy-duty sewing machine that is capable of quilting. The sewing class at Pender Correctional trains inmates in various skills to aid in their rehabilitation. Most of their sewing machines are old and beginning to show wear and tear. If you have one that you could donate (tax deductible) or sell (for a reasonable price) please contact Sonja D. Robinson at 910-793-3391.

Learn About General Convention



June 7th and 14th,
9:30 AM, Parish
Hall. Joan Geiszler-
Ludlum will present
an introduction and
overview of the 76th General

Convention, which runs from July
8-17 in Anaheim, CA. Come and
hear about some of the important
issues that will be considered and
learn how to follow the events as
they unfold during the convention.

Pastoral Care—Helping Our Parish Community

Help!!! We need people who are willing to be a part of the visitor and/or phone ministry. There are people in our parish who are chronically ill or shut-ins at home, hospital or in a nursing home and cannot be with us. They would so appreciate a chat once a week or a visit, working within your schedule. If you would like to participate, please contact Sonja: 910-793-3391.

Keep In Touch!

Mamie Bryan; 402 Pine Valley
Wilmington, NC 28412; 791-1817
Calls, Cards, Visits

Mary Davis; The Commons, 54A
2320 41st Street; Wilmington, NC
28403; Cards and Visits

Jim Poteat; 1790 Fork Mountain
Road; Bakersville, NC 28705;
Cards only

James P. Robertson; Seabees
NMCB24; COP RAWAH IRAQ;
APO AE 09370;
jprobertson1165@aol.com

Wanted! Support staff to work with children and teenagers. Teachers, assistants, substitutes, behind-the-scenes planners, resource-gatherers, and phone-call-makers are needed. Will train willing candidates! Call Catherine at 395-0616.

Summer Adult Christian Education

A summer Bible discussion group will begin Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm at the church. It will use the Bible Workbench material, offering open-ended discussion questions designed to lead class

members to deepen their understanding of passages and to apply insights to their own lives. All teens and adults are invited to attend. *(Right: Adult Christian Education this Spring.)*



Ordination of Nathan Finnin

On February 21st, Nathan Finnin was ordained a Priest in the Episcopal Church, two days before his 27th birthday. As a youth Nathan was active in Church of the Servant and served as an acolyte. His Boy Scout Eagle Scout project involved the church's memorial and his ceremony was held at the church. During college Nathan was elected one of six national leaders in Boy Scouts of America.

He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and then Yale Divinity School, class of 2008. Church of the Servant provided support for Nathan as our seminarian. (*Our current seminary student is Susan Dankel.*) The Rev. Nathan McBride Finnin is the Assistant Rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Kinston, NC.



Photos of ordination by John Bauerlein

Treasurer's Report

We had a deficit of \$1,344 in April, bringing our year-to-date deficit is \$10,646. Our budget anticipated a deficit of \$13,269 at this point, so we are doing \$2,623 better than we budgeted. I'm very pleased that our pledge income is \$493 OVER what we expected by the end of April. Our total expenses are under budget by \$2,211 year-to-date. Our Flower Fund will have a small balance left after paying bills for Easter flowers. It

appears that the Palm Sale profit will be over \$2,000, which is higher than it has been most years.

Thank you all so much for your financial support of COS during this financially challenging time.

It is truly gratifying to see you all step up to the plate instead of us having to keep passing the plate! It has been my experience over the years that when I keep my monetary commitment to COS as a first priority, my other financial needs somehow get taken care of. I hope that you are having that same experience. Again, many thanks for your support of our church family. In God's Love, Janet

COS Operating Fund, Income, Expenses April 30, 2009

	Actual March	Monthly Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Revised Annual Budget	Over/Under YTD
Total Income	23,567	22,840	86,574	86,162	281,187	412
Total Expense	26,908	27,340	105,208	107,419	310,675	-2,211
YTD Net Deficit	-3,341	-4,500	-18,634	-21,257	-29,488	2,623
Prior year's net income to offset shortfall	1,997	1,997	7,988	7,988	23,887	0
Net Deficit after offset	-1,344	-2,503	-10,646	-13,269	-5,601	2,623

JUNE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Reminder! June 21st and June 28th Services: 8:30 and 10 AM

ACOLYTES: Contact Arie Gee 515-1085; amg7882@uncw

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Eva Barri	Lauren Posey	Corey Sugerik	Tess Colby
John Barri	Rachel Posey		
Brad Mercier	Hannah Gary		

ALTAR GUILD: Contact Earla Pope 763-6929; earlapope@bellsouth.net

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Rose Bauerlein	Dona Robertson	Rebecca Blake	Sandy Klein & Michelle Colby

LECTORS 8:30 AM: Reader (top line) and Prayers. Contact Grace Crooks 796-6550

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Mark O'Neal	Lee Blalock	Harold Horne	Mary Beth Kohler
Mary Beth Kohler	Phil Van Campen	Veda Wilson	Mark O'Neal

READERS & LEM 11/10AM: Contact Kathie Jorgensen 791-6357; jmail@ec.rr.com.

Top line: OT reading; 2nd line: Epistle; 3rd line: Prayers of the People

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Information not available			

GREETERS 8:30 (top line) and 11/10AM: Contact Joan Geiszler-Ludlum 763-9372; jcgl@ec.rr.com

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Mary Beth Koehler	Joan Geiszler-Ludlum	Alice Willis	Joan Geiszler-Ludlum
Laura Williams	Ken Colston	Alfreda & Courtney Gee	Gail & Jim Burke

VERGERS: Contact Erin Williamson 794-8771; edwrwb@earthlink.net

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Stuart Borrett	David Hoolahan	Mike Barri	Don Hickey

VESTRY PERSON: Contact Mike Chapman 686-3608; michaelchapman@tyson.com

June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Joan Geiszler-Ludlum	Marty Brown	Laura Williams	Dona Robertson

Church Building Schedule: http://www.my.calendars.net/cos_calendar/ If you need a room, parish hall or sanctuary for a meeting or more contact Peggy in the church office in advance for guidelines and reservations: 395-0616.

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