

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

LAST WORDS: CONVERSATIONS ON DEATH WITH LOVED ONES, AUGUST 1 AND 8, 11 AM PARISH HALL

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING, AUGUST 3, 5:30 PM, PARISH HALL

LABYRINTH OPEN FOR WALKING, AUGUST 20 AND 21

Growing Pains

Have you noticed all the new folks, big and small? We had 19 children in the nursery one recent Sunday! We are so glad to be a growing church! But being a successfully growing church requires more than friendliness. It brings change and requires plans and conscious efforts to carry them out.

Studies done by groups such as the Alban Institute (www.alban.org), identify growing pains churches experience. For example, in a small church decisions about who'll do what can be made during coffee hour. As a church grows informal decisions don't work very well—some people feel out of the loop, groups can step on each other's toes inadvertently,

and newcomers aren't effectively included. In a small church someone notices if a regular member is absent for a few weeks and feels responsible to give that person a call. In a bigger church the absence may not be noted or everyone may feel that someone else is following up. In a small church newcomers stand out and friendly folks help them find their way in. In a bigger church no one's sure who's new and who's not. In a smaller church, members feel they have a stake in every important event. They know the person in charge and are more likely to pitch in to help. As a church grows, leaders must consciously build groups and recruit volunteers.

Church of the Servant may experience some of these growing pains. Longer-time members may need to think about how they go about planning and participating in events. They may even have to make some changes! Everyone may have to expend a little more effort to stay informed and included. But the results are worth it: a richer community, new energy and ideas, and more contributions of every kind.

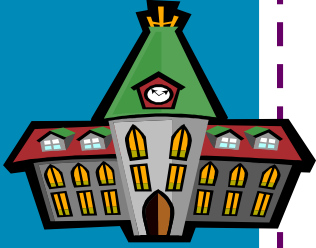
Most importantly, we want to live out our call to help people experience an open, loving church community that seeks, serves, and celebrates together.

Catherine

Parish Picnic

The Newcomers Committee is hosting a parish picnic on Sunday, August 29th at Shelter #6, Hugh McRae Park, from 5-8 PM. We are asked to bring our own picnic and beverage and share our fellowship! Questions? Contact Laura Hickey: LMH17@ec.rr.com.





Back To School!

There are a number of opportunities available to you to assist College Park Elementary School (CPES) next door as they begin another school year.

Volunteer to tutor students, being assigned to a specific grade and/or teacher. Time: 1-2 hours a week. Last year we provided 11 tutors. According to Principal Green our efforts helped raise end-of-the-year test scores and provided powerful positive role models for students. The children, in turn, made framed "Thank You" art and ceramic bowls for their tutors – an exercise in respect and appreciation for others built into their art curriculum and a reflection of our spirit of sharing and caring. The school is asking for even more tutors this year. Contact Luleen Anderson at 686-5389.

Volunteer to work in other school functions (e.g. library, office, food services, etc)

Purchase and donate school uniforms for needy CPES students and/or **purchase and donate classroom supplies**. Contact Alfreda Gee at 259-3218 or Frank

Ogden at 857-753-5942

Attend our 2nd annual CPES Teacher Appreciation luncheon scheduled for August 20th. If you can help by cooking goodies or hosting a table of educators, call Barbara Gonzales at 799-4845.

Donate your soda cans to CPES so that they may earn extra money from the deposit (see storage bin in staff parking lot).

Contribute to the needy CPES family **Christmas celebration**.

Advise your local grocery store to designate CPES as "your choice" to donate a percentage of your store spending to a needy school.

View from the Inside:

I am signing up for my second year of tutoring young children at College Park Elementary school, our next door neighbor. I cannot wait to get started. My last year's experience far exceeded any expectations that I might of have. Having worked with young kids before, I was looking forward to spending some time with them and reinforcing new skills for them.

I did not expect to receive as much love and attention that I might have had from both staff and the kindergarten students I worked with. It was a joy and treat to spend time with them. Although my time was limited (10 to 15 minutes per student), over the year I saw marked improvement in their skills and self-confidence. Despite the short weekly session, I learned a lot about them through the questions they asked me (e.g. how old are you?) or questions I asked them to establish a relationship (e.g. what did you do last weekend?) I continually praised their hard work and their "smartness." The assigned teachers and office support staff were generous with their organization of my assignments and learning materials. Their appreciation for my attendance and work effort was unsurpassed by any previous job experience. If you have any interest in working with young kids that need some TLC, I strongly recommend you consider being a "tutor" volunteer at College Park Elementary School.

God's Peace, *Frank Ogden*

Adult Education

“Last Words: Conversations on Death with Loved Ones” is a two-part series of adult education classes offered after the 10:00 services (roughly, from 11:00-

12:00) on the first two Sundays in August: August 1 and August 8. Deacon Rainey Dankel will offer context, encouragement, and tools to facilitate con-

versations on issues related to death and dying. Come to listen and participate in conversations on this important topic. Childcare will be provided.

Journey to Adulthood Program

Help wanted! We are in **urgent need** of adults who can assist with our Journey to Adulthood program for middle and high school students. Jen Gallo and Margie Hunter, two backbones of the program, are stepping down for a well-earned break. Could you step

up? If you'd like to learn more, contact Cristi Pollock at 798-0562 or Catherine Powell at 395-0616. Many thanks to Bill Mercier who will lead the YAC group and to Christina Mercier who will work with the Rite 13 contingent.

Supply Monitor Needed

Help wanted! The adults who work with our young servants every Sunday morning are in search of a Supply Monitor. This person would occasionally check and organize supply closets and procure specific items needed for weekly craft projects. Contact Cristi Pollock

(798-0562) or Catherine Powell (395-0616).

For either August or September (or both):

On September 12, the Sunday after Labor Day, we will revert to our fall schedule with services at 8:30 and 11:00.

Coming in September

September 12 will be the kick-off Sunday for our fall programs. And, to celebrate, we will be serving ice cream sundaes following church. Don't forget: September 12 will be **SUNDAE SUNDAY!**

On September 19, we will celebrate Holy Cross Day with the blessing of our new Stations of the Cross. These wooden depictions of the moments between Jesus' trial and entombment have been handcrafted for us by Walt Hutchins. We will use them each year during Lent as focal points for meditation.

Bargain Box: A Person to Person Ministry



In this tenth anniversary year, we are celebrating all the good that Bargain Box (BB) has done both here in Wilmington and in its stores in Cody, Wyoming. A hard-to-describe part of the BB ministry is the healing contact between BB volunteers and staff and those who visit. Manager Kathy Vezzetti has always oriented new workers so that they understand the importance of each interaction. "You are somebody"—or in Christian terms "God loves you"—is a message that can be communicated by word and attitude at every point of contact.

Please read the following excerpt to hear a little more about this. It was written by

Terry Call, the new manager of the Bargain Box Stores in Cody, WY in a letter to the Vestry there. His words tell of his deepening understanding of this person-to-person ministry. Though his comments are about the Cody stores, his insights also describe the ministry of our store in Wilmington.

Catherine

The Bargain Box staff is made up of unique individuals. They are not typical retail employees and they cannot be. ... They show genuine care for the diverse range of shoppers who frequent the stores. ... It is clear to me that the Bargain Boxes are places where God's work is happening every day in important and life-altering ways. Individuals who are often marginalized are being shown God's love. God is working in ways more deeply than I had known.

...I have heard [about the depth of the Bargain Box ministry

over the years but have] been blown away the past few weeks by the scope of the outreach that takes place even before we consider mission funds.

We all know that clothing is received, sorted, sold, and given away. We all know about the free bin, the bargain bucks, and the low prices. We all know about the community outreach of providing jobs. But we truly cannot fully comprehend, I believe, without seeing it first hand, without sharing time with the staff at the Bargain Boxes. I did not fully grasp it.

...I think it is the beauty of God's work that brings to us people who need jobs and have the skills and qualities including empathy to fill the roles that the rest of us do not have time for. We are blessed by the giftedness of our staff. The Bargain Boxes are, using a cliché, the people that work there, not the buildings.

Terry Call

Coming Up!
"Bargain Box Bop A Funraiser" Karaoke for all ages
September 6th, Church of the Servant, 6-9 PM
Details in next month's Tideline

Outreach Committee Adopts Mission Statement

At Church of the Servant, outreach is not the energy used when all important tasks are done. It is the tithing of our freshest energy to live out God's promise. The outreach efforts of our church are vital components of a Christian life fully lived. It is the mission of the Outreach Committee to provide guidance and coordination of the outreach interests of the parish. It is the responsibility of each member of the parish to devote themselves to projects that sustain their own

ministries and are chosen in terms of their own time and talents.

Motto: "Be faithful in our preaching and, if necessary, use words."

You are invited to learn more about Outreach at COS on August 3rd, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall. There are many opportunities to become involved: Bargain Box of Wilmington Care Kits and Banana Splits Christmas from COS

College Park Elementary: Tutoring, Uniform collection, Back-to-school Lunch
 Empty Bowls
 Pathways to Growth
 Good Shepherd Center
 Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
 Interfaith Refugee Ministry
 Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network



First Friday Team, Good Shepherd Center

In Memoriam

Matt Sloan, son of COS members Judy and Jerry Sloan died unexpectedly during the early morning hours of June 13. He was 29 years old.

Matt was an amazing young man who lived life to the fullest and made the most of every moment. His scope of interests was huge. One of his loves was music and many of us heard his beloved band Sloan River Project at Church of the Servant and Lebanon Chapel on Sunday May 30.

Matt was never happier than when he was at his "spiritual homes," including ones that are also dear to many of us: Trinity Center in Atlantic Beach, NC, and Kanuga Conference Center, in Hendersonville, NC. He grew up attending camp and participating in many other Episcopal youth events at Trinity and Kanuga, and these events and staff members he met

had a great role to play in the development of his faith.

During his college years and afterward, he served as a counselor and mentor to young people following in his footsteps, and countless messages on his Facebook page record the impact he had on so many youths. It has been said that Matt had a particular gift for spotting the young person who was on the fringes, feeling awkward and alone, and reaching out to bring them into his group. He never met a stranger, and his legacy is one of acceptance and love.

Matt had recently moved to New Orleans and was working with Episcopal Relief and Development to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. At the time of his death, he was focused on applying for a grant that would fund landscaping for these homes, so that beauty would be brought back, the birds

would return, and the people living there would not only have their bodies sheltered, but their souls fed.

If you would like to help fulfill this dream you can send a contribution to St. Andrew's-on-the-Sound, 101 Airlie Road, Wilmington, NC, 28403, marked "Matt's Trees." Donations are also being accepted at Kanuga Conferences, Inc., P.O. Box 250, Hendersonville, NC, 28793, for a perpetual scholarship fund that is being established in Matt's memory, so that a lack of money will not deter young people from being able to participate in Matt's much-loved youth events. Donation checks can be made out to Kanuga Conferences and marked "Matt Sloan Fund."

We thank God for the life and legacy of this vital young man.

Adapted from the Wilmington Star-News

The Church of the Servant extends heartfelt condolences to: Chuck and Hiromi Church on the death of Chuck's brother, Bill Church, on July 2, 2010, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

"Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them." BCP p.387

Pastoral Care

A Deacon's Thanks: On June 7, I had a total knee replacement. I was in the hospital and re-hab for eight days. Now I am at home, going to physical therapy three times a week and generally doing well (in fact, better than I could

have imagined).

Much of my mental and physical well-being is due to the care I received from the care I received from the COS parish family so thank you for your calls, cards, visits, the rides you gave and the meals you cooked and delivered.

It's quite interesting to be on the receiving end of pastoral care. I'm happy to say it works!!!

Wishing you all peace and an abundance of God's

Love,

Sonja

Treasurer's Report

Good news: The Lobster Sale will net more than \$12,000! Bad news: Pledge income was drastically down in June -- \$6,000 less than we anticipated. The end result is that June had net income of \$4,111 which included the \$12,000 from the Lobster Sale. Year to date, we have a deficit of \$4,714, which is better than we budgeted but still less than I'd

hoped. Giving statements through 6-30 are now available in the narthex, so please pick yours up to save postage. If you notice any discrepancies between your records and mine, please call me at 270-0040. Except for expenses for the J2A pilgrimages, there was only ordinary activity on our other funds in June.

Summer almost always brings a downturn in our income as folks go on vacation, etc., but our expenses continue at their regular pace. Please do your best to keep your donations up to date to help us stay current in paying our bills. Many thanks to all who so generously give resources to support the programs and ministries of COS.

In God's Love, Janet

Operating Fund, 06/30/2010	Actual June	Monthly Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget	Over/Under YTD
Total Income	29,965	34,807	154,674	157,542	312,687	-2,868
Total Expense	26,218	27,330	159,752	164,676	326,293	-4,924
YTD Net Deficit	3,747	7,477	-5,078	-7,134	-13,606	2,056
Prior year's net income, offset shortfall	364	364	364	364		0
Net Deficit after offset	4,111	7,841	-4,714	-6,770	-9,188	2,056
Balance Remaining on Property Loan:	441,499					

Stewardship

When I think of stewardship, I think about giving. How much of my stuff am I giving away? And as a well-trained consumer, I always expect something in return for what I give. We generally expect to get something of higher value than what we give away, and you can easily argue that what Church of the Servant provides is very

well worth our pledge. But, honestly, that's not the point. Stewardship reminds me that I'm not just a consumer and this is not "my stuff." Stewardship means that I have been given these resources only to distribute them to others.

Time and money are worthless until we put them to use by giving them away.

Erin Williamson



August Services Schedule

ACOLYTES: Contact Arie Gee: amg7882@uncw.edu

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Hannah Gary	Lauren Posey	Eva Barri	Rachel Posey	Tess Colby

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

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Cheryl Plowden Margie Hunter	Rose Bauerlein	Rebecca Blake	Dona Robertson	Margie Hickman

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

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Chip Blalock John Ormond	Veda Wilson Chris Moore	Kemille Moore Mark O'Neal	John Ormond Phil Van Campen	Mark O'Neal Veda Wilson

READERS & LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS (LEM) 10AM: Contact Kathie Jorgensen 791-6357; jmail@ec.rr.com.

Top line: OT reading; 2nd line: Epistle; 3rd line: Prayers of the People; * indicates chalice bearers

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Elaine Shappell* Carl Salisbury* Margie Hickman	Joanne Best* Bill Christophersen* Liz Bryan	Sandra Sink* Mary Ellen Stokes John Bauerlein*	Phil Stine Rhoda Gary* Jan Christophersen*	Laura Williams* Abram Barefoot* Rebecca Blake

GREETERS 8:30 (top line) and 10AM: Contact Sharon Irwin 392-9722; sharonirwin@peoplepc.com

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Grace Crooks Alfreda/Courtney Gee	Anne Knopf Rose Bauerlein	Cheryl Plowden Sharon Irwin	Frank Ogden Betty Brownlee	Alice Willis Kim Sincox

VERGERS: Contact Barbara Rowe 799-5922; browe5012@yahoo.com

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Barbara Rowe	Doug Sincox	Mike Barri	Rodney Matthews	David Hoolahan

FINANCE/DEPOSIT: Contact Joan Geiszler-Ludlum

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Susan Beam	Dona Robertson	Joan Geiszler-Ludlum	Mary Ames Booker	Carl Salisbury

VESTRY PERSON: Contact Philip Stine 793-4469; philipstine@earthlink.com

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Don Hickey	David Hoolahan	Carl Salisbury	Cristi Pollock	Don Hickey



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Environmental Stewardship

Kanuga Conference Center near Asheville is having an environmental stewardship conference: *Sustainability: A Matter of Faith*. It will be held Oct. 17-19. Find out more from the brochure on the bulletin board or by visiting www.kanuga.org. Leaders will include Sally Bingham of The Regeneration Project and Interfaith Power and Light, Barbara Crafton author and spiritual director, Jamie Ager of Hickory Nut Gap Farm, and Mark Robertson of The Nature Conservancy of South Carolina.