



The Trumpet

Our Mission: *To seek and serve Christ in others, loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

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For Auld Lang Syne

Dear Friends,

On August 29th I awoke in the morning and somehow realized I had turned fifty years old. For me it was a milestone in that it moved me towards some personal reflection, life perspective and prayer. But what made it even more special was being able to share it with so many members of my CEC family. Thank you all for coming to the Wednesday night service and offering your words of kindness and support to me! The best gift I could have ever received was to be able to share and celebrate our Lord's presence in the Eucharist with my CEC family. I love being able to do this every Sunday, but it was even more special to be able to do this with you on a day that meant so much to me.

Did you know that the words: "For Auld Lang Syne," are Scottish for "Old Long Since?" Which refers of course to remembering the good old days? This is our traditional song we sing every New Years Eve, ready to embark upon another milestone of our lives. But I must admit I have always been somewhat puzzled over why we sing this particular song to mark such special days of our lives? Should old acquaintance be forgotten?

If you remember the 1989 movie "When Harry Met Sally," the actor Billy Crystal, who played the character Harry Burns said to Sally Albright played by Meg Ryan, "What does this song mean?" "My whole life, I have never known what this song means. I mean, should acquaintance be forgotten? Does that mean we should forget old acquaintances, or does it mean if we happened to forget them, we should remember them, which is not possible because we already forgot them?"

My thoughts on this are whether we are 50 years of age, or whether we are older or younger, the most important thing in life is our acquaintances with

each other, even if they are but just for a brief time on Sundays. Everyone at Christ Church is welcome! Therefore our brief acquaintances are but the beginnings of how we begin to open ourselves into deeper relationships in Christ Jesus. Our acquaintances are the beginnings of something greater we can share.

On September 9 we will enjoy our Ministry Celebration Day and the unveiling of our Kid's Kingdom. All of our ministries are opportunities for us to serve and grow deeper in our relationships with God and with each other. I ask everyone to take the Kid's Kingdom tour and also view all the ministry posters in the parish hall. Take your time to discover how you can get more connected into the life of our church. My hope is that as we continue to grow in numbers we move from acquaintances into being a more intimate church family. We do this by connecting ourselves together through all our ministries. So if you're not involved in one or more of our ministries at Christ Church please take this opportunity to prayerfully consider how you can better serve our Lord and each other. You will find a brief description and contact information on each ministry poster. Ask, seek, and you will find! God has called you here for a particular reason. What is it? How can it be discovered by serving through our ministries? Only you can answer that for yourself. At Christ Church we are more than mere acquaintances – we are a family of God's people! These *are* the good old days and they are getting better and better as we grow deeper together in God's love!

Peace,

Bruce†

Nominations for Vestry Members and Delegates to Council

Elections for Vestry members and Delegates to Diocesan Council will be held after the 10:30 service on Ingathering Sunday, Nov 4th. We will be electing three members to three year terms to service on the Vestry beginning January 1, 2008; and four delegates and an alternate to Diocesan Council which will be held in Galveston in February 2008.

Who may serve on the Vestry or as Delegates to Diocesan Council? Communicants in good standing who are at least 18 years of age may serve on the Vestry and as Delegates to Diocesan Council.

The Vestry Nominating Committee (Robert Wren and Bernie Davies) are now accepting nominations. You may nominate a member of the church (with their prior knowledge and consent) or yourself.

For the purpose of the Church Cannons, a "communicant in good standing" is a member (Confirmed Episcopalian) who for the previous year at Christ Church has been faithful in corporate worship, (unless for good cause prevented), and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

Candidates for the Vestry will have expressed a willingness to attend all Vestry meetings (unless for good cause prevented), attend a Vestry retreat held on a Saturday in February, and be prepared to actively serve as a member or as a liaison of a church ministry. Vestry members are not to be in charge of all ministries but are assigned to enable them through stewardship of the church budget.

Candidates for Delegates to Diocesan Council will have expressed a willingness to attend all meetings of Council as scheduled by the Bishop.

No retiring member of the Vestry, elected by the congregation for a full-term, shall be eligible for re-election until a period of one year shall have elapsed, unless approved in writing by the Bishop.

Nominations will be accepted until October 21st. The Nominating Committee will then present names of candidates, and these names will be published before the election on Nov 4th.

A blade of grass

Said a blade of grass to an autumn leaf, "You make such a noise falling! You scatter all my winter dreams."

Said the leaf indignant, "Low-born and low-dwelling! Songless, peevish thing! You live not in the upper air and you cannot tell the sound of singing."

Then the autumn leaf lay down upon the earth and slept. And when spring came she waked again -- and she was a blade of grass.

And when it was autumn and her winter sleep was upon her, and above her through all the air the leaves were falling, she muttered to herself, "O these autumn leaves! They make such a noise! They scatter all my winter dreams."

- Kahlil Gibran



Jesus...said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. (Mark 10:14-16)

Alleluia! Christ's Kingdom has come to the children of Christ Episcopal Church!

By David Enders

Of course, His Kingdom has been in their hearts since the day they were born. God has a plan for each and every one of our children as he does for each one of us. Now, that plan includes a new and exciting way for them to learn the Word of the Lord, for us to minister to them in meaningful, fun and creative ways and for them to minister to us in their own special way. The Kid's Kingdom at CEC is an example of the magical and lasting impact of first-hand learning. Anyone who has kids or who has taught kids knows that lecturing will get you only so far...kids don't want you to tell them what you know...they want to find out for themselves!

And Kid's Kingdom will allow them to do just that. Through a series of three rotational workshops: The Master Peace Theatre, Thou Art Studio and the Garden of Eatin' -- kids will be allowed to experience Bible stories by acting them out, moving, playing, tasting, smelling, creating, watching, building and interacting -- in short, by living them and creating their own personal stories that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

It has always therefore been one of my main endeavours as a teacher to persuade the young that first-hand knowledge is not only more worth acquiring than second-hand knowledge, but is usually much easier and more delightful to acquire.

(C.S. Lewis, Introduction to On the Incarnation by St. Athanasius)

The Kid's Kingdom concept of Sunday School took root at CEC last fall, says Brielle Giard, head of Children's Ministries. "The Bonners took me to several churches in the area with wonderfully themed rooms for their children's ministries and the wheels started turning." After the concept was introduced to Sunday School teachers and children's ministry volunteers, the three learning workshops were developed. The Master Peace Theatre performing arts room, the Thou Art Studio craft room and the Garden of Eatin' food science room were unanimous favorites. After all, what kid doesn't like to pretend, make stuff and eat?

"Literally, blood, sweat and tears have gone into creating Kid's Kingdom," Giard says. Even before the idea was presented to the congregation last June, much time was spent collecting ideas and resources from other successful programs. And then came building the physical Kingdom workshops themselves. "The excitement about the program was so apparent and many spirit led volunteers stepped forward to offer their talents," Giard notes. "As you walk through each room you can see the loving touch of so many that helped with this project. From our youngest parishioners to some of our oldest, this transition has been the work of many." Even other parishes became involved. St. Michaels in Austin uses the rotation model and offered to share their curriculum.

Another blessing of the rotational model is that it opens up many more opportunities to CEC adults who would love to minister to (and be ministered to) by our wonderful children, but didn't think they quite fit the Sunday School teacher mold. Says Giard, "There are jobs in the Kid's Kingdom for anyone who loves the Lord and wants to share that love with our children."

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The new Sunday School program's potential for outreach in the community is another exciting aspect. "I hope that our kids will be begging their parents to bring them to Sunday school and that they will be inviting their friends to share in the adventure," says Giard. "I pray that, ultimately, the Kid's Kingdom will help our children come to know Jesus Christ and that they will enjoy their journey with Him."

And as our kids come to know the Lord, it is in their nature to share that love and minister right back to all of us in that clear-eyed, simple and completely natural way they have about them. You know the way.

So often people say that we should look to the elderly, learn from their wisdom, their many years. I disagree, I say we should look to the young: untarnished, without stereotypes implanted in their minds, no poison, no hatred in their hearts. When we learn to see life through the eyes of a child, that is when we become truly wise.

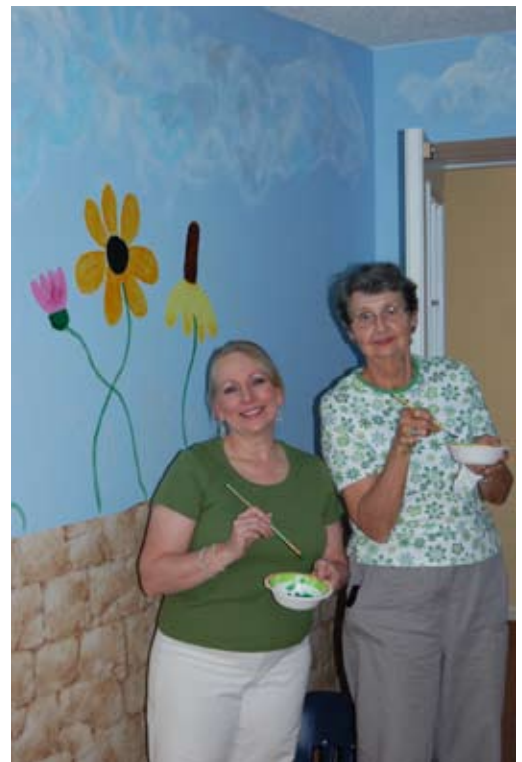
(Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



Pillars of Faith: Dan Giard puts the finishing touches on a column in the Master Peace Theatre.



How many Episcopalians does it take to put in a light fixture? Randall Holaban stands on a three-legged stool as Robert Wren and Arthur Callaway discuss how they liked the old fixture better.



Art for Kid's Sake: Kathryn Bonner and Carolyn Dupy offer their artistic touches to the Thou Art Studio craft room.

Ministry Schedules for September

Sept. 9

10:30 a.m.

Burl Judy/Sarah Martinez: **Lectors**
Burl Judy/Sarah Martinez: **LEMs**
Elizabeth Burba/Cindy Wells: **Hospitality**
Martha McEver: **Altar Guild**
Mandy Moore/Katie Scanlon: **Ushers**
Suzie Scanlon/Jonah Reeh: **Accolytes**

Sept. 16

10:30 a.m.

Carolyn Dupy/Robert Wren : **Lectors**
Carolyn Dupy/Robert Wren: **LEMs**
Shirley Murphy/Fran Hart: **Hospitality**
Polly Enders: **Altar Guild**
Frank Wells/Mike Reeh: **Ushers**
Fallon and Gianna Gordy: **Accolytes**

Sept. 23

10:30 a.m.

Fran and Jim Hart: **Lectors**
Fran and Jim Hart: **LEMs**
Muriel Kalita/Jan Halstead: **Hospitality**
Cathy Valusek: **Altar Guild**
Joel and Travis Holliman: **Ushers**
Amelia Gossett/Annaissa Kalita: **Accolytes**

Sept. 30

10:30 a.m.

Arthur Callaway/Joan Steele: **Lectors**
Arthur Callaway/Joan Steele: **LEMs**
Cindy Wells: **Hospitality**
Arthur Callaway/Mandy Moore: **Ushers**
Jobie Guzman: **Altar Guild**
Travis Hart/Elias Martinez: **Accolytes**

Oct. 7

10:30 a.m.

Marilee Verdesca/Randall Holahan: **Lectors**
Marilee Verdesca/Randall Holahan: **LEMs**
Elizabeth Burba/Cindy Wells: **Hospitality**
Rachel & Joel Holliman: **Accolytes**

September Vestry of the Month:
Sarah Martinez and Robert Wren



Camp Allen to host Fifth Annual Southwest Region Retreat of the C.S. Lewis Foundation

Camp Allen will host November 9-11 this C.S. Lewis retreat entitled: Seas, Islands and Solid Ground: Navigating the False Infinities with C.S. Lewis. During this weekend, participants will explore the writings of C.S. Lewis. The guest speaker will be Dr. Jerry Root, Adjunct Professor of Christian Formation and Ministry, Wheaton College, Illinois. Dr. Root is co-editor of the "Quotable C.S. Lewis" and author of many scholarly articles on Lewis. He has been reading Lewis for 32 years, teaching college and graduate courses on Lewis for 22 years, and exudes a pastoral heart that has deeply enriched the lives of all who have studied with him.

At the same time, Andrew Lazo and the Camp Allen staff will have an exciting children's program during the main lecture times. The program has acting, role playing, arts and crafts, and outdoor activities.

Camp Allen is the ideal setting for a peaceful retreat that succors body, mind, and soul. It will surely provide you and your family with the perfect respite before the frenzy of the holiday season. Go to www.campallen.org to register for the conference. To learn more about the retreat, visit the C.S. Lewis Foundation at www.cslewis.org.

Four things for success:

Work and pray.
Think and believe.

Norman Vincent Peale

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