

THE MESSENGER

ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MORROW, GEORGIA

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum

11:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Children's Sunday School

3rd Sundays

Youth Group

Office Hours

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

M-W-F

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Parish Mission Statement

To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by providing a safe, loving and inclusive environment, celebrating community diversity, and sharing God's gifts with all people.

June 2018

CELESTIAL BASKETBALL

Dear Friends,

Summer is near! I hope at some point during the months ahead you are able to find time to relax and renew. As the prayer book reminds us, "in returning and rest we shall be saved..."

Speaking of renewal, I'm reminded of a favorite hymn: Morning has Broken. If you are old enough, you might remember that back in the early 1970's this hymn was recorded by the pop singer Cat Stevens. The Brunswick High School Concert Choir sang it at the Spring Concert.

Verse 3: Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
 born of the one light Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation, praise every morning,
 God's re-creation of the new day!

In rehearsal we continually misread the text. Mr. Harrison became exasperated. He told us again and again, "It's God's RE-creation. not God's recreation. God RE-creates every single day. As far as we know, God does not play basketball!"

We got it right for the concert.

Anyway, all that is to say this: summer is a time for renewal, and church is a place for renewal.

On Sunday, June 3, graduating high school senior Ikenna Obi will give the address. We will hear a gifted young man's perspective on life and faith.

Father's Day is June 17. Join us for a 10 am potluck breakfast in honor of our dads.

Beginning June 24, our Dream Group will meet on the fourth Sunday of each month. Everyone is invited.

Looking ahead, Vacation Bible School for grades K-6 is scheduled for July 9-13. Registration will be held on Saturday, June 23, and Saturday, June 30, from 10 am until 1 pm. Contact JoAnn Blackstock for more information.

Are there basketball courts in heaven? Could be...

Fr. Barry+

Vestry, Anyone?

EXPECTATIONS OF PROSPECTIVE WAFFLE HOUSE EMPLOYEES

Some time ago I noticed a sign at our local Waffle House. The headline caught my eye: WAFFLE HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES. In smaller print I read these words: "We are looking for Associates who have the following attributes: honest, attentive, happy, team player, reliable, friendly, energetic, positive attitude."

"Hmm," I thought. "These qualities needed for Waffle House employment are pretty much the same qualities needed for vestry service. Interesting."

Our vestry doesn't require perfect people. (There are no such people, by the way.) Simply stated, the vestry needs people who are basically honest, attentive, happy, team players, reliable, friendly, energetic, and who have a positive attitude. These are the qualities vestry members need to have, along with a desire to serve and follow Jesus. That's pretty much it.

In June 1988 I began my ordained ministry at St. Margaret's Church, Carrollton. I was a transitional deacon, later to be ordained priest. One of my responsibilities given by Fr. Callahan was the oversight of Sunday School.

In early August we held an organizational meeting for Christian Ed teachers. At the onset of the meeting I asked them, "Why did you agree to teach Sunday School?"

I will never forget the response of a woman named Jo. Jo said, "I have received so much. I just want to give back some of the good that was given to me."

I can't think of a better reason to serve. Can you?

Fr. Barry



After many years on hiatus, Vacation Bible School is Back!

St. Augustine's will have a vacation bible school for children grades K through 6. it will run from July 9th through the 13th from 9:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m.

Registration will be held in the **Parish Hall on Saturday June 23rd** and in the **Founders Hall on June 30th from 10 until 1 p.m.** Space is very limited!

Volunteers are needed! If anyone is interested in helping, we will have a meeting on **June 16, 1:00-3:30 p.m.** in the parish hall For more information, please contact JoAnn Blackstock 516 642 6562.

Join in the fun and discover your "Inner Hero."

Events Calendar

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II (NO Children's Sunday School or Youth Group for the Summer)</p>					1	2
<p>3 - Pentecost II</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9 8:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10:00 Vestry Meeting 10:00 a.m.
<p>10 - Pentecost III</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II</p>	11	12	13	14	15	16 1:00 p.m. Meeting for VBS Volunteers (lunch provided)
<p>17 - Pentecost IV</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Fathers Day Pot Luck Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II</p>	18	19	20	21	22	23 10:00am - 1:00pm VBS Registration (Parish Hall)
<p>24 - Pentecost V</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II 12:15 p.m. Dream Group</p>	25	26	27	28	29 RIJA	30 10:00am - 1:00pm VBS Registration (Founders Hall) RIJA (Restorative Justice)

Keep in Your Prayers

Parishioners

Fred Barwise
JoAnn Blackstock
Dwight Briggs
J.B. Burke
John Cockrell
Judy Erhardt-Sinor
Evelyn Fowlkes
Doug Francis
Glenda Frederick
Mandy Gray
Elaine Irwin
Lidia Lower
Sylvia Lynch
Graham Maddux
Ronica & Bonnie Malvea
Pat Mathis
Kim McDonald
Jamie & Richard Rasche
Claron Robinson
Wilma Ross
Henry & Elsa Sisco
Donna Smith
Becky Weaver
Flo Webster
Alvin Williams
Maisie Williams
Thelma Williams

Those On Active Duty In The Military

Justin Q. Johnson
Henry Olcoroafor
Dylan Reynolds
Paris Reynolds

Those Beyond Our Parish

Vicki Abbott
Emily Beatty
Rick Bishop
Ed Boggan
Glenda Bradham
Lee & Barbara Bradley
Paul Brown
Jeffrey and Monica Caudle
Rylee and Blayke Caudle
Tim Condrey
John Conti
Gail Conville
Lisa Crumbley

Rachel Daniel
Dallas Ellis III
Evelyn Fry
David Harwood
Deacon Liz Grant-Hilton
Candis Harrison
Jason Honea
Alyssa Johnson
Haylee Kane
Lynda & Mitchell Kennerly
Betty Lewis
Laurie Lopez
Jimmy Martin
Luke and Heath Martin
David McDonald
Cathy McWilliams
Brian Mesch
Bill Monk
Alma Moore
Paula & Scott Payne
Odette Pisanti
Bob Putman
David Putman
The Rev. Jim and Elizabeth Pritchett
The Prock Family
Charles & Gail Ramsburg
Jen Ray
Kristin Reynolds
Irene Rogers
Harriet Ronkin-Lynton
Jerry Scott
Carol & David Shepard
Monica Shepard
Dennis Smith
The Rev. John Stanton, Former Rector
James Steerman and Family
Harriette Thompson
Mozelle Vample
Ricky Walls & Andy McDowell
Dorothy White
The Rt. Rev. Don Wimberly

Happy Birthday

Napoleon Babb	06/02
Isis White	06/02
Enifome Uyeh 0	06/03
Pedro Rivas	06/04
Joy Marshall	06/09
Ruben Uyeh	06/10
Ginny Harrell	06/13
Elsa Sisco	06/13
Veronica Ridenhour	06/17
Victoria Buntin	06/21
Kim McDonald	06/28
Sasha Huston	06/30

Happy Anniversary

Vincent & Comfort Obi	06/03
Robert & Ginny Harrell	06/05
Jackie & Emory Fears	06/23

Sympathy to

Deborah Barwise and family on the deaths of her parents Helen and Bernie Johnson.

Kathy Maddux and family on the death of her father Clyde Franklin.

Ministers of Worship

June 2018

Please be at the church 20 minutes prior to the service and report to the Verger. If you are not available, please 1) find a replacement and (2) update the Church Office for bulletin changes. If you cannot find a replacement, contact the Verger of the Day.

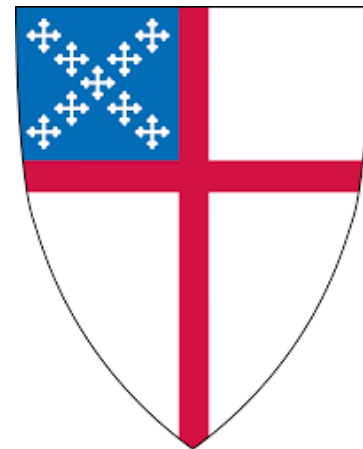
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DATE	TIME	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS
1st SUNDAY JUNE 3	9 AM	VERGER:CHUCK D. CRUCIFER- MARY JOB LESSON 1- DONNA S.	PSALM- MARY JOB LESSON 2- MARY JOB P.O.P.- EVELYN FOWLKES SERVER/CHALICE -MARY JOB		JENNA J. OLIVIA J.	
	11 AM	CRUCIFER- EZINNE I. TORCH- OLUCHI IFI TORCH-CHINELO IFI LESSON 1-ELAINE B.	LESSON 2- KATHY MADDUX P.O.P.- BECKY WEAVER SERVER/CHALICE-GINNY H. CHALICE- VERONICA R.	FOWLKES MALVEA D. SMITH L. WILLIAMS	CORRIE WEST	PEGGY BEAL
2nd SUNDAY JUNE 10	9 AM	VERGER:CHUCK D. CRUCIFER- LEE CASH LESSON 1- JUDY T.	PSALM- LEE CASH LESSON 2- BILL SIMS P.O.P.- SUSANNE ROSS SERVER/CHALICE- LEE CASH		CLYDE WELLER	
	11 AM	CRUCIFER- O.J. UYEH TORCH-RUBENA U. TORCH-SAPPHYRE W. LESSON 1-COMFORT OBI	LESSON 2- RUBENA UYEH P.O.P.- ROBERT HARRELL SERVER/CHALICE-VERONICA CHALICE-WES WILLIAMS	JOB OWEN	SUSANA KYLE	LENA WILLIAMS
3rd SUNDAY JUNE 17	9 AM	VERGER: PHIL KYLE CRUCIFER- JENNA J. LESSON 1- DONNA S.	PSALM- MATT JOHNSON LESSON 2- MATT JOHNSON P.O.P.- FLO WEBSTER SERVER/CHALICE- MATT J.		PHYLLIS SMITH	
	11 AM	CRUCIFER-JEFF T. TORCH- O.J. UYEH TORCH- ZINO UYEH LESSON 1- ROBERT H.	LESSON 2- O.J. UYEH P.O.P.- ELAINE BEAL SERVER/CHALICE- SUSANA K. CHALICE- GINNY HARRELL	HARRELL RIDENH'R WEBSTER	RUBEN UYEH	PEGGY BEAL
4th SUNDAY JUNE 24	9 AM	VERGER: PHIL KYLE CRUCIFER- JENNA J. LESSON 1-JENNA J.	PSALM- MARY JOB LESSON 2-OLIVIA JOHNSON P.O.P.-BILL SIMS SERVER/CHALICE- MARY JOB		FLO WEBSTER	
	11 AM	CRUCIFER-DOUG F. TORCH-MELIK DAVID TORCH-MEKHI DAVID LESSON 1- WES WMS	LESSON 2-MEKHI DAVID P.O.P.-SHARON DAVID SERVER/CHALICE- KATHY M. CHALICE- WES WILLIAMS	BEAL CHEVANNES MILES SIMON	RONICA & BONNIE MALVEA	LENA WILLIAMS

Choir Director: Grace Caudle; Choir Members: Ginny Harrell, Robert Harrell, Laura Henderson, Doug Francis, Kathy Kimmell, Kathy Maddux, Veronica Ridenhour, Thelma Williams

News From The National Church

House of Bishops invites reflections on #MeToo and the Episcopal Church



Confidential responses will help inform bishops' General Convent

By Mary Frances Schjonberg

ion listening session

Posted May 4, 2018

[Episcopal News Service] The House of Bishops is inviting Episcopalians to “share reflections on sexual harassment, abuse and exploitation” ahead of a planned General Convention listening session titled “Pastoral Response to #MeToo.”

A selection of the reflections, with no names attached, will be read as part of the liturgy included in the sessions, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Mary Gray-Reeves of El Camino Real, vice-president of the House of Bishops, said in a May 4 letter to the Episcopal Church.

The #MeToo movement has meant that “the curtain of silence has been drawn back to reveal the pervasive misuse of power, cutting across all races, socio-economic strata, ages and locations, including our own context,” they wrote. “In the Episcopal Church, our practices have not always reflected the values we say we hold. We do not always practice the reconciliation we proclaim.”

The House of Bishop’s Pastoral Response “will focus on listening, liturgy and steps for healing,” according to the [press release issued with the letter](#). It will take place Wednesday, July 4, 5:15 to 7 p.m. CDT. Those not attending the General Convention in Austin, Texas, will be able to participate remotely via a live webcast.

Reflections may be submitted confidentially “by anyone in our church for sharing anonymously in this liturgical setting of repentance, prayer and worship, pledging a way forward for healing, reconciliation and transformation of ourselves and our church,” the bishops said. A member of the reading team will contact people when their reflections have been read and reviewed.

Confidential reflections can be sent to pastoralresponse@episcopalchurch.org or House of Bishops’ Pastoral Response, 815 Second Ave., New York NY 10017.

“We imagine a variety of responses: reflections that speak to the culture of harassment, abuse and exploitation, including insensitive comments, micro-aggressions and other insensitivities,” Curry and Gray-Reeves wrote.

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Their letter notes that the session is a “liturgical and pastoral offering,” not a clergy discipline, or Title IV, hearing. “During the balance of General Convention, there will be resources available for individual pastoral care and Title IV consultations in separate spaces of the Convention Center as people may find the need and desire for continued support and assistance,” the bishops said.

The letter also acknowledges that some submitted reflections “might raise the possibility of a Title IV action” and says that Bishop Todd Ousley of the presiding bishop’s Office of Pastoral Development will communicate with the author directly. The roots of the session are in a [Jan. 22 letter](#) from Curry and the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, president of the House of Deputies, calling on Episcopalians to spend Lent and beyond examining the church’s history and its handling or mishandling of cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse.

Curry and Jennings said in their Jan. 22 letter to the church that they wanted General Convention to discuss these issues because they “want to hear the voice of the wider church as we determine how to proceed in both atoning for the church’s past and shaping a more just future.”

They called in their letter for an Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer on Feb. 14, during which Episcopalians should meditate on how the church has “failed to stand with women and other victims of abuse and harassment.”

Jennings went on to organize a Lenten series of reflections, essays and meditations, some of them explicit in their descriptions, about sexual harassment and exploitation in the church that were posted on the [House of Deputies website](#). In early March, she also appointed a [special House of Deputies committee](#) on resolutions regarding sexual harassment and exploitation. The committee is drafting General Convention resolutions on inclusive theology and language; disparities in pay, hiring, leave and pensions; changes to the Title IV disciplinary process and training; truth and reconciliation; and systemic social justice beyond the church.

Around the same time that Jennings appointed the committee, the House of Bishops convened for its spring retreat meeting during which “after intense conversation and listening,” the May 4 letter said, the bishops formed a task force to create the General Convention pastoral response.

“This pastoral response will support the good work of the House of Deputies whose efforts towards more effective legislation will come before our General Convention this summer,” Curry and Gray-Reeves wrote. “Our intention is to offer a sacred space for listening and further our work of reconciliation in the broken places of our body.”

The New York Times [has described the #MeToo movement](#) as a “mass mobilization against sexual abuse, through an unprecedented wave of speaking out in conventional and social media” that “erod[es] the two biggest barriers to ending sexual harassment in law and in life: the disbelief and trivializing dehumanization of its victims.”

— *The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg is interim managing editor of the Episcopal News Service.*

Source: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/05/04/house-of-bishops-invites-reflections-on-metoo-and-the-episcopal-church/>

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