

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.

May 2018

MOTHER'S DAY AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S MAY 13

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30

POTLUCK LUNCHEON AT 11:45

Dear Friends,

Mother's Day is May 13. This year our children and youth will honor our mothers by offering a 10:30 Youth Led Worship Service (Easter Lessons and Holy Eucharist) followed by an 11:45 potluck luncheon.

There will be no regular 9 am service, no regular 11 am service, no Adult Forum and no Children's Sunday School.

On May 13 Nine O'clockers can sleep late!

Eleven O'clockers need to arrive thirty minutes early! Mark your calendars today...

The Day of Pentecost is May 20. It is the final day of the Fifty Days of Easter. On this day we offer thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church.

The liturgical color is red. You are invited to wear red (red hats are encouraged especially) and enjoy Pentecost cake and punch at 12:15.

I thank once again those who gave of their time and talents during Holy Week and on Easter Day. I am grateful for your service throughout the year. You serve God faithfully and you bless each of us!

May the wisdom of God, the love of God and the grace of God strengthen us to be Christ's hands and heart in this world.

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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 at the Parish Hall on Saturday June 23rd and June 30th from 10 until 1 p.m. registration is very limited.

Volunteers are needed! If anyone is interested in helping with this program please contact JoAnn Blackstock 516 642 6562.

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

Events Calendar

May 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 / Children's Sunday School/ Youth Group (3rd Sunday)</p>		1	2	3	3	5
<p>6 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School</p>	7	8	9	10	11	12
				7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		8:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 10:00 a.m. Vestry Meeting
<p>13 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Youth Led Service</p> <p>11:45p.m. Mother's Day Pot Luck Luncheon</p>	14	15	16	17	18	19
				7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		
<p>20 - The Day of Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School Youth Group 12:15 p.m. Pentecost Cake and Punch</p>	21	22	23	24	25	26
				7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		
<p>27 - The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School</p>	28	29	30	31		
	Memorial Day (office closed)			7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		

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
Bernard Johnson
Haylee Kane
Lynda & Mitchell Kennerly
Betty Lewis
Laurie Lopez
Jimmy Martin
Luke and Heath Martin
David McDonald
Cathy McWilliams
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

Kathleen Francis	05/03
The Rev. Liz Grant-Hilton	05/10
JoAnn Blackstock	05/14
Tim Huston	05/20
Layla Parris	05/22
Charlie Smith	05/23
Kathleen Hayles	05/24
Samantha Heyl	05/28
Kajsa Huston	05/31

Financial Summary

Our budget need year to date is \$52,855.95.

Budget receipts year to date are \$59,499.35, resulting in a budget surplus of \$6,643.40.

Ministers of Worship

May 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.

Vergers: Chuck Dale, chdale@mindspring.com (404 621-4); Phil Kyle , jp_kyle@bellsouth.net , (770 898-4959).

DATE	TIME	SERVERS/LECTORS		ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS
1ST SUNDAY MAY 6	9 AM	VERGER: PHIL KYLE CRUCIFER- JENNA J. LESSON 1- MATT J.	PSALM- MATT JOHNSON LESSON 2- DONNA SMITH P.O.P.- EVELYN FOWLKES SERVER/CHALICE -MATT J.		OLIVIA JOHNSON	
	11 AM	CRUCIFER- EZINNE TORCH- OLUCHI IFI TORCH-CHINELO IFI LESSON 1- SUSANA K	LESSON 2- BILL MARSHALL P.O.P.- BECKY WEAVER SERVER/CHALICE- GINNY H. CHALICE- WES WILLIAMS	FOWLKES MALVEA D. SMITH L. WILLIAMS	CORRIE WEST	PEGGY BEAL
2ND SUNDAY MAY 13	ONE 10:30 SERV- ICE	VERGER: PHIL KYLE			CLYDE WELLER	
YOUTH LED W'SHP		CRUCIFER- OJ UYEH TORCH-SAPPHYRE W TORCH- ZINO UYEH LESSONS- YOUTH	LESSONS- YOUTH P.O.P.- YOUTH SERVER/CHALICE-VERONICA R CHALICE- KATHY MADDUX	JOB OWEN	SUSANA KYLE	LENA WILLIAMS
3RD SUNDAY MAY 20	9 AM	VERGER: CHUCK D. CRUCIFER-LEE CASH LESSON 1- LEE CASH	PSALM- LEE CASH LESSON 2- DONNA SMITH P.O.P.- FLO WEBSTER SERVER/CHALICE- LEE CASH		PHYLLIS SMITH	
PENTE-COST	11 AM	THURFER-VERONICA CRUCIFER- JEFF T. TORCH- O.J. UYEH TORCH- ZINO UYEH LESSON 1- RUBENA U.	LESSON 2- WES WILLIAMS P.O.P.- ELAINE BEAL SERVER/CHALICE- SUSANA K. CHALICE- GINNY HARRELL	HARRELL RIDENH'R WEBSTER	RUBEN UYEH	PEGGY BEAL
4TH SUNDAY MAY 27	9 AM	VERGER: PHIL KYLE CRUCIFER- JENNA J. LESSON 1- JENNA J.	PSALM- MATT JOHNSON LESSON 2- OLIVIA JOHNSON P.O.P.- BILL SIMS SERVER/CHALICE- MATT J.		FLO WEBSTER	
TRINITY SUNDAY	11 AM	CRUCIFER- DOUG F. TORCH-MELIK D. TORCH-MEKHI D. LESSON 1-GINNY H.	LESSON 2- MELIK DAVID P.O.P.- SHARON FRANCIS SERVER/CHALICE- KATHY M. CHALICE- VERONICA R'HOOR	BEAL CHEVANES 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

Episcopal Church joins call for end to Gaza violence and measures to protect Palestinians

By Mary Frances Schjonberg

[Episcopal News Service] Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who visited Gaza City days before protests began along the fence separating the Gaza Strip from Israel, has added the Episcopal Church's name to a joint statement protesting Israel's deadly response to the violence.

The 15 denominations and Christian agencies say that they "cannot be silent" as Gazans have been killed or injured during the first two weeks of protests that are expected to occur until May 15. That is the day when Palestinians mark the "Nakba," which is Arabic for "catastrophe," and commemorates the estimated 700,000 Palestinians who fled or were forced off their land during the war that followed Israel's 1948 declaration of independence from the British mandate of Palestine. That day is expected to be particularly fraught this year because it falls near the day when President Donald Trump plans to move the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a controversial shift in U.S. policy.

Israeli soldiers fired live ammunition into crowds of Palestinian protesters, killing 15 and injuring some 1,000 others during the first day of protests March 30, which was the eve of Passover. Some of those injured later died. Close to 30,000 Palestinians had gathered near the fence for what organizers call the "March of Return."

While the majority of protesters were said to have not engaged in violence, some reportedly used slingshots to shoot stones at Israeli soldiers, lobbed Molotov cocktails over the fence line and sent burning tires rolling to the fence. Israeli Defense Force spokesman Brig. Gen. Ronen Manelis said March 30 that Palestinians were attempting to cross or harm the fence and "IDF troops returned precise fire." He added that live ammunition was used only against those attempting to harm the fence. The IDF has said Hamas, the militant group that controls Gaza, is exploiting the demonstrations as a cover to carry out terrorist attacks.

Violence broke out again a week later on April 6. Seven Palestinians were killed and about 1,400 injured, including nearly 400 with gunshot wounds, the Gaza Health Ministry said.

The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has said it found that, in all, 26 people died, including three children, and 445 children were among the injured. OCHA said no Israeli casualties have been reported.

The churches and agencies said in their April 12 statement that they "support the Palestinian people as they courageously stand up for their rights."

"We have worked in our own context in the cause of justice, peace, and equality, and continue to do so even as we recognize we have too often fallen short in these efforts. We reject the use of violence by individuals, groups or states," they said. "In the wake of demonstrations that have resulted in tragedy and death, and anticipating the continuation of Palestinian protests over the coming weeks, we cannot be silent."

The statement outlines a series of steps the groups would like to see taken:

An end to the use of deadly force by the Israeli military, and support for the call by B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization, to Israeli soldiers to refuse orders to shoot.

An investigation into the deaths and injuries suffered resulting from the use of force.

A censure by the United States, and particularly Trump and members of Congress, of "the violent and indiscriminate actions of the State of Israel" and holding Israel "appropriately accountable, ensuring that U.S. aid isn't used in ways that contravene established U.S. and international laws."

U.S. support for the rights of refugees, including Palestinian refugees, based on international law and conventions. A decision by the United States to resume its full funding of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which supports schools, hospitals and other essential services for Palestinian refugees. The U.S. recently announced that it would provide \$60 million to UNRWA with no assurance of further funding for 2018, an 83 percent funding cut from the 2017 contribution of \$365 million. A call for the international community, including the U.S. government, to insist on an end to the blockade of Gaza, “which has resulted in uninhabitable conditions for the people there, including poverty and lack of sufficient access to clean water, food, medicine and medical supplies, electricity, fuel, and construction equipment.”

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, left, and Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem Suheil Dawani walk March 26 through the barren area between an Israel checkpoint and Gaza City. They were on their way to visit the Anglican Al Ahli Arab Hospital. Their journey took place five days before violence broke out along the fence that separates Israel and the Gaza Strip. Photo: Sharon Jones

The statement said the Palestinians’ efforts to call the world’s attention to their struggle to “recover, their rights — rights as refugees, to demonstrate, and to live in dignity” were met with “an immediate and tragic rejection of those rights.” The denominations and agencies declare themselves “people of hope” who, in the Easter season, believe that those rights will ultimately prevail.

“In this time, we pray fervently, speak clearly, and act diligently in support of peace, justice, and equality,” they conclude.

The signers include the Alliance of Baptists, American Friends Service Committee, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Mennonite Central Committee U.S., National Council of Churches, Pax Christi International, Pax Christi USA, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Reformed Church in America, the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church’s General Board of Church and Society, and the United Church of Christ.

After the first violence on March 30 and the day before the second round, Churches for Middle East Peace, or CMEP, a coalition of 27 U.S. denominations and organizations of which the Episcopal Church is a member, said, “we fully affirm the right of the Palestinian people to engage in nonviolent resistance.”

The organization said, “Resorting to live fire against unarmed demonstrators is a negligent and inexcusable response that failed to distinguish between those who came to protest peacefully and those with more malicious intentions.”

In a related move earlier this week, Curry signed onto a CMEP letter to Trump calling on the administration to “protect the vulnerable Christian communities in the Holy Land” and oppose official Israeli efforts that it said would financially harm churches.

The letter refers to Jerusalem Municipality’s plan to collect taxes on all church property not used exclusively as houses of worship. Including back taxes, the churches were told to pay approximately \$186 million, according to the letter. The Israeli Knesset is also considering legislation that would permit Israel to retroactively expropriate land sold by the Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches since 2010.

The Times of Israel recently reported that the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem has been hit with a bill of the equivalent of nearly \$2 million. Curry learned during his Holy Week trip to the Holy Land that Muslim religious groups would owe \$120 million. Even though the controversial plan was put on hold early in March, the diocese’s accounts are still frozen.

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

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