

# 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

Flexible for the Present  
Call office and leave a  
message

Telephone: 770-961-9353

## 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.

October 2018

## The Warden's Corner

*The Geranium Farm*

Written By B C Crafton

I haven't written about bread this summer, although every gospel reading in Episcopal churches throughout August has been about bread — I need to watch my carbs. But here is an essay from 2009, which appeared in *THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY*, that I think has something to say about a decade later. (A recipe for bread was removed for space considerations.)

### EAT IT ALL TODAY

Jesus can't go anywhere without being mobbed. People hunt him down; they even demand to know when he got where he is, as if they have the right to see his itinerary. Everyone has heard about the miraculous food—"Five Thousand Fed From Five Loaves!"—and everyone wants more. Maybe that's why there are two very similar stories of bread multiplication in the New Testament—maybe we want more too.

Find the important man and attach yourself to him, and you'll be all right. In the people's memory, Moses is the go-to man: the intimacy with God Israel enjoys has been an institution for centuries, and they are proud of that intimacy. If it was good enough for Moses, it's good enough for them. We too make statues of our important figures and impute to them powers they did not possess in life. Jesus points this out: it wasn't Moses who gave the people's forebears manna in the wilderness. God did that.

It was not Moses. It wasn't the church or the tradition. Not, Jesus seems to be saying, even he himself. It is not the medium of the experience that we seek; it is the experience of God itself. The living, breathing experience of God - as real as the physical feeling of food in the stomach. Maybe you had the experience of the living God yesterday. But don't imagine that you will have the same

experience today. Today is a new day. Let it be new.

Oh, how we hate this! We do some wonderful thing in church, and so resolve to do it again. So next year, we have the Second Annual Wonderful Thing. Now it's a tradition, so we have a Third Annual Wonderful Thing, and a fourth. Soon there is a standing Wonderful Thing Committee, with its own budget line. We couldn't stop it if we tried.

Not everything needs to be repeated, or even can be. Yes, there is a hunger for tradition in us that militates against the new. But faith looks forward.

Food perishes. The Hebrews of the Exodus couldn't hold onto their manna for a rainy day—they had to eat it all on the day they found it, or it would rot. Use the gifts of God you receive today. Go out on a limb and use them up, and expect to be sustained again tomorrow, perhaps in a completely different way. Maybe all this emphasis on bread this summer is just that—a recognition of its daily-ness, our daily need of it. You don't bake all the bread you're going to need for the year on the same day; you bake every couple of days, just a few loaves at a time. You don't have one experience of God to last you for a lifetime; you enter into the relationship with God every day, again and again.

There are lots of different kinds of bread.

What this says to me is that everything changes every day. The traditions that we cling to might not mean the same after a number of years. Live in God and trust Him and thank Him for what He has given you today. And let us trust Him tomorrow to give us what we need.

I wish to thank Mary for the article. It said a lot to me. I hope it does the same for you.

Phil

# Transitions

At his last vestry meeting here at St. Augustine's, Fr. Barry shared the article below with us:

## GOOD TRANSITIONS

\*(from an article by Hope Eakins)

Change is often threatening. We often cling anxiously to the old familiar hymns and words. A deacon friend (of Eakins) cautions that the seven last words of the church are: “**We have always done it that way**”. So transitions can be fraught with anxiety and the fear of losing what we love and expect, of what makes us comfortable and lifts our souls to God. But a system that cannot or will not embrace change, like the Neanderthals, is dead or dying. A system that sees possibility and opportunity in times of change is open to new life and new hope.

I think especially of the transitions that occur when parish clergy leave. Both the congregation losing its priest and the priest who is moving on are often fearful of letting go. I have seen this in the parishes where I have served as the interim rector, and I offer the following suggestions for the times when clergy leadership changes.

Congregations in transition can prepare for the future:

1. Trust that God is on the journey with you and that God has something new in store for you. Don't forget to say your prayers and to listen to God and to each other. Continuing to pray purposely and intentionally during an interim period embodies the conviction that you are living out God's word and that you are a part of God's mission.
2. Be adventurous. Try something new and remember that it is only a trial. Have a plan to assess the outcome and be swift to revert if the new effort fails.
3. Be generous-hearted to the former clergy leader. Praise the good and ignore the bad. Be diligent in following diocesan recommendations about your relationship with the former priest and let him or her go. Both priest and parish need to focus their time and energy on the future and not the past.
4. Be there. It's YOUR CHURCH, and if you don't support it, who will?

Transitions can be important times of joy and camaraderie, of remembrance and gratitude, and of spiritual growth. ***Have fun, God is with you!***

\*(Hope Easton is Priest Associate at St. John's West Hartford, Conn; served as interim rector in several parishes and views interim ministry and all parish transitions, as a time for real growth “in wisdom, age and grace” for parish and priest alike.)



**Sunday, October 21**  
**One Service at 10:00 a.m.**

**We'll gather outside after worship for our annual “family portrait” then later in the parish hall for a potluck brunch**

## I Serve Because...

All of my life, I have been a fairly good helper! I follow instructions, I do what I am told to do and all the stuff that goes along with being a good helper. I have never thought of myself as a leader - I will help to do the work, but tell me what to do, when to do it, where to be, what time to be there and consider it done by me! Yep! Just ask me to help and if I can, I will! When I was asked to join the vestry I didn't want to, partly because it would take me out of my comfort zone of being a good helper! I would no longer be able to volunteer to help as I please, I would be the one asking for other people to help me! I would have to make plans and find helpers, or, so I thought! To some degree that is correct!

By being responsible for Parish Life, I found that receptions in the Parish Hall don't just happen, there are questions to be asked and answered, such as .... how many people will attend, will it just be juice, cookies and coffee or will it be light finger foods and punch? I find that I'm not totally out of my comfort zone - that I am still a helper. I still need answers to those same questions! Where? When? What time? How many? So, I help .... I may have a little bit more of a role in helping, but I am still helping! I still take my cues from the people who answer those questions!

I have found that we have lots of helpers at St. Augustine's. Lots of people who volunteer to help with receptions and coffee hours, mowing the lawns, maintaining the building, making the church look beautiful every Sunday and especially at holidays. Helpers like me who help out as they can, where they can, when they can! I have just entered my third year as a helper on the vestry and in June, 2019 I will rotate off. My time helping has been very rewarding and has helped me grow .... in my home and work life, as well as in my spiritual life. As members rotate off, the vestry needs helpers! They are here to help and if asked, I sincerely hope that you will prayerfully consider extending your helping role to helping on the vestry too!

Peace and love,  
Elayne

*Elayne Miller, Parish Life Chair*

**Sunday, October 28, following 11:00 a.m. worship**  
**Decorate your car trunk and load up with treats or tricks for...**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II	1	2	3 <b>Path to Shine</b>	4 7:00 p.m. Choir	5	6 <b>Daughters of the King Meeting</b>
<b>7 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School	8	9	10 <b>Path to Shine</b>	11 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12 8a.m. - 6 pm RIJA	13 8a.m. - 6 pm Restorative Justice  8:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting
<b>14 - Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II	15	16	17 <b>Path to Shine</b>	18 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19	20
<b>21 – Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>HOMECOMING SUNDAY</b>  10:00 a.m. <b>Combined Worship Service</b> 11:15 a.m. <b>Parish Photo</b> 11:30 a.m. <b>Homecoming Pot Luck Lunch</b>	22	23	24 <b>Path to Shine</b>	25 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26	27
<b>28 – Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>  9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School 12:15 p.m. <b>Trunk or Treat</b>	29	30	31 <b>All Saint's Eve</b>  <b>Path to Shine</b>			

## Financial Summary

Our budget need year-to-date is \$119,806.62.  
 Budget receipts year to date are \$116,523.19  
**resulting in a budget deficit of \$3,283.63.**

**“Lay this body anywhere, only this I beg of you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord.”**

(Dying words of St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine of Hippo)

**TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR AT THE (check one) \_\_\_ 9:00 or \_\_\_ 11:00 service**

**(PLEASE PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAMES, to be read on All Saints’ Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018)**

**PUTTING PEOPLE WITH THE SAME LAST NAME TOGETHER ON ONE LINE**


Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

-----FOR MEMORIAL GIFTS, DETACH HERE AND INCLUDE BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK OR CASH)-----

## **ALL SAINTS’ MEMORIAL GIFTS**

**Donations are NOT required to have your loved one remember at the altar.**

**However, if you wish to make a donation in their memory,**

**Please detach this form and include it with your donation.**

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Keep in Your Prayers

### Parishioners:

Fred Barwise  
JoAnn Blackstock  
Dwight Briggs  
J.B. Burke  
Judy Erhardt-Sinor  
Evelyn Fowlkes  
Doug Francis  
Glenda Frederick  
Mandy Gray  
Elaine Irwin  
Lidia Lower  
Sylvia Lynch  
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:

Andy Andersen  
Justin Q. Johnson  
Henry Olcoroafor  
Dylan Reynolds  
Paris Reynolds

### Those Beyond our Parish:

Vicki Abbott  
The Rt. Rev. Frank Allan  
Rick Bishop  
Ed Boggan  
Jeffrey and Monica Caudle  
Rylee and Blayke Caudle  
Tim Condrey  
John Conti  
Judith Faith Crocker  
Lisa Crumbley  
Rachel Daniel  
Dallas Ellis Iii

Evelyn Fry  
David Harwood  
Deacon Liz Grant-Hilton  
Jason Honea  
Alyssa Johnson  
Haylee Kane  
Tish Lawless  
Laurie Lopez  
Jimmy Martin  
Luke and Heath Martin  
David McDonald  
Cathy McWilliams  
Brian Mesch  
Bill Monk  
Maureen & Joseph O'Brien  
Christopher, Austin & Danny-Jo Parker  
Paula & Scott Payne  
Odette Pisanti  
The Prock Family  
Bob Putman  
David Putman  
Jen Ray  
Kristin Reynolds  
Harriet Ronkin-Lynton  
Irene Rogers  
Jerry Scott  
David & Scott Shepard  
Monica Shepard  
Charlene Smith  
Dennis Smith  
The Rev. John Stanton, Former Rector  
James Steerman and Family  
Harriet Thompson  
Mozelle Vample  
Belinda Watson  
Betty White  
Dorothy White  
Susan Windham

### Former Members and Parish Friends:

The Rev. Terri Brice  
Karen & James Coleman  
Merle Collins  
Catharine Groover  
Jessie Hardin  
Joyce Hudson  
Kathryn, Justin & Jason Jimmerson  
Sidney And Ray Reynolds  
Ann Taylor  
Patsy Whitehead

### Happy Birthday

Oluchi Ifi	10/01
Misty Lopez	10/01
Ethan Barlay	10/02
Chibuzo Obi	10/04
Sharon Francis	10/08
Chi Chi Obi	10/19
The Rev. Barry Griffin	10/22
Wayne Weaver	10/23
Leslie Hayles	10/24
Wes Williams	10/29

### Happy Anniversary

Susanne Ross & Judy Thompson	10/10
Jennifer Grigas and Doug Heyl	10/20

## Food For Thought!

Poster found in a Church in France... (translated):

"When you enter this church it may be possible that you hear "the call of God". However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving."



# Ministers of Worship

# October 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](mailto:chdale@mindspring.com) (404 621-4); Phil Kyle, [jp\\_kyle@bellsouth.net](mailto:jp_kyle@bellsouth.net), (770 898-4959).

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1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Oct 7	9:00am	Chalice and Psalm – Mary Job 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson - Donna Smith Prayers of the People – Evelyn Fowlkes	Crucifer /Server – Mary Job Chalice/1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Mary Job Verger – Philip Kyle	E Fowlkes R Malvea D Smith	Donna Smith	Chevannes Smith Fowlkes
	11:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Chalice & Torch – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice & Torch – Veronica Ridenhour 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Elaine Beal 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Rubena Uyeh Prayers of the People – Becky Weaver	Thurifer – Server & Torch– Ginny Harrell Crucifer – Doug Francis Banner - Torch – O J Uyeh		JoAnn Blackstock	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Oct 14	9:00am	Chalice and Psalm – Lee Cash 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Judy Thompson Prayers of the People – Susanne Ross	Crucifer /Server – Lee Cash Chalice/1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Lee Cash Verger – Chuck Dale	M Job V Owen	Clyde Weller	Job Owen Blackstock
	11:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Chalice & Torch – Wesley Williams 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice & Torch – Susana Kyle 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Comfort Obi 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson - Corrie West Prayers of the People – Virginia Clark	Thurifer – Server – Veronica Ridenhour Crucifer – Jeff Thompson Banner – Torches –		Corrie West	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Oct 21 <b>One Service</b>	10:00am	Chalice – Kathy Maddox Psalm – Lee Cash 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Jenna Johnson 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson – O J Uyeh Prayers of the People – Bill Sims	Server/Chalice – Matt Johnson Crucifer – Ezinne Ifi Verger – Chuck Dale Banner - Torches – Chinelo Ifi & Oluchi Ifi	G Harrell V Ridenhour	Olivia Johnson	T. Williams W. Williams Ridenhour
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Oct 28	9:00am	Chalice and Psalm – Mary Job 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Lee Cash Prayers of the People – Bill Sims	Crucifer/Server – Mary Job Chalice/1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Mary Job Verger – Chuck Dale	E Beal Y Chevannes P Miles J M Simon		Simon E. Beal Miles Chevannes
	11:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> Chalice – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice – Kathy Maddux 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson – Kathy Maddux 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson – Rubena Uyeh Prayers of the People – Virginia Clark	Thurifer – Server – Veronica Ridenhour Crucifer – Jeff Thompson Banner – Torches – Melik & Mekhi David		Susana Kyle	

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

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### ST. AUGUSTINE'S VESTRY 2018-2019

Elaine Beal	Communications/Parish Life
Phil Kyle	Sr. Warden/Buildings
Catherine Meeks	Inreach
Elayne Miller	Parish Life
Jean Marie Simon	Christian Formation
Clyde Weller	Grounds
Corrie West	Outreach/Jr. Warden

### CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Rob Wright	Bishop of Atlanta
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