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The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Frederick Beuchner, *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC*, p 119

As I write this I am preparing for four weeks of ordinations for four among us in the church who have been recognized for a particular vocation, a calling, to Holy Orders. Attendance at such events always draws my attention to who we are and who we are called to be. From the beginning of creation and reinforced in the rite of baptism, we are

God's beloved, cherished by the One who created us. We might understand vocation as God's invitation to be fully who we are. Frederick Beuchner (above) puts flesh to this idea.

What gift in you makes your heart sing with joy and meets a need in the world? Perhaps this sounds large and lofty, even overwhelming. And it might be. It also might not be. One whose joy is parenting might raise his children to know their own joy; might join with other parents for support and learning; and they might invite young, single parents into their midst for mentoring; and deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger at many levels. One with the gift of creativity and an eye for beauty might arrange flowers and get paid for such work; might arrange flowers for Sunday morning worship; might rearrange those flowers to be delivered to those who live alone and isolated; and deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger. One with the gift of prayer might pray for peace in the world, for the leaders of nations and for reconciliation of all persons; might read the paper with prayers of intercession for those in the headlines; might invite others into prayer; and deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger. One with a heart for healing might be trained as a nurse, a doctor, therapist or technician; might care for others with gentle hands, a warm heart and a wise, discerning mind; might use such gifts to care for some who others do not care for; and deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger.

Vocation, God's invitation for us, is also illuminated in the Baptismal Covenant. There we find vows addressing the life of prayer and fellowship, repentance, witness, service and justice. Living into this life is accepting God's invitation to live as God's beloved. Such a life requires consciousness of God's presence and calling, prayerful discernment of God's wisdom and will, faith in that wisdom, and courageous willingness to continue stepping forward on the journey. Such a life is not for the faint of heart or for those who are looking for a "feel good" fix. Accepting God's invitation means we persist in prayer even as we doubt; we open our heart to the community even when we don't agree on everything; we humbly repent of sin and make our way back even through embarrassment, guilt and shame; we boldly proclaim the Good News of God even when there is seemingly no good news; we love others as God loves us even when hatred and vengeance is the response; and we live compassionately in the world, respecting the dignity of every human being even when others tell us some are less than and want us to treat them as such.

We are each beloved of God and invited to live fully into that belovedness. This is the place of vocation. I wonder what this place looks like in your life? I wonder where your deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger?

Peace,
Rev. Faith+

SUNDAY LECTIONARY READINGS Revised Common Lectionary—Episcopal Edition

	LESSON 1	PSALM	LESSON 2	GOSPEL
June 7	Isaiah 6:1-8	Canticle 13	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
June 14	I Samuel 15:34-16:13	20	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	Mark 4:26-34
June 21	I Samuel 17:57-18:5,10-16	133	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
June 28	2 Samuel 1:1,7-27	130	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43

LITURGY LESSONS

A place for questions regarding historical, theological and practical issues of our liturgy.

Q: I've noticed we haven't said the confession for awhile. Why is that?

A: The General Confession, usually included in the Rite of Holy Eucharist, following the Prayers of the People, may also, "on occasion, ... be omitted" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 330 and 360). Such an occasion might be any of the high feast days such as Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, All Saint's Day or a church's particular feast day, as well as the 50 days of Easter. Each of these, in their own way, reminds us that we are made in the image and likeness of God and reflect God's glory to the world and thus are occasions for us to remember that at our core we are "the likeness of imperishable beauty, the imprint of true divinity, the recipient of beatitude, the seal of true light" (Gregory of Nyssa, *Second Homily on the Song of Songs*, pg 44, 765).

"THE SPIRIT SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE..."

Because God is on a mission, the people of God are too. God is a sending God. Just as God sent Jesus and the Holy Spirit to the world, God is sending us into the world. "Mission" means "sending," and so we as the people of God (a.k.a. the church) are sent on a mission. God's mission is to set things right in the world, to redeem it and to restore it to what God has always intended for the world – creation in the Image of God.

This means wherever missional followers of Jesus are, the church is there – at home, at work, at school, in the neighborhood, at a ballpark, in the dance studio, in the homeless shelter, at the airport – wherever followers of Jesus are taking seriously their identity as people of God. Out "thereness" is what the world needs. It needs the church to be there, blessing people – because that's what God came to do. Who will you bless today?

(Source: Reggie McNeal, *Missional Renaissance*, 2009)



Vacation Bible School for Ages 3 – 5th Grade!
July 27-31st 9:00 am – 12 noon
August 2nd – Crocodile Dock Sunday!

Participants & Volunteers...Register now!

Go to the Trinity Church website:
www.trinitywelcomesyou.org
and click on Vacation Bible School
on the home page.

Be prepared for a week of exploring God's word through games, crafts, video and song! Through it all is the message that God is seen not only in the Bible, but everywhere – every day! Sign up for **CROCODILE DOCK** and have a truly unforgettable experience.

There will be 3 separate tracks:

- 3 Year Old Track
- Pre-school Track
- Elementary Track

Jr. and Sr. High School students are encouraged to serve as Crew Leaders and helpers. **Adults** serve as Station Leaders, Crew & Group Leaders. Adult help is also needed in administrative and other areas!

This dock rocks!!!! We'll see you at the Bayou!
*****CROCODILE DOCK is free and open to the community
so be sure to tell your friends**

CONGREGATIONS GROWING TOGETHER

Saturday, June 6
9:00 am-3:00 pm
TMI-The Episcopal School of Texas
San Antonio



Abide in Me: Congregations Growing Together Conference will be June 6, 2009 at TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas.

This is a day-long conference, our congregations will be the presenters for many of the [workshops](#), bringing and sharing their ideas that are working. We're also calling on some experts in their fields - both lay people and clergy. The day will include three workshop sessions, so participants will have the opportunities to learn from folks just like them. We'll start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude by 3:00 p.m. (Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.) Congregations will want to bring ministry teams so they can cover as much ground as possible. The \$20 per person registration fee includes a box lunch.

Some 25 of our churches have agreed to present their "best practices" in several areas:

- stewardship
- communications
- Christian formation
- youth ministry
- spiritual life
- evangelism
- world mission
- congregational development
- recovery ministries
- music and liturgy
- administration

The day will include a total of 31 workshops in three workshop sessions, so each participant will have three opportunities to learn from folks just like them.

For more information and registration go to the diocesan website www.dwtx.org and click on the link to Special Events. There you will find the site for the conference, including a catalogue of workshop offerings and a link to registration. St. Francis vestry members and others are planning to attend and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to glean the wisdom of others. Step forward and join us!

NEEDS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We offer congratulations and bless God for the graduates in our midst!

Hannah Moss, a graduate of Victoria Memorial High School will be attending Texas Tech University in the fall.

Elizabeth Bernhardt, graduate of Old Dominion University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, has plans to continue her education in medical school.

Courtney Tatum, a graduate of Victoria College Nursing School will be working at Citizen's Hospital.

READ WITH THE RECTOR SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:30-10:15 IN THE PARLOR BEGINNING JUNE 7TH

Bring your milk and cookies and join Rev. Faith as we explore the wisdom of children's literature with our children! Come meet Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge and his friends or Quentin Fenton Herter III and his shadow. Discover what's made a home in the braid of Shannon O'Shea and how Benny and Stanley get home to Medicine Mountain. Come explore courage, imagination, wisdom and faith in stories written for children of all ages! Come and hear the voice of God through some of the brightest and best children's authors of our time.

*Blanket and teddy bear are optional

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH!

It's Christmas in June! Shop for Father's Day! The African Team Ministries supports the Churches of East Africa through sales of crafts. Financial support from sales goes to assist orphans in attending school; provides training for AIDS prevention; supplies food, blankets, shelter and support to those who have been displaced from their homes in the political unrest; and furthers the work of the church in many other ways throughout East Africa. Supporting these ministries is a great way to participate in the larger church, to further the work of the Gospel and gift one you love! Checks and cash will be accepted

GENERAL CONVENTION PRAYER VIGIL THE ORDER OF DAUGHTERS OF THE KING ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHAPTER



The Order of the Daughters of the King cordially invites you to join us in a Prayer Vigil during the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Anaheim, California, July 8 – 17, 2009.

Taking part will mean that you agree to pray for twelve days -- July 7th and 18th for travel -- the remaining days for The Episcopal Church, the business of General Convention, for Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Delegates, Staff and Volunteers. We hope that you will also pray for whomever and whatever related to General Convention that you are led. All prayer is welcome and encouraged! A small booklet of intercessions for your use will be available if you'd like one. You'll find a sign up sheet in the Herbst Parish Hall beginning on June 14th and ending July 5th. Provision of your email address at sign-up will guarantee an email reminder.

THANKS AND PRAISE

Thank you, thank you to those who dedicated their Sunday mornings to teaching our children in this last school year. Your presence, your willingness to let God speak wisdom through you and to receive God's wisdom through our children is so appreciated. We give thanks and praise to God for your engagement with this vital ministry.

COMMON "SCENTS" ON SUNDAY

Scents & Sensitivity - Are you using too much of a good thing? A number of individuals are adversely affected by fragrance, particularly synthetic fragrances used today in many perfumes and personal-care products. In some people, fragrance can trigger unpleasant physical responses such as headaches, nausea, asthma attacks and allergic reactions. As a courtesy to others, please consider how your use of perfumes and personal-care products might impact others who sit near you in church.

NURSERY ATTENDANT WANTED

Nursery attendant wanted for Sunday mornings, 7:45-12:00, and special events throughout the year. Children are birth to 5 years of age. Safety and compassionate care are priorities. Wages are \$8.00/hour. Applicants must be 18 years of age, reliable and have excellent references. A background check is required. For further information, please send resume and reference to The Rev. Faith Bledsoe, St. Francis Episcopal Church 3002 Miori Lane, Victoria, TX 77901, 361-575-0441.

RECIPE CORRECTION IN 50TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK

Easy Lo-Cal Fruit Cobbler, p. 137

Cover with foil and bake 20 minutes at 375.

Also add, reduce oven temperature to 350 .

Uncover and bake 45 minutes longer or until golden brown.

SUMMERTIME STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET UPDATE

While summer days may draw you to traveling and play, don't let your absence from the St. Francis community include absence of your pledge! Budgetary needs continue through the summer and it's important that pledges be kept up to date. If you are traveling, you may turn your pledge in early or mail it in to the office.

St. Francis has a long history of faithful pledging and payment of pledges. Due to a couple of large pledges that were paid in full at the beginning of the year, payment of pledges for 2009 looks to be in line with the budget. However, looks can be deceiving and the reality is we have pledges that are not up to date. We are aware that economic difficulties or other issues may be impacting personal budgets. We ask simply that you check your records and bring your pledge up to date as you can, and thank you for your continued support and prayers

2009 ACOLYTE FESTIVAL

This year's Acolyte Festival was held May 9th on the TMI Campus. The acolytes attending from St. Francis were Morgan Worsley, Harrison Garrett, Charlie Traugott, Quint McLeon and J.T. McLeon.

Despite the Swine Flu threat, there were at least 17 to 18 churches in attendance. The youngest acolyte was 7 years old and the oldest was 18 years old. The day started with the acolytes getting to know each other through different games. Then it was "Stump The Bishop" time. The acolytes were allowed to ask Bishop Reed all kinds of questions, including riddles. He is always fun to watch with the kids.

Later in the day, the kids were put into groups and attended different activities such as crafts, sports, even a scavenger hunt. The day ended with a service in which all of the acolytes dress and process. Bishop Reed's sermon started with "I wish you could see what I see." This was so true. I wish you could have seen each group of acolytes entering carrying their church banner. Those of you who have attended council, have seen all of the churches' banners in a procession. But have you seen all of those banners being carried in by the youth of the church? I was completely awestruck and humbled. Thank you for the opportunity to take these acolytes to this year's festival.

Patty McLeon, Acolyte Sponsor



BIRTHDAYS

June 5 ~ Jackie Allbright
 June 5 ~ Marylynn Fletcher
 June 5 ~ John McLeon
 June 5 ~ Eric Still
 June 6 ~ Swede Hedlund
 June 7 ~ Aimee Murry
 June 10 ~ Janet Libby
 June 14 ~ Fred Still
 June 15 ~ Hugh Grieve
 June 15 ~ Linda Sneed
 June 19 ~ Devin Burns
 June 24 ~ Robert Bates
 June 27 ~ Lannette Garrett

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dollie Akin	Peggy Miller
Sandra Akin	Donna H. Mundt
Sue Bennett	Llano North
Peggy Berg	Mary Lea Pfenninger
Gladys Bigelow	Jennifer Plexico & Family
Randy Boyd	John Polsgrove
Leslie Brittan	Sam Porterfield
Claudia	Jan Pullin
June Cunneen	Dorothy Rigby
Deborah	Olivia Rivera
Andrea Ezell	Robert
Vance Frosch	Reagan Roeh
Kyler Hewig	Rebecca Roeh
Elizabeth High	Nelson Royals
Keith Hogan	Patricia Royals
Rebecca Johnson	Ellie Schroller
Jenny	Marjorie Sewalt
Tommy Lambert	Chris & Ken Tovani
Mark Meek	Frances Tudyk
Mary R.	Jean Van Dusen
Michelle	Andrea Wise
Elsa Miller	

ANNIVERSARIES

June 8 ~ Richard & Lydia Chapman
 June 27 ~ David & JoAnn Locher
 June 27 ~ G.B. & Jean Van Dusen II



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Joshua Onnen (Marine)	Scott DeWolfe (Air Force)
Jeremy Boyd (Navy)	Mike Kidd (Navy)
Michael Hill (Navy)	Bobbie Hodge (Army)
Sean O'Neil (Air Force)	Paul Gomez (Marines)
Juanita Corea (Army)	Daniel Grumman (Navy)
James Burnup (Air Force)	Joe Hart (AF Reserve)
Heather Baldwin (AF Reserves)	Mike Low
Lt. Dan Kistler, USMC	K.B. Hallmark, IV (A.N.G.)
John Robert Torres (Army)	Chad Morris (Navy)
Lt. Benjamin Mackey (Air Force)	

ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH CORE VALUES

WORSHIP is the foundation of St. Francis.

Based in Episcopal tradition,
 Worship inspires inner strength,
 personal growth and spiritual well-being.

COMMUNITY is the framework of St. Francis.

Based on friends and family,
 Community extends
 acceptance and caring,
 leadership and direction,
 participation and support.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2009

JUNE 7	JUNE 14	JUNE 21	JUNE 28
ACOLYTES 8:00AM: Ethan Garza Celina Garza 10:30AM: Kathryn McCoy Skyelar Laqua Shelby Broome	ACOLYTES 8:00AM: Ethan Garza Celina Garza 10:30AM: Harrison Garrett Charlie Traugott Kayla Garrett	ACOLYTES 8:00AM: Ethan Garza Celina Garza 10:30AM: Gus Moss Hannah Moss Larkin W-Capone	ACOLYTES 8:00AM: Morgan Worsley 10:30AM: Eric Still Lindsey Still Shelby Broome
E. MINISTERS 8:00AM: Jack Buttram O.C. Garza 10:30AM: Kelvin Allen Melanie Klotzman	E. MINISTERS 8:00AM: Rawley McCoy G.B. Van Dusen 10:30AM: Tom Beck Dan W-Capone	E. MINISTERS 8:00AM: Michelle Worsley Jack Buttram 10:30AM: James Grumman Andrea Wise	E. MINISTERS 8:00AM: Jack Buttram Rawley McCoy 10:30AM: Ted Wise Glen Garrett
LECTORS 8:00AM: Walter Womack 10:30AM: James Grumman Jane Keen	LECTORS 8:00AM: Michelle Worsley 10:30AM: Ted Wise Richard Chapman	LECTORS 8:00AM: O.C. Garza 10:30AM: Kelvin Allen Melanie Klotzman	LECTORS 8:00AM: G.B. Van Dusen 10:30AM: Tom Beck Walter Womack
USHERS 8:00AM: Swede Hedlund Jan Hedlund 10:30AM: Dusty Libby Janet Libby	USHERS 8:00AM: Russ Drane Kay Drane 10:30AM: Betty Mercer Tillie Maguire	USHERS 8:00AM: Larry Bailey G.B. Van Dusen 10:30AM: Doug Wuest Glen Garrett	USHERS 8:00AM: Betty Bireley Debbie Dick 10:30AM: Doug Wuest Glen Garrett
GREETERS 8:00AM: Bob Bates Linda Bates 10:30AM: Dusty Libby Janet Libby	GREETERS 8:00AM: Paul Roeh Kay Roeh 10:30AM: Doug Wuest Debbie Wuest	GREETERS 8:00AM: Marylynn Fletcher O.C. Garza 10:30AM: Helen Bournias Pat Godfrey	GREETERS 8:00AM: Cynthia Buttram Marty Worsley 10:30AM: Helen Bournias Pat Godfrey
VESTRY Opening: Kay Drane Closing: James Grumman	VESTRY Opening: Paul Roeh Closing: Tom Beck	VESTRY Opening: Betty Bireley Closing: Doug Wuest	VESTRY Opening: Kay Drane Closing: Dan W-Capone
ALTAR GUILD Debbi Bailey	ALTAR GUILD Gene Montgomery	ALTAR GUILD Mary Ann Bower	ALTAR GUILD: Twyla Kellogg

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2009

Monday, June 1

5:00pm ~ Outreach Meeting, All Saints Room

Tuesday, June 2

10:00am ~ Improvement Guild Meeting

Wednesday, June 3

10:30am ~ Parish Life Meeting, All Saints Room

6:00pm ~ Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 7

8 & 10:30am ~ Lector/Eucharistic

Minister Commissioning

Monday, June 8

6:30pm ~ Finance Committee Meeting,
All Saints Room

Tuesday, June 9

6:30pm - Daughters of the King, All Saints Room

Wednesday, June 10

6:00pm ~ Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Monday, June 15

7:00pm ~ Vestry Meeting, Guild Room

Tuesday, June 16

6:00pm ~ Partners In Ministry, All Saints Room

Wednesday, June 17

2:00pm ~ Bunco Party, All Saints Room

6:00pm ~ Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 21

6:00pm ~ Victoria Episcopal Ultreya, Trinity

Wednesday, June 24

6:00pm ~ Contemplative Holy Eucharist