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The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Summer 2020

“God Doesn’t Waste a Crisis”

Finding a Silver Lining in the Pandemic

By Joy Hunter, Editor

It’s difficult to find a silver lining in a pandemic. COVID-19 has taken so much away – lives and livelihoods.



Above: Interim Rector, Ted McNabb celebrates Eucharist at an outdoor service for Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston.

It’s meant shut-ins who, pre-pandemic, looked forward to visits from family and friends have had even that taken away. Masks cover droplets but they also cover smiles, muffle sound. Singing, extending a handshake or a hug, the opportunity to gather in person, unmasked, side by side for worship have all been nixed. We’ve lost, for a time, a way of life we had taken for granted.

There have, however, been small gifts that have come through this time. Perhaps you’ve gotten to know your neighbors better. Most likely, you’ve learned some new computer skills. You may have, through Zoom, reconnected with family or friends who live far away.

As time goes on, many stories are emerging about how God has used this pandemic to touch many of us in unique and unexpected ways.

One of the most moving stories comes from Donna Sanders Wooten, a member of Saint James, James Island. She wrote about the lifeline the online services and Bible studies have been for her.

“I had lost my way,” she writes. “I lost my mom and, two years later,

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Bishop Announces Plan to Call for a Bishop Coadjutor

By Joy Hunter, Editor

On July 9, 2020, the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, who has served as the Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina since January 2008, announced his plans to call for a Bishop Coadjutor who will step into the role of Bishop of the Diocese at some time in the next 18 to 24 months.

In a letter to the Diocese (see page 2) he stressed he is not yet retiring or resigning. “I have many tasks, duties and commitments here before this can take place,” he said. “Yet it is essential for me to take this step of calling for a Bishop Coadjutor in a timely fashion.”

In explaining his reasons for setting the process in motion now, the bishop touched on his age (he turned 70 this past March) and his

desire to spend time with his wife and family. “Allison and I have 19 grandchildren; some are all but grown and others are moving quickly through life’s early stages. Being with them at important life passages

the heart call to be honored.”

The Diocese will begin the process to elect a Bishop Coadjutor immediately. The Standing Committee, which serves as a Board of Directors, will oversee the process. The search



Above, right, Bishop Lawrence (in red) speaks to clergy prior to a Renewal of Vows service.

becomes increasingly challenging for a bishop with a full diocesan schedule. With our family spread across South Carolina and Pennsylvania, and extended family still in California, these primary loyalties of

committee will consist of representatives from the Standing Committee as well as one clergy and one lay person chosen by each of the six

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Circuit Court Releases Order in Favor of the Diocese and Parishes Clarifying Supreme Court Ruling

By The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, Canon to the Ordinary

On June 19, 2020, South Carolina Circuit Court Judge Edgar W. Dickson granted the motion by The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina (Diocese) for clarification and other relief related to the August 2017 ruling of the South Carolina Supreme Court contained in five separate opinions (“Collective Opinions”). The ruling determined that the disassociated parishes are, “affirmed as the title owners in fee simple absolute of their respective parish real properties.” The Episcopal Church (TEC)’s arguments that the Dennis Canon alone, or the Canon in conjunction with various pledges of allegiance and the like were sufficient to create a trust under South Carolina law were rejected. Judge Dickson’s ruling clarifies the Collective Opinions, explaining that, “the Dennis Canon by itself does not create a legally cognizable trust, nor does it transfer

title to property.” This affirms that those congregations that followed state non-profit guidelines for their disassociation from TEC retain all their real and personal property.

The Diocese disassociated from The Episcopal Church in the fall of 2012, along with 80% of its congregations and members. Litigation in this case began the following January. The Diocese filed this action seeking a declaratory judgement to clarify the rights of the Diocese and its parishes. In February 2015, the Honorable Judge Diane Goodstein ruled that the Diocese and its parishes, “are the owners of their real personal and intellectual property and that [TEC and The Episcopal Church of South Carolina (TECSC)] have no legal, beneficial or equitable interest in the Diocese’s real, personal and intellectual property.” TEC and TECSC were permanently enjoined from using, assuming or

adopting the marks of the Diocese.

Judge Goodstein’s ruling was appealed to the South Carolina Supreme Court, which ruled on August 2, 2017 in the form of five separate opinions. The lack of agreement among those five opinion required clarification. The Diocese filed a Motion for Clarification on March 23, 2018.

In his ruling, Judge Dickson made several important conclusions of law. Chief among them was his ruling on the central issue of interpreting the Collective Opinions. As he noted in quoting former Chief Justice Toal, “The Court’s collective opinions in this matter give rise to great uncertainty, so that we have given little to no collective guidance in this case or in church property disputes like this going forward.” He concluded that, “This court must distill the five separate opin-

ions, identify the court’s intent and produce a logical directive.” With respect to parish property, the law of this case follows the precedent of All Saints Parish, Waccamaw (2009). In his deciding opinion, Chief Justice Beatty, “found that the Dennis Canon, standing alone, does not unequivocally convey an intention to transfer ownership of property to the national church...” In accordance with established South Carolina law, establishment of a trust interest must meet the standard of being “legally cognizable”. The Diocese has argued that there is no such evidence of accession to the Dennis Canon that meets this standard and Judge Dickson concluded, “This court finds that no parish expressly acceded to the Dennis Canon” and “defendants failed to prove creation of a trust.” He further concluded, “TEC’s argument that their unilat-

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Convention October 3

If you’ve ever wondered what goes on at a diocesan convention, this year’s your chance to find out. Because we’re streaming it live on Facebook, you can actually follow the minute-by-minute action.

- Watch the Bishop’s address
- View the elections in real time
- Welcome the new clergy, and a new parish
- View ministry videos

See a report from the Nominating Committee on pages 14-15. Additional information will be released at adosc.org. Stay tuned!

Bishop Writes Diocese; Calling of Bishop Coadjutor

On July 9, 2020, Bishop Lawrence sent the following message to the Diocese via the diocesan email. [Sign up for it here.](#)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yesterday I announced to the clergy of the diocese my decision to call for a bishop coadjutor. This call for a bishop coadjutor is not an announcement of my retirement nor my resignation. Retirement is a relatively recent development—before the mid-20th Century very few people “retired” or could. Certainly

one can hardly imagine the apostle Paul or any other apostle for that matter retiring. Nor is it my resignation as your bishop. It is, however, a necessary and important step for this latter to take place in the future.

A bishop coadjutor is elected to succeed the diocesan bishop upon his resignation. Several things led me to this decision at this time—foremost of which is prayer. On March

19 of this year I turned 70. Of course, we were already in the early pandemic quarantine across the country. As it dragged into April, I began to prayerfully consider several matters that were converging. Recently, by which I mean at least the last 60 years, the bishops of the diocese were required to resign at 72 years of age. While there is nothing in our diocesan canons or in the canons of our province that require a bishop to resign from his diocese at 72, it does seem prudent to honor the practice of recent predecessors rather than establish a new precedent. Since an election process, with the consent of the College of Bishops, and planning for a consecration can normally take eighteen months to two years it seemed prudent to begin the process now.

Secondly, Allison and I have 19 grandchildren some are all but grown and others are moving quickly through life’s early stages. Being with them at important life passages becomes increasingly challenging for a bishop with a full diocesan schedule. With our family spread across South Carolina and Pennsylvania, and extended family still in California, these primary loyalties of the heart call to be honored.

Thirdly, there are many opportunities waiting to be explored in the years ahead if God should so will. The French essayist, Montaigne said, “There is nothing more remarkable in the life of Socrates than that he found time in old age to learn to dance and play on instruments and thought it was time well spent.” Well I hasten to add I am not there yet—resignation as bishop that is. No, I have many tasks, duties and commitments here before this can take place. Yet it is essential for me to take this step of calling for a bishop coadjutor in a timely fashion.

Here is the path ahead as clearly as I can see it. At our Standing Committee meeting on May 5, 2020 I announced my decision. Our diocesan canons places the search process under the authority of the Standing Committee. For the past two months, they have been working on the details of the search process. I will leave it to them to outline the details in the days ahead. However, the preliminary plan is for an election to take place sometime in May of 2021. This would allow the elected candidate to meet with the ACNA College of Bishops in June of that year. The candidate if confirmed by the college would then be consecrated at a date scheduled by the Archbishop and the Standing Committee in mid to late fall of 2021. The time at which I hand the crozier to my successor can be decided at a future date, but beginning the process of succession now at least allows it to take place in a timely manner before my 72nd birthday in March of 2022. While some have asked, what is next for Allison and me and “Where will you go?” I can only say, “I haven’t the slightest idea.” I have long felt the best way to prepare for what’s next in one’s life is to finish well where one is. I have a full-time job at present and, frankly, I do not see that changing in the foreseeable future. So let us all press on to the upward call in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence
Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of
South Carolina



EMILY JEFFRIES

“Allison and I have 19 grandchildren,” writes Bishop Lawrence, shown above with Allison and 11 of their crew) “some are all but grown and others are moving quickly through life’s early stages. Being with them at important life passages becomes increasingly challenging for a bishop with a full diocesan schedule. With our family spread across South Carolina and Pennsylvania, and extended family still in California, these primary loyalties of the heart call to be honored.

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we lost our 29-year-old son on my mother’s birthday. These are not acceptable reasons for being angry with God, but I couldn’t go to church or even a funeral without falling apart. Slowly I found myself looking for the Holy Spirit again.

“I teach in the Dayschool at Saint James Church but, due to COVID, we closed the Dayschool. I was home alone every day, because

moment, that the Holy Spirit had filled my body and soul. I couldn’t contain the love I felt. I had been studying the Bible every day over the past four months. God touched me, and now, I can’t learn enough.

“This happened because I was still and listening. I would not have been open to His message, if I had not been home due to the COVID virus. God doesn’t waste a crisis.”

Perhaps in this time when opportunities to go and do are limited, you, like Donna, can seek out an online Bible study, and recommit to worshipping every Sunday, either in person or online, and follow her example of being still and open to the Holy Spirit’s touch in your life.

Others, too, have observed God working in the midst of the pandemic.

David Rowe, a seminarian who serves at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston, noted an unexpected benefit. “One of the good things we’ve seen,” he said, “is that having one combined outdoor service means people who usually attend separate worship services have been worshipping side by side. It’s been a good way to foster relationships, albeit at a distance, with people who, before, would only bump into each other in passing.”

The Very Rev. Ken Weldon, Rector of St. John’s, Florence, noted, “One thing that’s been positive is our

online service. It’s a new thing. It’s not only being viewed by our people who would normally attend church, but it’s allowed us to reach out to former parishioners, those who’ve moved away and live in other places.

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We’ve even got people who were once in our youth group joining us for worship. Once we get over this, we’re planning on continuing to do an online service.”

These are just a few examples of how God is working in and through us, in this time. Though much has been taken away through COVID-19, Christ’s presence remains. “I will never leave you, nor forsake you.”

We may be temporarily separated from each other due to the pandemic, but let’s remind each other of the truth found in Paul’s letter to the Romans.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:38-39



“We’ve been having worship on our parking lot because that’s the shady spot on our campus,” said the Very Rev. Ken Weldon, above, preaching.

my husband and other son are both essential workers.

“Arthur Jenkins, the pastor at Saint James, along with our assistant pastors, Elizabeth Bumpas and Louise Weld, were leading Bible studies every day, online. I loved it and grew to need it every day. If they were delayed due to tech issues, I felt very anxious. They always came through for me and our Saint James church family. I watched two services online every Sunday feeling joyful.

“Pentecost Sunday I was watching on my phone on my back porch. I was alone. Arthur gave a wonderful sermon about the Holy Spirit. I felt chills and butterflies in my chest. My health was fine. I started crying with flowing tears of joy. I knew in that

Circuit Court Order

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erally drafted Dennis Canon created a trust under South Carolina law is rejected.”

In the case of the Trustees and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, Judge Dickson affirmed that under the All Saints ruling that a non-profit corporation which follows the correct steps to sever its association with another entity does so with all its property interests intact. The Collective Opinions found that the Diocese and Parishes properly disassociated. As Judge Dickson explains, “Applying neutral principles of law, this court finds the Diocese and Parishes properly disassociated and control their real and personal property with any improvements thereon. Following the narrowest grounds of the majority in the Collective opinions, this Court finds that Camp St. Christopher should remain as titled in the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South Carolina as stated in the 1951 deed.”

On the final matter of registered trademarks, Judge Dickson said “This court finds that the Federal Court has jurisdiction over matters related to trademarks, intellectual property and service marks.” Those matters are currently on appeal before the Federal Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond.

Speaking on behalf of the Diocese, the Rev. Canon Jim Lewis observed, “The Diocese welcomes the clarity of Judge Dickson’s interpretation of the Supreme Court’s Collective Opinion. By twice denying petitions by TEC and TECSC to prevent Judge Dickson from completing this task, the Supreme Court has clearly signaled its desire to resolve these issues. We remain confident that our ability to disas-

sociate from TEC, with all our legal rights intact, will continue to be affirmed.”

In response to the ruling, the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina expressed his gratitude. “We give thanks for this ruling. It is a day to rejoice. It is a day to move forward in Christ’s mission to the world. Thanks be to God.”

Lead counsel for the Diocese and parishes, Alan Runyan, had this to say about Judge Dickson’s ruling: “Following governing South Carolina precedent from over a decade ago and governing United States Supreme Court precedent from over four decades ago, Judge Dickson clarified the “great uncertainty” (A.J. Toal) that these five separate opinions brought to the resolution of the issues in this case as well as to the application of neutral principles of law in property disputes between other religious organizations in future cases.”

On Monday, July 13, Judge Dickson denied the TECSC Motion for Reconsideration of his ruling. They promptly filed their Notice of Appeal and a further motion requesting the S.C. Supreme Court to take the appeal directly. No court dates have yet been calendared for the next round of legal proceedings in either the State or Federal cases. The Diocese continues to give thanks for the clarity of Judge Dickson’s ruling and forward progress towards the conclusion of this litigation. Please continue to keep it all in prayer.

Mary Whyte Donates Watercolors to Save St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Internationally acclaimed figurative artist [Mary Whyte](#), is well-known for her expressive large-scale watercolors of people in the surroundings which define their essence. Whether she's telling the story of [50 Veterans from 50 states](#) or that

about the place that permeates everything here. This is a place we need to make sure is here forever."

About St. Christopher

St. Christopher, a Christian ministry of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, consists of 314 acres of pristine beachfront, maritime forest and salt marsh. It serves as a place for outdoor environmental education for nearly 14,000 children during the school year. It hosts nearly 1,550 children during its summer camp program and operates as a retreat and conference center for hundreds of individuals and groups throughout the year.

Pandemic Takes Toll

Nearly devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Christopher, has seen its income plummet with a loss of more than \$2M (more than half its budgeted income) in anticipated revenue. Its staff has been slashed to a minimum with those remaining experiencing a reduction in benefits, as well.

Whyte's Contribution

"All 50 states have areas of extraordinary beauty," says Whyte, "but I don't think there's any place better than this. It's imperative that all of us do everything we can to save it. As a board member I've often asked, 'What can I do to contribute?' and it occurred to me that perhaps I could do one or two pieces that could be turned into prints and given as gifts to those who donate to the camp."

Whyte, has painted two watercolors, *Veil* and *Path to the Beach* whose prints will be given as thank you gifts to those donating to St. Christopher.

The first 25 donors supporting St. Christopher with a gift of \$5000 or more will receive, as a thank you gift, one of the signed and 30X24 framed, limited edition (25) giclee prints of *Veil*, (pictured left).

The Inspiration

The Inspiration for *Veil*: "The model for *Veil*, Georgeanna, is one of my favorite models," says Whyte. "I've painted her many, many times over the last 20 years. She was a long-time resident of Johns Island and one of the women from the Hebron Saint Francis Senior Center who welcomed me and took me under their wing. She passed away two years ago. The church behind her is the old Hebron Church on Bohicket Road."

Donors supporting St. Christopher with a gift of \$1,000 or more will receive, as a thank you gift, one of the signed, 8X10 giclee prints of *Path to the Beach*.

The Inspiration for *Path to the Beach*: "The first time I came to the beach at St. Christopher I remember saying to my



Above: *Path to the Beach*. "The first time I came to the beach at St. Christopher I remember saying to my friend, 'I didn't know a place of such beauty like this existed,'" says Whyte.

friend, 'I didn't know a place of such beauty like this existed.' What I especially love are the walkways that go between the maritime forest and the beach. I think there's a certain magical transition when you see that keyhole of light through the trees in the distance and can just barely hear the water as you move towards it."

Tea with Mary and Margaret

Donors supporting St. Christopher with a gift of \$10,000 or more will, in addition to the prints above, receive as a thank you gift, an invitation to Tea with Mary Whyte and Margaret, one of the women from the Hebron Saint Francis Senior Center who has served as Mary's model many times.

Note: If circumstances beyond St. Christopher's control prohibit such a gathering a meet and greet with Margaret and the artist will be held with the donors online.

Donate Now

Donate to St. Christopher online using the link <https://adosc.org/about/donate-now/> or use the form on page 4



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of the [Gullah women of Johns Island](#), South Carolina, she depicts the human form in a way that preserves and elevates the human spirit, a moment in time, a moment in history.

Now, Mary is loving not only people through her art, but a place - [St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center](#) on Seabrook Island.

Mary first discovered St. Christopher more than 30 years ago while on a bike ride through Seabrook Island. "I've traveled to many places around the world," says Mary, "but there's something very unique and special about St. Christopher. There's a real spirit



Above: Mary Whyte paints *Path to the Beach*. "What I especially love are the walkways that go between the maritime forest and the beach," she says.

Tell Your St. Christopher Story: We're Creating a Collection

By Lynn Lawrence, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Having had the privilege of being a resident at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center for over nine years as my husband, the Rev. Robert Lawrence serves as the Executive Director, I have had the honor of

We know that the story of Jesus continues in the believers so I ask you to share your story of God touching your life while at St. Christopher by answering one of these questions:

Did you have a divine appointment with the Lord at St. Christopher? Share this experience.

Did you receive a call to ministry while at St. Christopher, ordained or lay ministry? How did that happen?

Did you meet your spouse while at St. Christopher? Tell your story.

Each story should point toward Christ so our Lord receives all the honor and glory. Although, this is not meant to be a collection of historical stories, you are welcome to share those, as well as photographs for perhaps use in another publication.

As the stories are collected, I am assured that the Lord will lead how



meeting many guests and hearing their stories of how God has worked in their lives after an encounter with God at St. Christopher. After numerous nudges from the Holy Spirit, it is now the time to collect these stories and share how the Lord has worked in the lives of so many in the wider community of people who know and love this holy place we call St. Christopher.

Who's story is this?



Their story at Camp started Senior Session '82 when she was a junior and he was a freshman in high school. She would not give him the time of day, but somehow, he got her name tag. Summer of 1988, they were on staff together and the rest is history. They got engaged on the boardwalk in front of the Chapel of the Palms, Summer 1992. (By the way....he wore her name tag inside his tux jacket when they got married). This is just one story that made Camp so special for their family.... Now what's your story? We want to hear it.

THE REV. KEN & REN EHL

they are to be presented, either in published book form or an online collection. Please allow me to edit as needed in order to share as many stories as possible.

Stories can be as short as you like and up to 1,000 words. You may submit more than one story.

Please submit your story and photographs by email to clh.lawrence@gmail.com or mail it to Lynn Lawrence, c/o St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, 2810 Seabrook Island Road, Seabrook Island, SC 29455.

Submissions must include: Your name, your email address and telephone number so I may contact you.

In addition please include an approximate date that this story occurred, the location on the property of St. Christopher, and whether you were on staff at the time or a guest.

St. Christopher stories will be collected from July through the end of October 2020. Please share this with friends and family who have spent time at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, both young and old. [Subscribe](#) to the St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center newsletter for updates on how this project is progressing.

I welcome your stories, your suggestions, and most especially your prayers as I seek to honor God in completing a project He has put on my heart. If you have any questions, contact me at clh.lawrence@gmail.com or (843) 768-0350 or (843) 814-9486 (text only)

The Palms Project CD 2020

Former Summer Camp Worship Leaders Create CD as Fundraiser for St. Christopher

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Do you remember what it felt like to worship in the Chapel of the Palms? When the room was filled with children or teens lifting their voices in praise? Can you sense the movement of the Holy Spirit as those present were filled and drawn closer to Christ? If you ever attended summer camp at Camp St. Christopher, you can probably recreate those moments in your mind. If you want to step back into that moment, you're going to want a copy of the new Palms Project CD.

This past July, six former summer camp worship leaders gathered in the Chapel of the Palms to create a CD which would not only recreate the experience of worship in the Chapel but also serve as a fund raiser for the camp that played such an important role in each of their lives.

It began as an idea from Tradd Zanin, who served on staff from 2016-2019. He ran it by fellow staff alums Grayson Jones and Hannah Jane Jones. With their encouragement, he contacted other worship leaders and over one long weekend Andrew Avent, Grayson Jones, Andrew Hunter, Samuel Hunter, Maddie



CAMERON WILDER

Above, top row from left: Tradd Zanin, Grayson Jones and Maddie Steen; bottom row: Sam Hunter, Andrew Avent and Andrew Hunter

Steen and Tradd gathered at the Camp for a marathon of recording.

"We hit the ground running," says Zanin,

worship when we were at camp. Some chose hymns, some songs from the early 2000's, some chose more modern songs."

"and recorded 18 songs. We were singing actively for close to 16 hours. We were tired, but the spirit was high. It was fun."

Each person chose songs they remembered from their time at camp. "It wasn't just songs we loved," says Zanin. "They were ones that drew us deeper into

They recorded the music using room microphones to pick up the ambient sounds of the chapel. "It has great acoustics and we wanted to record it so when people listened, they'd feel like they were back in the Chapel," says Zanin.

"We were heartbroken to hear that the anticipated memories of Summer Camp would not be made in 2020," says Grayson, "and that the beautiful chapel in the dunes would house only silence for a chapter. However, we also believe that times of trial are vessels through which we can experience God's glory and faithfulness. It is through the understanding that God can redeem all things, the Palms Project was born."

The CD is now in production and is expected to be released in the fall. Digital downloads will be \$20 and hard copies of the CD will be \$25. The album will include cover art by Sophie-Earle McCraw and photographs by Cameron Wilder. Look for updates at www.stchristopher.org or on Instagram at [@the.palms.project](https://www.instagram.com/the.palms.project).

Camp Operating at a Deficit

You can help by coming for a personal retreat, booking a group gathering, and making us part of your charitable giving.

By The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Executive Director, St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center

CLOSED TO ALL GUESTS" read the sign at the entrance to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. It first appeared on March 20th in response to mandated closures to "flatten the

to welcome individuals on personal retreats. Outside of a smattering of individuals and small family groups that continue to come for personal retreats, St. Christopher only hosted two significant guest groups in

met with great success in impacting children's lives for Jesus, their financial impact only helped to slow the bleed from returning fees already paid for the canceled summer camp ministry.

Under normal operations, St. Christopher maintains a full staff of around 55 employees. Additionally, this number is supplemented by seasonal staff of 14 Naturalists that serve in the Barrier Island Environmental Education ministry, and 36 Summer Camp Staff who serve during Summer Camp. The present staffing has been reduced to only 20, with eight among them only part time. Many positions have been eliminated. Long time staff that served faithfully and loyally for many years have been let go. Some continuing staff have lost benefits while picking up additional responsibilities, and others face the challenge of reduced hours based solely on needs determined by our guest count.

The Barrier Island Environmental Education program is primarily dependent upon school groups from public schools. With many county school districts throughout the state

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curve." While it disappeared almost two months later when reopenings began throughout the state and Seabrook Island lifted its ban on hosting guests, it may soon return and remain indefinitely.

Following the closure in March, St. Christopher reopened May 15th

the conference center from May through July, with one of those being our own July 4th Weekend Retreat. The summer camp ministry salvaged three scheduled Outdoor Adventure Camp sessions and created four weeks of Day Camp from early June to mid-July. While they

Mark your calendar for St. Christopher's

Healing 101: October 1-4

Foundations for the Ministry of Christian Healing Prayer

Do you want to launch or expand a healing ministry in your church? Do you wonder how healing prayer works? Do you seek to become a better listener? This conference, scheduled for October 1-4, is for you!

Healing 101: Foundations for the Ministry of Christian Healing Prayer will be led by Jean and Johnnie Corbett and the Rev. Dr. Sandi



Kerner, Chaplain of The Prayer Center. They will focus on the biblical, theological, and practical foundations of Christian healing prayer. Come and be refreshed, come and learn, come and experience

the healing love of God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. [Register here.](#)

Join Us Anytime Over October 16-17 for Wellspring

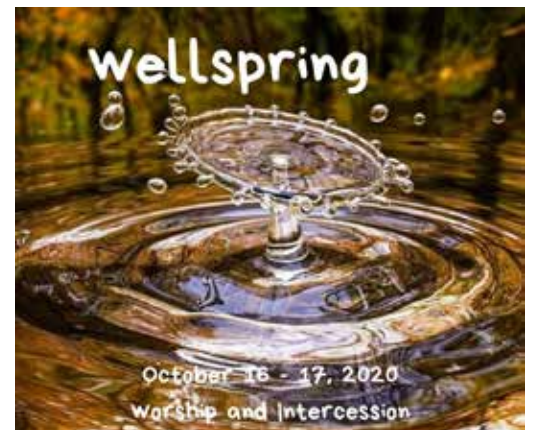
A Concert of Prayer, Worship and Intercession; A Time of Refreshing in the Presence of the Lord

Come to St. Christopher Friday, October 16- Saturday, October 17 (any time between 9 am - 9 pm) as local worship teams and intercessors lead us in song, prayer, Scripture reading, prayer walking, listening, and resting in God. Come for an hour or two or stay through both days!

At Wellspring we will offer participants a time to draw near to God and be immersed in his grace and mercy. During this season of uncertainty and upheaval in the wake of global pandemic, racial wounds, polarized politics, and natural disasters, let's offer ourselves and our world to God in a posture of humility and repentance that we might be healed and prepared for a time of revival in our land.

Book overnight in one of our lodge rooms as a retreatant (con-

tinental breakfast provided; other meals on your own). An overnight stay costs \$80 per night for a single



room, \$109 for a double, or \$139 for 3 persons sharing a room.

All sessions are free; donations are welcome. Face masks and other safety protocols will be observed. Contact [the Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner](#) to learn more.

Yes! I want to join St. Christopher in ministry today!

Name: _____ Address _____

Signature: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please bill my credit card. Please include your credit card billing address if different from above.

Visa Mastercard Credit Card Number: _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code on back: (CVS Code) _____



Make checks payable to "ADOSC" and mail with form to St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center: 2810 Seabrook Island Road, Johns Island, SC 29455

A Ministry of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Andrew Hunter Wins Summer Staff Regatta



Andrew Hunter (above) took home the coveted title of winner of the 14th Annual Summer Staff /Jack Fleisher Memorial Regatta on July 18. Twenty-five sailors including four clergy participated in the event.

Andrew Hunter who served on staff at St. Christopher for three summers 2014 (as a facilities intern) and 2015-2016 (on summer staff) came down from Greenville with his wife, Kimberly, for the event. They met while serving on staff. Andrew is the son of Marion and Joy Hunter. His brother Sam and his wife, Maddy, also served on summer staff together. Sam took the regatta title in 2015.

Justin Johnson, Summer Camp Director said, "It was a great race! We were glad to have a new winner. (Will Monts had taken the title for four years in a row from 2016-2019). With us not being able to have camp this summer, the race was a taste of normalcy."

Congratulations Andrew!



Thanksgiving Retreat 2020 November 25-28

Join us for the annual St. Christopher Thanksgiving Retreat and let us do the cooking for you!

Contact Sandi Kerner for more information: skerner@stchristopher.org

Why Make a Personal Retreat?

An Interview with The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Because of COVID-19, many of us are sheltering at home and choosing alternatives to vacations. St. Christopher offers personal retreats, and so to learn more about that option I chatted with the Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, who serves as the Program Director and Chaplain at St. Christopher.

Sandi, because of the pandemic, many of us have had to put off vacations, but we're all feeling stressed and need a break. What's the difference between a vacation and a personal retreat?

They're the same in that you go away to a different place and change the channel, but a personal retreat is intentional time to be in a space to be intimate with God; to reflect on scripture, to pray, to rest, to play, to journal, to draw. It's different from a vacation where you go to see sights or do other things that are wonderful but distracting. This is a time set aside to grow closer to God.

It's also really helpful to go to a "thin place," a place where heaven and earth meet, where God's love, and power is felt – God's healing power is known. A lot of people come on the grounds (of St. Christopher) and say, "I feel peace." It happens as soon as they go over that speed bump at the entrance.

I once tried to have a personal retreat at a friend's beach house, but just couldn't settle down. So, I ended up heading home.

A beach house is lovely, but again – it goes back to place and one that's set apart for prayer. Bishop Lawrence was with us last month and he observed that we are much like a monastic community... we pray together "the hours" three times a day in community; we labor together, and we study together. That supports the work of ministry and holds the space for those who come on retreat.

Is spiritual direction a part of a personal retreat?

Usually a retreat for me means having some spiritual direction or accompaniment. You might meet with someone at the beginning and share a little bit about why you're there. That person listens, might give you a scripture, or something to read and meditate on. And then you might go back to see that per-

son once a day while you're on retreat. As the Chaplain for the Prayer Center, I offer spiritual direction, but people need to let me know if they want that, so I can make sure I'm available.

How long should a personal retreat be?

You can take just a morning, but it's really good to go for more than 24 hours. The first 24 hours are mostly spent trying to unplug from all of the stuff in your life – the busyness, the schedule, from what I call "overlapping responsibilities." Just let it go. Let it go and really focus on God, but it takes most of us at least 24 hours to unplug from all of that.

The other thing that often happens is people come on retreat and they start sleeping – sometimes two naps a day. They'll sleep for several hours the first day or two. And it's okay. They have all these intentions to pray and read, reflect and meditate, to do all these heavy spiritual practices and what they need is rest. I usually advise people, "It's okay

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to take a nap." If you sleep through most of your retreat, it's because you need it. Your body needs that kind of rest. So does your mind, your soul and your spirit.

Often, I find I dream more or I remember my dreams more. And I pay attention to them. Often, they're significant. They're telling me something I need to pay attention to.



JOY HUNTER

Sometimes to hear the voice of God I need to get away to where all I hear is the lapping of water and the sounds of birds. After interviewing Sandi, I took that three-day Personal Retreat she describes here. I didn't realize how much I needed it. Editor

If you were to prescribe a personal retreat, what would you suggest I do?

If you're at St. Christopher – come to the prayer services at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm or 5:00 pm. We can check in there for 5-10 minutes. It's good to observe silence for part, if not all, of the day, and that means really not speaking to others, not checking the phone, not getting on Facebook, not any of that kind of communication. The more silence you observe, I think, the deeper you can go with God. We have all these distractions that keep pulling us out. We get stirred up by all the things that are happening in the world and in our minds and we miss that deeper peace – that unplugging part.

You might take a walk on the beach or to the crab dock. Take a nap, take a break. Do the cross walk (using a booklet created by Kerner where you visit all of the crosses on campus). Paint a prayer stone. You might journal. You might bring a bicycle and just ride.

Recently I encouraged some women who were here on retreat to go down to the beach when the tide is coming in and write in the sand

what you want to let go of. Then sit there for a while and watch the tide erase it. Or take a rock, something you're holding on to that you want to let go of, and just throw it into the sea. The physical acting it out of what God is doing is quite powerful.

This is a time to listen. You might use the time to create, to draw or paint. There's something about that expression that gets people in touch with what God is saying, with what their inner heart is saying to them. it's a powerful medium whatever it is you do.

Is there a best time to come?

I would recommend coming Monday – Wednesday. Those are the least expensive times to come. Come on a Monday afternoon, check in, Tuesday

come to Morning Prayer, Eucharist at 12:30, receive prayer for healing and maybe meet again for spiritual direction. Then Wednesday would be your final day. That kind of schedule is not quite two full days, but it gives you time to unplug – to be a part of a community, to receive the Eucharist and healing prayer and spiritual direction. It's usually the quietest time on campus.

And the cost?

It's \$80 per night for a single person. But if someone comes for spiritual direction, I would hope they would make a donation to The Prayer Center. I recently did a day-long retreat for a small group Bible Study and each of those attending gave a \$50 donation. I was on board with them all day, meeting with them and guiding their retreat.

Sandi can be reached at skerner@stchristopher.org. To learn more and reserve space for a personal retreat visit <https://stchristopher.org/quick-links/personal-retreats/>

Paddling through the Pandemic; St. Christopher Offers Kayak Tours

By Laurinda Rapp, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

To see the lowcountry from the water is a close to heavenly experience. There's nothing quite like coming up close and personal with creation and wildlife. Last week I was leading a kayak tour and a dolphin came right up to my kayak, so close, that as he came out of the water for a breath, the boat startled him, causing him to quickly dart away.

I have heard more laughter on the kayak tours than I've heard since the start of the pandemic. It's amazing how people's troubles and fears begin to float away with the tide

after an hour or two on the water. Now, more than ever, in the midst of disappointment, loss and pain, it's important for us to find opportunities to have fun and connect with each other and what better place to do that than outdoors!

Outdoor Encounters offers three different kayaking excursions. All of our trips include a small orientation to kayaking, and also include a lifejacket and paddle. No experience is necessary.

Our most popular trip is a two-hour sunset tour each Wednesday which takes guests through the

estuary and the salt marsh. The tour is a loop that goes from our kayak rack on the beach, through Privateer Creek and ends at our dock in the Salt Marsh. This trip flows with the tides and can be done by all ages.

We offer a three-hour kayak tour to Botany Bay Island, located directly across from St. Christopher. The island is filled with treasures including sharks' teeth, seashells and historic pottery pieces. The trip begins with a paddle through the estuary before landing on Botany and giving you plenty of time to explore before returning back to the beach.



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The trip is highly dependent on the tides and scheduled accordingly.

We also offer a three-hour kayak tour to Deveaux Bank. Because Deveaux doesn't have any trees on it, it's technically not formed into an island yet. Deveaux is home to

thousands of sea birds and is the largest nesting sea bird area north of Florida on the East Coast. Much of the island is protected land for the birds to nest and mate, but a third of the island is accessible below the tide line for us to explore at low tide. We supply binoculars for this trip as well. The trip is highly dependent on the tides and scheduled accordingly.

If you're interested in joining us for a kayak tour, sign up for one of our scheduled trips, or inquire about scheduling another trip. The tours are a great way to connect with your family, small group, or friends.

Finding Shelter in Times of Uncertainty, Oct. 23-25

Susan Yates to Lead Anglican Women's Retreat; Open to First 80, Plus Commuters

By Patricia Smith, President, Anglican Women, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

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October 23-25, 2020 • St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center
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Susan Alexander Yates
Prolific author, blogger and speaker on subjects of marriage, parenting, faith and women's issues, Susan is a mom to five and grandmother to 21. She and her husband, John (the former Rector of The Falls Church Anglican) have been married 50 years. www.susanalexanderyates.com/

Both teachers and parents have had to wade into the uncharted waters of schooling children at home. Children and seniors are missing their friends and normal activities. Reflecting on these makes us ask ourselves, "Have I really learned how to trust and love God

(including a set of twins) and grandmother to 21 (including a set of quadruplets!). She and her husband, John, have been married for more than 50 years. Susan is an author of 16 books and speaks on the subjects of marriage, parenting, faith and women's issues.

Q&A Panel for All; Lunch for Young Moms with Susan Yates and Allison Lawrence

In addition to the main teachings, Susan will have a special lunch on Saturday with moms of young children to freely share and answer any questions on their hearts. We plan to have a Q and A Panel with Susan and our beloved, Allison Lawrence, whose daughter Chelsea will be our appointed and anointed Worship Leader for the weekend. Can't get enough of that Lawrence clan!

Mentoring with Jayne Gurley

Jayne Gurley, who spoke to us at the Virtual Annual Gathering, will be hosting a wonderful workshop on women discipling or mentoring younger women. We will have our vision enlarged on how to carry out the directive in Titus 2:3,4 of the older women teaching the younger women.

Soaking Prayer with The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner

The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, the Director of Programs at St. Christopher, will be our Chaplain for the weekend, leading Soaking Prayer and offering Eucharist on Sunday morning. We covet your prayers that the upcoming retreat will not only be a whisper but more a strong tropical breeze with His Spirit, His Word and the fellowship providing us a way of "Finding Shelter in Times of Uncertainty."

A Personal Invitation from Susan Yates:

The "new" normal is no longer new. It's very old. The news overwhelms us with pandemic fears, riots, protests, rumors of foreign and national conspiracies, natural disasters, and... until we are thoroughly depressed.



Then there's our family. We are tired of one another. Tired of being cooped up with ever present toddlers or mad teenagers. Tired of trying to work from home with so many interruptions. Tired of our spouse. Tired of loneliness.

Tired of our selves. We have no idea what tomorrow will bring. Uncertainty becomes a breeding ground for fear.

Scary thoughts of "What if..." plague us. In this time of uncertainty we long for a safe harbor, a shelter. We want to trust God but it's so hard. How do we get to the place in which our issues and fears are seen from the perspective of God's shelter?

Come join us October 23-25 as we find fresh eyes to see how our Almighty Father God wants to provide for us and encourage us in this difficult season.

Husbands: Why not bless your wives with this retreat getaway? Help her figure out the children and clear the decks to come.

Women, wives and young moms: Grab a girlfriend or two and take this time to be restored and refreshed as you find shelter in the midst of the uncertainty.

Upon rising the other morning, I couldn't help but hum the beautiful old hymn "Face to Face with Christ My Savior." Right now, there seems to be a hunger in our hearts, not only to see Him face to face but, after the last four months of "Sheltering at Home," to see one another! Live streaming, FaceTime, and Zoom are all fine, but nothing beats face to face! We know so well the many wonderful, powerful things that happen when we are present together. We miss seeing, hearing, smiling, laughing, praying, crying and altogether just enjoying God and one another.

For some, these months of slowing down have allowed us the time and opportunity to draw closer to God and connect in a deeper way with our neighbors, but perhaps in this time God has revealed things we've "done and not done" that aren't pleasing to Him. We hear reports of marriages going through economic and emotional stress. The loss or reduction of income has raised tension in the home.

and my neighbors?" Thankfully, God, through others, sends His whispers of grace and healing as we seek Him.

Board Says, "Let's Do It!"

By His grace and with that hunger in our mind, the Anglican Women's Board wants to say... "let's do it!" Let's face our fears of getting sick, be wise and appropriate with our distancing and masks, and let's get together! St. Christopher, at this time, is willing to open its doors to the first 80 who register to lodge on campus and to the first 20 to register as one day or full-time commuters.

Susan Yates our Speaker

The whisperers of His grace have lined up with faith. Our keynoter this year, Susan Alexander Yates, is a mom to five children

Praise and Glory Supports St. Alban's Chapel at The Citadel

By Ellen Childers, Praise and Glory Ministry Chair

The Praise and Glory Ministry is one of the ministries of The Anglican Women's Ministries. I'm proud to say we are off to a good start for the first half of this year, in spite of the COVID-19 restrictions. Even being homebound, unable to attend church (in person), our donors in churches all over our diocese continue!



Citadel Cadets relax during a retreat.

Our purpose for this ministry is to be making daily offerings to the Lord as a reminder of the blessings in our lives, being thankful for each one. Some put an offering in each day, while others may wish to do so during dates set apart (such as during the seasons of Lent and Advent). In doing this, we are reminded to thank God and to praise Him daily. It is also a reminder of God's faithfulness to us! We encourage all

women, young and old, to participate in this blessed ministry!

On May 28th, 2020, our gathered-in donations were sent to the Rev. Rob Sturdy for his program at St. Albans Chapel, The Citadel. The chapel provides a haven for the Cadets. Additionally, it provides an opportunity to learn about God and how to have a relationship with Him. St. Albans encourages and builds character, and in turn has produced numerous priests, and strong Christian business leaders. The Citadel is blessed to have Sturdy as Director of St. Albans' activities, in addition to his duties as Anglican Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets!

For more information regarding this ministry, contact me (Ellen Childers,) Praise and Glory Chair, at nellen41@sccoast.net. I will help in answering any questions you may have!

To donate to the Praise and Glory ministry, you or your church can either mail a check directly to the diocese (see address in article at right) or donate online by clicking the "Donate" link at the top of our website, www.adosc.org. Sign in as a guest. Then click "designated gift." Indicate the purpose as "Praise and Glory."

Making a Difference in a Covid-World

Diocesan Periodical Club Sunday is Sept. 20, 2020; Your gift matters

By Catherine Jacobs, Diocesan Periodical Club Chair

Do you know the majority of farmworkers in South Carolina are migrant workers? Most are young Mexican men with a limited education. Many have left their homes to provide for their families. We have hundreds of such workers on John's Island. They labor diligently from sun-up to sun-down doing jobs that many Americans are not willing to do. To say there is a great need among these people is an understatement. The question arises, "How can we as the Body of Christ help them?" One thing we can do is provide them with a means to learn the Gospel.

The Diocesan Periodical Club is a ministry of the Women of the Anglican Diocese of S.C. The purpose of the DPC is to provide Bibles, prayer books, textbooks and other printed Christian materials needed for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. This year we will continue to assist our seminarian students to purchase textbooks. Also, under the direction of Fr. David Dubay, we will provide Spanish Bibles for migrant workers on John's Island. Fr. Dubay, who has ministered among the migrant workers for years, has witnessed the impact on a worker when he reads the living words

of Jesus in his own language. "It is life-changing," Dubay says.

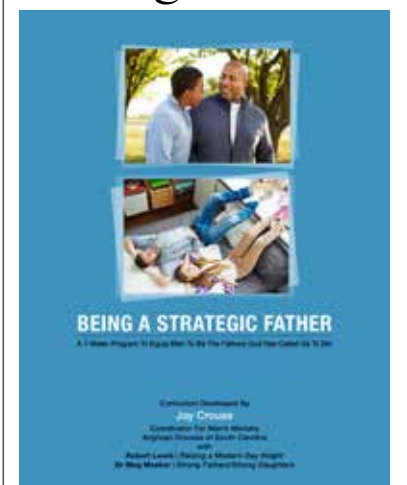
Will you donate to the DPC fund this year? September 20, 2020, has been designated as "DPC Sunday" throughout our Diocese. With your help, the DPC can continue to aid the seminarians as well as impact the lives of the migrant workers. There are three ways to donate. First, you can give online by clicking the "Donate" link at the top of our website, www.adosc.org. Then click "designated gift." Sign in as a guest; Indicate "DPC" under gift purpose. Second, you can make an offering at your church on September 20. And third, you can mail a donation to:

The Anglican Diocese of SC
c/o Nancy Armstrong
PO Box 20127
Charleston, SC 29413

Please make all checks to Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and note "DPC" in the memo line.

2020 has been a difficult year for many people. It has also been a time where many people have withheld donations. Will you step up at this challenging time and make a difference in someone's life? Will you grab this opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ?

Being a Strategic Father



Seven-Week Program Helps Men Be the Fathers God Has Called Them to Be

This curriculum was developed by Jay Crouse, Coordinator for Men's Ministry, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, with Robert Lewis/ *Raising a Modern Day Knight* and Dr. Meg Meeker/ *Strong Fathers/ Strong Daughters*

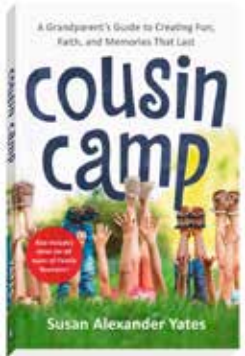
The curriculum includes: Sizing Yourself Up as a Dad; Shaping Up as a Dad; Dad's Workout Program for his son(s) and daughter(s); For a son: you are the most important Man in his life; For a daughter: you are the most important Man in her life.; 6. Living into Being a Strategic Father

This curriculum is free and available through Jay Crouse at jaycrouse@aol.com or (941) 320-0271.

Cousin Camp New Book by Susan Yates

Book Review by Catherine Jacobs

Close-knit family bonds do not happen by accident. Susan Alexander Yates knows this fact very well. Years ago, actually decades ago, I had the honor of being in a small group study under this amazing woman. Today she is a popular speaker, parenting expert and authentic grandmother who has written a powerful book, *Cousin Camp*.



This inspiring book is a practical guide for creating special events that will help you develop meaningful, lasting connections with your extended family. Most of us long to draw close to our families. Yet, bringing everyone together can be daunting. Susan has given us a delightful book, based on years of personal experience, that is overflowing with doable guidelines for organizing family camps and reunions. It is an excellent resource for families of all sizes, backgrounds and needs. She includes specific instructions for initial planning to daily schedules to concrete ways to build friendships among family members.

Do you desire to be an influence with your grands? Do you wish your parents were more engaged with your children? This well-organized book is full of ideas for both generations. It is with great joy I highly recommend *Cousin Camp*.

Catherine Jacobs, a mother, grandmother, speaker, author of *Pass the Legacy: 7 Keys for Grandparents Making a Difference and director of Pass the Legacy Ministry*

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banning overnight field trips throughout the coming academic year, the request and need for this program is almost completely eliminated. With minimal guest groups expected from now through the end of the year, and with the projections for the Barrier Island ministry so severely constrained through May 2021, it is looking increasingly unlikely that St. Christopher can generate sufficient revenue to maintain operations.

When I began an appeal in early April as the signs of cancellations and reduced revenue were readily apparent, St. Christopher received a quick response of financial support from so many who love this hallowed place. That support continues to be received, and at this writing it has reached over \$130,000. Each of the gifts that have collectively contributed to that total value has been a blessing and an affirmation of the value of all that is St. Christopher. Each has been a glimpse of hope and encouragement of what is possible to sustain this ministry through the generosity of others. Each has been an endorsement of the value attributed to those whom God has called to share in His ministry of stewarding these sacred grounds.

While I continue to hold on to hope, I also realize that “you can’t get blood from a turnip” and our coffers have long since run dry. To simply remain open through the end of the year, and to do that with a very limited staff, St. Christopher remains in need of over \$500,000. We are already operating with a deficit, and it will only grow with each passing day without new bookings, increased charitable giving, and creative fundraising. Efforts to address these possibilities continue, and hopefully, they will be sufficient to the need. You can help by coming for a personal retreat, booking a group gathering, and making us part of your charitable giving.

The “CLOSED TO ALL GUESTS” sign is already prepared should it need to be returned to our entrance. I hope and pray that it isn’t. Your help in every way possible is so appreciated and needed now.

Lord have mercy!

Not According to (Our) Plan Social Media Post Leads to New Worshipping Community

By The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, The Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort

The Habersham worshipping community first took shape in response to a simple social media post. Five of us had been meeting regularly for lunch and praying for God to show us how to express His love in our community. We were made aware of a beloved member of the neighborhood who was scheduled for a significant surgery. Feeling led by the Holy Spirit, we posted an invitation on the online app Nextdoor for the neighborhood to join us the following morning to pray for this individual at the time of her surgery.

The next morning at 8:00 a.m., 30 neighbors gathered to pray for the healing of this individual whom they knew and loved. I couldn’t help but be surprised by the number of people who responded on short notice to a simple post on Nextdoor. For 45 minutes, neighbors prayed with neighbors. They began by praying for the Lord’s protection and healing over the woman facing the surgery. But as the time went on, it seemed the Holy Spirit was moving their prayers in another direction as they also began to pray for more opportunities to gather and pray as a community. We left that prayer time with the growing sense that gatherings like this needed to continue happening.

The group had been planning more attractional gatherings like cookouts or back-to-school blessings. However, feeling led by the Holy Spirit, we soon began meeting for a compline service of prayer at a neighborhood pavilion on Thursday evenings. These week-

that came with outdoor worship in the wintertime, God continued to bless and grow our gathering.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 caused us to cancel our in-person gatherings for a season. However, as St. Helena’s sought to offer outdoor worship services for our congregation, beginning in June, Habersham seemed like another natural place to gather. We approached the developer of Habersham, sharing with him our desire to meet on Sunday mornings in the neighborhood. He gave us permission to use an open field, right at the entrance to Habersham, and since June 7, we have been meeting every Sunday.

The truth is, we hadn’t really planned it this way. However, as we have prayerfully sought the Lord’s leading, it is clear that the Lord has led our every step. What began with a simple social media post, inviting others to pray, has grown into a worshipping community. While we don’t know exactly what the next chapter will look like, we can say with confidence: “This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes” (Psalm 118: 23).



ELLISON WOODWARD

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Above: Neighbors meet on Sunday mornings for worship under the shade of the trees in Habersham.

ly gatherings began with a potluck dinner, followed by scripture reading, prayer, and a homily. Over time, we added the singing of hymns and a time of testimony, where neighbors would share what God had done in their lives.

This led to a deepening of relationships for people who had already been close friends and neighbors for years. Over the next few months, even as we navigated the challenges



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A simple post on the online app Nextdoor brought 30 neighbors together (pre-covid) to pray for an individual needing surgery. “They began by praying for the Lord’s protection and healing over the woman facing the surgery. But as the time went on, it seemed that the Holy Spirit was moving their prayers in another direction as they also began to pray for more opportunities to gather and pray as a community. We left that prayer time with the growing sense that gatherings like this needed to continue happening,” write Sosnowski.

I’d like to share with you some words and personal perspectives from a few members of our worshipping community:

“It’s been great to see how the Holy Spirit has been leading us and a blessing to be able to follow the Lord’s plan for Habersham.”
Thad Bullock

“As a long-time resident of Habersham and attendee of St. Helena’s it has been awesome to see these two communities come together for timely worship and fellowship amidst the glory of God’s Creation.”
Lauren Kelly

“His Amazing Grace continues to shine through the Live Oaks on the marsh waters as we see more and more new faces joining us in this safe outdoor sanctuary of Habersham.”
Mark Benford

“Although God rescues in big ways, He brings about salvation with small beginnings, like the trickle of water that Ezekiel saw coming from the Temple. Our prayer is that the trickle that has begun in Habersham becomes a flowing river of grace and joy that purifies whatever it touches and forever runs towards His glory. Our action is loving our neighbors like Jesus and living out the gospel with intention.”
Patrick Kelly

Collaborative Youth Ministry During the Pandemic

By Ryan Landes, Student Minister, Prince George Winyah Church, Georgetown



Beginning in January of this year, Prince George Winyah’s youth ministry began collaborating with three other churches in the area to create a joint youth group. Each church had a sense that we were better together, bringing our respective gifts to the table to try to maximize our ministry’s

effectiveness. It was an experiment for all of us, with its own ups and downs; and then the Coronavirus hit, shutting down schools and churches. But instead of hitting the brakes, we simply shifted gears.

We began streaming online youth services on Sunday nights via Facebook and Instagram. The youth pastors would take turns each week welcoming students and making announcements, running interactive games, giving the message, and leading a time of prayer. Worship music was performed and

streamed live. Students were able to text in or comment with prayer requests and be prayed for on the spot. We also offered midweek small groups via Zoom.

Representatives of all four churches continue to meet weekly to dream and plan for our collaborative ministry efforts in the fall. All of us have seen God continue to work and move in and through this whole process, and we are excited to see what He does next!

New Latino Congregation Launched in Bluffton

By The Rev. Juan Rivera, The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

This article is reprinted from the email newsletter of The Church of the Cross Bluffton.

“So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.” Matthew 9:38 (NLT)

On May 13, 2019, a visionary pastor and a missionary got together to pray over the first-ever major

outreach effort by their parish to the Latino Community in the Low-country. As they laid their hands over the names of those registered for the new ESOL classes, a special feeling of divine faith came upon them as they prayed for the Latino souls who were about to be introduced to the saving Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although the classes were successful for almost a year, the Latino community still had trouble trusting a Church and a denomination they had practically never heard about.

When Covid-19 arrived it seemed as if all would come to an end; but not to the Holy Spirit. Entire families who had lost

their jobs (many of them former English students), began to contact the missionary for food assistance and other missional situations. Relationships of trust began to consolidate and a great interest in the Gospel of Jesus Christ began to manifest clearly. These relationships have formed into two community groups; more are forming as I write. Plans for a Christian Community Garden are currently being drawn and new baptisms are on the way.

At 1:00 pm on Sunday July 26, 2020, the Holy Spirit opened the doors of The Church of the Cross to the community for its first Spanish service. There were over 50 persons in attendance – most of them unchurched, new believers in Jesus Christ. Praised be His Name! As of today, The Church of the Cross has had four Spanish services that are averaging about 40 souls in attendance.

On the day of the Spanish service’s inauguration, Father Chuck’s beloved mother was called into Heaven while he was preaching at CrossPoint. There is no doubt in my heart that God showed Mrs. Margaret the fruit of her prayerful years,

in a similar manner to when God showed Moses the Promised Land before his passing. I will never forget that day, July 26, when in spite of his

the strength whatsoever if it were not for the Holy Spirit working in and through us. We cannot take any personal glory whatsoever for what God has done. We are only slaves of Christ and serve on His behalf.

“When you have done all you have been told to do, say, ‘We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty.’” Luke 17:10

It is meet and right to celebrate, but the real work has barely begun. The Church of the Cross now has to nurture, care for and especially, PRAY for this new Church assembly – its pastor, and its missionary. We will make mistakes and we will need patience – but above all, we need to always put disciplic love at the forefront – love for God and love for each other. More than my preaching, it is your love for one another in Christ that will teach these babes in Christ what it means to be disciples. (John 13:55)

As for me, I mostly have nothing to say other than wordless tears from a heart that knows he really loves his Church family, The Church of the Cross, “Where everyone is someone and Jesus is Lord!”



Above, The Very Rev. Chuck Owens, Rector of The Church of the Cross, left, and the Rev. Juan Rivera pray over the names of the ESOL class participants.

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personal pain, the soldier of Christ, the pastor, entered the assembly and blessed the new Spanish family that The Church of the Cross had birthed through the season’s pains.

Certainly nothing is impossible for those who believe in Christ Jesus.

All of it – everything was the result of prayer. We wouldn’t have had

Merely Christian Wisdom from C.S. Lewis for Today – on Podcast!

An Interview with The Rev. Brian McGreevy

By Joy Hunter, Editor

For those who need a break from social media and the news, and who would welcome something theologically rich, relevant, and entertaining – consider one of [Brian McGreevy’s podcasts on C.S. Lewis](#). Brian, an Associate Rector at St. Philip’s Church, Charleston, and our resident Lewis expert, was recently interviewed on the popular podcast “Pints with Jack.” On July 8, 2020, I had the opportunity to chat with him (via Zoom) about his affinity for and focus on the works of C.S. Lewis.

who wouldn’t come to a Bible study, so it’s a great bridge—one through which people can actually be doing a Bible Study without their realizing it!

How and when did you first encounter Lewis?

I first encountered Lewis when my parents started reading me *The Chronicles of Narnia*, but it wasn’t until I was a college freshman having a crisis of faith that I read *Mere Christianity* – that got me going again.

It’s a powerful essay and even more powerful when you realize it was given as a sermon at the University Church at Oxford during World War II in a time when people literally thought the world was going to end and death was raining from the sky. Lewis gave this beautiful sermon about the weight of glory, the hope of the Kingdom of God and the writing in it is just luminous – It’s one of those, if you haven’t read it yet, that I’m kind of envious because the joy and wonder of getting to read that for the first time are so amazing. I’d encourage you to find a beautiful quiet place and read it out loud. It was originally delivered out loud and it’s much more impactful when you read it that way.

I’ll do it! Do you think it has something to say to us, during the pandemic?

Definitely! A lot of what Lewis wrote, particularly during WWII, is especially resonant right now. Although clearly we’re not in a world war, it can feel like the world is hurtling out of control in many ways. The things people are used to as the guideposts, structure, and framework of life, the assumptions we’ve based our lives and habits upon, are gone now, in much the same way they were in Lewis’ time. His “Learning in Wartime” sermon is particularly on point as well.

So, you meet someone who’s never read any Lewis. Which book would you recommend they start with?

First, I’d say, “I’m so sorry you haven’t had the experience yet!” I often suggest that folks read one of *The Chronicles of Narnia* first (starting with *The Lion, the Witch, and*

the Wardrobe) – or *The Screwtape Letters*. *Screwtape* is pretty accessible—since the letters are pretty short, it’s easy to jump in without much preparation and then get hooked by it.

You have three podcast series: *The Screwtape Letters*; *CS Lewis and the Christian Life* and *The Fellowship: Lewis, Tolkien and the Inklings*. Which of your classes would be a good one to start with?

That’s a hard question. I’d probably say start with the *Screwtape* podcast. It’s very profoundly based in Scripture.

One of the goals we talk about in that class is learning to live a boldly Christian life. When I’ve taught *Screwtape* before, it’s been from the more traditional angle of the temptations to watch out for. But what I realized in preparing this class is that there’s a whole subtext all the way through the book about what really annoys the devil – the things the devil doesn’t want us to do because doing those things leads to our growing strong in our faith in Jesus. What I’ve tried to do in the class is to tease those things out. That has been a great joy.

I’d say both other classes are helpful, particularly the one on the Inklings. The Inklings are one of the best examples of strong Christian fellowship where people really put a priority on investing in relationship with each other that’s deeply grounded in their faith, challenging each other to use their gifts and to pull out from one another the things that God had planted there. There’s a lot we can learn about what might happen if we really engaged in fellowship and were really committed to each other and to encouraging one another to use our gifts—all of which is a great antidote to the loneliness that pervades our society.

Can you explain the difference between “On the beach, snorkeling, and scuba diving?”

That’s a great question. When we do these classes, we have some people who don’t



Brian, to say you’ve “taught a few classes” on C.S. Lewis, would be a huge understatement. I checked yesterday and you have 74 (mostly hour-long) talks or classes online. So, what is it about C.S. Lewis that makes him worthy of all this attention?

A couple of things: first, he consistently points to Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We’re also at a cultural moment where Lewis is a great bridge to people who aren’t necessarily in the Church, or who are in the Church but aren’t mature believers, or who want to go deeper in loving God with their minds. A few years back, during “Mere Anglicanism,” Alister McGrath and Tom Wright spoke about how Story was going to become more and more important in reaching people as we go down this slope of secularism. I think that’s really true and that Lewis resonates with people. People will come to a C.S. Lewis class

Later, my InterVarsity mentor married into a British family with many Lewis connections. That deepened my interest and led to my conducting some study tour pilgrimages on Lewis and the Inklings.

He wrote more than 30 books. Do you have a favorite? Or “top five?”

“Top five” is a much better question for me – my favorite changes often, and is often the last thing of his I’ve read! Top five not necessarily in order: *Mere Christianity* for sure, *Screwtape Letters* definitely, *That Hideous Strength* – always in my top five. I don’t want to lump all *The Chronicles* together – *The Silver Chair* is my favorite of those right now, and last but not least, Lewis’ “*Weight of Glory*” essay.

“Weight of Glory.” I’d heard it was something I ought to read.

Bittersweet & Joyful; Five Ordained to Transitional Diaconate

Chip Bateson, Bill Clarkson, Tom Hample, Jeff Jacobs and Zach Miller Ordained During Pandemic

By Joy Hunter, Editor

As with so much during this time of pandemic, we've come to anticipate a new normal. With ordinations it's no different.

This past spring five of our seminarians, in the process of becoming priests, were ordained transitional deacons in somewhat unorthodox settings. One, Chip Bateson's, was a drive-in ordination, with parishioners staying in their cars. Zach Miller's was held outside his

vestments. We were all learning as we went."

About 30 attended the service on his parents' waterside property. Family members contributed to the poignancy of the day. The highlight of the service, for Miller, was the actual moment of ordination when Bishop Lawrence laid his hands on him as he knelt on a prayer desk made by his cousin. His older brother Drew Miller, who is a priest serving in Georgia, presented him with a stole.

for, but the whole congregation has been working for. I'm just so grateful for everybody who participated and who prayed for me during the process."

Chip Bateson's ordination, probably the most unique of the services, was a drive-in celebration held at the Church of the Resurrection, Surfside. "Everybody stayed in their cars except for people in the service," said Bateson. When the congregation was to respond with a "We will," or an "Amen," they beeped their horns. "It was neat. It was fun," he said. "Being outdoors was odd. Not having people sitting around was odd. Not being able to lay down (clergy prostrate themselves during an ordination) was odd, but we made the best of it. For the most part it was a beautiful service. I felt it was honoring of God, honoring of my work and ministry and of my family. The best part was being in front of my people."

Tom Hample's ordination was the only service held outside of South Carolina. Because of circumstances related to the pandemic, he was ordained by Bishop Hobby of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh at Saint Stephens Church in Sewickley.

"It was bittersweet that I didn't get to be in South Carolina," said Hample. "But the Dean of Trinity was one of my presenters and his wife read. They don't often get to be at an ordination because the students all leave after graduation. Several students and professors came. That was one of the silver linings, an unexpected treat."

"You couldn't forget that COVID was there. But at the same time the gospel was preached, we celebrated the Eucharist. It was awesome."

Lawrence adds, "These ordinations were yet another example of the church bearing gospel witness to the grace of God in the



CARRIE DAVIS

Above, newly ordained deacon, Jeff Jacobs with his wife, Kristin, son, Uri and Bishop Mark Lawrence. Note what the Bishop just realized is still in his hand! Since this photo was taken Kristin has given birth to Eden Marie.

family's home on Johns Island. Bill Clarkson's, took place among the cotton fields next to his church. Circumstances resulting from COVID led Tom Hample to be ordained in Pittsburgh and Jeff Jacobs' was held in his home church with strict limits on the number allowed to attend. At all of the services, participants and worshippers wore masks and adhered to social distancing guidelines.

Such is life during a pandemic. Bishop Mark Lawrence presided at all of the ordinations in South Carolina with the ordination in Pittsburgh done on his behalf by Bishop Jim Hobby of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh.

"Actually, there is much to celebrate and highlight in this remarkable stretch of ordinations," said Bishop Lawrence. "Each was uniquely trimmed to the candidate, the circumstances, and the location. I was proud of how each candidate and his family and congregation rose to the challenge of the moment."

For everyone, including Lawrence, there was a learning curve. Zach Miller's service was the first outdoor ordination of Lawrence's 12-year tenure. "Because it was outside, we had a lot of details to think through," said Miller. "We had to figure out the altar, the cross,

"It was very joyful, very celebratory," said Miller. "We were expecting it to be a rainy day, but it was bright and sunny, with birds chirping and a woodpecker."

Jeff Jacobs described his service as both sad and wonderful. He was limited to 50 people at the service at St. Paul's, Summer-ville, with 38 of them being assigned a role to play, but there was a bright side. More than 770 people watched it on Facebook. "That's more than we could or would have had in the service," he said.

"This was the first time many of us had been in a church building since March," said Jacobs. "It was very moving. It was the first time I'd been in a church service since I'd passed my canonicals (three months earlier). We were all so glad to see each other."

Bill Clarkson's ordination was held during a Sunday morning service among the cotton fields outside his home church, Saint Matthew's, Fort Motte. "It was very meaningful for me," he said. "There were a lot of people I would have loved to have come, but because mine was done on a Sunday morning other clergy couldn't be there." That said, Clarkson felt well-supported by his own congregation. "This is something not only I've been working

power of the Spirit all in the midst of an otherwise muffling environment. Personally, the incarnational dimension (you can't do an ordination virtually) brought me great joy when so much of the church's common life at the time was only virtual."

Through each of these ordinations, God has shown us that he meets us where we are, in our individual challenges and circumstances, and that he always provides a way for us to carry on in the faith. As Hample observed, "none of this stuff interrupts Christ's Church and his work. It doesn't change our calling or the gospel. God is still God. We're still called to preach the gospel. It's beautiful."

Merely Christian

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even know who C.S. Lewis is, we have others who've been studying works of Lewis for 30 years, and everything in between. I've tried to make it interesting to everyone by having three different levels. If you are on the beach, you come to class – or not – and you get what you get. I'm delighted to have you! If you're snorkeling, you come to class and look more closely at the things you're interested in. If you're scuba diving, you approach this as if it were a class in university. I'm not grading you – or making you write things for me – but I'm asking you to do a lot of reading. Some articles may be 40-50 pages long. But, oh boy, they are a gold mine!

Do I need to read the book ahead of time?

Ideally, for Screwtape it's nice to have read the letter beforehand – and then listen to the podcast. Afterwards, look at the PowerPoint and read the articles. But even if there's no time to prepare, that still works, as I read each letter out loud in the class.

Anything more you'd like to tell our readers?

First, I'd say Lewis is a great resource to share to start discussions with friends who are seekers. Lewis appeals to a broad age range. We have a significant number in the class who

are under 30, some still in college and who tell me the class is unbelievably relevant to their daily lives, and then we've got people who are in their 80s, and everything in between.

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I get random emails every month from people in England, Australia, Canada, wherever, talking about how God profoundly touched their hearts through the wisdom Lewis expresses that's drawn from the Scriptures. That's the most exciting thing in the world, to see the Holy Spirit using God's Word to touch people's hearts.

Last year, Netflix's biggest deal was acquiring *The Chronicles of Narnia*, and Prime Video's biggest deal was for Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. I'd love to say Netflix and Amazon Prime are driven by their desire to provide excellent Christian content, but I'm pretty confident that's not their motivation. Their motivation is that market research tells them this is what people want, what will sell.

We're in this cultural moment where we've been given the gift of these works from Lewis and Tolkien, and for us to be good stewards of this time, to use the power of Story to open up the Gospel, is not only a privilege but also really important.

Find Brian's Podcasts [St. Philip's website](#) or you can go to [Apple Podcasts](#).

Youth Ministry in Covid-Tide

By Andrew Cannell, Youth Director, Christ-St. Paul's, Hollywood

A year ago, during one of our diocesan youth group meetings (Fusion), we decided to do a series called Living in Babylon. After the Babylonians conquered a nation, they dispersed individuals throughout their empire. This led the Israelites to have to rethink what it means to be a follower of God, as they no longer had a temple, their community, and an environment that encouraged worship. We started this series because wise youth leaders saw a shift in Christian culture on its way, however, I do not think anyone realized how relevant this series would be since March when we had to close down our regular services for Covid 19. Like the Israelites, we have had to rethink the way we worship, no longer being able to meet in our Church buildings. We have had to rethink sacraments and find new ways to foster Christian Discipleship. In many ways, this has led to frustration, but as a youth minister, I have also seen new opportunities that have come from this new season of life.

First off, what a blessing our leadership had been using Zoom just a little before we were impacted by Covid. This allowed our youth program to go straight into Zoom when we could no longer meet in person. We had Sunday Night Youth Group from 5-6:30 pm which included a game, worship, and teaching. We even did a virtual talent show that really showcased our youth's skills. Alongside Sunday Night, we did Bible Studies on Tuesdays

and Wednesdays and a Friday Fellowship where we played games like Psych, Pictionary, and other Zoom-friendly games.

After a season of youth ministry on Zoom, the kids began to get stir crazy and sick of Zoom. As Christ-St. Paul's began to do outside worship services, we began to think it was time to do some outside youth Bible Studies. So, with the same socially distanced circles we would use for our outside worship services, I began inviting youth to join us for outside Bible Study. We picnic outside, do a Madlib, discuss a chapter of the book of Hebrews, and then end in some games. We usually do a week long day camp during the summer, and this year we are planning to do a week-long socially distanced Bible Study in August.

Our youth have used their creativity to make our online programming better. Students have stepped up to lead our Bible Study. Some have helped serve in the worship team, prayer team, and other programs for Christ-St. Paul's. They have done a great job of maintaining a connection with one another and also striving to find ways to worship God and serve His Kingdom. One thing I have noticed is that when you live in Babylon, you either own up to your faith or you get absorbed into the culture. I have been really blessed to see my students own up to their faith and maybe that is the first of many blessings we may get during this challenging season of life.

Standing in the Breach

A Meditation on Racism, National Unrest and a Call to Prayer by Bishop Lawrence

By The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

If it is true as author Shelby Steele has stated in a recent interview that “racism is endemic to the human condition,” and, I believe it is, it is so because sin itself is endemic to the human condition. To address endemic racism in ourselves, others or our institutions whether it is a prejudice, bigotry, guilt or shame, which hides in the shadows, or that, which parades itself in public, we shall be more successful if we invite the Holy Spirit to journey with us. He after all is not only the promised “Helper,” the One Jesus taught would be sent; he is also the One who shall convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement. (John 16:7-8)

so closely to me, including prejudice.” That at least is my prayer.

Therefore, as we continue in this octave of prayer for our nation while in the midst of this crisis of pandemic and quarantine, with tensions about policing, protests, violence and race, and throw in political jousting for good measure, I invite you to what I believe God’s Spirit has been urging us—that is, to step into the breach. The prophets Ezekiel and Isaiah spoke of standing in this breach—through both prayer and action.

“Thus says the Lord GOD, And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.” (Ezekiel 22:30)

And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; /you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; /you shall be called the repairer of the breach, /the restorer of streets to dwell in. (Isaiah 58:12)

This begins for many of us with intercessory prayer and should lead to prayerful action. Consider the juxtaposition of two black men killed in

recent acts of violence.

Most reading this meditation will have heard of George Floyd and his last words, “I can’t breathe.” His name and words are placarded around the world. His funeral watched by millions. The context of his death and the words so painfully uttered form a simple eloquence Shakespeare described well when he penned the lines, “O! but they say the tongues of dying men/Enforce attention like deep harmony:/Where words are scarce, they

are seldom spent in vain, /For they breathe truth that breathe their words in pain.” George Floyd through social media has become the archetypal victim and his dying words the rallying cry of a generation that has taken to the streets by the thousands. Upon the archetype whether inherent or not virtue is conferred. To watch even a portion of the eight-minute video clip is to feel the painful scab ripped from the deep wounds of those who have suffered from centuries’ old prejudice and the futility of any who would seek to deny it or put on a band aid to stay the bleeding.

The name of retired police captain, David Dorn, a 77 year old black man murdered during the lootings that accompanied the protests in St. Louis on June 2 fewer have heard of. He died defending a friend’s pawnshop. His body was found on the sidewalk at 2:30 a.m. He served his community as an officer for 38 years and dedicated his free time to helping disadvantaged youth. His widow, Ann Marie Dorn, remains a sergeant on the police force. The Ethical Society of Police, which has represented black officers in St. Louis since 1972 in addressing race-based discrimination, said of David Dorn, he was “the type of brother that would’ve given his life to serve them if he had to.” As it turns out, he did. Nevertheless, he like Floyd is a symbol now, not of victimhood but of individual and community initiative. Yet this will never play so well on the screen or in the street. Frankly, that is about all that I know of him. Except this, one of those young black men fleeing the scene of the crime is overheard on the pawnshop camera saying “C’mon, man, that’s somebody’s granddaddy!” These words spoken by a young man in the midst of violent crime testify to a conscience and heart that is still able to care. This too is the human condition: that in the midst of violence a young man’s heart can still care and he the sort of young person

retired Police Captain David Dorn was set on reaching.

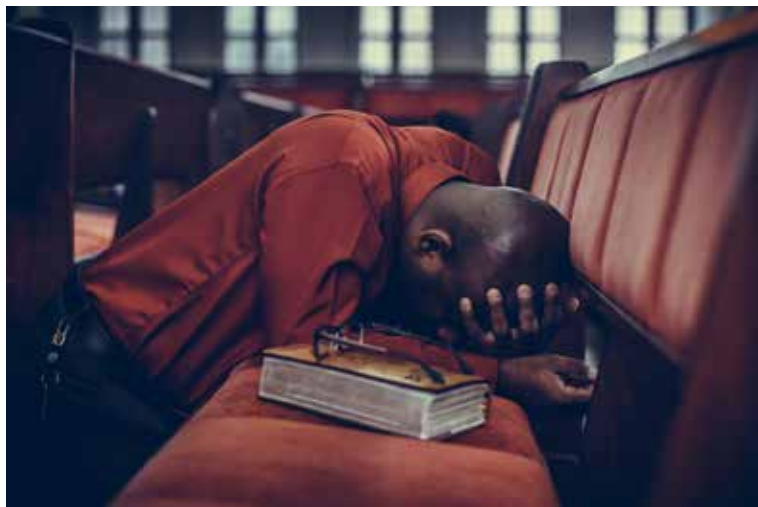
To stand in the breach, to kneel in the place prayer is to hold all of this in our hearts before God: the young marching in peaceful protest; a looter and burglar fleeing the scene of violence perpetrated by his companion in crime; and all the George Floyds and David

Dorns of the world. It is not only to stand in the breach, it is to have one’s heart enlarged. In the words of Edwin Corley, intercession “... is the principle by which praying people allow their own spiritual hearts to become enlarged enough to take on [through prayer] the care of others.” To share in the compassion of Jesus Christ for this world where so many people are like sheep without shepherds. To

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ask God’s Spirit to address our own “...feelings that have become calloused and remote for most of the people around [us].” May God work in us a deep feeling of love and compassion for His people.

So we lift up those suffering from the Covid-19; those working for a vaccine and cure; those burying their loved ones either from the pandemic, the street violence or the normal stuff of life; for those who have lost their business and jobs from quarantine or fire, rioting and looting; for those who continue to suffer the weight of racial injustice; for police officers who risk their lives in their daily round of duty; and those for whom the killing of George Floyd makes the world feel less safe. That may sound almost like a litany. It is—or at least a prayer list. We pray for the light of Christ to come into our darkened world, and after this week of prayer and fasting to show each of us what the next step is, so we might fulfill the promise of our Lord. “*You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*”



SAMUEL MARTINS

Racism is a dark dimension of sin that is difficult for most of us, regardless of our ethnicity, to admit is in us. We sometimes hear someone say, “There is not a racist bone in his body!” One might as well say, “There is not a sinful bone in his body.” For most people such a statement would be nonsense. Perhaps for some of us it is more accurate to say, “God’s grace is bringing me forgiveness for and deliverance from the sin that clings

In Humility Count Others More Significant Than Yourselves

Church Takes Steps Toward Racial Reconciliation and Healing

By The Rev. Greg Snyder, Rector, St. John’s Church, Johns Island

As I write this, marches, protests, and now action from local governments is changing the racial landscape under which we live. This all in the midst of a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic continuing to create fear, isolation, and death for over four months now. These are indeed challenging times for all

my lifetime, and yet we still have “miles to go before I sleep.” And it may be that, on this side of Heaven, there will be no final resolution. Because, as Soviet dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn has famously said, “The line between good and evil runs through every human heart.” The Bible speaks uniquely to this issue, where we find that all human beings are caught up in this problem of sin. Still, the Bible has stood for millennia as a beacon of hope for those who are enslaved, disenfranchised, or living on the margins of an unjust society.

From the very first chapter of the Bible, we learn that every human being, regardless of color, creed, size, IQ, age, physical disability, or religion is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28). And it is our duty as followers of Jesus

Christ to discover that unique gifting in every human being and unleash it for the good of this world and for the glory of the One who created it. We cannot do this if we point fingers and vilify one side in this debate and then the other. And we cannot do it when we do not treasure the contribution of every human

being to the Kingdom of God. Remember: Every human being is made in the Image of God Himself. Every. Human. Being.

But, we also know that in short order, that which was created “very good” descends into chaos (Genesis 3). Our created nature that begins by walking with God in the cool of the day, all too soon becomes one of hiding, shame, and blame. And such is the lot of every human being even to the present day. But, we as Christians, are uniquely poised to offer a solution, the only true solution to this crisis... and His Name is Jesus. We are all in need of a Savior, and He has already walked this earth and given His life that we might have new life in Him now and into eternity.

Jesus of Nazareth led the way in how we are to treat one another. We are to treat the woman at the well (a Samaritan, a person of another race to Jesus), and the tax collector, and the prostitute, and the centurion all the same, and treasure their contribution to a just society. Furthermore, we know that racial diversity is glorified by our Lord in Heaven, “*After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*” (Revelation 7:9-10)

And so, we must be about the business of racial reconciliation and healing, now, on this earth and at this time.

What is our church doing? During this unsettled time, St. John’s Parish Church has hosted a monthly time of prayer and conversation outside for black, white, and Hispanic church leaders. We were able to do this because of relationships of trust that have been built over many years through our involvement in various multi-racial organizations on the islands. Although I expected that the time would be spent mostly in conversation, our black brothers and sisters wanted exclusively to pray for our nation and for the hearts of every individual citizen. They recognize that the race problem begins as a sin problem (or as Archbishop Foley Beach has said, “The skin problem begins as a sin problem”). It was a very moving and sacred time and we plan to continue these prayer services through the end of the year.

What else can we do?

1. PRAY. Pray for this nation. Pray for our leaders. Pray for our law enforcement officers. Pray for revival and renewal in this country. Pray that your heart would be changed and that you would be chosen by our Lord as a “laborer” to be sent out “into His harvest,” and that you would be a source of peace and reconciliation in this fear-filled and sin-sick world.

2. MEDITATE. Be honest with yourself. Have the courage to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you where your heart needs trans-



JACKY SEABROOK

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of us, and not just in the United States, but all over the world. Still, we have trouble enough here at home.

This issue of race has plagued our nation specifically for 400 years. Growing up in the South in the late 1960s and 1970s, I can attest to the fact that progress has been made in

Youth-Led Pet Blessings

By Caroline Stalvey, Youth Ministry Intern, Prince George Winyah Church, Georgetown

The youth at Prince George Winyah led a drive-thru pet blessing on Friday, June 26. Parishioners and community members were invited to load their pets in the car and drive to two stops on the street. At the first stop, the youth prayed a blessing over the pet owner and then sprayed the car with holy water using super-soakers! (They waited to spray until the windows were rolled up, of course!) At the next stop, the youth prayed a blessing over the pet and then sprayed the car with more holy water! It was a fun and safe rendition of this church tradition dating back to St. Francis of Assisi. The youth enjoyed having our Rector, the Rev. Gary Beson, serve alongside them.

Our ultimate goal of the pet blessing was to show our youth that God could even use this type of event for His glory. Our motto was, "This counts." Our youth operated as the hands and feet of Jesus, prayed for blessings in His name, and spread His love to all who participated. We celebrated that God uniquely created each pet and how our pets serve as reminders of our ultimate companionship with God. It was a wonderful event!



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Hello, Meet JOE!

Christ Church Parishioner Introduces Students to the Organ

By Kathleen Nungesser, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

Have you ever seen a child play the organ? It's not the typical scenario one envisions when thinking of organists, but I have. In fact, I have seen dozens of them. I am the founder and director of Junior Organ Experience (JOE) a summer organ program for youth.



Alicia Tabor diligently practices a postlude piece.

My usual job is behind a piano, as an instructor, accompanist, and church musician. Around the year 2001 or so, I took up learning to play the organ so I could be a substitute for my home church, Christ Church, as part of my stewardship. And, wow! I found out I really liked it! Well, first I found out it was really difficult! But, oddly enough, I fell in love with it while struggling to manage more than one manual (keyboard) and simultaneously playing with both feet!

In 2007, I decided to share the love and offered a summer organ program to my piano students to give them a different type of keyboarding experience. JOE was born that summer at St. Paul's Anglican in Conway, where the students were blessed to play on a magnificent Casavant Frères pipe organ. We were hosted the following summer by Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach, where the students had a very different experience playing on a historic pipe organ located way up in a loft at the back of the church. We spent the next few

summers at Church of the Resurrection in Surfside Beach where we had a great mentor in Organist and Music Director, Karen Kearney. In 2012, my husband, Mark, and I moved back to Charleston where JOE found a new home at Christ Church, Mount Pleasant, the place where my organ "career" initially began.

Maybe you are surprised that anyone would think kids would want to play the organ because it seems like such a traditional, old fashioned instrument. I understand because over the years a lot of adults have told me they think organ music is boring. Well, here's another fact that might surprise you: once a student signs up for JOE they rarely quit. In fact, they look forward to it every year and the culminating recital is a joy-filled festive occasion for all.

In the summer of 2013, the first JOE Charleston group consisted of two students. By 2019, that number had grown to 13 youth and one young at heart senior! During these years, in addition to our Christ Church home, students have played at the historic St. Andrew's Church in Mount Pleasant, as well as at St. Philip's Church in downtown Charleston.

In this summer of the Covid-19 pandemic, most students have opted to do their summer piano studies via Zoom or Skype which, regrettably,

is not an option for organ study. However, three intrepid masked young ladies could not resist the urge and enrolled in JOE, even though they knew there would be no fanfare recital awaiting them at the end. They just wanted to have the unique experience of sitting at the grand organ console making music.

One of those students, 10-year-old Alicia Brown, who is experiencing organ for her first time had this to say about JOE: "I've always thought playing the organ would be fun! You are able to pick what sounds would be just right for the song that you are playing. The sound is very beautiful and echoes through the church. I'm happy to have the chance to play the organ."

Another student, Alicia Tabor, a nine-



KATHLEEN NUNGESSER

Even the boys were excited the year the big box of organ shoes arrived, compliments of the Organmaster shoe company. Above, Kofi Ayiku models his new shoes.

year-old parishioner of Christ Church, is a second year JOE participant. She said, "I was surprised the first time I played the organ because of how complicated it was and how many things I had to push and pull. When I play it, it can make so many different sounds.



JOE Recital at Christ Church. Instructor Kathleen Nungesser, middle row left. Guest Artist Christopher Dunivan, back row right. July 2019.

That is what I love about it. For the piano I have to make sure it is the right note, but with the organ I can also be more creative. Now that

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formation as regards prejudice, whether it is toward whites, blacks, Asians, Hispanics, the wealthy, the poor, or those from another region of the country. And then ask the Lord to begin to change your heart and remove that prejudice. This is hard and enduring work.

3. LISTEN. Pray about and then invite a person of a different race or background to spend some time with you, possibly for a socially distanced lunch. They may be somebody you have known all your life, but still you do not know their full story, their fears, their anger. Ask them how they are feeling through all of this racial unrest and try to get to know their story at a deeper level.

4. BE LONGSUFFERING: HOLD YOUR TONGUE. Please, stop saying, "Yes, it is a tragedy that this life was snuffed out, but..." We need to stop using the conjunction "but." The loss of any life, either of the unborn or of the citizen in the street with an officer kneeling on his neck, is a tragedy. Period. End of sentence.

5. LEARN. Spend some time studying the issue of race from both scriptural and societal (other than your own) viewpoints. Recommend that your small group or Bible study spend some time reading texts or watching podcasts that discuss racism and what we can do about it. Some suggested resources are posted on the diocesan website and Facebook page. My wife, Beth, and I will be leading a small group this Fall at St. John's Parish Church in the study of racial reconciliation. I have heard of other churches in our diocese who are already doing the same.

6. REACH OUT. Seek to help those less fortunate than you (and possibly more vulnerable) in your community, which may include a person of a different race. Offer to deliver food to them or help them with some other need. Be a good neighbor.

7. SPEAK OUT. Speak out and possibly even gather in solidarity with others (our Archbishop, Foley

Beach, did just that in Atlanta) for social justice and racial equality. We worship a God who famously said, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream" (Amos 5:24). I pray that we all contribute to that Biblical vision.

These are just a few suggestions. There are many others. In the end, we can do no better than St. Paul's own admonition to the Church at Philippi (Philippians 2:3-7):

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,...

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geographic deaneries of the diocese which, based in Charleston, consists of more than 20,000 members in 53 congregations from Myrtle Beach to Bluffton and Conway to Barnwell.

Reflecting on the ministry of the Bishop, the Rev. Jeff Miller, Rector of historic St. Philip's Church in Charleston, said, "Whenever Mark Lawrence speaks, you catch the distinct echo of the voice of the Good Shepherd, and that's the real reason the people of this diocese have cheerfully followed him these past 12 years. He's been a friend, a counselor, a mentor, a soldier, but especially, a good shepherd, and the flock is going to miss him!"

Lawrence's tenure has not been without tension. He served at the helm during the Diocese's decision to separate from and process of leaving the Episcopal Church, which occurred in 2012.

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lawsuit," said the Rev. Gary Beson, Rector of Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, "is rather than circling the wagons he told us to go out. 'The fields are white to harvest,' he said in a convention address." Beson is

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one of the clergy who launched one of the four church plants that began under the Bishop's leadership.

In addition, in 2009, during a Diocesan Convention address the Bishop called the diocese to focus on "Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age," which has been a touchstone for the entire diocese going forward.

Out of this call numerous churches began missional partnerships with churches around the world and the Anglican Leadership Institute was launched which, through nine sessions, has brought 133 emerging Anglican leaders from various parts of the world together for a month-long training initiative.

Death of The Very Rev. Dr. Peter Moore ‘Unrelenting Passion to Reach the Next Generation’

The Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore, Age 83, peacefully entered into eternal life May 30 in Mt. Pleasant.

Peter was an innovative leader, mentor, preacher and author for more than 50 years. He currently served as the director of the Anglican Leadership Institute since 2016, training leaders in the world-wide Anglican Church in servant leadership, all the while serving as a scholar in residence at St. Michael's Church, in Charleston, SC.



Bible and not above it, fighting to keep the church he knew and loved in a place of obedience to Scripture.

Peter also had an unrelenting passion to reach the next generation for Jesus Christ, as evidenced by the men and women who came to know Christ through Peter's work from pulpit to public debate, classroom to tennis court, ski retreats to one-on-one lunches, truly anywhere he went. He leaves a global legacy that is sorely missed.

It was not by coincidence that Peter died on the eve of Pentecost: Peter lived and breathed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Peter held degrees from Yale University, Oxford University, Episcopal Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary, where he earned his doctorate. He served in parish ministry at All Souls Episcopal Church, East McKeesport, PA. Peter later served as rector of Little Trinity Anglican Church, a historic parish in downtown Toronto.

Peter was also a gifted academic and the author of several books, including: *A Church to Believe In*; *Disarming the Secular Gods*;

“...Peter was a gifted teacher, a wonderful pastor, a committed Christian evangelist, a person who gives his all for the Gospel, but that is not all, Peter has this unique gift of fishing out disciples for Jesus Christ. Peter was instrumental in my coming to Trinity (Seminary) to study... Peter Moore has continuously watched over my life... he's so marvelously impacted my life and I can only say, “Thank God for Peter Moore!”

Archbishop Ben Kwashi

“... When I was 19 he (Peter) invited me to come to NY to come and work with him and live with him in his apartment... He took a real interest in me. I've always been grateful for that because Peter believed in me and thought I was worth an investment of his life. He gave me things to read, we studied Scripture we prayed together and over the years we built a strong, deep true friendship...I've always gone to Peter for advice... I just want to say how grateful I am for Peter.”

The Rev. John Yates, II

One Lord One Faith: Getting Back to the Basics of your Faith in an Age of Confusion; Can a Bishop be Wrong? Ten Scholars Challenge John Shelby Spong; and From Dry Bones: Reflections on an Unpredictable Life.

Peter wrote for the Carolina Compass a prolific and impactful column called “Moore to Ponder.”

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; three children: Jennifer Moore; the Rev. Kate Norris (the Rev. Sean Norris); and David Moore (Alexandra Moore MSN CRNP) and two grandchildren, Rhyann Norris and Skylar Norris. Instead of flowers, the family requests that a donation be given to FOCUS, P.O. Box 1027, 140 Elm Street, New Canaan, CT 06840 or to Trinity School for Ministry, 311 Eleventh St., Ambridge, PA 15003.

A memorial service was held on June 19, 2020 at St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

Visit petercmoore.org for written and video testimonies to Peter's incomparable impact on so many.

People News

On April 1, Joy Avera began serving at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, as their Sacramental and Liturgical Coordinator.



Joy has served with children's ministry, vacation Bible school, missions, youth group, youth missions, young moms' Bible studies, women's Bible studies, special

event planning for the church family, and most recently directing the Alpha course. Her favorite ministry is opening her home to share love and hospitality to all. Joy and Mark, who has been a priest in the diocese for 18 years and is presently serving at Church of the Resurrection in North Charleston, have five grown children (ages 19, 21, 24, 25, and 26) and recently welcomed their first grandchild.

The Rev. Bill Clarkson, who was ordained a deacon this past May, has accepted a call to serve as



the Curate at the Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg. A Curate is someone beginning his or her ordained ministry who chooses to serve under a “seasoned”

priest for a time to learn the intricacies and the ins and the outs of ordained ministry. Bill has known the Rector of Redeemer, the Very Rev. John Burwell, for decades and has worked with him on Diocesan Council and the Standing Committee as well as Cursillo and numerous other diocesan ministries. Bill is also good friends with the Rev. Mike Sheedy (a Deacon at Redeemer) who got him interested in the Karios prison ministry years ago. Clarkson's first Sunday at Redeemer was June 28.

Please keep the Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector of St. Helena's, Beaufort, and



his family in your prayers. This past January Shay was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. In a letter to his parish he wrote, “I know there are many

responses to news like this. Trust me, we have experienced all of the emotions. Parkinson's forces you to live day by day much like the coronavirus. It's how we are all supposed to live, but we often spend our days planning or looking ahead and miss the moment. I am thankful for PD because it causes me to trust Jesus more and plan less. You may wonder what this means for our church or for my family. We do not know, but we do know Who holds the future. We have today and must trust the Lord for the future.” [Read the full letter.](#)

The Rev. Justin Hare accepted a call to serve as the Assistant for Young Adult and College Ministry at St. Philip's Church, Charleston,



beginning August 1. Justin is a native of Charleston, SC, where he attended St. Michael's Church with his family as a youth and graduated from Port-

er - G a u d School in 2005. He was a member of the men's golf team at Duke University, and he earned a BA in History in 2009. After returning to Charleston, he met his wife, Molly, and they married in December 2010. Justin served as the Youth Minister at St. Michael's Church before attending seminary in 2013. He received his Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 2017 and was called to start a college ministry at Clemson University in partnership with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) and Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church. Justin and Molly

have two children, Graceanna, 6 and Lawrence “Law,” 4.

The Rev. Jeffrey Jacobs has accepted a call to serve bivocationally as the deacon at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville.



Jeff is excited to serve at the same church where he was baptized, confirmed, married, and ordained. He recently graduated from

Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA and was ordained on the eve of Pentecost. Jeff and his wife Kristin have one son, Uriah (2) and welcomed their newborn daughter, Eden Marie on July 27.

The Rev. Zach Miller has accepted a call to serve as a deacon intern at St.



Helena's, Beaufort, through the fall. Zach will serve at St. Helena's to work on his CPE (pastoral care training) as well as to learn about parish ministry. Zach is a native of Johns

Island. He graduated from Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham and was ordained in May.

Saint James on James Island recently announced that they have called a new Director of Worship.



Joshua Nobles is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance and Postgraduate coursework in

Orchestral Conducting. He and his wife Anna Parsons come to Saint James from First Presbyterian

Church in Mooresville, NC. Joshua will join the church officially in September.



The Revs. Sean and Kate Norris have left their positions at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, to found a mission arts community on Long Island, New York, that can

be a place of retreat, sabbatical, recovery, and incubator of new ministries. In a note to Holy Cross, Sean wrote, “Throughout all of our different chapters of ministry, no matter what the context, one thing has been constant: Kate and I love to minister through our artistic gifts (Kate through painting and



drawing, me through music, and both of us through writing). Whether it be wealthy suburban Charleston or the nitty, gritty streets of Pittsburgh or New York we always end up using the arts and our experience in recovery to go deep with people to where the real pain lies to speak God's word of grace and hope there. This is what he has done in our lives, and we love to help create that space for others. God has shown us that we are artist missionaries. That is our call, and that is where he is calling us forward.” Their last Sunday at Holy Cross was July 26. [Read the announcement.](#) Visit their new [website.](#)

Sara Pilling has answered a call to serve as the Youth Minister at St. Thomas, Mt. Pleasant. A note announcing her new position, reads, “While attending Pres-



byterian College and the College of Charleston, she began to discern a call to full-time ministry. She had very little idea of what that would look like but knew the Lord would be faithful and waited for Him to open the door. ... While praying one day in particular, she felt a clear passion and calling to student ministry. She didn't know when the Lord would provide an opportunity, so she continued to (sometimes impatiently) wait. The Lord then led her to St. Thomas, and she is so grateful to join this incredible church family and continue marveling at the faithfulness of the Lord! [Read the announcement.](#)

Eddie Schroder has joined the staff of Holy Cross, Sullivan's and Daniel Island as their Director of Operations. In this role, Eddie will oversee the departments of facilities, finance, human resources, communications, IT, and membership administration. Eddie and his wife, Andrea, have been married for over 33 years and have seven kids ranging from 30 to two years old. They moved from San Diego five years ago to reside in Mount Pleasant. Over the past five years, Eddie served on the staff of East Cooper Baptist Church. In a note to the congregation, Eddie writes, “I look forward to using my God-given talents and experience to further support Holy Cross and the kingdom work being done here.” [Read the announcement.](#)



Please keep the Rev. Mike Sheedy, who serves as a deacon at Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg, in your prayers. He suffered a small stroke on the left side of

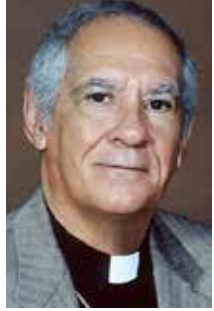


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Death Notices

The Rev. John T. Bowden March 30, 1938 - June 4, 2020

Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. John T. Bowden, the retired Vicar of Church of the Redeemer, Pineville, in your prayers. John died on June 4, 2020. The funeral, which was live streamed from Leevy Funeral Home was held on June 12. Throughout his distinguished career in the U.S. Army, John held a variety of command and staff positions, and was the recipient of numerous awards, honors and military decorations. Following his time in the military, he worked in higher education and served faithfully at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Orangeburg, SC in various capacities including as an ordained Deacon. In August 1998, he was ordained as a priest, and was assigned to The Church of the Redeemer in Pineville, SC, where he served a grateful congregation for 10 years before retiring for health reasons. He was an active citizen in the Orangeburg community serving on various boards and commissions. Read the full obituary here. <https://leevy.com/obituary/reverend-colonel-ret-john-t-bowden-jr/>



The Rev. J. Robert Horn, IV October 9, 1953 - June 16, 2020

Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. Robert Horn in your prayers. Robert, Vicar of Holy Apostles, Barnwell, died on June 16 after a long illness. Robert received his Masters of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1981. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop Gray Temple on June 24, 1981 and was ordained a priest June 3, 1982 by Bishop FitzSimons Allison. He served a number of parishes in South Carolina including: the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston; the Church of our Saviour, Johns Island; Saint James Church, Charleston; Trinity, Pinopolis; St. Matthias, Summerton; Holy Trinity, Grahamville and Holy Apostles, Barnwell. He also served as President of Victorious Ministry Through Christ and helped co-found 100 Fold Life Ministry with his wife, the Rev. Martha Horn, who served as an Assistant at St. Luke's, Hilton Head. (Martha died on December 28, 2015.) A memorial service will be held in the fall of 2020. Read the obituary here. <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-rob-ert-horn&pid=196374091&fhid=6051>



The Future of The Church

Our Most Important Mission Field is Literally Under our Noses

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry

The future is always on my mind. I literally can't stop thinking about the future of the church, our society, our nation, and our world. Everything around us is changing at a continually accelerating pace. And to be honest, things look bleak. It all seems to be falling apart. The church is in decline, our country is divided, the world is in disarray, and I frankly hate chaos. Our only comfort is in the sovereignty of God: our Creator, Redeemer, and Lord.

Yet tomorrow is always a new day that brings hope. Lamentations 3:22-23 gives us comfort and confidence.

*The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

As we think about the future, it should occur to us that the answer is literally under our noses. The hope of the Church and our society is right there, and we overlook it. Well known sociologist George Barna has concluded after decades of studying the Church that the primary focus of ministry should be... children. That's not the answer we expected.

We have a history in our diocese that we ought to learn from in order to shape the future. Youth Ministry was a subset of Faith Formation until 30 years ago when Bishop Salmon pulled it out and lifted it up as a mission field. His thinking was that if we reach teens, we reach families. Our diocese went from one or two congregations employing Youth Ministers to dozens. The boom in youth ministries led to a lot of church growth. The premise was very true in the 90's but not today.

If we had followed the same logic, then somewhere in the early 2000's we should have pulled Children's Ministry out of the Faith Formation catalogue and given it a mission status. Many mega churches did just this and experienced continued growth. The truth is that teens in the community are very difficult to reach in the 21st century. Children's ministry is a far more potentially fruitful harvest field. Children are more open to being taught the Bible and hearing the Gospel. Parents are more likely to follow their children to church.

In missions we speak of reaching the most unreached people groups. If we apply that criteria to segments of the population, students are the least reached people group in America. By that I mean children, youth, and college students. Only 2% of college students are being reached by any campus ministry today. Youth ministries across the country are reaching fewer teens than they did a few

decades ago. Younger generations need to be a priority focus of the Church!

British Author & speaker Krish Kandiah made the following observation in Christianity Today magazine. (January 10, 2020)

"For many years, the Barna Group has been analyzing generational engagement with

Second, consider what would happen if our congregations were to focus intently on praying for younger generations? When we pray for others our hearts are moved and we want to know and interact with them. Making prayer for younger generations a high priority leads us to seek God's intervention



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churches. In his book, *Faith for Exiles*, David Kinnaman states that in 2011, 59 percent of young Americans who grew up Christian had stopped attending their churches. Less than a decade later, the number has now increased

to 64 percent. Despite numerous initiatives to try and reverse the trend, we have not managed to sufficiently engage young adults with Christianity.

This speaks to a major challenge to the mission of the Church: for all the evangelistic initiatives, for all the church planting, for all the populist fears of immigration diluting the Christian population's majority, the biggest challenge to the Christian church is

our inability to disciple our own children and help them transition from childhood faith to adult belief." (emphasis added)

How do we address this challenge? What I am about to suggest is very simple. That is not to say it will be easy.

First, we need to bear in mind that every church has what is needed to engage younger generations! It's not about programs and resources. It's about people passing the faith to the next generation. There really are only two resources needed to do this: people and the Bible. Engaging younger generations can take place in homes, in the community, and in church. It can happen in families, amongst friends, and in the church family.

"...The biggest challenge to the Christian church is our inability to disciple our own children and help them transition from childhood faith to adult belief."

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his brain this past July and has a condition called aphasia. He has begun speech therapy, and according to his wife, Vicki, is doing very well. "Please thank everyone for their prayers," she said. "They've really made a difference." On August 2 Mike was even able to go to church. "We're taking it one day at a time," says Vicki, "But we know God has us! Please keep praying for us."



Maddie Steen has accepted a call to serve on the staff of St. Helena's, Beaufort, as their Small Groups Coordinator. Last year Maddie moved to Beaufort for a ministry internship and worked in a variety of ministries at St. Helena's.

Now God has raised her up to lead in small groups. With Todd Simonis' ministry to the Diocese expanding, and St. Helena's need for small groups growing, this new role will be key to moving forward with the church's Vision for intentional discipleship. Maddie will be a part of connecting new members to small groups as well as taking care of the administration of current groups.



The Rev. Ryan Street, who had been serving as the Assistant for Young Adult and College Ministry at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, has accepted a call to serve as the Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Madison, Mississippi. In a note to

the congregation he said, "At St. Philip's, I have treasured the opportunity not only to serve alongside four priests whom I dearly love and respect, but also to learn from them tools for ministry which I will carry with me for the rest of my life—tools for leadership, tools for preaching and teaching, and tools for shepherding the Lord's flock. None of these lessons would have been possible without you; thank you for serving me and blessing me through the gifts God has given you. I can only hope that I have been but a fraction of the blessing to you that St. Philip's and all of you have been to me and to my family." [Read the full letter.](#)

Chris Walchesky has accepted a call to serve as the Assistant Organist & Choirmaster at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, beginning September 1. Chris, a native of Pittsburgh and a sinner saved by Christ's redeeming



work, has served as a parish musician for over 15 years. He studied at Grove City College and the Dana School of Music at Youngstown State University. He has served the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina since 2013 as Organist and Choirmaster at Old St. Andrew's (2013-2016) and Saint James, James Island (2016-present). He and his wife, Jessica, have a one-year-old daughter, Cecilia, and live West of the Ashley. Most weekends he can be found on his boat enjoying brews from his favorite Charleston breweries: Westbrook, Charles Towne Fermentory, and Low Tide.

Report of the 2020 Diocesan Convention Nominating Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for prayerful consideration by the delegates to the 2020 Diocesan Convention. The Committee was composed of clergy invited from every deanery, laity serving in the major ministries of the Diocese as well as members of the diocesan ministry staff. With the insights that breadth of experience in the Diocese brings, the Committee's goal was to submit candidates who will provide the strongest possible leadership for the Diocese at this time. Please keep all candidates, delegates and clergy in your prayers as we prepare for the future of our Diocese and for our annual Convention, October 3, 2020.

In Christ's Service,

The Rev. Karl Burns
Chairman

The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis
Canon to the Ordinary

Standing Committee

Clergy: 2 Needed for 3 Year-Term

The Rev. Karl Burns
Church of our Saviour
Johns Island

Karl, the Rector of Church of Our Saviour, John's Island, has been involved in diocesan leadership for many years and is ready to return to this privileged opportunity of service. Former Standing Committee, including Vice Chair and Chair, former Diocesan Council, former Board Chair of St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center, present Chair of Nominating Committee, present member Commission on Ministry.



The Rev. Ted Duvall
Christ Church
Mt. Pleasant

Father Ted is a 1989 graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary, and served parishes in Greenville and Hartsville, SC, and Augusta GA before becoming Rector of Christ Church in June of 2011. Father Ted believes that God intends Christ Church to be a place where many lives are transformed for Jesus Christ. While caring for God's people, his ministry passions include preaching the Gospel and teaching the faith – a favorite Bible verse is Acts 20:24. Ted is married to Katherine and their two daughters are Beverly and Anne.



The Rev. Tripp Jeffords
St. Paul's, Summerville

Fr. Tripp graduated from Duke Divinity School in 1994. He received a diploma in Anglican Studies from



Virginia Theological Seminary in 1995. Tripp began his ordained ministry serving as the Associate to the Rector at St. Helena's in Beaufort. Afterward, he was called to be the Rector of St. Paul's in Conway. Tripp, his wife Leslie and their three sons, Christian, Davis, and Hayden, enjoyed more than 17 years ministering to the saints in Conway. In 2015, Tripp accepted a call to serve as the Rector of St. Paul's, Summerville, where they have joyfully served ever since. Tripp has served multiple times on Diocesan Council (liaison to the department of youth ministry) and the Standing Committee. He served on the ACNA Affiliation Task Force. Tripp has served on many Cursillo, Kairos, Chrysalis, and Happening teams. A guiding verse for Tripp's ministry has always been I Corinthians 2:2, "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

The Very Rev. Ken Weldon
St. John's Church, Florence

The Very Rev. Ken Weldon is the rector of St. John's Church in Florence (2008-present) and the dean of the Florence Deanery. Prior to this, Ken served as the curate at St. Philip's Church, Charleston (2001-2008) and as the chaplain at Porter-Gaud School (2004-2008). Ken has served the diocese on the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and the ACNA Affiliation Task Force. Ken grew up in the Diocese of South Carolina and is married to "Boo." They have two daughters, Mattie (23) and Mims (20).



Laity: 2 Needed for 3 Year-Term

Todd Barnum
St. Paul's, Summerville

Born into the St Paul's, Summerville, family over 45 years ago, Todd's family helped plant St George's, Summerville. After graduating from Trident Tech Culinary Arts program in 1988, Todd left Charleston and spent the next several years traveling and cooking in some of the finest hotels and restaurants in the country. His travels brought him to Beaufort where his life took a dramatic downturn due to a divorce, becoming a father and losing his job. At that low point Christ "grabbed," him and changed his life. He became a member of St Helena's, Beaufort; taught Sunday school; was involved with the youth group, going on many youth mission trips. He served on Kairos and was active in men's ministry and became a DivorceCare facilitator. He served for six years as full-time chef and hospitality



minister at St. Helena's. He is very active in Cursillo having served on team eight times. He is the rector for the BCD Ultreya and is on the Secretariat committee. Last year he was Rector for Cursillo #186. Todd met his wife, Michelle, in 2008 through Cursillo. They married in 2014 and moved back to Summerville where he returned to St. Paul's. He has one son and two stepdaughters.

John Benson
Prince George-Winyah,
Georgetown

John has been a member of Prince George since 1983. On the Diocesan level he just completed his 3rd term on Diocesan Council. He is also on the Board of Directors of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. He was a delegate to the 2017 and 2019 ACNA Provincial Assembly and has been a delegate to 15+ Diocesan Conventions, plus served as a member of the Diocesan Task Force for Provincial Affiliation. At Prince George, he has served eight terms as Senior Warden and is currently serving on the vestry. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Historic Preservation Trust, and is a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, and is involved in Men's Ministry and a regular Men's Conference attendee. A major part of his spiritual life has been the M2 Gospel Challenge and weekly Small Group Bible Study. John is the Professional Products Business Development Manager with Verbatim Americas. He has been married to Elaine for 41 years and they have three grown children and six beautiful grandchildren.



Russ Gantt
St. Paul's, Summerville

Russ is married with four married adult children and five grandchildren. In 2019 he retired from being a TD Bank Executive, his specialty was commercial business banking. January 2020, he opened Barnabas Associates, LLC - a small business consulting firm. Russ has been active on both the diocesan and local levels, having served on the leadership teams of the Men's Ministry, the Men's Summit, the Christian Men's Conference, and was part of the Behold the Man Pilgrimage to Israel in 2015 and 2017. At St. Paul's, Summerville, he has been a Discipleship Leader, a former co-leader of Men's Ministry, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, and part of a men's and a couples Bible study. He has a heart to serve and is very dependable.



Cal Huge
St. Paul's, Summerville

Cal Huge, a member of St. Paul's, Summerville, is a retired attorney, farmer, educator and overseas mission worker. A graduate of FSU, with a law degree from Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, Huge worked as a financial analyst then lawyer for the SEC

before spending several years in private practice and 10 years managing the family farm in Wateree, SC.



In 1987 he and his wife, Libussa (Bu), joined Mercy Ships in Switzerland managing its European and African affairs. For the next three years he worked in numerous countries in medical and agricultural outreaches. After returning to the States they lived in Franklin, NC where, in need of R&R, he took a job coaching basketball. In 1994 they moved to Charlotte where he became finance manager and eventual headmaster of Charlotte Christian School. Love of sailing brought him to the Charleston area where he served as headmaster of Cathedral Academy before retiring (again) to enjoy competitive sailing. Cal and Bu joined St. Paul's in 2005. Since then he has done short-term work in Afghanistan and served as CEO of Mercy Ships before "finally" retiring in 2009. He and his wife have been married 45 years and have five children, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Francis Mack
Saint Matthew's,
Fort Motte

Francis Mack is a member of Saint Matthew's, Fort Motte. He has served on the Vestry and as Treasurer. He is currently Chancellor and chair of the finance committee at Saint Matthew's. He is chair of the Board of Directors of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.



He previously served on Diocesan Council and the Ecclesiastical Court. He is a member of the Anglican Lawyers Network. Francis received Bachelors and Masters degrees in engineering from the University of South Carolina. After working 10 years with the Savannah District of the Army Corps of Engineers, he attended law school at USC. He practiced law for 32 years and retired from private practice in 2014. He remains an active member of the South Carolina Bar and is admitted to practice in Federal Court in the District of South Carolina, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Court of Federal Claims and the US Supreme Court. He served in the SC National Guard and the US Army Reserve for nine years. He is married to Nina Reid Mack. They recently celebrated their 40th anniversary. They have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Diocesan Council

Clergy: 2 Needed for 3-year-term

The Rev. Donnie Hayes
Christ Church, Florence

The Rev. Dr. Donald R. Hayes has served as Vicar of Christ Anglican Church in Florence since May 2015. Christ Church continues



to grow having confirmed and baptized new members every year since his institution. Christ Church now has an active Sunday School, weekly Bible Study, weekly Healing Services as well as refreshments after service. Our motto is *Come Home - Refresh, Restore, and Renew*. Additionally, Fr. Hayes serves as Priest-in-charge of the Anglican Church of the Advent, Marion, which suffered severe damage from Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Since that tragedy, the sanctuary has been completely restored and now the business of building the 'real' church through its membership is well underway with the addition of Grand Day, Nativity Tour, and Blessing of the Animal services. Fr. Hayes is married to Cynthia Bush who serves as secretary of Advent Marion, and they have two daughters and six grandchildren.

The Rev. Will Klauber
Good Shepherd, Charleston

The Rev. Will Klauber recently accepted a call to serve as the Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Charleston. Prior to that he served as vicar of St. Aidan's Church, a plant on John's Island. He and his wife, Sara, have been married for 14 years and have two children, Elizabeth and



William. Will recently returned to the diocese after receiving his master's in divinity from Trinity School for Ministry in May. Before leaving for seminary, he served as the Summer Camp Director at St. Christopher for five years. Prior to that he was the Director of Youth Ministries at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant. He has spent time on the Christian Men's Conference board, and also served for a term as a chaplain delegate to the Health Advisory Committee for the Charleston County School District (CCSD). He has a passion to see our church communities engage more with the communities in which we live, work, and play. In all of his ministries, Will emphasizes the importance of relationship in building trust within our communities, loving our neighbors, and sharing the Gospel so that those who do not know Him might come to a saving knowledge of God.

The Rev. Jady Koch
Christ Church
Mt. Pleasant

A graduate of Washington & Lee University (2000) and Trinity School for Ministry (2007), The Rev. Dr. John D. "Jady" Koch earned his Doctorate in Systematic Theology at the University of Humboldt in Berlin, Germany in 2014. In addition to various articles and lectures, he is the author of *The Distinction Between Law and Gospel as the Basis and Boundary of Theological Reflec-*



tion, which was published in 2016 (Mohr/Siebeck) and explores the interrelationship between the doctrine of justification by faith alone and the preaching and teaching ministry of the church. Having served churches in Berlin, Vienna, and Louisville, KY, Jady is excited to have been called to Christ Church and into The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and is looking forward to continuing his work in bringing the truths of the Gospel to bear on the everyday realities of life in our modern world. At Christ Church, he oversees the family discipleship ministry and various other classes and offerings. He is on the board of trustees for Trinity School for Ministry. He and his wife, Liza, have three children and about a thousand house plants.

The Rev. Newman Lawrence
St. Jude's, Walterboro

The Rev. Newman Lawrence recently accepted a call to serve as the Rector of St. Jude's, Walterboro. Prior to that he served as the Assistant at Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island where his ministry focus was on families and children's ministries. Newman is married to Trish Sosnowski Lawrence and they have twin sons, Hank and Huck. Prior to seminary, Newman was a member of St. Michael's Church, Charleston since 2002. While there, he volunteered in the areas of Youth Ministry, Men's Ministry/ Hikes, Alpha, and was a Lay Reader. In the midst of that time, Newman and Trish spent two years in Uganda working for One World Health. He graduated with an MDiv from Trinity School for Ministry in May of 2019 and a BS in Education from The Citadel in June of 2006.



The Rev. John Sosnowski Holy Comforter, Sumter

Fr. John has served as the Associate Rector at Holy Comforter, Sumter, for four years. Before that, he served a distinguished career as a pharmaceutical representative and as a layman in leadership at St. Michael's, Charleston. He is an avid outdoorsman and he and his wife, Patty, have two daughters and three grandchildren.



Laity: 2 Needed for 3 Year-term

Phil Dixon
Resurrection
North Charleston

Phil is a Citadel graduate, a professional engineer, and a certified facility manager having his own company as a consulting engineer. Since 2002 he has also been the Director General of the International Order of St. Vincent, an Anglican Lay Order, and since 2013 a Board



Member of The Society for the Advancement of Christianity. In 2017 he was elected to the Board of Directors of St. Alban's Chapel Society. Phil was a member at the Cathedral for approximately 24 years and left to help start the Church of the Resurrection in North Charleston in 2013. As a strong believer that we should contribute our time and talent as well as our treasure, Phil has been actively involved as a member of the Vestry and as Junior Warden at both the Cathedral and Church of the Resurrection. Additionally, as a volunteer at Water Mission he acted as their liaison for Church of the Resurrection during the six years they worshipped there.

Olivia Sporinsky
Holy Comforter, Sumter

Olivia Sporinsky has been married to Nick for nearly 20 years. They arrived in Sumter in 2012 and joined



Holy Comforter in 2013. They have three children whom they homeschool. Olivia has previously served on vestry, both here and in Texas as well as serving here as the Children's Minister. From 2015-2018 Olivia served as Junior Directress for the SC Assembly of DOK. In 2016 she co-led the first JDOK international trip to the Dominican Republic. Currently Olivia serves on the altar guild, volunteers at the Sumter Pregnancy Center, is active in Ulteya, and is a member of The Daughters of the Holy Cross.

Chet Houston
Parish Church of
St. Helena, Beaufort

Chet Houston is originally from Arkansas City, Kansas. Shortly after graduating from high school, Mr. Houston enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. During a career which exceeded 26 years, Mr. Houston worked in a variety of billets in many different locations, including California, Hawaii, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, and overseas on Okinawa Japan. Additionally, he completed three combat tours in the Middle East. Mr. Houston's military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Outstanding Volunteer service Medal. After retiring from the Marine Corps in 2015, Mr. Houston began a career with Low-country Habitat for Humanity as the Executive Director for the affiliate in Beaufort, South Carolina, until he accepted a position aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island in October of 2019. He graduated from the University of Maryland, University College with a bachelor's degree in management studies, and also holds a Master of Science degree in Business Administration (MBA) from Norwich University. He lives in Beaufort, South Carolina with his wife of 28 years, Marcy; together, they have three children.



Ann Hester Willis is a member of St. Philip's Church after transferring from St. Michael's Church in February 2019 where she had been an active member for more than 20 years. Ann is a lawyer and was in the private practice of law for 17 years. Ann managed a capital campaign for St. Michael's. Following its success, she was recruited by Bishop Salmon to work for the Diocese, ultimately working with churches within the Diocese to raise money to pay off debt. Ann has served on/as the Diocesan Standing Committee (Secretary), a delegate to several Diocesan Conventions (and several Convention Committees); the Ecclesiastical Court; Vestry member, Junior Warden and Senior Warden

John Stenger
St. Paul's, Summerville

John and his wife, Mary Ellen, have been members of St. Paul's since 2010 after moving back to the Low Country. John is a retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel and retired executive from Honeywell. He currently serves as a LEM, a volunteer for St. Paul's Food Distribution



ministry and on the Pastoral Care ministry. He also works as a construction volunteer for Dorchester County Habitat for Humanity. He has served on St. Paul's vestry and as a delegate for the Diocesan Convention and co-chaired the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Diocesan Trustees

Laity: 2 Needed for 6 Year-Term

Fred Hoose
St. Paul's, Summerville

Frederick Hoose (Fred) has been a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville, since 2008.



Fred was confirmed in the Anglican faith at the Anglican Cathedral, Church of the Epiphany, in Columbia, SC in 1996. At St. Paul's, he serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Parish Treasurer, and has been a delegate to a Diocesan Convention. Fred retired from the Army as a Colonel (30 years) serving in multiple posts including the Pentagon and around the world. As a civilian, Fred was VP for an international logistics company serving the US around the globe. Fred holds a BS in Mathematics from The Citadel, an MS in Computer Science and a degree in International Studies from The Army's Senior Service College. Fred and Linda have been married for 53 years and have three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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St. Philip's, Charleston



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of St. Michael's Church; a Trustee of the St. Michael's Trust; the Anglican Leadership Institute Board of Trustees (VP-Governance); the Canterbury House Board of Trustees (Executive Committee); a Lay Eucharist Minister, Lay Reader; Bible Study/Life Group Leader; and a Greeter. She has completed Disciple I and Disciple II courses; Cursillo; served on team for Cursillo; the Alpha course, Apologetics 101, a leadership training course at St. Michael's and an Alpha Leadership Conference at HTB in London. Ann and her husband, Fred, have two married children and four granddaughters.

Kenny Wilson
Christ Church
Mount Pleasant

Kenny is a lifetime Anglican who moved to Charleston in 2008. He has been actively involved in various



Christ Church ministries since -- teaching in children and youth ministries and has served as a vestry member and Senior Warden. Professionally, he is a licensed broker, and CEO of a high-technology, automated trading firm, where his role mostly consists of directing policy, compliance, and risk management. In the community, he is co-founder and volunteer administrator of a local foundation which raises funds for public schools. Kenny and his wife of 20 years, Phoebe, have two teenage children.

Ecclesiastical Court

Clergy: 2 Needed for 3 Year-Term

The Rev. Michael Ridgill
Church of the Holy Cross
Sumter

The Rev. Michael Ridgill is in his 18th year of ordained ministry currently serving as Pastor and Rector of Church of the Holy Cross, Sumter. He previously served as Rector at St Bartholomew, Hartsville and Curate at Trinity, Myrtle Beach. Prior to ordination he practiced law



seven years graduating from the University of South Carolina. Michael is married to Devvy for 33 years as of 1 August and they have one adult son, Albert. This past year they hosted Sarah Dekens an exchange student from France and in previous years hosted clergy from the Diocese of Egypt. Michael has previously served on Diocesan Council, Ecclesiastical Court, and on the Diocesan Evangelism & Mission Committee and currently chairs the Diocesan Stewardship Committee. He also serves as Secretary to Diocesan Convention. In January, Michael traveled to Myanmar on a SOMA Mission to present teachings on Paul's letter to Titus and preach. He loves to bake and cook and his favorite Bible verse is the summary of the Good News, John 3.16.

The Rev. Tom Woodle
The Well By the Sea
Myrtle Beach

Tom Woodle is the founding Priest for The Well By The Sea, a 10-year-old congregation in Myrtle Beach.



He also currently serves as Head Spiritual Adviser for Cursillo in our Diocese. Prior to becoming a Priest in 2000, he worked as a psychology professor and therapist for 20 years. He holds a Ph.D. in psychology and is a graduate of Trinity School of Ministry. After ordination he served as a religious studies professor and counselor at Coastal Carolina University in addition to being Vicar at The Well. He retired from Coastal in 2018. He and his wife, Jackie, have seven grown children and 12 grandchildren. Fr. Tom considers the most important part of his ministry to be the proclamation and practice of the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ to a broken world.

Laity: 2 Needed for 3 Year-Term

Philip Biswell
Church of the Redeemer
Orangeburg

Originally from Leicestershire England, Philip and his wife, Linda, immigrated to the USA in the 1970's. They have three adult children. He has been a longtime member of the Church of the Redeemer and has served there as a leader in many roles including vestryman, lay reader



captain, lay Eucharistic minister, head of discernment committees, and longtime convention delegate. Currently he is serving as Junior Warden at his church. He retired from Westinghouse Electric Co in Columbia S.C. and enjoys spending more time with family, friends and church family. Philip is very competent and levelheaded and he would be a great asset to the Ecclesiastical Court.

Brandt Shelbourne
St. Paul's Church
Summerville

Brandt recommitted his life to the Lord in 1984 through FCA. He graduated Furman University with a BA in 1986 and Cumberland School of Law JD cum laude in 1990. He has worked as an attorney and Dorchester County Chief Magistrate. Brandt has been married to Pamela Shelbourne since 1986. They have six children. He is a past vestry member of St. Paul's, Summerville and former board chair for the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center, Palmetto Family Council and Heritage Community Services.



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Virtual Grandparents' Day of Prayer September 13, 2020

By Sherry Schumann, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

Let's make National Grandparents' Day on September 13, 2020, a Day of Prayer for our grandchildren and their parents!

What is the Need?

The enemy prowls like a lion, infiltrating our culture with lies and deception. He attacks our families at

imprint another generation with His love and faithfulness. We need to intercede for the hearts, minds and souls of our grandchildren and their parents, praying they don't fall captive to the enemy's deception.

With this in mind, the Prayer Ministry of Christian Grandparenting Network (CGN) is inviting you and your church families to

limit the amount of available seating. Therefore, instead of the traditional Grandparents' Day of Prayer, we are inviting you, as grandparents, to observe a Virtual Grandparents' Day of Prayer on September 13th. We are encouraging you to pray with at least one other grandparent over the phone, via a conferencing tool such as Zoom, or in person with

careful observance of social distancing guidelines.

What are the Steps?

Prior to September 13th:

1. Enlist at least one other grandparent to pray with you.

2. Select a time and "location" (ie. phone call, Zoom chat or social distanced).

3. Mark down this information on your calendar.

On September 13th:

1. Connect virtually with the other grandparents.

2. Open with a brief devotion.

3. Pray together for the salvation and sanctification of your grandchildren and their parents.

4. Close with the Lord's Prayer.

After September 13th:

Consider praying monthly with the other grandparent(s) for one year. To learn more visit <https://christiangrandparenting.com/>



all levels. Even our Christian faith is under attack. As a result, parents and grandparents find themselves in a tug-of-war for the souls of their children and grandchildren.

Paul warns us, "For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Barna Research confirms Paul's warning. Fifty-eight percent of adults living in the United States agree that "identifying moral truth is up to each individual; there are no moral absolutes that apply to everyone, all the time. Surprisingly, 48% of adults who identified as born-again Christians agreed with the statement."

God has given grandparents a sacred trust – an opportunity to

join us on National Grandparents' Day (September 13th) for a Virtual Grandparents' Day of Prayer.

What is a Virtual Grandparents' Day of Prayer?

Several years ago, the prayer ministry of CGN saw the urgency to establish a day for grandparents to unite in prayer. Under the leadership of Lillian Penner, the second Sunday of September was named Grandparents' Day of Prayer. This day coincided with National Grandparents' Day in the United States. Churches enthusiastically responded by hosting events such as grandparent prayer breakfasts, luncheons and afternoon teas.

The present pandemic has forced many churches to close their doors for in-person gatherings or

New Release: *Becoming a Peaceful Mom* Helps Young Moms Walk Through Challenges

This book is one I keep coming back to for wise counsel and encouragement."

By Anna Streett, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

When a friend gave me Teresa Glenn's book, *Becoming a Peaceful Mom*, I chuckled a bit to myself because "peaceful" and "mom" were words that didn't go together in my experience as a mother of a two-year old. While I desired to create peace among my family, peace seemed elusive in the midst of the chaos. I read the book, however, and immediately felt so grateful for the message Teresa has shared: parenting well comes from the overflow of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Fast forward a few years and this book is one of those I keep coming back to for wise counsel and encouragement.

Unlike parenting books that offer formulas for how to bring up children, this book focuses on how God can transform us into women marked by peace as we learn to draw from His spirit.

Teresa humbly shares snapshots of her own journey of cultivating peacefulness in the Lord through the seasons of motherhood, and demonstrates what that can look like practically in the day-to-day encounters we have with our children. She names many of the frustrations,

failures, and pain that mothers often face and places those within the framework of God's word, describing how to release those things to God and receive His healing and peace in return.

I appreciate her vulnerability in sharing what her walk with the Lord has looked like throughout



Teresa Glenn, author of "Becoming a Peaceful Mom."

the years, prayers she has prayed, questions she has asked the Lord, and how He has answered. I particularly appreciate the chapters on how to partner with God in our daily rhythms, the importance of forgiveness and how to model that to our children, and learning how to talk with and listen to God for His direction.

A group of mothers from St. Philip's and I recently read this book together and the thoughtful questions that Teresa includes at the end of each chapter led to rich and authentic discussions. Each chapter of our lives as mothers presents itself with new challenges; instead of being overcome by the difficulties, *Becoming a Peaceful Mom* helps us learn how to walk through challenges with wisdom, strength, and the unwavering peace of Jesus Christ. No matter if you are a mother to toddlers, teenagers, or an empty-nester, the principles in this book are an encouragement to every season of motherhood.

Virtual GrandCamp is Launched!

By Sherry Schumann, St. Paul's Church, Summerville

The Anglican Diocese of SC launched the first-ever Virtual GrandCamp on June 15th. This endeavor was birthed not only out of necessity; it was birthed in prayer. To appreciate the design process, our GrandCamp staff invites you to step back with us to the start of spring.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with GrandCamp, it is a five-day faith adventure originally designed by Christian Grandparenting Network's Founder, Cavin Harper. The South Carolina GrandCamp is held each year at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center (Seabrook Island) during the third week of June.

This year's camp filled in record breaking time. Within two months of opening registration, every slot was filled, and names were being added to a waiting list. Unfortu-

We designed this virtual GrandCamp to equip grandparents to share the Good News, tell their faith stories and build meaningful and lasting relationships with their grandchildren.

How do grandparents utilize this virtual tool?

We understand that, because of the coronavirus, the grandparents' situations differ. While some grandparents are with their grandchildren, under one roof, others are communicating via Zoom or Facetime. Therefore, we structured the camp, so that it can easily be adapted. Grandparents can complete the curriculum over a five-day period, spread it over an entire summer or pick and choose as they please.



Grandparents and grandchildren are invited to join John and Patti Sosnowski on a pre-recorded campfire.

nately, our staff had little time to celebrate this exciting news. On its heels was COVID-19 and the impending pandemic.

In April, our staff faced the sad fact that, to ensure the health and safety of our grandparents and their grandchildren, GrandCamp 2020 needed to be canceled. The camp was shut down, but our mission was not. We remained as determined as ever to place tools for sharing the Gospel message into the hands of grandparents. As we sought the Lord in prayer, the idea for a virtual GrandCamp emerged.

Our first decision was choosing our theme. "With times being uncertain, unusual and uncomfortable, many people are turning to prayer in an unprecedented way. Hence the need for more teaching on and encouragement for prayer," Cathy Jacobs explains. Therefore, we chose the theme, Learning to Pray.

Scripture says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). For three weeks, we leaned into Jesus, repeatedly praying and brainstorming, until we found ourselves holding a fully developed curriculum for grandparents to use.

Our biggest hurdle remained. We had no idea or vision about how to package and disseminate this material we were holding. That's when God sent the diocesan Communications Director, Joy Hunter, to guide us in this incredible journey. We will always be grateful to Joy for the role she played in making Virtual GrandCamp 2020: Learning to Pray a reality.

Each "day" offers the following:
1) Opening worship with Irene Rose (pre-recorded)
2) One Object Lesson
3) One Going Deeper Activity

The first day begins with a general overview of prayer. Grandparents and grandchildren use the ACTS acronym and a pack of M&M's to learn the prayer's four parts (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication). For those who want more, the Going Deeper Activity invites them to answer the question, "Is there a wrong way to pray?" (Luke 18:9-14).

For the remaining four days, grandparents and their grandchildren take a closer look at each part, one per day. The object lessons are fun and engaging. They require minimal preparation and use common, household items.

Grandparents and grandchildren adore the Creator on the second day, reading Psalm 8 together and creating galaxy Christmas ornaments with Mop & Glo and glitter. They find directions to make a usable prayer cube in the Going Deeper activity.

On the third day, they discuss the ripple or domino effect of bad choices by building and knocking down intricate domino formations. They take this discussion one step deeper by reading about the greatest ripple effect in the history of mankind, namely the Fall in the Garden (Genesis 3). This lesson affords grandparents an opportunity to open the door to talking with their grandchildren about confession and the need for a Savior.

Churches: Looking for a Way to Liven-up Children's Worship for Your Younger Members?

Schedule a Live Zoom Concert with Children's Minister Irene Rose



Irene Rose will have your children dancing and singing as they worship God.

Worship services may look different these days, but we can still praise the Lord wherever we are! Invite your children to swing and sway with children's worship leader Irene Rose as she teaches Biblical

truths of grace, gratitude, and faith right in your home! Zoom concerts with Scripture, music and dance available. Perfect for virtual family events, concerts, and virtual Vacation Bible Schools! She is also offering prerecorded scripture and song videos for digital distribution and licensing. [Hear Irene Rose's music.](#)

Virtual GrandCamp

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The object lessons for the fourth and fifth days examine thanksgiving and supplication, respectively. Family Time Ministries graciously gave us permission to use their "Prayer Wall" lesson for our study of supplication (or prayer requests) on the fifth day. Together, grandparents and grandchildren build a prayer wall by writing their requests on index cards and taping them like bricks on a wall.

Eating s'mores and singing around a campfire is a GrandCamp tradition. This year is no different. For the Going Deeper activities on the third day, grandparents and grandchildren are invited to join John and Patti Sosnowski on a pre-recorded campfire. Patti offers gourmet s'more recipes while John leads us in singing. Then, storyteller whom he is, John narrates the Fall in the Garden and our need for a Savior.

Another GrandCamp tradition is the Blessing ceremony. For those who are unfamiliar with the concept of the blessing, we provide links to Cavin Harper's video, "[Unleashing the Spoken Blessing](#)," and Cathy Jacob's video, "[Explaining the Blessing to Your Grandchild](#)." The spoken blessing isn't restricted to GrandCamp; it's a way of life. Therefore, grandparents are encouraged to create a culture of blessing by observing this tradition whenever they are with their children and grandchildren.

Final reflections:

The GrandCamp staff considers it a privilege to work together on this endeavor. Our prayer is that this virtual GrandCamp equips and encourages grandparents to share their faith with their grandchildren and to develop mighty prayer warriors among the generations to follow. Therefore, we rejoiced when we received the following note from Ann Walters and her grandchildren:

By God's grace, Virtual GrandCamp 2020 has and will continue to be an amazing adventure. But like Lawton, we hope to see you next year at Camp St. Christopher!

For more information, please see <https://adosc.org/virtual-grandcamp-2020/>.

"My neighbor, that is also helping to raise her grandchildren, and I did camp together. Kathy Quickle, who has been to GrandCamp twice, and my grandson's other grandmother, joined us each day via facetime for a short time, as well. I set up a schedule, menus, afternoon activities and extra crafts to go along with the curriculum from the GrandCamp team. My nephew, Tripp Gaillard, brought his guitar Thursday night to help us sing songs around our campfire.

"The children loved Irene Rose's songs, we played them over and over though out the day. We made maracas to use with the music. One day, I said that I was perseverating on This is the Day. My grandson remarked, "Yea, but it is a great song."

"The prayer cubes were a favorite. I went to the fix lunch and next thing I knew; the kids were throwing cubes over the railing from the loft. All cubes survived but one.

"When we did our prayer wall, I showed the children my pictures of the Wall in Jerusalem. I did a short Blessing for each child and put it on the wall. My grandson, age 5, was showing my daughter about his things he had from camp and when he pulled out his Blessing, he said that this comes from God, but it came off the printer.

"The camp was exhausting and wonderful. Each day we were blessed with the enthusiasm of the children learning the glory of God. My unchurched grandsons learned the Lord's prayer and to say a few simple prayers. But as Lawton said, he liked going to Camp St. Christopher better. Looking forward to next year."



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COVID-19: No Time for Fear; No Place for Divisiveness

Facing the Pandemic Unified in Prayer

By Sherry Schumann, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

Is the coronavirus impacting your life? Do you find yourself glued to CNN for another COVID-19 update? Have you changed your plans, rearranged your schedule or canceled an upcoming trip? Does fear of catching the virus or worry about the economic impact keep you up at night? For many, fallout from the virus has filled us with fear.

Two Types of Fear:

I firmly believe there are two kinds of fear, healthy and unhealthy. Healthy fear is a gift from God. It stops us from engaging in risky behavior, like chasing after moving locomotives or skydiving without a parachute. It reminds us to wash our hands often and to avoid large arena-type areas when facing an epidemic such as the coronavirus.

Unhealthy fear is not a gift, nor is it from God. It is an affliction from the enemy. It creates a panic such as a run on the stock market or a stampede at a rock concert. Unhealthy fears ruthlessly steal not only our joy but our hope, as well.

Our Weapon Against the Coronavirus: PRAYER

The simple fact is we are not at the mercy of this epidemic. We have a tremendous weapon in our arsenal, and it is prayer.

Consider the apostle Paul's words to the Corinthians: "We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him, we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many" (2 Corinthians 1:8-11).

Individual and Corporate Prayer:

While God knows what we need before we ask him (Mark 6:8), He often waits for us to come to Him before He supplies our needs. Why? The answer is simple. Our heavenly Father created us to be in relationship with Him...not because He needs us, but because we need Him.

In her podcast "Prayer Warrior," Beth Moore references the

movie *Miracle*, a sports docudrama about the United States' men's hockey team, which won the gold medal in the 1980 Olympics. Ms. Moore notes that Coach Brooks asks his team the same question after every practice: "Where are you from?" And every time, the players answer by naming the colleges and universities where they played collegiate hockey.

Something changes, however, when the team is soundly and unexpectedly defeated by an opponent. Frustrated and bitterly disappointed, Coach Brooks forces his players to return to the ice, despite their exhaustion, and makes them run drills, all the while asking, "Where are you from?" Finally, one of the players answers, "We are from Team USA."

No Separatists on God's Team

I can't help but believe that amid this epidemic, God is asking, "Where are you from?" He doesn't want any separatists on His team. He's not interested in our credentials, denominations, race or our nationalities. After all, Jesus walked among the hated Samaritans, praised the centurion's faith, ate with the tax collector and elevated the lives of the lowly, including the aged, infirmed, women and children. He warned, "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:24).

Our world can't afford Christians to remain silent or separated from other believers, especially as we face this epidemic. God is calling us to unite in prayer, regardless of race, denomination or socio-economic status. He is calling us to raise our voices in one accord and to ask Him to eradicate COVID-19 from the face of the earth.

Will we answer God's call?

Heavenly Father,

All creation groans. Our world has been turned upside-down by the coronavirus and the fear that heralds its arrival. No one, except You, fully understands this pathogen's epidemiology and the extent to which it will or will not spread.

We humble ourselves and pray, seeking Your face and turning from our wicked ways. Please forgive our sin and heal our land (2 Chronicles 7:14, paraphrased). Please eradicate this disease from the face of the earth.

We pray for government leaders, ministers, school officials and others who are in positions of authority. Please give them wisdom and discernment to make prudent decisions for the common good. We pray for our health workers—our doctors, nurses, techs and first-responders who place themselves in harm's way to care for the sick. Please provide them resistance "from the deadly pestilence" (Psalm 91:3).

We pray for people everywhere, especially those of us who are more susceptible to the disease. Remind us that You "gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). Let us stay informed but not afraid, vigilant but not compulsive, all the while, trusting that You are our immunity, our shelter and our shield.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

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Holy Trinity Classical Christian School Takes Senior Trip to the Holy Land

Senior Class Takes a Pre-Pandemic Trip of a Lifetime

From the Headmaster:

In February of 2018, my wife Wendy and I had the great privilege of joining Bishop Alden Hathaway and a group of fellow pilgrims from the Parish Church of St. Helena on a pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan. While there I often pondered about the impact that such a venture could make upon our students at Holy Trinity Classical Christian School as the culmination of their classical Christian education. So, I prayed and dreamed, but it all seemed hopelessly out of reach. Imagine my surprise when I was told last May that a generous couple desired to send our first ever graduating senior class on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land! I could hardly pick up my jaw from my desk!

Fast forward past all of the preparations and planning to this past January when



Holy Land Pilgrimage with the Class of 2020.

19 Holy Trinity seniors and 10 teachers/chaperones boarded a plane for a two-week pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan for what was one of the most joyous, amazing times in my years of ministry. To see the Lord meet the students in personal, profound ways was simply astounding. Looking back, I can't imagine a more formative, powerful senior trip than what we experienced, and, indeed, it served as the perfect capstone to the classical Christian education the students receive at Holy Trinity.

having the Bible stories she had heard her entire life coming alive in new ways. Below is a testimony written by one of the seniors on the pilgrimage, now an alumnus on his way to continue his studies at Wheaton College. I pray it serves as an encouragement that the Lord is at work in the rising generation.

The Rev. Chad E. Lawrence, Founding Headmaster, Holy Trinity Classical Christian School, Beaufort, SC

An unexpected blessing came upon our return as the seniors shared testimonies from the pilgrimage with the rest of the student body during our daily chapels. One student shared a profession of faith by the Jordan River, another of the bonds in faith she experienced with her classmates, and still another of

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What Am I to Learn...?

By Parker Smith, HTCCS Class of 2020

“What am I to learn from this trip of a lifetime?” The answer eluded me as I hurdled towards Jerusalem in a metal tube high over the Atlantic Ocean. The same question still eluded me as I was launched back into the air toward home. I certainly acquired much out of the trip: fellowship with friends, beautiful sights, and images to be remembered as I read the Bible. And I certainly obtained knowledge, an accumulation of facts and insights about the Holy Land. But what did I learn? What did I see, understand, and incorporate into my life as I seek to live as God has called me to live? This process of learning from my experiences in Israel and Jordan certainly has not ended for me, but here is the meaning of one experience, which has become abundantly clear.

Throughout our time in the Holy Land, we saw dozens of churches. Most of them were lavishly decorated with icons that were immeasurably expensive and thousands of years old. But the church that stands out most in my memory is St. Anne's Church. St. Anne's had no priceless, ancient icons. It had very little decoration whatsoever. It was not even painted. It was just an old grey building. It was not until we opened our mouths that we understood its beauty. For in that building music resounded like that of angels; and it came from our own lips. The harmony echoed off the bleak walls of that great building as if the notes themselves wished to remain inside the church for eternity.

It did not take long for the verse, “*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,*” to come to mind. This made me think, as I listened to Ms. Anna Booman sing out the Pater Noster in the meek sanctuary, about how this church marked an occasion as insignificant in appearance as itself. This was the place where Mary was born. Mary's birth was, in its time, of little interest to anyone. And



Bishop Hathaway teaches at Masada during the school trip.

yet, it led to the greatest occurrence in history.

It seems to me that this church, in spite of its lack of ornately designed icons, was in itself the most powerful icon I saw on that trip. An icon is an image that directs a viewer to something greater than itself in order to elevate the viewer to a higher level. St. Anne's did just that. Marking the birth of Jesus' mother and literally pointing to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre – the traditional location of Jesus' death and resurrection – it directed us to something higher than itself. Moreover, raising the quality of our voices to an unbelievable level and making us not just visitors but participants in this beautiful site, it elevated us to a new level as pilgrims.

So, what have I learned from this trip? First, I have learned more about what it looks like to be poor in spirit, a trait we all should hope to attain. And second, I have learned that if I am to be raised to higher levels, I must look for icons in places where I would not expect them, and I must look deeply, not being satisfied with the outward appearance but with the music that comes from deep inside wearied walls.

I hope you will do the same.

Calendar Notes

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Marriage According to the Book of Common Prayer

Throughout the month of September, “Lift Up Hearts, Gafcon!” will offer a series of devotions on the subject of “Marriage According to the Book of Common Prayer” by the Rev. Dr. Stephen Noll, Professor Emeritus at Trinity School for Ministry and former Vice Chancellor of Uganda Christian University. Dr. Noll serves as Consultant on Marriage, Family and the Single Life for the Anglican Church in North America.

The topics for each week (31 August – 2 October) are: Biblical Foundations of Marriage, Purposes of Marriage, Stages of Marriage, and Outside Marriage (the single life). In the final week, Dr. Noll is offering a supplement on Angels, in honor of the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels on September 29. The main theme of the devotions is marriage and the single life as particular vocations of following Jesus.

Simply go to the Gafcon website and register, and the daily devotions will come to your email.

Hello, Meet Joe!

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it is my second year, I feel much better playing the organ because I feel more experienced! I want to be able to play the organ in the future.”

Anne Nietert, another parishioner of Christ Church is the afore-mentioned young at heart senior with three JOE programs under her belt. Although not participating this summer, when asked to reminisce about her time with JOE she replied, “For a number of years now I have enjoyed taking a month to work on a new skill - playing the organ. I play the recorder and sing in the choir, so this is yet another venue for me. I love the process of learning and have found the JOE experience life-giving. I also love seeing the younger folks develop their musical skills.” (Note: Due to Covid-19, JOE was not offered to persons in at-risk categories this year.)

This is my 13th year offering Junior Organ Experience as a unique activity to students and also as a ministry to the church. Anyone who has ever had to search for an organ substitute knows that available organists are few and far between. But more than that, I never tire of seeing the wide-eyed glow on a child's face when he or she hears the sounds – sometimes delicately wafting and sometimes triumphant-ly roaring – that emanate from the organ.

Over the years many JOE participants have played organ in services at their home churches, being included even on Christmas Eve, or have accompanied me on my subbing assignments and played a prelude or offertory for the service. One student even went on to study with an organ teacher in addition to her weekly piano studies. These experiences may eventually fulfill the mission of Junior Organ Experience which is to introduce youth to the magnificent sounds of the “King of Instruments” in hopes that, out of the many who have this experience, a few may go on to pursue organ study. In this way, JOE hopes to bring up a new generation of organists.

Thanks for letting me introduce you to JOE. I hope one day you can come hear us in person!