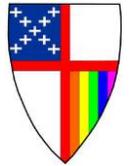




St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry

June 15, 2016



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Please note!

*The office will be closed Thursday, June 16th.
The office will be open again on Friday, June 17th.*



Holy Eucharist
and the
Laying on of Hands for Healing

Tonight's service will include special prayers
for the victims of the tragedy in Orlando.

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.
All are welcome!

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Thoughts from Lori

As I sit here to write this reflection, I already know that I can't *not* write about Orlando. So if you can't bear to hear or read one more thing about this tragic event, stop now and scroll down to the other content in this e-news. If you do keep reading, let me say that I'm sure there is nothing original that I can add to the conversation. But I just can't *not* say something.

I heard the early reports Sunday morning as I was getting ready for church, and considered ditching my sermon and instead saying something extemporaneously about what had happened. But the news was so sketchy at that point - and we now know that the early reports we were getting were incomplete at best - so I opted to go ahead with our Eucharist and my sermon as previously planned. Though it was never far from my mind, I can't remember if I prayed (out loud) for the victims in the Prayers of the People. I do remember talking with someone about it at some point during the morning. I remember saying something to the effect that we just cannot let this become the new normal; that I want to be shocked and horrified. Better that than becoming numb to such a tragedy.

That's the thing, isn't it. How are we to react to such horror? How are we as Christian people to respond? With all humility, let me suggest a few possibilities. First, let us fall to our knees and pray for the victims and their families. All of them, including the perpetrator and his family, recalling Jesus' teaching that we are to love our "enemies" and pray for those who abuse us. [Luke 6:27]

Second, let us have the collective will to seek solutions to this plague. Let's do the same kind of work around violence that we have done around automobile accidents; the kind of work that has resulted in seat belts, air bags, design features in our cars that save lives. For that matter, let's consider testing, licensing, and insuring guns the same way we do cars. Let's go beyond rhetoric and talk about regulating military-style weapons. Let's get serious about providing mental health. After we pray, let's get up off our knees and *do something!*

May the Holy Spirit inspire us to see ourselves and others as God sees us; that is, with love, compassion, and mercy.

Faithfully,
Lori

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Below are links to the responses of our Presiding Bishop, Michael Currey, and our own Bishop Lee, as well as other related links.

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/06/12/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-prayers-for-orlando/>

<http://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-stories/2016/06/13/let-us-put-our-prayer-practice-letter-bishop-lee>

www.donotstandidlyby.org

www.bishopsagainstgunviolence.org



Prayers of the People

When entering prayers in the notebook for the Prayers of the People, please check to see if the names are already listed in the service program, and enter new prayer requests only. Also, please put your name down in case we need to reach you for follow-up. Names are kept on the list for one month unless otherwise indicated. Thank you!

Diaper Drive in June

The Diaper Bank is in need of some specific sizes. Please consider helping out by donating diapers during the month of June. They are especially in need of the following:

Preemies
Sizes 1 and 5
Adults small and medium
Poise pads



Let's fill our grocery cart with diapers!

And speaking of our grocery cart, also in June, we are going to start a special outreach project related to the Mobile Food Pantry; that is, PERSONAL CARE BAGS. Watch for more information on this later.

So far in June, there have been 422 diapers donated (in the box out front) along with monetary donations!

WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY IN JULY

The group that gathers on the first Wednesday of the month has decided to continue to meet through the summer. For July, we decided to read Accidental Saints by Nadia Bolz-Weber. It's available on e-readers, in the library, or bookstores (online or otherwise). Our next meeting is July 6th at 7:15 pm. All women of the parish and their friends are welcome.

And speaking of **Nadia Bolz-Weber**, she is going to be at St. Ignatius Episcopal Church in Antioch on July 16. She is a Lutheran pastor and author and one of the most exciting voices in Christian circles. Her two most popular books are Pastrix (which the WW group read last year) and Accidental Saints. Check out her website at www.nadiabolzweber.com and/or her Facebook page. If you're interested in going as a group, please sign up on the clipboard on the narthex table.

There are two sessions, morning and afternoon. Each session is \$25. If you wish to attend both sessions, the cost is \$40. Lunch is \$10.



Ice Cream Social

Last Sunday, many parishioners and visitors enjoyed an ice cream social. Thanks to Carol and Nan for their "parfait"-inspired table decorations!





There is a new sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall
for Coffee Hour Hosts.
Please consider helping out!



Continuing this Sunday, you're invited to bring a news story to be discussed "through theological lenses." It can be from TV, radio, the newspaper - whatever - but not about politics. At least, not yet. Most likely, we'll have to tackle that subject sooner or later. In any case, we will examine the news, good and bad, as Christians. Bibles may be involved!



Vestry - Wednesday, June 22, 7:15 p.m.
Women's Wednesday - July 6, 7:15 p.m.

Looking ahead....

Parish Picnic - Sunday, August 14, 4:00 p.m.
Mobile Food Truck - Saturday, August 27, 10:00 a.m.
Lifeline Screening - Thursday, September 8
Fall Parish Meeting - Sunday, September 18
Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m.

Lessons and Hymns

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Pentecost V (Proper 7 - C)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9. The prophet speaks for the Lord's dismay at the waywardness of his people, but promises he will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah.

The Psalm: Psalm 22:18-27. "Be not far away, O Lord; you are my strength; hasten to help me."

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29. Paul says, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39. Jesus drives the demons out of the Gerasene mad man to the amazement of all the people.

THE HYMNS:

Processional Hymn: No. 388. "O worship the King, all glorious above!" This hymn is based on Psalm 104 and reputedly written by a Scottish priest, William Kethe, who, with other biblical scholars in Geneva, sought to render the Hebrew psalms into English meter and prose. His original first stanza included, "My soule praise the Lord, speake good of his Name, O Lord our great God how dost thou appeare, So passing in glorie, that great is thy fame, Honor and maiestie in thee shine most cleare." Like the psalm, the hymn rejoices in all aspects of God's creation. The tune 'Hanover' has been erroneously attributed to Handel but nevertheless is an easy to sing hymn tune.

Sequence Hymn: No. 679. "Surely it is God who saves me." Based on the First Song of Isaiah, this popular contemporary hymn was composed by the Rev. Dr. Carl Pickens Daw, Jr., before he studied at the University of the South and was ordained an Episcopal priest in March of 1982. He served on the Committee on Texts for the 1982 Hymnal and currently lives in Watertown, Maine. The tune was composed by Ray W. Urwin.



Presentation Hymn: No. 658. "As long as the deer for the cooling streams." This is an adaptation of one of the Songs of David (1696) and is a paraphrase of Psalm 42:1-7. You may wish to look at the stained glass window just behind the organ (which I also display in the attached photo) as you sing this beautiful hymn. The tune, "Martyrdom" goes well with the prayer-like words of the music.

Communion Hymn: "Take, O take me as I am." This is one of the best-known songs from the Iona Community in Scotland which has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell, a member of the Iona Community, was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire Scotland. As you sing the song, you will notice that there are four phases of our faith journey in the text: (1) surrender and conversion, (2) transformation, (3) sealed and marked by God's covenant, and (4) new life together with and in God.

Recessional Hymn: No. 559. "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us." This hymn, written for the children of the London Orphan Asylum by James Edmeston, was first published in the second set of his "Sacred Lyrics" of 1821. It has been in the Episcopal Hymnal since 1874. The tune, "Dulce Carmen," has been ascribed to Johann Michael Haydn, but the composer of this lyric is yet unknown. Its earliest appearance is in the "Essay on Church Plain Chant," of 1782. The message of this hymn has long provided strength for those who suffer physically or mentally.

June 19th Servants

Usher: Bill Lang

Lector: Barb Moriarty

Intercessor: Terry Jaworski

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Lang, Michelle Wiejaczka

Vestry Person of the Day: John Patnaude

From the cartoons created by
the Rev. William P. McLemore



Funny Church Signs!

