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The Age of 'On Demand'

Even geniuses can have a bad day. Before Thomas Edison had his light bulb moment (ting!) he failed with over one thousand prototypes. Henry Ford had five failed businesses before getting that assembly-line thing going in Detroit. And even one of the greatest US presidents went off to the Black Hawk War as Captain Abraham Lincoln and returned as Private Abraham Lincoln. I'm sure Meryl Streep must have made a bad movie, but I can't think of one at the moment.

So, when I tell you that two-times Masters champion, Bubba Watson, shot 81 at the par-72 Pelican Hill Golf Club in Newport Beach, Calif. recently, you will probably put it down to another genius having a bad day. But no. Quite the opposite, in fact. Let me explain. Golfers are allowed to take fourteen clubs with them, but that day, Bubba carried just one (a twenty degree hybrid, if you're a golf geek) and played all 81 strokes with it.

Modern Western culture is fragmented. These are the days of receiving whatever we want, when we want it. Take our TV choices. You can watch pretty much whatever show you like at any time of the day, any day of the week. You may be a market place of one person, but the TV providers will cater to your needs. Then

there's your news. Go online and you can get immediate news from anywhere in the world, with whatever political or philosophical slant you care for. These are 'On Demand' days. I demand it, and the market place will make sure I get it, even if I have to pay a high price for it. This is a dramatic change in a very short time. When I arrived in the US eleven years ago, I was starved of British media. Now I can watch more English soccer and cricket than I could when I lived there.

So, the expectations of our society have changed. The consumer reigns, and providers (be they of entertainment, news, food, fashion, appliances, vehicles... whatever) need to satisfy our demands or they will not survive. One size does not fit all.

Which makes the idea of a one-club round of golf even more odd. To play golf to your best you need fourteen clubs. Bubba's 81 was amazing, but if he'd been using a full bag of clubs he'd have shot in the 60s.

"What does this tell us about the life of our parish?" you say. Well, it's like this. A truly neighborhood church, like a golfer, needs more than one club if they are going to thrive. Many congregations can do a good job of drawing one or two kinds of people. They decide who they are trying to attract and then shape the life of their church, including its worship, to appeal to that



**Father Duncan
Johnston**

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To be an embracing and thriving community that inspires transformation through worship and ministry.

Mt. Calvary's Vision Statement

'On Demand' (Continued from page 1)

demographic. This is what the megachurches have done so brilliantly, and I am not criticizing that. Each congregation must decide for itself what its mission is, and then it must organize its life accordingly if it is to successfully fulfil that mission.

Wonderfully, God has placed Mt. Calvary at the heart of a residential community. Our mission has never been to attract a certain type of person. Instead, we exist for the whole of our neighborhood in Cumberland County and also over the river. And so we are challenged in each generation to ask, "Who are our neighbors, and how can we shape our life so that we can reach out to them in the most helpful ways?"



Martha Harris preaching first sermon

Here is where the new Saturday evening service comes in. You see, many of our neighbors can't come to church on Sundays for entirely good reasons. Others may be put off by the formal nature of our Sunday services and yearn for something more informal.

We can't forget that the primary reason for starting the Saturday service is to relieve the congestion of Sundays at 10 am. Our chief goal is to encourage some 10 o'clockers to come on Saturday instead. Yet, with the new, informal and more personable service on Saturday, we can begin to set another goal – reaching out to people who can't or won't come on Sunday.

To reach all our neighbors we need to understand the changing nature of the United States. In the last generation we have seen a dramatic decline in church attendance and denominational loyalty. There is now a very sizeable part of the American population that subscribes to no organized religion. However, people are as curious about spiritual things, and as intrigued by Jesus of Nazareth as they ever were. So, if we are to be faithful to our calling to be a thriving neighborhood parish, we need to look beyond a 'one-club golfer' approach and discover ways in which we can present the Good News of Jesus to people for whom the church is bad (or, at best, mixed) news. Read this edition of Crossings with that call ringing in your ears.

So, What Actually is a Deacon?

Pat Strohl, our Parish Deacon answers that question...

Originally, the Church recognized two specific orders of formal ministry: that of the bishop and that of the deacon. The office of presbyter (priest) came along later.

There are two very different types of deacons in the Episcopal Church today. The use of the same term and ordination rites for these very different types of deacons results in much confusion.

First, there is the Transitional Deacon, who is a priest-in-training. Their ordination to the diaconate is simply a step towards their ordination as a priest at a later date.

It is the priesthood to which they are called. The transitional deacon is, by definition, a priest who is still in the training process. They are not "mini-priests."

Then, there is the Vocational Deacon, who has been called to that office for life. That is what Pat is.

1. A vocational deacon's training is different from a priest's. The purpose of diaconal training is not specifically for theological leadership, but for service in the world.

2. Vocational deacons operate under the direction of the bishop, and not the parish rector. They are not permitted to celebrate the Eucharist,

hear confessions or bless people and/or things.

Rather, a vocational deacon's ministry involves taking Christ into the world and bringing the concerns of the world to the attention of Christ's church.

4. A vocational deacon may be employed by a church or diocese in his/her clerical capacity as a deacon, or may serve in a non-stipendiary (i.e., non-paid) manner. Vocational deacons work both in the world and



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Welcome to the Family

We rejoice with the newest members of the family of Christ, via baptism:

- ✠ Zachary Harrison Williard, June 1
- ✠ Everett John Golding, June 8
- ✠ Isabelle Parke Rhodes, June 29

They join a vast family of Christians around the world, and through the ages. Among those dear to Mt. Calvary who are celebrating the anniversaries of their baptisms this autumn and winter are:

- ✠ Maxwell Shaun McKenzie, 11/2/97
- ✠ Tristian William Myers, 11/2/97
- ✠ Sarah Marie Ketelesleger, 11/2/97
- ✠ Connor James Mackrell, 11/16/97
- ✠ Louise Morgan Gebauer, 11/8/98
- ✠ Anna Louise Bostwick, 11/8/98
- ✠ Olivia Anne Cunningham, 11/15/98
- ✠ Andrew Hillary Bitting, 10/24/99
- ✠ John Clark Miller IV, 11/14/99
- ✠ Sydney Rose Hungerford, 11/19/00
- ✠ Lee Marie Hungerford, 11/19/00
- ✠ Isabel Clear Devereaux, 10/14/01
- ✠ Matthew Charles Gurgiolo, 10/6/02
- ✠ Logan Patrick Bedard, 10/6/02
- ✠ Ellery Kate Klineyoung, 10/27/02
- ✠ McKenna Grace Klineyoung, 10/27/02
- ✠ Luke Adam Waldner, 10/27/02
- ✠ Ivy Ellen Julseth, 10/2/04
- ✠ Gennifer Renee Ball, 10/8/06
- ✠ Noah Cleary Stevenson, 10/8/06
- ✠ Alex Robert Woodward, 10/23/08
- ✠ Adalyn Dorothy Sitta, 9/11/11
- ✠ Ayden Stanley Lavertue Gora, 10/16/11
- ✠ Colin Patrick Fogarty, 10/18/11
- ✠ Elena Marie Goropoulos, 11/11/11
- ✠ Samantha Christine Woods, 9/19/12
- ✠ Laurel Anne Fox, 10/7/12
- ✠ Brooks Michael Walker, 10/1/13
- ✠ Catherine Louise Johnson, 10/27/13
- ✠ Levi Boone Stevenson, 10/27/13
- ✠ Selah Rose Stevenson, 10/27/13
- ✠ Nathan Raymond Whittaker, 11/10/13
- ✠ James Quinlan, 11/17/13
- ✠ Michael Quinlan, 11/17/13

Opportunities for Spiritual Growth and Fellowship this Autumn

See the calendar for details on all of these...

The **Men's breakfast** returns to its usual time on the first Saturday of the month, beginning in October.

The **Women's fellowship** continues to meet on alternate Wednesday evenings until the end of November.

Starting in October, immediately after the Saturday evening service, we will be providing a series of discussion evenings on the subject of **Embracing Spiritual Awakening**. This will be a DVD-based event and will run through the Fall and Winter on alternate Saturday evenings. It will be especially good for people who are disillusioned or dissatisfied with organized church but still want to explore how they can make sense of faith in Christ. More information to follow.

Deacon (cont'd)

in the church, and their financial compensation typically is from the world and not from the church.

5. The vocational deacon has a foot in both the secular community and in the sacred community, because that is where the vocational deacon is called to provide diaconal ministry.

In church, Deacons are called to assist at the celebration of the Eucharist, and read the Gospel at the celebration of the Eucharist because that is the first step in taking the Gospel outside the church and to the people in the world. They also usually introduce the call to confession, set the altar, and assist in the distribution of Communion. They also conclude each Eucharistic celebration by encouraging the congregation to go out into the

world in the name of Jesus.

Deacons are called to provide direct care to the poor and the downtrodden.

Deacons are called to represent Christ and his Church, to be a servant to those in need, and to assist in the proclamation of the Gospel. Deacons are called from the world to return to the world to represent Christ. In other words, they are the bridge between the world and the Church.

There is little differentiation between the secular world and the religious world for the deacon because the diaconate is on the "edge of chaos." The edge between what we contend with on a daily basis and that which we consider to be ideal, the edge between daily reality and our Church. That is the deacon's rightful place. That is the place and position of the deacon's call.



News from the Outreach Coordinating Committee

**Home from vacation
and back to school...
Well, maybe?**

In any case, it is that time of year to begin to think about bringing in the lawn chairs and pulling out the sweaters and warmer clothes. While for most of us this is a relatively easy task and quite routine. But for others in our community it is hard and is anything but routine – these folks represent the homeless and near homeless and there are more in our community than you may realize, each with their own story and set of circumstances.

Last year, Project Homeless Connect (PHC), served over 500 homeless and near homeless individuals and families. Mt. Calvary parishioners and volunteers were a part of this service. This year, we are continuing our service in the hopes that it will become an outreach tradition. In June, through your generosity in annual giving, we were able to provide a \$1,000 donation to PHC, becoming a Gold Ribbon Sponsor.

But... We can do more.

What: Project Homeless Connect is a one day event to help those in shelters, about to leave shelters, or living on the street to move from crisis to meaningful and lasting success. The participants receive many services, such as: flu shots, health care screenings/connections, housing referrals, connections to social security, and more.

When: Thursday, Sept 11 from 9 am to 4 pm

Where: The Farm Show Complex

What can I do: Volunteer to help on the day of the event or explore other opportunities by logging on to

<https://cachpa-projecthomelessconnect2014.partnershiplanners.org/volunteer/>



And if you do... maybe this year someone's transition from the warm days of summer to the colder days of fall and winter will be much easier.

Like to breath in the fresh air of fall and spend time with friends and neighbors?

This year the Health Outreach Team would like to invite you to do just that by putting on your walking shoes and joining us for the Annual Alzheimer's Walk on September 20. The outreach fund will be making a donation on Mt. Calvary's behalf, but we need as many walkers as possible as a show of support. Look for more details on the outreach bulletin board and in the Sunday Bulletin.

And that's not all... in conjunction with the show of support, the Health Team is arranging for a speaker from the Alzheimer's Association to do an evening presentation in October to tell us about the wonderful research and progress being made to fight this disease.

Other News...

This summer, the Health Team and Shelter Team, have taken advantage of our beautiful weather and have completed some sprucing up projects at the Episcopal Home. In addition, several Health Team volunteers have spent numerous hours recording favorite memories of Home residents, an enriching experience for all.

The Mt. Calvary handypersons crew (Shelter Team) has been busy completing two Habitat for Humanity Days.

We will be telling you about more opportunities each month in our Moments for Mission and at our Annual Coffee Hour on September 21.



Musical Notes

Looking Over the Shoulder and Straight Ahead

I'd like to begin my thoughts with a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made extraordinary music possible at Mt. Calvary this summer. While the choir took a well-deserved break, individuals and ensembles from the choir, as well as guest soloists, came forth to share considerable talents. Thank you for providing many stirring moments of worship through music.

I want to thank Charles Yocum and Kimm Cooper for playing much of the month of August, allowing me the renewal and refreshment of the Chautauqua Institute in New York. This was my third year of participation at this wonderful place. While there, I had to chance to participate in choral sessions with their music director, as well as piano master classes with a young Russian pianist. While 'fed' by wonderful lectures and concerts, there was also time for new friendships and plenty of reading on the porch facing the lovely Chautauqua Lake, as well as some hiking....actually, more like "strolling!"

Fall and the beginning of the "full speed ahead" church schedule are always exciting: a fresh start, tabula rasa, endless possibilities. Mt. Calvary Choir will begin rehearsals Thursday, Sept 7, 7:30 pm. Won't you consider joining us? The choir leads worship at the 10 am Service Sundays and special

Fr. Duncan writes...

Lynn wrote this article before her diagnosis with cancer at the end of July. I know that I speak for all of the parish in expressing to her our love and very best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Lynn underwent surgery on August 22, and will be taking the whole of September for a time of recuperation and gaining her strength. We will rejoice greatly when she returns to the organist's bench in October.

liturgical days throughout the year. Two Saturday morning workshops – one in November and one in March – aid in the preparation for Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Also planned is the Christmas Benefit Concert for the Episcopal Home in Shippensburg. Plus, a not too heavily guarded secret: the choir has a lot of fun!

This year I also want to focus on older youth and their musical gifts. Many of our teenagers (and their friends) play instruments and sing very well, and I want them to be part of the Intergenerational Services. The beloved Pizza Club Choir will resume in September. The children of this parish are such a gift, and this choir provides an opportunity for them to learn about participating in worship (not entertainment) at an early age. Of course, they also happen to be adorable in their little white cottas!

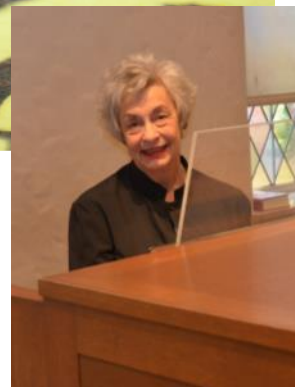
Last year I began playing music during communion at the 8 am Service. Knowing that people who attend this service do so because they appreciate its quiet reflective nature, my offering was well received. I feel "connected" to this congregation, and that means a great deal to me.

September also initiates the new Saturday evening worship. I see the role of music in this service as an evolving process, growing into a meaningful tool of worship for this congregation. Something new – exciting, challenging, and even a little scary!

If you are interested in learning more about any of these music programs in the church and how they relate to you and/or your children, call me. My number is 730-6076 and email is lynnalt@comcast.net. You can call me anytime. If you want to join the choir, you can call at 3 am!

So, I look back on the first year and forward to the next with gratitude to all of you.

Lynn Alt



Membership or Discipleship?

At the Diocesan Convention delegates were given a leaflet. Nothing unusual in that – large gatherings of church people usually include lots of paper. This leaflet, though, was a little different from the usual paperwork you'd expect, like agendas, reports, and numbers. This was more challenging than that. In fact, it strikes every churchgoer where it hurts – the heart. Here is what the leaflet said. Read it and be challenged!

MEMBERSHIP

The Member of a congregation is expected to:

1. Give money to support others who do ministry. Ministry is done by professionals - people like the priest, a missionary or those engaged in social service.
2. Maintain the institution. Members are expected to give enough money to keep the building cooled and heated, lit, and maintained, and to make sure that enough people take their turn on committees.
3. Live an upright life and be a good citizen. It is important, and expected, that members of congregations contribute to the larger good in the community and don't become public scandals.

Some assumptions inherent in the paradigm of membership

1. The mission field is elsewhere.
2. The goal of the congregation is to get and keep members. In many congregations, the death rate far exceeds the birth rate - so it is important to get members and keep them.
3. Congregations have low expectations of members. The reason for this is obvious: if we expect too much of members, people probably won't join, and if they do join, they won't hang around for long.

DISCIPLESHIP

The Disciple is expected to:

1. Do the ministry. Disciples don't rely on the priest to do the ministry needed—they understand that ministry belongs to all God's people.
2. Be transformed through daily prayer, scripture reading, weekly worship, growth in giving to the tithe or beyond, serving others in Jesus' name, and sharing the faith story with those who need to hear it.
3. Live in community. The larger community is the congregation. In many cases, a smaller community is a small group that gathers for prayer, study and service.

Some assumptions inherent in the life of discipleship

1. The mission field starts at the front door of the church.
2. The goal is to make disciples for Jesus Christ. It is not that membership in the congregation is a bad thing; it just isn't enough.
3. There are high expectations of disciples. The traits of discipleship listed above are understood to describe the life of followers of Jesus, and all disciples are expected to be diligent in their practice of them.



Parish Picnic

“Call me Bob, not Bishop Bob!”

Provisional Bishop Robert Gepert’s Plan of Action



That was the plea made by the Rt. Rev. Robert Gepert at the Diocesan Convention in June, after receiving the crozier from retiring Bishop Nathan Baxter. He went on to describe how he had been brought up Roman Catholic,

became an Episcopal priest, then a bishop, and now called out of retirement to become our Provisional Bishop. He elaborated that this opportunity came at the right time, and that he was dedicated to performing his role to the best of his ability, influenced by past experiences, and, above all, the voices of those in each parish.

He then presented a Power Point which outlined his leadership style and intentions concerning this next, crucial year in the Church calendar. He outlined his style of leadership and specific intentions, which include:

- Being inspired and guided by principle, scripture, and prayer.
- Visiting every Church in the Central PA Diocese, listening, and taking responsibility for moving us forward.
- Making no unilateral decisions; consulting many constituencies.
- Establishing a counsel of priests representing each parish with whom he will meet monthly to assess problems and progress.
- Providing opportunities for spiritual growth for all members of a parish; rotating committee



membership and chairs of committees.

- Showing no favoritism.
- Unveiling secrets, seeking transparency in all aspects of his work, and concentrating on positive influences and the motivated parishioners, to enact needed changes.
- Working on his own spiritual, emotional, and physical health to promote the same in others.
- Serving as a conduit to formulate creative ways for making essential changes.
- Reminding each parish that we have the tools to move forward, while providing the vision and insight to identify and use these tools.
- Creating opportunities for growth through learning and service.

He concluded with these encouraging and thoughtful words: “I will do all in my power to work with the new Bishop. As he or she is selected, my presence will grow smaller while his or hers will grow larger.”

Lee March

Delegate to the Convention

2014 So Far in a Few Stats

Total Sunday Attendance from January to mid-August = 7,013 (last year it was 6,285)

Average Sunday Attendance from January to mid-August = 219 (an 11.5% increase on the same period last year)

The number of households who have visited on a Sunday and have either joined or expressed interest in joining the parish = 32

Pledged income = \$18,000 under budget (only 91% of the total needed)

Total income = \$21,800 under budget (last year we had received \$14,300 more)

Christian Education News



Safeguarding God's Children Misconduct Training

It is a Diocesan requirement, as well as a responsible way of protecting our parish and its young parishioners, to participate in this training. This training will take place in October at a date and time yet to be determined, and is required of all volunteers and employees who work with children. Child Abuse Clearance and Criminal Background Check forms are also mandatory; see Melanie if you have any questions about what you need to do to fulfill these requirements. We will be notifying by email all those that need to update their forms.

Youth Group

Led by Fr. Duncan and Melanie, this group of 5th graders and above will get together on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month beginning September 7. The meetings will be held from 5:30-7:00, and will feature a lesson, discussion, and pizza. We will use familiar clips from popular movies to jump-start discussions that will be relevant and meaningful to our young people.

On the first Monday of each month, the youth group will volunteer at the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. We will be in the warehouse packing boxes for distribution to those in need. Upcoming dates are October 6, November 3, and December 1, and we will be volunteering from 6-8 pm. Though this is a youth group outreach activity, all are welcome and we hope that an intergenerational group will participate.

Confirmation Instruction

Youth Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30, and is for those in grades 7 and above who wish to be confirmed. The class will begin on September 10 and run through March 25.

Blessing of the Backpacks - Sunday, September 7

Operation Backpack is an outreach project that benefits school children who do not have the means to purchase the school supplies that will give them the tools and confidence to succeed. We will collect backpacks and

supplies to fill them, and then forward them for distribution in the Harrisburg area. Donations will be collected through Sunday, September 7. Then during an intergenerational service on September 7, bring your own school backpack to be blessed during the service, and enjoy Rita's Italian Ice afterwards. It's a great way to start the new school year! Contact Abby Gurgiolo at abbyskis@verizon.net for more information.

Church School

Mt. Calvary's church school year will begin on Sunday, September 7. Instruction is given following a lectionary-based curriculum; children and adults will be studying the same lesson in church and in church school, so the material can be discussed by the family afterwards. We have a need for new teachers – please consider participating in this rewarding ministry. We try to have numerous teachers at each age level, so the commitment to teach is only once every 3-4 weeks. Alternatively, you can volunteer as a classroom assistant, to help with compliance with the Safeguarding God's Children policy, which requires that two adults be present in each class.

Children can gather downstairs in the Youth Room at 9:30 each Sunday for song and praise in the Youth Room, before joining the church school teachers for the lesson at 10:00. The classroom levels are nursery, Pre-K, grades 1-3, and grades 4-6.

Pizza Club News

Our first Pizza Club Sleepover, held on July 19-20, was a huge success. Seventeen children enjoyed pizza, played games, watched movies, ate popcorn, listened to a story in the nave with Lynn Alt's accompaniment, walked the labyrinth in the dark using flashlights and glow sticks, and spent the night in the church! We woke to a pancake breakfast and a quiet reflection draw in the park, all before attending the 10:00 service in our pajamas. It was a very exciting event, and one that is sure to be repeated in the future.



Pizza Club is a great way for those Pre-K through 4th grade to build friendships in a safe and fun environment. It is generally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each

month, from 5:30-7:00. Each meeting consists of pizza, fun, and fellowship. If you have a talent or a trade that you would like to share with our pizza club friends, please speak up - we love to have special guests!

Rhythms of Grace

In the fall, Mt. Calvary will be the home of some very special Sunday afternoon services. Rhythms of Grace is a program and liturgy for children with special needs and those who care for them. This initiative is supported by a generous grant from the diocese. Watch for further details

regarding service dates and times, and if you would like to help to offer your time, talent and ideas to help make this program successful and meaningful, please contact Melanie.

Coffee Hour

New this fall, we will have a special craft table set up for kids so that they can color, play table games, work with playdough, and other appropriate activities to participate in during this social time, so that parents can get to know each other while their children are enjoying themselves.

Moses in the Wilderness: 2014 VBS

Mt. Calvary was a bustling desert oasis in June, with 40 children and 24 volunteers camping out in the Sinai to learn about Moses and his exodus from Egypt. We had so much help from Dave Reusswig as Moses, Joseph Ickowski as Malachi, Shannon Sweeney as Celebration Leader, Micah Herr as Games Leader, and our many tribe leaders and assistants, shopkeepers, and food market vendors. We received a Diocesan grant to help fund our efforts, as well as a generous donation from a parishioner, and we were fortunate to be able to loan our materials to another church just a few blocks away to help them with their VBS programs. Much appreciation is due to John and Melissa Hoy for their ambitious vision and their countless hours and tremendous effort it took to bring that vision to life – thank goodness they scrapped their idea of building full-scale pyramids on the lawn! Peggy Huffman, Ami Levin, and Anne Levin were also instrumental in enabling us to literally part the Red Sea!

In conjunction with VBS, the parish collected over \$150 to donate to charities providing clean water in India. The parachutes that that were used to construct our tribal tents were donated to St. Stephen's Episcopal School, CACC of Enola, and St. Barnabas for use in their youth activities.



Christian Books for Kids

Fr. Duncan writes... Sometimes parents ask me to recommend books that will help their kids in their faith. Here is a list of things I've found helpful as a parent.

First, some Bible's I'd recommend.

For pre-readers a really good one is The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories by Kelly Pulley

(Illustrator). There is a version published in 2005, but I used an earlier edition with my kids. The words are the same, though. Very good for bedtime stories.

For young readers DK's The Children's Illustrated Bible is nicely illustrated and well written by Selina Hastings, but the child needs to have a solid grasp of reading.

Something for whole family is the DK Illustrated Family Bible. This is richly illustrated and stays faithful to

the text. It makes a wonderful baptism gift.

Now some more general books.

Max Lucado, a gifted story-teller, has written many young children's books, all of them beautifully illustrated and excellent for pre-readers' bedtimes. His A Max Lucado Children's Treasury: A Child's First Collection is a good volume, focusing on uplifting aspects of God's love.

A really nice series of books for pre-



Calendar of Events

Sept 3	Women's Study and Fellowship Group, 7 pm	Oct 5	Intergenerational liturgy, and the baptism of Zayla Gora, 10 am
Sept 4	Return of the Healing Service, 10 am		Christian Education Committee, 9 am
Sept 6	Bike Club, 10 am Mechanicsburg High School		Outreach Coordinating Committee, 11:45 am
Sept 7	Sunday School Starts, 10 am	Oct 6	Youth Group visit to the Food Bank, 6 – 8 pm
	Blessing book bags, intergenerational liturgy, and the baptism of Thomas Diaz, 10 am	Oct 8	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
	Ice-cream social coffee hour	Oct 9	Welcome Course, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm
	Outreach Coordinating Committee, 11:45 am	Oct 12	Vestry, 12 pm
Sept 9	Pizza Club, 5:30 pm		Youth Group: Dinner and a Movie, 5:30 pm
	Communications Committee, 6 pm	Oct 14	Pastoral Care Committee, 4 pm
	Teacher Meeting, 7:30 pm		Pizza Club, 5:30 pm
Sept 10	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm		Spiritual Life Committee, 7 pm
Sept 11	Project Homeless Connect, Farm Show Complex, 8 am-4 pm	Oct 15	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
Sept 14	Vestry, 12 pm		Women's Study and Fellowship Group, 7 pm
	Youth Group: Dinner and a Movie, 5:30 pm	Oct 16	Welcome Course, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm
Sept 16	Building Committee, 7 pm	Oct 18	Final Bike Club of the Year, 10 am
Sept 17	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm		Mechanicsburg High School
	Women's Study and Fellowship Group, 7 pm		Embracing Spiritual Awakening group, 6:10 pm
Sept 23	Pizza Club, 5:30 pm	Oct 22	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
Sept 24	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm	Oct 16	Welcome Course, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm
Sept 27	LAUNCH OF THE THIRD SERVICE, 5 PM	Oct 23	Welcome Course, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm
Sept 28	Rhythms of Grace, 4 pm	Oct 26	Celebration Sunday
	Youth Group: Dinner and a Movie, 5:30 pm		Endowment Committee, 11:30
Oct 1	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm		Rhythms of Grace, 4 pm
	Women's Study and Fellowship Group, 7 pm		Youth Group: Dinner and a Movie, 5:30 pm
Oct 4	Men's Breakfast, 7:45 am at the Cornerstone coffeehouse	Oct 28	Pizza Club, 5:30 pm
	Bike Club, 10 am Mechanicsburg High School	Oct 29	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
			Women's Study and Fellowship Group, 7 pm
		Oct 30	Welcome Course, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm

Calendar cont'd

Nov 1	Men's Breakfast, 7:45 am at the Cornerstone coffeehouse Embracing Spiritual Awakening group, 6:10 pm	Nov 12	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm Women's Study and Fellowship Group, 7 pm
Nov 2	All Saints' Intergenerational liturgy Outreach Coordinating Committee, 11:45 am	Nov 13	Welcome Course for newcomers, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm
Nov 3	Youth Group visit to the Food Bank, 6 – 8 pm	Nov 15	Embracing Spiritual Awakening group, 6:10 pm
Nov 5	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm	Nov 19	Young People's Confirmation Class, 4:30 pm
Nov 6	Welcome Course for newcomers, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm	Nov 20	Welcome Course for newcomers, 5:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm
Nov 9	Teacher Meeting, 9 pm Vestry, 12 pm Youth Group: Dinner and a Movie, 5:30 pm	Nov 23	Rhythms of Grace, 4 pm Youth Group: Dinner and a Movie, 5:30 pm
Nov 11	Pizza Club, 5:30 pm Communications Committee, 6 pm	Nov 25	Pizza Club, 5:30 pm
		Nov 27	Thanksgiving Healing Service, 10 am
		Nov 29	Embracing Spiritual Awakening group, 6:10 pm
		Nov 30	Advent Sunday

Shiver me timbers, it's the sailing retreat for our young Confirmation candidates!

The scene was evocative of the classic films "Mutiny on the Bounty" and "Master and Commander." Admiral Johnston, who by surviving bested Horatio Nelson's performance at the Battle of Trafalgar, ordered the good ship Blessed to set sail with a number of honorable gentlemen on a voyage of discovery that would in no way rival James Cook's heroic exploits in the Pacific Ocean.

The mission of those aboard, which consisted of the intrepid Captain Dennis Stromberg, Admiral Johnston, and the confirmation candidates for the upcoming year along with their chaperones, was to sail the mighty Chesapeake Bay with the objectives learning:

- Sailing terminology and technique
- A tour of events that happened in boats in the Bible
- The fellowship of sailing men facing alternating periods of tedium and peril

The voyage was of course fraught with danger. The erstwhile crew had to steer, navigate and sail their vessel, with the day culminating with a great dinner at a restaurant along the Chesapeake Bay.

These honorable gentlemen returned from their voyage of growth and discovery having accomplished their goals, with almost no ill effects, and with a new-found love of sailing – and zero mutinies! Everyone was impressed, although ironically no one was forced to join the Royal Navy.



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the main Bible characters. It uses an interesting technique – each page features a picture and only one word. Parents can, therefore, fill in the gaps and tell the Bible story in their own language while the child absorbs the picture and learns the shape of the key word.

And finally some more focused books

Helping kids deal with death is a tricky task that leaves all parents feeling powerless. The Elf-Help series of books provides a couple of nicely presented titles for young readers on this topic - What Happens When Someone Dies?: A Child's Guide to Death and Funerals by Michaelene Mundy, and When Your Grandparent Dies: A Child's Guide to Good Grief by Victoria Ryan. (They also have one in the series called I don't want to go to Church!)

A book that deals with several tricky questions that kids ask is Will My Rabbit Go to Heaven?: And Other Questions Children Ask (A Lion paperback). It is now sadly out of print (which tells you how long ago it was that I found useful as a young parent), but you can get it on Amazon Marketplace for a penny!

It's a baby by Sigal Adler, currently free to Amazon Prime members as an e-book download, is useful for helping young children understand mommy's pregnancy.

readers is the First Word collection by Puffish Publishing. The series includes books on many of



Worship Schedule:

Saturday at 5 pm
Sunday at 8 am & 10 am
Thursday Healing at 10 am

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