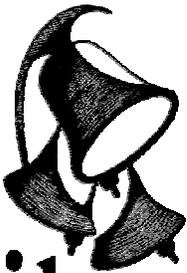


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Joining God in the World

For the last several months, the vestry has explored “Your Minister at Walgreens,” by Dwight L. Dubois¹, an article given to us by Cynthia. It examines the concept of a parishioner’s “ministry” in everyday life and outside his or her church and how the church, with regard to the institutional roles it fills, perceives the concept of ministry.

In the article, Dubois presents the more common definition of ministry in daily life as being nice or moral, being faithful to friends and coworkers, worshipping regularly, taking part in a mission trip, volunteering for a social program in the community, or not engaging in gossip. Then he juxtaposes that definition against this concept of ministry: “God’s way of being present and active in us for the sake of the world.” I interpret this latter concept of ministry as being mindful of our relationship with God while we do the things we do.

Dubois’ article continues to flesh out the definition by stating that, “Ministry is what happens in the farm field where food is grown so that people might be fed. Ministry happens in classrooms where children and adults receive education necessary for their welfare and for the sake of the world. Ministry happens in the workplace where products are produced, where countless decisions are made, where people and all creation are protected and served.” Ministry happens where we make it our mission to join God out there where God is already at work — whether at home, at our workplace, with our friends, or at community events.

The article raises several points worthy of discussion: How do we help people to see ministry as an everyday activity? Where does the idea of ministry fit into the time and talent portion of stewardship? If the purpose of the people of God (the church) is to be in mission to the world, what does that mean for what we do and how we do it as a congregation? How does our concept of being an active church member change?

These questions charge us to engage our parish in conversations that lead to a better understanding and recognition of ministry in our lives. In his article, Dubois encourages us to look at our own bulletins, newsletters, and web pages to see where we support and encourage ministry in the world. He asks, “how might you tell the stories of people at work, joining God in the world?” With that, I ask you to examine your life as well as the lives of your family members, friends, and people both in our faith community and our residential one. I want you to consider sharing your stories with us in a regular feature in *The Bells*. By doing so, I believe the members of St. Giles we will gain a greater understanding of the diverse ways the gospel can be spread through the ministry of our lives as we join God in the world.

— Mike Piskel

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Our Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist — 8:00 AM

Christian Formation — 9 AM

Holy Eucharist — 10:15 AM

3rd Sundays of the Month

Healing & Anointing
at both services

Thursdays

Evening Prayer — 4:30 PM
(prayer room, ed. bldg.)

¹ *Congregations* (a publication of the Alban Institute), Issue 2, 2012, pp. 17-20.

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Rector's Reflection: Summer Reading

I don't do nearly as much reading as I would like. The stack of unread books at home and in the office (and the few on my e-reader, as well) could easily keep several people busy for at least the next year. Nor am I a critic prone to reviewing books. A month or so ago, however, I did post a blog entry about my summer reading list; if you'd like to know more about that, or post your own list, please visit <http://www.fourthwallpriest.blogspot.com/2012/05/summer-reading.html>.

One of the books on my summer reading list is a wonderful volume of essays by our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori. *The Heartbeat of God: Finding the Sacred in the Middle of Everything* (Skylight Paths Publishing, Woodstock VT, 2011) is Bishop Katharine's exploration of the connections, realized and yet to unfold, between and among human existence, the environment, and faith. In the accessible, incarnational, yet deeply theological approach that is a hallmark of her writing and speaking, the Presiding Bishop explores the needs of the world and how the good news of the reign of God can address those needs through the actions of the faithful. She addresses poverty, education, discrimination, environmental concerns, interfaith relationships, gender roles and sexual orientation, and other contemporary issues from the perspective of God's abundance; worldly impediments to the reign of God are named honestly and discussed from the perspective of hope and reconciliation. In the kingdom of God there is enough for all if we can begin to understand what it means to live into that reality.

These essays and the reflection questions that follow each chapter call us to do just that, and to do it together and in company and relationship with those we seek to serve; as she says in the introduction, "This road we are all on is no place for strangers." In calling on us to renew the church, Bishop Katharine offers a pathway into that place where all good originates and from which all hopes and dreams proceed: the very heart of God.

Cynthia +

The Heartbeat of God is available in print or electronic versions. Visit www.skylightpaths.com for more information.

Adult Forum Bible Study — 'Sisters, Friends & Rivals: Relationships among Women in the Bible'

Hannah and Peninah, Martha and Mary of Bethany, Leah and Rachel, Sarah and Hagar: the Bible is full of fascinating women. Though they often operated in the shadows of the men in their families, these women were nonetheless courageous, intelligent, and strong. They were also very human, as their relationships with one another showed. On Sundays in August the Adult Forum will be exploring the dynamics between and among some of them. **Warning:** this is not your average "sit around a table and talk about what the passage means" Bible study. Expect some drama. Expect some characterization. Expect to learn. Expect to have fun! We begin this study on Sunday, August 5, at 9:00 a.m.



July & August Birthdays & Anniversaries

July Birthdays:

- 3 Jan Hutchins-DeWitt
- 5 Bill Baker
- 16 Roy Tambourine
- 25 Doris (Short) Whitaker
- 26 Jim Brooks

July Anniversary:

- 16 Martha McGuire & Roy Tambourine

August Birthdays:

- 2 Nancy Maroulis
- 3 James Robb
- 10 Diana Abouchar-McCluskey
- 13 Bob Robinson
- 16 Annie Westerberg
- 17 Meredith Brooks
Nick Solano
- 20 Chris DeWitt
Anne Lehman
Linda Williams
- 23 Steve Maroulis
- 25 Chuck Kolar

August Anniversaries:

- 4 Kay & Solomon Okoli
- 21 Linda & Cliff Williams
- 27 Bonnie & Norman Frankel



Late July & August Lectionary Readings

July 22 - 8 Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
- Psalm 89:20-20
- Ephesians 2:11-22
- Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29 - 9 Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 11:1-15
- Psalm 14
- Ephesians 3:14-21
- John 6:1-21

August 5 - 10 Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
- Psalm 51:1-13
- Ephesians 4:1-16
- John 6:24-35

August 12 - 11 Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
- Psalm 130
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- John 6:35, 41-51

August 19 - 12 Pentecost

- 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
- Psalm 111
- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 6:51-58

August 26 - 13 Pentecost

- 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43
- Psalm 84
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- John 6:56-69

May Treasurer's Report

Total revenues for the month of May were \$16,911.36. Total expenses for the month were \$17,155.99 resulting in a deficit of \$244.63 for the month and a surplus of \$11,263.34 for the year. A complete financial report for the year through May 31, 2012 can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex.

— Gloriann Harris
Treasurer



New Arrivals in St. Bede's Library

Two newcomers, donated by Betty Jean Weidaw, have arrived at our St. Bede's Library in the undercroft. They are in the New Books section on the library's desk.

Reader's Digest — *Who's Who in the Bible* (220.91/REA) covers 500 biblical figures, from Aaron (brother of Moses) to Zophar (a friend of Job). Each of the 500 figures is given a biography ranging from one paragraph to several pages (17 pages for Jesus). A special section titled "Everyone in the Bible" identifies nearly 4,000 names and provides a citation for the person's first appearance. There are also sidebars, covering such subjects as the Sermon on the Mount, the Tower of Babel, and Roman Persecution. The volume contains nearly 400 color illustrations, many of them reproductions of historical paintings or sculptures. There are also 50 illustrations commissioned specially for the book.

Phyllis Tickle — *The Great Emergence: How Christianity Changed and Why* (270.8/TIC) tells us that "every five hundred years the Church feels compelled to hold a giant rummage sale" bringing massive changes in the "empowered structures of institutionalized Christianity." The first of these changes occurred in the sixth century when Pope Gregory I ("The Great"), by strengthening the papacy and encouraging monasticism, saved the Church from extinction during the chaos that followed the fall of the Roman Empire. The second was the Great Schism of the 11th century when the eastern and western branches of Christianity separated and each branch excommunicated the other. The third was the Reformation of the 16th century. And the fourth is in progress now, triggered by the work of such persons as Charles Darwin, Michael Faraday, Sigmund Freud, Henry Ford, Albert Einstein, and — most recently — Joseph Campbell. The author tells us where we were, where we are now, and where she sees us going. And she does so with brevity (163 pages) and wit.

— Doug Downey

The 98%

The Book of Common Prayer¹ has 1001 pages. (One wonders what might have been either left out or condensed to eliminate that one extra page, but there it is.) On any given Sunday morning, though, the average congregation probably uses no more than 20 or so of those pages — whether they are printed in the bulletin or the book itself is used. That's just under 2% of this wonderful resource. On occasion, one will come to church for something other than the Sunday morning liturgy — weddings and funerals being the most likely of these or, for the really committed Anglican, perhaps one of the Offices, such as Evensong. But even long-time Episcopalians may not be aware of the riches contained within the remaining 98% of its pages. Hence this series, beginning with Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families (pp. 137ff).

These brief, one-page liturgies for Morning, Noon, Evening, and Close of Day are condensed forms of the Daily Offices of Morning, Evening, and Noonday Prayer and Compline, which in turn stem from the seven monastic offices used for communal prayer in religious orders throughout a 24-hour period — an organized attempt to heed the command to "pray without ceasing." They are especially useful when time is limited and are ideal for families who wish to pray together at home, co-workers who like to pray with one another to begin the work day or at the lunch hour, commuters using public transportation, and anyone who desires to mark the transitions of the day intentionally in the presence of God. Each service includes a psalm portion, a brief scripture reading (one of the scripture passages appointed for the particular day may be substituted), personal petitions, the Lord's Prayer, and a Collect. The service may be expanded to include the Apostles' Creed and/or the singing or recitation of a canticle.² If you are looking for a way to remain connected to God throughout the day, as well as to engage the historic prayer tradition of the Church, the Daily Devotions may be just what you need!

¹ Every household should have at least one copy of *The BCP*; if you'd like one, speak with the Rector.

² A canticle is a passage of scripture adapted for recitation, chant, or melodic singing; see BCP p. 144.



Poetry Musings

A poem does not have to be explicitly religious to express holy ways of living. This poem by Richard Wilbur, five stanzas with regular rhythm and rhyme, touches places of gratitude, joy, and mystery. In the first two stanzas, Wilbur describes a blackberry thicket in bloom.

He uses clear details and delightful imagery: the leaves are “fans of five,” and the blossoms are compared to “the far stars.” The poem takes a turn in the third stanza. Wilbur reflects on what astronomers and physicists tell us about the stars, that the universe may be hurtling toward darkness. This shift takes us unawares, and we are jarred: we have left the blackberry thicket for uncertain and fearful possibilities.

In the fourth stanza, however, we are brought back to the blackberry thicket. The speaker in the poem does not want to spend his time on speculation about the cosmos. He knows the berries are coming, and that they need to be picked before the birds get them. So he gets his buckets and old clothes — and his grandchild: “to talk with while we pick.”

The poem moves from a blackberry thicket to the far reaches of space and ends with a relationship — that is, with love.

— Linda Williams

Blackberries for Amelia

Fringing the woods, the stone walls, and the lanes,
Old thickets everywhere have come alive,
Their new leaves reaching out in fans of five
From tangles overarched by this year’s canes.

They have their flowers too, it being June,
And here or there in brambled dark-and-light
Are small, five-petaled blooms of chalky white,
As random-clustered and as loosely strewn

As the far stars, of which we now are told
That ever faster do they bolt away,
And that night may come in which, some say,
We shall have only blackness to behold.

I have no time for any change so great,
But I shall see the August weather spur
Berries to ripen where the flowers were—
Dark berries, savage-sweet and worth the wait—

And there will come the moment to be quick
And save some from the birds, and I shall need
Two pails, old clothes in which to stain and bleed,
And a grandchild to talk with while we pick.

— Richard Wilbur

From the Senior Warden

Like one of my favorite TV characters, Cosmo Kramer — who wrote a coffee table book about coffee tables (and the book folded out to make a coffee table), I decided to write a *Bells* article about *The Bells*.

A little over a year ago, several people volunteered to write regular columns for *The Bells*. So now we regularly include excellent work from Doug Downey, Tracey Solano, and Linda Williams. Our latest addition is Mike Piskel, who will author and edit a column on our ministry work. Cynthia Hallas and Lee Gaede continue to provide the spiritual depth we all need, and Esther Freilich puts it

all together. Our little publication has become my favorite publication to read each month.

If any one else would like to contribute, please keep in mind that we still hope to have a regular one-page “biography” column — where a parishioner’s personal story could be told. If there are any David McColloughs out there, please step forward. And you don’t need to rival David — it’s just one page. Please let me know if you have an interest. Thank you all for the great work you do.

— Gratefully,
George Miller

Join the Formation Team!

New teachers are needed for our preschool class, beginning on St. Giles Day, Sunday, September 9. The class will be held during the liturgy, from the end of the Gospel through the Exchange of the Peace. Our needs include one or two “regulars” to be with the children on an ongoing basis, and others to help on a 4-6 week rotation. Please consider the contribution you can make in forming the faith of our youngest parishioners. Speak with the Rector.



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • LATE JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 7 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy	16 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 7 PM	17 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM Vestry Work Session, 6 PM	18 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM	19 Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)	20 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM	21 Campanella Choir 9 AM – 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15PM
22 18 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist	23 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 7 PM	24 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM	25 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM	26 Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)	27 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM	28 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM OA 11 – 12:15 Stitches & Sack Lunches 12:30 – 3 PM
29 9 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist	30 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 7 PM	31 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM				



ST. GILES EPISCOPAL CHURCH • AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Campanella, 6 - 8:30 PM	2 Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)	3 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM	4 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM
<i>Campanella Choir uses the church on Sundays from 2:30 - 8:00 PM</i>						
5 10 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist	6 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Eucharist, 7 PM — Feast of the Transfiguration Yoga Class, 7 PM	7 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM	8 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM	9 Cathedral Shelter Pick-Up Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)	10 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM	11 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM
12 11 Pentecost 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist	13 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 7 PM	14 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM	15 September Bells Submissions Due Campanella, 6 - 8:30 PM HRN Directors Meeting, 6:30 PM Eucharist, 7 PM — Feast of St. Mary the Virgin	16 Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)	17 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM	18 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM
19 12 Pentecost Healing/Anointing 8 AM: Holy Eucharist 9 AM: Formation 10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist	20 Office Hours by Appointment Coffee @ Caribou, 1-2:30 PM Yoga Class, 7 PM	21 Campanella Choir, 5 - 8 PM Vestry Meeting, 7:30 PM	22 Campanella Choir, 6 - 8:30 PM	23 Evening Prayer, 4:30 PM (Prayer Room)	24 Office Closed Bible Study 9:30 AM	25 Campanella Choir 9 AM - 4 PM Overeaters Anonymous 11 AM - 12:15 PM Stitches & Sack Lunches 12:30 - 3 PM
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Time-Sensitive Material



From the Deacon's Desk



I recently received the following request from Journeys: The Road Home, formerly Journeys: PADS to Hope. They are one of our Gift of Warmth partners. We think of needing gifts of warmth only in the cold winter months, but homelessness and poverty do not take a summer vacation.

Currently, we are in urgent need of the following items for our clients:

- Sleeping bags
- Non-perishable food (with pop-tops)
- Men's and women's underwear, all sizes
- Socks
- Men's and women's shorts, all sizes
- Women's t-shirts and tank tops
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Backpacks
- Sunscreen and bug spray

Although the shelters have closed for the season, our work continues at the HOPE Center.

If you are able to assist with any of these items, put them in the Gift of Warmth basket and I will deliver them to the Journeys center. In addition to the “pop-top” food — such as tuna lunches and fruits in water or light syrup — plastic spoons and forks or sporks are helpful. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

In Christ's Service,
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