



## Real Peace is Costly

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount he said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9). What does it look like to be a peacemaker? There's a 1997 George Clooney and Nicole Kidman movie called *The Peacemaker* about Russians, Americans, nuclear de- vises, and terrorists. Then there's the *Colt Single Action Army Revolver*, which was also known as the *Peacekeeper* (The standard service military revolver from 1873 until 1892.). I'm pretty sure this is *not* what Jesus was talking about.

In AD 404 St. Telemachus, a Christian monk, entered a gladiatorial arena to force two gladiators from fighting to the death. The bloodthirsty crowd was furious. The crowd rose up in anger and stoned Telemachus to death. He demanded peace, but faced violence and death. As far as he knew his death had been in vain. Yet, because of his selfless act of peacemaking, the Roman Emperor Honorius abolished gladiatorial contests forever. Now that is a peacemaker! The truth is being a peacemaker is often anything but peaceful and finding peace is often not a peaceable process.

Generally when we say we long for peace, we're saying we long for a lack of conflict, for some peace and quiet, for freedom from the old wounds which haunt us, for this would clearly make us tranquil and happy. I too long for these, but this is clearly not what Jesus was taking about when he said, "Blessed [happy] are the peacemakers..." When you or I dare to enter someone else's conflict, we risk both physical and emotional damage. This doesn't sound all that happy does it? But what if you entered someone else's conflict and after a long and painful process, brought about lasting peace between two people?

I don't know about you, but I this makes me feel greatly blessed and extremely happy! Jesus is saying that blessing/ happiness falls not on peacelovers, but upon peacemakers. As William Barclay said, "The peace which the Bible calls blessed does not come from the evasion of issues; it comes from facing them, dealing with them and conquering them." *This* is what Jesus was talking about.

How might you become a peacemaker?  
1. Don't demand for conflict to end without dealing with the root issue. Lasting peace cannot continue with unresolved conflict.



Often we demand for conflict to end, not to help those in conflict but to avoid being drawn into the fray. 2. Help those in conflict cool off, step back, and deal with the issue. Help them define what the real issue is. Sometimes the real issue gets clouded by old hurts.

3. Once the real issue is discovered, ask them to talk about it without accusatory or over emotional language. Coach them to resolve their differences with you present. Have them put it in writing. 4. Ask them to truly forgive each other. To "bury the hatched" and not dig it back up. Hebrews 12:15 implores us peacemakers to, "See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." As a peacemaker, one or both parties may reject your counsel or even ridicule you for your attempt of peacemaking. Peacemaking is often anything but peaceful, yet the reward is a deep blessing not only for you, but more importantly the reconciliation of two souls who were divided.

### The Faith Flash

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### OUR VISION:

A Christ Centered Community Growing in Faith.

### OUR PURPOSE:

The purpose of Faith Anglican Church is to proclaim the Good News, make disciples, and serve our neighbors.

### OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- We equip lay people for ministry
- We provide biblically centered instruction
- We minister to people where they are
- We welcome all God's children
- We are theologically traditional
- We provide meaningful worship services
- We lead others to Christ.

## Youth Crew

### Mission Trip to Gallup, NM

Mark your calendars because the Youth Crew Mission Trip to Gallup, NM is scheduled for June 6th through the 14th! This trip is designed for Senior High School Students (9th-12th Grade), as well as College Students.



We will be hosting a Vacation Bible School for the children of the Ianbito Chapter of the Navajo Nation, and we will be feeding the homeless in downtown Gallup. The cost for the Mission Trip will be \$200 per person. The

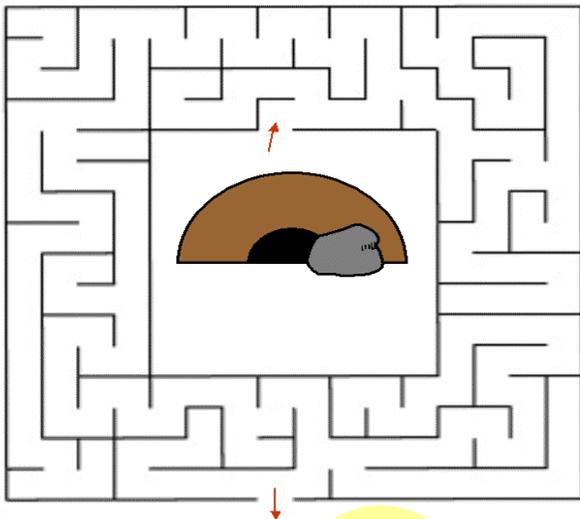
deadline for signing up, medical release forms, and tuition is Sunday May 17th. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Cameron.

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross Practice on Palm Sunday D-Group

Friday April 3rd at 7 PM will be our worship in observance of Good Friday. Middle School and High School Students at Faith sponsor and lead worship. We will have practice and rehearsal for Good Friday during our Sunday Night Discipleship Group on March 29th from 4 -6 PM. We will also meet at Faith at 6:30 PM before the Good Friday service for a quick practice. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Cameron.

### Youth Sunday April 19th

Youth Sunday will be April 19th! The Youth that participate within the Youth Ministry at Faith Anglican Church will lead both the 8:10 AM and the 10:30 AM Worship. Please come worship our Lord and support our youth!



Help Jesus find his way out of the tomb so He can tell the disciples He's Alive!



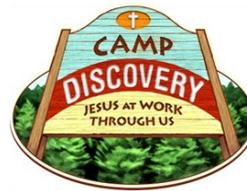
## Children's Ministry

### Children's Easter Program on Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday April 4th from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM we will host our annual Children's Easter Program. We will have an age appropriate lesson about the death and resurrection of Jesus, crafts, snacks, games, and of course an egg hunt! Easter comes early this year so don't forget to bring in your non-chocolate candy and egg donations for the program. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Cameron.



### Vacation Bible School: Camp Discovery



Do you love Vacation Bible School? Do you love Camping? The theme for Vacation Bible School this year is Camp Discovery! We will learn important truths about Jesus while having all the fun of camping. Vacation Bible School will be Monday July 13th through

Thursday July 16th from 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM.

## Mission and Outreach

Thanks to all who donated time, money, and items for the "Shrove Sunday" Silent auction! The final count from the auction was \$2,350. The team of the Graskeys and the Wilkes joined by Genaro Mejia did a great job cooking for a record crowd. Eighty tickets were sold and more were needed at the last minute. Peter Claverie as MC, kept things moving along until it was time for Peter Lutrick to take over as auctioneer. The live auction bidding was the most exciting ever. Meanwhile, Doug and Becky Conner got the silent auction bids in order. Many others - too many to name here- worked to set up and clean up.

After his visit on March 7 and 8, more generous donations were given to Brother Kirt for the Benedictines of Christ the King to continue their support of The Tumaiani Clinic in Nairobi and the surgeries referred from there to Kijabi Hospital. Thanks to Lance and Mary Forsdick for hosting a beautiful reception to give Brother Kirt a place to speak about the cooperation between the clinic and the hospital to provide surgeries and explain how our donations are used.

Thanks to all who donated blood on March 22!

Annette Kersting

## Prayer Corner

Please keep the following persons in your daily prayers, asking God to heal, comfort, and protect them.

Dee Dee Ritchie	Lance Forsdick, Sr.
Mansell Lancaster	Faye Holder
Lauren Hintz	Ann Reynolds
Hallie Crawford	Carlton Fuller
Dawne Ellard	Dale Eason



## Birthdays

Herb Hand	01	Jessie Harrison	17
Barbara King	07	Hunter Harrison	18
Joshua Tarver	08	Emily Johnson	18
Peyton Tarver	08	Susan Parvey	20
Elkins Crawford	09	John Lucas	23
Vicki Deason	09	Samantha Wolfe	25
Genaro Mejia	12	Fred Ellrich	26
Jacob Trippel	13	Melisa Nowag	27
Larry Wilkes	14	Janice Badgett	29
Spencer Tarver	16		

## Anniversaries

Larry & Sherry Wilkes	09
John & Maureen Howard	17

## BAPTISMAL DATES

Baptism is for those adults and older children who have made a commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Baptism is also for infants and younger children of parents who intend to raise their children to serve Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Those who intend to be baptized need to attend worship regularly. If you or your child is ready for baptism, please plan to be baptized on one of the following dates: **April 12<sup>th</sup>** (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter) and **May 24<sup>th</sup>** (Pentecost Sunday). If you are interested please contact one of our priests.

## Creative Giving

When we give gifts to God through His Church, most of us write checks or give cash, which is a good thing. Some creative giving ideas may end up yielding a double blessing, either additional tax benefits or freeing you from unnecessary clutter. Here are some creative giving possibilities: stocks, bonds, IRA transfers, life insurance, annuities, charitable trusts, land, homes, cars, boats, gold, jewelry, coins, collections, etc. Many, including your pastor, also remember the church in their will. How might you creatively give to the Lord's work?

## The Daughters of the Holy Cross

We wish to express our deep appreciation to our sister in Christ, Janie Adkins, for her beautiful and diligent work on the new banner for the Theotokos chapter.  
Cathy Tenpenny



## Wednesday Night Bible Study – 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and spiritual nurture. Our April schedule includes:

1 <sup>st</sup>	No Program	Holy Week Break
8 <sup>th</sup>	No Program	Easter Break
15 <sup>th</sup>	<i>The Spiritual Disciplines: Meditation &amp; Study</i>	Due to two snow days during Lent, we were unable to complete our five Spiritual Disciplines studies. Therefore, we will complete our study during the Easter season. Tonight's study is on Meditation & Study. Meditation is not to be confused with eastern meditation; it is a biblical practice which goes beyond study.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>The Spiritual Disciplines: Prayer &amp; Fasting</i>	Though our fasting season is over, it is important to know that fasting can be beneficial at other times as well. Tonight's study will cover both Prayer and Fasting.
29 <sup>th</sup>	That the World May Know: Living Water	<i>That the World May Know</i> is a powerful teaching series of faith lessons with video teachings from the Holy Land by Biblical Archeologist Ray Vander Laan. Each session has a 18-31 minute video and time for teaching and discussion. This faith lesson brings us to the desert world of Israel and shows us the parallel between thirsting for water and thirsting for God.

## *New to Faith? Come to the Discovering Faith Workshop*

**Discovering Faith** is a two part workshop designed to help you grow in your relationship with Christ and find out how you can become a part of this dynamic and growing community of faith. You will also get to know our pastor and others who are new to Faith, and learn about membership. This workshop is offered two or three times a year. If you are new to Faith, we would love for you to attend our next **Discovering Faith** workshop. The first part is on Sunday, **April 26<sup>th</sup>**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the home of our pastor and his wife, Herb and Mary Hand at 8293 Montego Place North, Cordova. Dinner is included and childcare is available upon advanced request. Sign-up is easy, call the Hands at 381-1172 or e-mail Herb at herbhand@faithanglicanchurch.org. The second part is held at the same location on Sunday, **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Attending the workshop does not require a commitment to join, but will give you the opportunity to learn more about Faith and meet some wonderful people. At the first meeting we will explore Faith Anglican's history, an overview of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Church in North America, our parish vision, purpose and core values, and God's gift of salvation. At the second meeting we will explore the importance of Holy Scripture, the basics of Anglican worship, and the ministries of Faith Anglican Church.



## **New Acolyte Vestments**

Within our Anglican Tradition, liturgical vestments indicate the function of each clergy and lay person in worship. For example, clergy wear stoles according to their order and laity do not. Among lay ministers there are further differences among vestments to indicate function. Lay ministers assist the Priest with the Lord's Supper wear the white alb and cincture. This is what you have seen the Acolytes wear in Sunday worship. However, lay ministers that do not serve at the Altar-table customarily wear a cassock with a white surplice over the cassock. In the next month you will notice a change in the way that the Acolytes dress during worship. The Acolyte that carries the cross is the, "Server," and will wear a white alb and cincture since they will serve at the Altar-table. The other two Acolytes are, "Torch Bearers," and since they do not serve at the Altar-table they will wear a red cassock and white surplice. We are also providing Servers the opportunity to earn the rank of, "Senior Server," that will be indicated by the wearing of a gold cross. Servers may advance to Senior Servers through faithfulness in worship and mentoring of new Acolytes. We are making these changes to have a greater conformity with Anglican Worship, and to enhance the discipleship of our wonderful Acolytes. -Fr. Cameron



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Service Times:

**Sunday:**  
Holy Eucharist ..... 8:10/10:30am  
Sunday School ..... 9:30am

**Wednesday:**  
Supper ..... 6:30pm  
Programs ..... 7:15pm

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## Holy Week Worship Schedule

### Maundy Thursday – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM

We will commemorate our Lord’s Last Supper through foot washing and Holy Communion. Foot washing is not required, but available to all who would like to participate. It is a powerful act of servanthood, which can have a powerful affect for your daily life as a believer. Childcare is available. An all night pray vigil will follow for those who would like to participate.



### Good Friday Worship and Stations of the Cross – April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM

We will meditate on the meaning of the cross of Christ, hear the Good Friday Good News proclaimed, and enjoy a special *Station of the Cross* presentation. Fasting and extended prayer is encouraged on Good Friday. Childcare is available.



### Easter Sunday Celebration – April 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM & 10:30 AM

Easter is our most important celebration of the year. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus which is our hope of eternal life. This is the perfect Sunday to invite a friend! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Be sure to invite a guest for Easter Sunday!

