

THE EAGLE'S QUILL
ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER
JUNE/JULY 2010



“. . . THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES; THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY, THEY WILL WALK AND NOT BE FAINT.” ISAIAH 40:31

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We are a church community rooted in Anglican traditions and committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer, compassion, and encouragement.

Ecclesiastes 3

A Time for Everything

- ¹ There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under heaven:
- ² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,

This is the time to say goodbye to our beloved pastor, Judy Filer. We have been blessed by the time she spent with our family. It has been a joy to watch her ministry grow and to hear her sermons which have always touched my heart and spirit. Judy has supported us in our trials and turmoil. She has counseled, healed, been at our sides in joy, sorrow and sickness. We have also shared her trials with the decline of her mother's health. She has become not only a member of our church family but also a friend.

The river now flows on and changes must come. Without change, a constant coming and going, a river simply becomes a stagnant pool of water. Life is the same. Family members grow and move on to new lives as Judy is now led onward to plant new seeds in a new field, and we must nurture and grow the seeds of love and spirit that she has left in our care. So this change must be embraced as an opportunity to renew, to bring new life and vigor. The Holy Spirit has been the guide for St. John's for over 125 years. He has maintained the St. John's family through many changes, bountiful years, lean years, successions of priests, no priest, times of joy and times of sorrow. He will continue to guide us through this change also.

So let us bid a very fond farewell to our shepherd, friend, and family member as the river branches and takes both of us in new directions. Also let us look forward with anticipation to see what new joys, opportunities and experiences the Spirit will lead us into.

Mark Patterson
Senior Warden

THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S

Nothing could have prepared me for the wonderful celebration at church and home on Pentecost Sunday. The music was wonderful (Thank you, Sue!), and I take away the best memories a person could have. Thank you, St. John's! You are both a blessed and blessing people, and I know that you will thrive. Know that my prayers are with you. God bless us, everyone. Judy+

SUNDAY SERVICES 9:30 a.m.



ST. JOHN'S CHOIR

St. John's Choir is a vital part of our services. Anyone who is interested in joining the choir is welcome. St. John's is starting a hand chime choir, and anyone interested should call Sue Patterson at 254-583-2195. Hand chimes are fun, easy to play, and no previous music experience is necessary to learn. Rehearsal is every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
"Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful." Psalm 149:1

SERMONS ON THE WEB SITE

Thanks to Bobby Peterson's talents, past sermons are posted on our web site, www.stjohnsmarlin.org and listen to past sermons.

ULTREYA

Ultreya meets at 4:00 p.m. on the following Sundays:

June 13 – St. John's, Marlin
July 11 – All Saints, Cameron
August 8 – TBA
September 12 – St. Christopher's, Killeen
October 10 – St. Paul's, Waco
November 7 – St. John's, Marlin



CURSILLO

Polly Gaeke and Kyla Smith are our Cursillo coordinators and would love to talk with you about it. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend, please contact either Polly or Kyla (584-4464 or 721-7409). Applications to attend Cursillo can be obtained on the Diocesan Cursillo website at www.texascursillo.org.

2010 Cursillo Weekends:

#228 – June 17-20

#229 – August 26-29

#230 – November 11-14

GARDEN OF HOPE

The flowers planted in the Memorial Garden are given by Claire Goodrich in memory of her parents, Levi and Mary Goodrich.



Daughters of the King training sessions for new members will begin on Sunday, June 6th at 10:45 a.m. If you are interested in becoming a Daughter, make plans to attend this meeting. There are 8 chapters in the training manual and at this initial meeting Mary Price will discuss meeting times. There will be makeup classes for those who can't attend one of the meetings. Prospective members take classes concerning prayer and spiritual growth and then may join by taking the vows of the Order. The DOK is an Order open to women of the Episcopal Church and denominations in communion with the Episcopal Church. The mission of the Order is prayer for the work and members of the church.

CHURCH OFFICE DESK

St. John's is staying on track thanks to the volunteer work that continuously keeps us afloat. Thank you! There are some areas that need attention so that we all stay on the same page. Please leave the mail in the bin in the hallway and it will be collected during office hours. It is tempting to try to help out the office by picking up the mail. However, we have failed to see some bills that were brought in by someone and the result was finance charges. So, unless you are a volunteer office worker who is asked to do so, **please leave the mail in the bin in the hallway.** Also, if you put something on the desk, please put it where it belongs--there are boxes which are well marked. If you take something from the desk, please be sure and put it back from whence it came. With so many helping, we need systems we all use to keep us organized. Thank you again for all you do.

Office Hours:

The office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 – 12:00.

OUTREACH:



Food for June and July

Please bring macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, fruit cups, pudding cups, and canned goods for our food outreach ministry. In June the food will go to Faith, Hope & Charity. In July the food will go to Samaritan House.

"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat . . ." Matthew 25:35

FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY:

Calling all volunteers! Shirley King has devoted 20 plus years to Faith, Hope & Charity. There were always volunteers – even some that were quite faithful in their service. Now Shirley finds herself needing more volunteers. Dorothy Tasby, who was Shirley's right hand for years, has cancer and is unable to assist Shirley. This is a vital program for the at-risk children of Marlin, and Shirley believes that she was called by God to do this work. If you would like the opportunity to participate as a volunteer or mentor, or if you would simply like to see faith at work, contact Shirley King at 883-3004. Faith, Hope & Charity is located at 514 Quaid Street.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."
Matthew 9:37



DISCIPLES TABLE

On Saturday, April 24, the volunteers of the Disciples Table prepared to serve their first hot meal to 55 members of the community. What a wonderful beginning for The Disciples Table. The meeting and meal schedule for the Disciples Table for June and July is as follows:

June 12, 1:00 p.m. – Meeting
June 19, 12:00-2:00 – Meal
July 10, 1:00 p.m. – Meeting
July 17, 12:00-2:00 – Meal

All donations of time, energy, cooking and cleaning ability or monetary donations are appreciated.

EVENTS AND INFORMATION:



FinD Class of 2010

***You are Invited to the
Graduation & Commissioning Service
for the Class of 2010
Saturday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.
All Saints Chapel of Camp Allen***

FinD Class of 2010

<i>Beverly Bammel</i>	<i>Christine Joannidi</i>
<i>Louise Burton</i>	<i>Roger Sessions</i>
<i>Donna Bryant</i>	<i>Linda Warburton</i>
<i>Lisa Cleary</i>	<i>Marilyn Zwicker</i>

Join us at Camp Allen on **June 19 at 2:00 p.m.** to celebrate with Louise Burton her graduation from FinD. FinD is the Diocesan school which trains those interested in being spiritual directors. There are only a few of these schools in the United States. Weezie has studied for three years by going once a month for 10 months a year to classes in Bryan. In between classes, there are reading assignments of 2 to 3 books per month.

Spiritual direction had its beginning in the early church and has remained active in one way or another throughout its history. Formal training in spiritual direction began about 25 years ago. There are schools at the monastery in Pecos, New Mexico and in Washington, D.C. (Shalem Institute), and other places. It is exciting that we here in the Diocese of Texas have our own school to train Spiritual Directors. Spiritual direction is not psychological counseling, but seeks to help people with spiritual formation. It includes instruction and disciplines to assist the seeker toward deepening faith and spiritual growth. All priests in the Diocese of Texas are encouraged to have a spiritual director. Clint Capers, who led our Lenten studies is a spiritual director, as is Barbara Wells at St. Paul's in Waco. Contemplative or centering prayer is taught and encouraged.

The program mentioned above on June 19th will be Weezie's graduation from her three years of study at FinD. FinD has exacting requirements and Weezie has more than once had to give up family outings and celebrations in order to be in class.

We are so fortunate at St. John's to have a Spiritual Director among us. Congratulations, Weezie! Well done!



ECW

The sale of boxed lunches in April during the Stained Glass Tour was a complete success. Congratulations ECW!



Emergency Preparedness Update

Diocesan Emergency Preparedness Month began May 1. Workshops are being held in each of the three primary regions of the diocese: Houston, Austin, and East Texas. These workshops are open to anyone in the church, and all are encouraged to participate. For more information, or to register for a workshop, please contact Carolyn Gibbs, Preparedness & Planning Coordinator for TEDRD at 734.474.9504 or cjgibbs@epicenter.org. [View dates and locations here.](#)
Blog: <http://ikerelief.blogspot.com/>
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Faithful Fitness

Camp Allen is offering a retreat June 5-6 called Faithful Fitness. The retreat is designed to equip men and women with the necessary tools to live healthy, spiritually fit lifestyles. The cost for the retreat is \$145 for a single and \$110 for a double. For more information on the retreat or to register, call 936-825-7175 or go to www.campallen.org.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Christian Leadership Conference is scheduled for June 21st at St. Stephen's Episcopal School, Austin.

CHANGE TO NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The new deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of each month, so the deadline for the August/September newsletter will be July 20.

MEMORIALS:

Anyone wishing to make a memorial should contact Jean Trice, chairperson in charge of memorials, 883-2611.

ENTERED INTO LIFE ETERNAL:

Betsy Allen; Alajawan Brown (Shirley King's grandson); Sarah Levine; Dorothy Evans Hawkins; Pearlie Bledsoe

May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. We offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to family and friends.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servants and grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Those for whom our prayers are requested:

Pattie Bosnack, Sam Bosnack, Felma Branch, Ann Brown, Dr. Harold and Margaret Clifton, Grady Cox, Bonnie Crothers, Norman Erskine, Carl Evans, Gary Evans, Kay Evans, Alice Ferda, Wes Filer, Father Mike Gemignani, Horace Goodrich, Sarah Goodrich, Geneva Hughes, Maxine Janes, Ron Janes, JoeAnn Kalmbach, Donna Kight, Shirley King, Jean Kirkpatrick, Sandy Kleckner, Ursula Lawson, Nina Leeth, Faye Lombardo, Alice Madsen, Jean Mathis, Betty Maxey, Billie Maxwell, Mena Nichols, Willie Null, Pattie Pletzke, Steve Pletzke, Louis Polchinski, Steve Price, Lucy Pyland, Paul Rice, April Sammons, Merritt and Iris Schumann, Andrew Smith, Desiree Smith, Dorothy Tasby, Christi Ticknor and Kendall Ticknor, Tony Veracruz, Paula Wade, David Walters, Olanda Williams, Mary Winters.

Please pray for those in our Armed Forces:

Joseph Blackwell, Jordan Gorraiz, Brandon Henderson, Lyle Holley, Nathan Johnston, Jarrod Means, Conner Owen, Forest Owen, Matthew Pyland, Raymond Ramirez, Jr., Morgan Riles, John W. Sadler, Jim Steidley, Nicholas Tobias 1



FLOWERS

June 6 – Libby Price IMO Sharon Murry
June 13 – Kyla Smith IMO Buford Gaeke
June 20 – Howard & Pat Smith IHO Anniversary
June 27 – J.R. Taylor IMO mother, Cordelia Taylor
July 4 – Mike Meyer IMO Sandra Meyer
July 11 – Diana Miles IMO H.R. Williams
July 18 – Louise Burton IMO Nick
& Louise Goodrich
July 25 – Dub Wagner

2010 Open Dates: August 15 and October 10

If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Polly Gaeke at 254-584-4464.



COFFEE HOSTESS

June 6 – Sherri Patterson
June 13 – Sue Patterson
June 20 – Antonette Peterson
June 27 – Birthday Bash by Kyla Smith
July 4 – Marge Schumann
July 11 – Pat Smith
July 18 – Jean Trice
July 27 – Birthday Bash by Kyla Smith



JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS



& ANNIVERSARIES:

June 1 – Ray Null
June 1 – Teri Gaithing
June 5 – Jean & Jim Trice Anniversary
June 8 – Desiree Smith
June 10 – Pat Smith
June 14 – Bess Sebesta
June 22 – Shaina Henderson
June 22 – Clarie Hoelscher
June 28 – Steve Price
July 29 – Lucy Pyland
July 4 – Carter Henderson
July 7 – Betty Ramey
July 7 – Bonnie Crothers
July 9 – Libby Price
July 10 – Judy & Wes Filer Anniversary
July 12 – Mary Price
July 13 – Mary Smith
July 18 – Louise Burton
July 19 – Megan & Troy Henderson Anniversary
July 19 – Cathy & Joe Owen Anniversary
July 25 – Dub Wagner
July 27 – Mike Ferda
July 29 – Meagan Henderson
“Grant, O Lord, that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.” *Amen*

St. John's Leadership

Rector: Vacant

Liturgist: Jean Trice

Vestry: Senior Warden, Mark Patterson (2011)

Junior Warden, Bill Forson (2011)

Louise Burton (2012)

Sherri Patterson (2013)

Bobby Peterson (2013)

Molly Walker, Treasurer, Ex Officio

Church Ministries: Louise Burton

Minister of Music: Sue Patterson

Altar Guild Chair: Molly Walker

Altar Flowers Chair: Polly Gaeke

Memorial Chair: Jean Trice

DOK President: Louise Burton

ECW President: Pattie Bosnack

CATHY'S CORNER

Dear St. John's,

Well, summer has finally arrived! I was beginning to doubt we would ever have sunshine and warm weather after having bitter cold days and nights, rain, rain, rain and snow off and on even into May. Instead of warm weather and Tex Mex for Cinco de Mayo, we had snow. This time of the year the Pacific Northwest is gorgeous, the weather is mild, and it is berry season. The fresh fruits and vegetables are abundant and wonderful. I am also planning my summer trip to Texas. Alleluia! I have missed my children and grandchildren so much – can't wait to see them and all of you.

In the past year and a half, I have been amazed at the scenery, been extremely homesick, saw birds and animals I have never seen, and learned patience. Patience through the bitter cold and rain, as God has promised me the warmth and sunshine of summer, and provided me opportunities to travel to Texas to visit family and friends, as well as the opportunity to be with everyone at St. John's – in person and through the bulletins and newsletters. I have even learned patience from the deer. Even if the flowers I am attempting to grow are clearly marked "deer resistant," trust me – deer cannot read. But, God has provided and blessed me with the abundant bounty from my garden [which is in the back yard and as of this writing, the deer have not yet jumped the fence], and I have learned what flowers not to plant in the front yard.

The newsletter is now sent out every two months. If anyone has any information regarding meetings, events, etc., that need to be placed in the newsletter, you can leave them with the church office, call me 503-834-2331, email them to me at aquarius2654@yahoo.com or you can mail them to me at 59104 East Hwy. 224 #1157, Estacada, OR

97023. The meetings and events can include what is happening at St. John's and any outreach and community events.

Blessings, Cathy

Celtic Prayer

God be with thee in every pass,
Jesus be with thee on every hill,
Spirit be with thee on every stream,
Headland and ridge and lawn;
Each sea and land, each moor and meadow,
Each lying down, each rising up,
In the trough of the waves, on the crest of the
billows,
Each step of the journey thou goest.