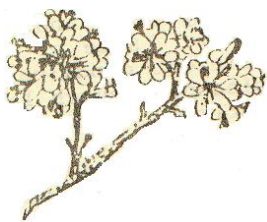


# THE ALMOND TREE

## Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

The Rev. Mary Sulerud, Interim Rector  
The Rev. David Crosby, Assistant Rector  
Jennifer Addington, Editor



August 15, 2012

### COMINGS, GOINGS, AND ALL MATTERS IN-BETWEEN

Hebrew Scriptures tell us the tabernacle was the place of worship for the Israelites from their desert wanderings until the completion of the temple during King Solomon's reign. This "tent of meeting" was not just a symbol for the people of God, but represented the actual reality of God living in their midst. The tabernacle would be the focal point of worship for 300 years. Later, the apostle Paul used this imagery when he called believers God's "temple," or dwelling place.

I like the image of the "tent of meeting." Blessed to travel some throughout my life, I have been encamped more than on the move. But lately, that has changed for me, and for us. Over the last six years, I have popped up pegs, moving my tent of meeting from Grace Church to VTS, to St. George's in NW D.C., to St. Mark's, Alexandria, back to St. George's, and now here to ICOH. This has been a process, much like all of this has been part of 'the process.' The Fourth of July, as we departed Grace after receiving my All Seasons stole from them, I told Heart Of My Heart (one of many names I have for Chrissie), I now leave Grace, and I'm taking you with me.

We move into the rectory for at least a year as we complete much needed work on our Davis Ave home. The process of packing up after 23 years in one place, moving, and unpacking in a new place, continues. When the *derecho* tore up the greater DC Metropolitan region, we were blessed to keep power and AC during record heat, but with a huge tree limb gracing our rooftop and deck. The tree is now gone, and we have moved. Our prayer is the new rector might need or want to move in there when called.

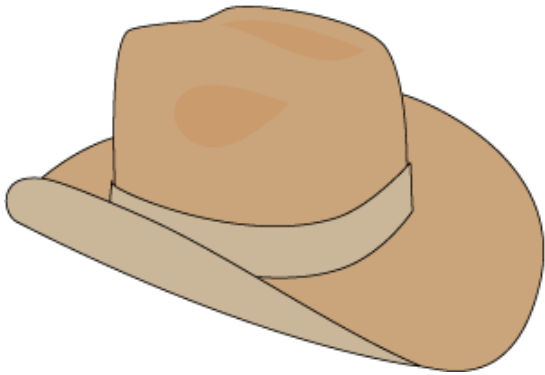
When we pop up tent pegs or tear up roots, much like trees that fall on houses, it is hard sometimes to not want to "wish our life away" in hopes of getting there quicker or being done sooner. Facing health issues in our families can make 'wishing,' even for something like getting on with a move, somewhat troubling. Life changes, in some ways positively and thankfully, and in other ways sadly and regretfully. We are powerless to do anything to change either. So we make our way, day by day, box by box, limb by limb, and life by life. We recently celebrated the birth of a grand goddaughter. And now we wait, watch and wonder what life will be like for us all.

Through it all, we are grateful to and for God, for one another, and for the many folks, families and friends, who grace our days. At my ordination, I said, "I do" and "I will, with God's help." I meant that then, and I believe it now. God will be with us in our many different transitions, and the ramblings which follow them. We are with you now, and you are ours, and we are yours!

Thank you for our wonderful welcome to ICOH! Chrissie and I are so excited to be here!

David+

## IT'S HOMECOMING!! – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9



### COMING SOON—FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY!! BOB WILLS AND THE TEXAS PLAYBOYS

Immanuel's Annual Homecoming Show – Saturday, Sept 8. The ICOH players present an old-time radio and road show, featuring your favorite songs of the Wild West – cowboys and gals, wide open skies, tumbleweeds, and honky tonk angels . . . with a social and dancing to follow. Bring your favorite “horz douvers” (aka finger foods) to share and join the roundup. **In the Parish Hall -- Doors open for liquid refreshments at 7:00, show begins at 7:30.**

**AND** Please join the Immanuel Church on the Hill family for our Homecoming Potluck on Sunday September 9. Following the Saturday evening with Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, all are invited to the Parish Hall after the 10:00 am service for a wonderful celebration and a time of fellowship and fun after the summer break.

This is a potluck event – all the better to showcase the good eats that dwell in our hearts right next to the Holy Spirit! Please bring a generous size dish to serve 8 to 10! -- according to the list below:

Last Names Beginning with A thru F: Deserts

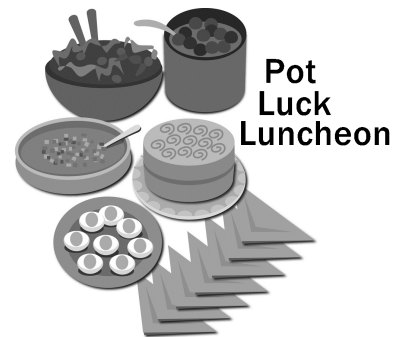
Last Names Beginning with G thru N: Main Dish

Last Names Beginning with M thru Z: Appetizers, Salads, or Side dish

Dishes can be dropped off in the kitchen before or after the start of services. We will have plenty of ice and cooler space to keep cold dishes chilled, and the stove going to keep hot dishes toasty and bubbly.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 9!

Sue Gilbertson and Mary-Jo Cooney





**SAVE THE DATE  
IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-  
THE-HILL ADVENT  
RETREAT**

Date: Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, November 30, and ending at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 2  
Location: Holy Cross Abbey, Berryville, Virginia  
Leader: the Rev. Dr. William Dols, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill rector 1972-1983

**PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

**TRAINING:** A full list of those required to take this training is on the Diocesan website ([www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net)). Sunday School teachers, vestry members and nursery volunteers are required to take the abbreviated course for prevention of child abuse. Staff members, paid and volunteer, clergy and youth workers/leaders, are required to take both full courses in prevention of child and adult abuse and misconduct. Eucharistic visitors are required to take the abbreviated course in prevention of adult abuse, but they may take the full course.

Certificates are issued, good for ten years. Please be sure the office gets a copy of your certificate when you complete the course (the diocese does not keep copies). If your certificate has expired you can renew it by taking the abbreviated courses.

Prevention of Child Abuse Training – full course, August 22, 2012. **St. Andrew's Burke**, 6:30 – 9:45 p.m.

Prevention of Child Abuse Training – abbreviated course, September 8, 2012, **St. Andrew's, Burke**, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Prevention of Child Abuse Training – abbreviated course, September 12, 2012, **ICOH**, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Prevention of Adult Abuse and Misconduct, full course, August 29, 2012, **ICOH**, 6:30 – 9:45 p.m.

Register for any of these courses at [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net).

**PASTORAL CARE CORNER:** Please remember these parishioners in your prayers: Duncan MacDonald, Morgan, Lloyd Mostrom, Nancy Wise, Janet Siegrist, Linda Murphy, Will Williams, Jay Fein, Mary Goeser, Catherine, Susan Kernan, Mary, Tom Hewson.

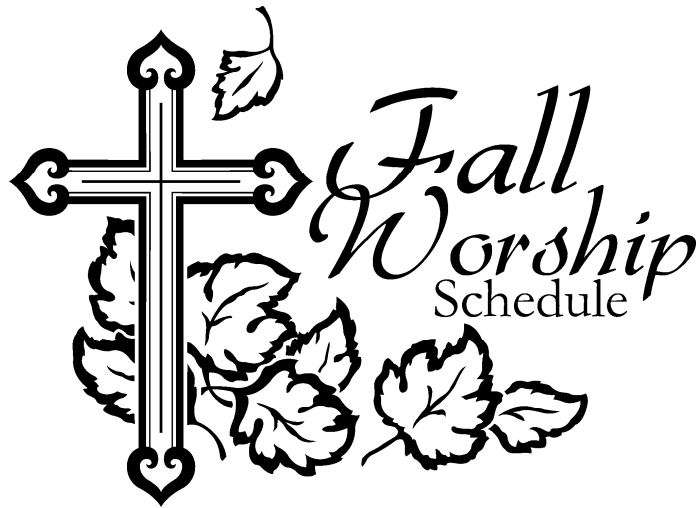
**Please also remember in your prayers** members of our extended Parish family: Joan Aldretti, Tim Boyd, Dean and Charlotte Kellogg, Tennille Littleton, Chris Rarick, Susan Shallbetter, Tom Stasz, Bob Davies, Eleanor Boothe Smith, Stephen Miller, Jim Rarick, Irv Schiff, Patricia Smith, Josie Guardipee, Helen Butler, Sam Faeth, Bill Nations, Lawrence Sanchez, Paul, Joan Cummins, Eric Reading, Sr., Cameron, Dylan Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Laurie, Caitlin Rivers, Patricia Ryan, Chris Stanek, Dana Hengst, Karen Beattie, Lois and Don McCorvie, Anthony Christino, Jr., Dru Eckard, Grafton and Elesa McFadden, Mike Hart, Jane Burton, Marsha Porter, Liz McLeod, Laura, June Lepthien.

**Serving our country at home and abroad:** Todd Bates, Paul Bednar, Yolanda Bednar, Tom and Anne Duffy, Liza Conrad, John Patrick Miller, Ian Phillips.

**Pray for the search and transition process** for Immanuel Church as we seek a new rector.

**CHANGES TO SUNDAY PRAYER LIST:**

We would like to be adding prayers for anniversaries (in addition to birthdays) and also, as requested, prayers for those who have special needs (which do not need to be specified) as well as those who are traveling. Please call or email Jennifer in the parish office with any prayer requests you may have.



### **TWO CHANGES IN WORSHIP SCHEDULE COMING THIS FALL:**

Beginning Sunday, September 16, Immanuel will return to the three-service Sunday worship schedule that we followed until the Seminary Chapel fire of October 2010:

- 8:00 a.m., Rite I, a contemplative service without music
- 9:00 a.m., Rite II
- 10:00 a.m., Education hour (Sunday School and Adult Forum Hour)
- 11:15 a.m., alternating Rite I and II, and perhaps Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays, or healing services with Holy Eucharist.

For about one-third of the year — summers, Pumpkin Sunday, most of January— we will resume a joint service at 10 a.m.

And beginning September 12th, the Rev. Mary Sulerud and our new Assistant Rector David Crosby will hold a mid-week worship service at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

A number of parishioners and Vestry members — individually, at our annual parish meetings and in the recent listening sessions led by Rev. Mary Sulerud — asked our clergy for these changes. Not only are three services an important part of our history and tradition, they are vital to our future as a parish. The 10:00 a.m. service currently draws a capacity crowd of 150 or more. When people see a full chapel and overflowing parking lot, they don't feel there is a place for them, and many have left. This is especially true for visitors and newcomers. As a result, our weekly average attendance is eroding from 300 a few years ago to around 250 at present. The 10 a.m. service also presented challenges to the Sunday School program, which saw attendance slip 25 to 30 percent after the fire. Continued erosion will affect our viability as a parish.

Restoring a third service offers opportunities to experiment and enrich the worship experience for both adults and children: Morning Prayer combined with the Holy Eucharist, regular services of Healing with Holy Eucharist, occasional Jazz Masses, Morning Prayer with interfaith guests, and Holy Eucharist with young musicians. We may also experiment with the timing of the third service, perhaps scheduling an occasional service on Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. We will try some things, old and new, and not assume that any particular worship pattern is the “norm.”

These are exciting and invigorating changes in our life as a worship community, and we need everyone's help to make them a success. We will need additional acolytes, ushers, Altar Guild members, choristers, bread makers, and readers. If you can serve in any of these areas, please contact your Worship Stewards, Laura Snow ([thesnowfamily@verizon.net](mailto:thesnowfamily@verizon.net)) and Brooke Roberts ([brookeroberts2001@yahoo.com](mailto:brookeroberts2001@yahoo.com)).

## Fall Worship Participation at ICoH

*14 August 2012 — John von Senden*

As you probably have heard by now, we will be having three services most Sunday's after Coming Home Sunday in September. This will result in a few opportunities and changes for those of you who lay read, bear the chalice and lead the Prayers of the People.

The first opportunity is somewhat obvious; you'll have more times to participate. For Lay Readers in particular one usually read only about three times a year. While the 8-am service worship participants will remain essentially unchanged, the 10:00-am service will divide into two teams: one for the 9-am and one for the 11:15-am service.

Another change for Chalice Bearers is that we will fulfill the requirement by the Diocese for each individual to be licensed. This means that our biannual training will be a bit more formal this year – more on that later.

And not to leave out Intercessors – those who read the Prayers for the People – you have several changes. First, please read the Prayers from the lectern; this ensures everyone can hear you. Second we will continue the practice of offering a wide range of intercessory prayers – not just those from the Book of Common Prayer (although we'll use those too). In either case the complete intercessory prayer will be written out and will be in a book at the lectern. You'll receive a copy of the prayers in the week preceding your turn to read, just as you receive for reading the lessons. And finally, the Intercessor will read the intercessory prayers at Baptisms – unless the family requests the Deacon or a family member to do so.

So if you are currently involved with lay worship participation, or if you would like to be, there are two things you need to do. First is email me your preference as to which service you'd prefer along with what you'd like to do. The second is to attend one or two training sessions. We will have one group of sessions for Chalice Bearer's and one for Lay Readers and Intercessors. The first training for Chalice Bearers is 11:30-am, Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The first set training for Lectors and Intercessors will be 7-pm, Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Additional training will follow.

So email John von Senden at [jvonsenden@comcast.net](mailto:jvonsenden@comcast.net) with your preferred service and what you'd like to do – and attend the training session(s). This is a rewarding ministry; join us. Lay worship participation is a wonderful way to become really involved in the Eucharist; it is a particularly Episcopalian tradition!

A special note for you ushers out there: Michael Reinemer is already polling the 10 am ushers to determine which service they prefer to support. Ushers should contact him directly.



Thank you  
for the Hymnals

**THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF SONG:** You will notice many new Hymnals in the pews this week, the result of the Immanuel community's generous response to our Hymnal replacement campaign. We only need three more hymnals to meet our goal! You can dedicate a Hymnal in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, a special person in your life. It's both a useful and long-lasting gift to ICOH. The cost is \$16.50, and a nameplate will be placed in the front of the book with the donor's and designee's names. Please call or email Jennifer Addington in the parish office to make arrangements. We thank these donors:

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William W. Wanamaker, Jr.  
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Her parents, Philip and Lou Dawson, in thanksgiving for their lives.  
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The ministries of Sam Faeth and Peter Ackerman  
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Sam Faeth's ministry  
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The ministry of Betty Wanamaker



**NEW MUSICAL OPPORTUNITY AT IMMANUEL:**

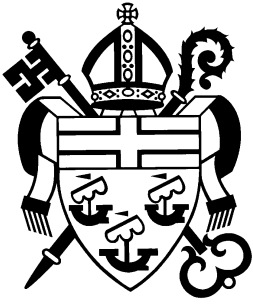
Beginning on September 13, every Thursday from 6:15-6:50 there will be an alternating men's and women's choir rehearsal for those who like to sing but cannot make a commitment to do so every Sunday. The first rehearsal will be a women's choir and the following week, men's choir. There are still some details to be sorted out but this would be a wonderful chance to explore your singing talents. If you have questions, call me at the church or email me. We will

meet in Zabriskie Chapel.

Kindest regards, Jane Tavernier, Director of Music

## A LETTER FROM THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

July 24, 2012



The 77<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church, recently concluded in Indianapolis, was by far the best - and most positive - of the five that I have attended. How so? In almost every case, disagreement did not manifest itself in division. In all of the "key" votes, bishops and deputies debated and responded in such a way as to minimize the sense of winners-and-losers. Even during the most controversial matters at hand, in which profound disagreements were voiced and significantly split votes resulted, both sides remained respectful and reached out to

one another after all was said and done.

For example, with regard to one of the most publicized and momentous resolutions, the authorization of a "provisional" rite for the blessing of same-sex couples, strong conscience-clauses were inserted to protect clergy and congregations whose convictions will not allow for such liturgies. I can tell you first-hand that some of the most vocal support for the conscience-clauses came from those who staunchly supported same-sex blessings. This, for me, is important evidence that Episcopalian inclusivity can indeed embrace both left and right.

I supported the Convention's resolution not because of the movement of secular culture but out of personal and theological conviction. Moreover, after over 30 years of the Church's study and dialogues, I believe that it is time to be publically clear about the full acceptance of committed same-sex relationships in the life and witness of our Church. I will continue to honor the convictions of our clergy and communicants who disagree, because in my judgment we have now reached an equitable and workable settlement of this long-running debate. We can now move on to other important matters that require the Church's energetic attention.

That resolution takes the same track we have had in the Diocese of Virginia for more than a year now. The process I have previously outlined will remain the same - clergy must still submit a fulsome application for my approval to perform such rites- but starting with the First Sunday of Advent this year (December 2, 2012) the liturgy to be used will be the one approved by the Convention (rather than a specially-composed service in each case).

The Convention did address several other critical issues, including the budget, the Anglican Covenant, the nature of baptism and its requirement for admission to the Holy Communion, and the very structure and governance of the Episcopal Church. In each one, there was a high degree of consensus as the classic Anglican *via media* (middle way) prevailed in the various proposals. On baptism, however, the teaching was traditional and clear: Holy Baptism is the ancient and normative way into full, sacramental Christian life. A large majority of the House of Bishops rejected proposals that weakened the requirement of baptism prior to receiving communion, and the House of Deputies concurred. In this, I wholeheartedly agree. I am aware of places that make exceptions to this requirement and I quite understand what people are hoping for in allowing the communion of those not baptized. There are other ways to achieve hospitality and inclusion within a community of faith. Baptism is specifically a part of the Great Commission from Jesus (Matthew 28:19-20) and it remains primary in our discipleship of the risen Lord.

Another area of particular interest was the proposed Anglican Covenant. Because of its provisions for a legalistic process to enforce a kind of uniformity of doctrine and discipline throughout the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Covenant has been controversial in a number of our global Provinces (the Church of England, among others, rejected it). The Convention recognized that the Episcopal Church does not have a real consensus, and declined to take a position on the Covenant itself. Instead, we strongly reaffirmed our commitment to the Anglican Communion and our full participation in its mutual life and ministries. I have been clear that I am vigorously "pro-Communion." Even so, I oppose the adoption of the Covenant in its present form because I believe that our worldwide fellowship of Churches must be *chosen* and not required and enforced. To me, this dynamic is at the heart of our very essence. We must be able to honor our faithful differences (many of them cultural and historical in nature) and learn to live together with them. To be sure, this is messy but I am convinced that it is a witness this polarized world desperately needs.



Our presiding bishop, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, paved the way through a brewing controversy regarding the Church's budget by offering her own detailed proposal, based on the Anglican Communion's "Five Marks of Mission." These points were developed by the Anglican Consultative Council (an international, representative body of the Communion) and are as follows: (1) To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom; (2) To teach, baptize and nurture new believers; (3) To respond to human need by loving service; (4) To seek to transform unjust structures of society; and (5) To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and renew the life of the earth. A very fine presentation of the final version of the proposed budget ensured a virtually unanimous vote in favor from the Convention. That in itself was highly indicative of how hard this General Convention worked to achieve broad consensus.

After the Convention adjourned, there appeared two op-ed pieces about our Episcopal Church, one in the *Wall Street Journal* and the other in the *New York Times*. Probably most of you have either read, read about or simply heard of these articles. They were both "opinion" pieces, the former chock-full of factual errors and shameless personal invective and the latter based on several unexpressed and very questionable assumptions about our Church and its witness. To me, the quite positive thing about these distressing articles is how strongly a broad range of persons (including conservatives who are usually critical of the Episcopal Church) refuted the writers' opinions. I would hope that we agree that "opinion" articles, particularly those published in distinguished newspapers, should not be allowed to leave plain fact behind, let alone descend into mean-spirited personal attacks.

General Convention 2012 showed that the Episcopal Church is indeed vibrant and Spirit-filled. Although no one can say that "all is well" - in my view we have some major reality-checks to face - I, for one, came out of our gathering hopeful and encouraged. I also emerged prouder than ever of our Diocese of Virginia. We are strong and very much considered across the Church as a leading and faithful witness. I hope you were able to follow news and perspectives from the Convention in our unique publication, *Center Aisle*. That is a true gift to the Church at large, one that was appreciated by thousands over those long days.

Our great thanks must go to our hard-working deputation, diocesan staff and the several volunteers who were with us. If ever I'm in need of a reminder of the Church at its best I need only think of all of them. With blessings and prayers for all of you,

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston  
Bishop of Virginia





**DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Your Discernment Committee (previously known as the Search Committee) is at work in the initial stages of finding a new Rector. We met in July with members of the Vestry to review the discernment process and diocesan guidance in this important step for the parish. The Reverend Sulerud, as our “Transition Coach”, facilitated the meeting and introduced us to Lindsay Ryland, Deployment Officer for the Diocese. Lindsay will be both a resource for us as we progress, and our principal point of contact with the Diocese. Since that meeting we have been conducting listening sessions with the parish over the past 4 Sundays, with a few more sessions to come.

It is important that the roles and responsibilities of the various ICOH entities engaged in the search be made clear to everyone. The Discernment Committee, chaired by Wendy John, is responsible for compiling a parish profile, hence the listening sessions already underway and the parish-wide survey yet to come. The **profile** will tell how we define ourselves as a community of Christians, what we hold dear, and what we expect in the future. It will be presented to the Vestry and the Bishop's Office for comments before being posted on the ICOH website where **it will serve to inform prospective candidates for Rector**. The committee is assisted by our Coach (and Interim Rector), Reverend Sulerud. We are fortunate and grateful for her long experience in these matters. The Diocese of Virginia also has an important role in the process as both a review and approval authority for the person to be ultimately called as Rector, and as one source of candidates for the position. The discernment process normally requires twelve to fifteen months. We are not yet at the point to receive applications and begin to review candidates, but when we are, the committee will begin the hard work of finding the right person. Final candidates (and their spouses and families) will be invited to visit ICOH one by one. Once the Committee is settled on a final recommendation and the Diocese approves it, the committee will forward to the Vestry the name of the candidate it recommends to be called. It is the Vestry who votes on the candidate and makes “the Call”. The work agreement terms are a matter between the Vestry and the candidate.

Some other points that are germane to the process.

1. Candidates for Rector must formally apply for the position. Typically, an application will include not only a resume and/or curriculum vitae, but examples of sermons, relevant videos, published papers, and favorable references. There are no shortcuts; the candidate must take the first step and apply, otherwise the committee will not consider him or her.
2. The membership of the Discernment Committee is known to all in the parish. While many aspects of the process are conducted privately by the committee, we welcome the ideas, concerns, and preferences of parishioners. However, bear in mind the committee seeks a candidate representative of the broadest interests of our parish. That is why the listening sessions and the survey are important and should have parish-wide participation. The **parish profile**, distilled from these activities, will be critical to attracting the best possible candidates for Rector.

If you have any questions about the discernment process, please don't hesitate to speak with any member of the Discernment Committee.: Wendy John, Caroline Bergmark, Tom Brown, Governor Burke, Jim Clausen, Carrie Cuddy, Barbara Currie, Thomas Harris, Doug Henry, Chandley McDonald, Eileen Monnin-Kirby, Martha Sedgwick.

# September



09/01 Laura Snow  
09/01 Becky Blake  
09/01 Brandon Schnedl  
09/02 Duncan MacDonald  
09/02 Nick Brown  
09/03 Shirley McKinley  
09/03 Andy Biache  
09/03 Ginger Peabody  
09/03 Kevin O'Donnell  
09/03 Stephanie Harris  
09/04 Casey Kane  
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09/17 Tracey Friday  
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09/26 Nicole de los Reyes  
09/27 Taylor Houck  
09/28 Margaret Moring  
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09/28 Dennis Bruns  
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09/28 Catherine Konvalinka  
09/29 Lawrence Wilkes  
09/29 Michael Michaelis  
09/30 Allison Biache

*Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be, keeping them unspotted from the world. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We hope never to miss a birthday – but there are some we don't know about. Forgive us when we do miss your birthday, and let us know so we don't do it again. Happy birthday to all!

## SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:05 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist I, Chapel <b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Discernment Group, Fairchild Room	<b>27</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS <b>7:30 PM - 8:45 PM</b> Yoga, Parish Hall	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians, Fairchild <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>6:30 PM - 9:45 PM</b> Adult Prevention Training	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>1</b> <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie
<b>2</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:05 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II, Chapel	<b>3</b> LABOR DAY, OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians, Fairchild <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall	<b>6</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room	<b>7</b> TAT deadline <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>8</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> HOMECOMING SHOW, Parish Hall
<b>9</b> HOMECOMING SUNDAY <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:05 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>10:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II/Baptism, Chapel	<b>10</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall <b>7:30 PM - 8:45 PM</b> Yoga, Parish Hall	<b>11</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Goodwin House luncheon <b>6:30 PM</b> Vestry, Vestry Room	<b>12</b> TAT mailing <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians, Fairchild <b>6:30 PM</b> Weekday Eucharist, Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> School for the Spirit, Parish Hall	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room <b>7:30 PM</b> Seminary Hill Association, Parish Hall	<b>14</b> <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>15</b> Sunday School teachers retreat, Parish Hall and Fairchild Room <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie, Parish Hall
<b>16</b> Sunday School Teachers and Choir installation <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist II, Chapel <b>9:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Sunday School registration <b>10:00 AM</b> Education Hour <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>11:15 AM</b> Holy Eucharist, Chapel	<b>17</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall <b>7:30 PM - 8:45 PM</b> Yoga, Parish Hall	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS	<b>19</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians, Fairchild <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Weekday Eucharist, Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> School for the Spirit, Parish Hall	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room	<b>21</b> TAT deadline <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School rehearsal for puppet show <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie
<b>23</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:00 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Education Hour, Corry Weierbach forum hour, Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School puppet show, Parish Hall <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>11:15 AM</b> HE, Chapel	<b>24</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Knitting Group, 1823 Pub/VTS <b>7:30 PM - 8:45 PM</b> Yoga, Parish Hall	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> TAT mailing <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians, Fairchild <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Weekday Eucharist, Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> School for the Spirit, Parish Hall	<b>27</b> <b>5:00 PM - 7:30 PM</b> Novam Function, Parish Hall <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room	<b>28</b> <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>29</b> <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie
<b>30</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> HE-I, Chapel <b>9:00 AM</b> HE-II, Chapel <b>10:00 AM</b> Education Hour, History of ICOH <b>10:00 AM</b> Thank you and recognition of Capital Campaign Committee <b>10:15 AM</b> Circle of Quiet, Vestry Room <b>11:15 AM</b> HE, Chapel <b>1:30 PM</b> Blessing of Animals, ICOH front lawn <b>4:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Randi Rowe discernment group, Fairchild Room	<b>1</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Qi gong, Parish Hall <b>7:30 PM - 8:45 PM</b> Yoga, Parish Hall	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 AM</b> Early Christians, Fairchild <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Weekday Eucharist, Chapel <b>7:00 PM</b> School for the Spirit, Parish Hall	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Choir, Choir Room	<b>5</b> TAT deadline <b>8:20 AM - 11:35 AM</b> Senior Exercise classes, Parish Hall <b>12:30 PM</b> Muslim Worship, Parish Hall <b>8:30 PM</b> AA, Fairchild	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Acolyte Festival, National Cathedral <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Dignity, Zabriskie

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Deadline, September 7, mailing September 12; Deadline, September 21, mailing September 26  
Deadline, October 5, mailing October 10, Deadline, October 19, mailing October 24  
Deadline, November 9, mailing November 14, Deadline, November 23, mailing November 28  
Deadline, December 7, mailing December 12 – ONLY ONE NEWSLETTER IN DECEMBER

#### Lectionary Readings and Schedule of Services



#### **August 19, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15**

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58  
8:00 a.m., HEI, 10:00 a.m., HEII

#### **August 26, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16**

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69  
8:00 a.m., HEI, 10:00 a.m., HEII

#### **September 2, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
8:00 a.m., HE I, 10:00 a.m., HEII