



Christ Church Chronicle

SEPTEMBER 2021

Let Christ’s teaching live in your hearts, making you rich in the true wisdom. Teach and help one another along the right road with your psalms and hymns and Christian songs, singing God’s praises with joyful hearts. And whatever you may have to do, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, thanking God the Father through him. – Colossians 3:16-17, JB Phillips translation

The Role of Community at Christ Episcopal Church

The community consists of the baptized and the unbaptized; the firm believers and the constant questioners; the active and inactive members; the affluent and those struggling to



make ends meet, et al.

With God’s help, we strive to live out the Baptismal Covenant. We

make it a priority to love

God and one another when we are together and when we are apart. We respect one another’s likes and dislikes; opinions and beliefs; hopes, dreams and fears even though we may not always understand one another. When we see someone for the first time or when someone we have not seen for a very long time joins us for worship or anything else, we welcome the individual. We refrain from asking “What are you doing here?” or “Why have you showed up today?” We welcome all who enter our beloved, sacred home. We remember our homebound and those absent from us for whatever reason; in our prayers, parish newsletter, pastoral care, and other ways,

we assure them they belong in the community. Amongst one another, we respectfully and kindly express truthful words to one another. We temper our speech because we love one another as God’s beloved children. If we disrespect one another, we take the essential steps to reconcile, to restore harmony. We laugh in good times and struggle alongside one another in bad times. We encourage and lift one another. We recognize God in our midst; we trust in God, who, through the power of the Holy Spirit, empowers us to function as a healthy, safe community, committed to growing in the knowledge and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Be blessed and loved.

- *Fr. Henry Doyle*



Discipleship

What people most long for in church is spiritual depth, support in discovering how the God we encounter in scripture and sacrament actually matters in our lives and the world. We find that depth by focusing on the practices that help us follow Jesus as a whole way of life (scripture, prayer, worship, service).

My great hope is that in the years to come we will focus less on preserving a particular form of our institution, and focus more on just practicing the way of Jesus together, of living in a way that shows who Jesus is. (Answer to Quiz: Susanna)

- Bp. Craig Loya

It's Greek To Me! –

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

- Hebrews 10:24-25, English Standard Version

Being daily disciples of Jesus is not an easy task in a world filled with much noise, busy-ness, distressing news reports and many contrary choices. We may not fall prey to ‘bad deeds’, but it is pretty easy to simply lose our spiritual focus through worry, stress and anxiety.

One of the ways we can ‘keep our head above water’ spiritually is to strengthen one another. The best way to do that is face to face, together in worship, prayer and conversation. This can happen anywhere, anytime but it chiefly can take place as we gather on a Sunday. Some of us have lost a clear sense of why one should bother with going to church on a Sunday. Can’t I be just as spiritual at home and in my heart?

It has been rightly said that “The company you keep is stronger than will power.” The New Testament writers lived in a hostile world and it certainly would have been all too

easy to fall prey to discouragement. That is why we find several passages encouraging us to gather together and take advantage of those times to give each other the strength we need to move forward in our walk with Christ.

Let’s focus on a couple of words in this passage. The first is “stir one another up” and the second is “encouraging one another”.

The Greek word that is being translated “stir one another up” is *παροξυσμόν* – pronounced ‘paraksusmon’. This word can be used both positively and negatively. It means to stimulate, provoke, encourage; it even means to irritate! In other words, the writer of Hebrews is using a very strong word to encourage us to be of real spiritual help to one another – a bit more than a pat on the back!

“Encouraging one another” is a translation of *παρακαλούντες* – ‘parakaloontes’. It too is a strong word that carries the ideas of summons, entreat, admonish, comfort, to call to. It can even mean to beseech, to invite, to draw near, encourage and console.

When we place these words back into their context, we get a powerful statement:

“And let us consider how to encourage, stimulate and even provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but entreating and comforting one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

How might we ‘stimulate’ and ‘comfort’ one another this coming Sunday?

- George Favell



Worship Schedule for September

Sunday, September 5, 2021 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting – 9:15 am

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - 16th Sunday after

Pentecost

Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study – 9:15 am

Coffee Hour

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer - 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study – 9:15 am

Strategic Planning Meeting #3 - 11:15am

Sunday, September 26, 2021 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

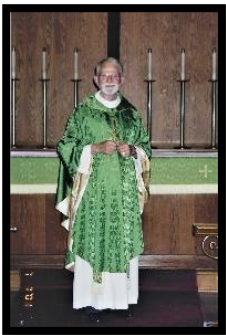
Holy Eucharist - 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study – 9:15 am

Coffee Hour



St. Michael and All Angels - September 29



Do You Remember When?

The date is July 2001. The event is a return of former priest Fr. Karl Bell (1933-2017), our priest from 1975 to 1978, to kick off the celebration of Christ's Church 125th anniversary. It was always fun to have him come visit, be the celebrant and catch up on his family news.

- Gail Thurnau



Bible Study!

Beginning Sunday, September 12, we will have a Bible study at 9:15am, before service. We will be providing a paperback copy of The New Testament, so that you can feel free to mark it up! Our theme will be Discipleship and we will be looking at the words of Jesus, seeking to 'hear' them for the first time in a new and fresh way. The study time will include short periods of meditation in order to allow the words to 'come alive' within us. ALL ARE WELCOME!



UTO encourages us to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. We will be having an in-gathering of the blue boxes this fall. Watch next month for a date for our collection! - Gail Thurnau

All Are Welcome

Marty Haugen

Let us build a house

Where love can dwell

And all can safely live

A place where

Saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions

Rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end
divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets
speak and words are strong and true

Where all God's children dare to seek

To dream God's reign anew

Here the cross shall stand as witness

And a symbol of God's grace

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found

In water, wine and wheat

A banquet hall on holy ground

Where peace and justice meet

Here the love of God, through Jesus

Is revealed in time and space

As we share in Christ the feast that frees
us

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Bible Quiz - Who Am I?

Sex: Female

Her name means: "Lily"

Her work: Today would be known as a housewife. Lived according to the law of Moses

Her character: Wealthy graceful and beautiful Jewish woman

Her sorrow: Falsely accused of adultery and victim of attempted rape

Her joy: Deep faith in God

Key Scriptures: Luke 8:3, Susanna (apocrypha)

Who am I? Look for the answer somewhere in the Chronicle (in parentheses and italics)!

- *Rev. Chris Boyce*

All Things Are Possible

Our gospel reading for July 23.21 was John 6:1-21. This scripture reading is John's account of Jesus feeding the five thousand. You know the story.

The crowd was hungry and weary. They must be fed. Philip was the natural man to turn to because he had local knowledge of where food could be obtained. Philip despaired. His mind went directly to the cost of the project and calculated how many man-hours of work it would take to feed all those people.

So to Philip the task was impossible because He approached it as if everything depended on his own work. However Jesus' approach was very different. Jesus bypassed all human effort and did the impossible. The prophet, Zechariah (4:6) records, "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit," says the Lord of hosts.'

Then Andrew appeared on the scene. He had discovered a young boy who had brought his picnic lunch - five barley loaves and two fish - probably pickled sardines. It is good to note that Andrew, as usual, mingled with the people and brought them to Jesus. So when Jesus fed the masses that day, He began with only, that small amount of food borrowed from a boy's lunch.

With Jesus all things are possible.

Jesus could simply have snapped His fingers resulting in food for all, but he didn't. He gave to His disciples to share with the people. In this way, the disciples had to trust the Lord for everything they distributed. They could give only as they received. Philip, Andrew and the other disciples were put in a position of dependence upon the Lord for the supply. The people ate until they were full and still there was abundance left over. When the Israelites attempted to store the leftover manna, it perished. But the abundance Jesus provides remains available. Now isn't that just like God? In Ps 132 (15) God says He will do more than provide

for his people, He will give an abundance.

The Gospel of John claims that Jesus was testing Philip. Might Philip have been thinking about the manna God rained down on the multitude in the wilderness? Those people were to gather only the amount needed for that day. Had those people been tested to depend upon God for their needs? Was Philip to fail that test? Yes, because he answered only in terms of the enormous amount of bread needed to feed them. Andrew failed as well, because he saw only the scantiness of the supplies.

Is the church today likely to respond in a similar manner? Do members of the church's initial response focus in on terms of the amount of money it would take and the scarce number of resources before first looking at the bigger and broader picture? I think the strategic project that George is leading us through is helping us address this question.

We need to remember that our problems are never too large for God to handle. Possibly Andrew was thinking, "What good are we going to do with only five loaves and two fish?"

Jesus wants what we can do or bring. By our standards, it may not be much but He needs it. We may be sorry or embarrassed that we have no more time, talent or treasure - the anchors of stewardship to bring but that is not enough of a reason not to do or bring what we can.

Little is always much in the hands of Christ.

- *Rev. Chris Boyce*

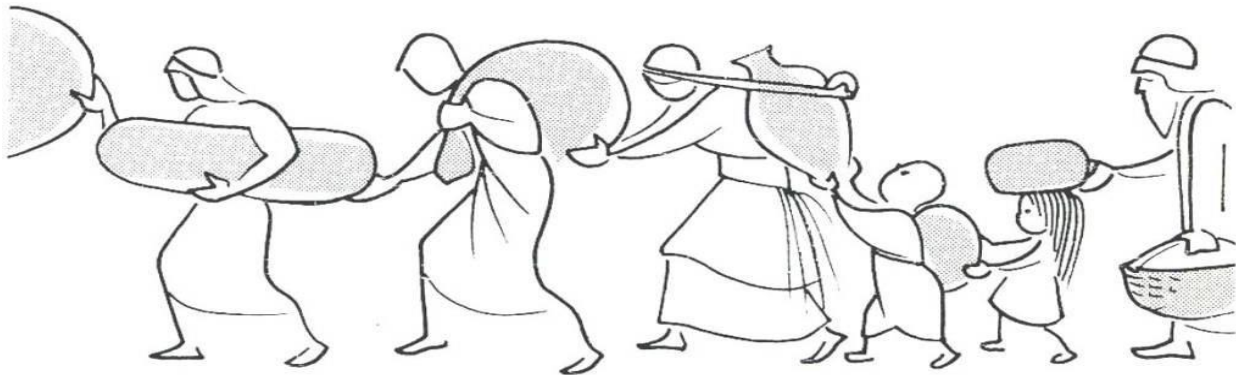
We need to avoid the spiritual sickness of a church that is wrapped up in its own world:

when a church becomes like this, it grows sick.

- Pope Francis

We sing in a church, why can we not dance there?

- George Bernard Shaw



New Revised Common Lectionary Sunday Readings

Eucharist Lectionary – Year B
 Daily Office Lectionary – Year 1

15th Pentecost	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
16th Pentecost	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-8	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
17th Pentecost	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 54	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
18th Pentecost	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Henry Doyle
Senior Warden: Savile Lord
Junior Warden: Kenneth Johnson
Vestry: Peggy Havener, Jeff Shaft
Organist: Gail Thurnau
Treasurer: Joy Shaft
Parish Administrator/Secretary:
 George Favell

Fr. Henry - Please keep me in the loop

Far too often, you might hesitate to inform me of your desire/need for pastoral care, because you do not want to bother me. On the contrary, you are not bothering me when you inform me of a major illness, yours or a loved one's illness. Because of privacy issues and regulations, staff at hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities will not contact me. You, a family member, or a close friend must contact me, if you have a pastoral need.

Prayer

Then, in the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a deserted place, and there he prayed. – Mark 1:35



Meditation Prayer – Renewal – BCP, page 515

O God of unchangeable power and and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things where were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in th eunity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Christ Episcopal Church September Birthdays

- 5 - Chris Boyce
- 7 - Henry Doyle
- 17 - Gail Thurnau
- 17 - George Favell

Episcopal Church in Minnesota Cycle of Prayer

For the month of September, please pray for the Episcopal Homes of Minnesota, Episcopal Group Homes, Guardian Angels and all other institutions that do ministry for and with the elderly. Please pray for your local senior residential facilities and care centers.

15 PENTECOST (September 5) [Proper 18]

LA MISION EL SANTO NINO JESUS, St. Paul
 SAN JOSE OBRERO, Montgomery
 ST. NIKOLAI, Richfield

16 PENTECOST (September 12) [Proper 19]

BISHOP WHIPPLE MISSION (Comm. Henry B. Whipple, September 16)
 Morton

17 PENTECOST (September 19) [Proper 20]

ST. MATTHEW'S (Feast of St. Matthew, September 21)
 Chatfield, St. Paul

18 PENTECOST (September 26) [Proper 21]

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
 Cannon Falls

Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

1-Sep	The Diocese of Ekiti West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)
2-Sep	The Diocese of Eldoret - The Anglican Church of Kenya
3-Sep	The Diocese of Port Elizabeth - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
4-Sep	The Diocese of Ely - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)
5-Sep	Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
6-Sep	The Diocese of Embu - The Anglican Church of Kenya
7-Sep	The Diocese of Enugu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)
8-Sep	The Diocese of Enugu North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

9-Sep	The Diocese of Esan - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)
10-Sep	The Diocese of Etche - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)
11-Sep	The Diocese of Etsako - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)
12-Sep	The Anglican Church of Tanzania
13-Sep	The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe - The Episcopal Church (II (2) Province)
14-Sep	The Diocese in Europe - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)
15-Sep	The Diocese of Evo - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)
16-Sep	The Diocese of Exeter - The Church of England (Canterbury Province)
17-Sep	The Diocese of Ezo - The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
18-Sep	The Diocese of Faisalabad - The (united) Church of Pakistan
19-Sep	The Church of the Province of Uganda
20-Sep	The Parish of the Falkland Islands - Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury
21-Sep	The Diocese of Fianarantsoa - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
22-Sep	The Diocese of False Bay - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
23-Sep	The Diocese of Florida - The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)
24-Sep	The Diocese of Central Florida - The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)
25-Sep	The Diocese of Southeast Florida - The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)
26-Sep	The Episcopal Church
27-Sep	The Diocese of Southwest Florida - The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)
28-Sep	The Diocese of Fond du Lac - The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province)
29-Sep	The Diocese of Fredericton - The Anglican Church of Canada (Canada Province)
30-Sep	The Diocese of Free State - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, September 21

Dear Friends,

The Vestry wanted to be sure that our entire community was aware that I have asked and received from the Vestry permission to enter into discernment for ordination. Having received that permission, the Vestry (which also included The Rev. Chris Boyce, who is my 'Companion' on this journey), they signed a 'Covenant' that has been sent to the Diocesan office and is reproduced in this Chronicle below, after the calendar.

I will keep everyone apprised of this process, so you can journey with me, regardless of the outcome! The next step is to enter into a nine month discernment process, which, indeed, has already begun. It involves having a Spiritual Director (which I now have), attending two online courses of study, and meeting once a month with others in discernment, our Companions, and a group called the "Discerners". After the nine months, a determination is made as to whether the candidate should move forward to the actual training. That will not happen until this Spring!

Let me know if you have any questions at all. I will write a regular article in the Chronicle to let you know how things are going! Thanks to all for your wonderful and much-needed support!

- *George Favell*



Holy Cross Day - September 14

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Yoga – 9-11am
5 15 th Pentecost – Holy Eucharist – 10:30 am Vestry Mtg – 9:15am	6 Yoga – 11am and 6pm	7 Writers’ Group – 6pm Office open – 10am-2pm	8	9 Office open – 10am-2pm	10	11 Yoga – 9-11am
12 16 th Pentecost – Morning Prayer – 10:30 am Our 1 st Bible Study! – 9:15am Coffee Hour	13 Yoga – 11am and 6pm	14 HOLY CROSS DAY Office open – 10am-2pm	15 Ember Day	16 Office open – 10am-2pm	17 Ember Day	18 Ember Day Yoga – 9-11am
19 17 th Pentecost – Holy Eucharist – 10:30 am – Bible Study – 9:15am Strategic Planning Mtg #3 – 11:15 am	20 Yoga – 11am and 6pm	21 SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Office open – 10am-2pm Writers’ Group – 6pm	22	23 Office open – 10am-2pm	24	25 Yoga – 9-11am
26 18 th Pentecost – Holy Eucharist – 10:30 am – Bible Study – 9:15am Coffee Hour	27 Yoga – 11am and 6pm	28 Office open – 10am-2pm	29 SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	30 Office open – 10am-2pm		

The Faith Community &
Individual Discernment:

A Covenant



"We Promise"

In the Discernment of [PRINT NAME] GEORGE FAVELL,

This Faith Community, [NAME] CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, commits itself to:

- pray for, and in all other ways support and encourage this Discerner as she/he pursues a possible vocation to ordained life in the Episcopal Church;
- work with the Discerner on a Leadership Project within the Faith Community;
- [under the coaching of the Sponsoring Priest,] engage in an intentional prayer, scripture and reflection process with a small group of members of this faith community, from time to time;
- assist the Discerner financially by paying a portion of the Evaluations, and any other costs that may be agreed upon by this Faith Community and the Discerner.

I, [SIGNATURE] Henry L. Lyle, identify this person for discernment,
and will commit to being her/his Sponsoring Priest.

I, [SIGNATURE] Quil C. York, identify this person for discernment,
in a supportive manner, in my role as Vestry Member.

I, [SIGNATURE] Robyn, identify this person for discernment,
and will commit to walk beside ~~her~~/him as ~~her~~/his Companion.

Signature of the Discerner: George Favell

Date: Aug 8, 2021.

+ May God's Will Be Done +