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*Rector's
Message*



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Welcoming the weary, dedicated to discipleship

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find

Dear brothers and sisters,

I hope you have all been enjoying the long, green, flower-filled days of summer! In all the places Carroll and I have lived, we have come to the conclusion that it's hard to beat a North Country summer day.

And speaking of days, as a person who loves to makes lists and careful plans for each day, if I am honest I have to say that the number of days I actually accomplish what I planned – well, let's just say they are far fewer than the number of days that run away and take me in new and unplanned directions! You may have noticed (or you may not) that the CommonLife that was supposed to come in your mail at the beginning of June didn't. Somehow my well-laid plans all got swept aside. Apparently God had other ideas for my time. And it should come as no surprise to any of us that his plans were much better and much more important than my own.

Through the kindness of my neighbors, who were heading to a wedding in North Carolina, at the end of April I was unexpectedly able to travel down south and spend a week with my wonderful children who live in Chapel Hill, just about an hour away from the wedding. I got to meet my newest grand-daughter Natalie, and catch up with her sisters who are growing up alarmingly fast. But the best part of the trip was just being close to the people I love so much, being part of their wonderful lives for a few days. I was so thankful. And then, as soon as I got back, our youngest daughter, Victoria, moved in with us, along with her friend Lyanne, two cats, two guinea pigs, and all their worldly possessions. And in the midst of all this, my sister was diagnosed with both breast and uterine cancer. Many plans hit the back burner fast, and stayed there simmering, waiting for things to calm down. A little. (still waiting!)

But what I see in the craziness of the past weeks is that God is reminding me once again to hold my own plans lightly, because only he can see the big picture. Only God knows when and where my time and my energy and even my physical presence is most needed. There is a well-known verse in the book of Proverbs that says: “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”¹ We may think we know what is on our agenda for



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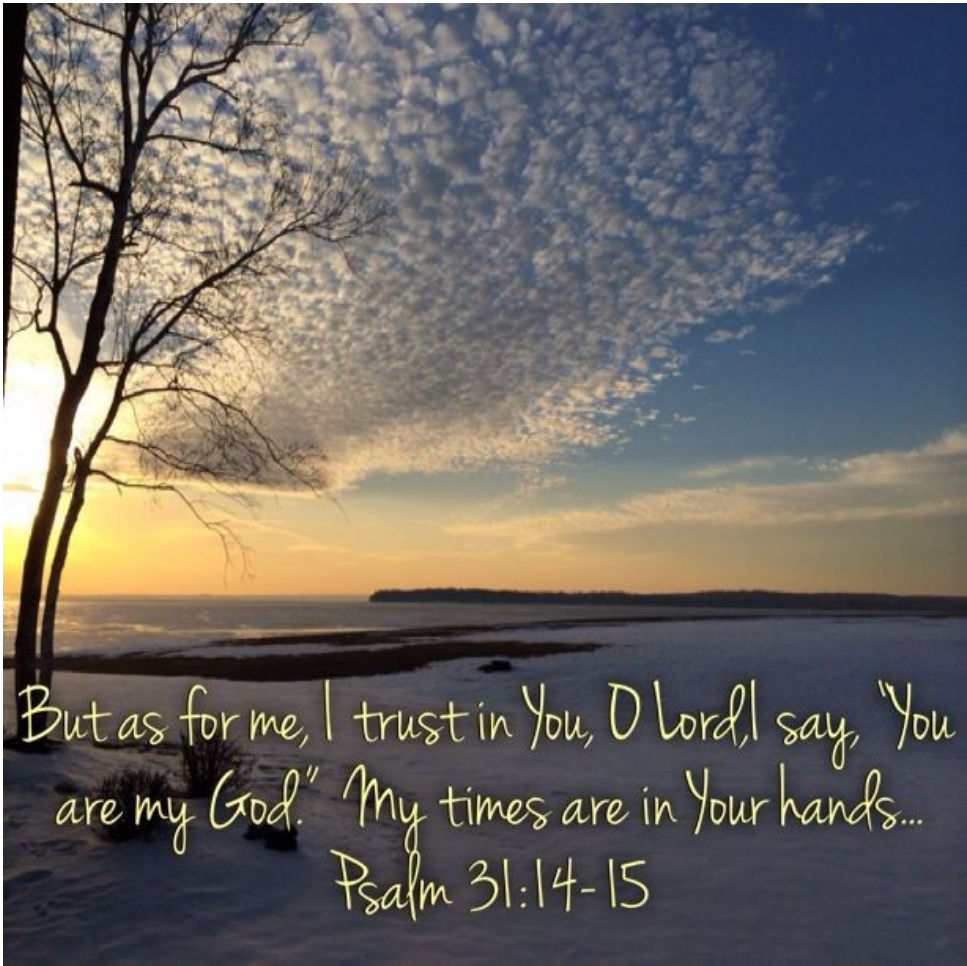
today, but God's plans might take us somewhere else entirely. But the truth is more than just knowing that God is in control. The truth is that his plan is so much better. One of my favorite verses of all time is in Psalm 31. This is one of the Psalms that our Lord was praying as he hung on the Cross, when he prayed, “Into your hand I commit my spirit.”² Later in the Psalm the psalmist continues, saying, “I trust in you, O Lord, I say 'You are my God.' My times are in your hand...”³

I love that phrase, “My times are in your hand.” I hold onto it day by day. Because no matter what happens, no matter how many items on my calendar go undone, no matter what unexpected thing, good or bad, finds me in the course of my day, every moment, every event, every joy or sorrow, is in the wise, compassionate, loving hand of my Father. The truth is that I am never really out of control; I am only out of my *own* control – and it turns out that is not a bad thing after all.

And so the June and July 2018 issue of CommonLife is now the July and August 2018 issue. God bless you all, and may all your times be in his gracious hand.

Much Love, Kathryn+

1. Prov. 16:9
2. Ps. 31:5
3. Psalm 31:14-15



August 2018

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am Maplewood Nursing Home service Canton	2 Common Cents 10-2pm	3	4 Common Cents 10-Noon
5 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Mass Proper 13 10:00 am Coffee Hour	6	7 10 am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	8	9 Common Cents 10-2pm	10	11 Common Cents 10-Noon
12 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14 Mass 10:00 am Coffee Hour	13	14 10 am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	15	16 Common Cents 10-2pm	17	18 Common Cents 10-Noon 10:00 am Daughters of the King 2pm BBQ @ the Smith's
19 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15 Mass 10:00 am Coffee Hour	20	21 10 am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	22	23 Common Cents 10-2pm	24	25 Common Cents 10-noon
26 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16 Mass 10:00 am Coffee Hour	27	28 10 am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	29 10:30 am Maplewood Nursing Home service Canton Community Dinner 5-6:30pm  CommUnity Supper	30 Common Cents 10-2pm	31	

July 2018

Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8 Mass 10:00 am	2	3 10 am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	4 Independence Day 	5 Common Cents 10-2pm	6	7 Common Cents 10-Noon
8 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 9 Mass 10:00 am Coffee Hour	9	10 10 am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	11	12 Common Cents 10-2pm	13	14 Common Cents 10-Noon
15 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10 Mass 10:00 am Coffee Hour	16	17 10am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	18	19 Common Cents 10-2pm	20	21 Common Cents 10-Noon 10:00 am Daughters of the King
22 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 11 Mass 10:00 am Coffee Hour	23	24 10am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm	25 Community Dinner 5-6:30pm 	26 Common Cents 10-2pm	27	28 Common Cents 10-Noon
29 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 12 Mass 10:00 am Coffee Hour	30	31 10am Bible Study Common Cents 10-2pm				

Independence Day Prayer

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by,
 Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.
 On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.
 We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come.
 We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely given their lives
 in the defense of freedom and justice.
 We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

 Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.
 We ask You to forgive us for these times.
 On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You.
 With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.
 Make us a generous people,
 A holy nation,
 A people set aside to love You forever,
 For the sake of the land of the brave and free,
 And the peoples and nations of this world.

 Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country.
 Our land is in need of You,
 Our people are in need of You,
 Our industry and business is in need of You.
 May we look only to You
 This Independence Day, dependent on You.

 Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,
 Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.
 May justice flow like rivers,
 And righteousness like a never failing stream,
 Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory,
 As the waters cover the sea.

 We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus,
 Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.
 One God, now and for all eternity.
 Amen.

(a modern prayer for the United States of
 America from www.lords-prayer-words.com)



Thank You, Dad

By: 365GREETINGS.COM

No words can totally express,
Those bits of shared happiness;
No thought could fully grasp,
How wide and deep is your love.

How can I ever forget?
All those memories we have shed;
Your love is as fresh as the morning dew,
For that my daddy I say thank you.

Words may never be enough,
How proud I am that you're my Dad;
Years may not be sufficient to count it all,
With your life I am truly grateful.

Thank you for your sweet embraces,
And for your patience that never ceases;
Thank you coz you are always there,
Thank you dad for your unending care.

Happy Father's Day



DINNER

July 25th



Salad bar

Rolls and bread

Watermelon and

Desserts



August 29th

Ice Cream

with ALL the toppings



Happy Belated June Birthdays

5th—June Wilkins
20th—Ellen Galo
27th—Alexander Hargrave

July Birthdays

1st—Jorji LaBarge
3rd—Russell Colbert
7th—Helen Harris
10th—Ann Crump
12th—Irene Hargrave
13th—Anneke Chudzinski
14th—Victoria Boswell
Brooklyn Moses

August Birthdays

8th—Sharon Yousey
11th—Errol McLean
20th—Mtr. Kathryn Boswell
Mildred Weaver
24th—Cheryl Woodard
28th—Janice Casselman

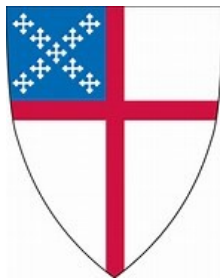


Happy Belated June Anniversaries

June 2nd
Carroll & Rev. Kathryn Boswell
June 25th
Christopher & Dcn. Peggy Theodore
June 29th
Lloyd & Lynn Howe

August Anniversaries

August 20th
Joe & Ashley Hargrave
August 22nd
Felix & Nancy Levison



How the Episcopal Flag was Created

by Don Palmer

It is 1918 and the Diocese of Long Island was going to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Bishop Frederick Burgess, the second Bishop of Long Island, asked William Baldwin, a lay member of the Cathedral Chapter, to head a committee planning the occasion. Baldwin planned a great procession, through the grounds of the cathedral (there's that word again) and even arranged with heraldic experts to design colorful banners to be carried. What pomp! There was a diocesan banner, one for each of the three archdeaconries, 20 for diocesan societies, and one for each parish and mission. A total of 170 banners, described by an observer as "fine and picturesque."

There was no banner, no flag, for the Episcopal Church. The national church had never made one, never conceived of a design. The Diocese of Long Island persuaded the next General Convention to establish a commission for the purpose and Mr. Baldwin was appointed its secretary.

Mr. Baldwin presented his proposed flag at the next General Convention, but it was too small to be exhibited. He was asked to (quickly) make a larger, full-size one. Story has it that he went shopping in Kansas City (convention site) and purchased some "Turkey red" cotton, some pale blue material, a crib sheet, scissors, needles and thread. The Dean of the Kansas City Cathedral, the Very Rev. Hubert Wood, and Mr. Baldwin stayed up late that night in a hotel room and made a full size proposed Episcopal Church flag.

Mr. Baldwin declined a request from the National Cathedral that he give them the proposed flag that he had made, to be put in the church archives. Instead, he gave it to his own diocese. He made a flag from another crib sheet for the archives. When William Baldwin died, his flag fittingly draped his coffin.

Mr. Baldwin described the flag's symbolism thus: "The red cross is the oldest symbol, dating back to the third century. The white represents purity and the red, the blood of the martyrs. The blue is ecclesiastical blue, light in color and used in the clothing of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, on this flag, represents the human nature of our Lord which he got from his virgin mother. The nine cross crosslets or Jerusalem crosses represent the nine dioceses that convened in Philadelphia in 1789, when the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church was adopted. . . The nine cross crosslets are set in the form of a St. Andrew's cross in memory of the fact that, to avoid swearing allegiance to the British Crown, Bishop-elect Seabury of Connecticut (the first bishop of the Episcopal Church) had to go to Scotland to be consecrated by Scottish bishops." The large red vertical-horizontal cross, St. George's cross, is in recognition of St. George, the patron saint of England, as Andrew is of Scotland.

Mr. Baldwin delivered the striking Episcopal flag to the General Convention about 1923. This remarkable church of ours adopted it 17 years later, in 1940.

-submitted by Helen .Harris



Summer in the South

The oriole sings in the greening grove
As if he were half-way waiting,
The rosebuds peep from their hoods of green,
Timid and hesitating.
The rain comes down in a torrent sweep
And the nights smell warm and piney,
The garden thrives, but the tender shoots
Are yellow-green and tiny.
Then a flash of sun on a waiting hill,
Streams laugh that erst were quiet,
The sky smiles down with a dazzling blue
And the woods run mad with riot.



Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906)

Bathroom Beautification, Anyone?



I am looking for a few people who would be interested in helping to make our bathroom – which is open to many of our neighbors during Community Dinners and Thrift Shop hours – a little better organized and a lot more attractive and homey. We could work as people have time over the summer months, perhaps. Here are possible projects towards that end (you might think of more – let me know!)

- Nice curtains to brighten things up?
- Clean out those shelves to make room for actual bathroom supplies (this is a BIG one)?
- Store bathroom supplies neatly away?
- Dispose of, or find other places for, the old signs and signboard (bonfire, anyone?)
- Possibly find a nice little table for people to set things like purses?
- Make a washable pad for the diaper-changing table?
- And the impossible – can *anyone* think of a better location for that printer????

These are just a few things I brainstormed on my own. If you have other/more/better ideas, please let me know!

Mtr. Kathryn+

August 18th: BBQ & Pool Party at The Smith’s beginning at 2pm. Everyone is invited to a barbeque pool party on Saturday the 18th of August at Andy and Sue Smith’s home. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be a sign up sheet at church as to what you will be bringing. Come with your family and have fun.



Episcopal Independence Day Prayer: Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Philip the Evangelist is first mentioned in the account of the dispute between the Hebrew and Hellenistic disciples in Acts 6. He is one of the seven appointed to superintend the daily distribution of food and alms, and so to remove all suspicion of partiality. The persecution of which Saul was the leader must have stopped the “daily ministrations” of the Church. The teachers who had been most prominent were compelled to take flight, and Philip was among them. It is noticeable that the city of Samaria is the first scene of his activity. Acts 8. He is the precursor of St. Paul in his

work, as Stephen had been in his teaching. The scene which brings Philip and Simon the sorcerer into contact with each other, Acts 8:9-13, in which the magician has to acknowledge a power over nature grater than his own, is interesting. This step is followed by another. On the road from Jerusalem to Gaza he meets the Ethiopian eunuch. Acts 8:26ff. The history that follows is interesting as one of the few records in the New Testament of the process of individual conversion. A brief sentence tells us that Philip continued his work as a preacher at Azotus (Ashdod) and among the other cities that had formerly belonged to the Philistines, and, following the coast-line, came to Caesarea. Then for a long period – not less than eighteen or nineteen years – we lose sight of him. The last glimpse of him in the New Testament is in the account of St. Paul's journey to Jerusalem. It is to his house, as to one well known to them, that St. Paul and his companions turn for shelter. He has four daughters, who possess the gift of prophetic utterance, and who apparently give themselves to the work of teaching instead of entering on the life of home. Acts 21:8,9. He is visited by the prophets and elders of Jerusalem. One tradition places the scene of his death at Hierapolis in Phrygia. According to another, he died bishop of Tralles (site of the modern-day city of Aydin, in Turkey). The house in which he and his daughters had lived was pointed out to travelers in the time of Jerome (who lived at the turn of the 5th century).

Our St. Philip’s Banner painted by Mtr. Kathryn and sewn by Karen Morgan, with help from Nancy Levison, and Donna McLean.

