

A Slice of H.A.M.

Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator

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The Amen Corner - The Rev. Deirdre Whitfield

What is Truth?

I read an interesting article by Brett Blair, on truth and in light of our recent celebration of Pentecost and the Trinity I thought I would share these thoughts with you.



Soon school will be out. Summer is upon us the kids have been waiting for this for weeks. All summer and nothing but swimming, riding their bikes, endlessly playing video games, and vacations. While our kids live in that world this summer we adults will be living in another. There is the economy and the struggle to keep Wall Street and Main Street happy and accountable at the same time. There are budget cuts affecting 80% of school districts in this country while we work to improve education nationwide. There is the oil spill in the Gulf Coast and the finger pointing and blame game that has accompanied that terrible accident. If there is one thing I have learned in life it's that everybody has their own version of the truth.

And we have to try and find the truth among all the truths that present themselves to us. It is very hard these days to know who to believe. Everyone is trying to lead us to their version of truth. In 1997, Nathan Zohner, a 14-year-old student at Eagle Rock Junior High School in Idaho Falls won first prize at the Greater Idaho Falls Science Fair by showing how conditioned we have become to alarmists spreading fear of everything in our environment through junk science. In his project he urged people to sign a petition demanding strict control or total elimination of the chemical "Dihydrogen monoxide". Of the 50 people he asked to support the ban, **43** said yes **6** were undecided and only **1** knew that the chemical is ... water.

What is Truth? Pontius Pilate asked this of his wife. It's a question that plagues everyone who tries to do the right thing, who tries to live above board, who struggles with all the complexities of life. "I have much more to say to you," Jesus said to his disciples. "More than I can possibly say to you now under the circumstances. But when the **Holy Spirit** comes he will guide you into all truth." Think about those words of Jesus, "All Truth." But how does anyone find firm ground to stand on an issue? First, you find it through Jesus who is the Spirit of Truth. Second, When you have found the truth you have to stand in that truth. It is not enough to know what the truth is; you must act upon it. Many of us, when confronted with an issue know what the right thing to do is. The question is will we act on what we know to be true?

Third, the church also must speak the truth. We are not the bearers of some of the truth or half the truth. We Christians are the bearers of All the Truth. Jesus is not a way to God he is **the way**. The Christ is God incarnate. Our heavenly Father sent his only Son and the Son sent his Spirit. It may sound arrogant to those outside the church but if we call ourselves Christians, we can do nothing less. We are under oath. We are His followers bound by what we have heard the Spirit reveal to our hearts and obligated to speak it to the world.

There is a pastor who starts each confirmation class with a jar full of beans. He asks his students to guess how many beans are in the jar, and on a big pad of paper writes down their estimates. Then, next to those estimates, he helps them make another list: their favorite songs. When the lists are complete, he reveals the actual number of beans in the jar. The whole class looks over their guesses, to see which estimate was closest to being right. The pastor then turns to the list of favorite songs. "And which one of these is closest to being right?" he asks. The students protest that there is no "right answer"; a person's favorite song is purely a matter of taste. "When you decide what to believe in terms of your faith, is that more like guessing the number of beans, or more like choosing your favorite song?" Inevitably everyone responds that faith is more like choosing a favorite song. But the pastor argues that in no uncertain terms, faith is like guessing how many beans there are in the jar. Faith is certain. Faith is not vague. Faith is not a matter of opinion. The faith we have is found in the Word of God, rooted in the life death, resurrection of his son Jesus Christ, and sustained by the breath of the Holy Spirit. So let's stop guessing and stand on that truth!

Please note: Although Rev. Whitfield is not in the office daily, she is available for any pastoral need. Her contact number is (610) 745-2053. Please call when anyone is hospitalized.

Youth Sunday



On Sunday, June 27th HAM will recognize Acolyte servers and all 2010 graduates.



Food Vendors



Entertainment

Saturday, June 26th 10:00 AM–4:00PM

There is still time left to reserve a table or activity. Please see Myra Jacobs or Marcia Hinton for details.

Taste of the World Update

The Roundtable's **13th Annual Taste of the World** netted \$1483.00 and donations are still pouring in. The 2010 spotlight charity, The Center for Literacy (636 South 48th Street) will receive a \$500 contribution.

Many thanks go out to all who donated their time, talent and treasure to make the Roundtable's signature event successful. **Taste of the World** is always a great time to catch up with old friends and extended family and this year was no exception. HAM welcomed back some old faces and greeted new friends. Special thanks to the Gold Standard Café and Councilman Curtis Jones.

Offering Envelopes



**Money Counters
June**



6/6 Udean Morris, Pat Peterson, Angela Thompson	6/13 Everett Gillison, Boima Sonii, Dereck Burchette
6/18 Udean Morris, Adele Thomas	6/25 Marit Anderson, Iola Harper, Clare Nelson

**Transportation Ministry
June**

Bob Allen, Marit Anderson, Everett Gillison, Dereck Burchette & Janis Moore



6 Dereck Burchette 215-796-9119	13 Marit Anderson 215-474-6663
20 Bob Allen 215-471-9248	27 Everett Gillison 215-473-0637

Save the Date!

**14th Annual Women's Day
Sunday, September 26, 2010**



6/6 Sonya Furlow	6/13 The Vestry
6/20 Brotherhood of St. Andrew	6/27 The Order of the Daughters of the King [Ice Cream Social]

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		4 Noon Day Prayers Holy Eucharist & Healing Choir 7:00 PM	2 Bible Study 6:00 PM Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	3	4	5 ECW New York Trip
6	7 Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	8 Choir 7:00 PM	9 Bible Study 6:00 PM Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	10	11	12 Worship Committee 10:00 AM
13	14 Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	4 Noon Day Prayers Holy Eucharist & Healing Choir 7:00 PM	16 Bible Study 6:00 PM Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	17	18	19 Daughters of the King 10:00 AM
20 Vestry Meeting Junior Choir	21 Vacation Bible School Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	22 Vacation Bible School Choir 7:00 PM	23 Vacation Bible School Bible Study 6:00 PM Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	24 Vacation Bible School	25 Vacation Bible School	26 ECW Block Party
27 Junior Choir	28 Self Defense Class 7:00 PM	29 Choir 7:00 PM	30 Bible Study 6:00 PM Self Defense Class 7:00 PM			



6/1 Melonie White

6/4 Helena M. Esdaile

6/7 Joseph Ohanugo

6/8 Ervine Gamble

6/10 Michael Shands, Dereck Burchette II, Amber Wray

6/11 Clare Nelson, Joel A. Smith, Marit Anderson

6/14 Felicia Giusto, George Mathias, Jr.

6/17 Angela Harris-Thompson

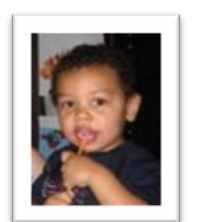
6/20 Gladys Bell, Steven R. Billings, G. Shaun Davis

6/25 Ophelia Hawkins

Revival!



Taste of the World



Caribbean Sunday



**Fearless Giving
Thoughts on Stewardship**

Be the Best, Serve with Zest
Be the best wherever you serve.
Stand out tall in the first league.
Do not settle at being a reserve.
Let your vision be clear and big.

Serve as you would, Almighty God.
Make the most of every opportunity.
Let His mind be your watch word.
Serve with conscience and integrity.
See yourself as the slave of the Master
Prisoner of the Saviour
Let no sin be your master
All maltreatment endure
Pray, serve well, till God
Turns the table in accord
with His infallible word.

By Fenny West

What is Christian stewardship? How can I be a faithful steward of God's gifts?

RESPONSE: Christian stewardship is a way of living in which we recognize that everything belongs to God. All resources must be used for His glory and the common good. Solidarity is the fruit of stewardship.

DISCUSSION: Stewardship is a rather popular term used by Catholics and non-Catholics alike when religious leaders want their followers to give something. It is often associated with the words "tithe,"

"generosity," and "money." While these associations are not wrong, stewardship means much more than simply giving time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship demands a way of life that encourages virtue and bears the fruit of solidarity among peoples.



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Sunday- Holy Eucharist Services: 8:00 AM Rite I • 10:00 AM Sung Mass
1st Tuesday- Noonday Eucharist & Healing Service
3rd Tuesday- Noonday Eucharist

Anniversaries			
6/22	Gerald and Cheryl Bethea	6/26	Ernest and Adele Thomas
Memorials			
6/8/1985	Juanita Robinson	6/2/1988	Thelma Snyder
6/22/1990	George Overton	6/27/1990	Ruth MacCorkell
The Vestry			
The Reverend Deirdre Whitfield, Priest-in-Charge			
2011	2012	2013	
Byron Golson, Director of Music Angela Harris-Thompson Patricia Peterson	Clare Nelson Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist Boima Sonii	Dereck Burchette Iola Harper Everett Gillison	