



A Slice of H.A.M.

Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator

June 2011

The Reverend Edward Garrigan



Dear Friends,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

In Matthew's Gospel (28:19,20) those are Jesus' parting words to the apostles as he ascends into heaven. Aided by the Holy Spirit's power—"you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:8)—they obeyed Jesus' command. We are the generations-later heirs of their obedience.

Broadly, Jesus told them to do two things. One: celebrate the Sacraments. Two: teach the Faith. It is interesting to see how various Christian denominations have emphasized or de-emphasized either of them.

I grew up in a part of the country in which the Southern Baptists are far-and-away the largest and most influential denomination. I have two memories about them. My friends had to memorize Bible verses, which reminds me of the story about the child who wants to fulfill the assignment but also doesn't want to work very hard at it, so he asks his dad what the shortest verse in the Bible is. (Hint: John 11:35. Look it up!)

My other memory is that adults went to Sunday School all their lives. The Baptists were quite serious about "teaching the Faith" but paid less close attention to "celebrating the Sacraments." Indeed, it is sometimes said—jokingly but rudely—that the view of many Protestants toward Holy Communion is "Four times a year whether you need it or not!"

We Episcopalians, though in the opposite way, do no better. We celebrate the Sacraments frequently, diligently, reverently, often beautifully. But our track record of life-long adult education—"teaching the Faith"—is not very good. I was truly impressed by the attendance at the Lent Wednesday Bible studies this year, and I'm hoping that's a sign we can build a stronger and broader program of adult education at HAM.

THREE BIBLE STUDIES

1. Joseph Ohanugo leads our **Sunday** morning Bible Study prior to the 10:00 a.m. service, and we are grateful to him. More are welcome to join that group.

We will now be adding two new Bible studies, each with a different focus.

2. I will lead a Bible Study which will meet on the second and fourth **Wednesday** of each month for an hour beginning at noon. A good number of people have signed-up. We can add just a few more—the format will be discussion so the group cannot be very large. If significantly more people are interested in a weekday Bible Study, we will begin a second group! This Bible Study is intended for members of the parish and friends of members. It begins **June 8**. Don't hesitate to come, even if you haven't signed-up.

3. Sonya Furlow will lead a **Thursday** Bible Study meeting weekly at 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Titled "Empowerment Bible Study for the Community," this is intended as an outreach to those members of the neighborhood community who benefit from our food distribution ministry; adding the nourishment of souls to our nourishment of bodies.

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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

ECW News

ECW Elections

The Episcopal Church Women of Holy Apostles & the Mediator will be holding elections over the next two weeks for new officers. If you are an ECW member, please see the ballots in the back of the church as well as on the table next to the church office. Ballots should be returned to: Pattie Burchette-Davis, Adele Thomas, or Shirley Warner no later than June 10th. Results will be confirmed on Sunday, June 12th at our next ECW meeting.

Women's Day—Sunday, September 25th

Color— Pink

Theme: "God Uses Ordinary Women to Accomplish His Divine Purpose"

ISAIAH 6:8 "ALSO I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD, SAYING,
WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US? THEN SAID I, HERE AM I; SEND ME".

BROADWAY TRIP

Tickets are still available to see **Sister Act** on Saturday June 18th. Please see Alberta Williams if you are interested.

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 10th

Ridley Creek State Park

Pavillion # 8

Mass begins @ 10:00AM

Cost \$3.00

For tickets see Helen Allen or Alberta Williams



Pentecost Sunday
June 12th

Happy Birthday to the Christian church! Don't forget to wear something red!



Class of 2011!



Recognition Day and Ice Cream Social
Sunday, June 19th

Congratulations Class of 2011!

Chuigo Aghedo
Synae Allen
Samantha Fowler

Hosted by the by the Christian Education Committee and Daughters of the King

Prayers of the People

A volunteer readers schedule will be recorded for the Prayers of the People. If Interested call Alberta Williams or sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.



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FIRST WEDNESDAYS

In addition to these three Bible studies, we will begin in the autumn a once-a-month Wednesday evening Adult Education program, probably the first Wednesday of each month. This will begin with a simple supper at 6:00 p.m. (Volunteer cooks needed!) followed by presentations and discussions on a wide variety of topics.

Who are Anglicans? What is our history? What is our theology? What makes us distinctive among Christians? What is the church's position on (fill in the blank)? What do we mean by Justification? Sanctification? Redemption? Grace? How do we understand the authority of Scripture? Tradition? What is the place of human reason in Christian theology? Theology and literature? Theology and politics? Those are just some off-the-top-of-my-head possible topics. Every participant will have the opportunity to suggest topics.

I hope these evenings will be both enjoyable and enlightening. They can also serve as Confirmation preparation for adults and as an inquirers' class for newcomers. More details as summer goes on.

Of course, a well-rounded parish education program includes children and adolescents, also, and I hope many of us will be interesting in developing new programs for those age groups. But these are the plans for adult education. Surely, we can do at least as well as those Baptists!

Faithfully,

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Sunday- Holy Eucharist Services: 10:00 AM 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
6/22/1990

Juanita Robinson
George Overton

6/2/1988
6/27/1990

Thelma Snyder
Ruth MacCorkell



The Vestry

2012

Clare Nelson
Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist
Boima Sonii

2013

Everett Gillison, People's Warden
Iola Harper, Sr. Warden
Janis Moore

2014

Angela Harris-Thompson
Byron Golson, Director of Music
David Miller