



A Slice of H.A.M.

Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator

September 2011



Notes From the Interim Rector



Dear Friends,

PARISH CALLING: Until sometime in the 1950's or early 1960's (which, we have to remind ourselves, was a half-century ago!) clergy were taught a simple motto about how to schedule their time most weekdays: "*Mornings in the Office. Afternoons out calling.*" Calling in the homes of parishioners—usually unannounced—was not just usual, it was expected.

At some point that changed, probably partly due to women beginning to work outside the home in large numbers. Now an afternoon of calling would mean the priest or minister spent the afternoon ringing the doorbells of houses where nobody is at home!

Clergy still call in people's homes in times of crisis, of course, but there is a lot to be said for a priest's getting to know members of the parish better than I can at the door of the church or at coffee hour. I would like to visit you at home if you would like me to do so. I am usually at HAM on Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I could visit on Sunday afternoons, and, depending upon other events, most times until late afternoon on Wednesdays and Fridays. Just let me know.

GOALS: The Vestry has set three goals to work on in 2011-2012.

One is **Facilities**, meaning both the preservation and maintenance of our physical plant, and also trying to figure out ways in which our wonderful space might be better used to serve our neighborhood and community.

One is **Communications**, the first focus of which is the much-needed updating and maintaining of the HAM website. My college song has a line which reads, "*Spread the fame of her honored name,*" there are many ways we can do that for HAM, and the Communications Committee is beginning work in this area.

And one is **Education**. We have established two new Bible studies, one of which I teach. It is for parishioners, and meets noon to 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. The other is taught on Thursdays, taught by Sonya Furlow, and is aimed at community members who benefit from our food ministry. Discussions are also underway about new education programs for children—Sunday School—and teens.

FIRST WEDNESDAYS is our main new Education initiative. We will begin with a light supper at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers needed! It will be followed by lecture and discussion on a wide range of topics including Episcopal history and theology and liturgics, the Creeds, the sacraments, ethics, and topics you might suggest. It will not be a Bible study (though there certainly will be a lots of referring to Scripture) except on the first Wednesdays that fall in Advent and Lent. Come, and why not invite a friend?

In Paul's understanding of the Church every member has a ministry to exercise for the good of the whole. As the new Church year kicks off, pray about what yours might be—and go for it!

Faithfully,

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Margaret Osuagwu
- 8 Sonya R. Furlow
- 9 Christopher Cox
- 10 Alberta Williams
Laverne Lawson
- 11 Mary Morris
Aaron Shelly
- 15 Lorna Taylor
- 17 Shirley Warthen
- 18 Sharida Gillison
Virginia Taylor



- 19 Javier Jill
- 20 Danielle Seay
- 21 George Cherry
- 23 Synae Allen
Dale Myaries
- 25 Alija J. Seay
- 26 Sandy Seay
- 27 Darnell M. Scott
- 29 Jillian & Madison Green
- 30 Mary Osuagwu
Radcliffe O. Davis

Friends and Family Sunday
(Formerly Kick Off Sunday)

Sunday September 11, 2011

Special remembrance 10th anniversary of 9 11
&

Installation of ECW Officers:

- Alberta Williams, President
- Helen Allen, Vice President
- Udean Morris, Treasurer
- Adele Thomas, Secretary

UBE Updates

Fish Fry & Revival

St. George St. Barnabas Church

Wednesday September 14th

Fish Fry 5:00– 6:30 PM Dinners \$10.00

Revival begins at 7:00PM

Guest Revivalist: Rev. Dr. Richard A. Dent, First African Baptist Church of Sharon Hill

See flyer on bulletin board for more information



COFFEE
HOT

9/4 Vestry

9/11 ECW

9/18 DOK

9/25 **Women's Day

World Day of Prayer and Holiday House 100th Birthday
October 2nd at 3:00 PM
Grace Church and The Incarnation

GFS Holy Apostles will be joining their GFS sisters and friends as we pray together for our GFS sisters in Japan, and in particular, for the effects of radiation many are fearing following the tsunami this past year. We also will be welcoming the Rt. Rev. Rodney Michel, Asst. Bishop of Pennsylvania, as he attends World Day of Prayer and celebrates Holiday House's 100th birthday with us!

Angela Harris-Thompson, Branch Advisor

DOK

The Daughters of the King will meet on Saturday, September 17th at 10:00 AM



ECW 15th Annual Women's Day

Sunday September 25, 2011

"God Uses Ordinary Women to Accomplish His Divine Purpose"

Guest Speaker: Rhonda Spaulding Deliverance Evangelistic Church

ECW Province III

Annual Meeting September 30th –October 1 in Rehoboth, Delaware.
 Registration is \$169.00

32nd Annual National Acolyte Festival

Washington National Cathedral

Saturday, October 8th

Registration deadline October 1st

The Schuylkill Deanery will be sponsoring a bus to the Acolyte Festival. Please let Marcia Hinton know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

Save the Date

Annual Diocesan Convention will be held **Saturday, November 5, 2011**, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Bishop Benison's *Call to Convention* and registration details will be announced shortly. Please check www.diopa.org for updates.

A Special Message from Angela Harris-Thompson

Family Night will be starting back this month and we need volunteers. Family Night is held the second Friday of each month from 6-9. If at all possible, please sign up for one family night with either your time and/or meal. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Help us keep these kids off the streets! It takes a village to raise a child, together we can be that village!

HOLY APOSTLES & THE MEDIATOR CHURCH STUFF THE BUS 2011 SPONSORED BY THE GFS & THE ROUNDTABLE



**IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE HELP KIDS GET
BACK TO SCHOOL**

WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS OF:

- **PENICILS**
- **NOTE BOOKS**
- **HIGHLIGHTERS**
- **OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS**
- PENS**
- BINDERS**
- RULERS**

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS UNTIL FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 9TH WHEN WE WILL DISTRIBUTE THE ITEMS
TO OUR FRIDAY NIGHT KIDS.**

PLEASE SUPPORT US

&

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 AT 6:00PM FOR
THE STUFF THE BUS BBQ KICK-OFF**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN THE YELLOW BOX IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: JANIS MOORE
267-322-8795 or the Church 215-472-3000**

Synae Allen created a poetic interpretation of The Magnificat, a canticle used at Evening Prayer while at GFS World Council in Ireland.

The Magnificat - Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior
Now let's bring it back to home
Let's attempt to make it our own
So that we can continue living in a world with God... in a world that we will never be alone

My soul doth magnify
My soul doth glorify
My soul doth testify to the glory of the Lord as shown in my rejoicing
Which in turn allows us to get used to voicing our love for God

Luke 1 is about giving God the glory
It's about giving yourself to God so that God who is mighty
so that God who will certainly be right
leads us in a way that we will never be defeated

When God spoke to her about just the opposite
She rejoiced
She gave voice to what her Lord had done for her,
someone who was at the lower portion of society
She was the example for the way God works
Meaning when God inverts societal positions
When God takes away the anxiety of those who can see... of those that believe,
and allows those that conspire against, that will not make amends to leave empty-handed

There's this saying
the poor will become rich and the rich will become poor
this way in which the end is supposed to look

I wouldn't imagine that the homeless will soon have mansions but
I do imagine
that taking time out for God now, that those who are poor...
meaning those who do not value their possessions more than the door
to heaven
will be the ones the door opens for

Those that live as individuals in Christ
That exhibit individualization in their beliefs
That refuse to live in conjunction to the quote normal connotations of being a believer
That live their lives in communication of the personification of Christ being amazing
are the ones God blesses

If we can get to the point where we are completely obsessed with God
Where we can no longer be stressed by the world around us
Where we constantly confess the mercy God has given us
Then, and only then will we say
"Behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed."

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Praise the Lord

Sunday- Holy Eucharist & Sermon 10:00 AM
2nd & 4th Wednesday Bible Study - Noon
1st Wednesday- Light Supper & Adult Education 6:00PM
(1st Wednesdays begins October 5)
Thursday Empowerment Bible Study Series 10:30-11:15

		Anniversaries		
		Yolanda & Kelson Fraser		9/3
		Memorials		
Brian Harris	9/10/91	Johan H. Woods	9/27/91	
Tyrone Robinson	9/16/99	Gloria C. Matthias	9/5/04	
		William T. Peterson	9/15/0	
The Vestry				
2012		2013		2014
Clare Nelson		Everett Gillison, People's Warden		Angela Harris-Thompson
Sonya Riggins Furlow, Evangelist		Iola Harper, Senior Warden		Byron Golson, Director of Music
Boima Sonii		Janis Moore		David Miller