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Upcoming Events:

- Sept 4 - Labor Day
- Sept 6 - Choir Practice 7pm
- Sept 9 - Vestry Meeting
- Sept 10 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Elaine
- Sept 10 - National Grandparents Day
- Sept 11 - Patriot Day
- Sept 13 - Choir Practice 7pm
- Sept 15 - Oct 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month
- Sept 16 - Heart and Hands, 11am
- Sept 17 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Sammons
- Sept 17 – Community Dinner for September
- Sept 20 - Choir Practice 7pm
- Sept 22 - First Day of Autumn
- Sept 24 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost (MP)
- Sept 27 - Choir Practice 7pm
- Oct 1 – Blessing of the Animals (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 1 - World Communion Day

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SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Fellow travelers,

This has been quite the summer. Lee and I checked off a few more items on our “Bucket List” with a 17-day cross country trip for two family reunions and visits to 3 National Parks. We no sooner caught our breath from that excursion then it was off to Maryland for a wedding in my extended family. Now September is upon us and our trips keep piling up.

But our own, mostly happy, travels are occurring as the worst flood event in U.S. history is imposing horrific hardship on fellow citizens. Books will be written about this one long after the waters finally recede and a full survey of the damages can be determined. In some ways, it was “A Perfect Storm”. The weakened

Jet Stream, severely overheated Gulf Waters, and stalled Highs to the East and West of the landfall region, kept Harvey in place for the longest landfall period so far for this kind of event. And the human toll is far from over. Large numbers of fellow citizens will be rendered homeless and penniless, especially, as usual, our most vulnerable citizens. Untold thousands will be on a new Exodus for themselves and their families. I know that we, as a congregation, and as individuals, will pitch in to do our part to help our fellow human beings somehow move on from this shattering experience.

Meanwhile, in our Diocese and our congregations, we are being challenged to rediscover our own history of flight from an ancient “Perfect Storm” that allowed a contingent of slaves to emerge to freedom from an oppressive regime.

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If you are not on the email mailing list or not receiving emails, email Tanya at cecxtanya@gmail.com Make sure any spam filters allow email from cecxlist@googlegroups.com and cecxtanya@gmail.com

Submissions: Anyone who wishes to submit anything for the Trumpet should do so ASAP. Deadline for submissions is September 20. Submit information by hand to Tanya or by emailing it to cecxtanya@gmail.com.

WARDEN'S WORDS

will return next month - in it's place, commentary from newsletternewsletter.com

Reformation milestone: celebration and repentance

October 31, 2017, marks the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his "95 Theses" on a church door in Germany. This wasn't an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ ("the priesthood of all believers"), so there's no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose — Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others — and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults "with the best of them"; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: "In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years."

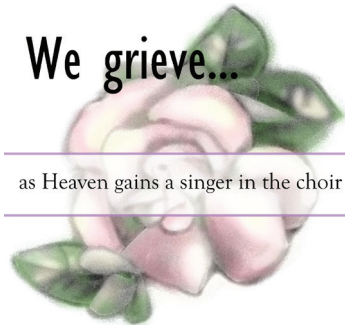


The suggested September grocery supplies are personal hygiene items for the homeless (for the Donovan's project). Each month will be a new suggested item.



We grieve...

as Heaven gains a singer in the choir



It is with great sadness we are called to announce that Ms. Barbara Bradfute passed away on September 8, 2017.

A memorial is being planned and details will be announced shortly.



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- Oct 01 – Blessing of the Animals (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 08 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost (HE) Father Elaine
- Oct 15 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost (MP)

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Lee Anne Stookey

August Vestry Minutes

- Senior Warden - Debbie G reported on Holy Cow Consulting. Vestry discussed options. Voting on use of this service will be held in September meeting.
- Junior Warden (written report) - Barbara B reported in absentia (read by Debbie G.) update on heating/AC.



- The sensors are burning up (should have lasted 3-5). Hauck claimed that the wiring was bad and did not offer to repair. AAble invoiced to replace, at Barbara B.'s approval for charges for \$1054. Barbara B. is suggesting getting a consult on overhauling all. Doug P. pointed out that the Vestry should have approved the repair. There was a question of warranty on the sensors. Vestry needs to discuss whether the \$1054 will cover the repair of the sensors. Joyce G made a motion to pay AAble for repairs, Pam F seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Bradley A made a motion to accept the contract with AAble, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- Bradley A led the discussion on the Legacy trees that need trimmed. Mulberry tree needs trimmed back or removed. Precise cuts: Cost for mulberry trees \$975, Trimming Legacy tree \$500, total: \$1475. Family Tree Services: \$2295. Bill's Tree Service: \$1500. Joyce G made a motion we accept Bill's Tree Service, Pam F seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Treasurer's Report: Doug P reported on the budget. We may go over budget but we're not spending as much as we did last year. He is still submitting all to Chamberlain. Approval of Audit due September 1st. Doug P suggests cashing in a few funds to pay for a part time priest. Debbie G made a motion to approve the audit, Bradley A seconded; motion was approved unanimously.
 - Parking Lot Status: Doug P reported he needs someone to take over chasing the funds for the parking lot.
 - Investment Team: Doug P reported they met without quorum.
 - Altar Guild: Doug P reported that Elizabeth Clark was interested in Altar Guild
 - Communications: Tanya E-K reported an idea of Dropbox use simplification
 - Parish Life: Pam F suggesting the recruitment of St Andrews. Tanya E-K volunteered to write the letter. Pam F made a motion to send a letter to St Andrews to welcome parishioners here. Debbie G seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Choir Needs: Our Choir director has stepped down. Vestry discussed options. Pam F suggested Dick Stem.
 - Volunteers needed for various roles in church: Doug P suggested it is time to talk to people about volunteer position such as usher, lector, and intercessor.
 - Diocese Big Read: Debbie G reported about the big read, starting on August 23 – Exodus, with outlines provided by the diocese. Fr. Elaine S has agreed to facilitate the Big Read.



NEWS FROM THE MINISTRIES

The following is a "God Story" we received from a client awhile back at the Clothes Closet.

"God Bless all the volunteers in this community. I recently had a temporary loss of income and I was blessed over and over. If I needed food, it was always available via all the church pantries. If I needed clothes, they are also available at the Clothes Closet and God Bless all the folks that donate very nice clothes and shoes. Finally, a big thank you to the Greene County Humane Society that helped me get medical care and needs for a sick cat."

Children's clothing especially size 6 and up and men's clothing are the greatest clothing needs at present. Children's books don't last any time when we get some. Toys are always a popular item. "Business" has been good this summer. Weather permitting Cheryl Allen puts clothes on racks in the yard early on Tuesday morning. We open inside at 10 AM. We close at 2 PM. The community continues to support us with donations. We accept any clothing, new or gently used. Our clients also like bath and bed linens, books, kitchen items, decorative items. We pretty much take anything except large appliances and large pieces of furniture.

Thanks to Jim Goins we even had hot dogs one Tuesday for the clients. That was a treat for clients and volunteers alike. Thanks, Jim.

JoAnne Earley, one of the Christ Church volunteers



Clothing Closet

STEWARDSHIP

September "Reform" by Lucy Germany

Everybody benefits when we conserve energy and water. We save some of our finite resources; we also save some money, for ourselves and for our congregation.

Here are some suggested ways to save:

- Turn off the light when you leave a room. That sounds easy but many of us forget to do it.
- If you have a dishwasher at home or in the church kitchen, run it full cycle only once a day. Make one or more days "dishwasher free." When hand washing dishes, DON'T keep the water running.
- Cut down on the use of the washing machine and dryer (larger and fewer wash loads).
- Install and use ceiling fans instead of turning up the air conditioning or heating.
- Save water by catching rainwater for houseplants!

There are many other ways to save energy and water. Perhaps a group in your congregation could begin a conservation program for the coming year.

....for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people.... Isaiah 43:20b



From Mother Lynn: Just an update, and probably the last one on Pete. The good news is that the eye seems to be stable. The not-so-good news is that the retinal scarring continued and the retina detached again. There's nothing more they can do. As long as the eye is stable, they'll just leave it alone, and we have three months until the next visit. It isn't what we'd hoped for, but at least there are no surgeries in the foreseeable future and he has a good long - hopefully permanent - break from those. He's very happy to get back to his life - without restrictions! Our thanks and love to all our dear friends at CECX, for the prayers and the caring. We are grateful for you all, and know how your support lifted us up all through this summer.

**FREE
COMMUNITY
DINNER**



Our August dinner was a huge success! We had our highest number of guests yet, with 64 people enjoying a delicious fried chicken dinner. Add to that second helpings and take-outs and we served over a hundred meals!

Our next dinner will be September 17th. The menu is planned, team members are in place and flyers are being distributed to get the word out. September is also our anniversary month! We held our first community dinner on Sep. 18, 2016! We continue to grow and evolve, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers who have stepped up to the plate (pun intended) each month to put on a successful dinner.

A few changes/process improvements are also in the works.

Beginning with our October dinner we are planning to go from a 4:00- 6:00 p.m. timeframe to 4:00- 5:30. We get most of our people in the first few minutes and the remainder within the first hour. In addition, with days getting shorter, we'd like to get everyone in and out before dark. This is also more in line with Caring Place which, I believe, is one hour.

Another suggestion is to put together a small "treat" bag to hand out as people leave, containing a card with our CECX info on it.

Also, it was suggested that we get names and contact information when we encounter a situation where there is a critical food need. We could then follow-up to provide additional help, and possibly even an "adopt-a-family" situation if we determine a critical need. We believe we witnessed a real need at the August dinner from a woman who was there with her teenage son. After eating, she asked if she could get take-out and then said simply, "we have no food." As a result, we plan to put together a couple of bags of emergency food to have on hand and ready in case we encounter a crisis situation. We could fill these "meal sacks" with food items that would provide a complete meal. Another idea was to do our own "mini" food pantry (as some churches do) as part of our free meals ministry.

When we encounter a situation like the one above we know for sure we are meeting a need and making a difference in our community. We are hoping to see this lady again so we can get her contact information and learn what her needs are. I know this is ambitious and we have a lot of other ministries, but I think this is something we can easily incorporate into our free meals ministry. Please email me (bevkruskop@sbcglobal.net) or text me (657-7915) with your comments or suggestions and ideas.



It's hard to imagine how we can locate ourselves in events that happened around 3,500 years ago. But events in our own time can help us connect. What would impel men, women and children to leave their homes and everything they have ever known, with a moment's notice, carrying what little they can salvage and starting a long walk to whatever. What is the flash point when going, even if to one's death in the totally unknown, is more of an imperative, than staying?

In the devastated regions of the Gulf coast, some people who have found high ground, will not go back. Refugees from natural disasters have become so common globally, we almost don't think of them. Refugees from hatred, conflict and active persecution and oppression surround us. And in the midst of knowing this, we are called to re-evaluate where we are and who (whose) we are in our neighborhoods, Diocese, state, world?

Travelers into the unknown share common issues and concerns. Where do I/we go now? How will we survive when things feel so uncertain? What response is asked of me/us in faith and faithfulness.

The catastrophe of Harvey has fallen on the people of the Gulf from Corpus Christie to Alabama. The heavy rains didn't check to see who was Democrat or Republican, gay or straight, Christian, Muslim, Jew or atheist, immigrant or natural born citizen. The rains simply fell. There was no border check for the people of the first Exodus, either. Slavery was a condition that enslaved across all categories, conditions and backgrounds. Do you stay or do you go?, was the only question.

As we travel through our own never-ending journey with God in company of the Beloved Community everywhere, let our response be as generous and loving as the author of all life in our common humanity.

Fr. Elaine M. Silverstrim



RESPONDING TO HURRICANE HARVEY

To help care for those affected by this crisis, please fill out the coupon below and mail it in with your check or credit card information. You can also contribute online at episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-harvey-response.

Thank you for your compassion and prayers. With your partnership, we are healing a hurting world.

A word from the Most Reverend Michael Curry,

Photo by Ssg. Tim Pruitt

Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church Episcopal Relief & Development invites you to join

Long ago the prophet Malachi taught that we are all us in prayer and support for communities affected by children of God by virtue of our creation by the same

Hurricane Harvey.

God. 'Have we not all one father? Has not one God Episcopal Relief & Development is working with created us?' he asked (2:10). Jesus taught the same dioceses in the hurricane's path to best support

thing when he told a story about a Good Samaritan. responses and address needs as more information

We are indeed all the children of God. And if we becomes available. Local churches and partners

are all God's children, then we are all brothers and are assessing damage, confirming the safety of sisters. members and others in their communities and using As you know, our brothers and sisters in Texas now

available facilities and resources to respond to need our help. Our support of Episcopal Relief and immediate concerns. Development is a tangible, practical, effective and

Your contribution to the Hurricane Harvey Response reliable way to do that, not just in the short term, butFund helps Episcopal Relief & Development support for the long haul. Thank you for whatever you can doChurch and other local partners as they provide for together we are the human family of God. critical emergency assistance.



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Readings for the Exodus Program:

Aug 27 Preface Material in your Study Bible & Goldingay 1-5 / Fretheim 1-22 /

Meyers 1-30

Sept 3 Exodus 1 & 2

Sept 10 Goldingay 6-14 / Fretheim 23-50 I Meyers 32-45

Sept 17 Exodus 3 & 4

Sept 24 Goldingay 14-27 / Fretheim 51-81 /Meyers 46-60

Oct 1 Exodus 5:1-8:7

Oct 8 Goldingay 27-40 / Fretheim 81-117 /Meyers 61-80

Oct 15 Exodus 8:8-11:10

Oct 22 Goldingay 40-53 / Fretheim 118-132 /Meyers 81-100

Oct 29 Exodus 12:1-14:31

Nov 5 Goldingay 53-64 / Fretheim 133-160 /Meyers 101-123

Nov 12 Exodus 15:1-17:7

Nov 19 Goldingay 64-71/Fretheim161-190 /Meyers 124-140

Nov 26 Thanksgiving Rest/ Catchup

Dec 3 Exodus 17:8-20:21

Dec 10 Goldingay 71-82 / Fretheim 191-238 /Meyers 141-160

Dec 17 Exodus 20:22-23:19

Dec 24 Christmas Rest I Catchup

Dec 31 Christmas Rest/ Catchup

Jan 7 Goldingay 82-89 / Fretheim 239-251/Meyers161-180

Jan 14 Exodus 23:20-27:21

Jan 21 Goldingay 89-102 / Fretheim 252-271/Meyers181-200

Jan 28 Exodus 28:1-31:18

Feb 4 Goldingay 102-112 / Fretheim 272-278 /Meyers 201-220

Feb 11 Exodus 32, 33, & 34

Feb 18 Goldingay 112-126 / Fretheim 279-310 /Meyers 221-240

Feb 25 Exodus 35, 36, & 37

March 4 Goldingay 126-129/ Fretheim 313-316 /Meyers 241-60

March 11 Exodus 38, 39, & 40 (end)

March 18 REFRESH for Easter: Goldingay 53-67 / Fretheim 133-136, 161-170 /

Meyers 261-end

March 25 Holy Week Rest; Reflect on Exodus as paradigm for events of Easter,
re-read Ex 12-15

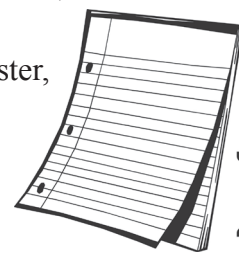
April 1 Easter Week Rest; Reflect on Exodus as paradigm for events of Easter,
re-read Ex 12-15

April 8 Concluding Colloquium is Sat April 7

Readings from



Exodus



Take Note!

Jeremy Tree's Bridgewalk 2017:
Please see posters and brochures
in front pew and on bulletin board
for the fundraiser for The Jeremi-
ah Tree's BridgeWalk, September
23.

Children's Corner



For those who are young, those who think they are young, those who feel young at heart, and those who aren't any of the above (nobody's looking... Have some fun!)



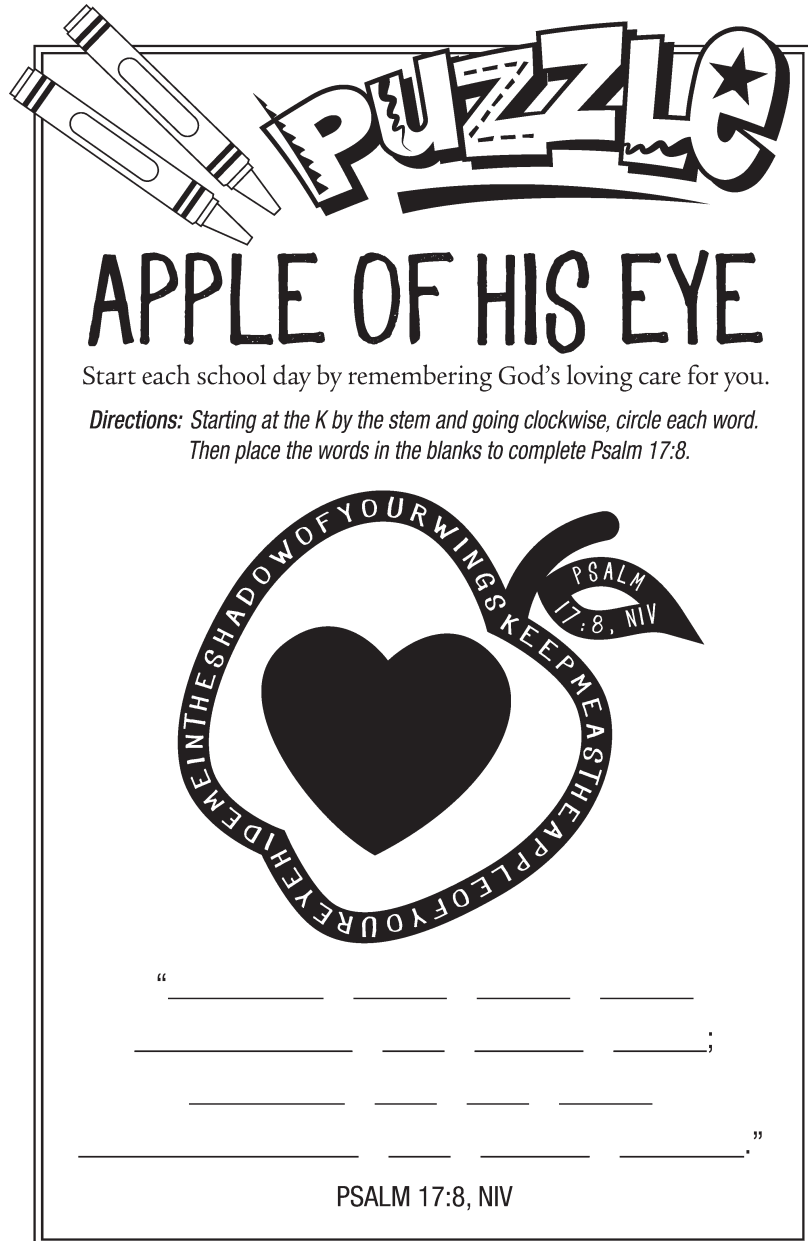
These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



Answer: “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.” Psalm 17:8, NIV

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive others?

- A. 7
- B. 70
- C. 77
- D. 70 x 7
- E. C or D, depending on the translation

Answer: E (See Matthew 18:22.)

**BIBLE
QUIZ**

forgive



“Charlotte is always willing to substitute on very short notice.”



September Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
Worship Leader	HE - F. Sammons	HE - F. Elaine	HE - F. Sammons	MP - Pam
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	Pam, Tanya	Doug, Becky
Lector	Barb, Mark	Tommy, Ruth	Pam, Becky	Debbie, Barb, Mark
Ushers	Elizabeth, Brad	JoAnne, Doug	Elizabeth, JoAnne	Clariss, Brad
Intercessor	Becky	Becky	Rick	Ruth
Chalice	Rick	Debbie	Pam	-
Vestry Member of the week	Doug	Debbie	Barb	Pam
Eucharistic Visitors				
Healing Prayer Ministers	Jennie, Debbie	JoAnne, Ruth	Doug, Mark	-

October Service Calendar 2017

Ministry	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29
Worship Leader	HE - F. Elaine	HE - F. Elaine	HE - F. Sammons	MP - Rick	HE - F. Sammons
Altar Guild	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky	Doug, Pam	JoAnne, Tanya	Ruth, Becky
Lector	Becky, Tommy	Ruth, Debbie	Mark, Pam	Tommy, Becky, Pam	Becky, Mark
Ushers	Elizabeth, JoAnne	Doug, JoAnne	Elizabeth, Doug	Brad, Clariss	Elizabeth, Brad
Intercessor	Debbie	Mark	Doug	Becky	Ruth
Chalice	Mark	Pam	Ruth	-	Debbie
Vestry Person of the Week	Maxine	Cheryl	Brad	Jean	Joyce
Eucharistic Visitors					-
Healing Prayer Ministers	Ruth, Doug	Mark, Jennie	Debbie, Pam	-	Doug, Jennie