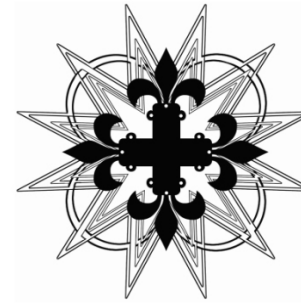


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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Independence Day brings all sorts of celebrations in our communities and families. We think of cookouts, cold drinks, a day at the beach, and an evening of fireworks as we celebrate the freedoms we received so long ago in our history. Many of our younger family members may not yet know or remember why or what we celebrate on the 4th of July. For many it may simply be a holiday that brings family and friends together each year. Therefore, I think that a short reminder of our country's history is worth a quick glance.

The legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776. A resolution of independence was approved at that time. Richard Henry Lee of Virginia was the author of that proposal. After they had voted for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson was the principal author of this declaration which was finally approved on July 4. John Adams had written to his wife Abigail on July 3rd,

"The second day of July, 1776 will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

We now know that Adams was two days off since Americans have celebrated Independence Day on July 4th since the very beginning. The actual date when the declaration was finally signed by all was August 2, 1776. This declaration justified the independence of the United States by listing a number of grievances against Britain and King George III in particular. The best known sentence in the declaration is "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

God has blessed us with the freedom and ability to worship and express our faith as we understand our call to serve. It is a freedom that we should each celebrate and appreciate. Many in our world cannot enjoy the same freedom. What a great country and great opportunity we each enjoy. I would hope that we pause as we celebrate Independence Day and thank Our Lord for the blessings of freedom we have. We may go through some difficult times in our lives, yet God reminds us that we have the freedom to pick ourselves up and get back into the race. He is ever by our side protecting us and bestowing us with the freedom to worship him as sons and daughters. Let us celebrate our blessings during this wonderful season. I pray that you all have a great summer.

– Fr. Norm†



Is it possible for the rose to say, 'I will give my fragrance to the good people who smell me, but I will withhold it from the bad?' Or is it possible for the lamp to say, 'I will give my light to the good people in this room, but I will withhold it from the evil people?' Or can a tree say, 'I'll give my shade to the good people who rest under me, but I will withhold it from the bad?' These are images of what love is about.

–Anthony de Mello

THE READINGS FOR JULY & AUGUST

July 5 – 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12 – 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19 – 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26 – 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



August 2 – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-13; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9 – 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 16 – 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14;; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 23 – 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

August 30 – Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

EDITOR'S CORNER

The submission deadline for the September Epistle is

Wednesday, August 19th

The Epistle and the calendar are now successfully posted online at the church website. Should you ever need to double check something and you have lost your copy of the Epistle you can now find that information easily.

Feel free to email or drop off any contributions to this publication at the church office, this is your newsletter and your forum. Thank you all for your continued joyful contributions.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Planning is continuing for those 50th Anniversary commemorative activities presented in last month's Epistle. They are as follows:

Sunday, August 2, 2009

During coffee hour after the second service, an ice cream social / anniversary party for Vacation Bible School participants and parents, in addition to parish members, will be held following the completion of VBS. This will be hosted by the ECW.

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

A potluck anniversary party is planned for parish members at 6:00 PM. This will be hosted by HAMen.

Saturday, October 3, 2009

A re-dedication ceremony of the church will be held with Canon Bennett of our Diocese in attendance, in addition to clergy from neighboring churches, and community leaders. To guarantee such participation the service will be conducted at 2:00 PM. A reception in the parish hall will follow the service.

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Holy Apostles participation in the Satellite Beach Founder's Day Parade will distinctively commemorate our Golden Anniversary. This will include a replica of the church, and, hopefully, a large turn-out of parish marchers. To further encourage participation, HAMen will provide a hotdog cook-out after the parade on church grounds.

Saturday, November 14, 2009

The ECW Holiday Craft Fair on November 14 may give us the opportunity to conduct informational tours of the church for those outside of the congregation interested in learning more of its history.

Lots of good people, doing dedicated work, with wonderful ideas, are supporting these activities and efforts. Here are a few of the most recent developments:

- The Parade committee has completed construction and some of the painting (thanks to all who donated paint supplies) of a small replica of our church building. A trailer has been acquired to float it in the Satellite Beach Founders' Parade.

- The History committee is considering several novel approaches to present parish history such as decade boards, a Golden Anniversary commemorative pamphlet, church tours, and a program for our August potluck supper. As part of that program Mr. Carleton Emery will present a slideshow of our church arriving by barge in 1959.

- The Memorabilia committee has contacted companies that can personalize souvenirs. At this writing the planning committee selected distinctive coffee cups and polo shirts for sale. Examples and sign-up sheets for purchase will be displayed in the parish hall soon. Thanks to Barbara Desrosiers, we have two golden anniversary logos for use on souvenirs, centerpieces, and invitations.

- One recent, laudable idea, is to invite our amateur parish photographers (the more the better) to take digital photos at all our events, and then to consolidate them on a disk that can be used in slide shows, and a commemorative scrapbook, etc.

Last time I reported to you that these events and supporting activities were not in the budget, but we do have a budget-line in which any future monetary contributions may be deposited. Some money is coming in through individual contributions, fund transfers from other sources in the parish (thank you, HAMen.), and the hosting of specific events by supporting parish functions (thank you HAMen & ECW). We are working to keep expenses low. However, as we finalize planning, funding requirements are being identified such as invitations, cake, and champagne for

ON THE ROAD

AGAIN

Two of our parishioners, Randy and Pat Godfrey, will be leaving the area on June 30 for a three-month trip through the Canadian Maritimes. Randy posts a daily Internet blog of their experiences on his website www.silvercabin.net. You can follow their travels and adventures on the Internet until they return home somewhere around the end of September.



and so was the impact on Europe. In 1153, Bernard journeyed to reconcile the warring provinces Metz and Lorraine. He persuaded them to peace and to an agreement drawn up under his mediation, and then, in failing health, returned home to die.

If Bernard in controversy was fierce and not always fair, it was partly because he was a man of intense feeling and dedication, quick to respond to any real or supposed threat to what he held sacred. It is his devotional writings, not his polemical ones, that are still read today. Among the hymns attributed to him are the Latin originals of "O Sacred Head, sore wounded," "Jesus, the very thought of Thee," "O Jesus, joy of loving hearts," "Wide open are Thy hands (to pay with more than gold the awful debt of guilt and sin, forever and of old--see the Lutheran Book of Worship et alibi)," and "O Jesus, King most wonderful." His sermons on the Song of Songs, treated as an allegory of the love of Christ, are his best-known long work.

by James Kiefer

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

Birthdays

- 2nd, Geraldine Wilson
- 6th, Bill Poland
- 6th, Grace Mackay
- 8th, Caroline King
- 8th, Jacob Hamilton
- 11th, Pat Godfrey
- 11th, Dave Clarke
- 11th, Harry Bohmer
- 14th, Taylor Zimmerman
- 19th, Irene Rummage
- 19th, Chuck Grove
- 22nd, Mazie Saunders
- 22nd, Alex Mackay
- 25th, Jeff Hyatt
- 28th, Dan Gerlach
- 31st, Lorna Bauman

Anniversaries

- 1st, Dave & Bonnie Clarke
- 2nd, James & Rosemary Simmons
- 11th, Bud & JoAnn Springer
- 16th, Grant & Sheri Strength
- 29th, Dick & Linda Tillman

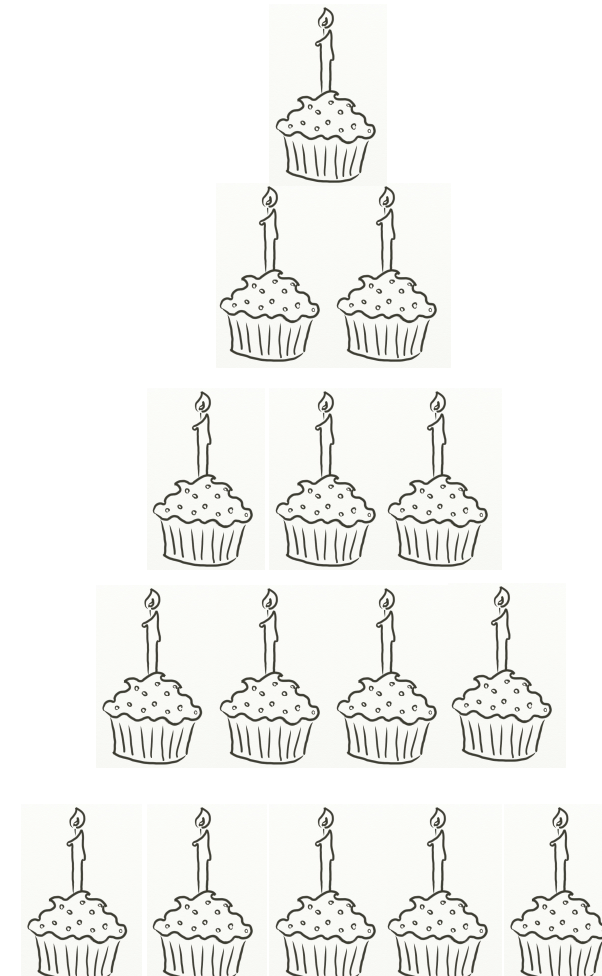
AUGUST

Birthdays

- 2nd, Karen Coleman
- 4th, Joan Knasel
- 7th, Maggi Lawrence
- 7th, Pat Billman
- 8th, Sheri Strength
- 12th, Barbara Desrosiers
- 14th, Diane Spahr
- 20th, Savanna Bennett
- 25th, John Wichmann
- 27th, Robbie Watkins
- 28th, Nancy Anderson
- 31st, Rosemary Simmons
- 31st, Kurt Zimmerman

Anniversaries

- 4th, Bob & Mary Potts
- 8th, Ken & Patty Lebron
- 10th, Stan & Alvida Stanley
- 15th, John & Robbie Watkins



BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

ABBOT, THEOLOGIAN, AND POET (20 AUGUST 1153)

Bernard, third son of a Burgundian nobleman, was born in 1090. His brothers were trained as soldiers, but Bernard from youth was destined for scholarship. One Christmas Eve as a child he had a dream about the infant Christ in the manger; and the memory of it, and consequent devotion to the mystery of the Word made flesh, remained with him throughout his life.

Bernard had good prospects of success as a secular scholar, but he began to believe that he was called to the monastic life, and after a period of prayer for guidance, he decided at age 22 to enter the monastery of Cîteaux (Latin Cistercium, appearing on modern maps as Corcelles-les-Cîteaux, an offshoot of the Benedictines which had adopted a much stricter rule than theirs, and became the founding house of the Cistercian (Trappist) order. (Actually, the Trappists are a reformed (i.e. stricter) offshoot of the Cistercians, who are a stricter offshoot of the Benedictines.) He persuaded four of his brothers, one uncle, and 26 other men to join him. They were the first novices that Cîteaux had had for several years. After three years, the abbot ordered Bernard to take twelve monks and found a new house at La Ferté. The first year was one of great hardship. They had no stores and lived chiefly on roots and barley bread. Bernard imposed such severe discipline that his monks became discouraged, but he realized his error and became more lenient. The reputation of the monastery, known as Clairvaux (48:09 N 4:47 E), spread across Europe. Many new monks joined it, and many persons wrote letters or came in person to seek spiritual advice. By the time of his death, 60 new monasteries of the Cistercian order were established under his direction.

For four years after 1130 Bernard was deeply involved with a disputed papal election, championing the claims of Innocent II against his rival Anacletus II. He travelled throughout France, Germany,

Italy mustering support for his candidate (and, it should be added, preaching sermons denouncing injustices done to Jews), and returned from one of these journeys with Peter Bernard of Paganelli as a postulant for the monastery. The future Pope Eugenius III spent the next year stoking the monastery fires. Years later, Bernard wrote a major treatise of advice to Eugenius on the spiritual temptations of spiritual power.

The papal election was not the only dispute in which Bernard became involved. He was highly critical of Peter Abelard, one of the most brilliant theologians of the day (see 21 April). Bernard believed that Abelard was too



rationalistic in his approach, and failed to allow sufficiently for the element of mystery in the faith. When Abelard rejected some of the ways of stating Christian doctrines to which Bernard was accustomed, Bernard concluded, perhaps too hastily, that this was equivalent to rejecting the doctrine itself. A conference was scheduled at Sens, where Abelard's views were to be examined, but soon after it began Abelard decided that he was not about to get a fair hearing, announced that he was appealing to Rome, and left. He set out for Rome and got as far as Cluny, where he stopped. Peter the Venerable, the abbot (see 30 April), was a friend of both Abelard and Bernard, and managed to reconcile them before they died.

One of Bernard's most influential acts, for better or worse, was his preaching of the Second Crusade. The First Crusade had given the Christian forces control of a few areas in Palestine, including the city of Edessa. When Moslem forces captured Edessa, now called Urfa and located in eastern Turkey) in 1144, King Louis VII of France (not to be confused with St. Louis IX, also a Crusader, but more than a century later) was eager to launch a crusade to retake Edessa and prevent a Moslem recapture of Jerusalem. He asked Bernard for help, and Bernard refused. He order, and Bernard preached, with spectacular results. Whole villages were emptied of able-bodied males as Bernard preached and his listeners vowed on the spot to head for Palestine and defend the Sacred Shrines with their lives.

The preaching of the Crusade had an ugly side-effect. In the Rhineland, a monk named Raoul wandered about telling crowds that if they were going to fight for the faith, the logical first step was to kill the Jews who were near at hand. There were anti-Jewish riots in Mainz, (in the Rhineland), where the archbishop sheltered the Jews, or many of them, in his palace, and sent an urgent message to Bernard to come before both he and they were killed. Bernard came. He called Raoul arrogant and without authority, a preacher of mad and heretical doctrines, a liar and a murderer. Then he got nasty. Raoul sneaked off the scene, and the riots were over. From that day to this, Bernard has been remembered among Rhineland Jews and their descendants as an outstanding example of a "righteous Gentile," and many of them (e.g. Bernard Baruch) bear his name.

As for the Crusade, things went wrong from the start. The various rulers leading the movement were distrustful of one another and not disposed to work together. Of the soldiers who set out (contemporary estimates vary from 100,000 to 1,500,000), most died of disease and starvation before reaching their goal, and most of the remainder were killed or captured soon after their arrival. The impact on Bernard was devastating,

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION,

cont'd

our reception. We have yet to get estimates for these items, but the vestry will be advised of any shortfalls.

Many details and decisions have yet to be addressed. Yet, the spirit of cooperation and willing volunteers with great ideas has been commendable. Many thanks to all who have accepted responsibility for the planning to date and in the future.

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MICKIE MAKES NOTE

It was encouraging to have parishioners attend the Wednesday services even though Fr. Norman was away. Agnes and I felt privileged to lead the services.

Thanks are in order again:

- To the parishioner who arranged to have the handicap ramp replaced.
- To Barbara and Jeanette for coming up with the color scheme for the parish hall that the Vestry approved.
- For all the research Jeanette did on window treatments, coming up with a choice that met with Vestry approval.
- And all you parishioners who, once again, came through with contributions for this project

Agnes, Meg, and I recently attended a program at the Satellite Beach Fire Station, "Elder Home Safety & Environment Assessment," which you will hear more about in the future. The crux of the program is making people aware of and correcting situations in the home that can cause falls and injuries. Most 911 calls are fall related. I read in the paper that this program was awarded a nice grant which will help get it all started.

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ST. THERESA'S PRAYER

May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

ALTAR GUILD

Summer is a slower time for the altar guild in that after Pentecost there are no special services until All Saint's Day, unless one falls on a Wednesday which means we may have to change hangings/ vestments, or Fr. Norman performs a wedding/funeral ceremony. We do have less time between services now that the late service is held earlier, but that poses no problem.

Our next meeting won't be until September 13th because the first Sunday falls on Labor Day weekend.

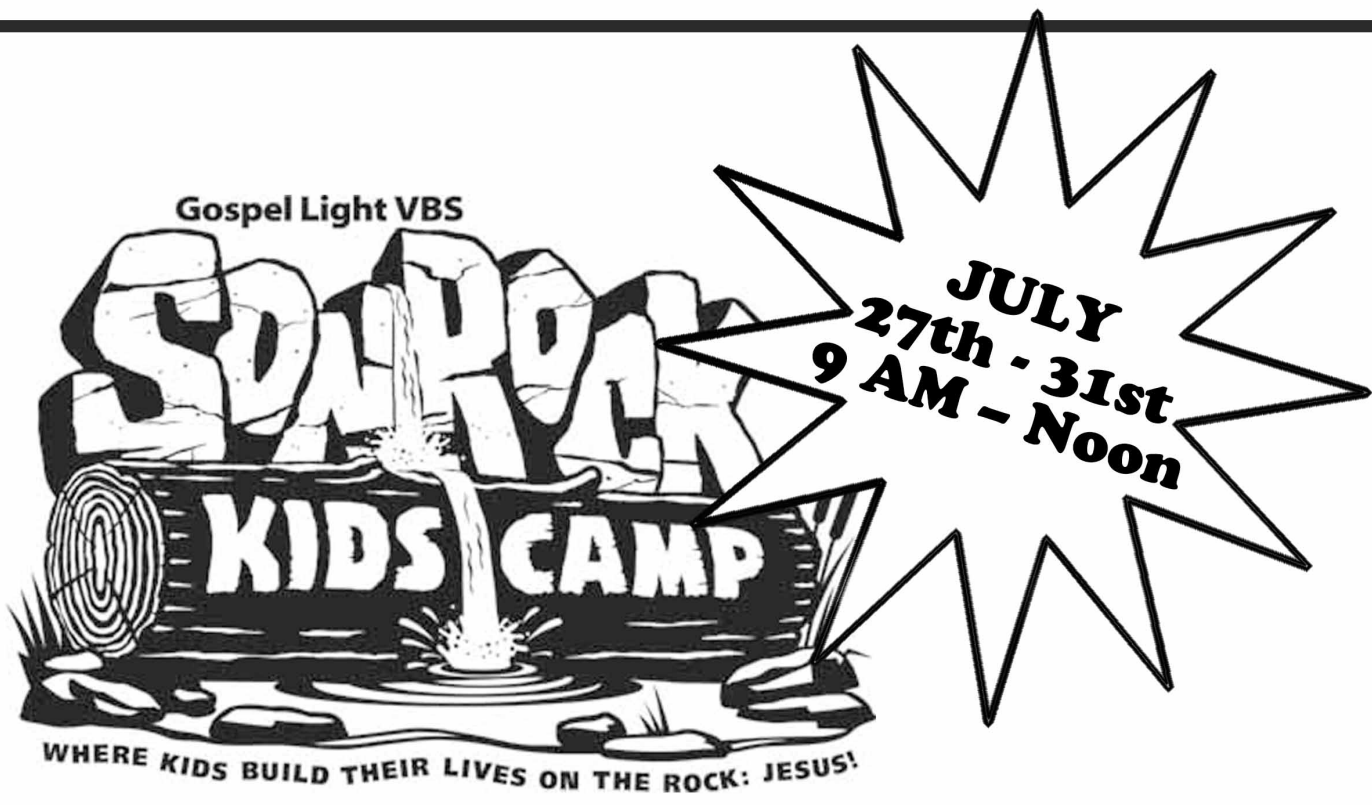
One of our recent "snowbirds" from Maryland, Dora Whitsett, who is on the altar guild at her church, asked if she could help my team while here. We appreciated her help and friendship. We'll see her again after Thanksgiving

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FOUND

A piano was found for the child mentioned in the last Epistle. Thank you for your prayers.





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Call for registration information

- **Remember to check the 'wish list' in Sunday's bulletin**
 - **Ask a neighbor or friend's child to come**
 - **Volunteers are never turned away**

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL/MAY 2009

Our financial status has been a bit more uplifting these past two months than during the first three months of the new year. April and May financial statements of actual income over our actual expenses read as follows:

	APRIL	MAY
INCOME	\$15,873.40	\$22,053.14
EXPENSES	\$13,717.42	\$14,369.74
VARIANCE	\$ 2,155.98	\$ 7,683.40

For both months, the variance of income over expenses is positive. April expenses continued to come in under budget, while May expenses were slightly over budget. This normally happens in a five week versus four week month and will be a wash at the end of the quarter. Budget wise, plate contributions in April were up by \$123.88 but down in May by \$205.81. April pledge contributions were down by \$720.00, while in May they were up by \$2,274.00. This was accounted for by several past due pledges brought current. Other contributions were positive for both months with April up by \$788.00 and May up by \$4,440.00. We received a very generous contribution of \$5,000 from a one time resident parishioner who no longer lives in the area but remains faithful to Holy Apostles. We are most grateful for this support.

Our Year-To-Date variances for both months are positive due to pledge income and the above contribution. Budget wise, income was down in April by \$4,365.63 but up in May by \$2,028.50. Budgeted expenses for April were under budget by \$6,323.93 and under budget for May by \$5,595.43.

I'm sure many think this is so much mumbo-jumbo, and it is, since there are really two reports embedded within – our actual activity and the budget activity. Trust me to say, that at the end of May, we are financially sound. The full statements will be posted in the parish hall once the renovation project is completed. In the meantime, I am happy to answer any questions anyone may have.

God bless,
Beverly Gallup, Treasurer

11 REASONS TO RECYCLE

Time to decompose

1. **Paper** – 2 to 5 months
2. **Orange peel** – 6 months
3. **Milk carton** – 5 years
4. **Filter-tip cigarette** – 10 to 12 years
5. **Plastic bags** – 10 to 20 years
6. **Leather shoes** – 20 to 40 years
7. **Plastic containers** – 50 to 80 years
8. **Disposable diapers** – 75 years
9. **Tin cans** – 100 years
10. **Aluminum cans** – 200 to 500 years
11. **Styrofoam** – NEVER!

Times to decompose were listed in the Today Newspaper recently. Anyone have a better remedy?

Brevard County has an excellent recycle program that we all need to take advantage of.

Remedy

- Recycle
- Compost/kitchen disposal (buy a cow)?
- Quit
- Canvas bags (barefoot)?
- Recycle
- Buy cloth
- Recycle
- Recycle
- Recycle/washable items

UNITED THANK OFFERING

"I am but one: but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something."

AND YOU DID!

The UTO Spring ingathering contribution was \$688.83. With the Fall donation Holy Apostles gave a total of \$1220.83

Grants for 2007 were awarded to 71 United State recipients, 3 regional and 31 outside of the United States. The committee will prepare the 2008 grants with a thankful heart for your generous contribution.

Lorraine Foster
UTO Chairperson

Contributed by Mickie Solari