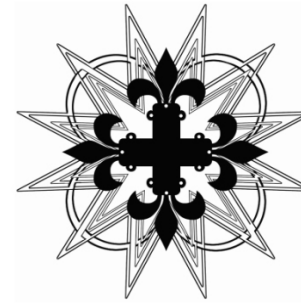


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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Paul writes to the church at Ephesus regarding how the people of God should live now that Christ has ascended to the Father. In the fourth chapter of the letter of Paul to the Ephesians he states: "He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things. And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes."

This is a very long sentence to tell us that we are given a new place in Christ since He has returned to the Father. The main point of the sentence is we are now equipped to do the work of ministry....to build up the body of Christ. This was the challenge He gave to the disciples when He found them in the upper room after the resurrection and it remains the same challenge for us today.

Easter is always such a "pretty" time of the year. It is a "feel good" time as we experience the color of the flowers, the trumpet blast of the Easter lily, the new clothes that we were able to wear to church, the laughter of children on an Easter egg hunt and the fellowship around a shared meal. What a wonderful day set aside to celebrate new life in Christ. Now that the celebration is over, we cannot push Easter aside and wait another year to enjoy the same moment again. The work begins with the challenge that Jesus leaves with His church. We are called to build up the body of Christ. Our call is to bring the good news of Easter to all who are hurt, broken or in their own prisons.

Paul continues in the same chapter by saying, "Rather, speak the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love." Are we ready to accept the challenge that Easter brings to the church? Are we ready to enter the world and build up the body of Christ by bringing the truth of the Easter message to those who are in need of hearing it? I hope Easter has touched your heart in a special way that you may feel equipped to go forth and do the work prepared for you. This is the joy that comes with the Easter season.

– Fr. Norm†

MICKIE MAKES NOTE

THANK YOU!!!

For those who never walk from church to the parish hall, I urge you to do so. Stop at the Pet Memorial Garden and see how very nice St. Francis looks, thanks to Vee and Stan Stanley. Rich Stryhal braved the line of cars at DeLaura where he got rid of a few hazardous things from Holy Apostles, and Keith and Jeanette Stanley and Frank Hamilton dusted and vacuumed the church. I hope you noticed, no dust bunnies or A small number got a lot done. Thanks!

A special thanks to Fr. Norman for making Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday come alive with the services and his sermons/homilies. And last but not least, a thank you to HAMen for a tasty breakfast.

Mickie Solari, Senior Warden
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THE READINGS FOR MAY & JUNE

May 3 - Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

May 10 - Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:24-30; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

May 17 - Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

May 24 - Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

May 31 - Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 25-35,37; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

June 7 – Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

June 14 – 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20 or; Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 4:26-34

June 21 – 1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

June 28 – 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Lamentations 3:21-33; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

EDITOR'S CORNER

The submission deadline for the July/August Epistle is

Friday, June 19th

Remember that this next issue is a two-month issue forcing all of us to plan a little further ahead! In other news, 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, now, with firm dates to focus our efforts:

• **Sunday, August 2, 2009**

During coffee hour, 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 for parish members at 6:00 pm. This will be hosted by HAMen.

• **Saturday, October 3, 2009**

A re-dedication ceremony of the church. Canon Bennett of our Diocese will attend 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 will follow the service in the parish hall.

• **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 on our float, and, hopefully, a large turn-out of parish marchers

• **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

The ECW Holiday Craft Fair on November 14th may give us the opportunity to conduct informational tours of the church for those outside the congregation who are 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 procured a trailer, checked it for safety, completed a compatible design for the church float, identified the materials required for its construction, requested paint supplies donations, and is planning a test run of the parade route.
- 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.
- The Memorabilia committee has contacted companies that can personalize souvenirs, such as coffee cups, mouse pads, T-shirts, etc. A commemorative logo is also in the works. 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 are 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 ECW).

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.

Ed Carlson, Committee Chair

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WINDOWS ON THE FUTURE

By now you may have noticed that the parish hall has a fresh new look to it. I am very pleased with the way everything is coming together. Many of you have asked, "What are the plans for the windows? When will we be covering them?" The ECW has looked into updating the window treatments with plantation style shutters. The vestry has since approved the shutters, however we cannot order them until the funds are in place. We did check around and get estimates for the window coverings, and the most reasonable bid was a company called Florida Blinds & Shutters Inc. The cost of each window for the shutters was \$450.00. As you read this you may find yourself thinking that is really high, but those of you who have plantation shutters know they are well worth the money.

There are 7 windows in total with an overall purchase price of \$2,900.00. Once ordered they will take approximately 2 weeks to have installed. We would like to offer an opportunity to all families to help us by sponsoring a window. We would like to see 4 families put in to sponsor a window. With 4 families dividing the cost it would bring it to roughly \$120.00 per family. However, there is no set amount and no funds will be turned away. It is my understanding that at this time, several of our parishioners have learned about this sponsorship and have taken on 3 windows. This means there are only 4 more windows lacking sponsorship. I will be posting a sign-up sheet in the parish hall for families/people willing to participate. Checks can be written out to Holy Apostles and earmarked "parish hall windows" and placed in the collection plate. All families/ people participating will be honored in our memorial book.

Although there is no set time frame, the sooner we collect the funds the sooner we can order the window treatments. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Stanley, ECW President

CANTERBURY RETREAT CENTER

"When Life and Beliefs Collide"

June 5-6, 2009

Beginning : 5:00pm Friday – Ending by : 3:00pm Saturday

Featuring author Carolyn Custis James

Sooner or later, life's difficulties bring every Christian to God's doorstep with questions too personal to ignore. Why does God allow me to go through such painful circumstances? If He loves me, why does He seem indifferent to my prayers? Life has a way of bringing out the theologian in all of us. The moment the word "Why?" crosses our lips, we are doing theology. Life also exposes our need to know God better, and the hardest places are often where He does His best work in us.

Scholarships may be available. Please contact Canterbury (407/365-5571 x12) for availability.

Meditation in Motion Retreat

July 17th to 18th

Featuring Barbara O'Connor

Icon Writing Retreat

August 16th to 22nd

Featuring Teresa Harrison

<http://www.canterburyretreat.org/>

**EVELYN
UNDERHILL
THEOLOGIAN AND MYSTIC
15 JUNE 1941**

To go up alone into the mountains and come back as an ambassador to the world, has ever been the method of humanity's best friends.

The windows of Christ's Mysteries split the [Light] up into many-coloured loveliness, disclose all of its hidden richness...make its beauty more accessible to us...And within this place we too are bathed in the light transmitted by the windows, a light which is yet the very radiance of Eternity.

Evelyn Underhill was born in 1875 and grew up in London. Her friends included Laurence Housman (poet and brother of the poet A E Housman) and Sarah Bernhardt (actress), and Baron Friedrich von Huegel, a writer on theology and mysticism. Largely under his guidance, she embarked on a life of reading, writing, meditation, and prayer. From her studies and experience she produced a series of books on contemplative prayer. The list includes the following (I have starred the ones that seem to be most widely read or highly regarded):

- 1902 The Bar-lamb's Ballad (poetry)
- 1911 Mysticism **
- 1913 The Mystic Way *
- 1913 Immanence (poetry)
- 1927 Man and the Supernatural
- 1936 Worship ***
- 1938 The Mystery of Sacrifice

Miss Underhill (Mrs. Hubert Stuart Moore) taught that the life of contemplative prayer is not just for monks and nuns, but can be the life of any Christian who is willing to undertake it. She also taught that modern psychological theory, far from being a threat to contemplation, can fruitfully be used to enhance it. In her later years, she spent a great deal of time as a lecturer and retreat director. She died on June 15, 1941.

By James Keifer

REAPING WHAT ONE SOWS

There once was a farmer who grew award-winning corn. Each year he entered his corn in the state fair where it won a blue ribbon. One year a newspaper reporter interviewed him and learned something interesting about how he grew it. The reporter discovered that the farmer shared his seed corn with his neighbors.

"How can you afford to share your best seed corn with your neighbors when they are entering corn in competition with yours each year?" the reporter asked.

"Why sir," said the farmer, "didn't you know? The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbors grow inferior corn, cross-pollination will steadily degrade the quality of my corn. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

He is very much aware of the connectedness of life. His corn cannot improve unless his neighbor's corn also improves. So it is with our lives. Those who choose to live in peace must help their neighbors to live in peace. Those who choose to live well must help others to live well, for the value of a life is measured by the lives it touches. And those who choose to be happy must help others to find happiness, for the welfare of each is bound up with the welfare of all.

The lesson for each of us is this: if we are to grow good corn, we must help our neighbors grow good corn.

-- Author unknown

THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Red is for the blood
He gave,
Green is for the grass
He made,
Yellow is for the the sun
so bright,
Orange is for the edge
of night,
Blue is for the sins
we made,
White is for the grace
He gave,
Purple is for the hour
of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans
colorful and sweet
Is a prayer, is a promis,
is a special treat.

contributed by Lorna Bauman

**SUMMER
SCHEDULE**

Please note that the summer service schedule will begin on

Sunday, June 7th

Rite I – 8 AM

Rite II – 9:30 AM

No Sunday School through the summer months

THANK YOU

To all of you wonderful Holy Apostlites, my deepest gratitude for all your prayers, cards and well wishes during my recent incarceration, er, hospitalization. Your thoughts and prayers meant more to me than you will ever know.

Blessings,
Barbara Desrosiers

SEEKING



One used piano donation for a child

The recipient's family is willing to transport it. If this is within your power and desire please contact: Karen Smith, 773-0506.



ECW

Ladies AND Gentlemen,

The women of the ECW cordially invite you to our annual Spring Luncheon on May 16th, 2009 in the parish hall at 12 noon.

We will feast on a "salad" luncheon as we enjoy the fine sounds of a Barber Shop Quartet. We will also play a "guess who" game. Anyone wanting to participate will need to provide me with a photo of your younger years, preferably early childhood. These pictures can be placed in an envelope (just mark you name on the front) and turned in to me **no later** than Sunday, May 10th. Yes, you can get them to me sooner, just not later. Rules of the game will be explained at the luncheon.

Please sign up on the sheet in the parish hall if you wish to attend. I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you there.

Sincerely,
Jeanette Stanley
ECW President
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ALTAR GUILD

The church looked beautiful for Easter didn't it? The altar guild thanks all parishioners who gave to the Easter flower fund. Extra greenery came from the Clarke and Solari yards. Thanks to the parishioners who helped carry all the flowers to the church after the Saturday Easter Vigil so the decorating could be done for Easter Sunday.

A big thank you to Ros and Linda for again doing wondrous things with the flowers. They did all the buying, storing and arranging.

Another thank you to everyone who gathered to make palm crosses. Fr. Norman and Carol took what was left to hospitals, brightening patient and employee alike

Next meeting: May 3rd at 9:15 AM

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**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR
RED
MAY 31ST, DAY OF PENTECOST!**

PRAYER FOR CREATIVITY

Moved by the Gospel, let us move with every gift and art.
The image of creative love indwells each human heart.
The Maker calls creation good, so let us now express
with sound and color, stone and wood,
the shape of holiness.

Let weavers form from broken strands a tapestry of prayer.
Let artists paint with skillful hands their joy in lament and care,
Then mime the story: Christ has come;
With reverence dance the Word.
With flute and organ, chime and drum, God's praise be ever heard.

O Spirit, breathe among us here, inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife create among us still.
Great Artist form our common life according to Your will.
– Anonymous

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 2009

The March financial statements show the monthly and year-to-date actual income over expenses as follows:

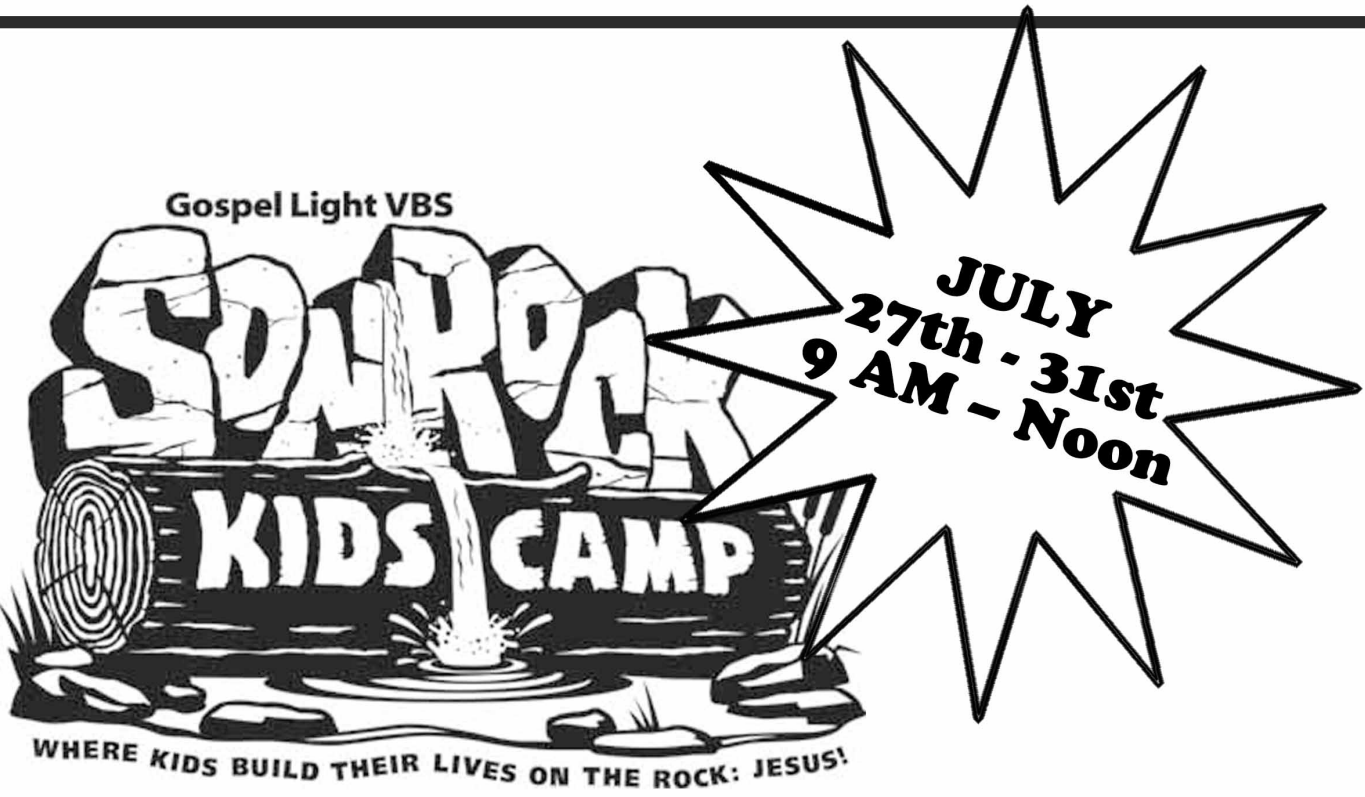
MARCH INCOME	\$15,274.54
MARCH EXPENSES	<u>\$15,766.26</u>
VARIANCE	(\$491.72)

The monthly variance, as you can see, is still negative. Even though our expenses were under budget for the month, it is still not enough to cover the income that does not meet the budget. Again, contributing to this is pledge and other income which is down \$477.87 for the month.

YTD INCOME	\$42,397.01
YTD EXPENSES	<u>\$44,003.61</u>
VARIANCE	(\$1,606.60)

We did not end the first quarter on a positive note. Again, expenses are basically at rock bottom and continue to come in under budget. As of the end of March, our pledge income is down \$3,576.00 and other income is down \$1,641.00 consistently not meeting the proposed budget. Most of the pledge income will probably be made up, however, some pledges are lost to transfers or other situations. A full report is posted in the parish hall.

God bless,
Beverly Gallup, Treasurer

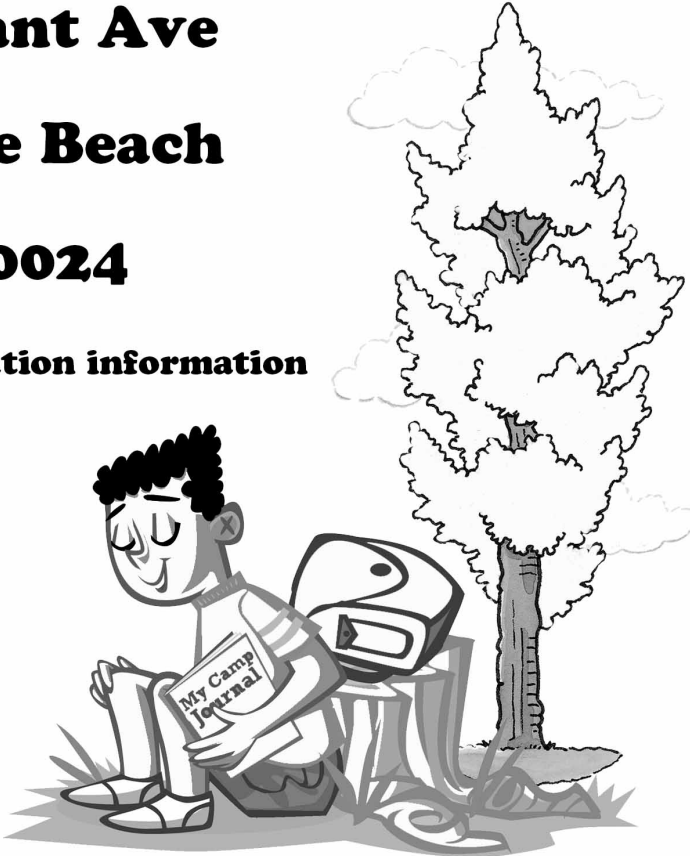


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CELEBRATIONS

MAY

Birthdays

- 2nd, Pat Dooley
- 3rd, Jan Johnston
- 4th, Shelbe Zimmerman
- 5th, Carleton Emery
- 7th, Margaret Woerber
- 9th, Marie Gerlach
- 10th, Randy Godfrey
- 10th, Ed Carlson
- 13th, Christine Croskey
- 19th, Jim Simmons
- 20th, Mary Gerlach
- 29th, Kathleen Stryhal

Anniversaries

- 21st, Richard & Darlene Stryhal
- 25th, Caroline & Cliff King
- 27th, Ed & Pat Carlson
- 31st, Norm & Barbara Desrosiers

JUNE

Birthdays

- 2nd, George Starkey
- 3rd, Keith Stanley
- 6th, Joyce Burnette
- 7th, Joyce Dearborn
- 8th, Linda Tillman
- 9th, Brooke Hamilton
- 9th, Ellen Ketterer
- 12th, Marvin Wadleigh
- 12th, Annie Morrill
- 12th, Teri Compton
- 16th, Jean Shannon
- 22nd, Bill Foster
- 27th, Lance Stanley

Anniversaries

- 8th, Britta & Chuck Kuhlman
- 12th, John & Lorna Bauman
- 12th, Darren & Susan Mackay
- 21st, Bill & Lorraine Foster

UNITED THANK OFFERING SPRING INGATHERING

May 10th

The New Testament teaches us to "give thanks for all things" (Ephesians 5:20). Prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our daily blessings. What better way to help those in need by popping coins into the Blue Box! If you prefer giving a check, make it out to Holy Apostles and write UTO in the bottom left corner. There will be UTO envelopes in the pews.

Sunday May 10th is the official Ingathering Day but you may contribute before or after that date.

The Fall contribution was \$532.00

