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Fr. Jeff met with youth and parents in May at the Williams' home. Fr. Jeff's first service will be July 13th.

Rector's Meditations

My dear sisters and brothers;

In the Letter of James there is a greeting that is used to begin this sacred text. James tells his brothers and sisters in Christ that it is "pure joy when you face the trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete...If any of you lack wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave in the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. Those who doubt should not think they receive anything from the Lord; they are double minded in unstable in all their ways."

In several of my trips to Pensacola, I heard more than once about the devastation of hurricane Ivan. As a matter of fact I can still see the destructive effects that still are visible of such a great storm. Even though I was not with you during that period of time, I have reflected upon the "Ivan's" that I have encountered in my lifetime and the destruction that could have been



possible if I did not have Jesus in my life. It will be my hope to build up the community of faith at my new family at Holy Cross. We must be ever vigilant of the "waves of the wind tossed sea" and how we can overcome them by asking God for His grace. We will be tested time and time again but through this testing we can become stronger in the Lord. There are so many miracles yet to come our way even when the foundation of our world shakes.

I will ask for the gift of wisdom to lead our precious family into God's mission for us. We must be willing to venture out of the safety of our homes to seek the broken and marginal of this world. I ask that you also pray for wisdom as we build up together the Body of Christ. Let us never doubt the power of God working with us! Let us never be blown about by the wind tossed sea of life because of a lack of commitment and faith in His Divine Providence! I seek a family that together we will build upon the foundation of Christ that will never be subject to the wind and rains of our times.

Love-Fr. Jeff

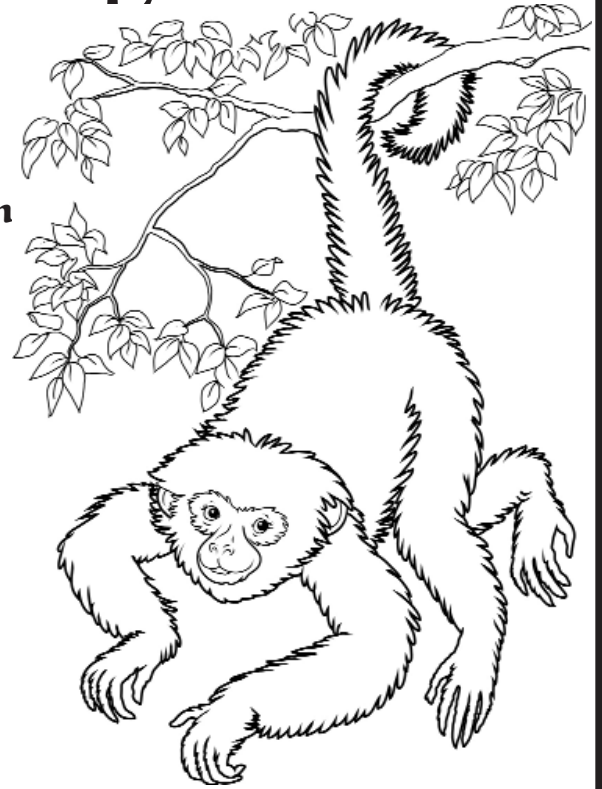
It's time to register for Rainforest Adventure vacation Bible school! Explore the canopy!

Dates: July 14 – 18, 2008
Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for a rainforest program of faith-filled fun
Rainforest Adventure invites kids to share the good news of Jesus' love for us by being caretakers of all that God has given us.

At Rainforest Adventure you will:

- hear stories about Jesus
- make cool crafts
- sing fun songs
- play zany games
- eat super snacks
- make lots of new friends!



If you are between the ages of five (5) and twelve (12) swing on in!
We'll have lots of fun sharing God's love with everyone!

To register, please sign up on the VBS board located in the church narthex.
See you at Rainforest Adventure!

Christian Education

Ede and Dean Craig, *Christian Ed. Directors*

VBS Materials Needed will be posted in the church narthex. Please sign up and bring in by July 6.

VBS Volunteers Needs:

Dinner Servers (at least 2 per day)

Storytellers

Guides (for kids)

Assistants to Snack Leader

Assistants to Game Leader

Please contact Ede Craig if you have any questions at cell# 341-2402 or via email at edecraig@cox.net.

Happy Birthday to David Boyer (June 14), Christopher Iversen (June 25), Madison Douglas (July 8), and Brenden Cuny (July 26)!

Anonymous Gift in Thanksgiving of the Spencers

*"Holy Cross Episcopal Church,
Enclosed is a contribution of \$100. Please
accept this gift in honor of and in
Thanksgiving for your parishioners Bill
and Sharon "Jo" Spencer. They are won-
derful, caring Christian neighbors of ours-
and they surely must be valued members
of your church."*

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Notes from the Senior Warden

Scott Wilson, *Senior Warden*



Last year at about this time, we were considering just how we were going to manage from Sunday to Sunday without our Rector and what life was going to be like at Holy Cross. This June we are wondering what life at Holy Cross will be like with our NEW Rector. In about 2 weeks Fr. Jeff and Eileen will arrive in Pensacola and we will begin a new journey in our life at Holy Cross. Thanks be to God the process is completed. Please watch the calendar and announcements for many new events coming soon. Here are some of the plans that we do know of now.

- Our worship in June will continue at 8:00. I wish to extend a great Big THANK YOU to Fr. Mike Hill and Fr. Bill Buice for supplying for us in June. Our attendance is lower but we have maintained our Holy Eucharist each Sunday. I wish to thank the volunteers that have put on our Sunday brunches in June. What a delightful addition to our fellowship it is to have the brunches after our service.
- The 26th -28th of June we will complete the estate sale of Carol Kaftel. The sale proceeds will be a wonderful gift to Holy Cross. We will have more on this next month when the results are in. Imagine that this might be yet one more step towards our parish hall!
- July 6th our worship will be Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m. July 13th will be our first service of Holy Eucharist with Fr. Jeff. It will be a full day so please mark your calendar. Worship will be at 9:00 a.m. On that day we have the wonderful opportunity to have Fr. Jeff and his wife Eileen with us. If having our new Rector and wife with us for their first Sunday is not enough, we have the joy of having our new organist, Jonathan Ziegler with us on his first Sunday. Please come to hear Jonathan play the organ and welcome him with Fr. Jeff and Eileen as the newest addition to the staff of Holy Cross

- Our celebration to welcome Fr. Jeff, Eileen and Jonathan will follow our service on July 13th. Plans now are to stay to eat in the Gazebos following the service. We plan to have a Low Country Boil supplied by the church. Look for a sign up in the narthex to bring something to accompany the meal that has a “Southern Flair”. The Low Country Boil will be cooked in large pots and will consist of potatoes, corn, onions, shrimp and sausage. I want to thank in advance Kathy Varner and Pam Walker for providing the coordination and expertise to do this as well as the volunteers that will “pull it off”. Plan to come to church in casual dress or bring a change of clothes so you can stay cool under the big tent.
- Worship will continue at 9:00 a.m. through July and into August. Continuing with one service will allow us to all get up to speed together until we return to two services on August 17th. We are planning on that Sunday to have our Ministry Fair. Please be thinking of what ministry area at Holy cross you wish to be involved with. The following Sunday, August 24th will be orientation and curriculum review for Christian Ed. teachers. We may plan to have a brunch that Sunday between the services for both congregations. On Sunday August 31st, Labor Day weekend there will be no program between services but plan to commence all of our programs the Sunday September 7th after Labor Day.

We have had a good year in spite of the fact that we were without our Rector. Holy Cross remains strong thanks to all of you that come to worship, continue to give sacrificially and for all of you that take an active part in the life of the parish. If you can all do this without a Rector, just think what we can do with one! Thanks Be to God.

Dear Holy Cross Family,

Ben and I would like to express our gratitude for the beautiful gifts for our little Brendan. The baby shower was wonderful and I truly appreciate all the effort that went into making it so special.

Love-Wendy Boyer

Do You Like Mysteries?

The Church Choir series are light, fun books for mystery buffs. Our library offers many different kinds of books for all readers! -Monica Barnard

Music Direction

Bill Brown, *Music Director*

We're so very pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan Andrew Ziegler as the new Organist of Holy Cross. He will assume the position on July 2.

Jonathan is a Pierre Huybregts Scholar in piano performance at UWF and was the Assistant Organist and Choir Accompanist at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church before coming to Holy Cross. He's 25, a Senior at UWF, and hails from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Jonathan is a member of the Pensacola Music Teachers Association and won First Place in the Association's Piano Sonata Contest in 2007; Second Place in 2008. His academic goal is to pursue study at the graduate and post-graduate levels and to earn the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree.

Finally, we all want to extend congratulations to



Christopher Powell for being selected to attend Juilliard this fall. His teacher there will be the well known concert organist Paul Jacobs. Christopher presented his Senior Recital at Christ Church on Sunday afternoon, June 8 when this announcement was officially made public.

Choir returns from break on July 2 with our first practice with Jonathan. If you love to sing... we invite to join us at this practice at 7 p.m. Call Bill Brown at 432-0920 if you have any questions.

Note:

Pierre Huybregts is a former member of Holy Cross, who was an internationally known composer and pianist. How wonderful that we have his scholar as our new organist!



Our youth guitarists have been performed at our monthly Evening Eucharist and at the Youth Sunday service in May. All guitarists and singers are invited to Guitar Jams every Monday from 6-7 PM in the Youth Room

Sexton's Corner

Vance Luedeke, *Sexton*

The month of April was very quiet. There were, I believe, two Saturday "work days". The ladies continued their gardening (thanks, y'all) and the men working very hard on the same side door to the Sanctuary which has been a long-term problem. They dismantled the door, phoned the sticking side, and moved the hinges some, allowing it to work smoothly for the first time (ever?). Volunteers I remember or it were: Neil Sidebotham, John Briscione, Max Turner, and Warren Post who fixed the choir's toilet seat, which I had procrastinated on "forever"!

June has been rife with happenings of note: first, we

had only one service on Sundays but at the bright old hour of 8 AM with brunches following; and second, Gazebo Night was celebrated on the 18th with wonderful food prepared by the Daughters of the King. Scott and Nancy Wilson prepared the first brunch, Nettie Umbreit prepared the second, the third by Craig and Rachel Iversen, and the last by the whole group. Barry Rupert has stripped the wallpaper from the Rector's office and new paint will be completed soon. Additionally, many thanks to Max Turner for cleaning and clearing behind the shed. That's a big job!

Whew! I believe that's enough for news folks!



Episcopal Youth Community

Rachel Iversen, *Youth Director*

Merci Beaucoup, Muchas Gracias, & a Big Thank You

Thanks to Martha and Scott Williams for hosting the youth pool party with our special guest Father Jeff. You are so wonderful and you were very gracious hosts. There were 29+ youth and parents at this cook-out. We are so blessed!

A special thank you goes out to our EYC youth retreat chaperones: Martha Williams, Nettie Umbreit, Jane Briscione, and Andrew Wilson. We could not have done this without you.

Thank you, to our EYC painters Alicia Umbreit and Mary Catherine Iversen. Nettie Umbreit led the charge on this project, Luke Umbreit took a day off from work to finish the high ceilings, and did a fine job leading these two painters.

Thank you, to Nancy Wilson for sewing the curtains for the EYC room. Way to go!

Congratulations to Tim Winters, he has been selected to be the Shepherd at the Jumpstart in November 2008!

EYC July Calendar

July 7, 6-7 p.m., EYC Guitar and Singers Jam in EYC Room

July 8-14, Tim Winters attends Episcopal Youth Event

July 10-11, EYC VBS Decoration Preparation, 9-Noon

July 13, EYC All Call, Holy Cross Welcomes Father Jeff

July 14-18 EYC Serves as VBS Guides and Gophers, please contact Ede to sign up (gophers are general helpers who do a lot of going for things).

July 20, Christopher Powell Organ Recital at First Baptist at 6 PM, Holy Cross EYC outing, sign up in the narthex.

July 21, 6-7 PM, EYC Guitar and Singers Jam in EYC Room

July 24-August 7, Rachel in California

Brendan Keith Dougherty Youth Retreat at Adventures Unlimited

Twelve youth and five adults participated in this youth retreat on June 6-8, 2008. The focus was on Faithfulness and Giving Your Faith a Voice. Friday night when we arrived we settled into our cabin and ate dinner. Then, headed back to our cabin to have a program on faithfulness. We used the old movie of Horton Hears a Who, "A person's a person, no matter how small! and from the new version, "I meant what I said, and I said what I meant, and an elephant's faithful one hundred percent" and from James 5:12, "Let your "Yes" be yes, and your "No," no". All of us struggle with being faithful 100%, but we serve a God who is faithful all the time every time. We then tie-dyed some shirts and lights were out by midnight. Saturday brought new adventures with a tube trip, lunch on the river, and a Scavenger Hunt. Then, after Saturday's dinner we had our second program on Giving Your Faith a Voice. 2 Corinthians 4:13 says "And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, 'I believed and therefore I spoke,' we also believe and therefore speak". All were in bed asleep by midnight. We concluded our retreat Sunday morning after breakfast with a service of Morning Prayer. *Father in heaven, I humbly come before You giving You my thoughts, my actions, and my words. Help me to activate my faith by speaking Your Word daily. May my words and thoughts be pleasing to You always. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Thanks to the Brendan Keith Dougherty scholarship fund for helping make outings like this one possible. We are so blessed!

Prayers of the People

IMMEDIATE PRAYER LIST (Said at each SUNDAY and WED. services for at least two weeks)

Sherry Atha • Melba Cooper • Dixie Edwards • Wayne Elwood • Mary Harrison • Carol Hoffman • Jamie Johnson • Keith Jones • Dave & Beverly Kiker • Patty Krueger • Julia Bell Livingston • Robert Neal • McKenzie Oerting • Altha Post • Skip Rew • Jean Rognstad • Christopher Scanlon • John Watkins • Vicki Wilkins • Rebecca & Tim Wise

CONTINUING PRAYER LIST (Said at WED. services for three months and for personal daily prayer and other services.) Names may be removed or renewed, according to circumstances.

Our Members: Amanda Harper • Dottie Adams • Bill Barnard • Heather Duncan • Edda Glosque • Mary Harrison • Norm Perrin • Bob Pollard • Linda Rupert • Beverly Smithee • Jack Stenger

Our Extended Family & Friends: Jimmy Clark • Chris Cochran • Margaret Cockman • Greg DiGiralamo • Jim Dorsey • Pauline Elwood • David Fouts • Joan Garneau • Kay Gartman • Keith Gilson • James Glover • Victoria Godwin • Jim Goodson • Javier Herdia • Valerie Hood • Neil Iversen • Jared Johannsen • Lowell Johannsen • Jessica Knott • Veronica Lane • Louise Mazzara • Alicia McDowell • Jerry McDowell • Jodey McMillan • Carol Nix • Lucille Osborne • Katie Potter • Steve Ramirez • Kevin Reid • Mary Royalty • Emily Silverwood • Gary Smith • Iris Suber • Martha Trammel • Philip Trammel • Tommie Turner • Madeleine Varner • Ariel Walker • Christine Whetston • Carl White Sr. • Ruth Wilson

Our Homebound: Ed Boyington • Patricia Boyington • Dixie Edwards • Joyce Fulton • Carlene Johnson • Jamie Patrick • Maybelle Scholle • Mig Smith

MILITARY PRAYER LIST for all service men and women on duty here and abroad, especially:

Josh Asselin • Ben Boyer • Lance Breeding • Ryan Broome • Raymond Buckalew Jr. • Travis Collard • Richard Cuny • Mike Darrah • Karin Eagan • Daniel Einsphar • Brian Fitch • Jason Fitch • Logan Fleming • Tyler Gardner • Ryan Garrison • Nick Gibson • Tim Gilson • John Glover • Alonzo Gonzales • Jeremy Harper • Zane Higgins • Jay Hunter • Grey Jewett III • Richard Kattau • Michael Lewis • Ken Libbin • David Lukavsky • Gary Marsh • Chris Miller • Mark Mitchell • Daniel Newsome • Marc Orgain • Nathan Pierce • Brad Post • Chase Rudd • Jason Sjodin • Shaun Southall • Ben Walton • Doug Wiessman

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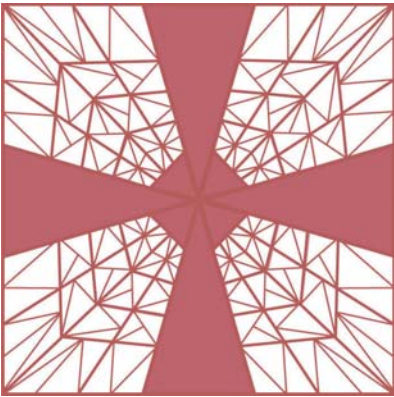
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|-----------------------------------|---|----------|---|---|
| | | 1 | 2 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Mother Humphrey 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal | 3 | 4 4th of July Office Closed | 5 |
| 6 8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer | 7 | 8 | 9 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Fr. Bob Graves 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion | 10 | 11 | 12 7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King |
| 13 Welcoming Service for Fr. Jeff Jencks! 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion Luncheon & Activities to follow. | 14 | 15 | 16 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion 5:30 p.m. Gazebo Night 6:30 p.m.-HC | 17 | 18 | 19 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King visit Baptist Manor 6:00 p.m. Guitar Mass |
| Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM (Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.) | | | | | | |
| 20 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion | 21 | 22 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting | 23 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion | 28 | 29 | 30 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion | 31 | Great Wednesdays Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m. Great Wednesday Dinner & Activities return in the Fall | |

The Rt. Rev. Philip Duncan, II

Holy Cross Episcopal Church

WORSHIP

Schedule

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Notes:

July 6 will be Morning Prayer at 8:00 a.m.

On July 13, the welcoming service for Fr. Jeff will be at 9 a.m. We will continue to hold one service at 9 a.m. until mid-August.

UPCOMING EVENTS

(Please see calendar for details)

July 2 **Choir Rehearsal Resumes**
July 4 **Office Closed**
July 6 **Morning Prayer**
July 13 **Welcoming Service for Fr. Jeff Jencks**
July 14-18 **Vacation Bible School**
July 19 **Guitar Mass**

RAINFOREST ADVENTURE

Sign Up Now!
Vacation Bible School
July 14-18
5:30-8:30 p.m.

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Gazebo Night
Weds, July 16
(continues with Gazebo
Nights in Summer)