

# The Crucifer

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## Father Jeff's July 2009 Letter

My dear sisters and brothers;

I have been asked to talk to you about my upcoming surgery on July 1st at Gulf Breeze hospital. I have learned several things since the doctor told me that I have a cancerous polyp that has to be surgically removed. The first lesson that I have learned is that some doctors do not have to be compassionate. Following the initial procedure the doctor simply stated that I had cancer, showed me the picture and without much explanation simply left the room. Eileen and I were in shock as we left the building.

The second lesson I learned is that I have been blessed by this Church! I called Cecil to tell him about the situation and that I needed the help and support of our church family. I needed to let you know through the leadership of our Church that I was staying the course and that I was not in any way thinking about leaving the ministry which I was called to do at Holy Cross. After meeting with the vestry I was comforted by their support and love for me as your priest.

The next few weeks were difficult because the doctors did not have much to say to me about the situation because the test results were not in. Several weeks later I finally saw the surgeon who was extremely positive about the surgery and my future as your priest and as a chaplain. He is an Episcopalian who attends Christ Church in Pensacola. The surgery should take about an hour and a half and recovery

time (making my body work again) should be about four or five days. It does not seem as though the cancer has metastasized anywhere except for where this polyp is located. For this fact I am extremely grateful.

**Now let me tell you how I am doing.** I have had to deal with my diagnosis like I have dealt with other life threatening issues that I have faced in the past. *I must admit that I am tired about thinking about death.* Every day in Iraq I had to confront my mortality with every soldier's death and with every shot and mortar round that came my way. I survived because I surrounded myself with faithful friends and parishioners that would pray for me. I believe in prayer and I believe that I have been blessed by family and friends that love me. That is why I asked so many for their prayers and support because I know that God hears us when we pray to Him. It has been difficult to act "normal" over the past few weeks but I try to live by faith and not by sight. Sometimes, because I am only human I forget that Jesus is right beside me but it does not take me long to hear His voice in my heart. Deep down inside my heart I know that healing is already taking place and that the operation will heal me of this disease. This situation has also brought me closer to you and it has been my privilege of having you comfort me during this time.

This brings me to the third lesson which I have learned. God brings people into your life that makes you see

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## Father Jeff's Summer Letter (cont'd)

miracles! I have had the opportunity to “meet” other people that have had this procedure and I have seen how their lives are as normal as can be. I did not search for these people. I believe God sent them to me so that I could hear their story of faith and God's healing.

I want to thank my church family for their many prayers and cards. I also want to take this time to thank some of my closest and beloved friends whom have prayed with me at St John's in Cumberland Rhode Island. I want to thank our Bishop, Philip Duncan and for Bishop George Packard my Bishop for chaplain ministries who keep me in prayer. There are people that I have never meet like Lynda Flynn's Sunday School of the First Baptist Church in Canton Mississippi who are praying for me, Churches in this Diocese the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island and Church communities of New Hampshire where my brother and sister live. My friends Rev Michael Lombardo, Rev Gary Lemery, and for Rev Bill Buice and Mother Shirley

who remember me everyday. The Masquelette family in Houston Texas also keeps me in their daily prayers. I want to thank our beloved Brotherhood of St Andrew and for our disciples of the Daughters of the King for their support to Eileen, Micah and me for their many prayers they have said on our behalf.

Furthermore, I want all of you to remember me in prayer during the operation and recovery. I will have Cecil and our staff keep you informed about my condition. I hope to heal fast and recover quickly. My hope is to be with you again at Holy Cross as soon as the doctor permits me to go back to our ministry that we share in the name of Christ. If you want to “do” something for me, please go to Church on the Sundays when I am not there as there is nothing more important to me than our Blessed Savior in Holy Communion.

Love  
Fr Jeff

## Senior Warden Report -

Cecil Lanier, *Senior Warden*

Summer is upon us! The long church season after Trinity has begun. It is a wonderful thing to be a Christian serving the Lord at Holy Cross Episcopal Church. Let us remember this as we go through the summer doldrums.

I would like to make an early plea for all who are thinking about the possibility of being a vestry member to make it known. The vestry is a wonderful place to really impact the ways things are done at Holy Cross. From personal experience I can tell you it is rewarding.

We continue to meet as a vestry during the summer months. The business of the church does not stop. If you have any concerns about anything at the church please let

me or the Junior Warden, Warren Post, know about them. Not all situations are remediable however we can sure try and fix them to the best of all our abilities. While on this subject I will continue to urge you to volunteer in any of the many ministries we have.

Lastly, I want us all to continue to pray diligently for Fr. Jeff and Eileen. Fr. Jeff put his situation this way, “ the Lord did not send me here to die but to live”. Nothing more need be said.

Blessings to you all!!  
**Cecil**

## Junior Warden Report - Hurricane Season

Warren Post, *Junior Warden*

As summer approaches, we must turn our attention to the possibility of severe weather. In the past few years we have been spared Hurricanes in our area. Even though the prognosticators forecast fewer storms, it only takes one to bore site us.

Please be personally prepared by having a plan which includes notifying Holy Cross. We care about you and your whereabouts. If you are planning on staying, some of our parishioners may need some help in preparing for the storm.

If you are able to help please use the sign up sheet which is located near the Narthex at the rear of the Church. 2

On the maintenance side, we are continuing to find problems with restroom fixtures and attempting to fix them as they are identified. Max Turner and Freda Moore have been very helpful in repairing the lavatory next to the Office.

Thanks to all that have helped and please let me know of any problems so that they can be addressed.

God Bless,  
**Warren**

## Music Direction

Bill Brown, *Music Director*

Jonathan Ziegler's last Sunday was June 21. His first Sunday was July 13, 2008, also Father Jeff's first Sunday. Jonathan accepted a Graduate Assistantship in Music at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He will accompany choirs and ensembles of the School of Music and pursue his Masters in Piano Performance.

We are fortunate to have Chuck Francoeur with us while the vestry starts the search for a new organist.

## A New Face at the Organ...

The new face you see at the organ console belongs to Chuck Francoeur, a recent addition to the Holy Cross Family. Chuck does not consider himself a professional church musician, but says he grew up in an organ loft. His interest in the organ started when he and a friend built a small pipe organ for a Church on Cape Cod. Although not classically trained, he served as an organist at St. Meinrad School of Theology and developed the ability to improvise. He is inspired by French and English organ music and enjoys creating musical miniatures based on hymn tunes and theme lines from various organ works.

He is particularly fond of improvising fanfares before and after the reading of the Gospel, soft meditations during Holy Communion and Sorties after the final blessing. In his other life, Chuck owns a consulting firm that specializes

An Ice Cream Supper and Concert is being planned for Sunday, August 30 at 6:00 PM. This fund-raising event for new choir robes will feature our adult choir, hand bell choir and friends in a one hour concert followed by an Ice Cream Supper in Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. We need \$2000 to replace adult choir robes that are nearly worn out.

in property research and land use planning. He grew up a Roman Catholic and studied for the priesthood for 6 ½ years. He has lived in Pensacola, on and off, since 1978.

The organ at Holy Cross is a serious instrument that is capable of producing sound comparable to a pipe organ, with voices that range from soft flues and lush strings to robust trumpets and powerful bombards'. Its pitches duplicate pipes ranging in size from that of a straw to pipes that are 32 feet in length! It can run the gamut from a whisper to a massive cathedral experience. Chuck enjoys using the full resources of the instrument, featuring it's library of voices, with the hope that it will enhance the worship experience.

*MANNA FOOD BANK - Manna needs at this time dried milk.*

## Meagan William's Youth Sunday Talk, May 24, 2009

Meagan Williams

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

One thing that has always remained constant in my life is love. It is this love that we share with God and love we share with each other here at Holy Cross that has helped shape the person I have become.

Holy Cross is where I first learned the meaning of God's love. It began with my baptism as I was marked as one of Christ's own forever. It grew stronger through years of Sunday school, as my relationship with God began to

develop. It matured through confirmation, as I made the conscious decision to commit my life to Christ. I continue to understand God's love today, as I think about how so many people here have been such an influential part of my life and have helped me grow and mature physically and spiritually.

At Holy Cross, we share a love with each other that has greatly impacted my spiritual life. Many of you have seen me dress up in numerous Halloween costumes at fall carnivals and remember me as the star of Bethlehem in past Christmas pageants. I have flowered numerous Easter crosses, buried hundreds of Alleluia's, and left my footprints on the EYC wall. AS I look back on all my memories here at church, I realize how God's love has touched me through my Holy Cross family. Even all the junk-food filled lock-ins and EYC pool parties have influenced my

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# EYC Calendar of Events to Relish, Remember and Repeat

Rachel Iversen, *Youth Director*

EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), 6th -12th Grade!

July 1, 5:30-8:30 - Youth Gathering in Youth Room  
July 13-17 - EYC to help with Dramas at VBS  
July 24-26 Happening #50, St. James' Fairhope  
July 26, 4:30 p.m. Happening Closing

In the distant future:

August 19 - Gazebo Night and Holy Communion  
October 9-11 - Oktoberfest 2009, Beckwith  
September 11-13, Rock the Universe, \$112 plus travel and food cost. Deposit \$50 needed by August 1.  
Contact: Rachel for more information or to share ideas.

## Children's Ministry

Ede and Dean Craig, *Directors*

Happy July Birthday to Madison Douglas!

Congratulations...

Alexandra Hinkle - Second place in her school in the Tropicana Speech Contest (in April) & for receiving the Gold Presidential Award at Lipscomb Elementary.

James Craig - Summa Cum Laude for overall year at Trinitas Christian.

Eden Craig - Summa Cum Laude for overall year at Trinitas Christian.

They grow up so fast. Well, there goes Alexandra and Philip to Jr EYC.

We are looking for new EEYCers. If your child or grandchild is going into Kindergarten this fall, he/she can join EEYC starting with our summer Sunday school pro-

## Vacation Bible School

Ede and Dean Craig, *Directors*

Vacation Bible School – The date is set! July 13-17, Mon-Fri, 6:00pm-8:30pm. Open to all ages (infants to adults). Volunteers are still needed for the following roles:

VBS Round up – We would like to start collecting decorations for our upcoming vacation bible school. Please let me know if you can provide the following things: baskets, burlap sacks, colorful pieces of fabric, terra-cotta pottery, rugs, and blankets. Also, please keep your eyes and ears open for potential Bible-times decorations.



Natalie, Mary, Jessica, Joe, Andrew, Philip & Alexandra (not pictured Alicia and James) enjoy a dinner on the beach at the June Youth Gathering.

gram which is held after church service in classroom #2. Our current Sunday school program is from the Episcopal Church Curriculum.

Thank you, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, for donating \$50 to Vacation Bible School, serving Gazebo Nite during VBS week, and in many other capacities for our kids, especially in setting up the 'waterslide' again.

## CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER

Thank you, CLC for accomodating Christopher while Rachel worked the church office during a week interim in May.

Like the rest of us, CLC has been hit by the economy. They have not been at full capacity since November of last year. Space is limited and fills up fast. Please, call 476-0630. Remember, Holy Cross members get a 15% discount in tuition.

## Summer Confirmation/Reception Sessions Being Planned

June 24, 2009

Dear Holy Cross,

We are making plans to have a Confirmation and Reception ceremonies during Bishop Duncan's upcoming visit. The Bishop's visit to Holy Cross is presently scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2009. And during his visit, is when we take the opportunity for the Bishop to bless our Confirmation and Reception candidates. If you are interested in Confirmation or Reception, please sign up. A signup sheet is available in the Narthex.

What is Confirmation? Confirmation is a Christian rite admitting a baptized person to full membership in the Episcopal Church. In earlier times, "full membership" specifically included the rite of passage to be eligible to receive the Holy Eucharist. This meant that a youth was not able to partake the "body and blood" of Christ in the form of the bread and wine until that youth was confirmed. Back then, the typical age of a youth to be confirmed was sixteen (16) because at this age the church felt he/she was mature enough to make his/her own cognitive decisions. As the years passed, the age to be confirmed was slowly being lowered for reasons mainly to the wanting of the youth to be able to understand the meaning and actually receive the Holy Communion. More recently, the Episcopal Church now allows anyone that has been "baptized" to be able to receive Holy Communion. While it is still allowed for a youth to become confirmed before 16 years of age, it is not necessary for a youth to be confirmed before he/she is considered mature to make his/her decision to do so. For each individual church, the decision for a youth to be confirmed will first depend on the minimum age as required by its priest and then agreed upon with the youth's parents.

For Holy Cross, Fr. Jeff would prefer the minimum age to be 13 years old, but depending on the youth's maturity level, he will consider lowering the age to no less than 11 years. Please keep in mind that we intend to continue to offer Confirmation/Reception opportunities on a yearly basis. If at any time, any candidate feels uncertain during the course of study, he/she is not obligated to complete the course. Please help your youth make a conscious decision, if not this year, perhaps next.

Confirmation requires a specific course of bible study. This is typically a 10 week course. There will be two separate classes; youth and adult. The youth class will be held during Sunday's Bible Study hours. The adult Confirmation candidates will initially meet Sunday, August 23, after the 10am service in the Chapel and decide their date, frequency, time, and location of bible study. Makeup sessions will be made available for those few weeks that anyone will have to miss due to extenuating circumstances.

What is Reception? Reception is the act of receiving a baptized and confirmed person from a different religious denomination to the Episcopal Church. The Reception candidates will also initially meet along with the Confirmation candidates on Sunday, August 23, after the 10am service in the Chapel. They need only to decide on their date and time of their gathering at Fr. Jeff's residence to prepare for their Reception. Topics will be discussed according to the interests of the group.

Along with Fr. Jeff, we have some wonderful volunteers who are excited about teaching these bible studies. Please prayerfully consider these opportunities for spiritual growth.

For God's glory,

Father Jeffrey Jencks

Ede Craig  
Christian Formation Director

# Medical Mission Trip

Marcy Winters, *Missionary*

To Fr. Jeff, the vestry and parish of Holy Cross, Participating in the Diocesan medical mission trip was all I hoped for, and more. I was professionally challenged and emotionally rewarded with all my hard work in ways I could not have imagined. Having the medical team members come up to me and tell me what they wanted to treat, then ask what did we have and how do we dose it, is something I just don't experience each day at work here. People were appreciative of all we did, even to people on the street saying thank you when they found out why we were there.

The team was made up of 3 physicians, 2 ARNP's, 1 PA, 1 dentist, 2 hygienists, 1 pharmacist (me) and 10 people as support staff and translators. We stayed in the town of San Pedro de Macoris, a bit east of Santa Domingo, at the Howard Johnson, and traveled out each day to the sites the Bishop and Priest requested we visit.

The first three days were in Jalonda. This town was the furthest out from San Pedro. We set up in the church Sunday morning and proceeded to see patients. We broke at lunch for mass (in Spanish, of course) and then went back to work. We saw 89 cases on Sunday, and 200 on Monday. I don't have the totals for Tuesday, but we were busy. Dental pulled 30 teeth on Sunday and 110 on Monday. Jalonda had a party for us on the last day, with cake and soda. They had written thank-you notes for each member of the team.

We traveled on Wednesday to Dona Linda, a tiny village in the midst of sugar cane fields. Pharmacy set up in the church/classroom, while medical and dental were under tarps. Children came by all day, peeking through the louvers on the windows, saying "Thank you!" We saw about 100 people that day. This place had no running water, chickens roamed all through the area, and the cooking was done outside in a shed.

Thursday was Consuelo, the largest town we visited. It has an Episcopal Day School and is where the priest lives (the rectory is next to the church). We saw 157 people that day, aside from house calls. The dental team was set up in the sacristy so that we could hear all the screams and crying for the first time. With limited equipment, the dental team could only pull teeth and teach basic hygiene. We had a final mass with Fr. Roberto before leaving.

Before returning home, we had to inventory the drug supplies and determine what we were donating to the local physicians and what we were bringing back. Anything that would expire in the next year was donated. In the past, the remaining drugs would have been stored in a diocesan warehouse for the next year. I discouraged that because it was not climate controlled, and drugs need to be kept cooler than that storage unit. That meant we had to bring several duffel bags of drugs back to the states. I believe the drugs are stored at either St. Simon's in FWB or St. Christopher's here.

We spent Saturday in Santa Domingo, which was a time to decompress and share with our team members all our thoughts and reactions. We shopped a little, walked a lot, but stayed in one small area. Knowing once we returned to the States, we would all be thrown back into the daily grind; it was good to have this quiet time.

I have made notes on what I would like to see done differently in the pharmacy, and I hope I have the chance to implement my ideas. Going on a medical mission trip has been a dream of mine for years, and I appreciate how Holy Cross helped me achieve that dream. Thank you very much!

For His Sake,  
Marcy Winters



# Congratulations to Father Jeff's unit for earning the Exceptional Meritorious Service Award in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom!

The award was given to the 43rd Military Police Brigade and its subordinate units. The Brigade was tasked with the control and accountability of over 15,000 detainees, and it was instrumental in supporting the adjudication process of a record number of terror suspects in accordance with Iraqi Law, thereby removing them as a threat to Iraqi people and Coalition Forces. This Brigade's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects distinct credit upon the unit, the United States Army National Guard, and United States Army.

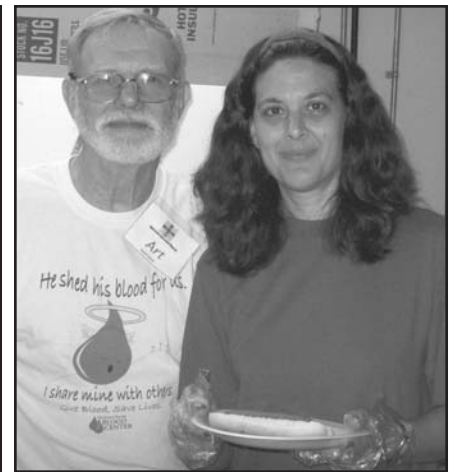
## June Blood Drive...Art Harrison

Holy Cross and friends were able to donate 12 pints of blood when the Blood Mobile came on June 7th. Each pint of blood can help as many as 3 patients and can save a life. A big thanks goes to all who donated or tried to donate. Please mark your calendars for our next Holy Cross Blood Drive on August 16th.

We would also like to thank Angela Hinkle and her daughter Alexandra for filling in for parents and grandparents Mike and Fay Scordato in preparing and serving hot dogs during the blood drive.

Our apologies go to those that had a longer than average wait to donate blood. Please use the sign up sheet and schedule a time for the August drive. This may help things run smoother. The Blood Mobile people said they would do their best to honor the times scheduled.

*A side note: We would like to thank Joe Kennedy for donating for the first time. We learned something amazing while he was recovering in the parish hall. Carl White and Michael Kennedy served in the same unit. Mr. Kennedy was the helicopter pilot and Mr. White was the medical core man who helped him directly when the helicopter went down (or something like that).*



## **Grandmother's Closet Provides for Visiting Family...**

Jo Spencer

A Grandmother's Closet has been established for the members of Holy Cross that are grandparents. The closet contains those necessary pieces of equipment that grandparents need when the grandbabies arrive for a visit and the parents will not have to worry about the equipment. The inventory currently includes a complete Graco stroller with the shade cover, an Evenflo carrier and the necessary car seat adapter, a brand new Graco pack and play, and a baby bath tub with the hammock tray for very small ones. All items are in excellent condition and are available on a check out basis through Jo Spencer at 476-6284 or through the church office. Anyone who might also have items to add to the closet can also contact Jo, a new grandmother herself.

Kneeling pads for the new altar rail in the Chapel. Jo Spencer will be having a meeting concerning the making of the kneeling pads for the rail on Monday, July 6 at 6:30 pm. Anyone that is interested in helping to cut, sew and form the kneeling cushions is encouraged to attend or contact Jo at 476-6284.

## **MINUTES OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH VESTRY MEETING**

**Date: April 28, 2009; Place: Holy Cross Episcopal Church Parish Hall**

Cecil Lanier, Senior Warden called the meeting to order at 6:25pm with Father Jeff leading the devotional with a reading from 1 John. Father Jeff, after the reading, noted that Holy Cross defines love in so many ways. Minutes of the March 24, 2009 meeting were reviewed and it was noted that altar was misspelled in the agenda, names of congregation members needed to be corrected and a change of dates were necessary in the minutes. Having made these notations, a motion was made to accept the minutes by Warren Post and seconded by Ede Craig with the vestry voting for approval. John Briscione presented the Treasurer's Report for March. John and Jane were recognized as the newest grandparents at Holy Cross. The sum of \$27,000 has been noted in pledges and with expenses in line (utilities not included yet), the monies placed the financial status in the black. Contribution envelopes for the altar rail are available and will be used for that project and the chapel restoration. Endowment memos and statements have been changed over in location. Tom Backus, Jemision Mims, and Dan Healy will form the Endowment Committee. A motion to accept the report was made by Kathy Varner and seconded by Jan Van Winkle with the vestry voting for approval. A Proposal was made by Cecil Lanier to increase the Discretionary Fund budget line item from \$100 to \$225 for the next six months for the fund to be used as necessary. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Kathy Varner and seconded by Warren Post with the vestry voting for approval.

Father Jeff presented the Rector's Report. Sarah Eagleheart will be leaving Holy Cross and the Pensacola area the end of May as she has accepted a position with the Episcopal Church in San Diego. Father Jeff will use this time to evaluate the functioning of the office and the church over the next three months and will refrain until September replacing the position until a description of the responsibilities and duties has been formulated. Staffing will be handled by Ann Young, Rachel Iversen, and Eileen Jenks when necessary. There will be a transition period as Jonathan leaves as the organist. Suggestions for the church music will be enhanced with the desired attendance of the music director at the Episcopal Music Program in Canton, Miss. this summer. There is a need to find traditional music that can be played during the service, for meditation, during communion and for songs of worship. Education of the community and congregation will be important in the transition. We will be going to one service also beginning May 24th for the summer.

Senior Warden Report given by Cecil Lanier

Cecil indicated that a previous member Bob Hatcher had sent a message to the church requesting information on members and the note could have been sent to a specific address. So as vestry members talk to anyone and everyone, work to get people connected and involved in the church. This contact is also important with the prayer cards and the gift cards that have been found and restored.

Junior Warden Report given by Warren Post

The new air conditioner (\$3869) was installed, with thanks to many, and the new altar rail in the chapel. The old kneeler is stored in the shed.

Commission Reports:

Property and Grounds – Al Rognstad has indicated that certain members of the congregation have “adopted” areas of the church grounds and are maintaining those areas. A set of solar walkway lights have been installed and the ceramic mushrooms in the front planters by Vance Ludeke. The sprinkler system is functioning and created a early wakeup for the 30-hour famine participants. A plaque in recognition of the work of Toni and John Brewer will be made and for other contributions for the chapel.

Administration – Cecil Lanier also discussed the administrative position and process for insuring that the needs of the functioning of the church be met.

Communications – Jo Spencer indicated that she will be in further contact with the Military Media personnel concerning the communication contact.

Fellowship – Kathy Varner and Jan Van Winkle

Kathy shared the events for fellowship coming up which include: Ladies Night Out on May 16th at Michele Larson’s home and Men’s Night Out sometime in June with Mel Young possibly coordinating. Jan discussed Gazebo nights for the summer and the need for sponsors. Newcomers Dinner will be June 13th at 4 pm at Father Jeff and Eileen’s home and Jo Spencer will host the Newcomers Dinner in September. Jan is the wedding contact person for Holy Cross and the Wedding Customary is finished and available in the office.

Christian Formation – Ede Craig and Debbie Paul

Ede submitted her report in writing. A question arose as to whether the CLC was using a form for submitting the report to Ede or whether she had to research the information herself. Debbie indicated that the Daughters of the King will hold their installation on April 26.

Liturgy and Worship – Craig Iversen and Jo Spencer

A proposal to reconsider the placement of the acolytes, Chalice bearers and Lectors for the seating during the service was made and postponed until after Sunday services.

Pastoral Care – Glenn Rohrer and Howard Johnson

Glenn has not been able to meet to discuss and develop a plan to bring small groups into action and so small groups have been tabled for the time being. The Prayer List has been reviewed and a new procedure is being followed in the office and prayer slips are also being used for referrals. Howard has revised the funeral/memorial service customary. Holy Cross 101 will be offered in September by Kathy and Mike Varner.

Outreach – Will Mims reported that Jane Briscione will cover the UTO ingathering scheduled for Sunday May 17th. Rachel Iverson has reported that there are 30 Girl Scouts participating in troops at Holy Cross. AA will need to be advised that the wedding and reception will be using the facilities on Saturday night May 23.

Old Business – A Festival in the fall will be planned by Jo Spencer, Howard Johnson, and Jan Van Winkle and others. Mission Statements were to be discussed and reviewed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jo Spencer

# Meagan William's Youth Sunday Talk (Continued from page 3)

relationship with God. Through fun, friends, faith, and fellowship, I have discovered that God's love is eternal and all encompassing, and I have experienced unforgettable memories along the way. I don't think I'll ever forget our hobo hunts with Fray, playing Big Booty with the Varners, or sleeping in a puddle on our extremely soggy camping trip.

Through these experiences, I have also found faith. I first had to discover that faith is not merely believing what people tell you; I believe you find faith when you experience that overwhelming emotion that moves you to believe that you're not alone, even when there's only one set of footprints in the sand. I have found my faith at this church, sitting in the pews. I found it at Beckwith, holding hands and singing under the stars. I found it at Happening #44. I found it watching life-long friends become my family. I found it seeing my grandparents reunited by God's grace, and having my blond-haired, blue-eyed miracle about six years younger than me who constantly reminds me of God's presence in my life. It is at times where I can feel in my gut that God is here, he will always be here.

Most importantly, my faith has helped shape who I am. My faith in God has strengthened as I have grown up in this church, and I have found a trust in Him that has made me realize life really is like a box of chocolates, and you never know what It may surprise you with. But I have learned whatever that surprise may be, God will always be there to guide me through. My faith in God has also helped me to find faith in myself. As I have matured, I

have learned that if I believe in myself and use the gifts that God has given me, I can accomplish any dream. It has meant so much to me to have not only my whole family, but also my Holy Cross family support me and guide me through this spiritual journey of life.

When faced with the intimidating and daunting future that lies ahead of me, my faith in God will be my first step forward. I will remember to always count my blessings and acknowledge that everyday is a gift from God. And I know the love I have always known here at Holy Cross will remain with me always. Thank you all for your love and support, and thank you for helping me see Jesus in each one of you.

Meagan Williams  
Class of 2009



## Prayers of the People

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

• Margarett Acree • Richard Beaupre • Alexandra Gamble • Wayne Hamilton • Dusty Magner  
• Bill Martin • Bill Neuman • Dene Posey

**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.

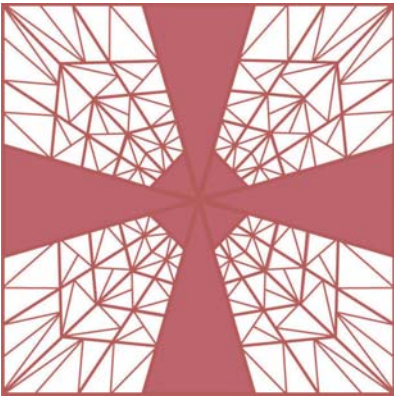
**Our Members:** • Sherry Atha • Bill Barnard • Bill Brown • Brenda Brown • Carol Hoffman  
• Jeff and Eileen Jencks • Patty Krueger • Steve, Stacey and li'l Miss Litton • Vance Luedeke  
• Connie and Bob Pollard • Paula Suhrheinrich

**Our Extended Family & Friends:** • Henry Hart • Gene, Becky and unborn baby Hobbs  
• Timothy Gamble • Tori Long • Alicia McDowell • Jerry McDowell • Mary Williams  
• Jerry Suhrheinrich • Madeleine Varner • St. Mary's Parish (Milton)

**Our Homebound:** • Margarett Acree • Ed Boyington • Joyce Fulton • Robert Neal • Juanez Phillips • MaeBelle Scholle • Mig Smith

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

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# Holy Cross Episcopal Church

## July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Great Wednesdays</b> Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m. Great Wednesday Dinner &amp; Activities return in the Fall 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service</p>			<p><b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Service 5:30 Youth Gathering 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b>  7:30 p.m. Venture Crew</p>	<p><b>3</b>  Church office closed</p>	<p><b>4</b>  4th of July  7:00 p.m. AA</p>
<p><b>5</b> ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>6</b> CLC-Stretch &amp; Grow  6:30 p.m. Chapel Kneeler Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b> 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast  6:00 p.m. ECW</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>9</b>  6:30 p.m. Pack 32 Committee Mtg.</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b>  7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew 9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King 7:00 p.m. AA</p>
<p><b>12</b> ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>13</b> CLC-Stretch &amp; Grow</p>	<p><b>14</b> 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 5:30 p.m. Gazebo Night</p>	<p><b>16</b>  7:30 p.m. Venture Crew</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b>  7:00 p.m. AA</p>
<p>Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM (Dinner Served at 5:30 p.m.)</p>						
<p><b>19</b> ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>20</b> CLC-Stretch &amp; Grow</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast  6:00 p.m. Festival Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  6:00 p.m. Autism Assoc. Camp</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:30 a.m. Susan Goodreau Memorial  11:00 a.m. Autism Assoc. Camp 7:00 p.m. AA</p>
<p><b>26</b> ONE SERVICE ONLY 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion 4:30 p.m. Happening #50 Closing St. James, Fairhope</p>	<p><b>27</b> CLC-Stretch &amp; Grow</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7:30 a.m. Clergy Breakfast  6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer</p>	<p><b>30</b>  7:30 p.m. Venture Crew</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><i>Italic font indicates meeting held in Parish Hall.</i></p>

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## HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### WORSHIP

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. \*Morning Prayer Service  
(1st Weds-Healing)

*\*Please note during Father Jeff's post-operation recovery we will have  
Wednesday Morning Prayer.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*(Please see calendar for details)*

July 1 - 5:30 p.m. Youth Gathering

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

July 3 - Church Office Closed for Independence Day

July 7 - 6:00 p.m. ECW Meeting

July 11 - 7:30 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Daughters of the King

July 13-17, VBS, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

July 15, 5:30 p.m. Gazebo Night

July 25, 10:30 a.m. Susan Goodreau Memorial

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