ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

That which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from our children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God, and the wonderful works God has done. Ur Psalm 78:3-4

July 6, 2014

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

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From Mary Anthony

Today our lessons from the Lectionary are Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-15, Romans 7:15-25a, and the gospel is Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.

During the summer there will be a Godly Play Story time for the younger children ages 3 to 7 or grades Pre-k – 2nd. Older children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. Today's Godly Play story is Second Creation: The Falling Apart. The lesson tells about Adam and Eve and how they "fell apart" from God in their deep selves. We learn how these relationships were restored. The lesson teaches about the 'differences'; good and evil, close and far, high and low, God and people, Adam and Eve...and many more. Mary Anthony is our Storyteller this week. Weather permitting the children will go outside following the story for outdoor activities.

Four youth, Nicholas Coyle, Dylan Powell, Juliana Powell, and Hannah Rucinski and myself will leave for EYE this Wednesday morning. We will drive to Trinity Cathedral at 6:30 am where Bishop Hollingsworth will send us off at 8:30 am and we will then board a bus with twenty other youth and five other adults to head for Philadelphia where we will stay at Villanova University for four days of conference. Then on Sunday morning, July 13 we will board the bus bound for the University of Pennsylvania where we will stay for three days of mission work. We arrive back in Cleveland the evening of Wednesday, July 16. We will have the opportunity to meet over a thousand other youth and their youth leaders from around the US and several

other countries. All Episcopalians and Anglicans. Please keep us in your prayers.

Collect for Sunday

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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9:00am - Nursery opens

9:45am – Godly Play Choir (during the school year)

10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5th grade)

6th - 12th grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Children join their parents in

Church at the Peace

11:45am – Youth Choir (during the school year)

Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the **10am** service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in case of an emergency. Our Nursery Attendant is **Cara Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

Summer time Primary - (Ages 3 - 7)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language - parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action - to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts-Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and MeDuring Melinda Rucinski, Tracy French, and Michelle Meade on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Summer time Intermediate (Ages 8 – 11)

During the summer months children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This is a great way for the older children to learn the different parts of the service.

Middle School & High School (6th - 12th Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class are on hiatus during the summer. The youth attend church with their parents.

Youth Group (6th Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets are on hiatus during the summer. The youth go on a Mission Trip every year during the summer for a week.

Children's Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

For Parents

THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS Whose Problems: Theirs Or Yours

Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; ""Taking a clear-eyed view of your teen's natural endowments also helps you stop confusing your own problems with your teen's. A woman named Melissa came to talk to me about her daughter, Molly, who was about fifteen pounds overweight. Melissa had been an overweight teen herself and was now what I call "white knuckle" slender – she spent a lot of time worrying about food and weighed herself first thing each morning. The numbers on the scale set her mood for the day. Molly's weight stirred up feelings of humiliation in her mother – Melissa said she felt that her private struggle was exposed by her daughter's appearance – but also great compassion as she remembered her own adolescent anguish. Melissa had been a shy girl who came home from school each day to have lunch with her lonely mother. Melissa responded to this memory of feeling lonely and ostracized by monitoring Molly's food intake and nagging her to lose the extra pounds.

But as we discovered together, Molly was a wholly different character from her mother. She was exuberant and popular, engaged in many activities. Her weight did not seem to hold her back from anything. When Melissa realized that Molly was not suffering the way she did, she stopped nagging and fussing. In recognizing that her daughter had a temperament different from her own, Melissa found more composure. She felt grateful that her daughter, unlike so many of her classmates, was not tyrannized by the belief that in order to be happy she needed to deny herself the hearty pleasures of life..""

Next week "Expect Immaturity" From "The Blessing of a B Minus" by Wendy Mogul, PhD.

In Church School this week:

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Each week, the children's and youth Sunday School classes focus on a passage from Scripture. These follow the same Revised Common Lectionary that provides readings for Sunday services. We use a curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, to tailor a lesson for each class that is interactive, fun and age appropriate. This section features the Scripture learned that week in Sunday School, along with some questions to ask about during the week.

Focus Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

→ We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, `He has a demon'; the Son of Man came Reating and drinking, and they say, `Look, a glutton' ☆and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and ☆sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and Ahave revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

☆ Come to me, all you that are weary and are ★carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ∧Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

☆~From the Lectionary Page

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☆What's it all about?

从ohn the Baptist has sent his disciples to ask Jesus whether he is the expected Messiah. Jesus has invited John to decide for himself: does he not do deeds of healing as foretold of the Messiah in Isaiah? John, Jesus has said, is indeed a prophet, the "messenger" (v. 10) sent to prepare for the Messiah (foretold in Malachi, and there named as Elijah), ☆and the greatest human. For people of faith, John heralds the dawn of the time of fulfilment of God's promise.

Vv. 16-19a are a parable in which the "children" are ★ John and Jesus; the people of Israel ignore their message, whether it be told austerely (by John, as at a funeral, "mourn") or in merriment (by Jesus, as at \(\strick \) a wedding). But God's "wisdom" proves them right by their results. Then vv. 20-24: people in Jewish towns, where Jesus has invited conversion through miracles ("deeds of power"), have ignored his message and will be condemned at the Last Day, while people of Gentile towns would have been much more receptive. In vv. 25-26, Jesus thanks his Father for choosing the simple, uneducated ("infants") over the religious leaders ("the wise ..."). He is totally the Father's representative; only the Father knows him, and only he and those he chooses know the Father. He invites the downtrodden to accept his "rest" (v. 28). Rabbis spoke of the "yoke" (v. 29) of the Law, with its many regulations. Jesus' way is "easy" (v. 30): love God and each other! He is both teacher and the one to emulate.

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~From Revised Common Lectionary Chris Haslam 1996-2014

Questions:

- ? What reason does Jesus give for John being sent
- ? Who is John to the people of faith?
- ? What will happen to the people who ignore Jesus'message ?

Prayer:

We rejoice, O Christ, for in your tender compassion you shoulder our burdens and ease our heavy hearts.

Give us the strength to carry each other as you have carried us *Amen*.

~From The Revised Common Lectionary

Meditation

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O LORD, * and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down. ~Psalm 145:8-15

Happy Birthday...

Seth Lisi (07/10)



Planning Ahead

Sunday, July 6

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k -3rd ,10 am,
- Children and Youth grades 3rd and up attend church with their parents

Wednesday, July 9

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Acolyte Reminders!

July 6: TBA

July 13: TBA

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.