



ALL SAINTS'  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

June-July 2010

## “Ordinary Time: Living the New Testament”

*The Reverend Sandy Casey-Martus*

**A**s descendents with Semitic heritage, we are a people of the “Book,” “Tradition,” and “Experience.” Preserving our Judeo-Christian heritage and passing it on from generation to generation is essential. It also takes commitment and a determined purpose. We may celebrate, proclaim, and participate in the Divine Mystery as we realize it revealed in creation, in Jesus of Nazareth, in human history . . . and in our own histories.

As a Christian “ecclesia,” or assembly, we are profoundly formed by the revelatory experience of Jesus’ resurrection. This transformative experience, personal and corporate, subsequently gives rise to reflection, conversation, adaptation, and proclamation. The New Testament writings codify, preserve, and bear witness to testimonies of the faithful in a variety of written forms: Gospels, Letters, Apocryphal Writings, etc. With Trinity Sunday behind us, we have traversed the Lucan/Jonnine lectionary cycle with our readings/remembrances of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. These powerful enacted parables may have captured our attention, excited our imagination, confounded our intellects, stirred our curiosity, and moved our hearts. Having completed this journey which began back in November, we are poised to enter a long period of pondering these mysteries

as they express themselves in what the church refers to as “Ordinary Time.”

Do not be fooled by the title. This period of 29 weeks after Pentecost invites us to hear/experience the gospel stories of Luke in light of what we know to be the presence of the Risen Christ. Discerning the extraordinary within the ordinariness of daily life as depicted by Luke will be our ongoing challenge. It is also fun. Penetrating the literary disguises of the text, we may recognize the footprints of the Divine Action. In turn, we may come to realize that same Divine Presence



“disguised” in our own daily lives. We, too, contain the Extraordinary within the ordinariness of our daily lives.

By becoming aware of and honoring that Divine Presence within our lives, we become the *living* “New Testament.” Daily living out of such a realization in a natural and unselfconscious way is the goal of all spiritual practice. I pray that this little bit of coaching will help us all to engage the gospel stories of the next few months with increased interest and curiosity. Opening ourselves to the word of God and allowing it to penetrate our entire being has the potential to transform our community into a powerful agent of service, peace, and love. I look forward to our journey and delighting with companions on “the way.”

*In Christ’s peace, Sandy+*

# The Messenger

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## *From the Parish Administrator . . .*

**M**y husband used to say, "Tell me a story." So I'm going to tell you a story. Once upon a time, a very bad earthquake occurred in Haiti. Many people were killed, injured, displaced, and traumatized. Seeing this pervasive pain made a young woman of great heart want desperately to help. "I know lots of people I can email to send supplies," she thought, and so she contacted many people. Those people contacted other people, because *people want to help*. In one church alone, 18 boxes of toiletries, food, clothing, first aid supplies, and shelter were collected and joyfully shipped to the address given.

At some point in the process, the young woman discovered she did not have unlimited shipping privileges, and the church discovered the 18 boxes of assistance had been returned and stored in a parishioner's warehouse until "something could be done."

Perseverance and research produced another agency that would accept the boxes and fly them, accompanied, to Haiti. The boxes were again joyfully shipped to the new address, and even as you read, we anticipate that materials are being distributed in Port-au-Prince to the many people who need them. Thanks be to God!

Why did I tell you this story? One reason is that many of you have no doubt wondered what the outcome of our drive was; and we didn't want to relate this tale until a resolution had occurred.

The second reason is to illustrate the *unity of all life*. One of the topics at the recent Christ Centered Prayer retreat was the human tendency to think of ourselves not as individual expressions of God, The One, manifesting as "Beverly," et al, but rather to think of myself as "Beverly," separated by race, gender, ethnicity, country of origin, education, physical body, political persuasion, religion, economic status, talents and gifts . . . obviously I can go on and on. In *The Lessons*, we read, "As you falsely identify with the mind, you falsely identify with a physical body separate from other beings."

And yet, there are times when people come together and *all* differences fall away. Everyone has heard of instances where people have placed their own lives in danger to rescue strangers from imminent death. In times of horrific tragedy, such

as the Haitian earthquake, people want desperately to reach out to those in pain and do something to alleviate it. The young woman in the story learned first-hand of *the great extent* to which people wish to help.

Each time one of us reaches out to another in any way--Food Pantry, for instance--we raise the total consciousness of the Universe a little bit. Each moment of prayer, meditation, inspiration, aid, lifts us all.

So when we become discouraged by the state of the world--wars and rumors of wars--we can think of this story and know that we have reached outside ourselves and made a difference in the human condition. This working with and for others gives us the inspiration to continue these tasks, and it consciously links us to the truth--that we are all connected, that we are all one, that one of us cannot be affected without all of us being affected by both tragedy and joy.

This whole story has inspired and educated me. I hope it lifts your spirit.

*Beverly*

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Prayer and Christian Invitation Teaching at First United Methodist this fall. This, too, will extend our presence in the broader faith community. As we reach out, I believe others will reach in to us. We have so much to offer.

I continue to consult our Vestry and Youth Leaders to ensure our Christian Education programs meet our children and young adults' needs. The CnC group will be confirmed in October; a fall adult inquirers' class will commence, with spring confirmations. Mary Carpenter plans a fall yoga class; EFM mentors will continue their programs. I will take vacation towards the end of July and early August. I have set my schedule around the Sundays the Rev. George Dawson+ is available. I also plan a personal retreat, which I was not able to schedule last year.

I hope you all have a blessed and restful summer. Please bring all your relatives and friends visiting our shores with you on Sunday. We would love to meet them. As always continue to invite friends to experience All Saints'. We have so much to give. *Blessings, Sandy+*

## Meditation XVII: from Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions • John Donne

*Nunc lento sonitu dicunt, morieris.* "Now this bell tolling softly for another, says to me, Thou must die."

Perchance he for whom this bell tolls may be so ill as that he knows not it tolls for him; and perchance I may think myself so much better than I am, as that they who are about me and see my state may have caused it to toll for me, and I know not that. The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that head which is my head too, and ingrafted into the body whereof I am a member. And when she buries a man, that action concerns me: all



mankind is of one author and is one volume; when one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated. . . No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were. Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

### Dime for Your Time

*Reverend Sandy+*

The summer months bring time for family relaxation, vacation, enjoying the sun and beach, good food, and visiting with friends. It is also a time for our parish staff and volunteers to plan and regroup for the Fall. It is with intention that some of our programs will take a hiatus during July and August. This gives our faithful facilitators, mentors, and presenters an opportunity to recharge their batteries and come back in the fall with enthusiasm and renewed energy. Our Emerging Church video series will be completed mid-June and that gives us a good amount of time to enjoy coffee and fellowship throughout July and August.

In light of our BHAG as a "center for spiritual formation reaching out beyond our own borders," I am dialoguing with the Methodists in Corpus Christi to consider a grant proposal addressing the "wellness" issue from a spirit/mind/body perspective. It will focus on those who lack easy access to coaches, clubs, trainers, or spas. Our expertise is the role of Christian contemplative practices as a constituent piece of that overall program. Our recent well-supported CCP retreat led to an offer for me to teach a class on Christ Centered

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### What Is

### "Sunday in the Parlor"?

*from Arlene Long, Music Director*

It's a bit like when family and friends gather in the afternoon to be together and enjoy each other's company—simple. And inevitably in such a group, **Entertainment** begins to emerge, often around the piano. The entertainment is "homegrown" and quite varied.

Such an event will happen at All Saints' on Sunday, July 11 at 4:00 p.m. and **YOU ARE INVITED!!** Choir members will shed their robes, leave their hymnals in the pew, and "let their hair down." We will be treated to folk music, opera, jazz, story-in-song, and ???, presented by various combinations of folks. *Laughter* and *foot-tapping* are liable to break out spontaneously. Unsuspecting parlor sitters may find themselves involved as well.

*You won't want to miss this hour of joyful expression, sometimes bordering on hilarity and/or warm feelings. Afterwards we'll migrate downstairs to share some punch and cookies together. Hoping to see you Sunday July 11, 4:00 p.m. Come, and bring friends!!!*

Meditation

## GRADUATING



**Emily Johnson**

Parents/Siblings Names: **Philip Johnson, Pamela Floyd, Gayle Gottlich, Casey Floyd, Lily Johnson, Aaron Black-erby, Diane & Steve Helmer**; School: **Claudia Taylor "Lady Bird" Johnson High School, Graduating NHS Member and Summa Cum Laude**; Future plans: **Going to West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas to study Scenic and Lighting Design**

**Bevin Oliver**

High School: **Ray High School, Ray High School Mascot**; College: **Texas A & M College Station**; Summer: **Pilgrimage**



*By the Grace of God  
and the People's Consent*

*The Right Reverend  
Gary R. Lillibridge  
Bishop of the  
Diocese of West Texas  
will ordain*

**Stephen Wilson Carson**

*to the Sacred Order of Deacons  
in*

*Christ's One Holy Catholic and  
Apostolic Church*

*Wednesday, the Ninth of June  
Two Thousand Ten*

*at Six Thirty in the Evening  
All Saints' Episcopal Church  
3026 South Staples Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas*

*Your prayers and presence  
are requested.*

*Reception following*

## Father's Day

### Habitat for Humanity

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Every year the Diocesan Habitat for Humanity Task Force sends out material for the Father's Day Offering. In a tough economic climate, and with many other meaningful giving opportunities to choose from, I know this is one more thing on your plate. But I'm writing to give you a push to give us a plug.*

*Habitat for Humanity is just an amazing Christ-propelled phenomenon and the Task Force has a proven record of making new homes for families a reality. So this Father's Day, June 20<sup>th</sup>, please make us part of your Sunday.*

*100% of the money donated will immediately go toward homes within our Diocesan area, and all money given grows exponentially as the Habitat formula plays out within each community where a house is built.*

*God's Peace & Blessing to you,  
**The Rev. Jeff Hammond**, Chair,  
Diocesan Habitat for Humanity Task Force*



## GRADUATING

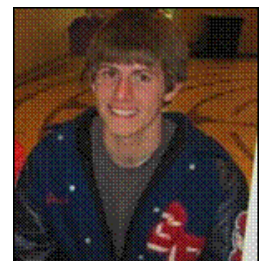


**Valorie Ryan**

Associate of Arts, Del Mar College

**Jonathan Vining**

High School: **Gregory Portland High School**; College: **Sam Houston – Huntsville, Texas, anesthesiologist**; Summer plans: **work at CVS – Pilgrimage**



## Creativity Crowd Meets June 4<sup>th</sup>

### *Creative Crowd Reminder:*

Because of the heavy school year-end schedule, May's meeting of the **Creativity Crowd** was postponed to Friday, June 4, 2010. Sponsored by the Creative Expressions Commission, the meetings afford the opportunity for lovers of the arts to gather in the Library to share their creative gifts with each other in an intimate setting for mutual appreciation. It will surely be worth the wait! If you have never tried it, come, meet, share, observe and appreciate. We start at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. (Come as you are - NO reservations are needed!) *EXPECT to be SURPRISED!*

## Episcopal Night @ the BallPark Is Back!



**O**n Tuesday, July 20th, Episcopalians will gather at Whataburger Field as the Hooks take on the Midland Rockhounds. We'll have a great time, so be sure to put this date on your calendar. Prices and details will be available soon and will be posted around the church.



**Office Closed  
Monday, JULY 5<sup>th</sup>  
in observance  
of  
Independence  
Day**

## Midday Eucharist Schedule



**M**idday Eucharist will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary through June. During July and August, we will take a break. Then in September we will joyfully resume our Eucharist celebration.



## INVITATION FROM YOUR HISTORY COMMITTEE

**Y**ou probably know that a History Committee has been formed, and we are working on a history of All Saints' 60 years. If you have memories to share, please write and send them to the office, [allsaintsscbeverly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allsaintsscbeverly@sbcglobal.net).

*Please recognize that your recollections are subject to editing and will not be included in their entirety in the draft we are preparing for the 60th anniversary celebration.*

However, all submissions will be kept in their entirety in the files. *We welcome all of your memories*, from the earliest days of The Rev. Hubert Palmer up to this year. ***Our current deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup> for your submissions.*** The most helpful recollections will be anecdotal about specific areas, *such as* altar guild, women of the church, choir, or men of the church. These will be the most revealing of the life of All Saints' Episcopal Church. ***Thank you for your willingness to participate in this project.***

## Faith Communities Addressing Poverty

June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup> DVD Address during Coffee & Conversation

**Ruby K. Payne, Ph.D.**, founder of **aha!** Process, is dedicated to positively impacting the education and lives of individuals in poverty. Since the mid-1990s she has been speaking to audiences around the world about the effects of poverty on students, families, and communities and how to better understand and support people from all economic backgrounds.

Dr. Payne has been a career educator and has served in many roles, including teacher, principal, and administrator. She has worked with thousands of organizations—schools, businesses, social services, law enforcement, church groups, and more—to get rid of the barriers to success posed by



economic class differences among people and groups. Dr. Payne works with organizations in countries throughout the globe, including the U.S., Canada, India, the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, Slovakia, and many more.

Dr. Payne is the author of numerous books, including *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* (more than 1 million copies sold) and *Bridges Out of Poverty*. Dr. Payne received her Ph.D. in educational leadership

and policy studies from Loyola University in Illinois, her M.A. in English literature from Western Michigan University, and her B.A. from Goshen College in Indiana. You're invited to join the viewing and discussion.

### Education for Ministry Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>



**E**very baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation God is asked to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.

On Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Rite II 11:00 o'clock service, two EfM graduates, Patricia Eisenhower and Wanice Brown, will be commissioned. Please join us for this service.

### New Wisdom Class Selection Begins June 1<sup>st</sup>



**O**n Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library, the Wisdom Class will begin study of its newest selection, *Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation*. The book is \$13; a second shipment has arrived.

"Sitting in stillness, the practice of meditation, and the cultivation of awareness are commonly thought to be the preserves of Hindus and Buddhists. Martin Laird shows that the Christian tradition of contemplation has its own refined teachings . . ." (*flyleaf*) The Wisdom Class invites you to join in the study and discussion of this profound book and healing practice.

## NEWCOMERS' COMMISSION

Newcomer's Commission is now meeting once a month, starting Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at T&C Restaurant at 7:00 a.m. To join this enthusiastic bunch, please contact Becky Johnson at 739-7369 or [beckysings@gmail.com](mailto:beckysings@gmail.com). We also need planters, greeters, ushers or growers of petite aloe vera plants. You can support our commission by signing the red book on each pew upstairs or table at LifeStreams every week. The books will be passed to and fro so we can begin to know those worshiping in the pews or chairs around us. After the service, planters and ushers will collect the red books' sheets and take an aloe plant to any 1<sup>st</sup>-time visitor who signs. Your signing will encourage others to sign. *Thank you for your help.*

## Journey to Adulthood Pilgrimage

**The Journey to Adulthood youth formation program concludes with a pilgrimage.** The *Journey to Adulthood* describes this process:

*Pilgrimage has become a central feature in our ministry to young people. At the end of the fourth year, the group travels to a "distant land" in search of God and their own destinies. Preparing for the trip includes fund raising, passport applications and medical releases, and learning about the destination country or region. The task of raising money is especially meaningful; it allows young people the opportunity to see first hand how very difficult it can be to earn enough money for something they deeply desire. Whatever else they may feel about the religious or emotional significance of such a journey, for most of them this is the first time they will have traveled across the ocean or across the country without parents or schoolteachers. All these dynamics seem to create an atmosphere in which God can move in new and exciting ways.*

Our next Pilgrimage Group will travel to Iona, Scotland. Pilgrims include **Mentors** Wanice Brown, Rod Clark, Gayle Gottlich, and Phil Johnson. **Youth Pilgrims** include Lars Etheridge, Bevin Oliver, Jonathan Vining, Lauren Bridges, Audra Beck, Drew Carter, Tanner Stewart, Amy Brauchle, Kendall Price, Raley Price, Holly Wright, and Max Duerr. A Blessing of the Pilgrims and their Mentors will be held on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The pilgrimage begins on July 7<sup>th</sup> and concludes on July 19<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you to our All Saints' family for supporting these youth in their pilgrimage program.**

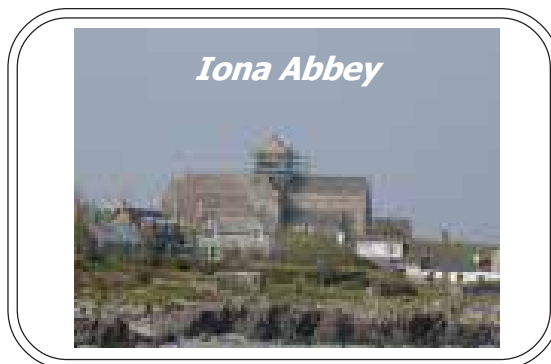
## The Hall Gallery: June A MOTHER-DAUGHTER EXHIBIT

***Kitty Welsh Dudics &  
Carmen Luna Martindale***

*"In a time lacking in truth and certainty and filled with anguish and despair, no woman should be shamefaced in attempting to give back to the world, through her work, a portion of its lost heart." Lousie Bogan*

**M**y mother was a great influence on me as an artist. Kathleen Welsh was an accomplished artist who also had the gift of putting her family first. Growing up around her making art was a great heritage. Art was what we did at our house, always a sketchbook in our hands. I remember the smell of oil paints when I'd accompany her to paint at the Brownsville Art League, or posing for hours, as she painted all three of her children many times. Many daughters learn to be accomplished cooks or seamstresses. I learned, by example, to have wonder at the world, and then to draw it!  
*Carmen Martindale*

**M**y daughter Carmen was in pre-school while I was painting every day in graduate school. She began to develop as an artist with drawings of the escapades of her cat, Izzy, and the purple car he flew around in. A favorite memory of Carmen at age four: my mother, Carmen and me sitting by the Rio Grande River, painting the river together. What a delight it has been to see her develop as an accomplished artist. Now we share what I had with my own mother. We dialogue and critique each other's work, visit art museums, and take art-making escapades together . . . making meaning out of our lives with art. A rich legacy to pass on!  
*Kitty Welsh Dudics*



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**Service Schedule**

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. LifeStreams, Rite III  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation Hour  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
*Nursery/Child Care available for Sunday services*  
Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. Midday Eucharist (suspended July/August)  
Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Midday Eucharist w/optional Anointing (suspended July/August)  
Thursday: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk & Icon Sit  
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**LECTIONARY SCHEDULE**

**6/6** Pentecost II: 1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 30; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17  
**6/13** Pentecost III: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3  
**6/20** Pentecost IV: Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:18-27; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39  
**6/27** Pentecost V: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62  
**7/4** Pentecost VI: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-8; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

**BCP 530** *O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**June-July CALENDAR**

June 4 Creativity Crowd meeting  
June 7 Christ Centered Prayer  
June 8 Wisdom class; Midday Eucharist  
June 9 Ordination to the Diaconate, Stephen Carson  
June 10 Midday Eucharist; Christ Centered Prayer; Labyrinth walk  
June 11 Education for Ministry end-of-year party, Labyrinth  
June 13 Education for Ministry Sunday; special graduate liturgy  
June 14 Finance Committee meeting; Christ Centered Prayer  
June 15 Wisdom class; Midday Eucharist; Food Pantry  
June 16 LifeStreams music practice; Choir rehearsal  
June 17 Midday Eucharist; Christ Centered Prayer; Labyrinth Walk  
June 20 Father's Day; special Habitat collection; vestry meeting  
June 21 Christ Centered Prayer  
June 22 Wisdom Class; Midday Eucharist  
June 23 LifeStreams music practice; choir rehearsal  
June 24 Midday Eucharist; Christ Centered Prayer; Labyrinth Walk  
June 27 Newcomers' Luncheon  
June 28 Christ Centered Prayer  
June 29 Wisdom Class; Midday Eucharist  
June 30 LifeStreams Music; choir rehearsal  
July 1 Christ Centered Prayer; Labyrinth Walk  
July 4 Independence Day  
July 5 Independence Day observed; office closed  
July 6 Food Pantry  
July 7 LifeStreams music practice; choir rehearsal  
July 8 Midday Eucharist; Christ Centered Prayer; Labyrinth Walk  
July 11 Sunday in the Parlor  
July 12 Finance Committee meeting; Christ Centered Prayer  
July 18 Vestry meeting