

# PARISH UPDATE

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## NEWS & NOTES

### October Birthdays

6.....Mitchell Klym  
 15.....Edie Wiggins  
 20..... Barbara Grundler  
 30.....Helen Kay

### October Anniversaries

3.....Scott and Linda Ross  
 5..... Kevin and Stacey Jay  
 27.....Jeffrey and Robin Acquafondata

### Halloween Party

Join us for our annual Neighborhood Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

### Save this date! -Walk for Life

The Pregnancy Care Center (one of the recipients of our outreach giving) is conducting a Walk for Life on Saturday, October 7, 2006 beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m. at North Park's Harmar grove. The walk is about 2 miles and is one of their main fund-raisers for the year. Save this date and plan to participate or support someone who is. Watch for further details.

### Russian Orthodox Singers Bless Parish

On September 24 during the 10:30 a.m. service a group of six, three male and three female, Russian Orthodox singers from St. Petersburg, Russia shared their sacred music songs within the context of our standard liturgy and music to create a heavenly synergy that moved some of the congregation to tears. A generous offering was taken as well as a delightful lunch shared to send the group on to their next stop. One parishioner was touched deeply with the availability of a CD of the music which she bought for a friend whose Russian Orthodox husband is suffering from Alzheimer's.

### Parish to Welcome the Slavic Folk Liturgy

Otherwise known as the "Polka Mass," the Slavic Folk Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday, October 29 at the 10:30 a.m. service. The four piece polka band will share various sacred songs in the traditional, Slavic polka style. The band leader is Mr. Fred Gregorich, father of our own Heidi Martin. Fred has recorded numerous polka albums and recently recorded the Slavic Liturgy CD. All are welcome as we worship the One true God in one of many worship styles. Bring your dancing shoes.

### Dedication of Pillars to Honor Past Members

After the 10:30 a.m. service on October 15, a prayer of dedication will be said around the new church pillars in honor of past members Virginia Hetzel, Gladys Edge, Janie Bova, and L.C. Kilbert. Many thanks to Phil Hetzel for his beautiful landscaping job around the lower pillar.

## Message From the Rector:

### A Starting Point for Christian Unity

Dear Friends,

I was picking hymns for the Sunday service the other day when I ran across an old classic whose first line reads:

"In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth." Now, I've been accused of seeing the world through rose colored glasses before but, *One great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth?* Do you think

that's what most people see? Actually, the fragmentation of the church is so disturbing to me that I just can't bring myself to use that song in the service. It's just too painful. However, unity in the Body of Christ is still possible and I'd like to suggest a starting point.

Recently, the Church of Our Saviour welcomed a Russian Orthodox vocal ensemble, "Lyra" to perform sacred music during our Sunday worship. They were magnificent, moving some to tears. Afterward, as we talked during coffee hour, the leader of the group asked me a question. "Tell me please," he said, "What is the difference between Anglican and Episcopal?" All eyes around the table turned to me as in the old E. F. Hutton commercials. Reluctantly, I described the Episcopal Church in terms of the new presiding Bishop's denial of Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation (Time magazine), the General Convention's rejection of the Bible as the Word of God containing all things necessary for salvation (GC '06), and

the abandonment of 2000 years of historic Christian teaching on marriage and sexuality (GC '03); as opposed to the Anglican

Communion's continued embrace of historic, biblical, Christianity as passed down through the ages from generation to generation. Most people at the table understood the difference.

The questions continued, "Why is it we see in America a street corner with four different

churches across from each other?" That reminded me of the last town we were in that had two Lutheran Churches on the same street. The story goes that a group split off fifty years ago over a dispute about choir robes. Both churches remained small and struggling. The sad truth is that Christian history is riddled with division and squabbling to the extent that our witness as a church has become a liability. The outside world looks at Catholics and Protestants, Episcopalians and Anglicans, and our own neighborhood churches and can't help but be put off. So what do we do? How can we honestly sing the song?

I would like to suggest one word as a starting point for Christian unity. The word is: Atonement. With a proper and practical understanding and belief in the Atonement of Christ, the Christian Body has a solid ground on which to build lasting and unified relationships. Without it, we're on shifting sand.

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## Calendar of Events

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education  
 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Music Practice  
 10:30 a.m. Family Service  
 Tuesday ..... 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Time  
 Brownies every other Tuesday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturdays ..... 7:30 a.m. Men's Group the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

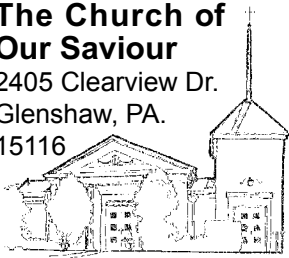
### SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Sunday, Oct. 1 ..... Pet Blessing at 4:00 p.m. on the front lawn  
 Tuesday, Oct. 3 ..... Women's Bible Study begins 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, Oct. 8 ..... Vestry meeting 7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, Oct. 14 ..... Wedding of Jenny Gilch & Nick Snyder 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, Oct. 15 ..... Memorial Dedication of the pillars after church  
 Saturday, Oct. 28 ..... Halloween Party 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Oct. 29 ..... Slavic Folk Liturgy (Polka Mass) at 10:30 a.m. service

Please pray for the all the parishioners and friends of Church of Our Saviour

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## Spotlight on Neighborhood Lunch and Healing Service

By Jo Ann Stauffer

This year the Church of Our Savior is reaching out to the neighborhood by inviting them to the Healing Service. It is held on the last Thursday of each month (Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>) and the day of the week and frequency is a trial and is flexible.

My Spiritual Walk: Being brand new to the Church of Our Savior, I asked Rev. Joseph where I could be of help. Softly, he asked if I could help with the healing service. My heart jumped, for how could he have known I was part of the prayer group that started a healing service at another church? So being a neighbor myself on Clearview Dr. I volunteered to pass out fliers about the service.



At first I gave them to nearby neighbors, but the Holy Spirit had bigger ideas! So I kept walking and each day did a few more homes, and then on to Hamilton. Some people opened the door a little, some talked behind the door, some invited me inside, one was not interested. Those not home found a flier in the door or mailbox.

But the miracle happened at the first home ... "I can't come because I work during the day." I suggested that I would take her prayer concern with me to the service. So she wrote it on a sticky note and signed her name, the next wrote another note and so it began. I got tired one day and thought I could skip one home. But the Holy Spirit nudged me-what if that is the one person who is just waiting to be asked? I obeyed, because I remember when I was just waiting to be asked. We ask you to come!

My Prayer: Thank you Jesus for the faith and grace to be your servant. I did the footwork and I know you will do the soulwork. Amen

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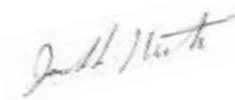
## Message From the Rector (Continued)

Think about it. What are the two key components of the Atonement? The fact that 90 percent of Christians in the pews were never taught the answer to that question proves the point. But that aside, the two key components are: 1) All human beings possess a flawed and sinful human nature, and 2) the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ on the cross has completely and sufficiently dealt with the problem. Put another way the atonement says: 1) nobody can brag about his or her goodness, and 2) faith in Christ is everybody's only hope for a right standing before God and one another. Try it out on some of the relationships in your life. Has an abandonment or misunderstanding of the Atonement of

Christ caused division and strife? Would a proper understanding and belief in the Atonement help the situation? For me the answer is yes.

May we all understand and acknowledge the reality and good news of the Atonement, and may we experience the unity in relationship we so much desire. Maybe we'll even sing the song some day.

Lovingly in Christ,



Joseph

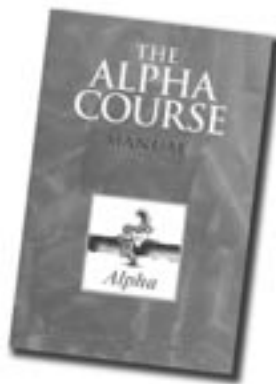
## ALPHA off to a great start!

One of the great things about Alpha is that it is the same every time and different every time we do it. Alpha is the same in that the content of the course is the consistently excellent teaching put together by the Rev. Nicky Gumbel. It is different each time in the participants and what they bring to the table in discussion and the unique, individuals that God created them to be. What a joy to interact with a great new group of people in our Fall 2006 Alpha, including neighbors and newcomers.

Alpha is also different this time in the participation of our seminarians, David Browder and Matt McCormack in the leadership team. Neither

hail nor sleet nor mudslides on Rt. 65 can keep David and Matt from arriving on Wednesday evenings to get the Alpha program underway.

ALPHA once again is proving to be a blessing to attendees and team alike. It is not too late to get in on the fun and join Alpha. Come and try it for a evening or two and bring a friend with you for a free meal, a great teaching, and a chance to ask any question or discuss any topic that has been gnawing at you about the Christian faith. The next talk is scheduled for October 4 and is one of the best of the series, "Why did Jesus die?"



## Annual Picnic Blessed With Blue Skies

Our annual church picnic and commemoration of September 11 was another success, blessed with beautiful weather, plenty of guests and lots

of good food. Pictured below are members of the Shaler Police and Volunteer Fire Departments, who attended the picnic at our invitation.

