

PARISH UPDATE

A Monthly Newsletter for Friends and Members of Church of Our Saviour Parish
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NEWS & NOTES

September Birthdays

- 2Aya Lannon
- 8 Rebecca Stark
- 13Sarah Perry
- 18 Alex Stark
- 23 Robert Hunt
- 24Betty Cushman

September Anniversaries

- 4 Walt & Sarah Perry
- 15 John & Patricia Purdy
- 20 David & Carol Bergstrom
- 29 Larry & Barbara Grundler

October Birthdays

- 12Diana Murray
- 20 Barbara Grundler
- 27 Shawn Fay
- 30Helen Kay

October Anniversaries

- 27 Robert and Joanne Schoyer
- 27Jeffrey and Robin Acquafondata

Our Deepest Sympathies:

To Cindy Gilch on the recent death of her father John Johnston and to Stephen Backman on the recent death of his father Harry Backman.

Landscape Transformation

Most people have noticed a glorious "opening up" of our church property. The "Church worth finding" has been uncovered from overgrown trees and ground cover from top to bottom so that we can now be seen from Rogers Elementary and Scott Avenue (below).



Even the lower lot including the volleyball court has been restored. Many thanks to Shawn & Heidi, Shawn Michael, and Ryan Fay for all their hard work, to Larry Grundler, the Meyers, Joanne Schoyer, John Dancek and others who have helped transform our property into something we can be proud of. Coupled with the exterior brick work, pointing, and painting we're looking pretty spiffy. Check out the new "Volunteer Board" for ways we can all pitch in to keep it beautiful.

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Message From the Rector:

WELL DONE!

Dear Church Family,

My wife has a saying for me when I overly congratulate myself for completing "another fine job" around the house; it goes something like, "Don't break your arm patting yourself on the back." Well, this time, it's not my back I'm patting, but everyone of yours. With the completion of our exciting 9/11 picnic service, our very successful "three legged summer" has come to an end and congratulations are in order. Let me recount what we accomplished and outline what we're doing this fall.

For our first leg in June we hosted our first "ENK" (every neighborhood kid) program and over a one week period ministered to 25 kids with 19 from around the neighborhood. At the closing service with the Bishop we welcomed three new families to our worship service and shared with them the contents of our time capsule and our hospitality.

On the second leg in July, we put on our first "Family Fun Fest" and treated over 100 neighbors and kids to a fun-filled afternoon of fun, games, music, and, of course, dunking. We also blessed our guest, Chris, with the Ben Roethlisberger autographed football she wanted for her son serving in Iraq.

The final leg was, of course, the 9/11 church picnic on the lawn in which we hosted close to a hundred members and friends including members of the military, fire, police, and EMS personnel. We worshipped, ate, and hung out together on a perfectly beautiful God-made morning. Of course, we missed the hospitality of the Fay's home but we'll get a chance for that treat in January (See note on Church Socials).

Over all, I think it's safe to say we got out of our church walls and introduced Christ in many creative ways to neighbors and friends in the community. Don't break your arm patting yourself on the back but everyone who participated needs to hear an encouraging "well done."

This fall we are hoping everyone will take a deep breath and relax and get involved in whatever discipleship and fellowship opportunity meets your need. We have the Women's Bible study, the couples group, the Men's group, Sunday Christian Ed, and the Wednesday lunch group. There's also the Sunday worship and our series on 1 Peter. The hope is that we will continue to grow in our mutual love for the Lord and each other.

Yours in Christ,
Joseph



OCT Calendar of Events

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Sunday** 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education.
 10:30 a.m. Family Service & Children's Ministries
- Tuesday** 6:00 p.m. Intercessory Prayer time
 7:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- Wednesdays** 12:00 noon Healing Service and Lunch
 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Brownie Meeting
 1st and 3rd Wednesday
- Saturdays** 7:30 a.m. Men's Group
 the 1st and 3rd Saturday

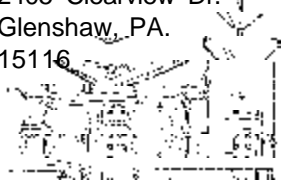
Coming Events

- Sunday Oct 9** 4:00 p.m. Pet Blessing
- Wednesday Oct 12** 12:00 p.m. Ministerial Meeting
- Friday Oct 28** 6:30 p.m. All Saints' Party
- November 10-12** Hope and a Future Conference

Please pray for the all the parishioners in the bulletin.

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Caring for One Another in Christ

A Stephen Ministry training workshop is being offered on Saturday, October 15 from 9:00-1:00 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland on Cumberland Road. This training is for anyone who is interested in learning care giving skills, as well as pastors and congregational leaders and decision makers. There are three sessions: Ministering to those experiencing grief, An Introduction to Stephen Ministry, How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way. Please contact Kathy Walzer at 412-487-5912 if you are interested in attending. We would like to send a group from our parish at a special rate. More information can be found at www.caringministry.org.

In 1975 Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, saw

that people's needs for care in his congregation and community far exceeded what he alone could provide. He developed materials to train nine of his congregation members to provide quality, one-to-one Christian care to individuals experiencing a life crisis.

Out of the demand for this training grew Stephen Ministries. This workshop is an introduction to that training and way of giving pastoral care. How we care for one another is important to our Lord (see Matthew 25:31-46). This is a good (and inexpensive) way to test if you have gifts or a calling to this type of ministry. If you are interested in seeing the level of pastoral care in our parish improve and God is prompting you to be part of the solution, please prayerfully consider attending.

For the Whole State of Christ's Church and the World

by Kathy Walzer

This is the third in a series of articles on prayer, offered with the prayer that our Lord Jesus will "teach us to pray" and that we will all become effective prayer warriors for the Kingdom of God. This month the focus is on intercessory prayer. We are encouraged in Scripture to pray for one another, for the sick, the poor, the unity and mission of the Church and for our leaders in the Church and in the world. Next month we will look at the "how" of prayer that we may get practical about the practice of prayer.

St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we might lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." (I Tim. 2:1-4) Again, we see the importance of prayer. It is the first subject that Paul advises Timothy about. Again, it is centered on the outcome of salvation and the kingdom of God.

We are to pray for everyone, including national and international leaders that all people may be governed wisely, that peace and good order may abound, and that the mission of the Church go on unhindered by the political turmoil in the world so that people everywhere may come into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Paul also coveted the prayers of the churches and individuals with which he corresponded for his own safety, mission and boldness in proclaiming the gospel. We need to lift up our leaders in the church as those who serve faithfully and must give an account to God for their ministry of our behalf. In addition, we remember our missionaries who like Paul went out in faith, sent by the Church to bear witness to Christ and "spread the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere." (II Cor. 2:14)

How are we to pray for one another? "Is anyone of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. Is anyone of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the

name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (James 5:13-16)

We are to pray for the everyday concerns of our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as for their spiritual, physical, and emotional health. Note the link between forgiveness and healing. Both are important to experiencing the fullness of health that God intends. We are to pray for those in "trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity" (BCP p. 329) including those who are persecuted for Christ. Intercessory prayer is spiritual warfare, requiring dedication, discipline, and putting on the whole armour of God to pray "at all times". (Eph. 6:10ff)

It may be that when we pray for others we are most like Jesus. Jesus, we know, "always lives to make intercession" for us. (Heb. 7:25) It is His continuing ministry on our behalf and He invites us to join Him in this sacrifice and expression of His love "for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world". (BCP p. 328)

Our Landscaping Features a Volleyball Court & Flowerbed Outside the Undercroft!



For more pictures of our Landscaping efforts & our picnic, visit www.churchworthfinding.org

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Pet Blessing

The 2nd Annual Church of Our Saviour Pet Blessing will be held October 9 at 4:00 p.m. on the church lawn. This event is a hoot, or a howl if you prefer. Last year we had lots of neighbors and plenty of pets ranging from Guinea Pigs to Great Danes. No Steeler game so come out & bless a pet.

Church Socials

In order to provide ways for the church to hang out and get to know each other better we are planning six bi-monthly gatherings beginning in November. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church if you or a couple of folks would like to host one of these events. They are usually pot-luck events with the theme of your choice. See sign up for details.

Trinity School for Ministry Gives Thanks

At the 9/11 picnic service a collection was taken for the Katrina flood victims. A total of \$500 was sent to the Rev. John Macdonald at Trinity for their mission trip to the Gulf region. "What a wonderful surprise to find the check for the collection that you took up at the Church of our Saviour's 9-11 picnic service. Please accept our gratitude and thanks for the donation you have made to Trinity on behalf of the team that is going to Mississippi in October. It is making this work possible." – The Rev. Canon John Macdonald

"Hope & A Future Conference" to Feature Rick Warren and Primate Akinola

Try hard to make this one! The "Hope and a Future Conference" at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center November 10-12 will be an historical event in the life of the Anglican Communion. For registration and info check out www.anglicanhope.org.