

# PARISH UPDATE

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## NEWS & NOTES

### September Birthdays

2.....Aya Lannon  
 8.....Jady Koch  
 13.....Sarah Perry  
 14.....Taylor Slowik  
 16.....Ruth Vogel  
 24.....Betty Cushman  
 28.....Matthew Ross

### September Anniversaries

4.....Walter and Sarah Perry  
 15.....John and Patricia Purdy  
 18.....Matt and Lisa McCormack  
 20.....David and Carol Bergstrom  
 29.....Lawrence and Barbara Grundler

### Church Picnic To Remember the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11

Tragedy often brings out the best in people. Five years ago, during the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our nation, gallant men and women from all branches of our civil service rose to great heights to serve the thousands of victims and families in their time of need. The theme of our annual picnic this year will be "Remembering and Thanking." Please come as we remember those who have given their lives for the sake of others and give thanks for those who continue to serve and protect our nation. We will honor all branches of our military and civil service and give thanks to Almighty God for his countless blessings upon our nation. The service will be uplifting, the food bountiful, and the time together...priceless. Come and join the gathering. Bring a dish if you want (but not necessary).

### Noon Lunch and Healing Service Open to Neighborhood

The Noon time lunch and healing service will be cranking up on Thursday, September 28 in the parish hall. The reason for the day change is because of the Alpha program on Wednesday nights. The Thursday lunch gathering is open to all members and neighbors and includes a nice lunch, good fellowship, prayers for healing, and communion. The time concludes around 1:30 pm.



### Russian Ensemble to Perform

Last month we announced our plans to host a concert for a Russian singing group. Plans have changed as we are now welcoming the group "Lyra" from St. Petersburg, Russia at our Sunday service September 24 at 10:30 am. They will join us for worship and bless us with a taste of Russian Orthodox sacred music. Family and friends are welcome. A light lunch reception will follow.

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## SPECIAL EDITION FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

### Message From the Rector:

## A Genuine Welcome

Dear Neighbor,

Recently, a neighbor showed up at our Sunday service and said, "I never knew if anybody went to church here but recently it seemed like something new was going on so I came to check it out," He had received various mailings and door hangers from our church and wanted to know what all the fuss was about.

At our recent "Funfest" event a young family showed up who only knew of the event because of football practice that morning at the field at the bottom of our drive way. "We've lived in Shaler all our lives and never knew there was a church back here, this was a really nice event." Others have come by because of the Easter Egg Hunt, the Halloween party, the summer kids program, or the Blessing of the Bikes (or pets).

So what is going on at the little church behind Rogers Elementary? Why so much activity? Some might say, "Well that's easy, they want more members," and as a pastor I'm vain enough to say that yes, members are a good thing. But there's more going on here than recruiting members. The truth is we have come alive with a timeless message of hope for all people and we want to share it any way we can.

The message is not about religion. It's not about rules and regulations, or about

putting on a façade of being "holier than thou." It's not about duty and obligation. The message is about Jesus Christ, the Son of God, coming to earth out of love for you and me to set us free from the guilt and condemnation of our daily sin.



Let's face it, we all fall short when it comes to God's holiness. Whether it be outbursts of anger, feelings of depression and self hatred, punishing thoughts and habits, or serious addictions, all human beings miss the mark somewhere. And we don't need religious platitudes or finger wagging to make it worse. We need someone who understands our situation and loves us in the mist of it. Jesus Christ is that Someone and his "good news" is what we're excited about at the Church of Our Saviour.

Come check us out. Our doors are open to everyone. Specifically, please come to our outdoor service and picnic on our front lawn September 10 at 10:30 am. We will be honoring our military, fire, police, and EMS personnel on this 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. We'll have fire trucks, a Boy Scout color guard, Barber Shop Quartet, members of our military, police, and more. Come and find out what all the fuss is all about.

Gratefully in Christ,  
 Joseph Martin, pastor



## 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. (starting Sept. 26)  
 Saturdays ..... 7:30 a.m. Men's Group the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

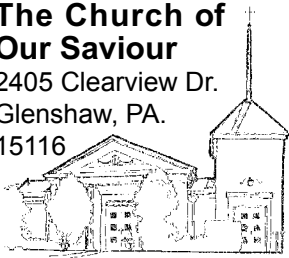
### SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday, Sept 10.....Church Picnic and service 10:30 a.m.  
 Monday, Sept 11 .....Vestry meeting at & 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Sept, 13.....Alpha Team Cookout 6:30 pm.  
 Sunday, Sept 17.....Adult Education begins  
 Sunday, Sept 17.....Sunday School begins  
 Tuesday, Sept 19.....Women's Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Sept 20.....Alpha "Check it out" dinner 6:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Sept 24.....Russian acappella group 10:30 service  
 Thursday, Sept 28 ..... Noon Lunch and Healing Prayer Service

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

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### Women's Bible Study Resumes

The Women's Bible study group will begin meeting on Tuesday nights beginning September 19 at 7:00 pm. The group will be leaning how to "Be a Mary in a Martha World." Come take a break from the hectic world and relax at the Master's feet. All women welcome. Study books are available. Call Heidi Martin (412-486-9028) for more info.

### 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.



### Relay for Life Scores a Winner!

Our 2006 Relay for Life was a success thanks to God and our team. Our efforts were rewarded and we donated \$1,050.50! Thanks to all who donated in anyway, especially our team: Robin, Jeff and Hannah Acquafondata, Brenda and Jason Cischke, Melissa Ernst, Dody and Jim Edge, Larry, April and Barb Grundler, Stacey, Kevin and Noah Jay, Heidi, Joseph, Maddie, and Wesley Martin and Kathy Walzer and Lilah. We have lost some of our church family to cancer and many of us are survivors. Hopefully we can build on this time of fellowship and fundraising, and do an even better job next year! Thanks again for all of your efforts and support! -- Barb Grundler

### Adult Ed Classes at Trinity

Trinity is again offering non-credit adult education courses on its Ambridge campus. The current course, "From Creation to New Creation: The Bible's Big Story," is taught by the Rev. Dr. Rod Whitacre, and meets on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30, through October 30. It will continue after the new year starting January 29 and ending April 2, 2007. There is no charge for this course, and participants may join at any time. For info visit <http://www.tesm.edu/learning/church>.

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## Spotlight on Missions: Shirley Morris

Deacon Shirley Morris was ordained out of the Church of Our Saviour about a decade ago. Around that same time she and her late husband Al began doing short term mission trips to the diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara in Uganda. She was a deacon here at Our Saviour for several years before transferring to the Anglican Mission in America to work for Bishop John Rodgers.

She maintained her contacts with Bishop Turumanya in Uganda and a few years ago felt God calling her to be a full-time missionary in the Church of Uganda.

Shirley's main ministry there is training women in rural villages to begin and lead Bible studies and do discipleship. She is also chaplain at a girl's high school. In her spare time she raises money for 4 scholarships for young women to receive computer training.

She also reaches out to other foreign workers (such as Peace Corps volunteers)

and visitors by hosting dinners at her home. Recently she was featured in our diocesan Trinity newsletter in an article highlighting a new outreach to Ugandan children in the village where she lives.

Noting that half the village population is made up of females under the age of 14, most of whom have no toys at all, she is asking people here to donate dolls to distribute to these children and also to her high school students. The Pittsburgh ECW is coordinating this collection and the contact person is Gail Wilson at 724-763-1651.

Shirley works for the diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara under the leadership of Bishop Nathan Kamanywa, but her support is raised through the South American Missionary Society (SAMS). She lives in Hoima, Uganda.

Please keep Shirley and all our mission partners in your prayers.

## Fun Fest Feature Family Favorites

The Second Annual Fun Fest was held on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Planned to run from Noon until 4pm, we ended up with dozens of "early birds" trying to get the best flea market "worms" well before 10 am! Thank you to everyone who donated food items, bakery, prizes, flea market items, and their time on the big day. Everyone there had the chance to dunk Jim Wiggins, Melissa Ernst, Barb Grundler, and of course our fun loving Reverend Joseph! The amazing weather, moonwalk, food, games, raffle baskets, Steelers tickets, and donated flea items were a real hit with the community and we hope to have even more participation from you all next year! In thanksgiving of your involvement, Brenda Cischke



## What's it all about? – ALPHA?

Come and See! Join us for the "Check it out" supper on September 20, 2006. The topic of the evening will be: "Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?" Dinner at 6:30, talk at 7:10, with a chance to hear and learn about ALPHA from folks who have participated before. No obligation, but a chance to decide whether you want to sign up to attend an exciting and fun course on the basics of the Christian faith.

### ALPHA Highlights

September 13 -- 6:30 p.m.

Alpha Leadership Training (small gr. Leaders/helpers) at the Martins

September 20 -- 6:30 p.m.

Alpha "Check it out"/Celebration Dinner

September 27 -- 6:30 p.m.

Alpha Course begins (10 weeks)  
Ends promptly at 9:00 p.m.

November 11 -- 9:00 a.m.

Holy Spirit retreat