

THE GOOD NEWS

**Holy Faith Episcopal Church
6990 South Federal Highway
Port St Lucie Florida 34952**

**A congregation of many
nationalities worshipping
together in joy.
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**This GOOD NEWS is
especially for**

You

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Services

Sunday

8 am. Rite I with music
10 am Rite II with Choir
Noon Rite II Spanish
Sunday School at 10am and noon

Wednesday

10 am. Holy Communion and Healing Service.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7/02 Conrad Upright
7/06 Valentina Silva
7/07 Evelyn Chartier
7/08 Isabel Colon
May Thomas
7/10 Teresa Molinuevo
7/14 Miguel Silva
7/15 Nadia Torres
7/16 Fay Edwards Taylor
Jessica Hoag



7/17 Joshua Silva
William Goddard
7/18 Ruth Weiss
7/19 Joan Stephenson
7/23 Arlene Mighty
7/24 Clarence Abrahams
7/25 Juan Silva
7/26 Haley Griffin
7/29 Timothy Gooden
7/31 Daphne Maison
Jeanne Stone

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

7/10 Wayne & Charlene Griffin
7/22 Roy & Jocelyn Newport
7/25 Jose & Emma Viamonte



7/28 Rhona & Cleon Malcolm
7/30 Randolph & Daphne Maison

ON BEING HAPPY

Some thoughts from Father Bill

Recently I was involved in a conversation with someone who insisted that, as an American citizen, she had the right to be happy, and that she certainly should never feel miserable. Well, she was none too happy when I argued that she was wrong on both counts!

Certainly, as an American citizen, she has the right to pursue happiness, which is not quite the same thing as being happy. If we are pursuing something, it means that we have not yet gained what it is we are pursuing. I cannot be sure what Thomas Jefferson had in mind when, as an eighteenth century Virginian, he argued that every man has the right to pursue happiness, but I suspect that, as Virginia was and is a Commonwealth, its citizens were being called upon to pursue in company with each other this elusive notion called happiness. In other words, they were being encouraged to see to it that in their affairs with one another they should together seek a state of happiness for everyone involved, and not just for themselves individually. Happiness then is a condition in which everybody should experience happiness, and if even one person is unhappy then the state of happiness has not yet been achieved for anyone and so it continues to need to be pursued.

Thomas Jefferson knew his Bible well enough to know, as Saint Paul teaches, if one member of the body suffers all the members suffer. What he was doing was to put a positive twist to Saint Paul's words. What my conversationalist had done, as so many of us do, is to misread what is in the text, omitting in this case some very key words – the pursuit of. We are simply not meant to cease to pursue happiness until all people everywhere are living in a state of happiness.

Her second confusion was to equate misery with the opposite of happiness. The opposite of happiness is sadness. But sadness and misery are not really synonyms, even though some people seem to think that they are. In truth and in fact, while we walk the ways of the Earth, we should all hope to live in a state of misery! We are, as the words of the old

Confession has it, “miserable sinners”. And that, oddly enough, is not a bad condition to be in. Let me try to explain.

Being a sinner is something that we readily understand. As it was once expressed to me, a sinner is anyone who puts him- or herself in the centre of this world, between the two poles, North and South, but in so doing turns the world upside down – S-I-N. The word we often do not understand is “miserable”.

Look at the word, “miserable”. Break it up into two parts – “miser” and “able”. Now what is a miser? A miser is a person who saves things and holds on to them tightly having saved those things. Originally, a miser was a saver, a saviour. One who is miserable, then, is one who is able to be saved. A miserable sinner is a sinner who is able to be saved. And that is only part of the story.

Take up your Book of Common Prayer and turn up Psalm 67. What is the Latin title of this Psalm? Deus misereatur! Once more, there is that word, “miser”. What we might understand from this is that the psalmist is begging God to be a miser. Yet what do we read as the first line of this psalm? May God be merciful to us and bless us. In other words, a miser is one who shows mercy to what or whom he saves. So a miserable sinner is not just one who is able to be saved, but is also one who is able to receive mercy.

My conversationalist had totally missed the point, as do so many other people. We are being called into a state of happiness in company with one another, but until that state is reached we are destined to be miserable, able to be saved and to be shown mercy – and that, I would assert, is a good state to be in for the time being. And once we have received salvation and received mercy so that we know what real happiness is meant to be, then perhaps we can join our French-speaking brothers and sisters and say to the Great Miser, the Saviour, “Merci”.

You Can't Do It Alone (1)

'I am not able to bear all [this] alone...'

Numbers 11:14 NKJV

One day Moses told God that the job was too big for him. So God told Moses to find seventy men with leadership ability. Then He said: 'I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put [it] upon them; and they shall bear the burden...with you.'

(Numbers 11:17 NKJV) Understand this: you will never fulfill your dream as long as you are unable or unwilling to get others to buy into it. Don't think that because your dream is worthwhile, people will automatically line up to be part of it. It doesn't work that way. The same dream that will bless you, can bury you if you don't surround yourself with the right people. Moses said, 'I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now...'
(Numbers 11:14-15 NKJV) Don't wait till you're on the verge of a nervous breakdown or your family is falling apart before you reach for help.

When God calls someone He always calls others to stand with them. So start looking around you. You may need just one person or you may need many. Indeed, the greater your dream, the greater your team must be. But here's the good news: the size of your dream determines the size of the people who will be attracted to it. If you have a big dream, you have even greater potential for good people to help you. What you need to do is connect with them, invite them in, transfer the vision and then turn them loose.

Bob Gass – The Word for Today

PASTORAL CARE

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

Lord, You said that once I decided to follow You, we would walk side by side through life; but when I needed You most, I saw only one set of footprints in the sand.

The Lord replied, "I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints it was then that I carried you."

Submitted by Doris Huggins.

FROM THE WEB MISTRESS

NEW ON THE WEBSITE

Did you know that there are several bits of information which you can find with just a mouse click on each date on the calendar? First, you can now find a daily Bible reading. If you click on the date you will be able to access the link to the thought provoking meditation based on the day's readings from *Forward Day By Day*. Next, you can find a link to the Collect and other readings for Sunday by clicking on the date for each Sunday on the calendar. If you missed the service on any given Sunday and so did not get the weekly Bulletin insert, you do not have to miss the readings for that day. Simply click on the missed Sunday's date on the calendar. Then, click on the link to the readings from the Lectionary for that Sunday, and get the Collect, Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel readings for that day. The link can also be found at the end of each sermon. Additionally, there is a new tab titled **Prayers**. This page provides a number of prayers that address a variety of needs. You are encouraged to visit this page often. Finally, please use the **Contact Page** to send your suggestions for improvements that you would like to see on the website: <http://holymfaithpsl.org>.

Carole Gooden – Web Mistress

HAPPENINGS AT HOLY FAITH

On September 30, 2012, the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida, Gregory Brewer, will be visiting Holy Faith.

This is an invitation to all who wish to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church, or who wish to Reaffirm their vows. Please inform Fr. Bill or Fr. Pepe, so that steps can be taken to prepare the candidates for these events.

November 15, 16, 17 portraits for the Pictorial Directory will commence. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Fr. Bill has informed the Vestry that he will not be renewing his contract when it expires later this year.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee met with Canon Bennett and we have a list of nine (9) names. We are looking at their profiles now and will begin next week to check references and other things we need to check.

We hope to meet with him again at the end of July to discuss interviewing procedures.

A meeting of the Search Committee will take place on Sunday July 1, at 3pm.

Terri Mullins
Chair

LIVING HOLISTICALLY

Lemons also called golden apples, has many uses. In early times, the juice was used to flavor and preserve foods and used as antidotes for poisons and venom. Sailors ate them to combat scurvy.

A quarter of the world's lemons are grown in the United States, (mostly in California).

Lemons are high in nutrients. They are an excellent source of Vitamin B6, iron and potassium and a very good source of dietary fiber and vitamin C. they also contain Calcium, Copper, Folic acid, Magnesium, Manganese, and Zinc.

The juice of lemon can be mixed with water and used as gargle for mouth sores and sore throat. Lemon juice can be added to food to replace salt, and to water which can replace soda and other sweetened beverages.

Lemons are rich in Bioflavonoids, natural compounds found in some fruits and vegetables. Bioflavonoids protects against cell damage caused by free radicals. They help maintain capillaries and help maintain capillaries and help the blood clot. They may help to prevent heart disease. They act as natural antibiotics and may protect the body from cancer causing substances.

Lemon juice is an antiseptic, and can be added to baking soda and water to make a great natural and safe cleaner. It can also be used as a bleaching agent that can be used to remove stains from cotton and linen. Slices of lemon can be rubbed on acne, rinsed with tepid water to help clear pimples, a natural exfoliant, used to remove dead skin cells to reveal brighter skin.

Adding lemon to every food is a great way to get some added nutrition for little cost or effort.

From Health Renew MD Inc.

EPISCOPAL CURSILLO PICNIC

Saturday, July 21, 2012

St. Peter's Lake Mary

700 Rhinehart Road

Lake Mary, FL 32746

Event open to all Cursillistas, family and friends.

Please bring a covered dish, chair and a joyous heart. For more information contact Phil Phillips at strumminguy55@yahoo.com or Nancy Gordon at 407-889-4096

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