

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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Sunday

8 am. Rite I with music

10 am Rite II with Choir

Noon Rite II Spanish

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Wednesday

10 a.m. Holy Communion and Healing Service

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/01 Ethel Dixon
9/03 Stafford Gardner
9/04 Joycelyn Newport
Carole Gooden
9/10 Martha Hovespian
Ruby Hudson
Larson Toppin
Tina Guerrero
9/11 Ivy Phillips
Carolina Catala
9/13 Jean Pascuzzi



9/18 Pat Sanders
Xochiti Barrios
9/19 Guillermo Melendes
Katy Turner
9/20 Isabel Silva
9/21 Merle Stephenson
Roy Newport
Martin Bustamante
9/23 Sared Avellaneda
Rubin Silva
9/27 John Williams
9/29 Edris Alves

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

9/06 Doug & Celia Warren
9/07 Richard & Mary Hinman
9/11 Fr. Pepe & Olga Fernandez



9/24 Pedro & Maritza Quintana
9/25 Cecil & Veronica Alleyne

ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

Some thoughts from Father Bill

When the television airwaves are filled with some of the worst forms of advertising money can buy, we know that it's election season. And we are going to be plagued with this material for another nine weeks or so. There are times that I wish political candidates and their sponsors could be charged with false advertising, but I suppose that would be contrary to the First Amendment!

I am often asked how I am going to vote, and I have to explain that I have no vote in this country, or in any other for that matter. I am then asked how I would vote if I had that right, and to that I can answer.

I believe, as a churchgoing, bible-reading follower of Christ that I should turn to the Holy Scriptures and to the words of Jesus to discern how I would vote. And Jesus gives us some very clear guidelines on this matter, guidelines with which any Bible-reading individual should be familiar.

The first of these guidelines is found in the Lord's Prayer. We pray that god's Realm should prevail in the affairs of the Earth as they do in the affairs of Heaven, and we pray that that should happen this day – not tomorrow or some date even further in the future. And we say this simply because the next clause in the Lord's Prayer has us asking that we be provided with food today, this day. In other words, if Ream of God is to prevail on Earth, it means that everybody should have enough to eat.

The poor, in all countries and communities have to have ready access to affordable, nutritious food. Also in the Lord's Prayer are words concerning the topic of debt. Holy scripture is loud and clear that people who lend to others within their own community of faith, should do so without charging interest. In saying that it is better to give, Jesus implies that to give is better than to receive interest on what is "given". And this clause in the Lord's Prayer leads into mention of temptation, and we should not just "spiritualize" temptation, but apply it to false glamour of so much advertising and the status symbols that advertising fosters.

The second set of guidelines is found in the reply of Jesus to the question concerning the Great commandment. Jesus, quoting the Hebrew Scriptures, teaches that we should love each other as we love ourselves. Putting this in other words means that if we think that we should have a particular standard of living, then we should see to it that others have the same standard of living. This

means, as one United Nations agency has described it, that everyone should have ready access to adequate housing, employment, health services, educational services, clean water and nutrition, recreational activities and transportation. If I feel I need to have \$20 million a year in order to survive, then I should see to it that everybody else does! But if I feel that a family is able to have access to all those things just mentioned on say \$50,000 a year, then I should take no more than that out of the economy to meet my own family's needs.

And when we look at the ministry of Jesus as described in the gospels, we see that his concern was to see to it that the needs of those seeking assistance were met immediately – and at no cost. Jesus never charged for any cure he effected. He never asked for any fees for providing food to the hungry. When asked by John the Baptist whether he was the one who is to come. Jesus replied. "Go tell John what you hear and see; the blind recover their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead raised to life, the poor are hearing the good news". Jesus does not talk about "some of the", but "the", all of them. And Jesus does not talk about something in the future, but he uses the present tense in each and every case. In his very first public announcement, in the synagogue at Nazareth, as recorded in Luke 4, Jesus quoting from Isaiah 61 claimed that his role was to announce the good news to the poor, to proclaim release for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the broken victims go free. In his last parable, as recorded in Matthew 25, Jesus speaks of the role of those who are citizens of the Realm of god as feeding the hungry, providing drink for the thirsty, providing accommodation for the foreigner, and clothing the naked. And in the gospel of John the recurring adverbs is "Now", not tomorrow.

For whom should a churchgoing, Bible-loving follower of Jesus vote? Surely it should be for the candidate who commits himself or herself to the guidelines laid out for us by Jesus.

PASTORAL CARE

A Christmas Past

On Christmas of 1935, I received a gift from my great aunt Miriam, she was the town librarian.. so I wasn't surprised to find that it was a book, but I hoped it would be, maybe, a Nancy Drew Mystery? I was disappointed to see that it was a slim leather volume of "One Hundred & One Famous Poems" I was told to swallow my disappointment and write her a note expressing my appreciation.

Through the many years since then, that book remains in a prominent place in the bookshelf and I have discovered and rediscovered thoughts and words that reach out to me over & over. The following is my latest rediscovery and I'd like to share it:

" Each in His Own Tongue"

By William H. Carruth

A fire mist and a planet, A Chrystal and a cell,
A jelly fish and a saurian, and a cave where
cavemen dwell;

Then a sense of law and beauty, and a face turned
from the clod-

Some call it Evolution, and others call it God.

A haze on the far horizon, the infinite, tender sky
The ripe rich tints of the cornfields, and the wild
geese flying high-
And all over upland and lowland, the charm of the
golden rod-
Some of us call it Autumn and others call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea beach, when the moon
is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings come welling and
surging in-
Come from the mystic ocean, whose rim no foot has
trod,-
Some of us call it Longing, and others call it God.

A picket frozen on duty, a mother starved for her
brood,
Socrates drinking the hemlock, and Jesus on the
rod:
And millions, who, humble and nameless, the
straight hard pathway plod,-
Some call it Consecration, and others call it God.

Submitted by Jeanne Stone
Pastoral Care

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The schedule for Coffee Hour has been completed, with much difficulty. There is a decrease in the number of committees. The Ushers and the Greeters have been combined. Most congregant is on more than one committee.

Solution?

Communication!

Maybe the members in one committee will volunteer to bring the refreshments, and when in the other group can do the setting up and cleaning up, and vice versa, this is so that no one member or group should be unduly burdened.

WWJD?

He cheerfully fed the multitudes!

Your help is truly appreciated.

Aquinda Toppin

ISN'T IT STRANGE!!!

Isn't it strange how two hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you are watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front row tickets to concerts or games, but they do whatever is possible to sit at the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how a twenty dollar bill seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

It's strange isn't it?

Email message from jnbgoody..

HAPPENINGS AT HOLY FAITH

Adult classes continues for those wishing to: Reaffirm their Baptismal Vows, be Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church.

Classes are being held on Monday evenings at 6:30pm and on Friday evenings at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

The Vestry has voted to have the roof of the church replaced. The permit has been obtained and work should begin early this month, weather permitting.

Remember the date, September 30th, when Bishop Gregory Brewer will be visiting Holy Faith. The Bishop and his wife will be spending the day with us.

The Jr. Warden has requested your help on Saturday Sept. 29th at 8:30am to clean and spruce up the Campus.

Please bring cleaning supplies.

Many hands will make the work light.

Following the service on Sept. 30th, a reception will be held in the Parish Hall. A menu is being planned and the congregation will be asked to bring an item to share. This is so that there will not be an over abundance of items. There will also be a need for a set-up crew and a clean-up crew. Please make a concerted effort to help, so that we can make this occasion a memorable one.

The Thrift Shop will reopen on September 5th. It will be business as usual. They will accept your excess, don't want/need articles. You may drop them off at the shop Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

Please reserve the dates November 15th, 16th, 17th. These are the dates that have been chosen to have our pictures taken for the Pictorial Directory. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Ed.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Search Committee has reached a consensus on two candidates for the new Priest in Charge. They are in the process of compiling information to present to the Vestry.

The Vestry will make a decision and then request permission from the Bishop to issue a call and if the call is accepted we will have a new Priest in Charge.

Terri Mullins

Chair,

Search Committee

THRIFT SHOP

On Sunday July 1, 2012, the Holy Faith Thrift Shop awarded its first Scholarship to Deneise Soltau. She is a graduate of Fort Pierce Central High School and plans to attend Indian River State College. Deneise serves as an Acolyte in the church for many years.

The award was presented by Ms. Ena Cushnie, founder of the Holy Faith thrift Shop.

The scholarship is open to members of the church, their children and grandchildren. Candidates with a GPA of 3.5 or better may apply by filling out an application.

Ethlyn Moody

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King
Lighthouse Chapter

Holy Faith Episcopal Church

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Invites you to a Quiet Day on Saturday
October 27th, 2012, 9am to 1pm.

Details to follow.

Ethlyn Moody

Don't Get Bitter

'...Watch out that no...bitterness grows up...'

Hebrews 12:15 NLT

Betrayal is something *others* do to you; bitterness is something *you* do to yourself. It's impossible to go through life without being hurt. It may be an unfaithful spouse, an employee who slanders you or a boss who fires you without explanation. Sitting at supper with His disciples, Jesus said, 'One of you will betray Me.' ([Mark 14:18 NIV](#)) Shortly after that, Judas betrayed Him with a kiss. Some folks will kiss you today and kick you tomorrow. But Jesus refused to become bitter. That's because He knew Judas' kiss would usher Him into His destiny. Nor did Jesus turn His back on Peter when he denied Him. Instead, Peter was the only one He mentioned by name when He arranged to meet His disciples for breakfast following the resurrection. Jesus saw Peter in the light of his potential, not his problems. What Peter did at one moment didn't keep Jesus from seeing what he would become when His grace touched Peter's life. And you must be that way too. This is why Paul wrote: 'Get rid of all bitterness... Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.' ([Ephesians 4:31-32 NLT](#)) So eliminate any words of bitterness from your conversation. Stop rehearsing the details of your past unless it's to teach and encourage others to rise above theirs. How often do you revisit your old issues? What are you doing to make sure no bitterness remains in your heart? God says, 'Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing.' ([Isaiah 43:18-19 NKJV](#))

Bob Gass – The Word for Today

Alternative to a handgun under the bed

I know some of you own GUNS but this is something to think about...

If you don't have a gun, here's a more humane way to wreck someone's evil plans for you. Did you know this? I didn't. I never really thought of it before. I guess I can get rid of the baseball bat.

Wasp Spray - A friend who is a receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office on Monday to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked the local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended to her that she get a can of wasp spray instead.

The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one nearby at home for home protection.

Val Glinka teaches self-defense to students at Sylvania Southview High School. For decades, he's suggested putting a can of wasp and hornet spray near your door or bed. Glinka says, "This is better than anything I can teach them."

Glinka considers it inexpensive, easy to find, and more effective than mace or pepper spray. The cans typically shoot 20 to 30 feet so if someone tries to break into your home, Glinka says "spray the culprit in the eyes". It's a tip he's given to students for decades.

It's also one he wants everyone to hear. If you're looking for protection, Glinka says look to the spray. "That's going to give you a chance to call the police; maybe get out." Maybe even save a life.

Did you also know that wasp spray will kill a snake? And a mouse! It will! Good to know, huh? It will also kill a wasp!!!

Submitted by Fay Edwards Taylor

SERVERS SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2012

| <u>LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>USHERS/ GREETERS</u> | <u>FLORISTS</u> |
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| <p>2. 8am – E. Francis 10am – G. Williams</p> <p>9. 8am S. Heath 10am – B. Claren</p> <p>16. 8am – E. Francis 10am – H. Walcott</p> <p>23. 8am – S. Heath 10am - L. McCalla</p> <p>30. 10am – H. Walcott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ALTAR GUILD</u></p> <p>2. 8am - H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>9. 8am - H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>16. 8am - H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>23. 8am - H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> <p>30. 8am – H. Walcott 10am - H. Walcott</p> | <p>2. 8am - E. Francis B. Windoloski</p> <p>10am – D. Moehl G. Horne</p> <p>9. 8am – S. Heath A. Anter</p> <p>10am – M. Sangster I. Duncan</p> <p>16. 8am – E. Francis V. Alleyne</p> <p>10am – C. Inniss G. Horne</p> <p>23. 8am – S. Heath M. Upright</p> <p>10am – D. Moehl J. Stone</p> <p>30. 10am – B. Claren G. Adams Psalms – Spanish Congregation</p> | <p>2. 8am – C. Upright M. Upright</p> <p>10am - J. Guillaume</p> <p>9. 8am - C. Upright M. Upright</p> <p>10am – L. McCalla U. McCalla</p> <p>16. 8am - C. Upright M. Upright</p> <p>10am – TBA</p> <p>23. 8am - C. Upright M. Upright</p> <p>10am – TBA</p> <p>30. 10am - TBA</p> | <p>2. G. Abrahams J. Newport</p> <p>9. R. Malcolm E. Francis</p> <p>16. I. Vaceannie D. Huggins</p> <p>23. M. Stephenson P. Simeon</p> <p>30. P. Smith I. Colon A. Creary V. Stephenson</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COFFEE HOUR HOSTS</u></p> <p>2. Hospitality</p> <p>9. Florist</p> <p>16. Thrift Shop</p> <p>23. DOK</p> <p>30. Hospitality /Congregation</p> |

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE PLEASE ARRANGE FOR A SUBSTITUTE