

THE WORD FROM TWO SAINTS

The Church of St. Luke & St. Simon Cyrene
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

September 2007
In Covenant with St. Stephen's Church

Bless now, O God, the journey...

FROM THE RECTOR...

As our program year kicks off again, I am thinking of journeys. At the end of September I will have finished three years with you, and it seems to me that we can officially say that we are on a journey together. We're no longer new to each other (although, of course, some of us are). I've lived a whole three-year lectionary cycle with you (which means, by my count, somewhere around 150 sermons). We have a renewed vision and felt strong enough together to try the experiment of covenanting with St. Stephen's. We are planning to kick-off a Capital Campaign to make some improvements about which you have talked a long time, waiting for the right moment.

When we gather on September 9th for our annual outdoor service and cookout, we will hear a fairly challenging Gospel reading about leaving father and mother, taking up our cross, entering on the way of discipleship, knowing full well that the cost of the journey is letting go of our ultimate need for anything else but our relationship with God in Jesus (Luke 14:25-33). I will have some things to say (when don't I?) about the continuing journey we are called on together and the kinds of things it may cost us.

But our story and our journey are never solely about cost, just like they are never solely about promise. Our journeys are always costly and they are always journeys toward the promise, with glimpses along the way that keep us going.

I have found a song I want us to sing on September 9 that is about the journey to which we are called, the journey of cost and of promise. I want to give you the words now, because they are helpful, I think, for reflection.

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path thru noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

*Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way—
whose hope burns throughout the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.*

*We yearn for holy freedom, while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.*

*Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places—you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads as faith is found.*

*Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993)
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I, for one, am grateful for this journey of yearning for holy freedom for one another, for this community, and this city. The frustrations are many, for indeed we are often bound. But the gift of God's love experienced through one another and the sacraments that keep us one, will indeed keep us on the road. I look forward to the journey ahead! Let us be on our way!



FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR POTENTIAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The week of September 10 you will receive a questionnaire in the mail as part of the feasibility study for our potential capital campaign. Please fill it out and return it by the date specified. Doing so is absolutely critical to our ability to move forward! The questionnaire you fill out will not be seen by anyone at Two Saints. The results will be tabulated by the Episcopal Church Foundation staff, and they will report the results to us in October.

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HAVING A LITTLE FUN WITH WELCOMING

The Welcoming & Inclusion Team is organizing a number of events over the coming year to help us continue to build relationships within our community. The point is to help us get to know newer members, and to give them an opportunity to get to know those who are already here. Getting together in small groups makes this easier for everyone. So take the plunge and join us for some fun!

Look for these events:

- **It's a Card Party! - October 27th**
Whether it's Eucher, Bridge, Pinochle or Uno, you'll want to join us for an afternoon of fast dealing! Watch for a sign up sheet in mid-September. Sign up for your favorite card game and we'll mix-n'-match the tables. Meet some new friends and challenge old ones! We'll supply the beverages. You bring your favorite treat to share!
- **A Night at Geva Theater**, coming in January/February. We'll be buying tickets as a group to attend an evening performance of Cabaret. Seeing this play may also provide us an opportunity to continue some of the dialogue we've begun around race and differences over the summer.
- **A Mad Spring Mixer** We're not releasing details just yet. Watch for news coming in the spring!

WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING SEPTEMBER 8

Are you an acolyte, ambassador, reader, subdeacon, or Eucharistic minister? Do you want to be one? All who say "yes" to either question are invited to a



training morning on Saturday, September 8 from 9:30 am to Noon. For those already engaged in these ministries it is very important occasionally to refresh our skills,

learn a bit more, and build teamwork with both old

and new ministers. We will also be working on our ability to respond to varying situations, since increasingly our liturgy does not look exactly the same all the time. No need to sign up—just come!

CELEBRATE AT ST. STEPHEN'S NEW ORLEANS' NIGHT!

An invitation to help celebrate New Orleans' Night at St. Stephen's on Saturday, September 15, from 6-9pm (two seatings). This jazz dinner will feature Creole Chicken, Gumbo, Beans N' Rice, Bread Pudding, and Pralines! Live Jazz by Tim & Peter Sullivan. Ticket price is \$20 and reservations are requested. For more information or to make reservations, please contact the church at 328-0856 or email wendy@sullybrown.com. This fund raiser will support St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Rochester & St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Orleans.

GODLY PLAY IS COMING

A Godly Play workshop is being offered on September 22 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on East Avenue for children's Sunday school teachers, and parents. The day costs \$20 and includes demonstrations of Godly Play lessons, discussion of children's spirituality and, of course, lunch. Children's Sunday school teachers should have already received registration materials in the mail. All parents who are interested in learning more about some of what we are using in Sunday school, or about the spiritual life of children are invited to attend. Registration forms are located on the Diocesan bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs.

FORUM ON GLOBAL WARMING SEPTEMBER 23

By Marilyn Wienk

This program will offer a message of concern and hope about global warming—the harmful effects on our planet from climate change and what we might do to curb those effects. Local renewable energy professional, **Scott Cicora**, will present a slide show, "The Climate Project," based on Al Gore's award-winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*. Unlike watching the movie, participants will be able to ask questions and join in discussion.

Scott Cicora trained with Al Gore last January and now, along with other volunteers across the nation, is delivering presentations on global warming. Scott is Sales Director for Fat Spaniel Technologies, which makes renewable energy more visible, accessible, and compelling to users, industry professionals, and policy makers. The parish's Public Policy Team and the newly formed Simpler Living Study/Action Group are co-sponsoring this forum.

**ST. STEPHEN'S SUNDAY SUPPERS
NEEDS YOU**

Every 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month, St. Stephen's offers a free hot meal to the community between 1 and 2pm. They need at least six volunteers each of those Sundays. Volunteers work in the kitchen, act as servers and help at the sign-in table. If you can offer some time to help with this community ministry, please sign up in the back of the church, or contact Debbie Burrows at 328-8363 or dburrows@rochester.rr.com.

ECW PROGRAMS AT ST. PAUL'S

By Nancy Andrus

As Program Chair of the Episcopal Church Women's Group at St. Paul's, I would like to invite anyone who is interested in attending the 2007-8 presentations. Please note that many men attend as well! With the exception of the October and May programs, lunch begins at Noon for \$4 per person in the parish hall and the speaker from 1-2 pm. Note: October 4th and May 1st meetings will begin at 6 pm for dinner and the speaker will be 7-8 pm. Please note Michael Hopkins is the speaker in April 2008!

- Sept. 20 *Joyce Bogdanski on Cole Porter*
- Oct. 4 *Stem Cell Research* with the Rev. Christopher Luedde & Dr. James Boynton
- Nov. 1 *Knowledge is Power at Any Age* with Irma Maun from the ECH
- Dec. 6 *With Heart and Voice—the Inner Workings* with Richard Gladwell
- Jan. 3 *Reflections* by Bishop Jack & Linda McKelvey
- Feb. 7 *Challenges for End of Life Care* by Theo Munson of Lifetime Care

- Apr. 3 *The State of Violence & Anti-Violence In Rochester* by the Rev. Michael Hopkins
- May 1 *The State of Rochester's Economic Development Present and Future* by Carlos Carballada of City Hall

A NOTE FROM ANNIE LAVER

Dear Two-Sainters,
Michael and I arrived in Wisconsin August 13 and I am starting to settle in. We had a wonderful few summer months, spending time in France, Holland, and with my family on the east coast. Now that we are back, I wanted to say thank you for the great send-off in May and all your kind gifts. It was such a pleasure to serve at Two Saints—I miss you all already! I plan to be back in Rochester from time to time in order to finish up some doctoral degree requirements and I will certainly stop in at church. Thanks again for all you have done for both Michael and me; we will always think fondly of our time with you.

Annie Laver



**VIA MEDIA II:
“LITURGY FOR LIVING
IN THE VIA MEDIA”**

Via Media II classes are intended especially for those who have taken the basic Via Media class and who wish to go deeper into some of the areas generally discussed in that introductory program. Prior Via Media attendance is not, however, an absolute requirement.

Four Via Media II classes are offered over a two year period, covering the areas of Scripture, Liturgy, Theology, and Moral Decision Making.

“The Via Media” is a nickname the Anglican/Episcopal tradition has long claimed for itself. It means literally “the middle way,” signifying not only our tradition’s blend of catholic and reformed elements, but also our commitment to balance in the

Christian life. This Fall's offering is "Liturgy for Living in the Via Media."

Anglican Christians have long centered their life on their worship, based in the sacraments and a strong notion of "common prayer." If there is a characteristic Anglican "spirituality" it is liturgical, sacramental, and communal. We will explore this reality, emphasizing our participation in the two great sacraments at the center of our life: Baptism and the Eucharist.

Our two resources for this class will be the two volumes of the New Church's Teaching Series: *Opening the Prayer Book* by Jeffrey Lee and *A Theology of Worship* by Louis Weil. Both are available for a total of \$24 (don't hesitate to speak to the rector if you need assistance). Participants will also need a copy of *the Book of Common Prayer*.

Participants in this class can expect the following:

- To learn the deep structure of Baptism and the Eucharist and how these structures inform our living as Anglicans/Episcopalians.
- To develop an appreciation for the history of our worship and how its continued development is vital to the ongoing life and growth of the Church.
- To learn some practical ways that our liturgical, sacramental, communal spirituality can be adopted in daily life.
- To have a stronger sense of why we do the things we do when we worship together.

Please sign up for the class in the narthex of either church, or call the office and have your name added. The books will automatically be ordered for you (please let us know if you already have them or wish to order them ahead of time yourself).

**Coming in
October:
Via Media I**

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY BEGINS ANOTHER YEAR

Education for Ministry—the four-year theological education by extension program sponsored by the University of the South—begins its third year at Two Saints with thirteen total participants and two mentors!

Beginning Year 3 of the program with mentor John Clinton Bradley will be Chris Cleveland, Allan Cuseo, Sharon Montoya, Robert Seidel and Merle Welsh. They will be meeting on Saturday mornings.

New students beginning Year 1 with mentor Mary Ann Brody include Two Sainters Paul Birkby, Jim Costich, and Lou Sheldon, and from St. Stephen's Debbie Burrows, Bonnie Hallman-Dye, Karen Kirkey, and Wendy Sullivan. They will be meeting Sunday evenings. In addition, Mary Maida will be taking an on-line version of the course.

Please keep our EFM students and mentors in you prayers this year!

NURSERY NEEDS

We are in need of one or two volunteers to help out in our nursery with Valerie Wheeler, our Nursery Attendant. Volunteers serve during the 10am service with children ages five and under. Generally each volunteer takes one Sunday a month. Valerie plans the activities for the day and volunteers assist her. If you enjoy working with young children this may be for you! Speak with Mary Ann Brody (546-7730 or ststephenspaster@frontiernet.net) if you can help.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 6

The annual Blessing of the Animals will occur this year on Saturday, October 6 at 11 am. All animals and their human companions are welcome to this event. This is a brief Service, inspired by the witness of St. Francis of Assisi to the goodness of all creation. The Service consists of singing, a brief reading and homily,



and an individual blessing for each animal present.

This is a great Service to invite others to attend: friends, neighbors, etc.: anyone who is a lover of the creation and of our animal companions! Stuffed animals are welcome as well.

**WORSHIP, MUSIC &
FORMATION LEADERS
COMMISSIONING SEPTEMBER 16**

The Patronal Feast of St. Simon Cyrene will be celebrated on September 16 (the Sunday following Holy Cross Day, September 14). On this day at both Services we will commission those involved in worship, music and formation leadership, as we begin a new program year.

Included in the commissioning, we will be celebrating the new ministry of Malcolm Merriweather, who began earlier this summer as our Director of Music. It will be a gala day! Don't miss it! Hospitality time after the 10 am Service will especially give thanks for the Adult Choir.



**SCENES FROM RIGHT ON SCHOOL
SUMMER 2007**



*Rapper D.O. from Toronto holds a session with the students about living non-violent lives. D.O. was one of the rappers at our first HipHop E*Mass.*

A parachute purchased with United Thank Offering funds entertained kids and staff alike and taught non-violent, non-competitive fun.



Congratulations to Sharon Cardoza, Right On School Director, and Karon Jackson, Assistant Director, who were both honored on Appreciation Night for 20 years of service to Right On School!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please consider donating Altar flowers. There are openings the next few weeks. Envelopes and information are available at the back of the church (on the accordion board). Alternatively, you may call the Office (546-7730) and find out available dates and register to reserve one. Suggested donation for a week's worth of flowers is \$40. Folks are also encouraged during the summer months to provide their own garden's flowers!

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 2—14th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Eucharist (TS)

Sunday, September 9—12th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Front Porch Mass (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Liturgy of the Word (TS)

Friday, September 14—Holy Cross Day

12:05 pm Eucharist (TS)

Sunday, September 16—13th Sunday after Pentecost

The Patronal Feast of St. Simon Cyrene

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

5 pm Dignity-Integrity Eucharist (TS)

Friday, September 21—St. Matthew's Day

12:05 pm Eucharist

Sunday, September 23—14th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

Friday, September 28—Michaelmas Eve

12:05 pm Eucharist

Sunday, September 30—15th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)

10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)

10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)

With Dignity-Integrity

Every Tuesday & Thursday

12:05 pm Eucharist

