

The Word From Two Saints

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

Summer 2009
A House of Prayer for All People

From the Rector:

Dear Saints,

On Thursday, June 18, your Vestry renewed the Covenant for Cooperative Ministry with St. Stephen's Church for another two year period. The evaluation of our first two years was overwhelmingly positive.

The Covenant exists "to sustain and strengthen the ministry of the Episcopal Church to and with the people of the City of Rochester, both on the west side near our churches and throughout the city....The Episcopal Church is committed to continuing and strengthening ministry in the city and fostering the development of new and renewed ministries among our Episcopal congregations and with other agencies and communities of faith."

We have spent much of our first two years getting to know one another through joint meetings, programs, and worship. We have begun to "cross fertilize" some of our ministries (for example, Two Sainters helping with St. Stephen's Sunday Suppers). A goodly amount of trust has been built up.

Part of the evaluative conversation between the two vestries in June was the beginning of dreaming how we might be engaged in new ministry together. In particular, the recent influx of neighborhood children into St. Stephen's may be providing us an opportunity to serve that neighborhood, particularly its children. It's time for us to explore a deepening of our relationship and to test out some new joint venture as we continue to strengthen our current ministries.

A joint "Dream Team" is being formed to explore these new possibilities, with the goal of reaching

some clarity by mid-Fall. So the adventure continues!

As we continue on the journey together, the next opportunity for members of the two parishes to spend some time together is on Sunday, July 12 for a joint cookout at Mendon Ponds Park. This will include the 2nd Annual "Rector's Cup" croquet match. St. Stephen's won the first match, so two Sainters let's even the score!

Summer is here and we all, I pray, can relax a bit, enjoy God's creation and get some Sabbath time. Such is an important part of taking care of ourselves and our households. To take time off is to practice good stewardship!

Our Fall is shaping up as an exciting time. See inside for some previews! In all things let us continue to lift up our hearts to the Lord!

Michael

Joint Cookout

Sunday, July 12

Noon

Bring a Dish to Pass (Hot Dogs & Hamburgers Provided)

Mendon Ponds Park
Canfieldwoods Shelter

Take Rte. 65 (Clover St) to Canfield Rd.
Left on Canfield Rd.
Right on Douglas Rd.
First Right



Two-Hour Cruise Planned

Have you ever been down to the Port of Rochester or Charlotte Beach and noticed the paddle boat go by and wondered what it would be like to ride it? Well, you now have the opportunity to do just that. Two Saints is planning a two-hour cruise aboard the Harbor Town Belle on Sunday, July 26th from 2-4 p.m. The price is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Sign-up is posted in the back of the church. What a fun way to enjoy a Sunday afternoon! You won't want to miss it.

Welcome the Franks

By Cheryl Frank:

As long as we have known each other, Bruce and I have played organ for different churches on Sunday mornings. We could count on the fingers of one hand the number of times we have attended church together. We have finally reached a place where we are able to attend church together with our kids on a regular basis, provided we all manage to get up before 8:00am on a Sunday. Two Saints works for us not only because of the 8:00 service, but we also felt immediately comfortable in a diverse congregation reminiscent of our previous home in New Orleans. Bruce is the music director and organist at Union Presbyterian Church in Scottsville and teaches music theory at the U of R and at Eastman. I play organ at the First Baptist Church of Rochester, which is actually in Brighton. I also teach violin, viola, and piano lessons, and sub occasionally with the RPO. Helen, 6, just finished kindergarten at Council Rock. Joanna, 3, with a full head of curly blonde hair, makes her presence known in various ways. Thank you for welcoming us to Two Saints.

The Mustard Seed Grows

By Marilyn Wienk

Two summers ago, many Two Saints parishioners participated in anti-racism dialogues, which led to our parish's putting forth a resolution at Diocesan Convention in the fall that set in motion bringing our diocese into compliance with the 2000 General Convention Resolution BO49. This General Convention resolution mandates anti-racism training for all clergy and lay leaders in every diocese of the Episcopal Church. Now this is the

case for clergy and lay leaders in the Rochester Diocese.

On Saturday, June 20, 2009, Chris Cleveland and I facilitated the first official anti-racism training of this diocese. Members of the diocesan staff, including Bishop Prince Singh, joined several members of the new Anti-Racism Committee to undergo an eight-hour training session held at St. Paul's Church. This new training program incorporates some of the same national church materials we used in those dialogues two years ago.

In the fall the Anti-Racism Committee plans more training sessions in various parts of the diocese. Look for announcements of where and when in *Living Water* and on List Serve if you are interested in participating in one. Although our diocese's requirement is specifically for clergy and *elected* lay leaders to diocesan bodies and our deputies to General Convention, the training is highly recommended for vestry members, wardens, church schoolteachers, musicians, and any others who want better to understand their own complicity in the ongoing racism of our society.

Two Saints can feel very proud of planting this particular mustard seed. Now let us join in continuing its growth.

"Episcopal SeniorLife Communities Celebrates 'Gorgeous Grandmas' in Rochester"

There's nothing more special than a Grandmother's love and Episcopal SeniorLife Communities is honoring just that with its "Gorgeous Grandma" contest. In conjunction with "Gorgeous Grandma" day on July 23, ESLC is hosting a contest for anyone ages 5-13 who thinks his or her Grandma is gorgeous.

Submissions to the contest must include at least 3 reasons why Grandma is gorgeous and a description of what the contestants like to do when he or she is with their Grandma. A photo and/or illustration of the contestant with Grandma must also be attached. Judging will take place in 3 categories: 5-7, 8-10, and 11-13. Prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers in each of the three categories. Submissions will be judged on creativity, thoughtfulness, and clarity.

All entries must include the entrant's full name, age as of July 23, and phone number. Entries may be mailed to 535 Mt. Hope Ave. Rochester 14620 or emailed to agreenman@episcopalseniorlife.org. Be sure to include "Gorgeous Grandma" on the envelope or in the subject line. All submissions must be received no later than noon on July 15, and winners will be notified by phone by July 17. Contest winners and their Grandmas will be invited to a special celebration breakfast on July 23 from 8 to 9 am at The Episcopal Church Home.

Episcopal SeniorLife Communities has been helping older adults live life to the fullest since 1868.

Revised Vision Statement and Next Steps

At its May meeting, the Vestry passed a revision of our Vision Statement and a set of next steps. Here is the new version of our Vision Statement:

We are a parish always ready to grow, building on the strengths God has given us and embracing God's call to us to proclaim the Gospel and thrive in this place.

Three biblical images guide us into our future...

- *The gift of the transformative power of the Resurrection in our lives.*
- *The call of God to build a community of faith from every tribe and language and people and nation.*
- *The vision of the Holy City where justice and peace reign among all people.*

And so, given the gift, the call, and the vision of God, we cast this vision for our parish...

1. *We envision our parish as a healing place for souls that reaches out unconditionally to all and is a caring and nurturing church community.*
2. *We envision that, as a congregation, we continue to draw members from throughout the Rochester metropolitan region, growing our parish in numbers and in spiritual depth.*
3. *We envision a comprehensive, challenging and flexible on-going program of formation that includes all learners at the various stages of their faith journeys.*

4. *We envision a place of on-going discernment that supports a spectrum of ministries, both of our own and of the community.*
5. *We envision a parish with a clear sense of mission in the heart of the city, working as a catalyst for urban ministry in the Diocese of Rochester, and as advocates for social justice in our political and economic systems.*
6. *We envision our parish as an ecumenical and interfaith place of public prayer for our city, a true "house of prayer for all people" (Isaiah 56:71).*

The following have been identified as next steps (number corresponding to the numbers above):

1. Develop regular opportunities for house church gatherings.
Develop Lay Healing Ministers.
2. Encourage utilization of Two saints business cards by all members.
Hold concert series.
Better utilization of community calendars.
Survey newcomers over last 5 years to ascertain how they found Two Saints.
3. Revamp Jr. & Sr. High School formation program.
Revisit integration of children into the service on All Church Sundays.
4. Communicate more clearly that a process is available to anyone who wants to go through a period of discernment as to what their ministry might be.
Hold an Annual Parish Retreat.
5. Form a partnership with a non-Episcopal church and possibly do a mission project with them.
Follow through on Diocesan Urban ministry summit ideas.
Public Policy Team increase focus on city and county affairs in addition to national issues. Follow-up process regarding public policy forums.

6. Host interfaith celebration of city's 175th Anniversary.
Host annual prayer service for government workers

Overall: Have a vision summit with St. Stephens to discern future joint directions given their new Vision Statement and our renewed one.

Cruise Retreat Offered in Lent 2010

The rector will be the chaplain on a Cruise Retreat of the Caribbean February 27—March 8, 2010. The seven-day cruise will include a brief daily worship Service with meditation and two more in depth meditations on the theme “Co-creators with God.” We will explore what it means to be created in the image of God and how to live into that image with purpose and well-being.

Ports of call for the trip include Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. The cruise departs from Fort Lauderdale.

A portion of each cabin price will benefit Two Saints' ministries. For more information see the flyer on the Resource Table at Church, call the office, or go to the parish website: www.twosaints.org. More information can also be given by Kelley McClenney at AAA Penfield: 377-8500 x 4072.

Two Sinters Honored at Faith in Action Dinner

Two members of two Saints were honored at the annual Faith in Action Dinner sponsored by the Greater Rochester Community of Churches. Two Saints honored Madeline Gamble for her many years of service to the parish in a variety of capacities including serving as Warden and chairing the Right On School Advisory Committee.

Deacon John Burr was honored by the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN) for his many hours of volunteer work with that organization. Aside from his coordination of RAIHN at Two Saints, John serves as the Friday afternoon volunteer at RAIHN headquarters.



Madeline & Michael at GRCC Dinner



John & Toni with Network Director Nancy Elliott

Right On School Opens July 6

Right On School is in session this summer from July 6 to August 13. The site this year is School 20 on Oakmont St. Appreciation Night, to which everyone is invited, will be Wednesday, August 12, site to be announced. Our goal this year is to serve 125 children.

Volunteers are needed to help with lunch Monday--Thursday from 11 am to 12:30 pm. We also need volunteers on Fridays when we go to local parks for a recreation day. Please call Madeline Gamble if you are able to help: 889-4772.

Thanks to all those who have contributed to make Right On School happen.

General Convention July 7—18

The triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in Anaheim, California July 7—18. Please keep the Convention in your prayers, including our diocesan deputation and our own Michael Hopkins and John Clinton Bradley.

Michael is an alternate deputy for the Diocese and both Michael and John will be working for Integrity. Michael also serves on the Steering Committee of “the Consultation,” the coalition of peace and justice ministries in the Episcopal Church. The Consultation publishes a daily paper at Convention called *Issues*. You can read it at www.theconsultation.org.

Looking Ahead to September

Dates to keep in mind for September include:

- Annual “Porch Mass” and Cookout: Sunday, September 13
- Patronal Feast of St. Simon Cyrene Sunday, September 20. Sunday School registration and kick-off
- First Week of Sunday School Sunday, September 27

Welcome Tiblest Naomi Shuler

On Sunday, June 21, we welcomed Tiblest Naomi Shuler, newly adopted daughter of Roddy and Karen Shuler. Tiblest was born in Ethiopia.



Karen with Tiblest

Mission Statement

Together, as People of God, in companionship with Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be...

A Healing Place for Souls...

A School for Justice, and...

A Welcome Table for All.



Robert O. Moore, Sr.
“Bussie”

July 26, 1928—June 14, 2009

We celebrated Bussie Moore’s entrance into the larger life on Saturday, June 20th. The following is an excerpt from the rector’s sermon:

We are gathered today in sadness because one we so dearly love has died. This is the hardest thing we ever have to do—to offer back to God a life that was God’s gift to us.

And, oh, Bussie Moore was a gift! A man who loved and cared for others deeply, especially his family. It seems as if Bussie knew you, he was devoted to you. His life could be summarized in one word: faithfulness.

Bussie Moore was a faithful man—but not more faithful than God! Today we remember with deep, deep gratitude the faithfulness of this brother, father, grandfather, uncle and friend but more than that we celebrate the faithfulness of God who has neither forgotten him nor us. Even through our tears today we say Alleluia! God is good!

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 5—5th 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, July 12—6th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)
10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)
10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)
5 pm Dignity-Integrity Liturgy of the Word (TS)

Sunday, July 19—7th 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, June 28—8th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)
10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)
10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)
5 pm Dignity-Integrity Meeting (TS)

Sunday, August 2—9th 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, August 9—10th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)
10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)
10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)
5 pm Dignity-Integrity Liturgy of the Word (TS)

Sunday, August 16—11th 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, August 23—12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30—13th Sunday after Pentecost

8 am Eucharist (TS)
10 am Sung Eucharist (TS)
10 am Eucharist with Music (SS)
5 pm Dignity-Integrity Meeting (TS)