

The Stone's Throw

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News from the Dohns

New Wineskins

In April, we attended the New Wineskins for Global Mission conference. We had been invited to present a workshop. The mission conference included a variety of workshops, plenary sessions, social events, and exhibits.

One of the blessings for us was to be able to interact with other missionaries – both past and present. When missionaries “talk shop,” our frustrations are often quite similar even though we have different specifics (different host cultures, different languages, different ministries).

Sharing burdens really does make them feel lighter, even when all the sharing is verbal. Often, it is not the work that feels burdensome as much as the situations such as governmental dysfunction and corruption, rigid hierarchical systems, cultural quirks, the time it takes to get anything done, and (the big one) interpersonal relationships.

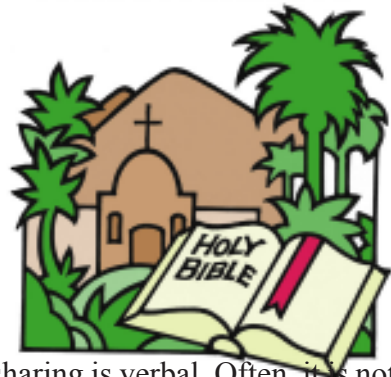
However, we also have the opportunity to recognize some the blessings that may be unique to our different situations. We at least have excellent co-workers and a minimum of interpersonal and professional strife here.

Most missionaries manage the hard times by reminding themselves that they have been called to this life and this mission; we are engaged in the work to which we have been called. And most of us have a pretty firm certainty of that call – those that don't tend to wash-out. When the going gets tough, it can be easy to question why one is even in the mission field doing this stuff in the first place. Without a good answer to that feeling, it is difficult to maintain faith on the field.

We have our tough moments and live by faith often (most recently in the areas of support for the Clinic's program and ourselves). We still feel certain of our call and that we are called to minister here at this time. Mostly, we want to stay close to God and live the life that He has set before us. This is it. This is our life. Thanks for sharing it with us.

Keep praying, Anita

REMEMBER OUR Missionaries



Kate's Cupboard

Kate's Cupboard is a Trinity Lutheran Church ministry which helps single mothers in need by providing cribs, car-seats, clothing, diapers, etc for those who qualify. Our church is holding its first annual 5K run/walk as a fundraiser for this ministry on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Please go to www.trinitymthealthy.org for additional information and directions for how to register.

Please forward this email to members of your congregation and to friends and family members.

Thank you,
Dave Miller

Please note:

Fr. David will be in Columbus June 14-18 as part of his Continuing Education requirements. He can be reached by his cell phone for pastoral emergencies.



Mt Healthy Alliance pantry serves our community

Thanks to your support, and the support of the other Alliance churches, we have been able to serve the still-growing needs of our community. Since January, 2010, we have helped 1,059 families (3,207 people). We provided food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and referrals for other required services. The need is great. How can you help?

Prayer. Please pray for God to continue to guide and bless our efforts to help our neighbors in need. Pray for our current and future volunteers. Pray for those in our community who need our help.

Volunteer. We need individuals who can commit to volunteer one day a week or one day a month so we know from day to day how we will be staffed. We particularly need one more volunteer for each day the pantry is open to perform guest intake. Other volunteer tasks include guiding guests as they shop, stocking shelves, repackaging food donated in bulk, inputting data, and more. Bring a friend and volunteer together, or come alone and make new friends.

Donations. Thank you for your continued support through your monetary and product donations. We are usually able to purchase meat, fruit, vegetables, cereal, and pasta from the Freestore using your cash donations. We particularly rely on your product donations to add to our shelves other food items as well as cleaning and personal hygiene products. Currently, we need:

shampoo	dish detergent	rice mixes
pasta mixes	canned meat or fish	dessert items

Please remember the pantry this summer...hunger doesn't go on vacation. Many of our regular volunteers go on vacation, and we need to fill the vacancies. Help us keep our shelves full.

Thank you for your continued support!

Visit our website <http://www.mthealthyalliance.org/> or call us, 513-521-3700, for more information.

Altar Flowers

We would like to make donating the Altar Flowers as easy as possible, so here is what you should do.

Sign the "Flower Chart" in the church hallway for the day you would like to donate the flowers. Please sign up as early as possible, so that we can make sure that your donation is properly handled. After you have signed up, you will be contacted by Min Silver who will ask you:

- 1) Are the flowers being donated for a special reason (thanksgiving, memorial, etc.)? This information will then appear in the weekly bulletin.
- 2) Will you be taking the flowers home after the 10:30 service? If you are, please bring a vase or saran wrap to take the flowers home and leave the church vase in the kitchen. If you do not want the flowers after the service, please let Min know when she calls.
- 3) Are you arranging the flowers yourself, or do you want our florist (Felss) to arrange them for you? The cost of unarranged flowers from Felss is \$20; for arranged flowers it is \$30. The easiest way to pay for the flowers is to place a check (in an envelope marked Altar Flowers) in the Alms Basin on that Sunday. Of course, early payment is also acceptable - and appreciated!

Everything else will be handled by the Altar Flower Committee. Thank you for helping us adorn the Altar for our Sunday services.

God Bless !

Jeanne Meagher, Sally Morse, Min Silver, Vivian Templin, Lois Tuttle



Helping Children Become Better Readers

The Diocese of Southern Ohio is sponsoring a Reading Camp for 3rd-4th graders from June 20-25, 2010.

The goal of Reading Camp is to help children who are reluctant and struggling readers to improve literacy skills, encourage them to become more confident students and begin their life-long love of reading. The camp staff includes reading specialists, educators, camp counselors, and volunteers.

It is our hope that by the end of the week, the children have gained confidence in their reading skills because of the enjoyment and success that they have experienced at camp. This unique summer adventure becomes a memory that they will not forget and which will provide an opportunity to be more successful in the upcoming school year.

There is no cost for the camp for students. Tuition is provided by generous donations by parishioners of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio as well as by grants from corporations and foundations.

As we all know, reading is critical to the development of children and our future adults. National statistics indicate that the number of 4th graders who cannot read at their grade level are often indicative of the number of prison cells needed when they reach adulthood.

We need your help in sponsoring reluctant readers. The cost for a student to participate in the 5-day residential camp is \$350. This includes Procter Summer Camp housing, varied activities including creating a play to be performed at the closing, a backpack and t-shirt, and several books to take home. More importantly, they will leave a more enthused and avid reader.

Contributions of any amount maybe mailed to 412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Please indicate 'Reading Camp' in the memo line.

Our children are our future and we can all make a major contribution to their success.

Additional information can be obtained from Rev Diana Shirley (614) 882-9038 or (dianashirley@columbus.rr.com).

Our Last Buck Store with Duvall School

On Tuesday, June 1st, we will be staffing our last Buck Store. The children will be in their new elementary school next year.

This time things are much simpler for us at St. Stephens. School personnel are doing all of the prep work, including cleaning teacher's closets to obtain items to sell and getting bucks ready for each child according to their earnings.

St. Stephens' will have the opportunity to collect fun summer reading materials for the children and staff the tables June 1st. We will need gently used books appropriate for K-6 grade. Some good spots to find reasonably priced or free books:

- Clean off your book shelves
- Half Price Books
- Tuesday Morning
- Friends of the Public Library at 8456 Vine Street in Hartwell (Sale hours Wednesday 10-3 and Second Monday 5:30 - 7:30 pm and fourth Saturday 10 - 4.)

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Sunday Schedule of Services, unless otherwise noted 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:30 Holy Eucharist II 11:30 Fellowship Hour		1 7:00 Lexington Heights Civic Association	2 6:30 PM Evening Prayer	3	4	5
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Serving Our Lord at Saint Stephen's June 2010

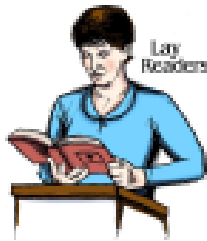


ALTAR GUILD (Altar-Linens):

- June 6** Lisa Elmendorf, Shirley Dillon
June 13 Joan DeLisse, Joan DeLisse
June 20 Sharon Franklin, Bebe Hales
June 27 Lisa Elmendorf, Shirley Dillon

Lay Ministers

Lectors (L), Intercessors (I), Chalice Bearers (C)



- June 6** Lisa Elmendorf (C), Molly Bailey (C), Sharon Franklin (L&I), Arlene Gahn (CP), Ann Grant (CP)
June 13 Don Welti (C), Carina Spindel (C), Vivian Templin (L&I), Molly Bailey (CP), Dorothy Boyd (CP)
June 20 Sharon Franklin (C), Lisa Elmendorf (C), Molly Bailey (L&I), Arlene Gahn (CP), Vivian Trmplin (CP)
June 27 Pieter Elmendorf (C), Don Welti (C), Vivian Templin (L&I), Molly Bailey (CP), Ann Grant, (CP)

L&I = Lector (first lesson) and Prayers of the People. Please check with Fr. David before the service for the form to be used for the prayers.



Fellowship Hour

- June 6** The Franklins
June 13 The Grants
June 20 The Elmendorfs
June 27 The Gahns

Greeters

- June 6** Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowicz
June 13 Arlene Gahn
June 20 Louise Selden
June 27 Bebe Hales

Head Usher Tom Franklin

Reaching Fr. David

The best (and most effective) way to reach Fr. David is by calling his cell phone (310-0127). When Fr. David is out of town or otherwise unavailable, please call the Sr. Warden who will contact the priest on call. Please do not call Fr. David's home telephone number for pastoral care issues.

Chad and Lisa Sullivan Update

The Sullivans would like to provide their current address and contact info to people in the parish who are interested. They live at 7736 Wildbranch Road, Fairfield, Ohio 45011.

Phone numbers are: Chad - 513-846-6617 and Lisa - 513-846-6622.

Email Addresses: Chad - chadder@live.com and Lisa - chadlisas@aol.com



Altar Guild Members

Don't give up on us, we will settle down and have a routine. We ask of you to let us know if you switch with anyone so we will know who to call. If you need help in picking up the flowers, just call Minerva Silver at 681- 6172. She needs to be sure if the name on Stone's Throw is correct.

2010 Ohio Episcopal Celebration at Kenyon

Our keynote speaker for this year's conference is Walter Brueggemann, McPheeters Professor of Old Testament Emeritus at Columbia Theological Seminary and author of over seventy books. Through his writing and speaking he eloquently reaches deep to sharpen our awareness of God's presence in our lives.

Plan to attend the Ohio Episcopal Celebration as Walter Brueggemann shares his insights. Over the course of the three-day conference he will discuss:

1. Truth Speaks to Power: Moses
2. Power Overwhelms Truth: Solomon
3. Truth Has Its Day: Elisha
4. Truth Impacts Power: Josiah

OECAK is an intergenerational conference hosted jointly by the dioceses of Ohio and Southern Ohio, with support from Bexley Hall Seminary.

The conference will take place Thursday evening, June 24 through Sunday, June 27 on the campus of Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.

For more information visit the OECAK Web site (www.episcopalcelebration.diosohio.org)

To find scholarship information and register for the conference go to: <https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/ohio-episcopal-celebration-at-kenyo>



Don and Pat Welti	June 2
Amy & Ed Cook	June 9
Jimmy & Timothy Duncan	June 16
Tom and Sharon Franklin	June 17
Chuck and Nancy Healy	June 18
Louis and Bebe Hales	June 18
Rick and Nancy Meyers	June 22
Pieter and Lisa Elmendorf	June 26



Birthdays

Virgie Peffer	June 5
Don Welti	June 5
Minerva Silver	June 8
Vivian Templin	June 9
Donald Ray Welti	June 12
Pat Welti	June 14
Bob Morse	June 23
Carol Welti Gibson	June 28

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