

# CREATOR

## Chronicle



September 2011

## *The times they are a-changin' ....*

*For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven ... Ecclesiastes 3:1*

By the time this newsletter hits the press we will have ended our first month in Creator's transitional period. Everything seems to be changing exponentially. You do not have to believe me, just ask Beth Braley! I see the look she gives me every day when I walk into the office with my note pad. Seriously though, I could have never accomplished half of what I have done without her tremendous effort.

One of the major changes coming this fall is in our worship services. After receiving your input, the Vestry voted to observe Morning Prayer the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month through November. Pat Martz and I will lead the service on the 2nd Sunday, with Rev. Bill Hanna leading the service on the 4th Sunday. We will celebrate Eucharist the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays with the Rev. David Elliott officiating.

The times are "a-changing" and I believe changing in a positive way. In my sermon last month I asked everyone to work together as one body, to do whatever is asked of you for the betterment of this church, not to wait for someone to come and save us but to take control of our own destiny..... to walk with God into the future.

From everything I have witnessed here this past month, I truly believe this congregation has taken my challenge to heart. Everyone I encounter around here has a positive attitude and a loving spirit. No one has turned me down when I have asked them to take on a particular project. I can not tell you how many of you have come to me asking what they can do to help. I firmly believe we are headed in the right direction and with everyone's physical, financial, mental, and spiritual support, and with God's help, we will succeed.

The following is an excerpt from last month's sermon.

*"I believe this time of transition in which we find ourselves here at Creator is not a time of distress but a great opportunity afforded us by God. A time of: reflection, a time for prayer, a time for letting go, and a time for discernment. A sabbatical, if you will, in the life of this church. I ask that all of us, during this transitional period, to pray daily for each other and for this church. Pray for guidance, forgiveness and ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with love and charity."*

I pray we all continue to live into this opportunity, for if we do, God will do great things at Creator.

Faithfully,

Mike Milone +

Junior Warden

### MISSION STATEMENT

As a congregation named for our Creator, we believe we are children of the Living God, brothers, sisters and seekers of the Lord Jesus Christ, friends to all, expressing our Faith through worship, fellowship, selfless giving, education and artistic ministry.

From the

## Deacon's Desk

Thanks to all of you who have been faithful in buying extra groceries to donate to the 4C's Food Pantry. Our first month of collecting food in July was good...our second month in August was GREAT! The 4C's has many volunteer opportunities. If you have been searching for a way to volunteer in Clinton, consider the 4C's. Their website can be found at <http://www.hello4cs.org/index.php>.



Thank you, too, for the work in feeding the Stewpot Summer Camp in July. Many people prepared food and many traveled to the camp on West Capitol Street to serve lunch to the children. The food was hot, the weather was hot and WE were hot! It was, however, a good opportunity to express our response to our call to serve others. Despite the heat we had a good time

I attended the organizational meeting last week for the next Habitat for Humanity build in Clinton. We decided to plan for two years of fundraising (\$70,000 is needed). Our tentative date for the build will be in early 2014. Creator was a sponsoring church for our last build and I hope that we will commit to sponsoring this next build. A potential family in need of a Habitat House is in mind.

Other outreach projects will be coming up this fall. Thank you for your faithfulness.



*Submitted by Rev. Deacon, Bill Hannah*

## Creator Theatre Acting Classes

The classes will be taught by veteran actor and director, Jolyne Shirley, Minister of the Arts. The classes will be held Thursday nights from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, September 29 through October 27, 2011 in the Parish Hall. These classes are open to the public as well as church members. The cost of the course is \$125.00 with scholarships available, based on need. For more information or questions, please contact Jolyne or call the church office at 601-924-2261.



# Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Knitting Hearts

"Knitting Hearts", Creator's Prayer Shawl Ministry, will meet on Sunday, September 4, following lunch at Newk's. Come have lunch with us, then travel to Trace Pointe Retirement Center for our 1:30 pm meeting in the Activity Room. Bring your yarn and needles to knit, crochet, or loom and join in the fellowship.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please mark your check to designate funds to: "Knitting Hearts" and place in the offering plate.

For more information, contact Pat Martz: [nanaphm@aol.com](mailto:nanaphm@aol.com)

or by cell phone: 601-842-7629.

*Submitted by Pat Martz*



## VESTRY DIGEST

### At its meeting of August 15, the Vestry of Creator:

- Vestry voted to replace the thermostats in the parish hall with programmable ones at a cost of \$80 each.
- Vestry voted to provide a supply priest on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays scheduled for Morning Prayer.
- Patti Smith asked for the Vestry's input to allow 5<sup>th</sup> graders to join the EYC group for Sunday School and that she and the EYC would conduct WOW a couple of times a month. The motion passed, therefore, WOW has been scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- A special Vestry meeting has been scheduled for August 29. Bishop Gray will be present to discuss Diocese plans for Creator.

### At its meeting of July 18, the Vestry of Creator:

- The Financial Team, Bill Schmid & Bob White presented their financial projections for the remainder of the year. (published in the newsletter).
- Jennifer Wilson, presented the Treasurer's Report (published in the newsletter).
- Vestry voted to allow Ann Whitaker to purchase the laptop from the church at the depreciated value.
- Sale of the lot was discussed, Ann mentioned there was a possible buyer interested.
- Signage for the church was discussed, no action taken.
- Vestry voted not to allow rental of the Parish Hall to non-parishioners.
- The "downed trees" on the property were discussed. They will be removed when the weather is cooler.
- Wayne Brown is heading our "Disaster Plan for our Congregation". This is a Diocesan effort for all parishes.
- Alice Read resigned as Clerk of the Vestry.

*Minutes of vestry meetings may be found on the bulletin board outside the administrator's office following their approval and correction if needed. If you would like a copy, please call the office and a copy will be provided to you via email.*

# EYC *Notes*

Well, it's that time of year again. School is back in session and summer is coming to an end. I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has made it possible for us to accomplish our goals and who has stood behind our youth for so many years. EYC has already started meeting on Sunday evenings. We meet in the EYC room from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The EYC group is made of youth, grades 6 thru 12. If you know of anyone who meets this criteria please invite them to join us. We will continue to serve dinner at each meeting. Therefore, if anyone is interested in helping to

provide dinner there is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall, on the bulletin board as you walk in.

EYC parents I will be contacting each of you very soon. I would like to set up a meeting with all parents or grandparents to discuss some of the activities and trips the EYC has shown a desire to participate in this year. I will share with you now that the "Big" event this year that they want to attend is "Faith in 3D". As many of you know this event takes place in Orlando, Florida at Disney World. If we are going to attend we must start planning

now. "Faith in 3D" is a remarkable experience that takes place every three years. It is spiritual, uplifting and for some a once in a lifetime chance.

I am truly looking forward to this year. I believe it will be one of our best. If anyone has any questions, suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Patti Smith

**Wednesday, September 7 at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Prime Timers' Luncheon**  
Hosts: Polly Marshall, Tori Myers, & Mary Page

## Atrium *News*

The Atria will open for the new Sunday School year on Sunday, September 11, 2011. More information will be coming. We look forward to seeing everyone after Summer Vacation.

Creator's Catechists



**TOTAL: \$ 1,720.81!!!!**

## Sunday School *Classes*

### Adult Sunday School—Collin Johnson

Adult Sunday School starts September 11. We're very excited about this class. It's called "Living the Questions" and includes comments from speakers such as Tex Sample, Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Just a few of our topics for the fall will include:

- Social justice: realizing God's vision
- Incarnation: divinely human
- Prayer: intimacy with God
- Compassion: the heart of Jesus ministry

We meet at 9 am in the Conference Room. We encourage all people with all viewpoints to participate or just listen in on the discussion. Come join us!

### Youth Sunday School—Patti Smith

**Important changes.** Creator has very few 5<sup>th</sup> graders and they are in what I might call a "holding stage". They are too old for Catechesis and too young for EYC. After speaking a parent, of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, I decided to talk to the older youth and get their feel on including the 5<sup>th</sup> graders in our Sunday school. Once again I was proud to be part of this group because they immediately said 'yes'. Therefore, Youth Sunday school will consist of grades 5 thru 12. We will be studying the books of the Bible, who wrote them, when they were written and what part of history they portray. Please remember grades 5 thru 12 is only for Sunday school. We have already begun meeting on Sunday mornings. We meet in the EYC room from 9:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m.



# Acolyte Training Day Scheduled

**September 24, 10:00—Noon.**

The annual **ACOLYTE TRAINING DAY** is scheduled for September 24. This training is mandatory for all acolytes. Don't make Mr. Mike wait on you!!!!!!

## W.O.W (what's on Wednesday)

I am sure many of you have questions regarding WOW and what will become of it. Once again the EYC youth have made me proud. They have stepped forward and offered to help with WOW. It has been decided that WOW will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday, of each month. We will begin meeting September 14th then meet again on September 28th from 5:30 until 6:30. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for anyone interested in preparing dinner one evening for the kids. Thank you, in advance, for your help and support. Patti Smith, Youth Director

## Pastoral Care

We want to be there with you and for you so if you need our assistance, please call the church office and ask for Beth. Someone from our team will contact you immediately. If you are not able to talk to Beth, contact Polly Marshall or Mike Milone.



## Calling all cooks!!

If you are interested in providing "casseroles to freeze" for sale at the Fall Festival, let Janie Fields know. These are great sellers, and don't actually have to be casseroles per se but can be gumbo, soup, or anything that can be frozen and reheated. Janie already has containers for 2 servings and for 4 servings suitable for both microwave or oven. Come one, come all!!

*Submitted by Janie Fields*

## Choir Notes

For the next several weeks, we are alternating Holy Communion and Morning Prayer on Sunday mornings. Morning Prayer has a rich heritage in the Episcopal Church, and as we will be worshiping in that service more frequently, we will explore some of the abundant musical variety offered by that service. There are fourteen Canticles suggested for Morning Prayer II, and we will sing several of those over the course of the next three months.

For our Eucharist services, hymns selected for the Gospel procession will be chosen, as usual, to complement the Gospel reading of the day. We have a few more summer requests to fulfill, so those will be distributed at other points in the services.

Children's Choir will coincide with dates for WOW. Any and all children in the second to sixth grade are welcome!

*Submitted by Dr. Ed Dacus, Choirmaster*

# Financial Reports

## from the Treasurer and Finance Team

These three pages are the financial summaries as presented to the Vestry at the August 15 vestry meeting. The first report is the Treasurer's report by Jennifer Wilson, the second report was presented by Bill Schmid.

Please contact the appropriate person if you have any questions concerning these financial summaries.

### Episcopal Church of the Creator 2011 Revenue, Expense & Budget

Accounts	YTD Actual Jan-Jul	YTD Budget Jan-Jul
<b>Revenues</b>		
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>		
4100.01 - Plate Offerings	\$16,670	\$17,500
4100.02 - General Fund Pledges	\$75,709	\$79,240
<b>Total Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	\$92,379	\$96,740
<b>Other Revenues</b>		
4200.00 - Interest Income	\$279	\$3,722
4300.00 - Fund Raisers	\$12	\$0
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	\$291	\$3,722
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$92,670</b>	<b>\$100,462</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$115,995</b>	<b>\$121,274</b>
<b>Revenue minus Expenses (true deficit)</b>	<b>(\$23,325)</b>	<b>(\$20,812)</b>
One time use of special/memorial funds	\$4,316	\$4,316
	<b>(\$19,009)</b>	<b>(\$16,496)</b>

**ANALYSIS OF CREATOR'S FUNDS AS OF JULY 31, 2011**  
**Estimates of Operating Funds 8/1/2011 - 12/31/2011**

**Current Total of all Funds in Creator's Name on 7/31/2011**

<b>Investments</b>	
TD Ameritrade Account	\$ 35,384.00
J. E. Barnes Memorial Fund	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Regions Bank Checking Account	\$ 17,313.00
Merchants & Farmers Money Market Account	\$ 43,938.00
Discretionary Accounts (amounts are included in Designated Funds)	\$ -
<b>Total: All Funds in Creator's Name</b>	<b>\$ 98,635.00</b>
<b>Less Restricted &amp; Designated Funds</b>	
Diocesan ownership of portion of TD Ameritrade Account	\$ (35,384.00)
J. E. Barnes Memorial Fund	\$ (2,000.00)
Designated funds, including Rector's and Deacon's Discretionary Funds	<u>\$ (53,917.00)</u>
<b>Total: Restricted &amp; Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ (91,301.00)</b>
<b>Available General Funds (all funds less restricted)</b>	<b>\$ 7,334.00</b>

**Estimated Funds Available to General Fund to Operate the Church**

General Fund Balance on 7/31/11 (see above)	\$ 7,334.00
Estimated pledge income, based on first 7 months receipts	\$ 54,000.00
Estimated plate offerings, based on first 7 months receipts	\$ 12,000.00
Reimbursement of prepaid Rector's "perks" from St. Peters, Oxford	\$ 4,200.00
Interest Income	\$ 250.00
Estimated Income from Fund Raisers	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>
<b>Total: Estimated General Fund Monies available</b>	<b>\$ 80,784.00</b>
<p>However, it is imprudent, and nearly impossible to operate without some surplus funds to take care of steady expenses with uneven income, inaccurate estimates, and unexpected events. Therefore, in practice there is only about <b>\$70,000</b> general fund money available to operate the church from August 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.</p>	

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**ANALYSIS OF CREATOR'S FUNDS AS OF JULY 31, 2011**  
**Estimates of Operating Expenses 8/1/2011 - 12/31/2011**

**Estimated General Fund Expenses**

Music expenses and supplies	\$ 300.00
Christian Education	\$ 250.00
Worship expenses and supplies	\$ 250.00
Church property, including building maintenance, repairs, janitorial & kitchen supplies, electric & water, and insurance	\$ 9,300.00
Administrative expense	\$ 3,600.00
Debt retirement (Bank Note)	\$ 5,500.00
Diocesan support	\$ 2,700.00
<b>Total estimated non-salary 5-month expenses</b>	<b>\$ 21,900.00</b>

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**Budgeted salaries, including taxes & expenses, at current rates**

Supply Priest (20 contract days @ \$200.00 per Sunday - Sept. through December)	\$ 4,000.00
Former Priest (one half month stipend + housing)	\$ 2,145.00
Choir Director / Organist	\$ 8,740.00
Administrator	\$ 9,935.00
Sexton	\$ 3,600.00
Grounds Care	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Director - (salary included in designated funds)	\$ -
<b>Total budgeted salaries</b>	<b>\$ 29,420.00</b>
<b>Total estimated 5-month (8/1/11-12/31/11) Operating Expense, per Current Budget</b>	<b>\$ 51,320.00</b>

It will be noted that this is a less pessimistic forecast than last month's analysis. However, all income and expense projections are only estimates, and estimates tend to be quite optimistic. It seems only prudent to treat the remainder of 2011 as a time of partial recovery from the operating deficits of the past couple of years. That is, we should continue to operate as frugally as possible, and we should exert efforts to grow our congregation and income.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob White and Bill Schmid, Finance Committee

# CREATOR *September Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	2	3 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
4 8 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 1:30 pm: Knitting Hearts 	5  <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b>	6 12 pm: AA Meeting	7  <b>PRIME TIMERS 12:30 pm:</b>  7 pm: Adult Choir	8 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	9	10 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
11 8 am: Morning Prayer 10:30 am: Morning Prayer <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS</b>  <b>FOOD PANTRY for the 4 C's</b>	12 6 pm: Evening Prayer & Anglican Rosary	13 12 pm: AA Meeting	14 5:30 pm—WOW 6:15 pm: Children's Choir 7 pm: Adult Choir	15 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	16	17 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
18 8 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass <b>ACOLYTE RECOGNITION DAY</b>	19 6 pm: Evening Prayer & Anglican Rosary 6:30 pm: VESTRY	20 12 pm: AA Meeting	21 7 pm: Adult Choir	22 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	23	24 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting <b>ACOLYTE TRAINING DAY 10 AM—12AM</b>
25 8 am: Morning Prayer 10:30 am: Morning Prayer	26 6 pm: Evening Prayer & Anglican Rosary	27 12 pm: AA Meeting	28 5:30 pm—WOW 6:15 pm: Children's Choir 7 pm: Adult Choir	29 12:00 pm: AA Meeting <b>Creator Theatre Acting Class 6 pm—8 pm</b>	30	

# September Servers

	4	11	18	25	
		Morning Prayer		Morning Prayer	
Chalice	Mike Milone Pat Martz	N/A N/A	Bob White Jolyne Shirley	N/A N/A	
Lectors	John Lanford Sarah Shirley	EYC EYC	Fred Shirley Mary Hulsebosch	EYC EYC	
Prayers	Janie Fields	EYC	Collin Johnson	EYC	
Acolytes	Melisa White Connor Smith	Emily Dacus John Richard	Sarah Brantley Melissa White	Emily Dacus John Richard	
Ushers	Len Bussell Mimi Bussell	EYC EYC	Jim Brantley Alex Runyan	EYC EYC	
Altar	Beverly Wilder		Peggy Wilder		
Nursery					
Home Communion	Bob White Mary Page		Nancy Schmid Annette Wilson		
Vestry Person of the Day	Wayne Brown	Pat Martz	Chuck Runyan	Mike Milone	



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

- 3 Elaine Gardner  
Polly Marshall
- 4 Pete Tyer, Jr.
- 5 Therese Hanna
- 8 Glade McInnis
- 14 Sam Brantley  
Collin Johnson

- 15 Viola Dacus
- 19 Sarah Shirley  
Martha Bigelow
- 20 Andrew Wilder  
Ray Wood
- 23 Lee Carre

### Anniversaries

- 11 John & Katy Lanford  
Pete & Jackie Tyer
- 12 Mike & Becky Wright
- 27 Mike & Kathy Milone

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Archbishop of Canterbury.*

*Creator strives to be a safe and inclusive house of worship that welcomes everyone as  
Children of God and values everyone's ministry in the Church and in the world.*