

Special Summer Newsletter

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Special points of interest:

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- Special news from the Rector
- Important updates on scheduling
- Revitalization of Ministries
- August Rummage Sale

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Updating Creator on Life at Creator

After many months of listening to reports at Vestry meetings, in April, the vestry voted to begin a Debt Reduction Campaign. Our goal is to eliminate the debt owed on the land acquired a few years ago by December 31, 2011.

As of April 7, Jennifer Wilson reported that the amount owed on the M&F note was \$39,190. This amount was our starting block for the Parish Campaign, recognizing that “we are all in this together.”

A letter was sent out to members of Creator after May 16, signed by the entire vestry. All are invited to assist in eliminating our current debt, which will enable us to

move toward some other areas of mission and ministry.

As of Wednesday, June 22, we have collected \$11,600 toward the elimination of our note. **This amount comes from only 5 contributors! We encourage all to contribute in some way.** The balance as of June 22 on the note is \$24,931. In our November newsletter, Jennifer Wilson reported that as of September 2010, we owed \$53,387. We are making a dent in this debt!

Each week as you come to Communion, there is a large jar that has been designated as our Debt Elimination Jar. We invite you to place your spare change in this jar.

Noise is invited!

In addition, we have cards available for you to save quarters—each card adds up to \$5.00. Last year the vestry voted to place a For Sale sign on one of the lots; although the lot has not sold, we remain hopeful. Please know your vestry is doing everything possible to assist Creator during these difficult economic days.

What can you do?

1. Pray for our church.
2. We’re all in this together; consider honoring someone with a gift that helps our debt elimination.
3. Remember—we are blessed!

Canon Johnson meets with vestry

At the request of Mother Ann, the Rev. Canon David Johnson, met with the vestry on Tuesday, June 21. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Creator’s financial situation with Canon Johnson, and to listen to

his recommendations from the Diocesan office. During the course of the meeting, vestry members asked various questions, sought wisdom, and thanked David for his presence. Canon Johnson recommends that Creator

engage a consultant for Stewardship. At the meeting on the 21st, he mentioned that he would send the rector the names of consultants. Most of the consultants are not available until July for conversation. Please stay

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tuned; or ask a vestry member if you need additional information.

A basic definition of Stewardship is “What you do with all you have after you say I believe.” May this definition be a part of your summer pondering.

While Creator is experiencing less than optimum income, the vestry and staff of Creator continues to be active and supportive our ministries and programs in place. We ask that our members invite folks to visit Creator, to experience the beauty of our worship, the sacredness of our grounds, and to hear our fabulous choir. It’s time to share

who we are with others who may be longing for a new Church home.

With your help and the potential help of a consultant, the Church of the Creator will move forward, discerning and doing the work God calls us to do.



Annual Rummage Set for August 20

Creator’s Annual Rummage Sale is coming August 20, 2011! During the heat of these summer days, say indoors and clean out your closets!

Due to Creator’s Summer Theatre, your donations cannot be accepted until after August 6. But please hold on to them!

We are in need of a chair-person or co-chairs for this event.

Please pray to see if God is calling you to this important ministry.

For the past several years, Creator has hosted a rummage sale as a fundraiser to help support the many ministries of our Parish.

As we go more

“green,” your discards become great recyclables in the hands of others.

For more information, contact the church office!

Also: remember the church in your will!

***Chair person(s) needed
for this important event!!***

Blues and BBQ July 10

Blues and BBQ is not far off now. Chuck Runyan will be delighting us with cooked meat, and all are asked to supply some kind of side dishes to make our meal complete.

David Weeks, Jackie Tyer, Edie Hill and Jobe Wilder have



Gospel Singing Group to “sing” the Sermon!

formed a “Gospel Singing Group” and will be singing during the Eucharistic service that precedes the tasty BBQ.

This is a great time to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us. The casual atmosphere, the great

food and the terrific fellowship will bring in new faces in our midst.

Be sure to stay tuned about the preparation party (affectionately known as Butt rubbing party—that’s Boston Butt!), and join in the fun.

Mark your calendar: Sunday, July 10

Initiating a Pantry Sunday for the 4 C's

The 4 C's in Clinton needs assistance in restocking their Pantry. Creator folks are asked to help. Beginning July 1, you will find a beautiful basket in the Narthex for your food donations. As you shop for you family pick up an extra item or two to place in the Food Boxes. Here are some suggests these food items:

- Canned Fruits
- Box Dinners like mac & cheese
- Soup



- Powdered Milk
- Potato Mixes
- Cereal
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Flour
- Sugar
- Canned Meats
- Dried Beans
- Coffee/Tea
- Spaghetti & Sauce

- Condensed Milk
- Cornmeal
- Jelly

We will begin the practice of blessings these gifts of food each month. The second Sunday of the month is the time that loose offerings in our alms basins (collection plates) are designated for the Discretionary Funds of the rector and curate. Look for our pantry items to be blessed on the second Sunday of each month, beginning July 10.

Address your questions to Deacon Bill Hanna. And thank you!

Fall Festival fever mounts

We are anticipating the first installments of Logos for our Fall Festival as the date of August 1 approaches. The winning logo will be used in a myriad of ways in preparation for our event scheduled for October 22.

The Fall Festival at Creator is a community building effort, adopted by our vestry. Its success depends upon the support and participation

of our entire Creator family. There are many facets of this event; please refer to our March 2011 newsletter which may be found at this link:

<http://www.creatorclinton.com/images/NL11Mar.pdf>

Let us anticipate, create, and celebrate Creator's first Fall Festival! Begin today to pray and prepare for this important event in our Parish

Life.

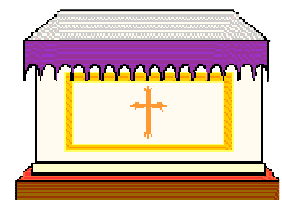


Creator Training Day

Come ye one and all! The first Creator Training Day is being scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9:30 a.m. until. Mike Milone, acolyte master, is in charge of the day which will encompass training not only for our acolytes, but also for our Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, Altar Guild and more.

More details will be forth coming in the August and September issues of our newsletters. For now, we ask that you mark the date. We will have several people from around the Diocese here to give us instruction and inspiration for our life together.

Remember: **CREATOR TRAINING DAY; September 18!** Come and be inspired.



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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.



Gleanings ...

Our mission statement is listed each week on the front of our bulletin, posted on our website, and appears in our newsletter each month. As the summer continues to unfold, I ask that we, as a Parish Family, spend some time meditating on these important words, adopted by the vestry in August of 2009.

We begin with these words:

As a congregation named for our Creator: what a powerful name; poetic and beautiful. Creator is a church that often flourishes among things artistic—music, art, our beautiful surroundings—these remind us of our great Creator.

We believe we are children of the Living God: we do not serve a

God of the past, but a God who is present with us—in communion, in relationships, in prayer.

Brothers, sisters, and seekers of the Lord Jesus Christ: how do we honor these relationships? Are we seeking to grow deeper into our faith; truly seeking Christ in our lives?

Friends to all: what new ways might we express this statement from our Mission Statement? How might we invite new expressions of hospitality? Who among us is called to serve in a “Welcoming Ministry?”

Expressing our Faith through worship, fellowship, selfless giving, education and artistic ministry: what gives Creator life; what makes us tick? As we express our faith in these ways, let us ponder

anew the meaning of Stewardship, be mindful of reconciliation, and how we might as a Parish family, continue to usher in the Kingdom of God.

Please remember your pledge during these summer months. As you travel and worship in other places, bring a bulletin home to share with me.

Pray for our leaders and vestry! Share with us your hopes, dreams and concerns as we continue to build up the body of Christ here at Creator.

Blessings in your summer.

Faithfully,

Mother Ann +