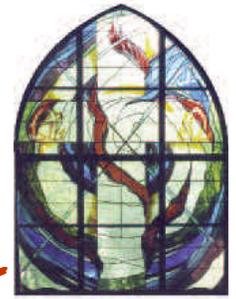


# CREATOR



# Chronicle



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*“As a congregation named for our Creator, we are children of the Living God, beloved brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, selflessly living out our faith in worship, fellowship, giving, education and outreach.”*

## GURDJIEFF’S ADVICE TO HIS DAUGHTER

Adapted from a 2013 article by Faena Aleph

### DEAR FRIENDS:

*This list of short and simple advisements represents some basic principles for anybody who seeks serenity in life. I share it with you not as a bunch of rules to live by, but as check points/insights into the many things that rob us of our peace of mind.*

After traveling through Africa and Asia, G.I. Gurdjieff arrived in Russia in the year 1912, bringing with him teachings that were neither a religion nor a philosophy, but practical lessons that had to be experienced.

According to Gurdjieff, the evolution of humankind has entered an uncertain phase, and unless the “wisdom” of the Orient and the “energy” of the West come together and mutually feed each other, our cultures will inevitably collapse. His legacy of formidable teachings is wise and most adaptable for our contemporary lifestyle.

The following is a list of sage advice he wrote for his daughter Duska Howard. However, anyone who wishes to awake her/his consciousness and develop a more integral and satisfactory life, will appreciate it. This list is also a cluster of concise recommendations that could help us to sensibly transcend our daily circumstances, ***reminding us that integrity is far easier than we think.*** Gurdjieff’s councils allude to hard work, nourishment, human passions and emotions, cynicism and generosity, and together they comprise a sort of manifesto; one which it might be wise to read every morning.

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1. Fix your attention on yourself, be aware at every moment of what you think, feel, want and do.
2. Always finish what you start.
3. Do what you are doing as best as possible.
4. Do not be chained to anything that in the long run can destroy you.
5. Develop your generosity without witnesses.
6. Treat every person as a close relative.
7. You must order what is disordered.
8. Learn to receive and be grateful for each gift.
9. Stop defining yourself.
10. Do not lie, do not steal, for if you do, you lie and steal from yourself.
11. Help your neighbor without making the neighbor depend on you.
12. Do not wish to be imitated.
13. Make plans and see them through.
14. Do not take up too much space.
15. Do not make unnecessary noises or gestures.
16. If you do not have faith, act as if you do.
17. Do not be impressed by strong personalities.
18. Do not appropriate anything or anyone.
19. Distribute equally.
20. Do not seduce.
21. You must only eat and sleep as much as is necessary.
22. Do not discuss your personal problems.
23. Do not pass judgments or criticize when you do not know all the facts.
24. Do not have useless friendships.
25. Do not follow fads.
26. Do not sell yourself.
27. Respect the contracts you have signed
28. Be punctual.
29. Do not envy others' property or goods.
30. Speak only what is necessary.
31. Do not think of the benefits that your work will bring.

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32. Never threaten.
33. Follow through with your promises.
34. In an argument, put yourself in the place of the other.
35. Accept when someone is better than you.
36. Do not eliminate, transform.
37. Defeat your fears; each one of them is a desire that is camouflaged.
38. Help others help themselves.
39. Put an end to your antipathy and get closer to people that you want to reject.
40. Do not react when they speak well or ill of you.
41. Transform your pride into dignity.
42. Turn your anger into creativity.
43. Transform your greed into respect for beauty.
44. Transform your envy into admiration for the values of others.
45. Transform your hate into charity.
46. Do not praise nor insult yourself.
47. Care for things that do not belong to you as if they did.
48. Do not complain.
49. Develop your imagination.
50. Do not give orders for the pleasure of being obeyed.
51. Pay for the services you are given.
52. Do not boast about your work or ideas.
53. Do not try to arouse emotions like pity, admiration, sympathy and complicity in others.
54. Do not try to distinguish yourself by your appearance.
55. If you would contradict, first be silent.
56. Do not fall in debt, buy and pay immediately.
57. If you offend someone, ask for forgiveness.
58. If you have offended publicly apologize publicly.
59. If you realize that you have said something wrong, accept your mistake and desist immediately.
60. Do not defend your old ideas simply because it was you who said them.
61. Do not keep useless objects.

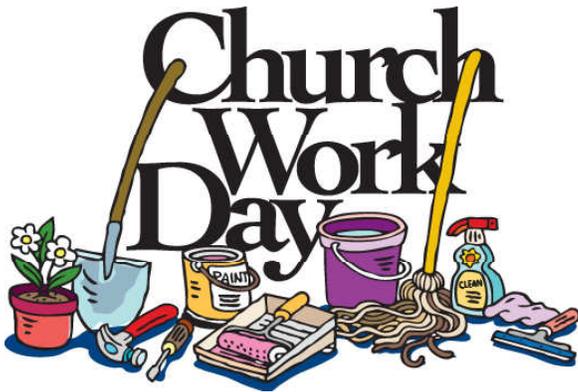
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62. Do not embellish yourself with the ideas of others.
63. Do not get pictures with celebrities.
64. Be your own judge.
65. Do not let your possessions define you.
66. Never talk about yourself, without allowing yourself the possibility of changing.
67. Accept that nothing is yours.
68. When you are asked what you think about something or someone, mention only their qualities.
69. When you fall ill, instead of hating this evil, consider it your teacher.
70. Do not look surreptitiously; stare steadily.
71. Do not forget the dead, but give them a limited place to prevent them from taking over your life.
72. In the place where you dwell, always consecrate a sacred place.
73. When you do a favor do not make others notice your effort.
74. If you decide to work for others, do it with pleasure
75. If in doubt between doing and not doing, take risks and do.
76. Do not try to be everything to everyone; accept that they must seek in others the things you cannot give them.
77. When someone has an audience, do not disrupt them with the purpose of stealing their audience.
78. Live with the money you have earned.
79. Do not brag about your love affairs.
80. Do not take pride in your weaknesses.
81. Never visit someone just to fill your time.
82. Obtain with the purpose of sharing.
83. If you are praying and a tormentor arises, make the tormentor pray with you.

**YOURS IN CHRIST,**

**PASTOR BOB**



## Creator Outdoor Work Day

(3rd Saturday each month - 8:30am - 11:30am)

Join us on the 3rd Saturday of the month (and every month) – August 20 – from 8:30am to 11:30am in our effort to cleanup the grounds of our church. Even if you can only participate for 1 hour, please join us. We need 10 to 12 people minimum to effectively make this work day a success.

Some of the items we will be working on include: pickup litter on the grounds, gather fallen branches and pile up at garbage pickup area, sweep sidewalks, remove pine straw piled next to parking areas and place under blueberry bushes, trim bushes adjacent to sidewalks, cleanout debris from under church bridge, cleanout debris from drainage on the entrance road, cleanout debris and remove saplings from rear drainage creek, fill any eroded areas in rear drainage creek, and keep lower tree branches trimmed up.

Several new projects will include: plant large triangular area near the mailbox with Liriope, create new water diversion area on back property, continue the cutting of unwanted/dead trees (three in the front and three in the back) and paint several of the Parish Hall exterior doors red.

*Submitted by Larry Estes*

## Bible Study: The Experience of God's Presence

Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of the 21st century, we humans get lost in the clamor and noise of Madison Avenue and mass media over the din of how do I pay the mortgage or rent, keep food on the table, and pay the medical bills that we can hear little else. So we need some time to settle down (or center ourselves) on the essence of being human. What does it mean to be created in the image and likeness of the Creator God who is true being (the great I AM?) To assist in this "getting back to the basics" effort, it is good to re-visit what the great teachers and masters of the past have to say about our primary calling or vocation as human beings.

The experience of God's presence and recognizing that presence is at the root of Christian Spirituality. All the Spiritual masters understood this and their experiences have been documented from the unknown writer of "The Cloud of Unknowing", to the more contemporary Howard Thurman, Fr. Thomas Keating, OCSO, Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM, Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen, and Fr. William A. Barry, SJ.

These are a few of the authors and teachers we will be drawing on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

## TROOP 345 2016 CALENDAR

Next meeting will be in September



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# Troop 345 Summer Whitewater Trip to the Ocoee River



# VESTRY DIGEST

## The July 25 meeting of the Vestry of Creator:

**Present:** Bob Blanton, Priest in Charge, Joyce White, Senior Warden, Frank Hennington, Jr. Warden, Andrew Wilder, Vicki Donaho, Mimi Bussell, Mike Piazza, Treasury Committee, Deborah Runyan, Clerk of the Vestry.

**Absent:** Chuck Runyan

**Visitor:** Mike Milone

## **Cub Scout Information**

Mike Milone presented an update on our Cub Scout formation goals. Mike has taken all the training for Pack Master, Den Leader and Committee Member. He discussed the challenges in competing with other well-established packs in the area. There is a new trial program in scouting which will begin this fall called Lions for kindergarten boys who are 4-5 years old. They meet 2 times a month in parent's homes, once monthly as a Pack, and occasionally go on Pack outings. There is no camping and it is less expensive to get started. He estimates that \$1,000 for the first year will be more than enough to cover expenses. After that, the pack should be self-sufficient.

Mimi Bussell moved to accept the cost for the Cub Scout pack as outlined. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

## **Junior Warden Report**

- Frank Hennington reviewed the completed projects for June and July which include the following:
- Removal of low hanging branches on trees in the front and back of the church
- Leaking backflow preventer was replaced
- New hose splitter attached
- Eight AC filters were replaced
- Church doors were painted red
- Remaining erosion areas were filled and repaired in the back concrete drainage area
- Rain gutters clean out was completed
- Pine straw from the parking lot was placed under all blueberry bushes
- Loropetalum bushes and roots were removed from the front of the parish hall
- Metal trailer debris was hauled away

Frank has developed a list of monthly maintenance tasks on the work day.

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- Estimates have been obtained for tree removal on the property. One tree fell in a recent storm and there are 2 dead trees in the back of the property. \$1,100 for all to be removed. There is another tree, 60 feet, that needs to be removed and that will be another \$1100. All work estimates total \$2,200.
- There are problems with the #2 unit, condenser, etc. Frank recommends that the unit be changed to a heat pump system. The cost will be \$5,671 to replace the whole unit, complete ductwork, etc. The fee will also include maintenance of the other units, which alone would be \$430.
- It was noted that the parish hall is much cooler since the filters were changed.
- Mimi Bussell moved to accept the bid for tree removal as submitted and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer Report**

Mike Piazza presented the report and adjustments to the layout were made per Bob Blanton's request. The Revenue and Expenses were separated. A summary for January through June was presented. John Lanford moved to accept the report as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Walking Trail Update-it is going well. Frank will help Larry with the water diversion project. Discussion held on water flow dynamics.

### **New Business**

- The fall festival is on and the arts council wants to participate again. The date has been set for October 29, 2016. Chuck Runyan will cover the food. The plan is to cook extra butts for pre-sale. John Lanford volunteered to do video. Discussion of advertising on NPB radio and WLBT as well as other avenues was held. Tents and music were discussed.
- Mystery Dinner Theater was postponed. We need a better script.
- John Lanford is over youth Sunday school. He had problems scheduling a meeting in the summer.
- Vicki Donaho is willing to have a cookout at her house for our youth.

*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.*

# CREATOR August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	2 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	3 7 pm: Adult Choir	4 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	5	6 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
7 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass  <b>Back to School Student Blessing</b>	8 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	9 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	10 7 pm: Adult Choir	11 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	12  <b>Clinton Schools Begin!</b>	13 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
14 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass	15 6:30 pm: Vestry 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	16 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	17 7 pm: Adult Choir	18 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	19	20 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting  <b>Outdoor Work Day</b> 8:30 am - 11:30 am
21 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass  <b>FOOD PANTRY for the 4 C's</b>	22 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	23 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	24 7 pm: Adult Choir	25 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	26	27 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
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# August Servers

	7	14	21	28	
Chalice	Bob White	Mike Milone	Bob White	Mike Milone	
	Joyce White	Wendy Brantley	Tori Meyers	Richard McMullan	
Lectors	Jolyne Shirley	Michael Piazza	Joan Blanton	Chuck Runyan	
	Richard McMullan	John Richard	John Lanford	Maddie Gray Braley	
Prayers	Fred Shirley	Janie Fields	Wendy Brantley	Deborah Runyan	
Acolytes	Landon Daniel	John Richard	Landon Daniel	Maddie Gray Braley	
	Ruby Lanford	Rowan Braley	Ruby Lanford	Max Lanford	
Ushers	Mimi Bussell	Richard McMullan	Vicky Donaho	Doug George	
	Tristan McMullan	Rivers McMullan	Abbie Donaho	Tristan McMullan	
Altar	Kathy Milone	Beth Braley	Joyce White	Katy Lanford	
Home Communion			Mimi Bussell		
Vestry Person of the Day	Joyce White	Andrew Wilder	John Lanford	Chuck Runyan	



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

- 2 Bettye Sue Hennington
- 17 Brent Stanley
- 18 Jobe Wilder
- 22 Michael Wright
- 27 Samuel McGahey

### Anniversaries

# Episcopal Church of the Creator

## Church Office Hours:

9:00 am—2 pm, Monday—Thursday

### *Presiding Bishop*

**The Most Reverend Michael Curry**

### *Bishop*

**The Very Reverend Brian Seage**

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### *Treasurer*

**Vacant**

### *Vestry*

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**Andrew Wilder, 601-842-0058**

**John Lanford, 601-708-4374**

**Mimi Bussell, 601-924-7066**

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Chuck Runyan, 601-925-0829

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### Wedding Coordinator

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