

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.”

Dear Friends:

Though it sounds like my friend Marilyn Schlitz has targeted those of us who are aging with these practices, we all are aging with every passing moment; and, it is never too soon for us to engage them.

Nine Practices for Conscious Aging

by Marilyn Schlitz – January 30, 2012

As I live into my own process of aging, my worldview has been informed by the depth and insight of many great teachers. These include masters from different wisdom traditions, health care practitioners, friends facing end of life, and researchers studying the transformative nature of death, dying, and beyond. For decades, the team at the Institute of Noetic Sciences has conducted research, created educational programs, and engaged in conversations on transformations in consciousness. We have been led to an ever-expanding appreciation for the aging process and its transformative potentials. We also have found ourselves moved by a great calling to help reduce the suffering that so many experience. During this process, we have identified nine practices that can help people engage the fullness of their lives, each and every moment.

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1. **Reflect on Your Assumptions.** Stop long enough to reflect on your worldview, beliefs, stereotypes, and assumptions. How might they be limiting you or holding you back? What do you need to change to reflect your *highest values* and most *noble aspirations*?

2. **Reframe Your Inner Talk.** Take note of your critical self-talk, bringing the inner critic into more conscious awareness to help reframe these internal messages as more positive and self-compassionate. As you invite equanimity and self-compassion, wonder and awe into your daily life, even the most mundane aspects of experience can become sacred.

3. **Shift Your Perspective.** Clear a space in your life that turns away from the popular media and the weapons of “mass distraction” that shape the dominant culture’s view of aging. Find opportunities to pause and ask yourself where you find joy, goodness, and connections. Write down major moments of transformation that have led you to who you are and what gives you meaning. As philosopher Soren Kierkegaard noted, “Life can only be understood backward, but it must be lived forward.”

4. **Practice Mindful Attention.** Bring your attention toward greater self-awareness through simple activities such as meditation, contemplative prayer, journal writing, walks in nature, gardening with mindfulness, and somatic subtle-energy body practices. What do you need to surrender or leave behind? How can you conserve your energy for what has heart and meaning? What still needs healing or forgiveness?

5. **Set Intentions.** Ask yourself, “What matters most? What values do I want to adhere to?” Based on these reflections, you can craft an intentionality statement so that when challenges and opportunities arise, you will have developed an inner compass with which to navigate and make more conscious life choices.

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6. ***Build New Habits.*** Challenge your brain with new learnings, explore new activities, dance often, connect with people of different generations, ask a child about his life, or do something new every day. Neuroscience offers us hope that such new habits are possible as we lay down new neural pathways that can help us see the world and ourselves in new ways. As Gandhi said, “Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

7. ***Find Guidance.*** Find a skilled teacher, a study group, and/or a social network that supports your explorations. Whether in virtual or proximal social settings, connecting with others offers a way of living into new patterns and behaviors.

8. ***Move from I to We.*** While aging is a personal process, conscious aging is more than a personal quest. It can infuse your life as you promote the transformation of your community. Altruism and compassion born of shared destiny, rather than duty or obligation, can emerge and add joy and purpose to your actions.

9. ***Death Makes Life Possible.*** An important part of positive transformation involves a reflection on one’s own cosmology of what happens after we die. There are many maps or worldviews on this question, revealing a wide range of viewpoints. In considering them, people can find comfort and a set of possibilities for their understanding. As people grow older, as they come to face their own mortality, they can bring greater awareness to the transformative process that allows a deeper experience of their life journey.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bob



Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Prime Timers

Wednesday, October 4

12:00 - Healing Service

12:30 - Prime Timers' Pot Luck Lunch



Saint Francis Day Blessing of the Animals

October 1 @ 4:00 p.m.

There will be a dog wash beginning at 3:00 pm with a pet blessing following. For more information please see the article on page 8.



Come and
Join Us!

Creator Work Day

Saturday,

October 21

Let's get the Parish ready for the
Fall Festival!



October 28 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

For more information please see the article on page 6.

CREATOR FALL STUDY SCHEDULE

Sunday Seekers' Sessions

What is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel about Everything

Rob Bell writes:

“I’ve been reading and studying and exploring and rereading and rethinking and giving sermons from the Bible for twenty-five years, and I find it more compelling and mysterious and interesting and dangerous and convicting and helpful and strange and personal and inspiring and divine and enjoyable than ever.

“Some people see the Bible as an outdated book of primitive, barbaric fairy tales that we have moved beyond. And then there are folks who talk about how important and central and inspired the Bible is but then butcher it with their stilted literalism and stifling interpretations. But you, I want you to read the Bible in a whole new way,”

~ from *What is the Bible?*

Beginning Sunday, **September 10, 2017** and meeting Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 am until **December 10, 2017** the *Sunday Seekers' Sessions* will be studying the works of **Rob Bell, Jim Palmer, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Rachel Held-Evans, and Paul Smith**. Pastor Bob will be leading a deep dive into written, audio, and video expressions of current insights into and speculations about the meaning of scripture and possible future directions in the evolution of religious practice.

Confirmation/Inquirers Classes

What is the Bible?

Why Are We Episcopalian?

Our mixed gathering of youth and adults will be studying material that parallels the *Sunday Seeker's Sessions* with emphasis on the humanity behind the scriptures and the revelation that we “cannot get to the holy without [being] human. When considering a passage, **Rob Bell** explains the worst question we can ask of a text (“Why did God . . . ?”) and the best question to ask (“Why did people find this important to write down?”) In asking these questions, [we will go] beyond the one-dimensional question of ‘is it true?’ to reveal the Bible’s surprisingly transformative power.”

Classes will begin Wednesday, **September 13, 2017** and will meet from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm until **December 13, 2017**. Pastor Bob will be leading the classes. We will be discussing Scripture, Science, Religion, Culture, and Evolution with many video illustrations. Any question raised in this class will be addressed. No question will be dismissed as improper or too difficult to answer (Although, some questions may require the class to do some research).

Volunteers needed to sell Fall Festival Lunch Tickets and Pork Butts

Creator will have a booth set up to sell Fall Festival Lunch Tickets and Pork Butts, at the Clinton BBQ Cook Off, held **Saturday October 7th at the Clinton Plaza shopping center, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** **Volunteers are needed to man the table, in two hour shifts. If you are available and willing to take a shift, please contact Vicky Donaho at 601-506-7153.**

Creator's Fall Festival Saturday, October 28th

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Fall Festival. Fall Festival activities will kick off Saturday, October 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 2017 Fall Festival proceeds will benefit the Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi and the Arts Council of Clinton.

Live musical entertainment will be performed on Creator's outdoor stage by our own Richard McMullan and "Open Road", from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, kick-back and stay a while.

Frozen casseroles and soups will be sold at the Festival, as well as a variety of fresh baked and canned goods. Tickets for BBQ sandwich plates are on sale now, the lunch includes a pulled pork BBQ sandwich, baked beans, potato salad and a soda for \$8. BBQ lunch advanced tickets sales and pork butt pre-ordering will take place every Sunday, before the 10:30 service, through October, 22nd by the Vestry Person of the Day. The supply of the BBQ lunch plates and pork butts will be limited based on advanced ticket sales. The lunch will be dine in or carry-out. Please take a set of 10 tickets to sell to your friends and family. Help get the word out about this annual event.

Volunteers are needed to assist with set up, pulling pork, serving, and counter/cash register sales the morning of the festival, starting at 8:00 a.m. till close. Two hour shifts will be set up, please let Vicky Donaho know if you can volunteer for a shift, 601-506-7153

The Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi are in need of items on their "Wish List". The list is posted on the bulletin board of the Parish Hall. To receive the list via email, please see Beth or Vicky Donaho. A large collection box will be available at the Fall Festival for anyone wishing to help provide items off the "Wish List".

The Arts Council of Clinton and the Episcopal Church of the Creator will be joining hands to promote artists in the Clinton and the surrounding areas with their *Annual Artists' Showcase*. The Showcase will open at Creator, with the Arts Council's *Taste of the Arts*, on Saturday, October 14th from 4 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The gallery will be open 5 days per week and will run two weeks, ending on Saturday, October 28th at Creator's Fall Festival.

Artist Showcase proceeds, by item, will be distributed in the following manner: 70% will go directly to the artist; 15% to The Methodist Children's Homes of Mississippi; and, 15% to the Arts Council of

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Clinton. Artists may submit four items and price them for sale. When an item has been sold, the artist will be notified; and, may replace the sold item with another.

The Showcase committee will include members from the Episcopal Church of the Creator and the Arts Council of Clinton. They will oversee the artwork and sales for the artists over the two-week period. The deadline for applications is August 31 and all approved artwork should be delivered by October 21.

Go to the Facebook page of the Arts Council of Clinton for more information and registration forms or email Diane Pleasant, Arts Council President at info@artscouncilofclinton.org or call [601-421-9538](tel:601-421-9538).

Volunteers are needed to assist with the hanging and displaying of the works of art throughout the campus buildings. Please see Janie Fields if you are willing to volunteer.

Calling all Creator Cooks and Bakers

This year we are adding baked beans and potato salad to the lunch plate menu. A box has been set up in the kitchen for those of you wanting to donate cans of **BUSH's Best Original** baked beans for the plate lunch. We are also in need of volunteers to make potato salad. **Please contact Vicky Donaho (601-506-7153) to sign up to make potato salad and follow the following recipe:**

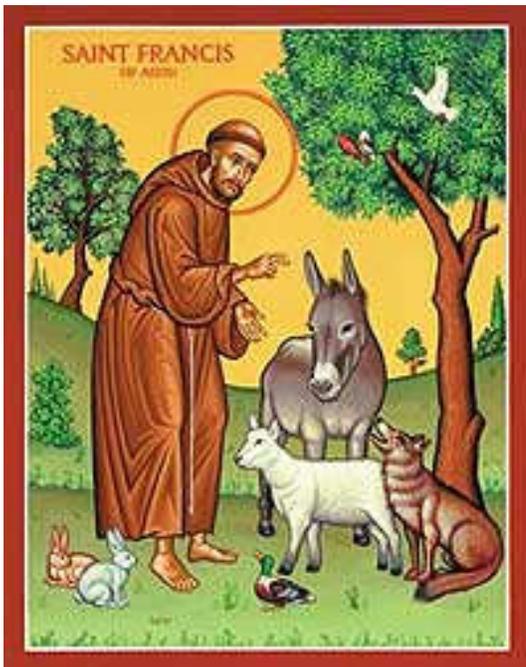
- 5lbs of russet potatoes, peeled, cubed and boiled (drain and completely cool/chill in refrigerator before mixing the remaining ingredients)
- 5-6 boiled eggs, shelled and grated fine
- 16oz sweet pickle relish
- Salt and Pepper to season
- 2 large tablespoons of yellow mustard
- 1 cup of mayonnaise – add more mayo, if needed, as all of the above is mixed thoroughly

We encourage all cooks and bakers to participate in supporting the Fall Festival activities by making their favorite casseroles, soups, baked and canned goods.

Two freezers will be available, in the Parish Hall, for the storage of frozen items in September and October. In order to keep a sale inventory list, be sure to log your items in as items are placed in the freezer, on the sheet hanging outside the freezer. It is requested that 8x8 or 8x12 disposable, plastic or aluminum, freezer containers with lids, be used to keep uniformity of the sale items. Please display on the container lid the name of the preparer, the name of the item, re-heating instructions, and list any allergen ingredients such as wheat, milk, soy, peanuts, etc. for our customers with food allergies.

Baked goods may be prepared for sale whole or in ready to eat, pre-wrapped or bagged portions. Fresh baked and canned goods will be collected the week of the sale.

Contact Vicky Donaho with any questions. 601-506-7153



Saint Francis Day Observed

October 1 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 1 we will again bless our animals as we celebrate St. Francis' Day. Please come and bring your pets. We will meet in the parking lot at 3:00 p.m. for a "pet wash" and "people and pet" social time. Following the pet wash (at 4:00 p.m.) there will a Blessing of the Animals service.

Please note! — We ask that everyone please help support God's homeless creatures by bringing to the **Blessing of the Animals** one or more items as a donation to C.A.R.A.

go to: <http://www.carams.org/> to learn more about CARA and how you can help.

Biography

St. Francis, who founded the Catholic Church's Franciscan order, lived in Italy during the late 12th and 13th centuries. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. He is remembered for his love for animals and nature. St. Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy on October 4, 1226. Pope Gregory IX pronounced St. Francis a saint in 1228. The pope also laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy.



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Pack 345

Cubmaster: Mike Milone
Assistant Cubmaster: Tom Simpson
Pack Committee: John Gardner, Chairman, Edie Hill,
 John Fox, Richard McMullan



Pack 345 Calendar - 2017 - 2018

<p>September</p> <p>17 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am 21 New Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm 28 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>October</p> <p>13-15 Akela Cub Weekend 20-22 Akela Cub Weekend 28 Brighton Park, 2:00 pm, Water Rockets</p> <p>November</p> <p>30 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>December <i>No Pack Meeting</i>, Winter Pack Outing</p> <p>January</p> <p>25 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>February</p> <p>4 Scout Sunday (@ church @ 10:00 am) 9-11 Cub Scout Polar Weekend 22 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm (Pinewood Derby)</p>	<p>March</p> <p>1 Camp Card Sales Begin 24 District Pinewood Derby 29 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>April</p> <p>12 Camp Card Sales End (money due) 13-15 Cuboree Weekend 26 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>May</p> <p>3 Year-end Parent & Den Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm 31 Blue & Gold Banquet, 6:00 pm Graduation</p> <p>June - July</p> <p>TBD Cub / Webeles Summer Camp TBD District Day Camp TBD Pack Summer Outing</p>
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VESTRY DIGEST

The September 18 meeting of the Vestry of Creator:

Present: Bob Blanton, Priest in Charge, Joyce White, Senior Warden, Frank Hennington, Jr. Warden, Vicki Donaho, Doug George, Linda Piazza, John Lanford, Michael Piazza, Treasury Committee representative, Andrew Wilder, Dianne Martin, Clerk of the Vestry

Visitors: Joan Blanton, Chuck Runyan

Junior Warden Report

Frank informed the vestry that limbs would be cut on the 27th. He also said that Elmo's has worked on the air conditioner and it now works. He reported that the ice maker is broken and that he will look into the cost of buying a new one.

Treasurer Report

Michael shared summaries of the bank account, cash balance, and revenue and expenses. He also handed out a cash analysis report. He said that August donations were less than had been expected. He stated that the church does not yet have a financial problem but that if we continue on the same path, we will have a problem in the future.

Old Business

Fall Festival and Taste of the Arts

- Vicky discussed progress on the fall festival. It was decided that tickets for the fall festival will be for the BBQ plate with potato salad and baked beans only. We will not offer the sandwich and chips option. This will make ticket sales and tracking easier to handle.
- There will be ticket sales for the fall festival October 7 at the Clinton Barbeque on the Boulevard event and October 14 at the Taste of the Arts.
- Signs for the festival will go up this weekend.
- Promotion for the fall festival, Taste of the Arts, and Artists Showcase will include an article in the Clinton Courier, advertisements in the Clinton Courier and Coffee News, and a write-up in the "What's Happening" section of the Coffee News.

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Narthex

Discussion of changes to the Narthex was tabled until the next vestry meeting.

Donor plaque

Beth will take a list of donors to the trophy shop for a plaque to be created and mounted on Schmid Educational Building.

Animal Blessing

Animal blessing will take place on October 1. There will be a dog wash at 3:00 and blessing following. Joyce will compose an email concerning the details which Beth will send out.

New Business

Parish Development Council

There was much discussion on the parish development council. Michael presented a proposed chart of the committees and their chairs and co-chairs along with an overview of the responsibilities of each committee. Doug George suggested that a vestry person be on each working committee and this seemed to be met with agreement. There was no vote taken but the consensus seemed to be that we would proceed with the structure and responsibilities as shown on the proposal except that the function of one of the committees would be more limited than originally planned. The resulting committees are Executive, Outreach, Welcoming, Public Information, Facilities and Grounds, and Diocese Outreach.

There being no further business to come before the vestry, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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 *October Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass Animal Blessing & Pet Wash 3pm	2 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	3 12:00 pm: AA Meeting Parish Hall Rental 7 - 9 pm	4 12:00 am: Healing Service 12:30 pm: Prime Timers 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	5 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	6	7 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
8 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass	9 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	10 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Girl Scouts	11 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	12 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	13	14 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
15 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass	16 6:30 pm: Vestry 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	17 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	18 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	19 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	20	21 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting Church Work Day
22 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass	23 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	24 12:00 pm: AA Meeting CHS Lady Arrows Slow Pitch Annual Banquet	25 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	26 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	27	28 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting Creator Fall Festival 10am - 2pm
29 8:00 am: Mass 9:00 am: Sunday school 10:30 am: Mass	30 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	31 12:00 pm: AA Meeting				

October Servers

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	Blessing of the Animals				
Chalice	Mike Milone Richard McMullan	Bob White Joyce White	Mike Milone Bob White	Mike Milone Tori Meyers	Bob White Chuck Runyan
Lectors	John Gardner Stone Braley	John Lanford Max Lanford	Michael Piazza Ruby Lanford	Deborah Runyan Joan Blanton	Fred Shirley Maddie Gray Braley
Prayers	Chuck Runyan	Deborah Runyan	Janie Fields	Fred Shirley	Chuck Runyan
Acolytes	Maddie Gray Braley Rowan Braley	Ruby Lanford Max Lanford	OPEN Tristan McMullan	Ruby Lanford Manny Diaz-Olarra	Maddie Gray Braley Rowan Braley
Ushers	Vicky Donaho Rivers McMullan	Frank Hennington Bettye Sue Hennington	Tom kany John Gardner	Doug George Abby Donaho	Tori Meyers Rivers McMullan
Altar	Beth Braley	Katy Lanford	Joyce White	Larry Estes	Rhea Estes
Home Communion			Edie Hill Tom Kany		
Vestry Person of the Day	Vicky Donaho	Frank Hennington	Joyce White	John Lanford	Linda Piazza



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

11 Vicki Donaho
12 Ezra Wall
14 Lisa Dieth
15 Tom Kany
Hayley Wright
17 Darby Donaho
Frank Hennington

21 Tommy Mills
24 Brittany White
25 Rylee Johnson
31 Andrew Dieth

Anniversaries

6 Monty & Beth Braley
7 Richard & Cindy McMullan
18 Samuel & Elisabet McGahey

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9:00 am—2 pm, Monday—Thursday

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“We are a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi: One church in mission, inviting, transforming, and reconciling. We seek to serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being.”