

CREATOR



Chronicle

June - July 2018

"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."

The Seasons of Love

We have just journeyed through the major seasons of the Christian year and we are about to enter into what is known as **ordinary** time. Each season we have passed through in the last six months could have the title **LOVE** emblazoned across it, because, like **Bishop Curry** at the **Royal Wedding**, each **season** tells a story of **God's** great **love** for the world and our **participation** in that **great love**.

We began last fall when, during the season of **Advent**, we recaptured our vision of God as a **God of Love** ... For four weeks we rekindled the hope that in the midst of our human experience of hatred, war, terrorism, oppression, inequality, estrangement, poverty and sickness, we are encouraged to be ever watchful for God's unmerited and gracious Love to be revealed to us in amazing ways.

Then comes **Christmas**, when God enters our world . . . God is with **us** in the birth of a child who is called **Emmanuel** . . . a baby born poor and homeless . . . a baby born to die is the **birth** of new possibilities for us. We see the length to which God will go to show his **love** for us. God enters into the world with all the limitations we as human beings deal with every day. God walks among us . . . and, in fact . . . by this great act of love . . . is mysteriously one of **us** . . . As a result our human lives will never be the same. We become aware of the possibility of living a transformed human life.

During the **Epiphany** Season that follows Christmas we concentrate on our need for this great **Love of God**. Our lives are a journey, like the wise men's journey . . . a quest to discover, to reveal, to reside in this love. **St. Augustine** once prayed "*Our souls are restless until we find our rest in you, O Lord*". We discover this love in **Christ** and find ourselves called to share his ministry of love in the world. We share in mountaintop experiences where our vision is renewed . . . We come down from the mountain to the fertile soil of the valley to face the fact that this love may include the very real risk of suffering for the sake of humankind.

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Lent is a season of many moods. It is a time when we are invited to face ourselves . . . face our temptations . . . to face the things we have done and left undone . . . to face the ever-present threat of evil. We face up to our distorted visions, misplaced loyalties, our blindness . . . the ways that we feel bound and trapped by forces beyond our control.

Lent is also a time to remember God's great gift of Grace and our dependence on God who keeps giving love and creating order out of chaos. During **Lent**, facing up to *who we are* and surrendering ourselves to the power of God's gracious love . . . we move from death to life. We prepare for the celebration of the greatest mystery of all . . . the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the **Christ**.

The **Easter** story is a story of the victory of the **God of Love**. It is the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness, wholeness over brokenness, freedom over oppression, community over estrangement, love over hate, and life over death.

The hope that was generated in **Advent** has become the reality of the **Easter** story. In the **Cross** we catch a glimpse of the pain and suffering that **God** always and everywhere goes through out of **Love** for those who would reject, hide from, run from, and even hate God. Then we stand in awe and surprise at the **Day of Resurrection**. Our hope is no longer just a possibility. We are witnesses to the beginning of a new creation . . . to the transformation of humanity . . . and the redemption of the world.

Christ's death and resurrection is *our* death and resurrection. **We** will live *forever* . . . in the belief that just as *we* experience many kinds of death in this world, there will always be resurrection. **After** every **Good Friday** in *our lives*, there will always be an **Easter Sunday**.

We live by that sign. We can count on it because even **Pentecost**, he has sent us His **Spirit** an Advocate, a Comforter, a Helper, a Counselor supporting us and guiding us, making the *way of Christ* our way.

What an awesome story we have *shared* these past few months. It is the **Greatest Love Story** ever told. This day that we call **Trinity Sunday** we participate totally in an act of Praise for this **Divine Love** . . . this love that is above and beyond us . . . this love that is beside us and inside us within us and without us.

It is of *that love* we heard in the familiar **John 3:16-17**:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may be saved through him".
(John 3:16-17)

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That is *eternal love* . . . Love that lasts forever. **Paul Tillich** tells us that *Love is stronger than death*. He writes:

Death is given no power over love. *Love is stronger*. It creates something new out of the destruction caused by death . . . it bears all things and overcomes all things. It is at work where the power of death is strongest . . . in war and persecution . . . in homelessness and hunger . . . and in physical death itself. It is here and there; in the smallest and most hidden ways . . . in the greatest and most visible ones . . . It rescues *each one of us*, for *love is stronger than death*. (Paul Tillich *The New Being*, Scribners, NY, NY, 1955 p. 173-174)

Year after year, season after season, we hear the story of **God's** great love. In *A Pilgrim People*, **John Westerhoff** writes:

Our identity ... our understanding of life's meaning and purpose is dependent on our having a story that tells us what the world is like and where we are going. To be a community of faith, we must be a people with a story: a common memory and vision, common rituals or symbolic actions expressing our community's memory and vision, and a common life together that manifests that memory and vision.^[1](John H. Westerhoff III *A Pilgrim People*, Seabury, Minneapolis, Minn., 1984, p. 1)

Celebrating the Christian seasons in word and ritual keeps our story alive for *us*. It feeds us as a community of the people of the *God of Love*. *God's* story becomes *our* story . . . *our lives* become expressions of *God's Love* in the world.

We stand in awe of *God's love*. We offer praise in any way we can. It doesn't conform to our limited human categories. It is often overwhelming ... all that we can do at times is keep silent before it. But, as we tell the story over and over through the seasons of our lives, *we become a part of the story*; and *the story becomes a part of us* . . . year after year, as we repeat the cycle of the seasons it reaches deeper and deeper into the very depths of our being . . . *God's Spirit* connecting with *our spirit*, we become more *Christ-like*; we find *new ways* to love ... new ways to be compassionate in *this* world ... in *this* time.

Now as we embark on the many weeks of *ordinary* time between the feast of **Pentecost** and the season of **Advent**, as the lazy days of **June**, **July**, and **August** reach out to embrace us, we can softly slip into the doldrums of another **Summer**; or, we can take this break in our liturgical routine to follow the lead of the **Spirit** into a *Season of Pentecosts*, into a *season of sharing*, into a season of *living into*, of *becoming* an integral piece of the *greatest love story* that the world has ever known.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bob



Healing Service and Prime Timers

Out for the summer. See you in September!



Annual Bishop's Visit

Sunday, June 10

Pot-luck Reception

The Rt. Reverend Brian R. Seage will be making his official pastoral visit to Creator, Sunday, June 10 at the 10:30 service. Please plan to attend and let us welcome our Bishop.

Bring your favorite meat dish, side dish and/or dessert to share at the pot-luck reception, after church. Volunteers and helpers are needed for set-up and clean-up activities



When you are grocery shopping, please remember to pick up some extra, non-perishable food goods and bring them to church the next time you come. We will be continuing this outreach ministry each month on the third Sunday of the month, so mark the dates on your calendar.



Creator Outdoor Work Day

June 16 & July 21

8:30am - 11:30am

There is a lot going on and we could really use some extra hands!

Choir *Notes*

Submitted by Ezra Wall, Choirmaster

We're Playing the Hits This July!!!

Do you have a favorite hymn you never get tired of singing? Let us know about your liturgical ear-worm and we'll do our best to include it in July's worship services. It's just that simple!

If possible, you should email your requests to the church office by June 1st. The email is: theepiscopalchurchofthecreator@gmail.com.

Don't forget to SPELL IT ALL OUT! You're welcome to tell Ezra after service, too. Please let us know what you'd like to hear.

Thanks!





Pack 345

Cubmaster: Mike Milone
Assistant Cubmaster: Tom Simpson
Pack Committee: Edie Hill, John Fox



Pack 345 Calendar - 2017 - 2018

September

- 17 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am
- 21 New Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm
- 28 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm

October

- 13-15 Akela Cub Weekend
- 20-22 Akela Cub Weekend
- 28 Brighton Park, 2:00 pm, Water Rockets

November

- 30 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm, Guest is AMR

December *No Pack Meeting* , Winter Pack Outing

January

- 25 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm, Guest is CPD

February

- 4 Scout Sunday (@ church @ 10:00 am)
- 9-11 Cub Scout Polar Weekend
- 22 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm (Pinewood Derby)

March

- 1 Camp Card Sales Begin
- 3 District Pinewood Derby
- 22 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm

April

- 13-15 Cuboree Weekend
- 26 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 26 Camp Card Sales End (money due)

May

- 3 Year-end Parent & Den Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 31 Blue & Gold Banquet, 6:00 pm
- Graduation

June - July

- May 31—June 2 Cub / Webeles Summer Camp
- June 11—15 District Day Camp



VESTRY DIGEST

The May 21 meeting of the Vestry of Creator:

Present: Bob Blanton, Priest in Charge, Joyce White, Senior Warden, Tom Kany, Jr. Warden, Doug George, John Lanford, Andrew Wilder, Dianne Martin, Clerk of the Vestry

Absent: Richard McMullan

Jr. Warden Report

- Parking lot wall were taken care of by Larry Estes and completed.
- Spotlights in nave were taken care of by Larry Estes and completed.
- Tom Kany resigned as junior warden due to health reasons.

Treasurer Report – extended. Bob Blanton gave the Treasurer's report.

- Month-to-date- and Year-to-date revenues and expenditures were discussed.
- There were unexpected expenses during April including
 - Worker's compensation
 - Choir robes
 - Parking lot striping
 - Two guest organists during April
- Joyce White nominated Dianne Martin as treasurer. Andrew Wilder seconded the nomination. Nomination was accepted unanimously. Dianne Martin accepted.
- Dianne Martin will take over the treasurer position. Bettye Sue Hennington will take over as Secretary for Dianne Martin.
- Vestry would like to have expenses itemized each month. Joyce White asked new treasurer, Dianne Martin, to run the budget monthly so that Vestry can have itemized list each meeting.
- Ezra proposed that the choir robe expense be covered by the Martha Weatherall donation. During the Vestry meeting, Bob Blanton moved to subtract the cost of the Choir robes and piano moving expenses and other expenses as determined by the Vestry to take the money out of the Martha Weatherall account. Andrew Wilder motioned that the money be withdrawn from the Martha Weatherall account and put back into the general fund. Seconded by John Lanford. Total removed from the account will include cost of choir robes and cost of moving piano.
- New Choir Robes were discussed. It was decided to offer Safe Harbor use of the 'old' robes. If Safe Harbor does not need the robes, then the robes will be offered to another church.

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- Joyce White reported that the new pottery for the Altar Guild was charged against the Altar Guild fund. Joyce White proposed that the amount that was paid for the new pottery for the Altar Guild be taken from the Special Offerings Funds. Andrew Wilder motioned to move the money from the Special Offerings Fund and put back into the general fund. John Lanford seconded the motion. Acceptance was unanimous.
- Joyce White suggested that the line item 'restricted funds' in the budget be studied and a new proposal set forth.
- Rhea Estes had suggested that painting of the trim on nave and cross and vents on the end of the parish hall be completed by an outside source. Rhea has received three bids.
- Money can be taken from Building Maintenance and Repair or Building Property and Improvement.
- John Lanford motioned to take the money needed to paint the church be taken from the Building Property and Improvement.
- Creator received \$173.52 on Art Sale. Bob Blanton suggested that money should go as outreach to support boy scouts. John Langford motioned that the money should go to account that contains money for outreach. Andrew Wilder seconded the motion. Acceptance was unanimous. Doug George entered a motion also that outreach funds up can be used to support boy scouts. Joyce White seconded the motion. Acceptance was unanimous.

Old Business

- Discussion of Piazza departure occurred. Changes in budgetary procedure will take place with Dianne Martin taking over treasurer's position.
- Brick Street Festival – BBQ on the Boulevard – October – update from Bob Blanton.
- Smoking Policy. Rhea completed the new smokers' patio which is away from all entrances and built on the west side (front) of education building. Littering is NOT okay, butts must be picked up and disposed of in available barrel.

New Business

- Date of June vestry meeting is changed to June 11, 2018.

The Senior Warden adjourned the meeting at 8:30 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 *June Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting Parish Hall Rental
3 8:00 am: Morning Prayer 10:30 am: Morning Prayer 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor	4 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	5 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	6 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	7 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	8	9 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting Parish Hall Rental
10 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor Bishop's Visit & Covered Dish Reception	11 6:30 pm: Vestry 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	12 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	13 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	14 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	15	16 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting Church Work Day
17 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor FOOD PANTRY for the 4 C's 	18 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	19 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	20 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	21 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 1st Day of Summer	22	23 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
24 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor	25 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	26 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	27 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	28 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	29	30 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting

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June Servers

Have A Great Vacation!!!

	3	10	17	24	
	Morning Prayer	Bishop's Visit	Father's Day		
Chalice	N/A	Mike Milone	Need Someone	Tori Meyers	
	N/A	Bob White	N/A	N/A	
Lectors	Need Someone	Joan Blanton	Ruby Lanford	Deborah Runyan	
	Fred Shirley	John Lanford	Max Lanford	Pennie VanBrocklin	
Prayers	Deborah Runyan	Fred Shirley	Janie Fields	Chuck Runyan	
Acolytes	Landon Daniel	Maddie Gray Braley	Ruby Lanford	Max Lanford	
	N/A	Max Lanford	Manny Diaz-Olarra	Tristan McMullan	
Ushers	Tori Meyers	Betty Sue Hennington	Doug George	Need Someone	
	Need Someone	Frank Hennington	Abby Donaho	Need Someone	
Altar	N/A	Joyce White	Beverly Wilder	Beth Braley	
			Pamela Wilder		
Home Communion			Edie Hill		
Vestry Person of the Day	Andrew Wilder	Joyce White	Doug George	Need Someone	



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

3 Shirley Gale
 4 William Wheatley
 5 June Dale
 6 Katy Lanford
 17 Sandra Randall
 21 Sarah Brantley
 Lucas Stanley

22 Jennifer Wilson
 30 Janie Fields

Anniversaries

5 Isabel & Tommy Mills
 26 Charles & Marti Williams
 28 Lee & Nickie Carre

July Servers



	1	8	15	22	29
Chalice	Joyce White N/A	Need Someone N/A	Bob White N/A	Tori Meyers N/A	Chuck Runyan N/A
Lectors	Chuck Runyan Joan Blanton	John Lanford Ruby Lanford	Stone Braley Maddie Gray Braley	Pennie VanBrocklin Need Someone	Fred Shirley Joan Blanton
Prayers	Pennie VanBrocklin	Deborah Runyan	Fred Shirley	Janie Fields	Chuck Runyan
Acolytes	Landon Daniel Max Lanford	Ruby Lanford	Maddie Gray Braley	Landon Daniel	Rowan Braley
Ushers	Tori Meyers Need Someone	Bettye Sue Hennington Frank Hennington	Beth Braley Stone Braley	Doug George Abby Donaho	Beth Braley Stone Braley
Altar	Sandra Randall Tommie Kirksey	Ross Turner		Larry Estes	Rhea Estes
Home Communion			Edie Hill		
Vestry Person of the Day	Joyce White	John Lanford	Need Someone	Doug George	Andrew Wilder



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

19 Beth Braley

Anniversaries

- 1 Marilyn D'Isepo
- 10 Monty Braley
- 12 Dorothy Claypool
- Jane Kany
- Scott Waldbauer
- 18 Charlie Dieth
- Bob White

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