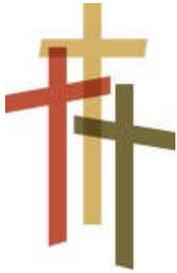
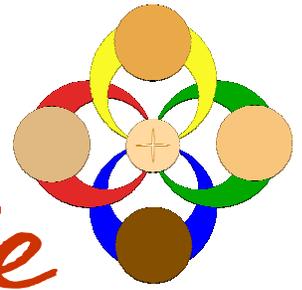


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August 2019

Dear Friends:

*Thought I would share an article by **Bertrand Russell** that has taken on significant meaning for me in the last few years. The name of the essay is "**How to Grow Old**"*

In spite of the title, this article will really more about how *not* to grow old, which, at my time of life, is a much more important subject. My first advice would be to choose your ancestors carefully. Although both my parents died young, I have done well in this respect as regards my other ancestors. My maternal grandfather, it is true, was cut off in the flower of his youth at the age of sixty-seven, but my other three grandparents all lived to be over eighty. Of remoter ancestors I can only discover one who did not live to a great age, and he died of a disease which is now rare, namely, having his head cut off. A great-grandmother of mine, who was a friend of Gibbon, lived to the age of ninety-two, and to her last day remained a terror to all her descendants. My maternal grandmother, after having nine children who survived, one who died in infancy, and many miscarriages, as soon as she became a widow devoted herself to women's higher education. She was one of the founders of Girton College, and worked hard at opening the medical profession to women. She used to tell of how she met in Italy an elderly gentleman who was looking very sad. She asked him why he was so melancholy, and he said that he had just parted from his two grandchildren. 'Good gracious,' she exclaimed, 'I have seventy-two grandchildren, and if I were sad each time I parted from one of them, I should have a miserable existence!' 'Madre snaturale!,' he replied. But speaking as one of the seventy-two, I prefer her recipe. After the age of eighty she found she had some difficulty in getting to sleep, so she habitually spent the hours from midnight to 3 a.m. in reading popular science. I do not believe that she ever had time to notice that she was growing old.

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This, I think, is the proper recipe for remaining young. If you have wide and keen interests and activities in which you can still be effective, you will have no reason to think about the merely statistical fact of the number of years you have already lived, still less of the probable shortness of your future.

As regards health, I have nothing useful to say as I have little experience of illness. I eat and drink whatever I like, and sleep when I cannot keep awake. I never do anything whatever on the ground that it is good for health, though in actual fact the things I like doing are mostly wholesome.

Psychologically there are ***two dangers*** to be guarded against in old age. ***One of these is undue absorption in the past.*** It does not do to live in memories, in regrets for the good old days, or in sadness about friends who are dead. One's thoughts must be directed to the future, and to things about which there is something to be done. This is not always easy; one's own past is a gradually increasing weight. It is easy to think to oneself that one's emotions used to be more vivid than they are, and one's mind more keen. If this is true it should be forgotten, and if it is forgotten it will probably not be true.

The other thing to be avoided ***is clinging to youth in the hope of sucking vigor from its vitality.*** When your children are grown up, they want to live their own lives, and if you continue to be as interested in them as you were when they were young, you are likely to become a burden to them, unless they are unusually callous. I do not mean that one should be without interest in them, but ***one's interest should be contemplative and, if possible, philanthropic, but not unduly emotional.*** Animals become indifferent to their young as soon as their young can look after themselves, but ***human beings***, owing to the length of infancy, ***find this difficult.***

I think that a successful old age is easiest for those who have ***strong impersonal interests*** involving appropriate activities. It is in this sphere that long experience is really fruitful, and it is in this sphere that the wisdom born of experience can be exercised without being oppressive. It is ***no use telling grownup children not to make mistakes***, both because they will not believe you, and because ***mistakes are an essential part of education.*** But if you are one of those who are incapable of impersonal interests, you may find that your life will be empty unless you concern yourself with your children and grandchildren. In that case you must realize that while you can still render them material services, such as making them an allowance or knitting them jumpers, ***you must not expect that they will enjoy your company.***

Some old people are oppressed by the fear of death. In the young there is a justification for this feeling. Young men who have reason to fear that they will be killed in battle may justifiably feel bitter in the thought that they have been cheated of the best things that life has to offer. But in an old man who has known human joys and sorrows and has achieved whatever work it was in him to do; the ***fear of death*** is somewhat abject and ignoble. The ***best way to overcome it***—so at least it seems to me—is to ***make your interests gradually wider and more impersonal***, until bit by bit the walls of the ego recede, and ***your life becomes*** increasingly ***merged in the universal life.***

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*An individual human existence should be like a river: small at first, narrowly contained within its banks, and rushing passionately past rocks and over waterfalls. Gradually **the river grows wider**, the banks recede, the waters flow more quietly, and **in the end**, without any visible break, **they become merged in the sea, and painlessly lose their individual being**. The man who, in old age, can see his life in this way, will not suffer from the fear of death, since **the things he cares for will continue**. And if, with the decay of vitality, weariness increases, the thought of rest will not be unwelcome. I should wish to die while still at work, knowing that others will carry on what I can no longer do and content in the thought that what was possible has been done.*

[from "Portraits From Memory And Other Essays"]

Bertrand Arthur William Russell, 3rd Earl Russell, OM FRS (18 May 1872 – 2 February 1970) was a British philosopher, logician, mathematician, historian, writer, essayist, social critic, political activist, and Nobel laureate. At various points in his life, Russell considered himself a liberal, a socialist and a pacifist, although he also confessed that his skeptical nature had led him to feel that he had "never been any of these things, in any profound sense." Russell was born in Monmouthshire into one of the most prominent aristocratic families in the United Kingdom.

In the early 20th century, Russell led the British "revolt against idealism". He is considered one of the founders of analytic philosophy along with his predecessor Gottlob Frege, colleague G. E. Moore and protégé Ludwig Wittgenstein. He is widely held to be one of the 20th century's premier logicians. With A. N. Whitehead he wrote *Principia Mathematica*, an attempt to create a logical basis for mathematics, the quintessential work of classical logic. His philosophical essay "On Denoting" has been considered a "paradigm of philosophy". His work has had a considerable influence on mathematics, logic, set theory, linguistics, artificial intelligence, cognitive science, computer science (see type theory and type system) and philosophy, especially the philosophy of language, epistemology and metaphysics.

Russell was a prominent anti-war activist and he championed anti-imperialism. Occasionally, he advocated preventive nuclear war, before the opportunity provided by the atomic monopoly had passed and "welcomed with enthusiasm" world government. He went to prison for his pacifism during World War I. Later, Russell concluded that war against Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany was a necessary "lesser of two evils" and criticized Stalinist totalitarianism, attacked the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam War and was an outspoken proponent of nuclear disarmament. In 1950, Russell was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature "in recognition of his varied and significant writings in which he champions humanitarian ideals and freedom of thought"

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bob



Healing Service and Prime Timers

Out for the summer. See you in September!



FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

(3rd Sunday each month)

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 each month, so mark the dates on your calendar.



Up-coming Church Work Day

Saturday, August 17 (8-12am)

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

Come and Join Us!



Back to School Blessing

It's that time again! Sunday, August 4 at the 10:30 Mass, we will be blessing all students as they return to school.



Vestry Digest

July 15, 2019

Present: Pastor Bob Blanton, Priest-in-Charge, Rhea Estes, Senior Warden, Chuck Runyan, Jr. Warden, Deborah Runyan, Ross Turner, Jennifer Duncan, John Lanford, Doug George, Tommy Mills, Treasurer, Dianne Martin, Clerk of the Vestry

Absent:

Visitor: Joan Blanton

Rhea announced that Tommy Mills is the new treasurer and Dianne Martin is the new clerk of the vestry. Rhea remarked that the May meeting minutes had been approved via email and that there was no June vestry meeting.

Treasurer Report

- Dianne handed out the Treasurer report as of the end of May and mentioned that she and Tommy would work on the report as of the end of June after Beth returns from vacation. Dianne pointed out that the general budget had only .51 budget reserve months available as of the end of May. Expenditures for May were not high but revenues were down. Ross mentioned that lower revenue is normal for the summer months. Dianne also gave out a report showing the status of the Choir Fund which appears to show \$8000 or more in contributions toward funds for the new organ. Several members stated that contributions for the organ should be reflected in the Performing Arts Fund (account 8136) rather than in the Choir Fund. Tommy will get with Beth to make sure that such contributions are reflected in the correct account.
- We are well overdue for an audit. Tommy will ask Edie Hill to do an audit for the church.

Junior Warden Report

- Chuck stated that the outdoor spigots have to be commercial grade to meet code. This means the spigots need have vacuum brakes. Chuck has replaced those missing.
- There is a dead tree which will be difficult to remove and requires professional service. Chuck will obtain bids.
- Chuck is also working to get bids for roof repair.
- Rhea mentioned that the painting of the parish hall is progressing and that Larry is putting up railings for hanging the Taste of the Arts' pictures.

Vestry Minutes *continued on next page*

Old Business

Organ:

The buyer of our old organ will pick it up some time this week. We have an updated contract for the new organ. The first payment will be \$2,723.75 and will be paid upon the signing of the contract. The second payment will be \$2,723.75 and will be paid at delivery. The third payment will be \$5,447.50 and will be paid upon completion of the installation. This comes to a total of \$10,895.00.

AA signs:

AA and the vendor have agreed on the price of the signs.

Plaques for walkway benches:

There is one plaque remaining to be done.

New Business

Fire pit, railroad ties, and rocks:

Safe Harbor and our church would like to have a fire pit for cookouts. We would also like to have railroad ties for building a bridge so as to have a direct way to get to the playground from the parish hall. Additionally, we would like to have rocks for lining the labyrinth that will be within the area surrounded by the Stations of the Cross walkway. Various means of obtaining these materials were discussed.

Movie or game night:

We would like to have a movie or game night once a month. Possibilities include bingo, pot lucks, and movies with discussion after the movie.

Camping on church grounds/cookout/evening prayer in October:

We're planning on having a cookout, evening prayer outside, and camping on the church grounds in October. Mike Milone is interested in this for the scouts as well. We will need to clear the area of bugs prior to the activity night. Doug said that the scouts can also use his land for camping.

BBQ on the Boulevard 10/12/2019:

Doug will see if the same person as last year will cook this year. Joan will head up the decorating. We need to be more proactive in selling tickets to the Fall Festival at the BBQ on the Boulevard event. We will need to do the rock painting again since the children really enjoy that.

Taste of the Arts - 10/19/2019:

Fall festival -10/26/2019

Vicky Donaho created documentation on the steps needing to be taken in holding the Fall Festival. Whoever takes charge of the fall festival this year will have this documentation to go by. We will have pulled pork sandwiches and pork butts. Doug will make sure people are lined up for pulling the pork.

Web site and church growth planning meetings:

Joan mentioned that we will start working on the web site and the church growth planning meetings again. Dianne has volunteered to help with these.

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.



**WORK DAY
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CHURCH**

June workday was attended by Wendy Brantley, Max Lanford, Ruby Lanford, and Rhea Estes. We watered plants, weeded, and applied pine straw. Jim Brantley assisted with planting and putting pine straw in beds during the week. Larry and Chuck installed exit and entrance signs to parking lot during June.

July workday was attended by Chuck, Deborah, Rhea, Terry and Mary (from Safe Harbor). We trimmed some of the hedges, picked up limbs and trash, cleaned up parking lot, and weeded. Chuck pressure washed part of the playground equipment and will complete task soon. Larry has installed the picture hanging molding in the Parrish Hall hallway. Planting and weeding has been ongoing during the weeks of June and July by Rhea, Wendy and Jim. The playground area has been sprayed by Cook Pest Control.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted during workdays.

NOTE: We Need help watering, weeding and maintaining all the flower beds on a weekly basis. This may be done at anytime you are free.

If anyone is interested in adopting a bed or helping with church projects during the week please contact Rhea or Beth.

Submitted by Rhea Estes, Senior Warden



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	2	3 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
4 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor Back to school Blessing	5 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	6 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	7 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	8 12:00 pm: AA Meeting  Clinton Schools Begin!	9	10 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
11 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor Worship Committee Meeting After 10:30 Mass	12 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	13 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	14 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	15 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	16	17 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting Church Work Day 8am-12pm
18 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor FOOD PANTRY for the 4 C's	19 6:30 pm: Vestry 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	20 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	21 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	22 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	23	24 5 pm: AA / AI-Anon Meeting
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Chalice	Bob White	Mike Milone	Bob White	Mike Milone	
	Joyce White	Wendy Brantley	Chuck Runyan	Tori Meyers	
Lectors	Fred Shirley	John Lanford	Chuck Runyan	Ross Turner	
	Landon Da	Ruby Lanford	Deborah Runyan	Joan Blanton	
Prayers	Janie Fields	Pennie Van Brocklin	Fred Shirley	Deborah Runyan	
Acolytes	Landon Daniel	Max Lanford	Maddie Gray Braley	Ruby Lanford	
	Manny Diaz-OLarra		Rowan Braley	Manny Diaz-OLarra	
Ushers	Beverly Wilder	Chuck Runyan	Doug George	Andrew Wilder	
	Pamela Wilder	Ruby Lanford	Abby Donaho	Sarah Margaret Wilder	
Altar	Larry Estes	Tommie Kirksey	Rhea Estes	Katy Lanford	
		Sandra Randall			
Home Communion			Eddie Hill		
Vestry Person of the Day	Andrew Wilder	Chuck Runyan	John Lanford	Deborah Runyan	



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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