

The Good News

The Bond of Charity



On August 28, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo. Augustine is a leading Father of Latin Christianity and in many ways a leading architect of Western civilization, through his synthesis of our biblical, Greek, and Latin heritage. Like any tradition, the Western tradition can bind us or set us free. As the Church strives to move beyond narrow and oppressive construals of this

heritage and become a more fully postcolonial and therefore more fully Catholic Body, we dare not neglect the many contributions that Augustine made to our self-understanding for the good.

One of these is his concept of the Holy Spirit as the Bond of Charity (*vinculum caritatis*), which binds the Father and the Son together in an eternal exchange of self-giving love within the Godhead. Charity (*caritas*) is often used as the Latin translation of the Greek word *agape*, which refers to God's self-giving love, with its equal regard for saints and sinners alike. In Christ, we too are bound, to our brothers and sisters, to our non-Christian neighbors, especially to those who are poor or vulnerable, by the very same bond of charity. The Holy Spirit is God's love, the third person of the Trinity, fully God, poured abundantly into our hearts. (Romans 5:5). The Spirit binds us together in the one Body, without erasing our differences, and equipping each one of us as ministers of the Gospel. God calls us to share this Good News by word and deed.

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You will notice that this monthly newsletter now has a similar format to our weekly e-news. Over the next couple of months, I am asking people to consider whether we really need a separate monthly newsletter. It occurs to me that recurring features of the Good News could easily be incorporated into the e-news, so that "News From the Pews" might appear on the first Tuesday of each month; "Outreach News" on the second Tuesday; "Property Matters" on the third Tuesday; and "Vestry Highlights" on the fourth Tuesday; etc. Please direct any concerns or comments to me. I will be discussing this with the vestry at some point in the fall.

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As we begin a new year, may we give ourselves over to the Spirit. We can be sure that we are doing so, when we love others as Jesus did.

Grace and peace,

Bill

The Rev. R. William Carroll, Rector

Vestry Highlights



At its August 19, 2010 meeting, the vestry took two significant actions in anticipation of further feedback from the parish.

First, it considered preliminary proposals for the 2011 budget in the areas of outreach and worship. These proposals were developed a public meetings of interested parishioners and were adopted without amendment by the vestry for the sake of soliciting parish-wide input at a forum in early October.

Second, it amended a preliminary report on proposed changes to our worship space and authorized the preparation of a document for distribution to the parish for written comment. (See details in separate article below.)

Fr. Carroll reported to the vestry about plans for the former Oasis Restaurant next door. The University now plans to demolish the building during winter break. It is to be replaced with a small green space or park. The vestry did discuss what assurances we want from the University during the demolition. These include a written commitment that we will have 24 hour access to our parking lot through the Konnecker driveway, when our own driveway must be closed for safety reasons. We would also like the University to minimize the impact on the Advent Festival and Christmas Eve services if possible, by committing to a smaller time frame that does not include one or both events.

Worship Space Report



This report was recently sent out to the parish by e-mail. Copies are also available in the narthex by the glass doors and will remain available until comments are due on October 10.

The text is also available online by clicking this [link](#).

The report, which was amended somewhat by the vestry, was produced by a committee chaired by our junior warden, Jack Flemming. The other members of the committee were Paul Clever, Dick Dean, Carolyn Murphree, Julie Nehls, and A.J. Stack. I would like to thank them publicly for their service on your behalf. I do not assume that any member of the committee or the vestry agrees with every detail of the report as written, and they too are encouraged to submit written comments that reflect their personal point of view.

I urge you to read Jack's cover letter carefully. It contains more detail about the process by which the report was produced and the manner in which the vestry will receive written feedback from parishioners. As the title of the report indicates, these recommendations are provisional and preliminary. The vestry is waiting to hear from everyone before making any decisions.

I cannot underscore enough the importance of full participation by all parishioners. The vestry invites and welcomes your contributions to these important decisions. Our worship of God is the foundation for our common life and the ministry we share in Christ.

Peace,

Bill

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Service Music Preview



On September 19 at coffee hour, we will have a brief preview of the service music that we will begin using in the month of October. We will use these musical settings until the first Sunday of Advent. Full participation by all members of the Body of Christ in different aspects of the liturgy, sung and spoken, is one of the ways our common prayer forms us for the ministry we share through Holy Baptism.

News From the Pews



Former visiting Professor of Engineering Bill Shepherd and his wife Elisabeth are planning to visit their son and family this fall in Toronto, Canada and hope to visit friends in Athens before returning to their home in West Yorkshire, England.

A recent article on Prison Ministry in Episcopal Life On Line recognizes Gifford Doxsee for his dedication and tireless effort serving on many Kairos teams and inspiring ex-offenders as they re-enter society, some of whom have started ministries of their own. We are desperate these days for more people like Gifford who believe the gospel, and seek to witness faithfully to it by virtue of their deeds and actions.

Former Good Shepherd Vocal Music Assistant, Sarah Spurlock-Biggs has just been hired as choir director at St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church in Fairfax, Virginia. Sarah is the mother of three year old son Charlie.

Ann and Bob Shelly spent two weeks in Europe in mid July, making their first stop in Gothenberg, Sweden for the International Sociological Association World Congress. They presented a paper on their research, and Bob finished his term as secretary/treasurer of Research Committee 42 (Social Psychology).

When that was completed they traveled to Denmark where they rode the train from Fredrikshaven to Skagen (the point where the North Sea and Baltic meet). Their second week included a river cruise on the Seine from Paris to Normandy with stops in Rouen, the beaches at Normandy, Conflans, and Versailles. Their boat trip was

great, and they have hundreds of pictures to share.

During the month of June, Marsha Dutton, new chair of the English Department, gave a series of talks on the 12th Century sermons of Gilbert of Hoyland at Genesee Abbey in New York State.

Accompanied by her daughter, Marsha also recently attended a conference in Padua, Italy, after which the two enjoyed several days in Venice.

Arriving in El Salvador in mid July was Richard Sinclair, son of Reid Sinclair. Richard, his wife Amy and son Cole will live in San Salvador for the next two years where he will be principal of the American School in the capital city. Prior to their new location, the Sinclairs lived in the Denver/Golden, Colorado area for several years.

Jack and Leslie Flemming have returned from a Mediterranean cruise. Among the prominent sites they visited were Hagia Sophia in Istanbul, the Island of Patmos (where the Book of Revelation was written), Meteora (site of many cliff top Greek monasteries), and St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice.

NEWS FROM THE GOOD EARTH FARM:

Paul reports a lot of new faces are dotting the farm grounds. Lori Gromen is the new AmericaCorps VISTA worker and has already made progress for volunteer recruitment and grant writing. Brittany Buttry recently joined the group as a long term replacement as well as two summer interns from OU, Kelley a sophomore public relations major and Andrew, a senior plant biology major.

Many volunteers and five visiting groups have helped throughout the mid summer heat and humidity.

Helping to build a rustic retreat facility is Ted Foster who has given many hours of hard work toward the project. The floor, walls, trusses, are in place and just needs a roof for completion.

The farm also has added a new dairy cow named Daisy.

Short news items about members and friends of Good Shepherd may be sent to Don Frazier (donjo@columbus.rr.com;797-4857). Please remember to get permission from the person(s) involved.

Calendar



The current public calendar of parish events is kept on Google Calendar and is available [here](#).

As always, printed copies of the calendar for August will be available near the main entrance of the church on Sunday. If you wish to use church facilities, it is extremely important to reserve them in advance with Fr. Bill, who is coordinating the calendar to prevent scheduling conflicts (593-6877; gsrector@gmail.com).