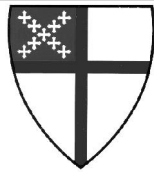


THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

THE CALL



AUGUST 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

Living the Love of God: What does that mean?

The year really ought to start in August instead of January. Society is (lamentably) no longer bound up with agriculture so mid-winter no longer marks the half-way point between planting and harvest. Now we live from the beginning of school to the end of summer vacation. So August is once again start-up month. Hotdogs and More will get rolling at the University, the visits to Palomas will get more regular, as peoples' vacations wind down people appear more regularly at services. We mark it all at the end of the month with Rally Day on the 25th.

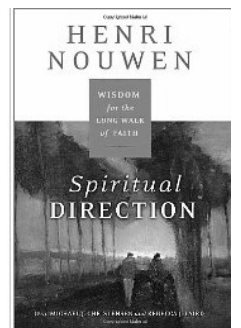
It reminds me that my spiritual walk always happens on at least two levels. There is that which God is doing within me, which is important, but there is also that which God is doing between and among and through US. If love is relational then to live the love of God I need someone with whom I can be in relationship—and that is US. There are a lot of different kinds of people at Good Shepherd. The other day someone said, "Well, I guess I'm just a little odd." Someone else said, "Well, I'm not necessarily very even!" True or not, they are OUR odd ones and OUR not-so-even ones, OUR tall or short ones, OUR young or not-so-young ones, OUR men and women, girls and boys. We belong to one another and we live together only by loving one another exactly as we come.

Next month: What else might it mean?

Paul+

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Our next Tuesday afternoon Book Study will feature lessons to be learned from Henri Nouwen in his book, *Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Wall of Faith*. There are books available at the office. It is also available digitally for your Kindle or iBook. The first class will meet Tuesday, August 6th at 2:00 p.m. in Henderson Hall. The class will run for four sessions, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20 and 8/27.



A MESSAGE FROM SARAH

Dear Family in Christ,

On July 10 Bishop Vono, acting on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, invited me to be ordained to the transitional diaconate. The ordination service is scheduled for Saturday, September 14 at the Cathedral Church of St. John in Albuquerque. I am so thankful for all your support and prayers thus far, and hope that you will continue to pray for me as I choose to accept this awesome, joyful call!

In Peace, Sarah Guck

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Education for Ministry: EfM is a study program out of the Seminary of the South at Sewanee, TN that gives participants an in-depth overview of Scripture, church history and theology. The program meets once a week for a couple of hours. Karisse Moore is a trained mentor. Karisse will hold a question & answer session about EfM after both services on August 4th and 11th. The first session is tentatively scheduled for September 8th. If you are interested in this kind of in-depth study of the faith please contact her at karissem@me.com or 254-458-7654.

JOSÉ THE DONKEY

“Jose’ the Donkey” is not just another children’s book. There are a wide variety of spiritual applications that arise from this little story.

Jose’ began life over 30 years ago when John and Theresa were young. We often visited a Christian camp and on the long drive back home, well past their bedtime, they would feud, squabble and fuss in the back seat of the car. In desperation, after exhausting everything I knew to do, I prayed. “Lord, please help me know what to do!”

Jose’ was birthed in response to that urgent need. The idea was that if the children would just be patient and good, we would soon be home. Then I would give them a snack, get them into their night clothes, help them brush their teeth and soon they would be tucked into their own little beds for a good night’s sleep.

Over the years, Theresa urged me to write the story. Eventually, I did. When I began to consider self-publishing, the tale took on a life of its own.

Jane Bates, who did such beautiful illustrations for Jose’ thought it needed a little drama. Sooo, the coyote episode was added. At first I thought that Jose’ would help fight them, but it slowly dawned on me that Pedro was the care-giver who would not give up.

Pedro is so full of loving kindness that it spills out in all that he does. Does that remind you of Someone Else?

Many grandparents bought copies for their children’s children. They especially enjoyed “The Parable of the Donkey,” which came as inspiration after the book went to press.

If you are interested, here is the scoop: I have many copies of “Jose’ the Donkey” at home.

It is also available at Cup of Grace Christian Book Store (in front of Silver Rexall) Jose’ is listed at \$16.99.

If you are interested in buying 3 or more from me, the price is \$15.00 each. “The Parable of the Donkey” is \$1.00. Jose’ is also listed on Amazon, but royalties from that sale will be pennies for Jane and me. If interested, Jane and I will be happy to autograph your copy.

Cost: One HUG.

Contact at 538-3404 or npidutti@gmail.com

Nancy Pidutti

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Three years ago our own Deacon Tom Bates saw a need in the church neighborhood and stepped forward with a plan to meet it.

Silver City’s elementary schools close early one or two Wednesdays each month. This means that the children are sent home at 1:30 p.m. Many of the children were going home to empty houses and caring for themselves, or perhaps being cared for by an older sibling, until the parents came home from work.

Few parents have the luxury of asking for time off once or twice a month. This leaves the children without a safe place to go.

Enter Tom Bates.

The Church of the Good Shepherd now offers a safe place for those children to go. On the early release days two of our volunteers meet the children, who are pre-registered and whose parents we have met, at Sixth Street School. They are escorted to the church, where snack, chapel, play time, crafts, outings, more chapel, dinner, warmth, love and compassion await them.

We always need volunteers. If you feel called to this really fun ministry, we have a place for you. You could be with the group for an hour, or all afternoon. One Wednesday, or several, or as a “behind the scenes” volunteer. There is always something to be done, and there is always a child who needs to be reminded that they are important.

And, of course, we always need prayer!

COLUMBARIUM EXPANSION

To apply for a reserved niche in the new columbarium, please contact Kathy Strange 538-3310, Bruce Tolhurst 388-8047, or the Church 538-2015. The Columbarium expansions have been ordered and should be ready for inurnment in six months. The cost of a columbarium niche is \$500.

FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Church of the Good Shepherd Family,

The Rector Warden's report is all about Honduras. I am sure you will hear more about it from Father Paul and the other people who went from our church. I confined my activities to being a provider or one time physician to the people I was to see in the villages. All the other people were busy with different jobs, but this being my first missionary visit I only could grasp "my small part of the world."

I will begin by saying I have the greatest respect for the leadership of the program and especially Randall and Father Paul. I have no grasp of all the difficult issues involved in the organization of the trip or the time and expense involved. I did absolutely love the place provided for us to stay with the Carmelite nuns. It provided a perfect meditative atmosphere.

There were four teams assigned to different villages for each of the five days. There would be so many to see you would think at the start that they couldn't all be seen, but when you realized the people had walked so far to be seen for only a short time, you realized you had to. Much of it was routine, reassurance, giving medicine, but there were also some very sick patients among them.

I will give one example that especially touched me. One boy that I saw was given a family pack of toiletries which included one or two toothbrushes for the family, which was routinely given to all families. The back of the room we were inside had an open window with bars covering the inside of the window. He later came to the window signaled as though he was brushing his teeth and pointed to two other boys and said "amigo". I tried to smuggle the family pack between the bars but couldn't. I removed the toothbrushes from the pack and with difficulty pushed two toothbrushes between the bars. They jumped up and down with joy. How can they be so happy with so little and we be so disgruntled with so much?

John Bell

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AUGUST 2013

Looking ahead.....

1. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Plans are in the works for the Adult and Children's Sunday School!



Adult Sunday School:

Deacon Tom will be continuing the adult Kerygma class held between services on Sunday mornings.

Children & Youth Sunday School:

Plans are in the works for a new session in September. The class will meet during the second service at 10:30 a.m.

2. NURSERY

Nursery is offered during the second service. It is available for any child not able to sit through the Sunday Service. The Nursery is staffed by Church members who volunteer for one Sunday each month. **We are still in need of a volunteer on the 1st Sunday of each month.** Please consider sharing this time with the children of the Church!

3. BOOK STUDY

Fr. Paul will be starting a new Book Study in August. This book is available in the Church office for \$13.

Book: "Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk"
by Henri Nouwen

When: August 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th. Time: 2 p.m.

Where: Henderson Hall

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

IMPORTANT meeting follows the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 18th Be there!

AUGUST LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
AUGUST 4 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Mary Ihlefeld	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Linda Shay Sarah Guck Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Karen Morant
AUGUST 11 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Linda Shay Lector:: Ted Presler Joe Pidutti	Mitzi Roberts Marianne Bray	Carol Coon Win Taylor Toby Guck	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Karisse Moore
AUGUST 18 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Carol Coon Lector: Sherry Terrazas Jane Bates	Dave & Pam Kuthe Dick & June Rhoades	Mary Ihlefeld Linda Shay Adrian Melon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Karisse Moore
AUGUST 25 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Mary Harrell Win Taylor	Barry Rimmel Margo Rimmel	Sarah Guck Toby Guck Autumn Laws	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Nursery: Holly Peterson
SEPTEMBER 1 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Win Taylor Linda Richter Kate Boyce	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class Nursery: Karen Morant


Lay Readers, please note: the reader listed first will read the first lesson

August Grant County Prayer Gatherings
All meetings begin at 8:30 am

	August 6 Family Life Fellowship August 13 New Hope Fellowship August 20 First Presbyterian August 27 Brewer Hill Baptist—arrive at 8 for breakfast	
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August	9	Patricia Hollister
	11	Jeanette Giese
	20	Holly Peterson
2		Sage Peterson
4		Pat Gaertner
6		Patricia Neal



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August	10 Dave & Amelia Beach 10 Anne McCormick and Alan Wagman 26 Don & Beverly Redwine 26 Marc and Linda Shay
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Do you have a birthday or anniversary in August but don't see your name here? Please call Cherie at the office, 538-2015, and get her to update the database to reflect your info. Thanks!