

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST

"Living the Love of God"

July is the seventh month out of twelve, making it a turning point in the flow of months. With the beginning of July I start thinking more about the fall than about the spring, and I start gearing up for the coming fall's activities. The first of those will be the Mission to Honduras. Nine people are going from New Mexico representing Silver City, Carlsbad and Las Cruces. We will join Honduras Good Works volunteers from all over the nation, 85 people going to help and be helped, to heal and be healed, and to come back transformed.

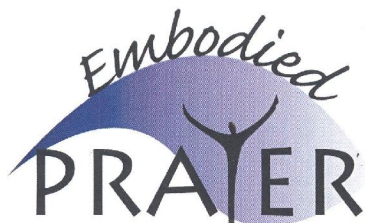
Then on into the fall: August sees the launch of the school year and the Parish Picnic and Swim Party at the Giese's, September is the beginning of Sunday School and EFM, October we bless animals, November we give thanks and December...where'd the year go!?

But such is the stuff of turning points. We look back briefly and then we turn toward the future and the changes it will bring. Every turning point in the eyes of God is an invitation to learn to be loved more deeply and therefore to love more deeply. It is a recognition that we are on a journey into the heart of God, on a path of surprises, mile-marked by turning points.

Welcome to the adventure!

Next month: What else might it mean?

Paul+



Try a New Spiritual Experience this Summer!

What is Embodied Prayer?

- ✦ Connecting with our bodies as instruments of prayer
- ✦ Opening to the Spirit who resides both within and beyond our bodies

Embodied Prayer is an invitation to:

- ✓ Move beyond our traditions and assumptions about prayer
- ✓ Worship with our bodies instead of words
- ✓ Listen to our bodies, connect with scripture, and pray with others in new ways
- ✓ Rediscover playfulness in prayer and have fun

Embodied Prayer is for everyone!

- ◆ All ages welcome
- ◆ Any body can participate
- ◆ No training or prior experience required

Leader: Shirin McArthur, MDiv, Spiritual Guide and Liturgical Dancer

All Sessions are Free and Scheduled from 6:30-8 pm

Attend One or All:

Thurs, June 5 Wed, July 9 Thurs, August 7

First Presbyterian Church, 1915 N Swan Street

Questions? Contact Shirin at shirinmcArthur@gmail.com or 505-918-0501

**ROTARY
EXCHANGE STUDENT
HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

The local Rotarians are looking for local families to host next year's International Exchange Student. The student scheduled to spend her school year here in Silver City beginning in the fall is a young woman from Sweden. She enjoys sailing and diving and is looking forward to learning about the Southwest United States.

Three local families will host for four months each.

See Father Paul if you think you might be interested.

FROM YOUR RECTOR'S WARDEN

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" was written by William Whiting, an Anglican churchman from the coast of England. God spared his life when a violent storm nearly claimed the ship on which he was traveling. It was felt to be inspired by Psalm 107. It was soon used in the US and Great Britain as the "Navy Hymn." The first verse is as follows:

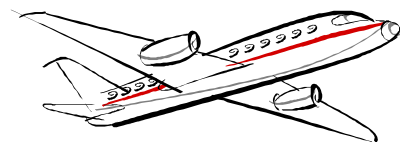
Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

The following verse was later added and is often used by military families:

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

DIOCESAN TRIP FUNDING

The Diocese of the Rio Grande is preparing to book the flights for the delegation's trip to the Episcopal Youth Event in Philadelphia this summer. They will be using Southwest Airlines and are asking for cash donations to help defer this cost. Checks may be sent to the Diocesan House, made out to "The Diocese of the Rio Grande" with "Youth Ministry" in the memo line.

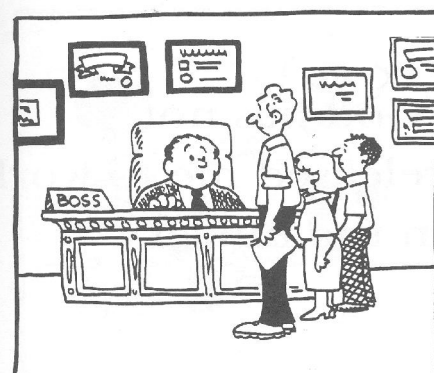


CHURCH HUMOR

This is What You Heard....

Which, Being Interpreted, Means....

"After considerable prayer and research..."



"I'VE PRAYED ABOUT IT ONCE AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT TWICE."

"Our worship center was comfortably filled."



"THERE WAS PLENTY OF ROOM FOR EVERYONE TO LIE DOWN WITHOUT KICKING EACH OTHER."



**SILVER CITY PRAYER GROUP
JULY MEETING DATES AND PLACES
(Meets at 8:30 unless noted otherwise)**



July 1 – Holy Trinity Anglican Church
July 8 – New Hope Fellowship
July 15 – tba
July 22 – Brewer Hill Baptist Church (Breakfast at 8:00am)
July 29 – tba

GOOD SHEPHERD COLUMBARIUM

Just a reminder that Columbarium niches are available at \$500 per niche. For more information contact Kathy Strange at 538-3310, or the church office.

TREASURER TO RETIRE

Betty Himes will be retiring from her duties at church treasurer effective August 1st. The Vestry is looking for someone with accounting knowledge and at least some experience with QuickBooks to take her place. See Fr. Paul, or John Bell if you might be interested.

**FRIENDS OF THE SILVER CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ANNOUNCES TWO-FOR-ONE JULY BOOK SALE**

Good News – A Two-for-One sale of books for the month of July is being held at the library. Books are located at the back wall of the Silver City Public Library. Now you can buy two hardbacks for the price of \$1.00 or two paperbacks for \$.50. The money you spend helps fund the Children' Summer Reading Program.

Bad News – Because of a lack of volunteers, the Friends of the Library can no longer accept donations. Please do not drop off any donated books at the library. Our bins are closed. We are hoping this is a temporary hiatus, but to end it requires people donating time to help sort and haul donated books from the Library.

If you'd like to volunteer, please call 388-3717 or contact folsilver-citynm@gmail.com

COURTESY OFFICERS

In the interest of the safety and security of the church on Sunday mornings, the Vestry has started a program where we are asking for volunteer 'Courtesy Officers' to listen to the Sunday service from the Parish Hall. If someone comes into the Parish Hall during the service Courtesy Officers will be able to answer questions, deal with people needing help or food, etc. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall where you can pick a date and either the early or late service for which you would like to help. THANK YOU!

JULY LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
JULY 6 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Jane Bates	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Toby Guck Tony Guck Linda Shay Carol Coon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
JULY 13 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Win Taylor Mary Harrell	Mitzi Roberts Adrian & Jennifer Melón	Toby Guck Stephanie Ortiz Gabriella Ortiz Ana Ortiz	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery:
JULY 20 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Carol Coon Lector: Sara Boyett Mary Harrell	Dave & Pam Kuthe Rosella & David De- Busk	Win Taylor Mary Ihlefeld Carol Coon Linda Shay	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery:
JULY 27 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Linda Shay Lector: Paul Sherrell Win Taylor	Suzanne Parham Adrian & Jennifer Melón	Adrian Melón Toby Guck Tony Guck Linda Shay	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peterson
AUGUST 3 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville Dora Somerville	Mary Ihlefeld Adrian Melón Lexie Ortiz Danielle Ortiz	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore

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

Eucharistic Visitor Schedule

July 6—Tony & Sarah Guck
 July 13—John and Cecilia Bell
 July 20—Jennifer Melón and Linda Shay
 July 27—Mary Harrell and Rosella & David DeBusk

The first Eucharistic Visitor listed is lead. If you cannot serve on the day scheduled, please contact Mary Harrell or Father Paul.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

	July	11	Michael Giusto
		15	Kathryn Strange
		27	Dorothy McNaughton
2	Fr. Robert Ihlefeld	30	Anne McCormick
6	Robert Park		
7	Fr. Brian McHugh		
8	Jill Olson		
8	Merrit Peterson		
8	Zoe Barnes		
11	Denise Kennedy		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July

8 Mick & Carol Coon



PRAYER FOR RAIN

O God, in Whom we live and move, and have our being, grant us moisture as rain, in due abundance, that, being sufficiently helped with our present needs, we may the more confidently seek to build your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Do you have a birthday or anniversary in July 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!