

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRIEST**

**"Living the Love of God"**

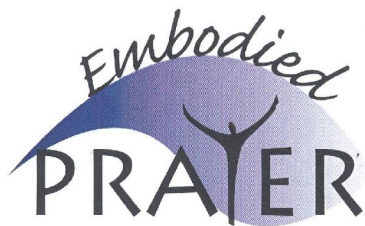
At this writing I am freshly back from two weeks in Indiana with my mother. We as a Siblinghood walked her to the gates of heaven, where she rejoined the love of her life in the full presence of our Lord. It was a difficult time, but also a holy one.

I sent updates to the parish through the e-mail blast, and I told Deacon Tom just this morning that I had multiple daily e-mail communications from you all, and from probably 15 households or more. I am grateful for your support and your prayers. But more than that I felt supported, included, important, upheld—in short, I felt loved. The family of God reached out her arms when I was hurting and helped bear the load.

June 8 is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God, and our God is a God of love. It is entirely right to say the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of love. You all lived in the Spirit by loving me so well. You were the Church to me, filled with and empowered by the Spirit of Love. And I know that I am not the only one who receives such ministrations. I am incredibly proud of the Church of the Good Shepherd, I am honored to be serving with and among you, and I am humbled that such spiritual vitality and strength be manifest here. This is the power that can transform the world.

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](mailto: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

I wish to dedicate this article to my sister, Annie, who was five years older than me. Annie started life as a very bright and intelligent child. By the time she was eight she became intermittently and later chronically ill with pancreatitis, a family illness that plagued the Bell family. As a young adult she had many near death episodes of recurrent pancreatitis and multiple serious surgeries. In addition, as a teenager she became more withdrawn and by early adulthood she was fully psychotic with hallucinations and delusions. This was treated with many, many electroshock treatments that temporarily improved the hallucinations but damaged her memory.

My mother could never accept that she was not a whole, healthy individual. She was very critical of her. Whatever Annie did Mother said it was wrong. Often it was, but my sister couldn't help it. Her dress was weird, her personality odd, her social interactions inappropriate, her room a mess, and her drawers of clothes a scramble. My mother continually tried to "make her normal," but my sister could not be "normal." I wasn't openly critical, but resented that I couldn't have friends in the home and often had to care for her. She was the one in the family that was invited to the reunions, but everyone secretly hoped wouldn't come.

Sometimes we must love our children and others as they are and not criticize them for what they cannot become.

Yet Annie had many good qualities beneath her psychosis. She was able to work a few years and helped me financially in medical school. She was the one who was the primary caregiver for my mother during the last year of her life as she was dying from lung cancer.

Annie, thank you for all you did for me and others. Forgive me for all the bad thoughts I ever had about you. You were beautiful in life and I know you still are in heaven.

Love,

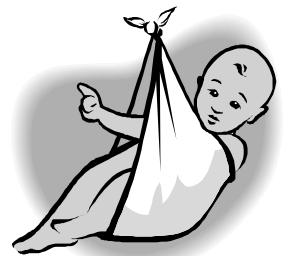
Your younger brother

John Bell

## BABY BLANKET PROJECT

Getting baby blankets into Africa has become very expensive due to customs charges and making sure that they get to the right people is getting harder and harder. For this reason, we have decided to send the blankets to Honduras with the Honduras Good Works group when they go down there this summer. So, please get to work on your baby blankets and make sure they are brought to the church by July 1st.

Thank you for your support of the Baby Blanket Project.



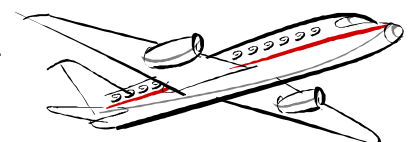
— Evelyn Yates

## 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.





## SILVER CITY PRAYER GROUP MARCH MEETING DATES AND PLACES

(Meets at 8:30 unless noted otherwise)

June 3 – Holy Trinity Anglican Church

June 10 – New Hope Fellowship

June 17 – First Presbyterian

June 24 – Brewer Hill Baptist Church (Breakfast at 8:00am)



## SILVER CITY'S NEW POET LAUREATE

Silver City, New Mexico has a new Poet Laureate. Elise Stuart was selected by the Southwest Festival of the Written Word and the Silver City Town Council to be the second person to hold this honorary title. She will hold the position for two years.

As Poet Laureate, she will promote expanding the power of the written word in our community, giving voice to young and old, emphasizing the need for expression through poetry. In her new capacity, she is available to give readings of her poetry and others' around the Grant County area. She notes that, oftentimes, a Poet Laureate is requested to write poems for specific community events and occasions of celebration, and she invites the community to contact her regarding requests of this nature.

One of her goals as Poet Laureate is to empower youth to create their own poems. Using her experiences with teaching children and her familiarity with schools in the area, she envisions a series of poetry workshops for children of all ages.

The theme of the series will be "Writing from the Ground Up" and will focus on the human connection with the natural world and on the poetry that children can and will create in relation to the theme.

A pilot project the first year would include one elementary public school and one alternative middle school. She wants to build a small team of young poets who will help teach poetry to other students in conjunction with her role as mentor.

Since moving to Silver City in 2005, Ms. Stuart has worked for Silver Consolidated Schools as a part of the Art and Music Program that served the elementary schools. She taught music for 3 ½ years for children, K-5, until the program disbanded and has taught music for the Head Start program for the past 5 years.

She was a Montessori preschool teacher for 16 yrs. in Seattle and teaches a summer music program for Silver City's Guadalupe Montessori School. She also teaches 15 piano students from her home.

Elise belongs to the local poetry reading group, the Thaddeus McPherson Society, and the bi-weekly Writing Group at WNMU. During the past year, she joined Silver City's first Poet Laureate, Bonnie Maldonado, in presenting poetry readings at Bayard Library and a workshop on Book Spine Poetry. Last fall, she facilitated a panel for the Southwest Festival of the Written Word, where she also read from her own poetry. For the past two years, she organized a poetry reading, inviting people to be part of a celebration of Black History Month, at Yankee Creek Coffeehouse.

Her poems have been published in Poems 2, a book of art and poetry and in "The Rag," a small poetry collection published in Albuquerque, and in "Sunrise of the Spirit."

## 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!

## JUNE LAY READER AND ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY MINISTERS	GREETERS	ACOLYTES	SUNDAY SCHOOL/ NURSERY
JUNE 1 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Joe Pidutti	Dora Somerville	Carol Coon Linda Shay Mary Ihlefeld Win Taylor	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Karisse Moore
JUNE 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Win Taylor Mary Harrell	Mitzi Roberts Adrian & Jennifer Melón	Toby Guck Tony Guck Linda Richter Adrian Melón	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery:
JUNE 15 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Mary Ihlefeld Jane Bates	Dave & Pam Kuthe Rosella & David De- Busk	Win Taylor Linda Shay Mary Ihlefeld Adrian Melón	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery:
JUNE 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Linda Shay Linda Shay Lector: Ted Presler Win Taylor	Suzanne Parham Adrian & Jennifer Melón	Toby Guck Tony Guck Mary Ihlefeld Carol Coon	9:15 AM Adult Kerygma Class 10:30 AM Youth Sunday School Nursery: Holly Peterson
JUNE 29 9:30 AM	Kris Heck Jane Bates	Sherry Terrazas	Mary Ihlefeld Win Taylor Linda Richter Linda Shay	
JULY 6 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Karisse Moore Pat Brown Carol Coon		Carol Coon Linda Shay Mary Ihlefeld Toby Guck	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

June 1—Tony & Sarah Guck  
 June 8—Eduardo Arguello & Dora Somerville  
 June 15—Rosella and David DeBusk  
 June 22—Linda Shay and volunteer  
 June 29—Mary Harrell (and volunteer)

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

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

	June	16	Donald Redwine
		22	Bill Harrison
		22	Dennis Much
3	Joe Pidutti	28	Margarita Silva-Potts
6	Alexia Ortiz	29	Erin Hall
6	Judy Tucker	30	June Rhoades
7	Carol Coon		
9	Marianne Bray		
11	Amelia Beach		
13	Tony Trujillo		



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	June	
3	Paul & Karisse Moore	
17	Joe & Nancy Pidutti	
22	Bill & Marjorie Harrison	



### 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 June 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!