

The MESSENGER

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Friends: Dale Kerr and I were talking on the phone about her major recent milestones (see p. 2) and she alerted me to this statement from our Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori regarding the recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings. One is the federal Defense of Marriage Act and the other is California's Prop. 8, which limited the term "marriage" to that of a man and a woman. I can't imagine a better model than her statement for thinking about & discussing politics in the context of faith. Mother Sandra+

"The Episcopal Church is presently engaged in a period of study and dialogue about the nature of Christian marriage. This work is moving forward, with faithful people of many different perspectives seeking together to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit. However, our Church has taken the position that neither federal nor state governments should create constitutional prohibitions that deny full civil rights and protections to gay and lesbian persons, including those available to different-sex couples through the civic institution of marriage.

"Accordingly, I welcome today's decision of the United States Supreme Court that strikes down the 17-year-old law prohibiting federal recognition of same-sex civil marriages granted by the states. The unmistakable movement toward civil marriage equality in the states over the past decade reflects the will of the people in those states to grant equal rights and dignity under the law to all married couples and families, and today's decision will appropriately

allow those families to be recognized constitutional question of whether a state may ban same-sex marriage reflects the fact that this conversation will continue to evolve in coming years. I trust that Episcopalians will contribute under federal law as well. At the same time, the Court's withholding of judgment on the ultimate actively and faithfully to this conversation, particularly as our nation begins to discern the many practical implications of today's decisions for areas of our shared life, ranging from immigration law to family rights.

"I am deeply aware that faithful Americans find themselves on all sides of these issues, including those who have not yet clearly discerned an effective or appropriate response. It is possible to disagree AND work together for the good of the larger community. That is the bedrock of our democratic political system. It is also the foundation of life in the Body of Christ. Together we can help to build up the whole community, particularly if we have the courage to listen deeply to those who hold a different view. The Episcopal Church has an ancient tradition of attempting to hold divergent views together for the sake of deeper truth. All are beloved of God, and the flourishing of each is what we believe God intended from the beginning of creation. May we help to build a beloved community in which each and every person is treated with dignity, knowing that each and every one reflects the image of God."

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

Milestones

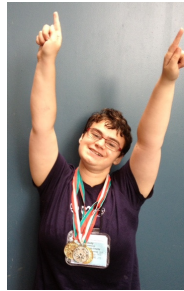
Births, accomplishments, graduations, the passing of loved ones, special joys or memories, etc.: let us know the latest news:

☆ On June 14, Brianna Harrity graduated from Germantown Academy. She plans to attend Connecticut College in New London, Connecticut in the fall, where she was recruited to play water polo for the Camels.

☆ Bob and Donna Penman are happy to share news of their grandchildren graduations and studies: Andrew McGill is attending Villanova for paralegal studies; Casey McGill graduated Magna Cum Laude from Green Mountain College with a BA degree (May 11), looking to teach Secondary English; Tricia McGill graduated from Upper Merion High School

(June 11) and plans to attend Bloomsburg University.

☆ Emily Spottiswood won two gold medals at the Special Olympics.



☆ Emma Griffin and her softball team won their first tournament.

☆ Bob Penman came in 3rd place at the Gary Papa's Run (See article on page 7.)

☆ June was a roller-coaster month for Dale Kerr: she lost her beloved aunt, Melba Morss, died on June 20. On June 27 she officially retired from the Pennsylvania Dept. of Public Welfare.

E-mail your milestones to allsaints535@yahoo.com with "Milestones" in the subject line, or drop a note in the parish office mailbox by the main entrance.

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Church Staff on Vacation

If a pastoral emergency arises during Mother Sandra, Fr. West, and Donna's vacations (July 3-15), please contact Jay Petel, Rector's Warden at 610-831-9036.

Birthdays

(July)

- 3 Nick Durante
- 5 Shirley Jording
- 6 Patty Reese
- 8 Betty Carson
Mary Jane Daley
- 11 Meredith McCarraher
Karen Spottiswood
- 13 John Carson
Jeffery Shuman
Jan Windbiel
- 14 Bob Betty
Kerima Swartz
- 15 Butch Kinsey
Kate Petel
- 16 Lucas Flood
- 22 Larry Baldassano
Karen Kratz
- 23 Avery Raudenbush
- 27 Brian Gilroy
- 29 Bill Koffke
- 30 Don Fargo
- 31 Marilyn Barmore



Anniversaries

(July)

- 7 Candy & Lee Schwartz
- 17 Dale & Jim Kerr
- 23 Nina & Nelson Schrock
Stephanie & Craig
Flood
- 26 Sandra & Majid Etemad

Best Wishes!

Birthdays

(August)

- 5 Craig Mucher
- 6 Amy Donovan
- 7 Logan McGrane
- 8 Dale Kerr
Sydney Ritter
- 9 Jessica Atkins
Emily Spottiswood
- 11 Marian Betty
- 13 Robert Taylor
- 15 Wayne Kinsey, Sr.
- 17 Aidan Taylor
- 19 Dick Dean



Anniversaries

(August)

- 8 Linda & Wayne Kinsey
- 9 Tracy & Ted Baidon
- 14 Jackie & Bill Koffke
- 28 Kate & Jay Petel

From the Music Department

The formal choir year ended with a picnic at the Erringtons. Everyone had a good time and their hospitality was appreciated by all. If you feel called, you are welcome to join summer choir. Rehearsals start at 9:20 a.m. Give it a whirl! No rehearsals on Contemporary Sundays.



2013 Summer Plans?

Summer Stewardship Reminder

By Kathryn Gallagher

As you plan your much anticipated vacation get-away to the shore or to the mountains, or someplace fun in between, please keep in mind that All Saints' will remain steadfast at 535 Haws Avenue for the entire summer. During July and August we will continue to pay our electricity, telephone and insurance bills. So, as you make your vacation plans to stop the mail, hold the newspaper and forward messages, please remember to stay current with your stewardship pledge. Maybe consider using "bill pay" through your bank rather than writing a check!

May your vacation be a great memory when we all return to our fall activities in September. Best wishes for a delightful summer.



Summer Office Hours

Now through August 30 the parish office will be open Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you call to speak with the rector or office staff when the office is closed, please leave a message and your call will be returned in a timely manner. Our voicemail system operates 24/7.

Thank you!

BRED: The Time in Between

By Mary Beth Mucher

A few weeks ago I came across a TV biography of Carol Burnett. Some of you might remember her from her TV show, or maybe from *Once Upon a Mattress* or from *Annie*. Carol's life got off to a rough start. Money was tight and both her parents suffered from alcoholism. She persevered to become a ground-breaking comedian and starred in a weekly comic variety show back in an era when women just didn't do that sort of thing. Her show ran for 11 years and was nominated for an Emmy in every one of them.

Around the same time I saw the biography, I was working my way through Genesis and read about Joseph. Here was another rags-to-riches story, or maybe in his case riches-to-rags-to-riches. He was his wealthy father's favorite son, but a little short on diplomatic skills. I mean, really, if you had 10 older brothers, would you tell them that you were going to outshine them all and that someday they were going to bow down to you?



Of course it came true eventually, and Joseph became a leader who saved countless people from dying of famine. But before that, his brothers got fed up and sold him. He spent 13 years as a slave and then as a prisoner in Egypt.

It struck me that both Carol and Joseph had big dreams at a young age. They also had big success later in life. But what especially fascinated me was what they did in between. With a small loan from an anonymous supporter, Carol left her family in Texas and moved to New York. After numerous unsuccessful auditions, she organized other aspiring actresses and they put on their own two-night show. An agent "discovered" her (and two other women) out of that performance and helped her get her first job on TV.

Joseph's "discovery" took a bit longer. He became a valuable slave, since "the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hands." (Genesis 39) He was put in charge of a large household, and I wonder if he thought that it wasn't such a bad life after all. But then he was framed and thrown in jail. I don't know about you, but I think an experience like that might have stomped all the optimism out of me. But not Joseph. He made himself useful in the jail, helping to care for the other prisoners until the day Pharaoh heard about him and asked for his help.

So I'm thinking these are good stories for days when life seems to be going one step forward and two steps back. It might be tempting to lament the cruel twists of fate, and I don't think a few minutes of that ever hurt anyone. But then comes a moment of choice. Carol and Joseph chose to add value where they could. Carol says that she learned a lot from her early experiences and used those skills later in life. And Joseph? I have to believe that somewhere in those 13 years he developed some diplomacy.

****For Bible-reading resources and suggestions, visit our Bible Reading Every Day (BRED) web page at <http://allsaintsnorristown.org/bible-reading-every-day>. There you will find recommendations from members, daily reading plans, and other information to help you get started. Comments, questions, positive or negative reactions are all welcome.**

Scripture Says: If God is for us, who is against us? Romans 8:31

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7



Supply a light snack and a smile
after 10 & 10:30 a.m. worship!

(Drink mixes, water,
and paper supplies
will be available on site.)

**Sign up today to host a Sunday
this summer!**

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All Saints' 2nd Annual Pie Festival

**Saturday,
September 21**

Get your recipes
and appetites ready!

For more info contact,
Deb Porcelli
610-539-0375
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Save the Date
Sunday, September 8

HOMECOMING PICNIC

After church: Burgers, hot dogs,
vegetarian options and all the fixins,
"Ministry Fair" (info on ministries at
ASC, including Sunday School &
forums), games for kids of all ages,
rectory open house.

Hang out, relax & have fun!

ONE SERVICE: 10:00

Rain or Shine!



Have a great summer!

**Newsletter
DEADLine**

Thursday, August 15

Earth Angels at Work

Check out July's garden of the month (plot#10), many thanks to the Parker/Batten family. Blooming below are beautiful irises and in the background, lovely delicate bleeding hearts.



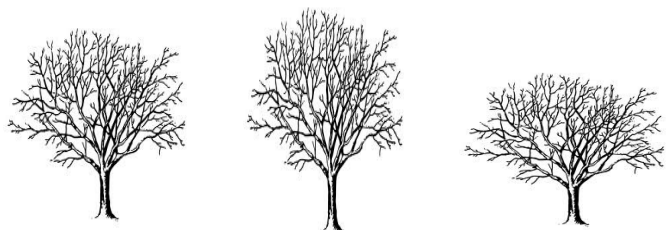
What is theology of creation?

Theology puts into words our rational and prayerful reflections on revelation. A theology of creation presents the Church's thinking about the relationship between God and the world as it is informed by our understandings of Holy Scripture and observations of nature. It seeks to express in human language the mysteries of this relationship. It is not a theory about the universe but a doctrine about the God who creates. Throughout the history of Christian thought, in the tradition of "faith seeking understanding," our understanding of the doctrine of creation has been informed by discoveries and theories in the natural sciences, but without the doctrine itself being determined by any particular scientific theory or world view.

From A Catechism of Creation: An Episcopal Understanding.

Caring for Creation: Tips for the Summer

- **RECYCLE GLASS.** Recycled glass reduces related air pollution by 20 percent and related water pollution by 50 percent. If it isn't recycled it can take a million years to decompose.
- **GO VEGETARIAN ONCE A WEEK .** One less meat-based meal a week helps the planet and your diet. For example: It requires 2,500 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef. You will also also save some trees. For each hamburger that originated from animals raised on rainforest land, approximately 55 square feet of forest have been destroyed.
- **WASH IN COLD OR WARM.** If all the households in the U.S. switched from hot-hot cycle to warm-cold, we could save the energy comparable to 100,000 barrels of oil a day. **P.S.** Only launder when you have a full load.





Late Summer Retreat September 3-5

Treat yourself to a refreshing time, at the lovely, quaint Victorian town of Cape May, New Jersey. You'll stay at the cozy GFS Holiday House (644 Hughes Street), located close to the beach and near many great places to visit. For a brief preview, and to learn more about Holiday's House's connection with The Episcopal Church, visit their we page at www.gfspaholidayhouse.org.

It would be great to fill all the empty rockers on their porch! Reserve your spot today! You won't want to miss out on this relaxing and inspiring retreat. The cost is \$110 per person (includes breakfast). Carpooling is available.

This year we are also inviting folks from St. Augustine of Hippo and St. John's. We will be "Planting Blossoms and Prayers" to strengthen and brighten up our respective churches, and otherwise simply relaxing and enjoying ourselves.

Submit payment by cash or check, payable to *All Saints' Church* on or before September 1. Be sure to write "CAPE MAY RETREAT" on the outside of your envelope and on the memo of your check. For more information, contact Phil Gottshall (610) 489-6124.

INVITE A FRIEND! The more the merrier

Penman takes 3rd Place

On June 16, All Saints' Bob Penman, pictured right with 6ABC meteorologist, Cecily Tynan, spent his Father's Day along with 4,700 others participating in the Gary Papa Run For Your Life 5k run/walk. The run took place at the Philadelphia Art Museum in Philadelphia. The day was dedicated to promoting prostate cancer awareness and raising funds for medical research in stepping closer to a cure one day soon. Bob was excited to meet many of the 6ABC anchors and about receiving his first trophy ever in a race! Congratulations Bob!



Did you know **One in six (6) men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer.**

Screening is recommended for men:

- Ages 40-75
- Beginning at age 35 for African American and Hispanic men
- Beginning at age 35, if there is a family history of prostate cancer

Discuss this subject with your family physician and schedule a screening one day soon!

Acolyte & Nursery Helper Trip to Dorney Park and Wild Water Kingdom

We are working on the final details for an acolyte/nursery helper trip to Dorney Park/Wild Water Kingdom on Thursday, July 25 (8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.). Alternate dates are July 31 and August 8. **All who wish to attend, please advise Mother Sandra if you are available any of those dates.**



All acolytes and nursery helpers who have served in the past year are eligible to attend. Registration and medical forms can be found in the vestibule, and will need to be returned by Sunday, July 14. The cost to attend for each participant is \$15 plus spending money for the park. (Some financial assistance is available if needed.) We will decide as a group whether to bring food for lunch and dinner, to purchase dinner, or some combination of the two.

Chaperones and drivers are needed; please let Mother Sandra know if you would like to help out.

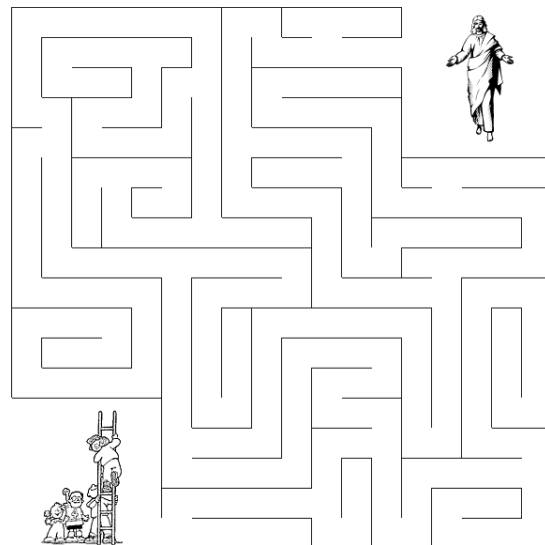


Fun for our younger members and their families!

On Sunday afternoon, August 18 at 1:30 p.m. (Rain date: August 25), the Rector has planned a trip to Dutch Wonderland for All Saints' families and their friends. Parish children ages 3-9 can attend for \$15 (instead of the regular gate fee of \$36.75) and children under the age of three are free. The price for parents or any other ASC member who wishes to go is \$23. Nonmembers and friends can attend for \$30 (same price for adults and children 3 and over). Call the parish office if you need a registration form or pick one up on the wooden shelf in the vestibule. This trip is being funded by Birthday Bank funds.

Fun for All!

Let's all have some fun with Jesus and our friends this summer!



Serving for the Glory of God

Date	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Acolytes	Victoria Batten, Eryn & Emma Griffin	Carley & Brianna Harrity, Emily Spottiswood	Kathryn Gallagher	Carley Harrity, Victoria Batten, Austin Taylor
Altar Guild	Deb Porcelli, Susan Dean	Patty & Nicole Gelet	Susan Cohen, Diane Mullen	Susan Cohen, Kathryn Gallagher
Bulletin Assemblers	Marilyn & Jack Clemson (7/5)	N/A	Donna & Bob Penman (7/19)	Mary Jane Daley Kathryn Gallagher, (7/26)
Counters	Deb Heckard, Diane Mullen	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Betsy & Phil Gottshall	Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Adrian & Eryn Griffin	Susan Dean, Brianna Harrity	9:00 Phil Gottshall 10:30 Donna Penman, Anika Jones	Bill Koffke, Victoria Batten
Greeters	Gelet family	Joanne & Bob Heisler	9:00 Susan Cohen 10:30 Susan Dean	Tracy & Ted Baidon
Intercessor	Cornelia Hoffman	Laurie Sawyer	9:00 Kathryn Gallagher	Dale Kerr
Lector		Dick Kratz	9:00 Kathryn Gallagher 10:30	Phil Gottshall
Server Reader (8 a.m.)	Viviann Harris	Diane Mullen	N/A	Kathryn Gallagher
Summer Reception	Dello Buono family		Francie Dean	
Ushers	8:00 Nick Durante 10:00 Susan Dean, Francie Dean	8:00 Wayne Kinsey 10:00 Carol & Brian Harrity	9:00 10:30 Judy Baca	8:00 Tom Stout 10:00 Donna & Bob Penman

Serving for the Glory of God

Date	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Acolytes	Alyssa & Anika Jones, Emma Griffin	Anthony Nero, Austin Taylor, Emily Spottiswood	Kathryn Gallagher	Victoria Batten, Donna Penman
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen, Mary Jane Daley	Patty & Nicole Gelet	Kathryn Gallagher, Deb Porcelli	Susan Cohen, Diane Mullen
Bulletin Assemblers	Marilyn & Jack Clemson (8/2)	Marion Shupe, Phil Gottshall (8/9)	Donna & Bob Penman (8/16)	Mary Jane Daley Kathryn Gallagher, (8/23)
Counters	Deb Heckard, Diane Mullen	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Deb Heckard, Diane Mullen	Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jane Daley, Anika Jones	Adrian Griffin, Austin Taylor	9:00 Kathryn Gallagher 10:30 Susan Dean, Carley Harrity	Donna Penman, Victoria Batten
Greeters	Jackie & Bill Koffke	Marilyn & Jack Clemson	9:00 10:30 Gelet family	Joanne & Bob Heisler
Intercessor	Craig Mucher	Diane Mullen	9:00 Kathryn Gallagher	Cornelia Hoffman
Lector			9:00 Kathryn Gallagher 10:30	Naomi Sayers
Nursery	Do you enjoy spending time and playing with babies and young children? Give nursery a try! Helpers are always welcome. Contact the Parish Administrator (610-279-3990) to add your name to the rotation.			
Server Reader (8 a.m.)	Viviann Harris	Joe Raudenbush	N/A	Diane Mullen
Summer Reception		Mary Jane Daley, Susan Dean		
Ushers	8:00 Nick Durante 10:00 Nina & Nelson Schrock	8:00 Wayne Kinsey 10:00 Majid Etemad	9:00 Betsy Gottshall 10:30 Judy Baca	8:00 Tom Stout 10:00 Bob Penman

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strengthen community spirit, nurture growth in Christian faith and values,
and share our resources to serve others.*