
The Christ Bearer

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From the Rector:

As August begins, my wife Jenny and I are exploring the anticipated wonders of the San Juan Islands, coastal scenery, and forested mountain views of Washington State and British Columbia, Canada. I say "anticipated" because neither of us has ever been to the Northwest United States before, nor that part of SW Canada, and we are ever so eager to visit. I also think that we will be on the sea food diet: see food/eat it!

The lectionary for this time of Year C, tied to the third Gospel according to Luke, draws our attention to the Prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures for our first, or Old Testament, readings beginning with the Book of the Prophet Hosea on Sunday, August First. Hosea is classified as one of the "Minor Prophets" as opposed to Isaiah who is classified among the "Major Prophets." This classification has nothing to do with the quality of their prophecies nor their worthiness as prophets, but rather reflects the relative lengths of their prophetic books as those have been maintained in the tradition of Scripture.

The five major prophetic books of the Bible include Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The twelve Minor Prophets are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi, the final book in the Old Testament. Regardless of the length of their written testimony, all of the Hebrew prophets performed a similar duty. That is, they served as the mouthpiece of the Lord God when God wished to speak to the People of Israel; they preached the messages that God wanted to deliver, as when Jonah finally surrendered his will, went to Nineveh, and preached that God would destroy the city if they did not repent; and they predicted the future as God had revealed it to them, as when Jeremiah told the people that they would be taken away from the Promised Land and would languish in exile. Needless to say, the role of the prophet brought them into conflict with the people and leadership of the times. Prophets were sent to remind the people and leaders, both religious and secular, of their short comings in their worship and daily life, their unfaithfulness in their dealings with both God and neighbor.

Prophets often met unhappy ends as we are reminded by Jesus Himself when He laments over Jerusalem in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke: "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets!" No, the life of the prophet was not an easy one: the Lord God even directed His prophet Hosea to marry a street prostitute who would continue in her trade and be unfaithful to him so that the prophet's own marriage would be a symbol of the relationship between God and His unfaithful Chosen People. Now that one is a tough job description! Yet the prophet obeyed.

Edson+

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As members of St. Christopher's, we seek to act as a part of the body of Christ in response to God's love and grace by:

- praising God together in Christ-centered worship
- providing opportunities for education and spiritual growth for all
- loving and supporting each other in our life together, and
- reaching out to our community and larger world in love and service.

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Weekly Services
Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 Holy Eucharist
Wednesday - 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
w/ Holy Unction

Rector - The Rev. J. Edson Way
Deacon - Melissa Wafer-Cross
Deacon - Les Jackson
Deacon - Kathleen Borsch



**Income & Expenses
(through June 30, 2010)**

	Budgeted	Actual
Plate	\$ 12,500.02	\$ 7,724.98
Pledge	93,927.52	99,998.79
Other	<u>3,600.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 110,027.54	\$ 110,723.77
Expenses	\$ 110,027.46	\$ 116,111.29
Balance: Inc.-Exp.	\$ 0.08	\$ (5,387.52)

Vestry Highlights - June

- Fr. Edson reported on the Anglican Heritage tour.
- Beginning July 6, Morning Prayer will be suspended for the summer.
- Les & Valinda will be leaving July 5. Plans were made for a July 4th celebration to honor Les & Valinda with a cookout.
- Kathleen Borsch asked for help with the can project. Fr. Edson and Jenny have volunteered to help Becky DelHotal collect cans and take them to be recycled.
- The vestry approved employment of Daniel Quilimaco as a part-time sexton. He will be paid \$10.00 an hour for 20 hours a week.
- Jr. Warden John Edwards reports that roof repairs have been made and no leaks have been detected. The vestry approved establishment of a fund over the next 24-36 months sufficient to completely replace the church's roof and resolve any ongoing roofing problems.
- Treasurer Jan Kireilis recommended taking \$12,000 out of the investment account to increase the Repair and Maintenance budget.
- New prayer book dedication plates will be done by Ellen Stanley and Phyllis Eckelberry.
- Preparation for this year's stewardship campaign will begin next week with Steve Maines as chair.



**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

August 15

send information to
jambbarnes@suddenlink.net



**Food Pantry Requests
for August**

Jell-o and cornbread mixes

Thank You!

Dear St. Christopher's family,
Brandi and I would like to thank everyone whose healing prayers, delicious meals and cheerful visits speeded my recovery.

The St. Christopher's family came through.

Thanks again,
Suzanne Copeland

Dear St. Christopher's family,

Thank you for the wonderful send-off, or sending out, you gave us. Our hearts are humbled and filled with gratitude as we think of the many kind words and well wishes, times of fellowship, and for the gifts and monetary assistance that have been very helpful in making this move.

You truly are part of our family. You visited us when we were sick, rejoiced with us during happy events, and provided untold support. You have played a major role in almost every event our family has experienced during the 27+ years since our wedding at St. Christopher's. We love you and are grateful email and other technology helps us keep in contact.

Love,
Les & Valinda Jackson

New Contact Information for Jacksons

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Deacon's Corner

SHARING GOOD NEWS

By the end of the summer, my daughter Rebekah and I hope to move to Portland, Oregon. The Diocese of Oregon seems to be a lot like ours, similar in size and demographics. After visiting several of the dozen or so parishes in the Portland area, I'm sure we'll find a nice new church home, although none will be quite like St. Christopher's. I will need to resist the urge to say potentially annoying things like "This is the way we did it at our church in Texas..." However, because St. Christopher's is such a vibrant and inspirational place, there will be many times when I will share some of those things with my new church family. In other words, I will be sharing the Good News of Christ as it has been manifested through the people of St. Christopher's.

Actually, in casual conversation at work or with family members far away, I find myself already doing that, mentioning something about my church family – the welcoming atmosphere, Wednesday night suppers, the things you do with the food pantry, St. Benedict's, Hope Shalom, or Happy Camp. It's not being boastful; it's just that what I'm sharing with someone is Good News. With all the bombardment of bad news, people are ready to hear good news. At times I tend to think that then maybe that person will be impressed enough to come to our church and join it, or some other ulterior motive. But NO! We just need to spread the Good News. Those who hear it will be encouraged, maybe to try something the Holy Spirit has been nudging them to do. So what's some Good News you could share with someone?

Oh, wait – you've already been doing it! You've been sharing the Good News with many people. For over ten years I have encountered God's Good News through you all. Now the Holy Spirit is nudging me to take that to a new place, a new level, in Oregon.

Kathleen

Parish Directory Update:

If you have a change in your contact information, if you'd like us to remove your name, add your birthday or anniversary, please fill out the following and return to the church office @ 2807 42nd Street, Lubbock 79413. Thank you for your help.

Name _____ Home Phone # _____

Address _____ Work Phone # _____

Cell Phone(s) _____

E-mail address(es) _____

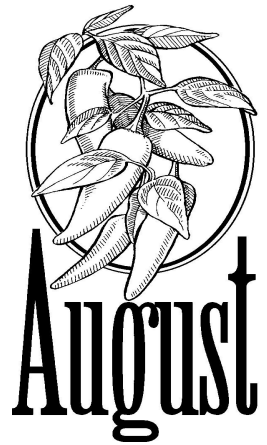
Children _____ Children's Phone # _____

Birthdates _____

Anniversary _____

Sundays & Wednesdays in August

You will get more out of our worship together if you take a little time beforehand to look at the Scripture lessons and think about our special prayer intentions.



Sunday, August 1st

Proper 13

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

Wednesday, August 4

Readings of the previous Sunday

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm - Agape supper following service

Sunday, August 8th

Proper 14

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Wednesday, August 11 - Feast of Clare, Abbess at Assisi

Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Psalm 63:1-8

Luke 12:32-37

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm - Agape supper following service

Sunday, August 15th

Proper 15

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Wednesday, August 18th - William Porcher DuBose, Priest

2 Timothy 1:11-14

Psalm 19:7-14

Luke 24:25-32

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm - Agape supper following service

Sunday, August 22nd

Proper 16

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Wednesday, August 25 - Louis, King of France

Wisdom 3:1-98

Psalm 21:1-7

Luke 12:22-31

Service of Holy Eucharist & Unction at 5:30 pm - Agape supper following service

Sunday, August 29th

Proper 17

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Notes from the Senior Warden

Les and Valinda have started a new chapter in their lives. We sent them off with a fun July 4th cook-out and celebration. We will miss them, but we know that they will return someday with new stories of where they have been and what they have learned. I compare this situation to sending your child off to school and hearing about all his or her adventures when they return. Les and Valinda made the decision to go to seminary with their hearts, and others will someday benefit from knowing the Jacksons as we already have. God speed, our friends, but come home soon.

Donnie



The E.C.W. outreach luncheon on July 18th was a huge success. Thanks to all who came and donated money.

The total donation was \$662.00 to benefit the Happy Camp/Promise Camp program. I owe a BIG thank you to everyone who helped put the lunch together -- the planners, shoppers, cooks, servers, and those who helped clean up.

The pens from the cut-off pews are ready except for the inscription card. We will be delivering them soon.

Ladies, watch for the date for the next salad luncheon and business meeting.

Serving St. Christopher's and the community through God's love.
Missy Ratcliff, St. Christopher's E.C.W. President

Thank You!

April Richey wishes to express her gratitude to the St. Christopher's family for the many expressions of love extended to her and to her family in the recent deaths of her aunt and uncle, Keri and Lowell Richey. April had been particularly close to Keri and Lowell since the death of her grandmother last fall and was planning to meet them in Albuquerque for the committal of LaRue's ashes when the tragic crash occurred.

The beautiful purple shawl helps to wrap April in wonderful memories of her family, and she is very grateful for that expression of love. She is also very appreciative of the refurbished laptop computer provided by David and Melissa Cross as well as the envelope of money she was given upon her departure back to Utah. All of these gifts will help April continue her education at the University of Utah where she is majoring in Gender Studies.

April is very active in the Diocese of Utah. August 6 - 8 she will be attending an Episcopal Peace Fellowship conference in Denver as the official representative from the Diocese of Utah. She is also a youth group leader at her church and will accompany the senior high youth group on a trip to Bear Lake (about three hours north) August 11 - 15. April hopes to go to the national campus ministry gathering in Estes Park, CO again this year from December 27 - January 1. She is quite an active young Episcopalian.

Again, April is very grateful for the support from her St. Christopher's family and asks that we all keep her in our prayers and in our hearts. Her address is 343 South 1000 East, Salt Lake City, UT 84102, and her phone number is still 806-789-0458.

Submitted by Jan Kireillis



A Reader's Corner

by Jane Barnes

Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan, by Greg Mortenson, Viking Press, 420 pp.

Stones into Schools continues the story begun in Mortenson's *Three Cups of Tea* of his remarkable humanitarian campaign to build schools in the Asian regions of first Pakistan and later Afghanistan. It is a very timely story, with much insight into the events we read about and hear about on the news every day. The book was released on December 1, 2009, so the events recorded are very current.

Over the past sixteen years, Greg Mortenson, through his nonprofit Central Asia Institute (CAI) has worked to promote peace through education by establishing more than 130 schools, most of them for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan. *Three Cups of Tea* began with a promise -- to build a school in Korphe, Pakistan, and *Stones into Schools* also begins with a promise to build a school in what is perhaps the most remote corner of the world -- in the Kirghiz region of Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor. Through this book Mortenson recounts the trials and tribulations involved in bringing this promise to fruition. Along the way Mortenson and his intrepid manager, Sarfraz Khan, establish many other schools in Afghanistan, both for boys and girls.

In these efforts they are thwarted by the Taliban, by military bureaucracy, by the 2005 Pakistani earthquake, by cultural differences and challenges, and by geographical and logistical challenges of trying to operate in an area with the highest mountain ranges on earth. Even the popularity Mortenson gained from the success of *Three Cups of Tea* often took him away from the task of establishing schools.

In his work to promote education in this unbelievably remote area, Mortenson had to become a partner, at times, of the U.S. military. However, Mortenson puts most of his faith in the Afghanis themselves, particularly those who persuaded him to build more schools. He says they can crush the Taliban and overcome the country's old cultural biases against education girls.

St. Christopher's Daughters of the King selected this book as one of their summer reading assignments. I would recommend it to anyone who would like new insight into the challenges in Afghanistan.

An open invitation:

Candia would like to invite any reader or viewer to participate in this column. If you have read a book or seen a movie that you wish to recommend to other readers/viewers, please email her at candia.thew@ttuhsc.edu with your suggestion.

Church Smiles

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

This 'n That

- **NEW PRAYER BOOKS** - You can still contribute to the purchase of new prayer books and have a nameplate placed in the front of the book with the name of the person you wish to honor. The cost per book is \$16. Be sure and put "Prayer Books" on the memo line of your check.
- **FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS** - Sign up to provide snacks for the Sunday fellowship hours.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS** - Submit prayer needs via the Daughters of the King prayer cards in the pews. Put the cards in the offering plate or in the little box on the credence shelf at the back of the church.
- **WEAR YOUR NAMETAG!** If you need one - if you've lost yours or never had one, tell Karen Hodges, and she'll arrange for you to get one.
- **PRAYER SHAWL GROUP** - The prayer shawl group will meet on Monday, August 2 at 4:00 pm at Jane Barnes' home, 3816 56th Street. Please bring any shawls you have completed and plan to sit and knit or crochet a while.
- **CANS FOR CAMP** - Jenny Way is taking over the Cans for Camp ministry. You may continue to bring your sacks of cans to the church.

The next meeting of St. Christopher's chapter of Daughters of the King will be Sunday, August 1, following the 10:00, in the church basement.



Members, please be prepared to discuss the following two books during the summer break: *Stones to Schools: Promoting Peace With Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*, by Greg Mortenson, and *Calendar of Saints* by The Rev. David L. Veal.

Father Edson will be starting a discussion group toward adult confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church in September. If you would like to participate, speak with him about times you would be available. Attending the classes will not commit anyone



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Kathleen Borsch	August 2
Jane Barnes	August 4
Robert Dean	August 5
Debbie Crites	
August 10	
Allan Dorsett	August 11
Vikki Rhodes	August 14
Kay Peterson	August 15
Joyce Wilson	August 15
Missy Ratcliff	August 16
Ben Harrison	August 17
Romola Devaneson	August 18
Frances Lohmann-Smith	August 19
Martha Robinson	August 22
Nancy Bethea	August 27
Randall Carpenter	August 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Judy Bartl	August 2
David & Melissa Cross	August 3
Clay & Linda Lawson	August 9
David & Sue Veal	August 11
James & Karen Hagee	August 16
Rob & Nancy Bethea	August 19
Paul & Mara Driscoll	August 24
Ben & MarLou Harrison	August 29

Panhandle Deanery Meeting:

Attention diocesan convention delegates and clergy - There will be a meeting of the Panhandle Deanery at St. Christopher's on Saturday, August 28, from 10:30 - noon. Please plan to be in attendance.

Episcopal Church Women's Conference

Saturday, September 25, 2010

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church,
Midland

Jane Tomaine, Speaker
"Strengthening Your Core:
Benedictine Values & Practices for
Today's World"

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