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FOX CHAPEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FCEC NEWSLETTER

**August
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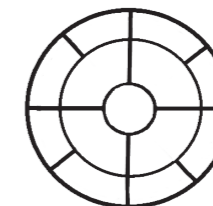
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*The Mission of Fox Chapel Episcopal
Church is
to glorify God
by worshipping God in joyous Spirit,
by welcoming all into Christ's family,
by nurturing disciples for spirit-led
ministry
—in Church and beyond.*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm
Holy Eucharist/Contemporary

Sunday 8:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite I with music
10:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II with music

Tuesday 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist with anointing



Lemonade will be served after the 10:00 a.m. service. We still need Lemonade and Iced tea makers for August. Please sign-up in the Narthex!

**Bible Study
For
High Schoolers!**

We will be starting a Bible Study for high schoolers in the fall. Anyone interested should contact Doug at doug@fcec.us.

**Support the Youth
Ministry Fundraising
RENT- A -YOUTH!**

It's not too late! You can still RENT-A-YOUTH to help you with projects at home. Call Diane Condron at 412-799-4034.

All donations go towards our youth program. We thank you for your support!

If you would like to submit an article or announcement for the Newsletter, please email Debbie Scully at debscully@comcast.net. The deadline for the Newsletter is the 15th of every month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!



Sunday, August 22 **Water Day**
Outside Eucharist & Water Games following
Wear Casual clothes & Bring a swim suit & towels!

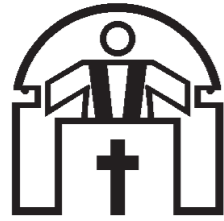
Sunday, September 12

Sunday School Registration &
Sunday School Teacher Commissioning

Sunday, September 19

First Day of Sunday
School





A DEFICIT OF TRUST

We live in a skeptical and cynical age. One of the first injunctions to raise eyebrows in conversation is the phrase, "Trust me!" One wag once opined that our coins say, *In God We Trust*. We should add, "...everyone else needs collateral." A really awful story was told about a father who was coaxing his son to jump into his arms from a monkey bars. The child was frightened, but eventually jumped. His father dropped him. "Let that be a lesson to you, son...never trust anyone." I would like to take that man behind the barn, but regardless, the sentiment is widespread: trust no one.

This is crazy. Prof. William Ferrell recently wrote in the WSJ that our system of free enterprise cannot exist without trust. The greater the size of a transaction, the greater the degree of trust. No one will do business for long with a producer who cannot be trusted. Nobel Prize Laureate Kenneth Arrow famously remarked that virtually every commercial transaction has within itself an element of trust. Cultures with high levels of trust are fertile ground for developing large corporations and innovative enterprises. Low-trust societies feature people who don't like to do business with folks outside their family of clan.

Take the stock market. To buy stock one must of course have done the analysis of value and risk tolerance. But it is also an act of faith or trust that the underlying data is reliable and the system is fair. Without that under flooring of trust, people will not invest.

The opposite is true, as well. Lack of trust will stifle innovation and industry. Yes, government and business will develop internal checks and balances, layers of compliance, rules and regulations: all geared to reassure investors and employees that breaches in trust won't happen. But regulation and examination don't produce character. They produce just the opposite "*These people can't be trusted. Pass laws! We'll trust them more!*"

Let me merely note that we live at a time when trust in cultural leaders barely exists. Simply read the polls. We are increasingly a secular society that neither believes or nurtures spiritual values. But trust is a spiritual value. One knows when its not there, but it can't be legislated into existence: part of our sorry state is that we distrust the very people who write the laws. Because it is a spiritual reality, secular solutions aren't ultimate solutions. We have to go to a spiritual source to get a spiritual answer.

Secondly, only those people who are themselves trustworthy are inclined to trust other people. We say, "In God We Trust." The next step is to ask God to make us the type of person whom others will trust. Its not just, "Who can I trust?" Its also, "Can I be trusted?" After all, Christians are the ones who maintain we are made in his image, and hence, should be ourselves trustworthy. It begins with this: "*Lord, search me and know my thoughts, try me and know my ways, and see if there is any wickedness in me, (Ps. 139).*" God is in the business of making us trustworthy. That includes showing us when we are not. If God isn't in the equation, our deficit of trust will only grow, and you can kiss prosperity goodbye!!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Fox Chapel Episcopal Church house parties are getting rave reviews! Two more couples have graciously offered to host wine and hors d'oeuvres events at their homes. Please save the following dates:

Saturday, August 28th

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Don and Cynthia Hallahan

Saturday, October 2nd

6:30-8:30 p.m. at the home of Bill and Peggy Mooney

Watch the church bulletin and your email for more details.

Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex closer to the time of the events.

Would you like to host a fellowship event; large or small? Please contact Karen Slevin or Lois Folino for more information.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN AUGUST!

Herky Allison	8/20	Nancy Hoover	8/11
Kitty Bancroft	8/23	Carol Kann	8/19
Shirley Bellmer	8/29	Jim Moore	8/24
John Dean	8/22	Jean Pascarella	8/22
Samantha Finigan	8/4	Ellen Peters	8/7
Susan Giles	8/20	Nancy Radovic	8/1
Rod Gould	8/17	Gregg Scott	8/7
Connie Guggenheimer	8/24	Jim Titus	8/29
Tal Hiteshew	8/29	Edie Wessel	8/3

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

David & Ellen Berklite	8/15
James & Jane Flaherty	8/9
Don & Nancy Middleton	8/30
Tom & Ellen Peters	8/28
Bob & Joy Wisner	8/7



NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE BAZAAR

It's time to start bringing your white elephants for the church Bazaar to the Parish Hall. Please leave them on the stage after June 16. The Guild requests that all items be clean and in working order. We are sorry that we can no longer offer pickup.

Antiques are *always* welcome. Remember, The Guild will not accept the following items: large furniture, computers, monitors, printers, TVs, baby car seats or walkers, skis, and clothing. **We will accept golf clubs.** Any questions can be answered by calling the Parish Office or by calling Frances Rice at 412-963-9104. Thank you!

