

FCEC NEWSLETTER

July/August
2010

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The Rev. Thomas H. Phillips, Rector

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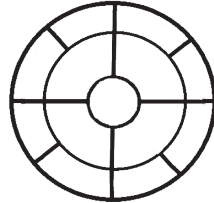
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*The Mission of Fox Chapel Episcopal
Church is
to glorify God
by worshipping God in joyous Spirit,
by welcoming all into Christ's family,
by nurturing disciples for spirit-led
ministry
—in Church and beyond.*

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

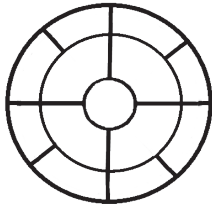
Holy Eucharist with anointing



VBS—IS BACK ON! July 12 - 16, 2010

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily

Call your friends and acquaintances. Tell people that you meet in the grocery store. **VBS is back.** Call to sign up now, 412.963.8938, or email office@fcec.us. If you have been waiting to sign up to help, now is the time. Please contact the Office and let us know how you would like to contribute —we need your time and talent to make this successful!



A WORD FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN

Lately, I have been giving much thought about what we need at Fox Chapel Episcopal Church. Upon this reflection, I soon realized that the list was becoming very lengthy. We need a balanced budget, so therefore we need more income and less expense. We need to paint much of the exterior of the parish but then again that requires more income. We need to do some serious tree trimming at the Rectory but that, too, needs to be paid for. Father Tom could probably use more administrative and clerical support, although it appears that his extraordinary energy level and “can do” attitude probably has this one covered for the time being.

As I said, the list is lengthy. But as I began to give more thought and prayer to this question, I realized that I was focusing more on our deficits rather than our assets. Of course we have needs. Every church has their needs – I would consider myself somewhat of an expert on this as a Provincial Office administrator for more than 600 churches in North America. But when I compare what we have to what we need to most of the other churches in the Anglican Church in North America, let me tell you brothers and sisters, we are blessed!

The question is not what we need, but rather what we need to do! Forgive me as a layman for sounding preachy, but again I have been blessed with an occupational perspective of seeing why some parishes are healthy and why others are not. We need to be praying more often and giving thanks to the Lord! We need to share the word of God with the un-churched. Remember the 130 million un-churched (44% of the U.S. population) that I wrote about last month? How many of these folks are in our own immediate community – how many are next door neighbors? We need more mission and better discipleship. We need to welcome those who visit FCEC for the first time and show our love and thankfulness to those members who may have temporarily stepped away from FCEC. We need to give more – working toward a lifetime tithe. Last, but not least, we need more folks to volunteer their time and talent.

Your church is in good shape. We may think that we need more but we have what we need. God always provides just as long as we are good stewards and give as much back as we receive – or more! Yes, we have needs but first we must do more to reach as many as we can with the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

With continued blessing & thanks,

Brad
Sr. Warden

BETH MOORE WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES!

When Godly People Do Ungodly Things: Arming Yourself in the Age of Seduction

We will begin this 7-week summer Bible study on *Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at 7 p.m.* in the Church Lounge at *FC Presbyterian Church*. This study examines why devoted followers of Christ can fall into the traps of Satan. Believers are still subject to Satan's attacks. He is determined to disrupt the live of Christians, destroy their ministries and steal their joy. Sadly, those who have "fallen" may not recognize the devil's schemes until they have already been caught in a snare of defeat. Written in three parts: the first part is a warning to believers, while the second part shows women how to prepare for attacks by the Enemy. The third part is directed to those who have been snared by seduction, and compassionately points the way back to God. Books for the study are \$15 each.

If you are interested, please call Beth Phillips at 412-559-5565 so she can reserve a book for you; or come the first night.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL!!



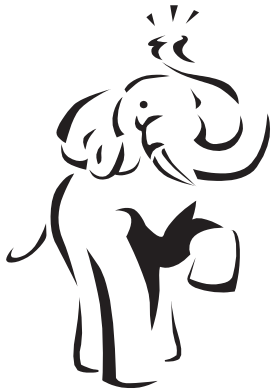
Don't let our kids fall into a summer slump ... Summer Sunday School is a great way to continue their learning of God's Word! Designed for children entering kindergarten through 4th grade, the class meets each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Discipleship House. A great way to thank our teachers is to volunteer to teach a class or two this summer. The curriculum is easy and fun! Just sign up in the Narthex and arrive about 30 minutes in advance to review the materials.

Parents: Unlike Children's Chapel, which meets during the school year, please take your children directly to class at 10 a.m., then proceed to the sanctuary. They will join you in church during Announcements.



Lemonade will be served after the 10:00 a.m. service. We need people to come and drink lemonade and ice tea, as well as to help make and serve it! What could be better than a cool drink on the patio? Look for the sign up sheet in the Foyer.

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!

THANK YOU!

Two months ago, FCEC was the site of the yearly Bean Partnership Conference. (Bean is a word used to represent the Beja people. The Beja people are an unreached nomadic people group that live mostly in parts of Sudan and Eritrea). The conference consisted of about twelve men and women from different states that came together to share ideas concerning how to reach the Beja people with the Gospel. The Bean Partnership desires to see the Beja people come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Participants in the conference were excited to be able to hear from a missionary who normally lives and works in an area where he can have contact with Beja, and to meet a Beja man who now lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

David and Diane Condron hosted the meeting here, but would not have been able to do it without help from FCEC parishioners. Thank you to our hosts, and to our kitchen helpers. A few parishioners were able to join the Beja friends for lunch, or part of the meeting. Anyone else who is interested in learning more about the Beja, or reaching the unreached world with the Gospel, talk to David or Diane Condron. (Phone 412 828 0924, or 412 799 4034).



Youth News

Move-Up Party July 17th

Support the Youth Ministry Fundraising RENT-A-YOUTH!

A Move-Up party for rising 6th graders will be held on Saturday, July 17th during our regular youth group time 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will have games, snacks; and, we will be asking some of our graduating seniors to share their thoughts about their experiences in youth group. Ashley and I will also talk about why we meet together and how you can be involved.

Hope you will be able to join us! Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either Doug or Ashley at doug@fcec.us.

See you on the 17th!!

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 sending our youth to the Pittsburgh Project, for their summer service camp.



Due to the Pittsburgh Project and other conflicts, youth group WILL NOT meet on the following Saturday's:

July 3rd, July 10th, and July 24th





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THE BACKFENCE IS BACK!

THE FOLLOWING HAVE A BIRTHDAY IN JULY!

Cilla Bamford	7/6	Rod Groomes	7/15	Beth Phillips	7/21
Nancy Beyer	7/17	Harry Gruner	7/27	Liz Phillips	7/16
Richard Cagley	7/28	John Harford	7/30	Thierry Verstraeten	7/5
Susan Crittenden	7/15	Worth Hobbs	7/11		
Natalie Domeisen	7/5	Bill King	7/6		
Debbie Dunlap	7/11	Chuck Lloyd	7/16		
Sandra Finigan	7/28	Janice Mears	7/27		
Arlene Gordon	7/2	Kristina Mountz	7/2		
Nancy Griswold	7/11	Jennifer Mountz	7/2		

We are in the process updating our records, so we apologize if we have left anyone out. Please feel free to contact the office if you or someone in your family was overlooked.

ANNIVERSARIES:

David & Diane Condron	7/23
Bill & Betsy Rodewald	7/19
Jim & Gail Titus	7/18

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.