



The Lion's Roar



St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church
JULY/AUGUST 2006

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Holy Eucharist Schedule
Sunday — 8:30 & 10:30
Tuesday — 12:30 (LJC)

The Rt. Rev. Joe G. Burnett Bishop
The Rev. Jerrold Thompson Rector
The Rev. Sidnie White Crawford . . Priest
Associate
Christine Grosh Deacon
Roger Wait Deacon
John Flint Senior Warden
Susan Musick Junior Warden
Richard Toren Treasurer
Suzi Lore Assistant Treasurer
Dr. Mary Murrell Faulkner Music
Natalie Shepard . . . Christian Education
Ben Carlisle. . . Administrative Assistant

*St. Mark's on the
Campus strives to be a
Eucharistic Community of
reflection and action,
acceptance and growth,
Gospel and world.*

From the Rector

By Father Jerry Thompson

Dear Friends,

I am writing this reflection the day after the end of our General Convention, and I want to share some of my thoughts and reactions with all of you.

To begin with, one of the resolutions passed by Convention mandates that deacons resign at age 72, as was already true for bishops and priests. Our long-time deacon, Roger Wait, will turn 72 at the end of August, so the resolution will have an immediate impact on him – and on the community of St. Mark's on the Campus! We will hold a retirement celebration for Roger on Sunday, August 20. Following the 10:30 AM Eucharist, we will have a pot luck and thank Roger for his service to this faith community during the last 20+ years. Although he will then “return to the pew” and no longer function liturgically, Roger will remain a part of community life here at St. Mark's on the Campus. Keep your eyes open for further details about his retirement celebration!

Secondly, most of you no doubt know that, at this Convention, the Episcopal Church elected our first female Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori. Jefferts Schori is currently Bishop of Nevada, and she will be installed as Presiding Bishop in November. She will take her place among the Primates of the Anglican Communion (those who are the “heads” of the various parts of the Communion) as the first female. Although this is an historic development, it is somewhat less historic than when the Episcopal Church first started ordaining women thirty years ago, as ecumenical partners have pointed out. Although I do not personally know Jefferts Schori, press releases report that she brings considerable gifts to her ministry and to this new calling. We will of course begin praying for her immediately and continue to do so throughout her nine-year tenure.

Finally, as I'm sure many of you are also aware, on the last day of Convention bishops and deputies passed a resolution calling for “restraint” in consecrating bishops whose “manner of life” creates further strain in the Anglican Communion. The resolution arose

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from our current Presiding Bishop, Frank Griswold, with the support of Jefferts Schori. The Windsor Report, which was issued after the election and consecration of The Rt. Rev. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire, encouraged a moratorium on further consecrations of homosexual persons living in committed relationships, as is true of Robinson. The Report was written by a group of Anglicans from around the Communion. The resolution as passed falls short of this moratorium, but it was encouraged by the Presiding Bishop and Presiding Bishop-Elect as a way to express to those parts of the Anglican Communion who struggle with our decision to consecrate Robinson that we are seriously interested in remaining in the worldwide community and continue in conversation with those who disagree with us.

I am withholding final evaluation of this action at least until I have had a personal conversation with our own Bishop, Joe Burnett. However, at this stage I view the resolution as a profound betrayal of our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. I see the faces of those whom I have served and loved over the years and feel deeply saddened, and I know that many share both my sense of betrayal and my sadness at this action.

Because of our polity, the resolution has no legal authority over dioceses; instead, it has the far more profound—although I grant you far less binding—authority of communal influence. I am eager to have a conversation with Bishop Burnett about the dynamics around this decision that occurred at Convention. I will not

rule out the work of the Holy Spirit resulting in the resolution; however, I also will not automatically take for granted that the resolution is the result of the Spirit's leading. I want to trust that the Church, meeting in Convention, was listening to the Spirit; I also acknowledge on my own part deep trouble trusting that this was the case with this particular action. However, ultimately I must also acknowledge that the Spirit can be up to something which disturbs me to my core. Although my convictions now rest with the sense that this resolution comes out of a place I am not willing to go, my brothers and sisters in Convention did go there, and my work now becomes to respond with love toward them and faith in the God who is greater than us all.

I assure you that St. Mark's on the Campus will remain as dedicated as it has been to the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the life of our community, and those of us who choose to do so will continue to work for their full inclusion in the broader church and society at all levels and in all ways. Nothing about this decision will affect that commitment on my part, nor, I believe, on the part of the Vestry and other leadership within our faith community.

I have probably raised as many questions as I have addressed. We are planning to have a forum on the results of Convention in the fall, but certainly if you wish to have further conversation with me beforehand, don't hesitate to contact me.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Jerry ✚

The Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, July 15th, at Ferd Anderson's (4810 S. 69th St.) 7:30 - 9:00 am. Discussion will focus on two articles that appeared in the April edition of American Scholar.

Sunday, July 30th, following the 10:30 am Eucharist, there will be a Pot Luck in celebration of Mary Murrell and Quentin Faulkner's ministry among us.

Kelly Grey Carlisle's series of articles, "Getting to Know...[a parishoner's name here]," will resume in the September Roar.

The exercise class that meets at St. David's will meet on Mondays and Fridays during the summer, 9:30 a.m. to 11, doing a stretching routine developed by a physical therapist and based on Yoga, some low-impact aerobics, relaxation and chi gong. Please join us!

Mark-Us Notes

Sunday, August 20th, following the 10:30 am Eucharist, there will be a Pot Luck in thanksgiving for Roger Wait's ministry among us.

Movie Night, on August 6, will feature Crash! and will be sponsored by the Welcoming and Diversity Committee. Contact Jenn Hunt for more information.

July 2006 -- St. Mark's on the Campus -- July 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SERVICES/ADULT FORUM/SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist WEEKDAYS 12:30 pm Every Tuesday; Holy Eucharist in the Lady Julian Chapel						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9:30 am Order of St. Luke
9	10	11	12	13 1:30 pm Campus Outreach, SMoC Lounge	14	15 7:30 - 9:00 am Men's Breakfast* 4:00 pm Schluckebier wedding with choir
16 12:15 pm Vestry Sunday	17	18	19	20 6:00 pm Keeler retirement party	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Potluck *	31					

* These items have more information in the "Mark-U's Notes" section.

August 2006 -- St. Mark's on the Campus -- August 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Holy Eucharist WEEKDAYS 12:30 pm Every Tuesday, Holy Eucharist in the Lady Julian Chapel	1	2	3	4	5	6:30 pm Davis Dinner, in the Lounge
6 Movie Night -- "Crash"	7	8	9	10	11	12 Paint-a-thon
13 12:15 pm Vestry Sunday	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Pot Luck* Big Red Welcome	21 5 pm - Staff Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 7:30 - 9:00 am Men's Bkfst Group
27 Campus Outreach Gathering - details TBA	28	29	30	31		

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Additional Notes

from Fr. Jerry

Please note! This year the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6) falls on Sunday. We will be using **incense** that day at the 10:30 Eucharist.

An additional word about the use of incense: my basic policy is to use it some Major Feast Days and not others, so as to allow those of us who are highly sensitive to incense the opportunity to worship occasionally at our main feast day celebrations. Always to use incense on major feast days regularly excludes those of us who cannot physically tolerate it from being present in the main liturgical celebrations on those days. The days on which it is used will differ from year to year; I also make a point to publicize the use of incense in advance (as above) so that people know when it's going to be present.

In addition, I will also discuss with the liturgy committee (once it's formed!) other opportunities for the use of incense for those of us who find it meaningful. These, too, will always be publicized well in advance.



Please remember that the **church bills** are ongoing during the summer, even when you are going on somewhere else! If you're going to be away, try to submit your pledge before you leave if at all possible; if not, then when you return. Thanks!



Please try to remember that the deadline for the September Roar is August 20th. Articles, information and material should be sent or given to Ben Carlisle.

Fr. Jerry ✝

Campus Outreach...

The Campus Outreach Committee meets every month to plan events associated with students and the campus. **Big Red Welcome** is August 20th and we will again be asking the congregation to bake cookies. Watch for details later in the summer.

We are also planning monthly Sunday suppers for students beginning in

August. This year we will be asking for volunteers to host dinners in individual's homes. Contact Kevin Cole or Father Jerry for details.

Finally, we are planning to hold an open house at St. Mark's on home football game days. What better way to take advantage of our location!? Mark your calendar, we will be asking for volunteers to help with **The Lion's Tailgate**.

Paint-a-thon...

Please reserve Saturday, August 12 and/or the preceding weekend (August 5 - 6) for the 16th annual Lincoln Paint-a-thon. This will be the 12th year of participation for St. Mark's on the Campus. Let's make it a great year!

This year will be a little different. Because we are an experienced team, we tend to receive more challenging assignments. So, while we welcome volunteers with all levels of skill, we are especially seeking some new precision painters. In addition, the Paint-a-thon

offers opportunities to contribute in ways other than painting; including making donations, coordinating paint use, scraping, making small repairs to the home, pruning bushes, babysitting, and providing food. After we receive our home assignment in July, we will post a sign-up sheet with specific job functions. Please consider signing up whether you are a loyal Paint-a-thon veteran or a first-time volunteer! We'd like to expand this ministry by having more people participate.

Questions? See Kim Thomason, Todd Sneller, or Don Gray.

From the Treasurer

Year to May 31, 2006

INCOME	Actual	Budget
Plate	9,698.12	6,615.00
Pledge	79,458.50	77,414.00
Diocese	8,541.65	8,540.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,717.10	1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$100,415.37	\$94,069.00
EXPENSE		
Diocesan Asking	11,557.50	11,555.00
Outreach	221.75	753.00
Salaries & Benefits	76,285.08	64,931.00
Utilities	4,748.48	5,151.00
Property & Insurance	4,966.59	6,654.00
Travel	1,200.00	1,305.00
Office	7,303.86	6,040.00
Altar & School Supplies	2,721.55	2,523.00
Congregational Life	2,543.94	3,330.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	73.10	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$111,621.85	\$102,242.00

Our financial year runs from January 1 to December 31. The financial year continues to proceed according to budget. Income is still ahead of budget. Expenses are also over budget. Overall, our finances are where they should be as we enter the summer season.

Sincerely,

Richard Toren, Treasurer

Sunday Ministerial Assignments

Date	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd	July 30th	August 6th Transfiguration
8:30 RH/Acolyte	Todd Sneller	Marcia White	Sara Toren	Don Gray	Ardyce Welch
10:30 Chalice Bearer Lay Eucharistic Minister	Ardyce Welch	Todd Sneller	Don Gray	Sara Toren	Todd Sneller
Acolytes	Don Gray Michael Fairchild	Jonathan Cole Helen Pitts	Michael Fairchild Ardyce Welch	Logan Waite Jonathan Cole	Shirley Mills Helen Pitts
Ushers	Susan Ugai Dean Settle	Bob Kuzelka Doug Durham	Susan Rehn Bob Stock	Susan Ugai Michelle Waite	Logan Waite Doug Durham
Lector (OT)	Dick Boohar	Doug Durham	Sara Fairchild	Marc Kiviniemi	Michelle Waite
Epistler	Burns Davis	Kelly Grey Carlisle	Leigh Anna Harken	Bette Sperry	Leroy Svec
Intercessor	Opal Doerr	Susan Rehn	Dean Settle	Pamela Starr	Laura Waldman
Greeter	Leroy Svec	JoAnn Hruban	John Flint	Jim Karas	Bob Kuzelka
Coffee Host	Karen Krebsbach	Marcia White	Opal Doerr	Nan Graf	Don & Dorothy Nelson
Bread Baker	Margo Young	Kathy Schmutte	Laura Waldman	Leigh Anna Harken	Marcia White
Altar Guild	Janna Shrewsbury	Kathy Schmutte	Don Gray	Joyce Wagner	Opal Doer
Tellers	Larry Krebsbach Andrea Nelson	Anne Puls Margo Young	Stan Sipple Michelle Waite	Michelle Waite Anne Puls	Larry Krebsbach Shirley Mills
Crucifer	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~
Thurifer	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~	Don Gray
Banner Bearer	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~	~~~~

For August assignments, check the St. Mark's Web site (www.stmarks-episcopal.org) or call the office.

July Birthdays:

1 -Richard Toren	13 -Bette Sperry
2 -Margi Runge	16 -Barbara MacKnight
8 -Abby Shepard	21 -Samantha Karas
-Andrew Thompson	22 -Mary Jane Humphrey
10 -JoAnn Hruban	23 -Pat Bruce Sullivan
11 -Catherine Sellmyer	27 -Michelle Waite
-Robin Mahoney	28 -Barbara Gray,
12 -Micah Sutton	-Dorothy Heidemann Nelson
-Oliver Doerr	-Elizabeth Thompson
-Christine Grosh	

August Birthdays

7 -Jacob Cerny	28 -Kenny Thomason
10 -enn Hunt	-Tracy Spivey
13 -Steve Sim	30 -Bonnie Quinn
14 -Lisa Sutton	31 -Susan Musick
15 -Helen Pitts	-Ian Wagner
18 -Jo Anderson	
19 -Ann Watt	
20 -Bill Burke	
21 -Kathy Clough	
26 -Roger Wait	

Remember,
 the September *ROAR*
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is August 20
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