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"We Do Love Our Liturgy!"

If you were to ask a group of Episcopalians what they love about their church, the overwhelming number would respond "the Liturgy." Several years ago a group of diocesan clergy was asked to respond to two questions. The first was, "How many of you are 'cradle Episcopalians?'" (an Episcopalian from birth). There were three of us among 50 clergy. The second question was, "Of those who chose the church, what was the primary thing that drew you?" Every one of the converts had some version of the same response: "The liturgy!"

So what is it about our liturgy that is so attrac-

tive? There are many answers to that question. Here are three.

1. The liturgy is multi-sensory. All of our senses are engaged at different points in the liturgy. We hear the words of scripture read, preached, and sung. We see the different colors of each season, the light pouring in through the stained glass and the clear glass. We smell the wine at communion or the incense on special occasions. We touch each other at the "Peace," and the bread and the cup at communion. We taste the wine and the bread of new life in the Eucharistic meal. We participate with our voices in singing, praying and professing our beliefs.

2. Our liturgy is ancient and modern. The structure of our liturgy dates from the earliest followers of Jesus. It really has its roots in Hebrew worship, but the first women and men to identify themselves as "Christian" maintained a pattern of worship very much like our liturgy. The words of scripture were read, prayers were offered for the community and the world and the meal of Christ's presence was celebrated. Many of the prayers that are said

each Sunday date from the 11th and 12th centuries and have been minimally altered. Yet our liturgy is a living form, undergoing ongoing transformation in language and layers of meaning. The church continues to add new options for prayers, using more inclusive gender imagery, while maintaining its ancient structure and meaning. The liturgy continues to engage the culture and needs of the moment.

3. Finally, the liturgy ultimately relates to the world outside the walls of the church buildings. We always end the liturgy by sending the community out into the world to be Christ's hands and heart. We are nurtured to serve those who are not a part of the community.

So what is it that you love about the liturgy? What is the most moving? Confusing? Starting June 10th for three Sundays, Ernie and I will be conducting an instructed Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions about the liturgy you would like us to address please email us your questions before June 10th. See you in church.

Remember God doesn't take the summer off.

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The Belfry Ministry Update - By, Pastor Jocelynn Hughes

First of all, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Wine Tasting event at Monticello. It was a lovely event, with the local winemakers and experts pouring the wines, the food and ambiance were impeccable, and the music by the Camellia Orchestra was beautiful. Kudos to Paul Kolarik of LCI for his hard work and vision on this event! To see the list of winning wines, visit our website under events/wine tasting.

This is a good segue into

my next reminder: our 3rd Annual "Birdies For the Belfry" Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th at Wildhorse Golf Course. We are actively looking for tournament sponsors, so if you have a business or know someone who does and would like to explore being a sponsor, please let me or your Belfry Board members know! Definitely start getting your foursomes together. Perhaps this will be the year when one of our partner parishes will win the tournament.

Things on campus are rap-

idly drawing to a close. We are preparing to say goodbye to our graduating seniors, which is always a bittersweet moment. The students have indicated they want to continue having worship over the summer, so we are planning to do that. We will also be moving full steam ahead in gearing up to welcome our first class of LEVN volunteers in the fall. You can help us furnish the apartment for them. The wish list is on our website under "support our ministry."

Have a wonderful summer!

Many thanks to Janie Knudsen and the talented and hard-working children (and adults) who made the 10th Annual Interfaith Children's Musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" such a huge success!

"Any dream will do."

Christmas Is Only Six Months Away

ST. MARTIN'S HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Please don't let the summer months disappear without giving some thought to how you can help make this Holiday Craft Fair the best ever.

We know that you all have talents. Please take some time this summer, to start a project that we can sell at the Craft Fair.

Here are a few suggestions :

- **If you sew** make a few aprons, potholders, pillows, stuffed animals, tote bags.
- **If you garden** pot a few plants so they are ready in early December.
- **If you preserve foods** put up some jams, jellies, or chutney.
- **If you knit or crochet** make some throws, shawls, scarves, gloves, or hats.
- **If you craft** make some jewelry, do some woodworking, frame some photos, make some greeting cards or a new holiday decoration.
- **If you cook** Start testing some recipes that you can make at Craft Fair time.



THE CRAFT FAIR PLANNERS will meet each month in rooms 6 & 7 to share patterns, work on projects, offer help and suggestions, etc. Please join the group at any or all of the following meetings:

FRIDAYS 10:00-12:00

June 1; July 6; August 3; September 7; October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 2, 9.

If you have questions, contact Carol Boyer, Ann Harris, Margaret Hill, Gail Gong, Dawn Preisler, Rose Amacher, Sharon Cucinotta, Charlotte Sobeck, Ada Coe, Garda Johnson, or Fay Hulbert.

Outreach Commission June 2012

The Outreach Commission is beginning its 2012 Matthew 25 Grant allocation process. Last year, the St. Martin's Outreach Commission awarded grants to 28 local, national, and international human and social service organizations. We will soon be inviting organizations/programs who meet the Matthew 25 criteria (such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, wel-

coming the stranger, looking after the sick) to apply for 2012 grants.

If you have a particular organization that you would like the commission to consider asking to submit a Matthew 25 grant application, please let us know by June 30. Please provide an e-mail address of the individual responsible for completing grant applications, as well as the street or P.O. Box address of the organization

you would like us to invite to apply. Let any one of these Commission members know if you would like to submit an organization's name for consideration:

- Renee Crevelli-Gross
cregross@comcast.net
- Alison Pease
alisonmp@gmail.com
- Jerry Hulbert
jerryhulbert@comcast.net

June 3rd will be The End of Year Feast (a la Harry Potter at Hogwarts) for the Children's Choir. Families with choir age children are invited to attend! Please come celebrate the end of year with a festive Taco Bar style potluck, the Children's Choir singing one last time this year (a very fun song "Goliath,") and see who wins the House Cup! We hope to see you in rooms 6&7, a.k.a. The Great Hall, next Sunday!

**For more information please contact: Janie Knudsen, Director of Children's Choirs
janie@churchofstmartin.org**

We wish "Fair winds and following seas" to Father Art Lillicropp as he answers the call to embark on a new ministry. As a valued and beloved member of our parish, Art will be deeply missed by his St. Martin's family.



Please Use Your Blue UTO Box

It is a simple coin bank to help you COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS. Keep it in a visible place in your home or office, as a constant reminder to thank God for your many blessings. The contents, when collected each year, are used to support many outreach programs through the National United Thank Offering Program.

(St. Martin's has twice received grants from UTO to assist in kitchen renovations for the Davis Community Meals Program.)

Our March In-Gathering of UTO boxes brought In \$ 442.47. Many thanks to those who contributed.

If you need a UTO box, they are available in a basket in the narthex. If you have any questions, ask Carol Boyer.



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The Right Reverend Barry L. Beisner
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To The
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In Christ's One Holy, Catholic,
and Apostolic Church
June 16, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
2620 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95816
Clergy: **Red Stoles** Reception to Follow*



Eyeglass Ministry

For years, St. Martin's has collected used eyeglasses. If you are fairly new to St. Martin's, please keep this in mind as you get new prescriptions. We collect used glasses (or single lenses) and deliver them to the local Lions Club.

Then, through the Folsom Prison Project, all of the glasses are cataloged by prescription, and then used by local doctors and social service programs, to provide glasses for children and adults who could otherwise not be able to afford them. This a wonderful "outreach."

As you replace glasses, please remember to bring the old ones to church. There is a box designated for eyeglasses on the lower shelf of the library, just inside the door. We just delivered about 20 pairs, and they can always use more.

Thanks to those who keep this ministry going. If you have questions, call Carol Boyer (756-0241).

