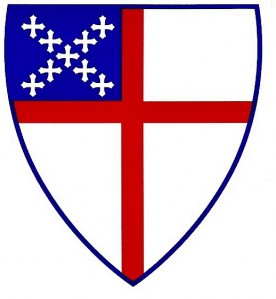
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***A message from Fr. Barrett***

The Lord be with you!

This is September which is traditionally back to school month. The pandemic has uprooted this annual cycle, but in the hopes normal school will resume someday soon, let’s celebrate back to school month with a little Bible quiz. These questions are all true or false.

1. Jesus had many followers, including women. They were called disciples which means student or learner. Twelve of them were especially close to Jesus. These twelve men, all named in the gospels, were called the apostles.
2. Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is called the Immaculate Conception.
3. The most sacred site for Jews in Jerusalem is the Wailing Wall. It is the western wall of Solomon’s temple and the only part of that structure still standing.
4. All of the above are true.

The answer is that all of these statements are false. Jesus called twelve men called disciples. He taught them by word and example. They were entrusted with the mission of teaching the next generation who are called apostles from the Greek word *apostollos* which means “sent with a mission” or ambassador. The apostles are the next generation of witnesses to the gospel.

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**Weekly Events**

**Sunday: Services at 8am & 10am**

**Tuesday:** **Second Tuesday of the Month:** Vestry Meet at 5:30pm

**Wednesday**: **First Wednesday of the Month** is the Food Pantry 9am – Noon. **Second Wednesday of the Month** is Episcopal Church Women at 10:00am

**Thursday:** EfM – Education for Ministry Class at 9:30am

**First Saturday of the month:** Daughters of the King Meet at 10:00am. **Second Saturday of the month** is IHOPBreakfast at 8:00am. **The Third Saturday of the month** is Clean-pu Day at the Advent at 8:00am

The Immaculate Conception refers to the birth of Mary, not Jesus. A basic dogma of the Roman church is that all babies are born with a sin on their soul. This is called Original Sin. It is our inheritance from the rebellion of Adam and Eve. It must be washed away in baptism. Why was Mary’s birth so special? Until a couple hundred years ago, the man was believed to have all the ingredients for birth in his sperm. The woman was simply an incubator for nine months. This presented a dilemma for the Roman church as Mary is the God bearer. How could Jesus, born without sin, develop in the womb of a woman with original sin? Remember there was no Christian baptism yet. Therefore the Church proclaimed that Mary was the only human ever born without original sin. This is the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Jesus’ miraculous birth is simply called the virgin birth. Finally, we come to the last supposed fact. Solomon’s temple was completely destroyed when the Babylonians sacked Jerusalem. When the Jews were allowed to return from exile decades later, they rebuilt the temple, but it was a pale imitation of the original. The Babylonians had carried off all the priceless artifacts. There was no money to build a new temple with expensive material. Then along came Herod the Great centuries later. He embarked on a great building program, including building a spectacular new temple. It was under construction for decades and still not finished during Jesus’ ministry. This temple was destroyed in the last Jewish rebellion against Rome. Only the western wall or “wailing wall” still stands. It is a remnant of Herod’s temple, not Solomon’s.

All of these alleged facts were presented in a recent TV program where the host quizzed tourists on the streets of Jerusalem. The people did very well on the test. I think all but one group got all three answers right and the grand prize of $500. Of course these were tourists in Jerusalem. They weren’t there to ride the roller coasters! I don’t think a random street quiz in any American or European city would have been successful! The host scattered various pieces of misinformation, like the three examples, as part of his commentary throughout the show. I suspect he would not have done as well on his own test!

I can’t tell you how many times over the years people have come up to me with some faith shattering information they got from a TV show. The Bible is called the Word of God. The TV networks make no such claim. If you are in doubt or confused about the basics of the faith, do not consult your local network. Open a Bible, discuss it with other Christians or Jews, consult a member of the clergy (one ordained and trained) and come to worship where the faith is taught and proclaimed. Do not turn to TV specials on matters of faith..

Peace Father Barrett

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**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**

Here are some dates of meetings for Daughters of the King.

September 12 at 10:00am Father Bill will be teaching

October 16 at 10:30am Informational Brunch ( More information in October’s Chronicle.

Barbara Spencer

**Episcopal Church Women**

\*Date change from 2nd Wednesday

Meeting time is 10am unless otherwise noted.

As you can see, September will be elections. The slate of officers proposed is as follows:

President: Elizabeth Herrick

Vice-President: Judy Viles

Secretary: Linda Kenefick

Treasurer: Shirley Peloquin

UTO/CPC: Rachel Spanjer

Chaplain: Mary Daniels

Nominations will be accepted from the floor before the election. We hope we can get an excellent turn-out for this meeting.

The October meeting will be Pat Gabriel, President of the 200 coalition. With her many contacts, she can bring us up to date on all that is going on in the 200 corridor. This meeting is open to all in the congregation, this includes husbands.

We are being hopeful that the pandemic will NOT jeopardize this.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please see me or Linda Kenefick..

Peace of the Lord be with you.

Elizabeth Herrick

ECW News;

At our August meeting, we set-up a tentative calendar for the year.

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| Dates | Activity | contact |
| September | Meeting: September 8  Election of Officers | Elizabeth Herrick |
| October | Meeting: October 13  Pat Gabriel, Pres. 200 coalition | Gerry Baker |
| November | Meeting: November 10  Craft and Pot Luck Lunch | Linda and Liz |
| December | Meeting: December 8  Christmas Luncheon  Golden Spoon Diner | 11 am  Liz |
| January | Meeting: January 12  Soup Project | Mary Daniels  2 soups, 2 chilis |
| February | Meeting: February 9  Showing of the Shack |  |
| March | Meeting: March 9  Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner |  |
| April\* | Meeting: April 6  Fr. Bill talk on Easter season | Gaye |
| May | Meeting: May 11  Tea on May 7 |  |
| June | Meeting: June 8  Luncheon at Stone Creek |  |
| July | Meeting: July 13  Vacation |  |
| August | Meeting: August 10  Organizational Meeting |  |

**Education for Ministry (EFM)**

We invite members of the Advent family to join the EfM (Education for Ministry) group that we have had since 2005.  We meet on Thursday from 9:30 AM to 12:00 at the church.  We will start a new group on September 2nd and go until May 26.  The program has been offered by the University of the South since 1974.  Current members of the church who graduated from the program are: Pat Arnold, Wayne Baker, Jane Blair, Maryann Brennan, Linda Byrd, Lesley Ciullo, Mary Daniels, Larry and Joyce Harris, Liz Herrick, Pat Howard, Lynn Johns, Norm and Eveline Lapointe, Paul and Nancy McGuckin, Debbie Milliron, Marilyn Murphy, Shirley Peloquin, and Nancy Schnurle.   Current members of the group are Dori Sullivan, Elaine Meekins, Nancy Rodriguez, Betty Scott, Jane Falkner, Barbara Spencer and Don Clark.  As of now nine will join the group in September 9th.

Lay persons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church’s faith in a complex and confusing world. They need a theological education which supports their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, EfM has come to play an important role by providing a program that develops an informed and knowledgeable laity.

The EfM program is preparation for the ministry to which we all are called. It is that vocation for which we pray at the end of the Eucharist: “And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.”

The seminar group is the nucleus of the Education for Ministry program. A group consists of six to twelve participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly over the course of a nine-month academic year. These meetings are usually from two and a half to three hours in length.  Through **study**, **prayer**, and **reflection**, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of the fullness of God’s kingdom.

Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. Participants are responsible for setting their own learning goals. They spend between two and four hours in study and preparation each week. In the seminars members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss questions which the study materials raise for them.

Through discussion and guided reflection, the seminar furnishes an opportunity to deepen understanding of the reading materials.

If you are interested and would like more information, please contact me.

Gordon Herrick

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

We have many beautiful prayer shawls that have been lovingly made by our fellow parishioners. They have been blessed by Fr. Bill and are waiting for you, a family member, friend or neighbor who may be in need of a blessing and comfort. Please contact Lesley or me either in church or by phone.

Leah Foshay (352-270-3178)

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**Backpacks 4 Kids**

Attached you will find a letter from the coordinator for Interfaith of Marion County's Backpack 4Kids program.

As many of you know we have participated in this program for the past several years and have volunteered to do so this year.

For those of you that may not be aware of what this program is all about, let me give you a brief summary.

Many years ago, children were observed stuffing their pockets with foods, ie. spaghetti, cookies etc. to take home over the weekends. This provided  some necessary nourishment until Monday morning when they returned to school.

Interfaith of Marion County organized this Backpack 4 kids program, where the children were given a backpack full of food to sustain them over the weekend.

Currently there are over 1300 hundred children participating  (last year) in the program..

How does Interfaith afford this program, you may ask:

 Many church congregations in the area are financially supporting this program. We are one of those congregations. We ask the congregation  to make a commitment of  twenty five dollars a month per backpack for the ten month school year. Currently we provide up to  twenty backpacks for needy children at the Sunrise Elementary school.. You may make your contribution via the collection basket, by placing a note on the memo line of your check indicating Backpacks 4 Kids or on the pledge envelope, where the BackPack Program is indicated. Additionally we are responsible for delivering the Backpacks from the Interfaith of Marion County Organization directly to Sunrise Elementary school,  located in Marion Oaks. Volunteers are needed for this part of the program. We travel to Interfaith of Marion County located on NW 2nd St, Ocala, Florida, they will load the car for you , then we travel to Sunrise Elementary School where we unload the backpacks om to a cart, roll the cart to the front of the building (about 20 feet) and leave it.

This entire process requires about 1 to 1.5 hours and is done on Thursday morning beginning at 9:00-10 AM.

Your cooperation both financially and volunteering is greatly appreciated..

For additional info contact Al Sickle 352 208 5664 or [jsickle391@gmail.com](mailto:jsickle391@gmail.com).

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Up Date on Jane Blair

Hi all you beautiful people

Many of you have asked about Jane Blair and so yesterday I finally got a hold of her daughter, and this is the latest news. JANE IS OUT OF ICU AND BACK AT THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY!!  Thank you God for all your blessings.

Jane can receive mail there but she does not hear well enough to receive phone calls.  You can, however call the facility and they will contact her.  I have the phone number and address.  If you want either of them just contact me and I will share that information.

Blessings love to you all,

Lynn Johns

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***Milestones***

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect please contact the office and let us know– we want to include you with our blessings and best wishes on your special day.

***BIRTHDAYS***

Barbara Dalton 09/02

Nan Snow 09/02

Yvonne Daniels 09/03

Bob Hughes 09/03

Harry Sterling 09/06

Brian Ying 09/07

Patricia James 09/08

Judith Harris 09/10

Jim Routson 09/13

Arthur Farascioni 09/16

Missy Monforte 09/16

Jane Falkner 09/17

Shirley Newhart 09/20

Caroline Smith 09/26

***Anniversaries***

Rupert & Yvonne Daniels 09/02

Dick & Bonnie Purnell 09/03

Robert & Marilyn French 09/05

Joe & Eneida Perez 09/05

John & Grace Ferrantino 09/10

Roger & Diane Hutchinson 09/10

If anyone is interested in the Psalm 121 Ministry (Pray Warrior’s) please speak to or call Alice DePerna at 352-489-1335.

The Church is in need of Acolytes, Altar Guild helpers and Ushers. If anyone would like to volunteer or be a substitute please give Liz Herrick a call for Acolyte at (352) 291-4878 or e-mail her at [tinlizziehr@yahoo.com](mailto:tinlizziehr@yahoo.com), For Altar Guild, please call Lynn Johns at (305) 240-0163 or e-mail her at [lajohns1@comcast.net](mailto:lajohns1@comcast.net), Bonnie & Dick Purnell for Ushers. Call Bonnie at (386) 559-2491 or e-mail: [Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com](mailto:Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com) Dick (727) 992-2397 or e-mail: [Purnell.rt@gmail.com](mailto:Purnell.rt@gmail.com)

**Ushers for 8:00am services are badly needed. If interested in, please call Bonnie Purnell.**

**Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, September 1nd: Food Pantry at 9:00am to Noon

Saturday, September 4th: Daughters of the King Meet in the Sanctuary at 10:30am

Sunday: September 5th:: **We are back to Two Services 8:00am & 10:00am**

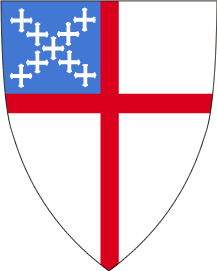
Wednesday September 8th: Episcopal Church Women Meet at 10:00am

Thursday, September 9th: EfM – Education for Ministry at 9:30am

Saturday, September 11th: IHOP Breakfast Fellowship at 8:00am

Tuesday, September 14th: Vestry Meet at 5:30pm

Saturday, September 18th: Clean- up Day – All are welcome



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