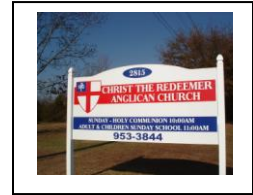


Annual Meeting – October 24th after Morning Service



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THRIFT SHOP TO OPEN NOVEMBER 13; FALL FESTIVAL HELD SAME DAY



After months of hard work this year, the “Treasures in the Barn” Thrift Shop will open to the public on Saturday, November 13. A Fall Festival will be held the same day from 10 am to 3 pm featuring fun activities and a lunch plate of chili with toppings, crackers, an apple, a sugar cooker and tea for \$4.00.

The Barn has been a totally renovated with insulation, heating and air conditioning, a new floor, new walls and a bathroom. Much work has been done by the men in the parish under the supervision of senior warden Clyde Wilkins. The thrift shop will offer items at bargain prices and be an outreach to those in need.

The Fall Festival will include a bake sale, a craft and plant table and frozen casseroles for sale at \$10. Please price your baked, craft and plant items. Samples of each casserole will be available. Help is needed for manning the activities, setting up and cleaning up. Workers are needed for three shifts: 10 am to noon, noon until 2 pm and 2 pm until 3. For the kids there will be activities like turkey art, a bean bag toss and a clothes pin drop. Inflatables will also be on site for the kids along with a lemonade stand and popcorn.

Joe Short and Travis Kay will supervise the chili lunch and would like some volunteers to help. If you can volunteer to help set-up and serve lunch please let Joe or Travis know. Volunteers that can help with the Festival activities should contact Kathie Dubiel at 929-8542.

From Father Paul.....

SIGN OF THE CROSS

The touching of the forehead, chest, left shoulder and right shoulder in sequence with the fingers of the right hand, also called “crossing oneself”. It is commonly used by Anglicans upon entering a pew as preparation for personal prayer; at the words in the creed, “...and the life of the world to come”; at the Absolution at the top of page 76; immediately before and after receiving Communion; at the end of the *Gloria in excelsis* ; at the words “Hosanna in the highest” following the *Sanctus*; at the priestly blessing following the Communion of the people; and at the words, “In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”; and may be used in other similar circumstances or in accordance with the customs of a particular parish. It is never *required*, but is considered an appropriate pious gesture and is widely practiced.



WIND AND CHEESE PARTY – OCTOBER 29



The parish is invited to a wine and cheese party at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 29. The event will be held in the new Thrift Shop.

According to Joan Johnson, the event is being held to give the parish a look at the Thrift Shop before it opens on November 13. “Everyone should bring their own wine and cheese and or a fruit or snack dish,” said Joan. “Then the parish can shop on Saturday, Oct. 30.”

COMMITTEE PREPARES FOR THRIFT SHOP OPENING

A hard-working group has been preparing for the opening of the new thrift shop. Under the direction of Margaret Wadick, thanks goes to Clyde Wilkins, Joan Johnson, Bunny Nobles, Linda Thompson, Travis Kay, Angela Leigh, Mary Hodgkins, David Selby and Ruth Fenton.

Maintaining Our Current Pace for Pledges

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is time for me to address the fiscal issues of the Christ the Redeemer (CtR) with you. It is time for our pledge campaign for 2011.

It has been a phenomenal year for CtR Church! You have given to our Church tremendously in your time, talent and treasure. We kicked off our capital fund drive in April, and what a success that was! You pledged a total of \$223,000.00 towards building our new church building.

We have almost finished the work on renovating the barn, preparing it for its transformation into the soon to be opened "Treasures in the Barn" Thrift Shop. What a fantastic ministry that will be when it opens.

Last fiscal year we projected an operating budget of \$116,000.00. Our year to date giving is right on track with that budget projection. It's unbelievable what your giving has done and is doing for building Christ's kingdom, right here in Middle Georgia!

We have been able to refinance the old CtR mortgage into a new loan do so at a better interest rate and also repay the two parishioners who originally helped to finance the property. Again, your efforts have been phenomenal.

Because of these things, our pledge campaign this year will be different from other years. You know the financial needs involved in running and growing a mission church and have generously risen to meet those needs. This year our pledge campaign will consist of this letter, a plea for you to continue to pray for CtR and a request for you to continue to meet the pledge you submitted to for 2010. In other words, please just keep giving at your current pace for 2011. If you are relatively new to CtR and did not pledge last year and would like to make a pledge to the work of the church, please see me or Joan Johnson for a pledge card.

CtR is so blessed and you are the reason. Thank you again for all you have done and will do in the coming year.

Your Brother in Christ,

Clyde E. Wilkins

Senior Warden
CtR Anglican Church

September Vestry Minutes

Vestry members present: Fr. Paul, David Selby, Dotty Cox, Katherine Pfohl, Joe Short, Bob Dubiel, Linda Thompson, Bunny Nobles, Tom Southerland, Clyde Wilkins, and Travis Kay. Members excused: Wayne Crow.

- 1) The meeting opened at 6:30pm with a scripture reading from John's gospel and prayer by Father Paul.
- 2) The August minutes were corrected. Item 18 was corrected to say "...Bob Dubiel, Katherine Pfohl, and Travis Kay agreed to have their names added to the ballot for vestry nominees in the upcoming election."
- 3) Father Paul moved to have Joan Johnson fill the vacancy left by JJ Glover and complete his term, which will run through 2012. The vestry voted unanimously to have Joan finish JJ's term.
- 4) The audit committee was being led by the Sr. Warden and JJ Glover. The church needs to have an audit performed annually, but this has not happened for some time. Father Paul referenced the Treasurers responsibilities as outlined in the Vestry Handbook. Father Paul has asked Ron Johnson to work with the Treasurer to establish an audit committee and perform the church audit prior to the end of this year. Ron agreed to submit the names of the committee members to the treasurer and the Sr. Warden by November.
- 5) Another financial issue pertains to the establishment of a budget committee. The Treasurer is out of town for 6 months out of the year, often not returning until October or November. This leads to a situation where we are "rushing" to review and approve a budget before the end of the year. The Vestry needs to have a first review of the budget in one month, and then have a second review the following month, in order to have the budget approved before year end. Ron Johnson has agreed to head up the budget committee as well. Again, Ron will work with the Treasurer and Sr. Warden to develop the budget, and Ron will submit the names of the committee members to the Sr. Warden and the Treasurer prior to November.
- 6) Joan Johnson distributed several financial documents to the Vestry for review. Father Paul asked the members to take the documents and review them at home and we can discuss at the next vestry meeting.
- 7) During last month's vestry meeting, during the financial report, two expenditures were questioned. The two expenditures involved mortgage payments to Robins Federal Credit Union. Joan explained that two mortgage payments were made in July, one payment was for June and the second payment was for the July mortgage payment.
- 8) ***The Vestry nominees to be included on the October ballot include: Bob Dubiel, Travis Kay, Pat Sperry, Terry Rogers, and Katherine Pfohl.***
- 9) Ron Johnson will research software to track pledges and produce quarterly or semi-annual statements for the congregation. Ron plans to speak to the Treasurer about the software as well.
- 10) Father Bill Westin will be leading the Vestry Strategic Planning Meeting November 5th and 6th. During this meeting, measurable goals and objectives will be developed.

VESTRY MINUTES (cont.)

- 11) The annual meeting will be held October 24th.
- 12) Father Paul asked to have the church records removed from his private residence and stored in the fire-safe filing cabinet at the church. Katherine Pfohl agreed to set up an archive of all the past and current church documents. Tom Southerland suggested that the documents be scanned and stored electronically, as well as hardcopy format.
- 13) The Web Site for the church is still not up and running. Father Paul suggested that the church may need to pay someone to set up the website and maintain it until someone in the church can take over the task. Joe Short knows someone, Roland, who does this kind of thing. Joe will try to get a list of links to websites that Roland has developed, and he will forward these links to the vestry for review. If the vestry likes Roland's work, Joe will try to set up a meeting with Roland at the next vestry meeting. Clyde Wilkins would like to ask his nephew if he would be interested in the job as well.
- 14) Father Paul stated that CTR needs a more visible presence in the community. We need to get our name out in the community.
- 15) The Sr. Warden agreed to write a letter to the congregation explaining that there will be no pledge campaign this year, but that everyone is asked to continue their giving through 2011, just as they did in 2010. He stated that he will have a draft within a week.
- 16) Several vestry members stated that they do not have a current directory of church members. Katherine will send an updated directory to each vestry member along with the minutes from this vestry meeting.
- 17) The Sr. Warden reported there will be a meeting of the Capital Funds committee on September 21st at 6:30pm. The Sr. Warden also requested the charge card receipts for the purchases made at Lowe's for the barn improvements. There are some items that need to be returned and the receipts will be needed to complete the returns.
- 18) The Sr. Warden suggested the Rector's salary be increased to \$40,000 in the 2011 budget. As a church preparing for a new rector, it is important that we are prepared to pay a real salary, with benefits. The vestry will vote on this issue at the next vestry meeting.
- 19) The Jr. Warden proposed the purchase of a new out-building for Christian Education. Father Paul asked that the Vestry postpone this discussion until the October vestry meeting. Travis stated that he does not want to continue in the role as Jr. Warden, for a third year, if he is reelected to the vestry in October.
- 20) Joan Johnson suggested that people may want to give a memorial to the church in honor of a friend or loved one who has passed away. The church needs stationery and note cards that can be used to acknowledge gifts of this sort. Father Paul will look into some printed stationery and note cards for this purpose.

Katherine Pfohl
Vestry Recorder

I THIRST

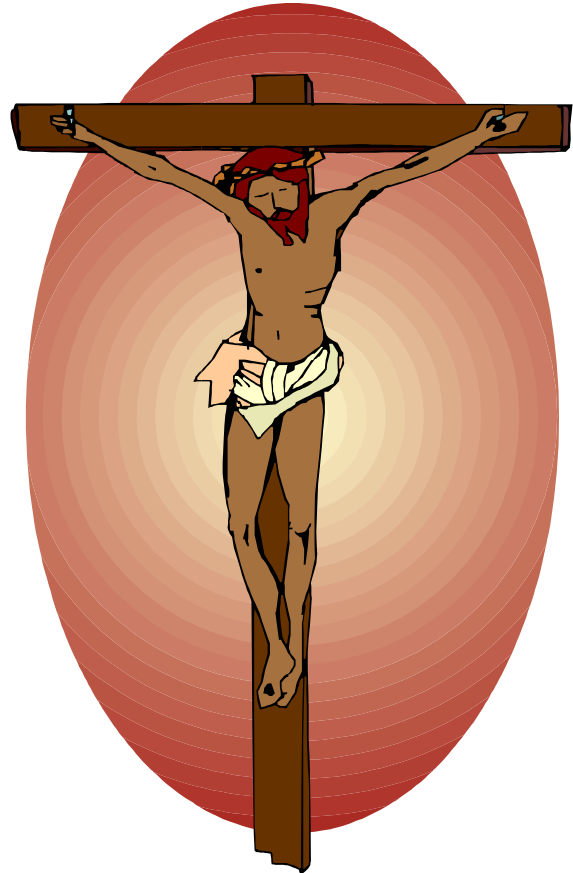
After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the scripture), 'I thirst.' John 19:28

Jesus in the flesh, scourged by Roman soldiers and forced to carry his cross, sweats profusely. It is now hours since his last sip of liquid and he is thirsty. Thus this simple phrase stands on its own in the context of his passion. But there is mystery here.

Why would Jesus choose to identify his thirst as a matter of concern? This holy man, who has sought nothing for himself but given of himself freely throughout his ministry, is depicted as providing his followers with the reassurance of his presence as the Son of the Father.

The Gospel of John recognizes the incongruity that might be attached to Jesus' plaintive cry "I thirst." Thus it is made clear by the inclusion of "to fulfill the Scripture," that Jesus selected these two words in fulfillment of Messianic prophecy, the promise of a coming Messiah, likely contained in Psalm 22:15 - "My strength is dried up like baked clay; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You put me into the dust of death." And Psalm 69:21 - "Instead, they gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."

However, there were other, more dramatic, prophecies Jesus could have chosen. He might have selected Zechariah 12:10 "when they took on the one whom they have pierced they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitter over him, as one weeps over a first born." Had he done so he might have cried out "I am crucified." More drama, less message!



Let us examine the moment. Jesus is the Incarnation of God, the human and the divine in one. He prepares us, in the chapters of John leading up to "I Thirst," for his departure as our teacher in the flesh to fulfill the necessary role of our Divine Savior. This is the key moment of transition, from Jesus of Nazareth, teacher in the flesh, to Jesus Christ, divine member of the Trinity, the truth of which is the foundation of our faith.

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At each mass we affirm “I believe ... in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.” We believe this as a matter of our faith. The transition from flesh to divinity gives us a different perspective on “I thirst.” The spiritual nature of Jesus’ message commands our attention and his final words have the deepest of poignancy.

Just a few chapters before “I thirst,” in John 4:13-14, Jesus says, “Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life.”

Jesus in the flesh relates to the substance of water as a temporal thirst quencher, one that must be replenished on a regular basis. Consider “I thirst” as an indication of the absorption of suffering of the flesh by Jesus for humankind. His final message contains an element of God’s gift to us, his gift of the Son who absorbs suffering on our behalf and who teaches us the paths to salvation; of Jesus who fulfills the messianic prophecy of the scripture using the text that allows a final demonstration of sacrificial love.

But what are we to make of the divine Jesus? Here we address Jesus’ words, the “water I will give him.” It is the divine Jesus

God, and who thirsts for the desire of humankind, to pursue the promise of redemption and salvation. It is this thirst that Jesus is granting us, the thirst to seek those fruits of our faith that lie within our grasp, truly there for the asking. It is this thirst that the divine Jesus will quench with the “well of water springing up within him for eternal life.”

The Rev. Professor Peter Gomes, Senior Minister of Memorial Church at Harvard University preached in a sermon, “Jesus did not die in order to spare us the indignities of the wounded creation. He died that we might see those wounds as our own.” Gomes was referring to the transition of Jesus from flesh to divinity. Jesus’ mission was not to come to us, as God’s son, to cure the ills of this world and then die. He came, as God’s son, to show us how we can endure the indignities to which Gomes refers. He came to share the suffering of his creation, he came to show us examples of redemption and the power of God’s love, he died a brutal death to show his love for us amidst the “wounded creation.” He came to promise us the paths to righteousness, both now and forever.

The next time you recite the Creed, when you start with “I believe,” listen to yourself, focus on what it is that forms our faith, open your hearts to our Lord, Jesus Christ, recognize his divinity, and thirst for his guidance in your lives. Amen

-- *John C. Lang, The Caspersen
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ADULT EDUCATION

Ed Leigh invites you to join him after each service for the Adult Education Class. Ed is teaching about the first 400 years of the Christian Era. Using the book *Caesar and Christ – the Story of Civilization* by Will Durant, Ed lays out the history of the relationship between the Romans and Jews and the very beginnings of the Christian Faith. If you've always wanted to know how the Christian faith began and its very origins, then join Ed in the common room following the Sunday service. You'll find it very interesting!

PARISH CARPENTER

Most people know by now that we have a person in the parish with God-given skills as a master wood worker. Ron Johnson has been using his talents to build things for the church since he volunteered his home to hold the first meeting of what is now Christ the Redeemer Church. In his garage is a fully equipped woodshop in which Ron turns beautiful wooden bowls, builds all types of crosses, furniture and anything else you may need from wood. Ron built the current CtR altar, large crosses on the buildings and most recently several large cabinets, tables and shelves for the new thrift shop. Thank you Ron!



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Good luck to

Our college girls!

Left: Stephanie Leigh

Right: Caroline Pfohl