

ATONEMENT

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON TOBACCO ROAD

ATONEMENT NEWS BRIEFS

Parish Hall Canopy Lost in Storm

On May the 18th an evening thunderstorm collapsed the canopy over the entrance to the parish hall. The youth and parents of the trip to New Beginnings sat in stunned disbelief as cascades of water flowed over the canopy and it came crashing down on the porch. Alice James and Jeremy Wall had just returned from the weekend at Honey Creek with the youth. They and the Kennelly family saw the demise of our canopy. The Church Insurance Company has been contacted to replace the canopy.

THE MISSION VESTRY MINUTES **April 2003**

Father Miller opened with prayer. Minutes of the March meeting were read. Kathy made a motion to accept the minutes. Jeremy seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Kathy made a motion to accept report. John seconded. Motion passed. Pam reported the income is still under, and the pledges are down. Pam reported the Workers Compensation Insurance premiums increased from \$52.00 a year to \$179.00 a year.

Old Business:

We are still looking for new speakers for the church sound system. We have wood that we can use to repair the sign out front. We need to get plastic letters to replace the letters that are on it now.

We will have our semi annual Bar-B-Que on May 3rd.

New Business:

One of the Parishioners reported that he had damaged the walls with his wheelchair and wanted to pay for the repairs. The Mission Vestry decided that he was not responsible for this. Joanne Kennelly asked if the Rosary Group could meet in the church the first Sunday of the month. Mission Vestry approved.

Joanne Kennelly and Soozie Wall brought information about the Angel Food Ministries. Shelley made a motion to include this in our Out Reach Ministries. Jeremy seconded. Motion passed. Jeremy will pressure wash the church porch and sidewalk to get rid of the mildew.

Jr. Warden's Report:

Shelley reported that the repair to the floors and doors in the church would be done as soon as possible. She will have someone look at the doors in the Parish House that need to be repaired. The storage sheds have been painted. The deck has been sealed. The fence for the play area and the privacy fence at the back of the property still need to be put up.

Sr. Warden's Report:

John reported we still need volunteers for the Stewardship Committee. Jeremy said he would help. One lawn mower was repaired. The other one is not repairable. John has a letter from the Bishop asking about Father Miller's vacation.

Vicar's Report:

Father Miller will write a thank you letter to Dr. Polglase for the donation of the organ. He

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requested the Jr. & Sr. Warden sign it also. Father Miller reminded us that the Bishop would be here on April 23rd. We will have a dinner at 5:P.M. The Bishop will meet with the Mission Vestry at 5:30 P.M. and with the Confirmands at 6:P.M. There will be a reception after the confirmation.

Pentecost is June 8th. We will have a camp out at Mistletoe State Park on June 7th & 8th. The service at Atonement will be at 9:A.M. on Pentecost Sunday, and 11:A.M. at Mistletoe State Park.

Information about summer camps is on the table in the Parish House. Father Miller has a video on Living with Money if we want to use it.

John made a motion to adjourn. Robert second. Motion passed. Father Miller closed with prayer.

THE VICAR'S COLUMN

School is out! The summer is here and we can expect all the hot weather is ahead of us. The Summer Camp season will begin as our High Schoolers are off to Camp on June 7th. We have another record breaking 13 campers this year. We have applied to the E.Y.C.S. for scholarships to cover the cost of camp in excess of the deposit. The E.C.W. and the Vestry provided some funds for some of the campers. This summer will again see 12 campers from our church enjoy their time at Honey Creek.

This past month saw our second Celebration of Ministry take place on May 9th. I believe all who came had a great time as we rejoiced in the many ministries at Atonement. Angel Food Ministries will begin this month at Atonement. Soozie Wall is our point of contact with Angel Food.

Several events have been scheduled for the future. The Georgia Boys will be in concert here on June 29th at 2 P.M. We will hold Vacation Bible School with St. Alban's here at Atonement from July 28th to August 1st. There will be a covered dish luncheon after church on August 3rd so that our summer camp attendees can give us some feedback on their camp experience.

The Bishop will visit us on Sunday February 1st in

2004. That means Inquirer's and Confirmation classes will start in September, this year. We will be planning for our Community Festival to coincide with our anniversary and All Saint's celebration.

We will be starting an 8:00 A.M. service this month, June 15th to be exact. It will be Holy Eucharist with Homily and followed by reflection on the lessons.

I have tapes of each Sunday's sermon for sale at \$2.50 each to support our tape ministry. I have a set from Holy Week [Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter]. There is the Easter season set covering the antidotes to the Seven Deadly Sins [Pride-Humility; Anger-Forgiveness; Greed-Generosity; Envy-Love; Gluttony-Temperance; Lust-Purity and Sloth-Diligence].

Please remember in your prayers the following: Nadine Grayson, Lee Patton and her sister Geraldine; Melba Jones; Melinda Etterlee; Farris Etterlee; Bong Hai Kim, Man Sun Miller, Henry Nieves, Rick McKinstry, the Edens family, Leslie Joseph, Egan Goetz, our military deployed to the Middle East [Santha Cortes, Renita Sharpe, Viola Serrant, and Ray Swarmer] and in Korea [Tony Somersall]. Pray for our fellow Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith.

We have a Prayer Team here at Atonement. If you have someone you want the team to pray for please contact either Nadine Grayson or Suzanne Harrow who will notify the Prayer Team. Become a Lighthouse in your neighborhood and keep any others you may know in your prayers. --KDM+

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWS

Sydney to invite Anglican bishops to respond to plans for lay presidency

(Anglican Media Sydney) News stories that have appeared with suggestions that the Diocese of Sydney is about to commence the practice of lay and diaconal presidency are incorrect.

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A committee report will be debated at the June meeting of the diocesan Standing Committee. The report contains the suggestion that a process of consultation with the bishops of the Anglican Communion be set in train later this year before the matter is fully debated by the Sydney Synod in October 2004.

The committee was set up by an October 2001 Synod resolution that requested an investigation as to whether there was a legal option for commencing the practice of lay and diaconal presidency in the Diocese of Sydney.

The Sydney Synod has been debating lay presidency (called in Sydney 'lay administration') since 1977, and there is now a strong commitment based on biblical and theological reasoning for the practice to be introduced into the ministry of the diocese. Yet it is also realized that this would become a matter of strong debate within the Anglican Communion, and the Synod committee has appropriately recommended this process of careful consultation.

The recommendations of the committee are that the report and draft legislation be sent to the 2003 Synod and also that the Synod should request Archbishop Peter Jensen "to write to the bishops of the Anglican Communion explaining the intention of the Synod to consider the bill at its 2004 session, and inviting comments to be forwarded to him by 1 June 2004."

The suggestion is also that Jensen arrange for a report to be prepared on the responses that are received for the Synod session in October 2004.

"Clearly a firm intention to consult with the Episcopal leadership of the entire Anglican Communion is central to the planned process for the Sydney Synod," said Bishop Glenn Davies of North Sydney, the committee chairman.

Two Sydney Doctrine Commission Reports on Lay Administration may be found at http://www.anglicanmedia.com.au/old/doc/layanddiaconal_1998.html and http://www.anglicanmedia.com.au/old/doc/layanddiaconal_1995.html.

Preparing for General Convention

[Continued From Last Month]



The 74th General Convention of the Episcopal Church meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota will call the Church to "Engage God's Mission". The Convention gathers to seek the ways and means to implement the Mission of our Church and to consider the policies that will guide our actions in the future.

To further explain what the theme *Engage God's Mission* is about, the organizers have put forth four additional words that suggest aspects of this Engaging work: Receive, Repent, Reconcile and Restore.

RECEIVE

Because God's grace precedes anything we can do, people who would engage God's mission must first receive his love and acceptance through Christ. That act of receiving then becomes the basis for our receiving each other, first as brothers and sisters in the church, the Body of Christ, and also of receiving and welcoming those who do not yet know God's grace. The attitude of being receptive - to God's call, direction, will and knowledge - opens us to the fullness of God's mission in all of its diversity and richness.

REPENT

To repent is to allow God's grace to reach us and to speak to us in our places of guilt and fear. It is the act of choosing to turn away from ways and attitudes that inhibit God's grace, and to open ourselves to his light and truth. Nor can we understand and embrace the true missional spirit of Jesus reaching out in love so long as we harbor a lack of forgiveness. Repenting of our hardness of heart allows us to see others with eyes of compassion and to reach out in love toward them.

RECONCILE

Central in the New Testament and the Book of Common Prayer is the idea that all things should be reconciled to God and to each other. To engage God's mission is to proclaim the

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reconciling gospel of Christ, to point people to the reconciling cross of Christ and to invite people to the reconciling work of the church of Christ. Once we know that the essence of our work of mission is essentially a work of reconciliation, we can approach people, not with the burden of persuading them to a point of view, but with the joy of showing them a better way, a way of reconciliation and truth.

RESTORE

Restoration is Reconciliation at home, at last. To restore is the act of having our relationships and our lives once again in the place God intends. Not only are we restored to the God who created us and to his will and way, but to our own best self. If there is a “going out” impulse in mission, restoration teaches us that there is also a time to “come back in” to the unity of God in Christ and each other.

The House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church is comprised of four lay and four clergy persons elected by each of the 108 Dioceses. Alternate deputies are also elected and attend the General Convention.

During the triennial meeting of the General Convention deputies meet for 10 legislative days and consider a wide range of matters important to the ongoing life of the Church.

The following are the Deputies and Alternates from the Diocese of Georgia with their e-mail addresses:

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On the Horizon

- Jun 1st: E.C.W. Meeting – After church.
- Jun 1st: Healing Service – 5 PM Jun
- 1st: EYC Meeting – 6 PM
- Jun 4th: Service and Bible Study- 7 PM Jun
- 7th High School Camp –Honey Creek
- Jun 8th Pentecost Service – 9 AM
- Jun 8th Pentecost Picnic Service-11: 30 AM
- Jun 14th Workday- 8:00 AM
- Jun 15th: Vestry Meeting-After Church Jun
- 29th Georgia Boys Concert-2 PM

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