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## WE JOIN FOR ONE SERVICE 9:00 AM THRU SEPTEMBER

- July 1-3 **CROAKER FEST**
- July 3 **Community Worship @ Lou Mac**
- July 13 **RIB NITE**
- July 23 Mid Summer Vestry Work Day
- July 29-31 Rotary Tarpon Tournament
- Aug 8-12 **Vacation Bible School**
- Aug 11 ECW Game Day
- Aug 19 **Moorings articles due for September**





**JULY/AUGUST 2011**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**August 8—12**

**6:00 P.M. Supper**

**6:30-8:30 program**

**The Moorings**



**We're a go!!!**

***Volunteers Still Needed***

**Call Laura Agnostak**

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## *The Moorings*

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## WITHOUT A DOUBT

### Walking with Jesus

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Son: Dad, can I borrow the car?

Dad: You need a haircut.

Son: Jesus had long hair.

Dad: Jesus walked everywhere he went.

Ok, so this joke is out of the '70's. Actually my dad never hassled me much about my hair. My best friend's dad used to snatch me off the porch and say, "Get in here, I don't want the neighbors seeing you standing on my stoop. Let me get you in the field for one summer's day cutting suckers off tobacco and you'll have that hair off in a minute."

Well, I cut grass most days every summer and didn't cut the hair until I left for Annapolis. (I should have just let them cut it since they did anyway.)

But, the walking part.

More nostalgia. I remember the first mono transistor radios. Standing at the bus stop in the 5th grade with an earplug. I was beginning my music all the time addiction. Later it was stereo radio, then portable reel-to-reel tape, cassettes: portable and auto (I skipped 8 track), and now CD's and iPods. Music has been joined by audiobooks.

Jesus walked everywhere.

The Gospels record that Jesus often went aside from the crowds and disciples to pray. We have the content of some of



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these prayers so he couldn't have been too far from someone. (Did Jesus move his lips when he prayed by himself?) He also spent quite a bit of time on the road, walking. I'm sure there were discussions between him and the disciples and the rest of the presumed entourage that went with him. But I suspect there was a lot of time just for quiet thought. There were no white iPod earphones hanging over Jesus' seamless tunic.

Recently one of our parishioners recounted a first visit to the beach. Having only seen the pictures or movies or poetic accounts of the stillness and refreshment of the beach, the roar of wave and wind was startling. But, being there, the beach doesn't require your attention. It simply envelops you and leaves you to yourself.

With all the calls for attending to a summer listening or reading list, I'd like to interrupt with a call to contemplation and prayer. My grandmother might say I was preaching to myself. Perhaps, but I can't help but feel that the time on the road walking was essential to Jesus, the guy from Nazareth, in confirming with himself and God that his mission was his mission. Likewise the disciples needed time to mull over Jesus' message and their part in it. Not to mention figuring out Jesus' parables. (Was he talking about me?)

You'll notice this Moorings is a thin one even though it covers two months. Check out the calendar and you'll see that it doesn't mean we're not busy at St. Thomas. It is the summer, and amidst a general slow-down and time for a deep breath, I hope we can not look for things to fill the silence. This is easy for some of us, difficult for others and me.

I'd suggest for all of us to emulate Jesus. Intentional personal retreats are fine. My suggestion is more of the everyday opportunity. Our traveling from place to place need not be filled with additional public radio, music, or books. Walk (or ride) with Jesus on the road to Galilee or the post office. Sit at the shore or in the forest with no Kindle. Have an ongoing spiritual conversation with God. Perhaps you'll discover if the parable was talking about you.

God's Peace,

Fr. Jeremiah<sup>†</sup>



## SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

### *Giving is not a tax—more a way of life*

Such is the way of God's dealing with us. Liberality and release in giving is the way of God's people. In such direction lies revival of heart and renewal of the church.

So we might conclude that Christian giving is not simply a matter of paying dues, or a tiresome business of providing a church tax. It is a statement of faith. It is "yes" to mission. It is a way of life. If there is any meaningful faith in Jesus Christ there will be no resentment to call for Christian giving in a regular, generous-heart way but rather a rejoicing in what can be an exodus from bondage to freedom.

In a more Gospel form we might say that if "God so loved the world that he gave his only son", than nothing can be too great for us to give—and certainly not too great when that giving is simply a returning to a giving God that which belong to God already for the work of healing, caring, compassion, saving ministry to take place.

Many churches plan their budgets from year to year on good faith, but God also needs *your* help to revive *your* heart and renew *our* church.

Thank you for your Christian giving and generosity as a way of life.

Dick AhKao  
Sr. Warden

## JUNIOR WARDEN'S WATCH



Well Croakerfest is behind us and the next event is Rib Night on the 13th of July at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. The sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall (on easel).

Next is Vacation Bible School and I am enlisting all the volunteers I can to help paint the interior of the Greenhouse and make it more presentable for our attendees. The good news is that we don't have to be finished until Monday the 8th of August. I propose to paint the interior walls and ceiling during the day on Thursdays, during the next several weeks, if anyone wants to help paint call me at 249 3960. We will also endeavor to refinish the three pews that currently reside in the Green House and put them in the columbarium walkway adjacent to the existing pew that Camilla refinished last year. We will then be able to retire the rickety outdoor furniture that currently resides there.

I am looking for a fairly large chest type freezer to replace the refrigerator freezer in the Green House utility room which is no longer serviceable. If anyone knows of one that some one would like to donate, please let me know.

Your vestry has other opportunities to help fix up the church proper, but I don't intend to attack them until the fall, so if you can't help at the Green House all is not lost.

Peace  
Jim

Christopher Grayson  
Christopher Day  
Shirley Traynor  
Linda Knowles  
Nancy Inger

Eugene Seward  
Ron Diamond  
Kathy Bates  
Helen Hagy &  
Rich Gahan



# CALENDARS

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## OUR LIVES TOGETHER EVERY WEEK

RED - CHURCH  
 BLUE - PARISH HALL  
 GREEN - GREEN HOUSE  
 BLACK - OTHER LOCATION

Holy Eucharist	Sunday	9:00a
AA Group	Sunday	8:00p
Rector & Warden's Meeting	Monday	4:00p
Cursillo Reunion Group	Monday	5:30p
Cursillo Reunion @ Brantley's	Tuesday	8:00a
Men's Bible Study "Book of Acts"	Tuesday	9:00a
Alanon	Tuesday	8:00p
Healing & Holy Eucharist	Wednesday	Noon
Prayer Group-Call for location	Wednesday	1:30p
Pot Luck Supper	Wednesday	6:15p
Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00p



Greeters	Bill & Dee Sage
Ushers	Chase & Christine Braswell
Altar Guild	Marge Dales & Charlotte Schenck

Friday	1	
Saturday	2	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9:00a</b>
		<b>Hostesses</b>
		10:30a
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9:00a</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Hostesses</b>
		11:30a
Tuesday	12	7:00p
Wednesday	13	10:00a
		1:30p
		6:00 p
Saturday	16	8:00a
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9:00a</b>
		<b>Hostesses</b>
Wednesday	20	10:30a
Saturday	23	

**Croaker Festival**  
**Croaker Festival**  
**3 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
 (L) C. McAdoo; (C) E. Creel & G. Evans  
 Ginger Howe & Anne Parker  
**Community Worship @ Lou Mac Park**  
**OFFICE CLOSED - INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**4 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
 (L) B. Sage; (C) E. Finta & J. Bond  
 liz Smith & Wally Umbach  
 Christian Formation  
 Vestry Meeting  
 Outreach Committee  
 Worship & Music Committee  
**RIB NIGHT**  
 Men's Breakfast  
**5 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
 (L) J. Berry; (C) G. Robinson & W. Seward  
 Angi Diamond & Jackie Wall  
 Pastoral Care Committee  
 Mid Summer Saturday (Vestry work day)

**Sunday 24**

**9:00a**  
**Hostesses**  
 Tuesday 26 7:00p  
 Wednesday 27 4:00p  
 Friday 29-31

**6 Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II**

(L) K. Bates; (C) M. Dales & D. Dunford  
 Joan Ulvog & Judy Wickersham  
[Evangelism Committee](#)  
[ECW Board Meeting](#)

**ROTARY TARPON TOURNAMENT**

**Sunday 31**

**9:00a**  
**Hostesses**

**7 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
 (L) G. Schenck; (C) E. Finta & E. Creel  
 Catherine Feldman & Sandy Holde



Greeters MaryAnne & Ross Kingsley  
 Ushers Ed Bliss & Chuck Bonner  
 Altar Guild Jane Bliss & Ellie Finta

**Sunday 7**

**9:00a**  
 Hostesses  
**Monday 8-12 6:00p**  
**6:30p**  
 Tuesday 9 11:30a  
 Wednesday 10 10:00a  
 1:30p  
 Thursday 11 1:00p

**8 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**

(L) C. Bliss; (C) J. Bond & G. Evans  
 Caroline Bliss & Fonrose Rice  
**Vacation Bible School Supper\*\***  
**Vacation Bible School Program \*\***  
[Christian Formation](#)  
[Outreach Committee](#)  
[Worship & Music Committee](#)  
 ECW Game Day

**Sunday 14**

**9:00a**  
**Hostesses**  
 Tuesday 16 7:00p  
 Wednesday 17 10:30a  
 Friday 19  
 Saturday 20 8:00a

**9 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**

(L) J. Berry; (C) W. Seward & E. Creel  
 Michelle Bonner & Carol McAdoo  
 Vestry Meeting (Note date change-ed.)  
[Pastoral Care Committee](#)

**MOORINGS ARTICLES DUE (SEPT)**

**Sunday 21**

**9:00a**  
**Hostesses**  
 Tuesday 23 7:00p  
 Wednesday 24 4:00p

**10 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**

(L) C. McAdoo; (C) G. Robinson & M. Dales  
 Catherine Feldman & Marian Day  
[Evangelism Committee](#)  
[ECW Board Meeting](#)

**Sunday 28**

**9:00a**  
**Hostesses**

**11 Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite II**

(L) B. Sage; (C) J. Bond & G. Evans  
 Susan King & Chris Braswell

# EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

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## MANY THANKS

The two kitchens have been cleaned and organized. We THANK everyone who came in to do this. Rolayne, Wally, Carol, Judy W. Sue W. and Susan K. We appreciate your work!

## POOL PARTY

And again ECW plans a POOL PARTY. Thursday July 21st 11 A. M. at the home of Jean and Dick Ah Kao, 6105 Horton Road. We'll have a short business meeting and then a light LUNCH together. Bring your favorite salad to share, and remember there'll be no glass used in the pool area. Come and enjoy the pool and fellowship.



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH - BINGO!!

Starting in August, along with the Methodist Church, we will hold a social get-together in the community room, 300 High Street, where Jane Sharpe has an apartment. Once a month on the **2nd Thursday** there will be an activity, either games, music or just fellowship. This is a chance to associate with friends and share an afternoon with light refreshments. The get-together will run **from 1 PM until 3 PM.**



This monthly event will be limited to 12 people, so sign up in the Parish Hall if you are interested in attending.

This is convenient for walking to, riding your bike or driving. If you have any questions, contact Ginnie Goodwin, 249-3584 or Joan Gracie, 249-1958.

## CHOIR NOTES



*St. Thomas Choir is on vacation. If you are interested in joining the choir next September, please contact Dee Sage at 249-3120 or [dee@sagelaw.net](mailto:dee@sagelaw.net).*

*Have a wonderful summer!*

*Peace— Dee Sage*

## BUG UPDATE

Thank you all for the “sighting” reports. Our contractor reports that it is a “slow kill” compound so we may be seeing a few adults as well as baby bugs for the next few weeks.

Please continue to notify the Office if you see any bug activity.

Thank you.



## ALTAR GUILD

Summer is here...indeed it is! We should plan to relax and enjoy it! Welcome “long green season”.

Marge Dales and Charlotte Schenck will prepare God’s altar for worship during July.

Jane Bliss and Ellie Finta will prepare His altar for worship in August.



We will be looking at fall when next we prepare something for the Moorings. Enjoy summer!

Altar Guild

God’s peace,  
Marian and Mary Beth