



The In Touch

Volume 50, Issue 11

Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation

Ramblings from the Bishop.....



Photo Credit: Eric George

Fostering Our Best Selves

Dear Friends,

"You know what it is? This place fosters our best selves."

Ever since a good friend shared this wisdom, I have been reflecting not only on what the manifestation of my best self is, but also on what the dynamics are that encourage my best self.

In my experience, although it might not always be articulated as "best self," there is often a cultural assumption that our faith communities are the kinds of places that foster and encourage folks to live into their best selves. What I have observed, is that this happens when every person and perspective is respected. This is reflected when fully engaging our Baptismal Covenant to "respect the dignity of every human being." It also happens when people are encouraged and given space to discover their gifts and passions. Subsequently, opportunities are provided to grow and sharpen said gifts. Finally, people feel fully empowered to use their gifts with others, some in the faith community, but most in the larger community. When the synchronicity of all of this comes together, not only do individuals' best selves emerge, but the community emerges healthier as well.

Conversely, when people do not feel valued, their opinions do not matter and they do not feel respected. Individuals' best selves do not come forth. Folks do not feel encouraged and supported to discover, develop, and share their gifts. Consequently, we not only experience a mere fraction of what a person could be, but we are not creating space for all to live into the fullness God is calling them to be. And unfortunately, our faith communities end up being far from as fruitful as they could be.

All things are possible with God when we, our best selves, have a place to grow and flourish!

Blessings,



+Brian

Holy Eucharist with the Installation of The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry as XXVII Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church



Bishop Curry

Holy Eucharist with the Installation of The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry as XXVII Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church

Tickets required; ALL TICKETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE

The Union of Black Episcopalians will host a Vigil Celebration for Bishop Curry's installation at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the D.C. Armory (Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, presiding; Bishop Curry, celebrating; and the Rev. Canon Dr. Sandye Wilson, preaching), and a overflow live-streaming on Nov. 1 at 12 p.m. at the D.C. Armory.

About the Right Rev. Michael Curry

Michael Bruce Curry was elected and confirmed as the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church at the 78th General Convention in Salt Lake City on June 27, 2015. He was previously elected as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina on February 11, 2000. He was consecrated on June 17, 2000, in Duke Chapel on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.



Happy Birthday

- 11/3 ~ Jennie Coran
11/11 ~ Cori Davison (daughter in law
Gary & Carolyn)
11/14 ~ Joy Frank
11/17 ~ Tyler Downs (grandson Melanie)
11/20 ~ Samuel Schlieff (son of Brent &
Lisa, grandson of George)
11/26 ~ Linnaea Crossley Yount
11/27 ~ Taylor Wright (daughter of Alan &
Kate, granddaughter of Andy & Georgeann)



- 11/22 ~ Brittany Klatt (Corrin)
11/22 ~ Rocky Strand
11/22 ~ Donna Strand



- 11/28 ~ Bill & Jeanne Corrin



Let your **roots** go down into Christ, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and **you will overflow with thankfulness.**

Colossians 2:7



Nov 2015 Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
1 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am All Saints Day	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
8 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 24 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Carol Johnson	Flossie Knutson Carol Johnson
15 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 25 th Sunday after Pentecost	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard
22 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Christ The King Sunday	Rev. Lynn Naeckel Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Melanie	Melanie Georgeann Wright	Gary & Carolyn Davison
29 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 1 st Sunday in Advent	Rev. Samantha Crossley Deacon: Lee Grim	Lee	Jeanne Corrin Ragna Godtland	Donna Day Karen Walls



November 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6	7 Altar Guild Carolyn Helen
8 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	9 <i>Ruby's Pantry Register 4:30 Dist. 5-6:30</i>	10 9:30am Coffee Landing  Team meeting 6pm	11  ★ Veterans Day ★	12	13	14 Altar Guild Carolyn Helen
15 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Vestry 11:30am	16	17	18 Messy Church 5-7 pm	19	20	21 Altar Guild Tricia
22 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	23	24 Newsletter Deadline	25	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27	28 Altar Guild Tricia
29 Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	30					Altar Guild Georgeann Donna

