



The Mustard Seed

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Letter From the Rector

It's All Underway Again

The school bus pulled away from the curb yesterday for the first time this fall, with the slowly moving flash of yellow and black FALL has officially begun. I remember these days from my time at schools. The students gather in hallways comparing notes about their summer adventures and trials, the volume rises as they share their excitement about new opportunities, the compassion and understanding flows as they share their anxiety because those new opportunities hold a lot of unknowns. It's not that different for us here at St. Bart's. We're in a flurry, planning our fall together, and I'll admit to both excitement and a little anxiety about some of the new adventures ahead of us.

First, catching up from the summer

We had a good time in Sewanee, my brain was stuffed full on a very rich diet of Old Testament Prophets, Preaching for the 21st Century, and Emerging Church. I sent in my last paper for my summer coursework yesterday amid family rejoicing in the middle of the living room. We're all in this together! We want to thank all of you who have been concerned about Ken's recovery from an inner ear infection which has damaged his hearing and balance. He is getting much better as he and his physical therapist work to retrain his brain to allow him to return to his normal functioning self. While that illness drastically changed our summer plans, the girls did a remarkable job readjusting their expectations for this summer and have been amazing. We did manage to take a weekend in Boston as our summer vacation, not what we had planned originally but really great time as a family none-the-less. Channing is now lording over the middle school as the sole Pooley in residence, and Mackenzie is finding her way through the halls of the high school. Growth and change and new challenges abound.

Introducing people, groups and gathering opportunities

People: While it's my intent to make formal and more in depth introductions, I want to let you know that Heather Blais will be joining us this year as she does her Mentored Practice toward the ordained Priesthood with our parish. Heather is a student at Bangor Theological Seminary and we are her practicum site for the next two semesters. Heather brings a great number of gifts to our community and I'm excited about our working together with her as she both learns and teaches during her time with us. You will see Heather here at St. Bart's in the next few weeks, and our October Mustard Seed will give her an opportunity to introduce herself and her family properly.

As you probably already know, our very own Mary Lou Chin is an ordained deacon in the Episcopal church; she has assisted us in the past as it has been appropriate. In the coming month or so, we hope to make that relationship official; Mary Lou and I are working with the Diocese to make that happen.

Closing the Circle

by Wendell Berry

Within the circle of our lives
we dance the circle of the years,
the circles of the seasons
within the circles of the years,
the cycles of the moon
within the circles of the season,
the circles of our reasons
within the cycles of the moon.
Again, again we come and go,
changed, changing. Hands
join, un-join in love and fear,
grief and joy. The circles turn,
each giving into each, into all.
Only music keeps us here,
each by all the others held.
In the hold of hands and eyes
we turn in pairs, that joining
joining each to all again.
And then we turn aside, alone,
out of the sunlight gone
into the darker circles of return.

Schedule of Services & Events

Sunday, Sept. 5: Pentecost 15

Holy Eucharist 9 am

Sunday, Sept. 12: Pentecost 16

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES:

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am
w Healing; Sunday School resumes

Sunday, Sept. 19: Creation Season

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am
-Charette Follow-up after 10am

Sunday, Sept. 26: Creation II

Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 am
-Fourth Sunday Service 10 am
-Parish Picnic after 10 am
-Youth Groups' 1st Meeting 4-5:30

Mary Lou is going on the site visit to Dony, Haiti with Karin Draper this month, and will tell us more about that experience on October 10th. Please keep Mary Lou and Karin in your prayers while they are traveling and visiting our brothers and sisters in Haiti (Sept 13-Sept 21), and join me in welcoming Mary Lou as our deacon in October.

Groups: It's time for us to begin another two year rotation in our youth group programs, there's always some questions about who is eligible for youth group. The J2A program is a continuation of the group who just completed R-13, with room for others to join at this point. This year's J2A is for students who are in 8th or 9th grade. R-13 is the younger youth group, this year eligible students are those in grades 6 and 7. This is the open enrollment period for both groups – once things get underway and the groups have formed, there will no longer be the opportunity to join in at a later date. So if you know youth who are contemplating jumping in, the time is NOW. The first youth group meetings will be on Sept. 26th, from 4-5:30.

Gatherings: Fourth Sundays will be a new worship experience for all of us at the 10am service. We will gather as a community for an all ages, all included Eucharist which will allow our children to worship with us and us to experience worship in a more open, less formal format. It's a work in progress and will be as we move forward. So many of our youth have expressed an interest in getting involved in our worship that we are opening a Sunday a month so that we can include everyone. In the spirit of everyone just join in, Jonathan will lead us through music that is accessible to all ages. Join us as we gather around the piano to sing together and around the table to give thanks and break bread together every Fourth Sunday.

Adult Forum/Education: There's a move afoot to get ourselves going on Adult Education beginning in October. Lots of ideas are whizzing around, and there's a great deal of energy around this. If you would like to add your two cents to the conversation, planning, brainstorming, please jump in by emailing (or calling) me to let me know your thoughts, concerns, dreams, and hopes. This, too, will be a work in progress, feedback welcome as we find our way.

Keeping Track of it All:

Let the adventures begin again here at St. Bart's. We have a busy September before us as a parish family. Here's what's coming:

- On **Sept. 12th** Sunday school begins as we move to two services, at 8am and 10am.
- We will begin Creation Season on **Sept. 19th**. After the 10am service we will gather to we marvel at the work of the building committee and Scott Simons, and ask questions, during the Charette Follow Up. You don't want to miss this!
- On **September 26th** we will enjoy our first fall Parish Picnic after the 10am service. This is our chance to visit, ("It's really great to see you, how was your summer?") and to feast together. Our **Youth Groups** will meet 4-5:30 as the beginning of their year together.

And looking ahead –

- **October 3rd** is Marathon Sunday (!) and St. Francis Day.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Knitting & Tea 3-4:30 pm AA 7:30 pm	3	4
5 Holy Eucharist 9:00 am	5 Office closed	7 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am	8 Angela off Tues. & Wed.	9 Pastoral Care Comm. 12 Noon AA 7:30 pm	10	11
12 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am w/healing; Sunday school begins	13 Office closed	14 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am VESTRY 6:45 pm	15 Choir rehearsal resumes- 6 pm Supper 7-9 pm Rehearsal	16 Knitting & Tea 3-4:30 pm AA 7:30 pm	17	18 Playback Theater performance 7 pm
19 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am Charette follow-up after 10 am service	20 Office closed	21 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am Ladies Lunch- 12 pm at the Down East Restaurant Cancer Support 7pm	22 Choir-6 pm Supper 7-9 pm Rehearsal	23 MS Deadline AA 7:30 pm	24	25
26 Holy Eucharist 8 am & 10 am <u>Fourth Sunday Service</u> at 10 am Parish Picnic 11:15am Youth Groups BEGIN 4-5:30 pm	27 Office closed Book Group 7-8:30 pm in YDC space Alzheimer's Support 7:30 pm	28 Men's group- Royal Bean 7:30am	29 Angela off Choir-6 pm Supper 7-9 pm Rehearsal	30 AA 7:30 pm		