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AUGUST 2025

Extraordinary Ordinary Time

In the church, we have many unusual designations for words we believe ought to be familiar but turn out to be far more complicated or surprising. Ordinary, which most sensible people think of as commonplace, turns out to be a specific type of mass, or a diocesan bishop (the “Canon to the Ordinary” is the chief counsel to the bishop); it is even a term for a cleric (in bygone days) who was responsible for preparing prisoners about to be executed (we don’t do that anymore).

But when we speak about time, specifically about the Sundays following Pentecost, the church tends to refer to those days as falling in “ordinary time”; they do not belong to a specific “cycle” within the church year –Lent/Easter or Advent/Christmas/ Epiphany-- that have a particular orientation or theme. Although it appears at different points from year-to-year, depending on the when we celebrate Easter, the beginning of ordinary time usually coincides with vacations, get- togethers, plans we make to be away and recharge, see old friends, etc. It’s a welcome time for many of us who have jobs that are especially stressful or demanding, where burn-out is an ever-present danger; in all of these ways, it is helpful and healthy, providing an opportunity for rejuvenating, even life-saving rest.



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☛ Already time to be thinking about going back to school. And that means it’s time to think about Sunday School. Yes, it starts September 7. There’s something for everyone, kindergarten through grade six. Students will leave church just before the first reading and return in time for communion. Questions? Contact Joyce Austin, 240 298-9112, churchschool64@gmail.com.

☛ Another rite of autumn, the Silent Auction, is set for November 1. If you have items you think might shine, let Louise know. Cindy Kilcoyne will be organizing the bak sale side. More information as the time gets closer.

☛ The Thrift Shop is thriving, and very busy. If you’d like to help sort (and be among the first to see what’s on offer), get in touch with Louise Snell (lkshollywood@gmail.com).

☛ We really should devise a medal for members of the Holy Mowers crew who are injured in action. This month it’s ground bees, and Robert Willey and Bill Riddell who were attacked. Who knew cutting grass was so dangerous?

The challenge in ordinary time, however, is the chance to see the extraordinary in the everyday, when things move at a slower pace, slow enough for us to be aware of things that would be obscured by meetings and deadlines in our high-octane world. It is may be clearest in the encounters we have at the sites where our outreach activities happen, but it is just as important in the fellowship we cultivate at St. Andrew's. There is nothing "ordinary" about the lives we lead, and this time of year is ideal for meeting others and developing relationships with the unfamiliar faces we see during these months.

Behind this idea of seeking the exceptional in the ordinary is that all time is sacred with God, that those who formed the church calendar, provided prayer forms for each part of our day, recognizing that time is a gift which has to be acknowledged and appreciated.

But the holiness of time is not something that needs prescribed devotions. It involves offering thanks for the very moment we experience, knowing that it is the only moment like it, and gives us the opportunity to live in gratitude for all the moments we experience. It is the time which the poet Philip Jebb describes:

This is the time of fulfillment and completion.
It has a beauty of its own:
Perfect symbol of your providence.
We rejoice in the fruits you give us
In your loving generosity.

May we all rejoice in the generosity of this ordinary, exceptional time.

Mark +



Once Again—Breaking Bread Together

Okay, we mentioned foyer groups last month, but there's still time to get involved

Foyer groups ideally consist of four families who gather once a month for fellowship. Each group has families from each service. The group decides where and when to meet. They usually rotate among each other's home. The host family supplies the main course. Appetizers, sides and dessert are provided by the three other members of the group. Or, the group may decided to meet out with the location or restaurant being decided by the group.

Groups would run for four months beginning in September. After one rotation, new groups could be formed if parishioners would like to continue.

What we need to know now is how many families might want to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall. Please consider joining.

Questions? Robert Abell, 703 475-5879,
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Paying Attention

... being attentive to the times of the day: when the birds began to sing, and the deer came out of the morning fog, and the sun came up. The reason why we don't take time is the feeling that we have to keep moving. This is a real sickness. We live in the fullness of time. Every moment is God's own good time, His kairos. The whole thing boils down to giving ourselves in prayer a chance to realize we have what we seek. We don't have to rush after it. It was there all the time, and if we give it time, it will make itself known to us.

~~Thomas Merton

I was thinking of these words of Merton, realizing how quickly the summer is passing and how all of us, in the church and in our daily lives, are anticipating the return, in earnest, to the work of the fall. We do not need to be told that time is sacred: the church marks it through the observance of the lectionary, daily through the celebration of the offices, and hourly through the prayers of the faithful. We have been reminded through vacations and visits with loved ones how deeply important time is, that all relationships we have are imbued with our understanding of the brevity of our lives and our time with each other.

Merton's reminder that all time is *kairotic* time, God's time, is revealing as we make our final trips and plans for the summer before the beginning of the program year. His reflection specifically refers to prayer, but it includes the gift of time that we give to the church and its programs.

Starting in the new year, we have an opportunity to offer ourselves and our time to many activities at St. Andrew's, from education to outreach to liturgical ministries. Our children will be starting a new year in Sunday School; we hope to expand our educational and spiritual offerings to adults. A Blessing of the Backpacks is coming up, and opportunities to develop relationships with faithful folks like those from Beth Israel synagogue. My hope is that we will be able to prayerfully consider how to give ourselves and our time in the new year to the spiritually nourishing work that we are offering, for the good of the Church, the parish and our souls.

Mark+

The Junior Warden Has a Mystery and a Warning

Greetings, I truly hope your summer has been productive.

Might you be able to solve the mystery surrounding the odd-shaped partial excavation of grass on church property along St. Andrews Church Road? SMECO denies culpability, but it seems a likely spot for the proposed new pole to be installed within the next month. When it goes in it will provide power to illuminate the church sign and the flagpole.



We are grateful to Holy Mowers Bill Riddell and Robert Willey for taking one for the congregation. Each has been stung while maintaining the church's lawn. Efforts are underway to prevent further attacks. In the meantime, be careful. And here are pictures of entry points for some of the ground bees.

The start date for work on the church eaves and gables should be set soon. Scaffolding will be going up during the repairs and maintenance but access to the church will remain unrestricted.

We need information for the last of the window memorials. I hope to finalize donor wording and have everything in place soon. Please see Mary Maker or me if you haven't already been contacted.

Peter



We Have a New Sign!

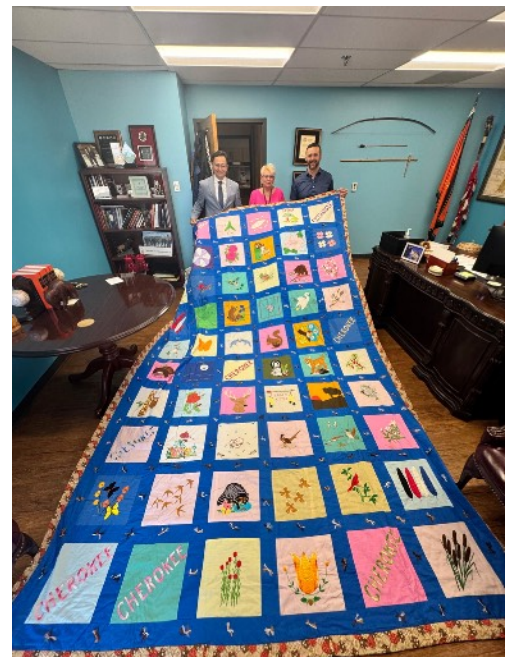
Photograph by Amanda Anisko



The Quilt Has a New Home

The beautiful Cherokee quilt has found its home with the Cherokee Nation in the northeastern corner of Oklahoma. Londa Cox, administrative assistant to Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, says they are excited to have it and are preparing it for display in their museum.

She promised to be in touch with Mary Hansen as they research its meaning, and the animals and words it bears. As well, she sent along a picture of herself, Chief Hoskins and Deputy Secretary of State Canaan Duncan.



Photographs by Joyce Austin and Polly Hansen







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"It takes a lot of faith and is often pretty scary to believe in a persuasive love as the most powerful force in reality."

But love is 'the only hope we are finally left with.'"

~Warren Copeland, Mayor of Columbus, Ohio, 1998-2023

August 3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-1 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 *or*

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-11

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Maker

Altar duty: Lynn Duff and Margaret Hallau

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Nancy Edwards Lector: Ginni Stein

Coffee hour: Ethan Chan, Linda and Jerry Himmelheber

August 10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 *or*

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Larson

Altar duty: Susan Bennett and Lynn Duff

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Mary Maker Lector: Joie Samuelson

Coffee hour: Kristy and Anthony Munro-Perry
and Linda Elpp

August 17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 *or*

Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Larson

Altar duty: Kim Stickney and Mary Hansen

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Dee McRae Lector: Margaret Hallau

Coffee hour: potluck

August 24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 *or*

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Maker

Altar duty: Mary Maker and Michael Dyson

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Susan Bennett Lector: Robert Abell

Coffee Hour: Moran family

August 31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *or*

Sirach 10:12-18 *or* Proverbs 25:6-7

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Maker

Altar duty: Mary Maker

10:30 a.m.

Verger: Kim Stickney Lector: Ginni Stein

Coffee Hour: potluck

Please Hold in Your Prayers

The Aldridge family, Pam Baake, Jan Barnes, Melanie Baisley, Eunice Benson, Elizabeth Biddle [Pumphrey], Grace Billingsley, the Blackwell family, the Boyer Family, Caroline Bradford, Carol Brimm, Pete and Nancy Brown, Christine Butler, Kelly, Susan Carroll, Art Carson, Donna Carter, Donnie Carter, Judy Cavin, Jennifer Ceriala, Judy Consoli, Lanette Cowles, Laine Dogget, Judi Donnelly, Billy Doughty, Phyllis Doughty, Ruby Dyson, Karol Dyson, Linda Epp, Dean G., Brian Gardner, Gloria Gehrig, Susan Geary, Alexi Greene, Mary Hansen and the Hansen family, Ryker Hurst, Greta, Terrie Leonard, Thomas Leonard, Elinor Mattingly, Dee McRae, Artie Miller, Betty Lou Nagel, Bernice Nunes, Kenda Parker, Kyle Patrick, Dan Quinn, Jane Roderick, Rusty Robinson, the Rotzinger family, Kelly, Bob Sisson, Jonathan Tanner, Taylor, Tegan, Isabella Tenczar, Charlene Townsend, Paula Wayland, Angelica Wilkinson, Stuart A. Wood, first responders, and all who serve in the military and their families.

If you can't make it to church Sunday, join can join us by way of ZOOM.

Here's what you need to connect:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82236313643?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82236313643?pwd=gYrhpbImkUfIX1DZtuntfnUnaHgJ6.1)

[pwd=gYrhpbImkUfIX1DZtuntfnUnaHgJ6.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82236313643?pwd=gYrhpbImkUfIX1DZtuntfnUnaHgJ6.1)

Meeting ID: 822 3631 3643

Passcode: 604270

O God our Father, whose Son forgave his enemies while he was suffering shame and death: Strengthen those who suffer for the sake of conscience; when they are accused, save them from speaking in hate; when they are rejected, save them from bitterness; when they are imprisoned, save them from despair, and to us your servants, give grace to respect their witness and to discern the truth, that our society may be cleansed and strengthened. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our merciful and righteous Judge.

Amen

Book of Common Prayer

August

- 1 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 2 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 3 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
- 4 **Monday**
- 5 **Tuesday**
- 6 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 7 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 8 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 9 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 10 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
- 11 **Monday**
- 12 **Tuesday**
- 13 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 14 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 15 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 16 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 17 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
- 18 **Monday**
- 19 **Tuesday**

- 20 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 21 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 22 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 23 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 24 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II
- 25 **Monday**
- 26 **Tuesday**
- 27 **Wednesday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
12:30 p.m. Healing Service
1:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 28 **Thursday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
6:00 p.m. AA
6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 29 **Friday**
6:00 p.m. AA
- 30 **Saturday**
9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 31 **Sunday**
8:00 a.m. H.E. I
9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. H.E. II

***Happy Anniversary***

- 18 Joe and Lisa Saunders
22 Ron and Terrie Leonard
26 Dave and Jeana Johnson
27 Paul and Laura Appleby
29 John and Lynn Duff

Happy Birthday

- 4 Tom Garrett
5 Taylor Garrett, the Rev. Mark Smith
6 Mason Kollar
10 Cheryl Ceriale, Terrie Leonard
13 Annette Lawrence, Sawyer Saunders
17 Christine Butler
24 Kyle Easterling, Louise Snell

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Food for Thought

In a recent article about the death penalty for the Atlantic, Elizabeth Bruenig considers the nature of forgiveness and how it differs from mercy.

Forgiveness is an emotional process that involves seeing a wrongdoer as a moral equal again, and inviting them back into the place reserved in your heart for the rest of the world. To forgive someone who has harmed you is to forswear bitter feelings, which is to surrender a certain righteous power—the permission granted by society for retaliation. It is also therefore a kind of sacrifice. Only divinity can demand that of someone; no human being can demand it of another. . . .

But mercy—to refrain from punishing a person to the maximum extent that a transgression might deserve—doesn't demand half as much. It is hard to imagine forgiveness without mercy, but easy to imagine mercy without forgiveness. In his treatise *On Clemency*, addressed to the emperor he served, philosopher Seneca describes mercy as a “restraining of the mind from vengeance when it is in its power to avenge itself”—in other words, a “gentleness shown by a powerful man in fixing the punishment of a weaker one.” The ruler who shows mercy is “sparing of the blood” of even the lowest of subjects simply because “he is a man.” Socially, mercy registers the value of human life. For the benefactor, it is a forge of moral character. For the recipient, it is a godsend.