



Cares, Prayers and Current Affairs

June 2021

To God Be The Glory!
Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

We are not at the end of this Covid Journey yet but the vaccination rate has brought the number of daily cases and hospitalizations down. Our daily restrictions have been relaxed. This is the kind of hope we needed to at least see the light at the end of the long tunnel ahead. It's the kind of hope that catapulted us forward toward that light! It is like boost of adrenalin to continue the fight.

We are making progress in the right direction but we cannot afford to cast caution to the wind. After every devastation, one must ask... what have we learned from the last 14 to 16 months? The second question is what do we do moving forward to prevent a repeat of 2019-2021? Scientist have already predicted another pandemic is highly likely.

All along this journey it has been said, "We are in this together." But we weren't all together when it came to doing our part in wearing mask and social distancing. The efforts in getting back to normal was extended by those who refuse to follow the directions

mandated by the CDC. Once the vaccinations were made available and the masses rolled up their sleeves to get the shot, this is when our statistics began to look favorable. The good Lord blessed us with minds to think, eyes to see and ears to hear. I am baffled at why some people would rather believe a lie and risk death rather than hear the truth and live.

If we look back in the early days of the Old Testament, you will find that God had specific rules regarding our health and well-being. The sick were to be set apart from the camp so as not to spread diseases. Before there were doctors and hospitals, the Priest or Holy man had the charge of deciding if an ill person could reenter the camp. These were direct instructions from God. I think we have all learned just how fragile human life can be when comes to life sustaining breath. So let us not let our guards down. Personally, when in a setting among people that I do not know, I will continue to wear my mask. I will continue to sanitize shopping cart handles and door handles. I will continue to listen to the advice of the CDC and those who have knowledge and facts that keep us safe.

In the famous words from the movie Jurassic Park, the actor Jeff Goldblum made a statement that, "life will find a way." In terms of virus, they can and do mutate. Each time it mutates, it becomes stronger and more difficult to kill or control.

This being said, we all should become proactive in our own best interest. The cockroach has been around since prehistoric times and it is still here! Life finds a way for it to adapt to insecticides. We should all be proactive when it comes to our health and own best interest.

Be safe, stay well and listen to wise counsel!

What's Been Happening At Saint Joseph's!



Bible Study

at St. Joseph's has resumed and has a new format. We have a book study that has a biblical foundation. The book is "Questions that God Ask Us" by Trevor Hudson. The study is led by St. Joseph's graduates of Education for Ministry. A chapter is covered during each session. The first question is, "where are you?" The scripture connection is in the book of Genesis after Eve and Adam are hiding from God after realizing they are naked since they had eaten the forbidden fruit. The question in itself produced a lively discussion from the participants. For example why would the "ALL KNOWING GOD" ask where Adam and Eve are physically when God knew exactly where they were. Was God opening the door for the two to confess? Was it a question

regarding their relationship now that they have chosen to be disobedient? What would be your answer if God ask, where are you?

The second question has a foundation also in Genesis when God ask Cain, where is your Brother? Cain answers with a question, am I my brother's keeper? We first identify who is our brother or sister? As Christians we agree that just as who is my neighbor is as far reaching as who is my brother? We are all God's children, therefore all mankind is my brother. This question opened Pandora's box asking where does my responsibility begin or how far reaching is my hand when it comes to my Christian brother or sister. Being that our participants in the book study are of grandparent age, we agreed that times in our culture has changed to the point that many of us do not know all of our neighbors and are less likely to become involved in our neighbors affairs. The younger generation are more likely to form friendships on social media sites than in person which puts them at a safe distance for being responsible as their brother's keeper.

I find each of these questions make for personal soul searching. It is an enriching experience to share insight from all the participants. I encourage all who are free from 11:00 to 12:00 on Wednesday to join us. All are welcome. There are four different churches represented in community with one another.

The next question God ask is, "What is in your hand?" If this peaks your interest, come join us!



ECW

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Joseph's have met virtually for the first time this year! Our next meeting will be on June 16 from 7pm until 8. Log on information will be emailed to all who wish to participate. The members are in need of a secretary. Search your hearts and step up for the chance to serve. I would like to extend a special thanks for the monetary donation made towards filling hygiene kits for the migrant farm workers located in Newton Grove. This is an effort in which we participate each spring.



CWU

The Church Women United met on May 22 in the parking lot of First Christian Church to gather loads of hygiene kits, school supplies, and snack kits for children. The church women United is a group of church women from all denominations in the Fayetteville area. Their sole purpose is missions in the community. Helping where ever service is needed. They make donations to the Rape Crisis Center. Provide socks, sweatshirts and pants, toboggans and gloves for the homeless in the winter. They donate to the Falcons Children's home for Christmas. Sometimes they host an event and

provide a meal for the homeless. We are happy that we are beginning to moving towards the way things used to be so that we may gather in person. Our next mission involves collecting gently used children's books and stuffed animals. Details will be forthcoming in the weekly bulletin.



BOSA

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew are currently on summer break but still are willing to serve when called

upon.

I wish to extend a special thanks to Mr. Carlos Flores and Mr. Tyrone Francis for assisting the Church Women United load the van for the Farm Workers. Mr. Olu-Orondava Mumford also assisted with loading the van.



DOK

The Daughters of the King have been meeting via ZOOM.

Hopefully in the near future we will be able to meet person to person. This past year has been difficult not being able to gather. There is a lot to be said about the advantage of socializing particularly for children.



Fresh Mozzarella Ball Burger

by Olu-
Orondava Mumford

Purchase mozzarella balls prepackaged
Mix ground beef, in a bowl with minced
onions, garlic, salt and pepper.
Cover each mozzarella ball evenly with the
meat.
Cook each burger in olive oil.
Grill the Hawaiian bun in butter.
Dress your bun as you wish.
Eat slowly and savor the T A S T E!



Juneteenth

On Sunday June 20th 2021 St.
Joseph's will celebrate
Juneteenth with a picnic-on-
the-lawn at which we will have our traditional
reading of the Emancipation Proclamation.



June 2021 Birthdays

2nd Chaylee Flores
3rd Akeebu Francis
9th James Francis
10th Tyrone Francis Jr.

15th Margaret Wood
15th Bernice Motley
20th Bo Nebolisa
20th Delores Fowler
23rd Xenia Phillips



Chandra's Prayer Closet

Lord, thank You for encouraging not just us, as women, wives and mothers, but also the men we love as they care for and lead their families. We ask that You give them wisdom, strength and hope for the days ahead. You are the source of everything they need. Remind us to lift them up to You often and give us opportunities to show them Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Romans 8:24-25 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.



From our Senior Warden

We do not remember days, we remember moments.

[Cesare Pavese](#)

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.

Epicurus

Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.

Malala Yousafzai



Bible Trivia

Which book is not written by Paul?

- A. Revelation
- B. Roman
- C. Titus
- D. Ephesians

ANSWER: (A. REVELATION)

Bible Humor

What is "Give, Give, Give, Give & Get, Get, Get, Get"?

ANSWER: (FORGIVE AND FORGET)



CHUCKLE CORNER

A mom, Dad, 3 kids and their pet monkey were taking a trip . All was going well until the car crashed. When the police and paramedics arrived on the scene, no one could speak. The investigating officer, said aloud, “my gracious I wonder what could have happened to cause such a crash” . He noticed the pet monkey looked at the officer as though he was understanding what he said. So the officer said to the monkey, “what was the father doing?” The monkey made a hand sign that the father was drinking! The officer looked inside as he could see an open beer can. Then he asked , “so what was the mother doing?” The monkey pointed his finger and made noises to indicate the mother was fussing at the children. “I see,” said the officer. Then he asked, “so who was driving?” The monkey proceeded to make the hand motions that he, the monkey was driving.

LOVE MUCH

STAY WELL

BE SAFE

LAUGH A LOT

PRAY ALWAYS



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