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WEEKLY MESSENGER

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Dear People of God,

Three years ago, when our daughters were about to graduate from high school, a friend and I convinced them to come to our monthly Wisdom's Well service as a kind of spiritual send-off to college. Gathering prayers and songs to honor this big transition in all our lives, I remembered a poem I had sent to a friend the previous June about a father teaching his daughter to swim, but despite my best Googling, I couldn't find it. Finally I gave up and put the service together without it, carefully ordering the readings and music so everything was just right. At the last minute, my friend told me that her minister would be attending the service and had a reading she wanted to share. Annoyed at this proposed intrusion into my perfect order of service, I wondered how she'd like it if I just showed up with a random reading at her church on Sunday morning. But with a distinct sense of being "worked on," I decided to feign detachment and go with the flow.

Naturally, the minister offered to do the reading just at the point of one of my most cherished transitions in the service, but I practiced my deep breathing as she spoke of a benevolence at the heart of the universe and then started reading a familiar opening line. Of all the things in the world she could have read, it was the very poem I had wanted so much to include. Listening through my tears, I realized it wasn't just my daughter who needed to hear it--that I too could "lie up, and survive." I need to hear it again now, as she heads off for summer school in England, and in this season of graduations I offer it to parents, grandparents, and all of us as a reminder of the Benevolence that holds us through all life's changes, and of the buoyancy we so often forget but need to remember.

Lisa Green

FIRST LESSON

Lie back, daughter, let your head
be tipped back in the cup of my hand.
Gently, and I will hold you. Spread
your arms wide, lie out on the stream
and look high at the gulls. A dead-
man's-float is face down. You will dive
and swim soon enough where this tidewater
ebbs to the sea. Daughter, believe
me, when you tire on the long thrash
to your island, lie up, and survive.
As you float now, where I held you
and let go, remember when fear
cramps your heart what I told you:
lie gently and wide to the light-year
stars, lie back, and the sea will hold you.

--Philip Booth, from *Lifelines: Selected Poems 1950-1999*

During the summer our community of faith disperses. Some may go the mountains, the shore or anywhere in between, I would like to ask you a favor - please attend Church wherever you go and while you are there attending services, there will no doubt be some form of booklet, bulletin or program. Make some notes on the bulletin and either drop it in the mail to the Church, or when you return to Short Hills, bring it back with you from your vacation journeys and give it to me. I am always interested to see what other folks do and how they interpret the gospel in their communities.

During the summer months, Lisa and I will also be visiting other churches to see what is working and to get ideas that are transplantable back to Christ Church! STH+

IN REMEMBRANCE OF HER: WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

"When like the woman at the well, I lived with broken dreams, Christ came to me, good news to tell, of everliving streams." Voices Found 24

Starting this Wednesday, **July 1**, come spend a relaxing evening with one of the women in the Gospels and discover the pivotal roles they play in Jesus' story. Five Wednesdays, six women, keeping the feasts of Mary Magdalene and Mary and Martha of Bethany. Led by Assistant Rector, Lisa Green. We'll share Bible study, poetry, music, and prayer (BYOB - bring your own Bible and beverage). All are invited - women and men!

Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
in the Garth (weather permitting)

July 1: The Woman at the Well

July 8: The Woman who Anointed Jesus

July 15: Mary the Mother of Jesus

July 22: Mary Magdalene (her feast day)

July 29: Mary and Martha of Bethany (their feast day)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Coffee hour hosts are needed
to sign up right away.
The task is easy; do not delay!

Could it be your turn?
Check your calendar
and let us know now;
we'll mail you tips and the "how."

Coffee we'll have, but no goodies at all,
'less folks hurry to sign up
to answer this call!!



Valerie Richards,
Hope Lampe
and Bobbi Engler
*Volunteer Coffee Hour
Coordinators*



SONG LEADERS FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

This summer, our congregational singing will be led by individual song leaders from the choir. Please continue to sing your praises 'lustily' and let your voices be heard.

Those who sing pray twice!

John Pivarnik, *Organist and Choirmaster*

DIOCESAN-WIDE EVENSONG - A JOYOUS EVENT!

Over 400 people gathered last Sunday at Christ Church in East Orange to honor 53 seniors from 40 diocesan parishes. **Tom Swartz** was our honoree this year. (*Look for pictures next week.*) A special, surprise part of the service was a Praise dance performance by teenage girls and one under-ten boy. Tom was spontaneously chosen by one dancer to join her in a few steps in the center aisle and he graciously participated to the sound of great applause.

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF EVERY LOCAL CHURCH

Without volunteers, most churches would die in a very short time...

Why people say yes:

- ♦ They trust you.
- ♦ They trust someone above you.
- ♦ They respect you.
- ♦ They have relationship with you.
- ♦ They believe in the vision.
- ♦ They like being part of a winning team.
- ♦ They have a mature understanding of a serving heart.
- ♦ They have a passion for the ministry.
- ♦ They have a need to be useful.
- ♦ They have a desire to be connected to something of meaning.
- ♦ They desire to please God.
- ♦ You asked them.

Why people quit:

(Actual quotes from church volunteers)

- ♦ "I never knew exactly what they wanted me to do."
- ♦ "No one provided leadership, so my questions never got answered."
- ♦ "There was no training."
- ♦ "There was no ongoing supervision or evaluation."
- ♦ "They forgot about me after they gave me the job."
- ♦ "No one ever said thanks."
- ♦ "They seem like they are continually disorganized."
- ♦ "There was a serious breakdown of communication."
- ♦ "They expected too much."
- ♦ "It seemed like it was all about achieving the pastor's personal goals."
- ♦ "I told them I didn't want the job, but they begged me."
- ♦ "I never received the tools and resources I needed."
- ♦ "It wasn't any fun."

Why people remain:

- ♦ You maintain solid trust, respect, and healthy relationships.
- ♦ You provide high quality training.
- ♦ You take responsibility for leadership.
- ♦ You consistently express gratitude.
- ♦ You empower them to get the job done.
- ♦ You give them the credit and public recognition.
- ♦ You communicate clearly, concisely, consistently, and quickly.
- ♦ They sense eternal meaning and value in what they are doing.
- ♦ They are not overloaded.
- ♦ They enjoy what they do and have fun at it.
- ♦ They are maturing in their faith and understand their role in the body of Christ.
- ♦ They have a firm grasp of their spiritual gifts.
- ♦ They have a taste of being part of changing lives.
- ♦ God grants favor to the mix.

Key questions to ask potential volunteers:

- ♦ Do you believe you have something to offer God's Kingdom?
- ♦ Do you believe you would grow as a Christian through serving others?
- ♦ What is preventing you from serving others right now?

Key questions to ask volunteers:

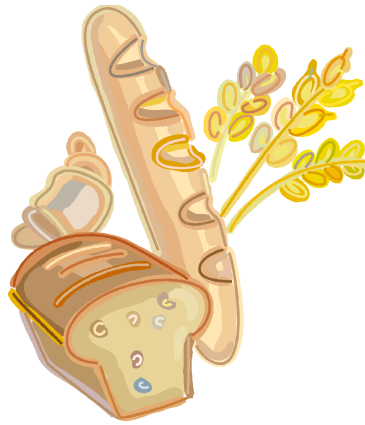
- ♦ Do you know what you are expected to do?
- ♦ Are you well trained to do it?
- ♦ Do you sense a meaningful impact?
- ♦ Are you having fun?
- ♦ Is there anything I can do for you?

ANNIVERSARIES

06/26 Dale + Vernon Barback
 06/26 Barbara + Larry Neugebauer
 06/26 Marjory + James Ward
 06/29 Sati + Robert Zglobicki
 06/30 Jean + Hook Bailey
 07/06 Lisa + Bill Gadsden
 07/09 Michele Edward Shepard
 07/12 Ramona + George Larson
 07/18 Debbie + Randy Barker
 07/20 Debra + Michael Harwood
 07/20 Ruth + John Clemence
 07/23 Karen + Craig Larson
 07/23 Wendy + David Berg
 07/23 Mary + Brendon Macy
 07/24 Sallie + Andrew Bunn
 07/24 Terry + Heather Finan
 07/27 Coleen + Rob Malin

BIRTHDAYS

06/25 Helen Dwyer
 06/25 Peter Carchia
 06/26 Griffin Bartsch
 06/26 Rick Marchisio
 06/26 Tara Greene
 06/27 Tom Greene
 06/28 Louise Thomas
 06/30 Marcus Pelham-Webb
 06/30 Peggy Shilling
 07/01 Pat French
 07/01 Barbara Engler
 07/01 Schuyler Bunn
 07/02 Augie Grove
 07/03 Ava Reilley
 07/05 Jane Riedel
 07/06 Laura Barney
 07/06 Katherine Grove
 07/06 Drew Smith
 07/06 Sam Ephraimson



**WANT TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE
 HOMEMADE BREAD?**

On Tuesday, **July 7**, from 7:00-9:30 p.m., we will focus on the myths and shortcuts to making fabulous homemade bread and rolls. Gather in the Church kitchen (bring a bag of flour– as long as it is not self-rising) and come ready to knead. Tasting of bread will start at 9:00 for those who want to come late!

**MEMORIAL
 FLOWERS**

June 28
 Walter J. Bauer
 Mary 'Wilda" Bauer
 Doris Zemaitis Bauer

July 5
 Rosalind Lanier

July 12
 H.R. and Mildred Coursen

July 19
 JoAnne Graziano

July 26
 Robert F. LeMoine

LAST WEEK

Attendance
 8:00 a.m. - 19
 9:30 a.m. - 120

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>28</p> <p>YPF MISSION TRIP</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care</p> <p>9:30am - Morning Prayer + Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Coffee Hour</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00am - Staff meeting</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30pm - Women of the New Testament : The Woman at the Well</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>OFFICES ARE CLOSED</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:00am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9:15am - Nursery Care</p> <p>9:30am - Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:45am - Coffee Hour</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00am - Men's Group</p> <p>9:00am - Staff meeting</p> <p>8:00pm - Feed Forward: Contemporary Music</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm - Bread Baking Class</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00pm - YPF Tailgate</p> <p>7:00pm - Buildings + Grounds meeting</p> <p>7:30pm - Women of the New Testament : The Woman who Anointed Jesus</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am - Altar Guild meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>