

JULY CHART

Letter from the Rector

July 1, 2009

Dear Friends,

Thanks to God that it is July—June was so wet, dank and dreary! Unfortunately, the weather report for the first three days of July is ominously reminiscent of the weather reports throughout June. In fact, as I write this letter, a downpour has struck. We hope, however, for some summer this year.

Summer is the time for recreation, or better, it is a time for 're-creation.' Considering how difficult the past year has been for many (most) of us, it is essential to slow-down, regroup and re-evaluate where we have been and where we are going. Since the global economic recovery is expected to be slow and uneven, it is important for us, individually and collectively, to create long-term strategies to cope with an essentially changed economic-world. In addition, the world of peaceful globalization that dawned with so much hope in the early 1990s has been replaced by a world of world beset by terrorism and local ethnic and religious wars. Therefore, it is important for us to create similar long-term strategies to cope with an essentially changed social and political world.

The sweeping changes that President Obama and his administration are proposing for the United States is part of the process of coping with a changed world on the macro-cosmic level. We may agree or disagree with the President's vision (I am personally mixed in my response), but it is difficult to assume that our country and the world is going to recover without some form of shock therapy.

On a much more micro-cosmic level we are challenged to look at our personal economic, social, ethical and spiritual lives to ask whether the paths we have trod over the past decade or so are the paths we want to tread in the future. For several decades the focus of many American lives has been on making money and buying things. For some people the project economic down-turn has been a loss to be mourned; for others it is seen as an opportunity to seek other, more enduring values.

I am no more able to tell you what your life goals should be than I am able to direct the aspirations of the wider world. I will, however, challenge myself over the coming weeks to continue to ask what is most important to me and how I should position my life. I trust it will be a rewarding process of personal, family and communal re-creation. I hope some of you will want to join me on that journey.

This comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

David B. Lowry, Rector

Concerning Bishops—Coming and Going:

The Right Reverend Orris G. Walker, Jr., Bishop of Long Island since 1991 began a terminal leave of absence on June 1, 2009 in preparation for his resignation as Bishop of Long Island on November 14, 2009. Bishop Walker turned over to the Right Reverend David Joslin, former Bishop of Central New York, all administrative and pastoral responsibilities. However, Bishop Walker retained ecclesiastical, and hence, legal authority for the Diocese of Long Island. The Reverend Lawrence Provenzano, who was elected Bishop Coadjutor of Long Island in March of 2009 and whose election will be ratified at the upcoming General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which begins next week, will be consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor on September 19, 2009 and will assume ecclesiastical, administrative and pastoral authority at that time. Bishop Provenzano will become the Diocesan Bishop of Long Island on November 14 when Bishop Walker's resignation takes effect.

From the Rector's Reading Desk:

I am not a great adherent of light reading. However, I have a book I will read on an airplane flight to California (where I will be performing a wedding). It is Robert Wright's *The Evolution of God*. Wright is not a professional theologian; nor is he a practicing Christian. However, he is a thoughtful scholar with wide-ranging interests. His previous books, *Nonzero* and *The Moral Animal*, have probed the nature of reality and the human nature. Now he turns his interest towards God, religion and the changing (evolving) human perceptions of God. He looks at the ancient view of God and a 'superman,' with all the strengths and weaknesses of the human after which God was perceived. Wright notes that over time the concept of God has evolved and "God became better." The Jewish scholar, James Kugler, made some of the same observations (in a much more scholarly

book—*The Bible as it Was*) about the 'evolution' the way in which the God of Israel was written about in the Hebrew Scriptures starting with a God who was limited in time and space (in the Pentateuch) to a universal and ever-present God in Isaiah (especially in so-called Second Isaiah—chapter 40 and thereafter). In spite of the heavier than normal nature of Wright's book, the author writes in an engaging manner and the book is less heavy sledding than one might suspect.

Informal Eucharists/Wednesday Evenings at 7pm

Our informal Summer Eucharists and Pot Luck Dinners are held on Wednesday's, beginning **July 8 at 7pm** and continue through Wednesday, **August 26th**. The Home Communion on this first week of July will be at the home of Mary and David Lowry, the Rectory (54 George Street).

If you are interested in hosting a Home Communion, please use the sign up sheets in the rear of the church or call the parish office (627-2184). Also, we kindly request that you use the sign up sheets if you wish to attend the service and mark down what you will bring to the supper.

Food for the Hungry

Food donations are need at the Long Island Council of Churches' Emergency Food Pantry in Freeport (450 N. Main Street, 516-868-4989), they are feeding 25% more people than last year—which was itself a record year. They particularly need canned meat, vegetables, tuna, low-sodium food, low-fat food, dietetic food, Ensure (and similar supplements), baby food, and infant formula (especially those with iron, such as Enfamil with LIPIL). Donations of toiletries, personal care items, and plastic or paper shopping bags also are welcome. Please accept our grateful appreciation to those parishioners, of all ages, who continue to support the Christ Church Hunger Program with food in the basket in the Church or Parish Hall.

Position Wanted

Available for Babysitting: Emily Bunyon is a responsible, mature 15-year-old who loves children. She is entering the 10th grade at Herricks H.S. and is available to baby-sit children over the summer during evenings or during the day after 12:00 (she is on a swim team which practices every morning). Transportation will be provided. Home tel: 248-7355.

Happy Birthday!!

We are pleased to congratulate these friends and parishioners this month on their birthdays...

Brian Sternemann, Peggy Wright, Bruce Sternemann, Rosemary Anandel, Emma Carr, Suzanne Parker, Gabrielle Kessler, Susan Miller, Lou Trapp, Max Smitham, Tim Carr, Evans Cyprus, Kyle Babin, Marlana McGill, Teresa Ciaccio, Joseph Miletich.

Happy Anniversary!!!

Our congratulations to all those friends and parishioners celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month... Timothy and Lisa Carr, Arthur and Lisa Field.

SUNDAY READINGS AND ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

5 PENTECOST – JULY 5, 2009

2 SAMUEL 5:1-5,9-10; PSALM 48; 2 CORINTHIANS 12:2-10; MARK 6:1-13

Altar flowers are given in thanksgiving for the recovery of Carolyn Kessler
by Gabrielle Kessler

and

Altar flowers are also given in loving memory of Catherine and Ricky Scheib
by Dick Scheib

6 PENTECOST – JULY 12, 2008

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5,12-19; PSALM 24; EPHESIANS 1-3-14; MARK 6:14-29

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Wendy Templeton

by Marianne Templeton

7 PENTECOST – JULY 19, 2008

2 SAMUEL 7:1-14; PSALM 89:20-37; EPHESIANS 2:11-22; MARK 6:30-34,53-56

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Barbara Mann
by Pamela Storozum

8 PENTECOST – JULY 26, 2008

2 SAMUEL 11:1-15; PSALM 14; EPHESIANS 3:14-21; JOHN 6:1-21

Altar flowers are given in loving memory Nancy and Joseph Cioffi
by Louise Fribush

Calendar for the Month of July

Wednesday, July 1	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Thursday, July 2	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer`	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
Friday, July 3 Holiday	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, July 4			
Sunday, July 5/5 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, July 6	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, July 7	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, July 8	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Mary & David Lowry 54 George Street 516-570-0318	7:00 PM	Informal Eucharist	Rectory
Thursday, July 9	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Office
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
Friday, July 10	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, July 11			
Sunday, July 12/6 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, July 13	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, July 14	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, July 15	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Valerie & Bill Siener 271 Park Avenue 516-570-0679	7:00 PM	Informal Eucharist	Siener's
Thursday, July 16	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
Friday, July 17	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, July 18			
Sunday, July 19/7 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
Monday, July 20	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	7:45 PM	Vestry Meeting	Guild Room

Tuesday, July 21	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, July 22	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Anita & Bob Schmidt 33 Shorehaven Lane 516-627-0365	7:00 PM	Informal Eucharist	Schmidt's
Thursday, July 23	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Friday, July 24	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Saturday, July 25	1:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
Sunday, July 26/8 Pentecost	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
New Heart Mission Church	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Church
	5:00 PM	Wedding	Church
	6:00 PM	Holy Eucharist	Parish House
Monday, July 27	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Tuesday, July 28	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Wednesday, July 29	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
Senetta & Don Koch 45 West Shore Road 516-627-6022	7:00 PM	Informal Eucharist	Koch's
Thursday, July 30	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel
	9:15 AM	Bible Study	Parish House
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist	Chapel
	10:45 AM	Sunshine Ministry	Parish House
Friday, July 31	9:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Chapel

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