

BARBERSHOP HARMONY

June 20th, we had the honor of having Bob Weekley's Barbershop Quartet, the Four Counts, sing at our 10:30 service. It was a wonderful musical experience. They also sang at the Taste of Buffalo on July 10th and 11th. If you have missed them or just want to hear them again, they will be at The Riviera Theatre, Webster Street, North Tonawanda, on September 18th at 8p.m. (There is a free Organ concert at 7:30).

See Bob for tickets – this is usually a “sell-out” concert, so get yours fast. Bob and his quartet are members of the Buffalo, New York Chapter of SPEBSQSA (The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc.), more commonly known as the Barbershop Harmony Society, which has over 30,000 members nationwide. If you are interested in singing with a Barbershop chorus or quartet, male or female, talk to Bob.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOME

Do you want to be rid of all those treasures that truly belong in a thrift shop? Do a good deed and donate them to the Episcopal Church Home Thrift Shop. Drop items off at our Guardian Angel Gift Shop any time and I will see that they get to the ECH. All proceeds are used to enhance the lives of the residents. Thank you. *Georgia Peden*, Associate Board Episcopal Church Home

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL GIFT SHOP is closed until late August. Contact Georgia Peden or Eve David if you wish to make a special purchase.

MEALS ON WHEELS of Buffalo & Erie County need volunteers to deliver food to the homebound. Even one shift per month is appreciated. Call 822-2002 to volunteer.

DO YOU HAVE A CALLING?

The lazy days of summer are a good time to think about our calling to use our gifts for our church. At one time, the only people who were recognized as having a “calling” were the clergy. That thinking has changed and we now affirm that every child of God is blessed with gifts and called by God to use and develop those gifts in the service of God and one another. Pray about your gifts and discover that “calling”. It could be you are called to be an Acolyte or Lay Reader, or to sing in the Choir or be a Sunday School teacher. The Altar Guild can always use new members. Would you like to be trained as a “Counter”? Perhaps you like to garden (we all know the weeds NEVER stop!). There are many jobs in a parish that need doing and they don't always “jump out”, but talk to others and see what they think needs doing. If all else fails, talk to Father Roger or Donna or Jack, they can certainly find lots of projects. Pray about your calling and be ready to do it come Fall.

VACATIONS

Father Roger returned from vacation July 28th, but will be taking a week August 16th-21st to attend a seminar in Maryland.

Our Sexton, George Baer will be on vacation the first two weeks of August.

Madeline will be out of the office August 16th – August 27th. Bea Haley will be in the office the week of August 16th to answer phones and otherwise field inquiries.

We hope you all are having a great summer.

YOU CAN HELP

As you know we have been printing out the whole service in our bulletins each week. Many have commented how easy it is to follow the service now. It is especially easy for visitors to enter into our worship.

Some have asked if it might be possible to help defray the costs of this printing. There are several ways you may do this. One is to buy paper for our copy machine. We use 8 ½ x 11 bond white paper. If you can buy a ream or two (or a case) you can help reduce our office expenses. Also, legal size envelopes.

The second way to help is to purchase paper for our newsletter. We currently are using legal size pastel yellow or cream colored paper- 8 ½ x 14 20 lb bond.

The third way to help is to purchase either a Laser Jet black ink cartridge (HP 74 L) or a black ink jet cartridge (HP #29). This will help reduce our costs of printing things from the computer for our bulletins and newsletters.

A fourth way is to purchase stamps for mailings. Thank you. The Vestry.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Mike Ham	19 Gloria Gibson
1 Kelly Mogavero	20 William Blarr
2 Father Roger	21 Michael Bulera
3 Carolyn Flynn	22 David Noonan
7 Deb DiLiberto	23 Carol Shatzel
7 Alice Frueh	26 Shirley Gardinier
12 Tim Meacham	26 Janet Mather
14 Darlene Weber	29 Mildred Sanes
17 Joan Webster	31 C. Teschemacher
18 Sue Ann Dier	31 Gary Kadow

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

8/14/48	Evelyn & Jack Miller
8/17/46	Marjorie & William Blarr
8/19	Carol & Bob Weekley
8/28	Robin & Tim Meyers

MID-WEEK EUCHARIST WITH PRAYER AND PRAISE

Would you like a service in which we sing contemporary songs, have a time of Bible teaching, sharing and prayer? If so, you are invited to our Thursday Night Alive service on Thursday, August 5 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Come and bring a friend. The service will last about an hour.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Our 9:30 Holy Eucharist, Healing and Bible Study will resume August 4th.

THE NEWSLETTER

Over the summer, please think about your Fall activities here at St. Michael's to be included in the newsletter that would be of interest to the rest of the congregation. Also, are there items you would like to see in our monthly letter to you; perhaps changes that would make it more interesting? As editor, I sincerely care about the content of THE NEWSLETTER. Do you read all of it or just toss it aside? Whatever I can add to make this YOUR newsletter would be appreciated. The deadline for the August issue is July 19th, but you may turn in articles at any time. Also, I will be on vacation the two weeks of August 16th-30th and Father Roger will be on vacation the week of August 16th, therefore we would appreciate your contributions for the September newsletter to be into the office the week of August 9th if possible. Thank you, *Madeline*

CANAAN HOUSE has a constant need for the many personal, cleaning, paper products and cash to pay bills. Shirley Trail recently said that it seems whenever she thinks they can't go on, St. Michael's comes through for them. She thanks everyone for their continued concern and asks God's blessing on everyone.

RECIPE CORNER

Chocolate Chip Cheese Ball

1- 8 oz. pkg. Cream Cheese

½ cup Butter

¼ tsp. Vanilla Extract

Beat until fluffy – gradually add:

¾ cup Confectionary Sugar

2 tblsp. Brown Sugar

mix in ¾ cup mini Chocolate Chips

Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.

Make into a ball, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 hour more.

Before Serving, roll ball in ¾ cup finely chopped nuts.

Serve with Graham Crackers (chocolate grahams are good too!)

Works best if made the night before.

Enjoy! Pat Jarosz

THE 23RD PSALM – A MODERN VERSION

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush.

He makes me stop for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity,

He leads me in ways of efficiency through calmness of mind,

And His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things

to accomplish each day, I will not fret,

For His presence is here,

His timelessness, His all importance, will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity,

By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility,

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,

For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord

And dwell in His house for ever.

Tokio Mogashio (a Japanese writer)

PENCE CANS

Are you keeping up with your Pence Cans? The money raised with your spare change is used for many small projects around the church. Bring yours in and place them on the collection plate. New Pence Boxes are available in the Narthex or ask one of the Ushers.

VESTRY

The next meeting of the Vestry will be Tuesday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m.

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. The Taj Mahal
3. The Grand Canon
4. The Panama Canal
5. The Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. The Great Wall of China

While counting up the votes, the teacher noted one quiet student hadn't turned in his paper yet, so she asked him if he was having trouble with his list. He replied, "Yes, a little. I can't quite make up my mind because there are so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have and maybe we can help."

He hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. To touch
2. To taste
3. To see
4. To hear
5. To feel
6. To laugh
7. To love."

The room was so quiet you could hear a pin drop. Those things we overlook as simple and ordinary are truly wondrous – a gentle reminder that the most precious things in life cannot be bought.