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# CHIMES & TIMES

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EPISCOPAL SHARED MINISTRY OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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## ***Pastor's Corner***

Dear Friends,

Have you seen church driveways with signs that read: “enter to worship” and “exit to serve”? Those signs set our life of discipleship right before us. We gather to praise and worship, we are equipped for ministry, and we are sent out to serve God and our neighbors, wherever we travel through the week. Each week gives us opportunity to live the way of Jesus’ reign and to offer ourselves as partners with God in transforming the world.

How would you describe the way of Jesus’ reign? Here are a few descriptors that come to my mind. The way of Jesus’ reign is marked by a sense of welcome and acceptance for all people; God’s reign is known by a practice of forgiveness and second-chances and third-chances and fourth-chances, etc.; the way of Jesus is known for a quality of life that ensures work and income enough for everyone and care for those who are unable to care for themselves; those who follow the way of God in Jesus are known by a spirit of gratitude that informs our use of resources for the benefit of all God’s creation. No doubt, you can name other ways that you know the way of Jesus’ reign when you see it.

During his earthly life, Jesus preached and lived a different way of life, even as he lived the daily life of his own time with its particular habits and practices. Daily, Jesus was sustained by a vision of God’s reign, even as it was not yet realized. In that in-between time, he lived as a witness of the ways of God and lived with the intent of transforming the world through loving compassion.

Can we do the same in our own lives?

As our weeks unroll, can we find opportunity to speak about and act on behalf of Jesus’ other way of living in the world? As we return to school and fall schedules, can we model the ways of Jesus in our daily lives? In what gentle ways, can we encourage ourselves and others to live life, confident in the abundance of God’s mercy and generous with all God’s created world?

Faithfully,

*Ellen+*

## ***On going back to school ... A Prayer for Young Persons***

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world:  
Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you  
is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth,  
but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you,  
and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 829)

## ***Weekly Worship***

[consult our website for updates]

10 am Worship & Sunday School at St John Bosco, Millville (M)  
Mondays, 1:30 pm Eucharist & Bible Study in Vineland [Vineland City Senior Center, lower level, 103 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (at Elmer), Vineland]  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat, 4pm Eucharist & Bible Study at Maurice House, Millville  
Wednesdays, 6 pm Eucharist & Bible Study at St. John Bosco (M)  
4<sup>th</sup> Wed, 1pm Eucharist & Bible Study at Veterans Memorial Home, Vineland



Check out our website: <<http://cumberlandnjepiscopal.org>>

## ***Cycle of Life***

July 6	Burial	Melinda A. Nightengale
Aug 23	Burial	Dennis W. LaPalma

## ***Mark your calendars!***

***Deadline for the Nov/Dec 2019 issue of the Chimes and Times is Oct 15th.***



## ***Our Bishop is Coming on Sept 8<sup>th</sup> !***

Join us for a celebration of our life as Christians and Episcopalians, when our Bishop makes his visitation with us on Sun, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Stokes will be with us for service at 10am that day at St John Bosco (M). The service will include a sermon with Bishop Stokes and the celebration of the Eucharist, with the rites of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation of Faith (BCP 413ff), and music by our VBS team. A special coffee-hour luncheon will follow the service.

We have several candidates for confirmation and reception, and we look forward to welcoming these persons as new members of the Episcopal Church. Rejoice! Contact-person: Rev Ellen

## ***Join Our Diocesan Honorees: Curtis & Sonia Gayle***

Each year, our Diocese honors the Older Adults among us who have distinguished themselves in faithful ministry. Each year, our vestry is invited to nominate someone(s) for this honor. This year, our vestry has nominated Curtis and Sonia Gayle to be our honorees at the annual festive Evensong to celebrate lives and ministries given to Christ.

Join us for this celebration on Sat, Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. The service is held at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, and is followed by a lovely reception. There is no cost for participation in this event, however we are asked to register so that the organizers can plan accordingly. If you are interested and able to attend, please contact Rev Ellen to register. Carpool travel will be available.



### ***Summer Pledge Campaign for 2020***

Our summer pledge campaign has been a success, even as the last of the pledge commitments continue to arrive. Your timely submission of a pledge commitment makes the Treasurer's budget work smoother, as he can anticipate accurately income and expenses. We appreciate your attention to this essential part of our common life.

For a timely video presentation of stewardship themes, consult Bushy, the Squirrel. You can find Bushy on Youtube.com: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UF0iJNSdDHk>

### ***Weekly Bible Study opportunities...*** Give it a try and give your spirit a boost!

Supplement your Sunday worship with weekday prayer and study. These two groups meet each week for Eucharist with Bible Study discussion of the readings for the coming Sunday:

On **Mondays**, 1:30pm, at Vineland's Senior Center (corner of Elmer & 6th streets, lower level)

On **Wednesdays**, 6pm, at St John Bosco (M)

### ***Instructed Eucharist***

On Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday Eucharist was given to an Instructed Eucharist. This is a special feature for those about to join the Episcopal Church; it is also a good refresher for those who have spent time in the pews. To extend your learning about the Eucharist, try <http://how2charist.com> for a digital Instructed Eucharist that can help you explore further the meaning of our Eucharist. It's free!

### ***Youth Group (grades 6-12) members are invited ...***

Regular Youth Group meetings will resume in October; meanwhile you are invited to join the Youth Group of St Thomas', Glassboro, in a "Game Night at Glassboro," on First Sunday evenings, 6pm, at St Thomas' Church, 212 N. Main St., Glassboro. Board games, field games, Olympic games, etc. A good chance to bring a friend for a fun evening. Contact-person: Grace McClean.

**I wonder ...**

### **how do I put someone on the prayer list?**

Our prayer unites us in calling upon God on behalf of those who are in need of prayer. When you have a particular prayer concern, whether for yourself or another, and you would like to invite others' prayers on behalf of this concern, make use of the prayer-list request-slips, found on the entry-way tables. Fill out the pertinent information on the slip and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests are maintained for four weeks. After that, please renew the request, if the need persists. Questions? Contact Rev Ellen



## ***Birthdays and anniversaries***

Sept 2	Addie/Ed Bracco	Oct 6	Dean Watson, Jr
Sept 2	Harry Kruysman	Oct 8	Tom Hanson
Sept 4	Lois Paoella	Oct 8	Ellen Rutherford
Sept 5	John Sabella	Oct 10	Ann Heath
Sept 6	Amanda Cooper	Oct 10	AnnaBella Piernikoski
Sept 6	Clark Katz	Oct 11	John Pearson Jr
Sept 8	Joyce Cooper	Oct 12	Mickey Alston
Sept 8	Stephanie/Dave Saul	Oct 14	Denise/Alex Molnar
Sept 9	Ed Bracco	Oct 15	Ed Bowman Jr
Sept 9	Jose Cruz	Oct 16	Lauren Lockette
Sept 9	Erika/Harry Kruysman	Oct 16	Gerald Ward
Sept 10	Monique Waite	Oct 18	RJ Piernikoski
Sept 12	Janice Carpenter/Judy Rice	Oct 19	Andrea Sayre
Sept 13	Shanna/Chris Fulcher	Oct 22	Alex Molnar
Sept 16	Patty/John Pearson	Oct 23	Sherry Register
Sept 17	Luis J Negron	Oct 25	Mike Pesiri
Sept 18	Hunter Parish	Oct 25	Dorothy/Greg Torchio
Sept 22	Monica Mundy	Oct 26	Michaela Mundy
Sept 23	Alicia Pearson	Oct 26	James Starr
Sept 25	Placido Dragotta	Oct 27	Betty Ceto
Sept 25	Newlin Williams	Oct 27	Frances Jervis
Sept 26	Jordan Watson	Oct 29	Bruce Bedwell
Sept 27	Marge/Chuck Miller		
Sept 28	Peter Federici	Nov 5	Dee Bell
Sept 28	Kelly/Tim Gannotta	Nov 5	Rosemary Caramico
Sept 30	James Ceto	Nov 5	Patricia/Dave Shelton
Sept 30	Charlene Rondeau	Nov 6	Matt Balicki
		Nov 6	Judy Rice
Oct 1	Lorraine Gassaway	Nov 7	Madison Saul
Oct 6	Russell Cooper	Nov 8	Maryalice Robinson
Oct 6	Tim Gannotta	Nov 14	Michelle Alston-Harrell

Please contact the Church office with updates and additions.

## ***For your calendar ...***

Sep 8,10a	Bishop Stokes visitation		
Sep 9,6p	ECW mtg (B)	Oct 10,2-4p	Food Pantry open (B)
Sep 12,2-4p	Food Pantry open (B)	Oct 14, 6p	ECW mtg (B)
Sep 16,6p	Vestry mtg (B)	Oct 19,8:30a	Vestry retreat
Sep 22,11a	Annual Eucharist & Picnic, Parvin	Oct 21, 6p	Vestry mtg (B)
Sep 26,2-4p	Food Pantry open (B)	Oct 24,2-4p	Food Pantry open (B)
Sep 28,2p	Evensong to honor Older Adults, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton		

(B) indicates St Andrew's, Bridgeton; (M) indicates St John Bosco, Millville

## ***Service & Outreach . . .***

### ***Food Pantry developments***

This summer, our Food Pantry has been selected to participate in the Healthy Pantry Initiative (HPI). An HPI consultant has been working with us to provide access to healthy food and to improve our delivery of services with our guests.

As always, we are grateful for your contributions to the Food Pantry. Your support is the backbone of our bi-monthly food distributions. We welcome volunteers on pantry days (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays). Contact Ann Heath, our Pantry coordinator, for more information.

### ***Light Household update***

Our Light Household members are moving into their fifth month as residents. With your help, their home has been furnished, and their kitchen shelves are stocked with pantry basics. It takes awhile to get settled, as you know; the odds and ends of establishing a household add up. Support through gift cards, such as ShopRite and Walmart and Ollie's Outlet, are appreciated and afford them independence in maintaining their home. Thank you for giving your encouragement to these two persons in transition. God is working through your hands and hearts.

### ***VBS supports Iraqi Chicken Farmers***

With your help, our Vacation Bible School (VBS) campers have begun a fund-raising project to aid in redevelopment of Christian chicken farms in Iraq. Through the organization of SWIC (Stand With Iraqi Christians), our campers have raised \$395. A diocesan matching grant will double our fundraising, up to \$750, to double the good effect our efforts will have on these farmers, their families, and their restored communities. Thank you for your help so far. We're more than half-way to our \$750 goal! Contact-person: Joanne Gallagher, Susan Mammi



### ***Reading Camp moves into the School Year***

This is the second year that Reading Camp has been held at Sabater Elementary School, Vineland. After discussion, we wondered about extending the Reading-Buddy system through the school year with volunteers at the local elementary schools. As you know, good reading skills are fundamental to success in study and work. If you would be interested in serving as a Reading Buddy to a young person, who is seeking to improve reading skills, and you are available weekday hours, contact Rev Ellen.



### ***Ministry in Spanish***

The vestry sponsored two people to attend the June diocesan training for parish Ministry in Spanish. The first project of this outreach is a translation of our parish brochure into Spanish and use of the brochure on Sundays at services and through the week through our outreach ministries.

The second project of this outreach is an extension of our ministry through the Food Pantry. Rowan College/Cumberland County has opened a new food bank to respond to the needs of students. Their first request was for baby supplies (diapers, formula, and children's socks) to help students, who are juggling family responsibilities. A generous offering of baby supplies was received in July/August and transferred to the college food pantry for distribution. Thank you for providing help to those, who handle many responsibilities as they work to gain the tools for a better life for themselves and their families.

## ***Bike MS: City to Shore Ride: Biking to make a Difference***

You are invited to support the bike-riding fund-raising of Lin and Eric Stephens. Lin and Eric are biking to raise money for MS research and support as part of the annual Bike MS: City-to-Shore Ride on Sept 21/22.

This Ride “benefits the National MS Society and the over 15,000 people living with multiple sclerosis (MS) in our area. MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. MS can affect the way you walk, talk, and even think. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are leading to better understanding and moving us closer to a world free of MS. In addition to research, the Society is the leading provider of programs and services for thousands of people in our community living with MS and their families.”

To make a donation online: <[bikeMS.org](http://bikeMS.org)>, select “Donate” and follow the prompts; or

To make a donation in person: contact Lin and Eric Stephens through the parish directory contact information

## ***Vestry Notes***

### ***July***

The Vestry met on July 15, 2019; 6pm, at St Andrew’s (B). The meeting began with prayer and Scripture reflection. The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. The Treasurer’s report was discussed and accepted as presented. In the Senior Warden’s report, the vestry considered the offer of Diocesan Trustee involvement in the sale of Trinity, Vineland. Further discussion between the tenants and the Executive Committee members will clarify this possibility. A resolution was passed to withdraw funds from the Diocesan Investment Trust, dependent upon market conditions, to establish a local bank account for use in constructing the new church building. The Junior Warden reported on his discussion with Superintendent of the City of Millville sewer department, regarding the development of our land in Millville.

Preparations for Reading Camp and Vacation Bible School are underway. With the vestry’s encouragement and as a first step in ministry in Spanish, the parish brochure was translated into Spanish. The brochure will be used on Sundays at service and on weekdays through the parish outreach programs.

The pledge campaign runs July 7 through Aug 18, with a closing thank-you coffee hour on Aug 18. Preparations for the Bishop’s visitation on Sept 8 are underway; the purchase of gifts for the confirmands and those to be received was authorized. The vestry would like to meet with the Bishop, following the coffee-hour luncheon. Parish picnic is Sep 22 at Thundergust Picnic Area, Parvin State Park. The Vestry Fall Retreat will be Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

### ***August***

The Vestry met on Aug 19, 2019; 6pm, at St Andrew’s (B). The meeting began with prayer and Scripture reflection. The Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented. The Treasurer’s report was presented, discussed, and accepted. The Audit Committee presented its findings; the vestry discussed ways to improve record-keeping. The Audit was accepted by the Vestry and will be forwarded to the diocesan office by the Sept 1 deadline.

The Senior Warden reported on the discussion with our Vineland tenants on the offer of diocesan financing; the tenants will pursue this directly with diocesan staff; the vestry authorized the Executive Committee to negotiate the building sale price. The current tenants at St Andrew's have requested a renewal of their lease for another six months. The Building Committee continues to review proposals and prices and will report back to the vestry in Sept. The vestry discussed the desirability of calling a focus group of younger members of the parish to discuss new-building-related issues. The Junior Warden continues to give attention to maintenance and upkeep on all the buildings.

In the clergy report, the Reading Camp was reported a success, with 29 campers, 9 teen helpers, and 18 adults volunteers. Plans to extend the Reading-Buddies with local schools through the school year were discussed. Vacation Bible School (VBS) participation was positive, and the culminating session on Sunday morning shared the fruits of the VBS weekend with the congregation.

Response to Christmas in July on July 21<sup>st</sup> was positive, and a generous offering of baby supplies was gathered for the Cumberland College Food Pantry. The coffee-hour mixer on July 21<sup>st</sup> was well received. The Executive Committee has nominated Sonia and Curtis Gayle to be our diocesan honorees at the Evensong on Sep 28 with the Committee for Ministry with Older Adults, and the Vestry confirmed the nomination.

Preparations for Bishop Stokes' visitation on Sept 8 continue; picnic plans will be organized by Donna Cooper, coordinator; and Vestry Fall Retreat topics are developing. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Gathered in Worship



## Worship Leaders ~ Servers Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Chalice</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
Sept 8 Bp's Visit	Burgher-Gayle, H Parrish, Yaskin, Ingersoll	Meehan Ratcliffe	Harrell J Miller	All members/E (S Pearson)
Sept 15	Stephens, Jervis, Molnar, Robinson	A Ingersoll B Ingersoll	Harrell J Miller	Cooper, Cossaboon, Parker, Rivelli/A (Torchio)
Sept 22	Bracaliello, Gurzo, R Cooper, Gannotta	Mundy Walton	Harrell J Miller	Botts, Hanson, Pearson, Ratcliffe/B (McClean)
Sept 29	Hunter, McClean, Williams, Meehan	Gurzo Williams	Harrell J Miller	Alston, Alston-Harrell, Harrell, Jervis/C (Ratcliffe)
Oct 6	Bracaliello, Garrison, Ingersoll, Torchio	Ratcliffe Meehan	Harrell J Miller	Heath, Hunter, J Miller, M Miller, Rondeau/ D (Gannotta)
Oct 13	McClean, Jervis, Robinson, Williams	A Ingersoll B Ingersoll	Harrell J Miller	Cooper, Cossaboon, Parker, Rivelli/E (S Pearson)
Oct 20	Yaskin, Walton, H Parish, Ratcliffe	Ratcliffe Walton	Harrell J Miller	Botts, Hanson, Pearson, Ratcliffe/A (Torchio)
Oct 27	Molnar, McCubbin, R Cooper, Stephens	Mundy Williams	Harrell J Miller	Alston, Alston-Harrell, Harrell, Jervis/B(McClean)
Nov 3	Bracaliello, Torchio, D Cooper, Walton	Gurzo Mundy	Harrell J Miller	Heath, Hunter, J Miller, M Miller, Rondeau/ C (Ratcliffe)
Nov 10	Yaskin, Meehan, Garrison, Ingersoll	Meehan Ratcliffe	Harrell J Miller	Cooper, Cossaboon, Parker, Rivelli/ D(Gannotta)
Nov 17	D Cooper, H Parish, Gannotta, Torchio	A Ingersoll B Ingersoll	Harrell J Miller	Botts, Hanson, Pearson, Ratcliffe/ E (S Pearson)
Nov 24	Molnar, Burgher-Gayle, R Cooper, Stephens	Mundy Walton	Harrell J Miller	Alston, Alston-Harrell, Harrell, Jervis/A (Torchio)
Nov 28 T-giving Day (Bridgeton)	Meehan, Hunter, Robinson, Williams	Meehan		

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please arrange for a substitute and contact the church office in order that the change can be included in the service bulletin. Thank you!

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## Reading Camp Rocks !



## Reading Buddies Make My Day !



*Vacation Bible School (VBS) ... Jesus is My Good Shepherd*



***And finally,***

***you make up the caption for this one ...***



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