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# CHIMES & TIMES

## Church of the Resurrection

The Episcopal Shared Ministry of Cumberland County

Sept/Oct 2020

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### *Pastor's Corner*

Dear Friends,

The Season of Creation is upon us! Make it your own...

- ✝ Give thanks for the glory that is God's creation
- ✝ Reflect on your own stewardship of the gifts that God has given you
- ✝ Consider the consequences we all suffer, when we abuse God's gifts
- ✝ Learn about the many projects underway to restore environmental wholeness
- ✝ Lend your support to the work of ecojustice, locally and around the globe



This season gives us opportunity to reflect on justice and right relationship with God's creation. As we see the inter-connectedness of all creation, the effects of our own choices become more evident. The good news? Our united personal choices to live "green-er" build a healthier global home for everyone.

Let us pray with Presiding Bishop Curry to seek wholeness with God and God's creation:

*Liberating, life-giving God, help us to know that we and the world you have created are truly the work of your hands. Give us knowledge and wisdom to care for your handiwork now and for future generations. Amen.*

Faithfully,

Ellen+



### *Look who's listed on Amazon.com...*

Brittney Ingersoll's article, "Aspirational News: Woman's Edition of the Daily Pioneer and the Presbyterian Improvement Society in Bridgeton, New Jersey, 1898," has been published in the *SoJourn, Summer 2020: A journal devoted to the history, culture, and geography of South Jersey*. Congratulations, Brittney!

## ***Weekly Worship***

Sun	10a	Holy Eucharist at St John Bosco (M)
Sun	10a	Morning Prayer, available on facebook & youtube
Sun	10a	Morning Prayer (Spanish), on facebook
Mon	1:30pm	Morning Prayer & Bible Study (zoom)
Tues	10am	Silent Meditation prayer group (zoom)
Wed	6pm	Evening Prayer & Bible Study (zoom)



Contact Rev Ellen for zoom coordinates for weekly services.  
Consult our website for changes and updates

## ***COR online...***

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

***Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/Church-of-the-Resurrection-100498228265463/>  
“Like us on Facebook and get regular updates of COR activity”***

***YouTube channel: <<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYuClufk3De6tkeF0ouzLqQ>>***

## ***Cycle of Life***

Burial	Aug 29	Reba Roberts
Burial		Mary Dragotta

## ***Growing in Faith . . . Together***

### ***Our Annual Pledge Campaign***

Over the last couple of years, we have shifted our annual pledge campaign from the fall to the summer months. We are grateful to all of you, who have made your 2021 pledge commitment to support God’s mission through this congregation. For those of you still-to-pledge, there’s time! Pledge commitment sheets are available at church on Sunday mornings and/or by request from the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

*Thank You*



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

***Deadline for the Nov/Dec 2020 issue of the Chimes and Times is Oct 15th.***

## ***Sunday School begins Sept 16<sup>th</sup>***

Sunday School begins with an online curriculum called “This is NOT Sunday School.” Weekly lessons can be accessed by each household during the week, and a gathered zoom meeting will invite families to interact with the material and one another in this year’s faith formation program. Contact Rev Ellen for details to subscribe to this (free) curriculum service and to receive dates/times and zoom coordinates for the gatherings. See you in a refreshed and revamped Sunday School!

## ***Weekday Worship & Bible Study***

During the week, could you use a spiritual pick-me-up? We have two small groups that meet weekly via zoom to pray and to study the scripture for the following Sunday. You are welcome to visit and/or make this a regular part of your week. Zoom-coordinates for each meeting are available from Rev Ellen. Join us Mondays, 1:30pm; and Wednesdays, 6pm.

## ***Silent Meditation prayer group***

Our days can be very busy, and it’s easy to lose our centered selves. It takes some discipline and attention to rest easily in silence. Join us on Tuesdays at 10am via zoom for weekly Silent Meditation, following the teaching of Fr John Main <wccm.org>. Contact Rev Ellen for zoom-coordinates to participate.



## ***Book Discussion Group via zoom***

Book Discussion Group will meet on Wednesdays, 10:30am, via zoom, on Sept 30, Oct 7, and 14. The selection this time is Helen Simonson’s *Major Pettigrew’s Last Stand* (Random House, 2011). Join us via zoom for discussion; zoom coordinates are available from Rev Ellen.

## ***Walk with God***

***Walk with God*** is our program of outdoor worship. We meet next on Sat, Sept 26, 10:30am on the Maurice River Bluffs. As part of this month’s celebration of the Season of Creation, we take to the outdoors for a light hike and outdoor worship. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Maurice River Bluffs is located at 1200 Silver Run Road, 1-1/2 miles South of Dividing Creek Road in Millville. There is a large, gravel lot for parking. Contact person: Les Meehan, 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	Pat/David Serlick	Oct 18	RJ Piernikoski
Sept 9	Erika/Harry Kruysman	Oct 19	Andrea Sayre
Sept 10	Monique Waite	Oct 22	Alex Molnar
Sept 12	Janice Carpenter/Judy Rice	Oct 23	Sherry Register
Sept 13	Shanna/Chris Fulcher	Oct 25	Maggie Hunter
Sept 16	Patty/John Pearson	Oct 25	Mike Pesiri
Sept 17	Luis J Negron	Oct 26	Michaela Mundy
Sept 18	Hunter Parish	Oct 26	James Starr
Sept 22	Monica Mundy	Oct 27	Betty Ceto
Sept 22	Alice/Dan Weber	Oct 27	Frances Jervis
Sept 23	Alicia Pearson	Oct 29	Bruce Bedwell
Sept 25	Placido Dragotta		
Sept 25	Newlin Williams	Nov 1	David Serlick
Sept 26	Jordan Watson	Nov 5	Dee Bell
Sept 27	Marge/Chuck Miller	Nov 5	Rosemary Caramico
Sept 28	Peter Federici	Nov 5	Patricia/Dave Shelton
Sept 28	Kelly/Tim Gannotta	Nov 6	Matt Balicki
Sept 30	James Ceto	Nov 6	Judy Rice
Sept 30	Charlene Rondeau	Nov 7	Madison Saul
		Nov 8	Maryalice Robinson
Oct 6	Russell Cooper	Nov 10	Tom Upham
Oct 6	Tim Gannotta	Nov 14	Michelle Alston-Harrell

Please contact the Church office with updates and additions.



### *For your calendar ...*

Sep 10,12-3p	Food Pantry (B)	Oct 8,12-3p	Food Pantry (B)
Sep 21,6p	Vestry mtg (zoom)	Oct 19, 6p	Vestry mtg (zoom)
Sep 24,12-3p	Food Pantry (B)	Oct 22,12-3p	Food Pantry (B)
Sep 26,10:30a	Walk with God		

Other activities are available online, via zoom (zoom-coordinates available from Rev Ellen by request):

Mon 1:30p Morning Prayer & Bible Study  
Tues 10a Silent Meditation Group  
Wed 10:30a Book Discussion Group  
6p Evening Prayer & Bible Study  
NOT Sunday School family gatherings

## *Service & Outreach . . .*Ministry and Expenses continue...

Always, we thank you for your generosity. Though we are not physically together, there continue to be expenses for building care, staff salaries, and essential ministries. Several of you are using our online giving platform, others are sending pledges each week, and others are giving on a bi-weekly or monthly basis. As you keep up your pledge, we can keep up the many ministries that we value. For all of you and your faithfulness, I give thanks. We are much blessed through the generosity of others, and we are blessed to share what we have so that all can provide for themselves and their families. Thank you!

Ellen +

## *Vestry Notes*

### *July 20, 2020*

The vestry met via zoom on July 20, 2020. The meeting opened with prayer and Scripture reflection (1 John 4:7-14). Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted; the Treasurer's report was received and approved. The stewardship campaign for 2021 is underway in July and August. Senior Warden's report included notice of the impending sale of St John Bosco Church, the necessity of finding other Sunday worship space, and an update from the Building Committee. Junior Warden's report included maintenance and repairs to St Andrew's. Clergy report included the ECW report of scholarship money presented to Alyson Molnar and scholarship renewal to Olivia Harrell. Report of the VBS meeting via zoom included a proposal for monthly Sunday VBS gatherings in the fall. Spanish services continue to be available on our Facebook page, and weekly worship and study continues via zoom. Report of the Subcommittee for Re-opening was received; the re-opening plan was submitted to the Diocesan committee and received approval. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

### *August 17, 2020*

The vestry met via zoom on August 17, 2020. The meeting opened with prayer and Scripture reflection (Psalm 25:6-14). Minutes from the previous were accepted, and the Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. Initial stewardship campaign results were received. The 2019 Audit was received and approved for submission to the diocesan office. Senior Warden's report included an update on the St John Bosco Church sale, options for new worship space, and building committee progress. Junior Warden's report included a list of needed repairs, compiled on a walk-through of St Andrew's; electrical work was completed to ensure that Food Pantry refrigerators and freezers will operate smoothly. Clergy report described in-person and on-line worship services, continuing weekday service and study offerings via zoom, Food Pantry and VBS plans for the fall, and re-application for covid-related diocesan approval of new worship space. Planned "Spirituality & the Arts" workshops at Rowan College/Cumberland County have been moved to a combination of on-line platforms. The vestry will begin study of Fred Lehr's *Becoming a 21-st Century Church* in September. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## *A Road Named COVID*

The Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 10 records a well-known parable that provides clarity to the question, “who is my neighbor,” As the traveler journeyed the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, he was set upon by robbers who beat him and stripped him of all his possessions. Left to die along the road, he was passed by a Priest, and a Levite, neither of whom rendered aid. A Samaritan passing by saw the injured man stopped and cared for his wounds and mounted him on his animal to seek shelter. Jesus asked the question, “which one of these three acted like a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers.” This parable provides the setting for the story that I am about to share.

Our daughter, Kim, works as a case manager and administrator in a LTC facility in Hamilton Twp., Mercer County, NJ. Arguably, no segment of society has been harder hit by this virus than the residents and staff of these facilities. Some of these residents have lived in facilities for a long period of time prior to this pandemic and have become well known and loved. To witness the decimation of this resident population and to have to deal with family is mentally and physically exhausting. Working with health care officials at every level of government and undergoing the constant scrutiny, just to remain viable and protect the residents, is challenging. A twelve-hour work day has become the normal. Typically, her travel takes her up Rt. 295, entering at entrance 42 N and exiting at 65 to get into Hamilton. Here, begins the story...

On the late morning of Wednesday, July 22, Kim was travelling to work and had just turned off Exit 65 of Rt. 295 when her attention was drawn to a diminutive, frail figure of a man wearing a yellow shirt, looking rather disoriented and out of place, where he was standing near heavy traffic. She was alone and the heavy traffic did not allow her to stop. Nonetheless, the thought of the man would not depart her mind. She continued with her duties for the remainder of the day and returned home still thinking about the incident.

Next day, same travel route and she arrives at her place of work. No sooner than she entered the building and was about to enter her office than a very loud and insistent banging on the locked front doors drew her attention. A man was standing there and very excitedly shouting that there was a man lying on the ground under a tree near the driveway entrance to the facility. Her first thought was that one of the residents had escaped and was in danger. She gathered up one of the other male workers, and they headed out to see what could be done. The entrance is a horseshoe drive, and no one could be found at the first entrance. She headed up to the other end and could see a yellow shirt on a man, who was lying in a fetal position beneath a large tree. Kim is also a licensed nurse and, as she knelt down beside the man and rolled him over, imagine her surprise at seeing this was the same man that she had encountered the previous day some distance away on the highway. Trying to communicate with the man in his depleted state coupled with the fact that he was Hispanic was difficult. She sent for one of the other staff, fluent in the Spanish language, and collectively they were able to obtain some basic information. They assembled a bag of food and water and determined that they needed to call for help to determine if he was suffering from heat exhaustion or dehydration or a host of other things. In his wallet, devoid of any money, the man did carry some identification. Kim took a picture of his green card and other ID with her smart phone. She called EMS and asked that they come with no sirens or lights if possible. When it was determined where he was to be taken, she called a contact and asked if he could be sheltered at least overnight and given new clothes and showered. She noticed that he was wearing a medal of St. Michael the Archangel around his neck. St. Michael is the defender and protector of those who invoke his protection against all evil and harm.

A closer examination of his identity revealed an employment association with NY Racing Association, the track at Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, NY. When the virus hit and horse racing stopped, he likely lost not

only his employment but also his place of shelter. He was 70 years of age, and his skills were not transferable to other work. His size indicates that he may have even been a jockey or exercise rider or groomer. We will probably never know how or where this story ends, however several observations are worthy of consideration.

First, this road named COVID, extends through every State, City, and municipality across our great nation. We all travel this road together and depend on one another to be good neighbors. Travelers along this road carry with them many stories, some good, many heartbreaking. Secondly, we never know when or where we will be given the opportunity to perform a neighborly act of kindness. It is quite possible that we ourselves will be in need of help. In this example, we can see that God does not give up on us, if we miss the first opportunity; he literally planted the man right on the doorsteps of the facility and says “this is your second chance.” We see the work of several “good Samaritans” at work here. The first, pounding on the door of the facility and then the subsequent actions of others.

“Whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren, that you do unto Me.”

In conclusion, stay safe and be a good neighbor as we continue our journey together.

- Harvey McCubbin

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## ***Episcopal Resources for Exploring the Season of Creation***

### **Prayer ~**

Weekly Devotions “Renewing, Repairing, Restoring”

[https://episcopalchurch.org/files/seasons\\_of\\_creation\\_devotional\\_pages.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/seasons_of_creation_devotional_pages.pdf)

Online prayer services and webinars: <https://seasonofcreation.org/videos/>

### **Action ~**

Episcopal Carbon Tracker to measure your carbon impact on the earth

<https://www.sustainislandhome.org/>

“Moving Forward” guide to reducing energy use, building resilient communities, and supporting policies that lead to climate solutions

[https://episcopalchurch.org/files/cc\\_bt\\_moving\\_forward\\_0.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/cc_bt_moving_forward_0.pdf)

### **Partners ~**

Creation Justice Ministries educates, equips, and mobilizes Christian congregations and individuals to protect, restore, and rightly share God’s Creation

<https://www.creationjustice.org/>

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