

St. Clare's
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Worship with Joy, Grow in Faith, Act for Justice

monthly newsletter

Reflections on the hospitality of Christ from chapter five, *People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity* by Dwight J. Zscheile

Dear Ones,

I love to experience hospitality and to offer it. Many people seem not to experience enough of either, it seems to me. One thing that has made the two year journey of doing the Disciples I class that will conclude this month different has been meeting in the home of Adam and Jessica Lowen for two years, twice a month. The class thus has built in the experience of hospitality.

Dwight Zscheile points out that in the Incarnation, God entrusted god-self to the hospitality of the world. Or in John Bell's words from our Easter Eucharistic prayer, Jesus was "always the guest," and moved around, and stayed with different people. Episcopalian establishment logic has moved us to offer hospitality to others, and to the needy stranger out of kindness. But as followers of Jesus, we learn to be guests, and to rely on the hospitality of others.

If we do not experience the hospitality of others, we miss the opportunity to receive from those we serve. As Zscheile points out, without the building of community there is less mutuality and reciprocity, and less opportunity for transformation by the Spirit. Everyone who goes on the trip to Haiti from St. Clare's reports that experiencing the gracious hospitality of the people of Haiti is a powerful inspiring spiritual experience, that guides our desire to be helpful to them.

Luke 10:5-9: Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you... Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

This text is a good corrective for the allergic reaction to the power abuses shared in by churches in the colonial era. Disciples, or "learners" are not mere subjects or objects of conversion or enlistment. We learn new things, experience new things, and are renewed and blessed. Because of the fear of coercion, or using it as an excuse for staying in personal comfort, a faith that is only a private preference will die out. Building community with our neighbors, we meet God there, and by going with empty, open hands, we experience God's peace.

At my oldest son Giles' recent wedding to Imogen, my family experienced profound hospitality. There was not just a good expensive party to celebrate at the Michigan Union, there was welcome for guests from far and near, homes offered in hospitality and love, worship of God, the prayers of many,

particularly the women of the church who gathered to pray and bless Imogen several weeks prior. Hospitality, grace, and shared love before God created a vibe remarked on by many of the young adults who did not come expecting this on their Ann Arbor weekend. Thank you to all who helped to make that wedding a holy occasion.

In July my family will experience the hospitality of a deceased parishioner again when we stay in Vivian Visscher's home on Beaver Island, and we experience and offer the hospitality of Christ there with St James' Episcopal Mission. I hope that your summer is blessed by hospitality, and that prayer and seeking show you God in new ways. I close with a question from Mr. Zscheile:

When have you received or depended on the hospitality of strangers?

In Christ's love,



NEWS & EVENTS

Parish Potluck and Church School Celebration

Sunday, June 2

On Sunday, June 2, after the 10:30 church service, we will have our annual celebration of the conclusion of Church School with a potluck lunch and presentations. Each class will prepare a short presentation to share with us what they learned this year. This gathering is for the **WHOLE PARISH** and will be in the social hall. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for this important celebration!



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Genesis Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 4 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the upcoming Genesis Annual Meeting. This is an important meeting in our TBE/Genesis/St. Clare relationship.

Summer Choir

Join the St. Clare's Summer Choir on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. to learn an anthem together and sing during the Offertory at the 10:30 service. All abilities are welcome! Our first summer choir date is June 30. To be notified of other dates, sign up for our Adult Choir email group on the website

(www.saintclareschurch.org, scroll to the bottom and look for GET CONNECTED).

-John Goodell

Prayer Partner Banquet

Saturday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.

If you've served as an adult prayer partner for one of our youth this year, please join us in the social hall for a banquet to celebrate your ministry. The youth will serve a fantastic dinner to show our gratitude (and youth will have the opportunity to sit down and chat with their prayer partners during the evening as well). Don't miss this night of fun and fellowship!



-Beth Scriven

To Be Blessed and to Be a Blessing

I would like to invite you to consider being a church school teacher this coming year. Exploring God's love with children is such a treat! If you are interested and would like more information, please email or talk with me (xan@saintclareschurch.org).



-Xan Morgan

Theological Education Sundays in June

In 1979, the 67th General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S. passed Resolution A125, Support for Theological Education, with the intent that every parish earmark 1% of its income to support the training of new clergy and lay leaders.

Our newest seminarian, Imogen Rhodenhiser, will preach at the 9:00 and 10:30 services on June 9 and at the 7:45 service on June 16. At those services, we will have the opportunity to give generously to support Imogen's training.

Jazz Mass at St. Clare's

Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.

At the 10:30 service on June 16, the Rev. Reid Hamilton, Episcopal Chaplain to the University of Michigan, will preach. Reid's colleagues from Canterbury House will also be on hand to lead us in a Jazz Mass. We will take an offering that morning to support Episcopal Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan: Canterbury House.

Guest Celebrants/Preachers This Summer

We welcome Gene Curry, Becky Lepley (grandmother of Sydney and Avery Weissinger, and mother of Celeste Weissinger), and Michelle Meech as guest celebrants/preachers this summer.



Prayer Requests for Summer Youth Trips

- At the end of June, 20 St. Clarians will travel to Pittsburgh to spend a week bringing hope and love to the city through their service and prayers. Please pray for the participants as they make new friends, meet new challenges, and encounter Jesus Christ in new ways. The trip roster: Oceana Bailey, Paul Cook, Cecilia Cooper, Rorie Fuller, Theo Heimann, Leah Hodgman, Imogen Howes, Libby Kozicz, Dan Lerch, Janie Little, John Little, Kelly Millar, Travis Millar, Robert Petersen, Emma Jane Rhodenhiser, Karen Slagell, Sofi St. John, Justin Stone, Maddie Timmer, Emma Walters.
- In mid-July, 7 high school students and 3 adults will travel to Colorado for a spiritual pilgrimage. Pilgrims will explore how they might place God closer to the center of their lives not only on the trip, but upon return to their regular lives. Please pray for the pilgrims as they travel and as they seek God in new places: Lucy Fuller, Ben Mercieca, Travis Millar, Robert Petersen, Molly Reynolds, Hannah Rhodenhiser, Beth Scriven, Alex Vail, Larry Vandenberg, and Sarah Vandenberg.
- A number of young St. Clarians will also be attending Camp MichiLuCa and Bass Lake and would welcome your prayers!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children's Summer Worship

Throughout the summer months all children who have just finished 1st grade and younger are invited to join Xan and other adults during the 10:30 service for singing, listening to a story and enjoying a feast together. If you are an adult or a kid going into 4th-6th grade and would like to join us please let Xan know (xan@saintclareschurch.org).

Prayer Partner Banquet

Nothing says "thank you" better than making someone a meal! On Saturday, June 8, we'll be throwing a banquet to celebrate all the adults who have served as prayer partners this year. Email Beth to sign up for a shift (set up and serving from 5 to 8pm or serving and clean up from 6 to 9pm).

Congratulations to the Narnia Cast



**A SPECIAL THANK
YOU TO THE CAST AND
CREW OF NARNIA FOR
TWO OUTSTANDING
PERFORMANCES!**

SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, October 6
CROP Walk: St. Clare's & TBE are hosting!
- Saturday, October 12
Haiti Gala
- October 25 & 26
Diocesan Convention, Detroit
- Fall 2013
Joint Concert of St. Clare's & TBE's Adult
Choirs (date TBA)

June/July Youth Calendar

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, June 1		Applications to be a counselor or intern at Music Theater Church Camp are due. (Get them at www.saintclareschurch.org/mtcc .)
Sunday, June 2		Church School Picnic and Pilgrimage Car Wash
	3:45-5:45 pm	7th/8th grade youth group
	6:00 pm	Pilgrim-parent meeting
Thursday, June 6	4:45-6:00 pm	Salvation Army
Sunday, June 9	3:45-5:45 pm	Final Youth Group!
Saturday, June 15	9:00 am to 2 pm	Pilgrims at UM Challenge Course
Sunday, June 16	5:30-8 pm	Mission Trip participants at Alpha House, 4290 Jackson Rd
June 18-20		Vacation Bible School, 1st Presbyterian Church
Saturday, June 22	3:30-6:30 pm	Pilgrim practice hike
June 23-28		Week of Hope: Pittsburgh
Sunday, June 30	3:30-6:30 pm	Pilgrim service day
Thursday, July 4	4:45-6 pm	Salvation Army
Sunday, July 8		Pilgrim sendoff service
July 10-21		Pilgrimage to Colorado Rockies
July 14-19		Camp Michi-Lu-Ca week
July 21-26		Camp Michi-Lu-Ca Senior High week
July 26-29		Bass Lake Music Festival at Michi-Lu-Ca



Summer Fun: It's Not Too Late!

There's still time to get in on these exciting summer opportunities! (Listed in chronological order with target age group noted in the description)

Vacation Bible School: June 18-20

St. Clare's, St. Andrew's, and First Presbyterian join to offer a fabulous VBS. The children "travel" back to Bible times and experience what it was like to be one of first followers of Jesus. *VBS is for kids who have completed grades K-5.*

Day Camp, June 24-28

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor will sponsor a fantastic day camp the week of June 24. The camp is run by staff from Living Waters Ministries, so it feels a lot like Camp MichiLuCa! Cost is \$70 for those who register before June 1. *Day Camp runs 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is for 5- to 12-year-old kids.*

Jr./Sr. High Mission Trip, June 23-28

This year's community service mission trip participants will go to Pittsburgh, PA. A terrific way to help people in real need while having a great time with new friends from across the country. *The trip is open to kids who have completed grades 6-12.* It may be too late to join, but if you're interested, contact Karen Slagell for details.

Camp MichiLuCa: July 14-19 (3rd grade and up) OR July 21-26 (high school special programs)

Campers will learn about God and themselves by exploring the wonders of nature, trying new activities at camp (such as swimming, arts & crafts, nature walks), and participating in a fun Bible study time. Campers sing around the campfire, learn about themselves, and worship daily. It will truly be an experience they'll never forget! *Camps are available for kids who have finished 3rd through 12th grade; check camp materials for details [<http://www.elcalivingwater.com/summer/summer-programs/>].*

Bass Lake Festival: July 26-29

Bass Lake is a Christian Music Festival for High School aged youth which provides an "outside the box," grace-filled experience of the Christian faith. Through great music, unique learning opportunities, and a relaxed, community-building atmosphere, this event shares the Gospel with youth from all backgrounds and levels of maturity in a beautiful outdoor setting. This year's theme is "Let there be light!". Register through Eric Travis, Diocesan Missioner for Youth and Young Adults. Cost is \$125 (includes food, lodging, and t-shirt) for those registering by June 14; registrations after June 14 may have a higher cost. *For youth who have completed grades 8-12.*

Music Theater Church Camp: August 26-30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with before/after care); performance on Saturday, August 31

Eighth annual Music Theater Church Camp at St. Clare's. A great way to spend the last week of summer for kids and parents alike! Join us for a week of singing, acting, swimming, and growing in our faith. This year's musical will be *Rescue in the Night* by Tom Long and Allen Pote. For more information and to register, go to www.saintclareschurch.org/mtcc. A family discount and scholarships are available—see Xan Morgan or John Goodell for details. *MTCC is for kids who have completed grades 1-7. Teens who have completed grades 9-11 can apply to be counselors or interns: applications are also available at www.saintclareschurch.org/mtcc and are due June 1.*

OUTREACH & SERVICE

St. Clare's Outreach Sunday (SOS)

On May 5, 2013, St. Clare's held its second annual St. Clare's Outreach Sunday. After a group photo in our colorful SOS t-shirts and a blessing in the sanctuary, over 150 St. Clarians took part in 20 separate projects, all of which provided opportunities for our volunteers to do something for others, the true meaning of outreach. Some recipients were non-profit organizations serving the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Community, some were projects benefitting the church, and some were projects assisting individual parishioners. A wide variety of projects offered opportunities for all ages and skill levels. Some hearty volunteers contributed significant "sweat equity", while others applied their talents in efforts to brighten the lives of residents at Alpha or Safe House or wrote letters to legislators to raise awareness about hunger. Even the smallest children got involved in the Children's Service Projects, by creating thank you notes for the participants.

Here's a summary of some of the results of our Outreach Sunday.

- Many of our groups worked outside in the lovely weather. At the York Township park, Barry Fuller and his team reorganized two large flower beds for an educational wildlife project. The youth in D'Arcy Cook's group repainted a park shelter and tables at Hunt Park to cover over the graffiti. Beth Jodon's team primed and started painting Wisdom House.
- Other outdoor projects included pruning, raking, and filling fifteen bags of yard waste at the NEW Center, building six or eight garden beds and filling them with plants at Hamilton Crossing, washing windows, trimming ivy and trees at Canterbury House, cleaning the trash from Pattengill School's playground and field, painting a room and mulching the beds and walks at Alpha House, and prepping and planting the Faith and Food vegetable garden for the Backdoor Pantry's use.
- While it wasn't exactly "outdoor" work, one group, led by Will Spotts, collected donated items such as books, toys, Legos, and kitchen equipment for the Bright Futures middle school programs.
- The crafters of St. Clare's had a very productive afternoon, during which they finished one knitted baby blanket, completed all but about six rounds of a second blanket, and prepared the center square for a third. In addition, they made 20 squares that will be assembled into three scarves for the Diocesan Christmas party. The quilters made a quilt top big enough for going to Safe House, but it was so beautiful, perhaps we might auction it off for money to go to Haiti or to the mission work we do. In addition, they completed a baby blanket sized quilt. All the baby blankets will go to Alpha House.
- Some of the projects were indoor projects. One popular project was the 1½ hour music concert for Brecon Village residents, which was followed by socializing with the group. Don Kelley and his two teams successfully cleaned out six dryer vents for some of our church members. Another group, led by Debra Stevens, cleaned and organized the St. Clare's kitchens and then made dinner for all our SOS participants.

In all, St. Clarians of all ages took part in a highly successful and productive Outreach Sunday. Thank you to all who made it such a big success.

–The SOS Committee

Thank you so much for sending a volunteer crew to help us out with spring yard work. This is the second year that the church has sent us a crew and we are thrilled to have them. Joanne Heaton's group was great. They raked out leaves, pulled weeds and pruned, filling 15 bags with yard waste. The grounds look great and we are so grateful for the help.

With sincere appreciation for a job well done,

Paula Rand
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May 13, 2013

Dear Members of St. Clare of Assisi,

We at Canterbury House wish to thank you very, very much for the work your crew did for us on Sunday, May 5th. The house, the yard, the door, the refrigerator and porches all look cleaned up, raked, painted and ready for the good weather. The generous volunteers: Mary Wright, Lauren Wright, Hannah Rhodenhiser, Ann Munster, Karen Slagell, Chris Ballard, Lesli Ballard, Liz Rodems, Rich Rodems, Hallie Dykstra, Claire Dykstra, Steve Dykstra, Barbara Beaton, Jean-Pierre Seguin and Martin Heggestad. We appreciate you all very much.

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Sincerely yours,

THANKS EVERYBODY ! SEE YOU 16 JUNE !

News From the Back Door Food Pantry

*A partnership of St. Clare's Church, Temple Beth Emeth, and Muslim Social Services
"Providing hunger relief with dignity"*



- CROP WALK! St. Clare's and Temple Beth Emeth will host the 2013 CROP Walk on October 6. Since the Back Door Food Pantry has benefitted from grants from past events, we are happy to be part of the planning this year. Mark your calendar and refer to the article on page 11: there is a role for you!
- Our numbers continue to climb: the pantry visits for the first quarter of 2013 saw an increase of 163 over the same quarter last year.
- The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has awarded BDFP a \$1300 grant to help pay for Thanksgiving turkeys this year.
- Did you know? We are using the social hall as a Welcome Center for our guests on distribution days (Thursdays). Our guests register and sit in comfort as they await their turn in the pantry.
- The Wellspring Cell Group has provided four gracious, sit-down meals for our guests and their families over the course of the past year, and they intend to continue to do so once per quarter. The offerings have included a pasta menu, a taco bar, a cookout, and a catered meal. The guests visit with one another and with the volunteers who serve. Our guests anxiously anticipate and deeply appreciate these meals.
- The BDFP Coordinating Committee has seen some personnel changes: Longtime TBE Co-Chair Hal Fischel is stepping down from that position. Hal has served ever since TBE joined as a full partner in 2009, and he will be missed! Ellie Davidson, well-known to volunteers for her faithful service, will become co-chair, serving with Kathy Daly from St. Clare's.
- The TBE Youth Group served on Mitzvah Day by cleaning all the shelves and surfaces in the pantry under the direction of Leslee Cassell-Bonnell. They did a great job.
- We can use your help! Volunteers are needed to fill out our summer rosters for Monday stocking, Wednesday shopping, and Thursday pantry service. Please visit the website at www.backdoorfoodpantry.org to sign up. If you are 14 years or older, you may serve.
- Many youth are supporting the BDFP by asking their birthday or bar and bat mitzvah guests to bring food or a donation for the pantry in lieu of gifts. We are deeply grateful for these efforts, and are touched by the acts of generosity we have witnessed.

The BDFP Coordinating Committee: Ellie Davidson and Kathy Daly, Co-Chairs; Leslee Cassell-Bonnell; Jim Downward; Judie Erb; Susan Greenberg; Loren Jackson; Elizabeth Lindsey; Marjory Luther; Melissa Reid; Naomi Spivak

Alpha House

St. Clare's and Temple Beth Emeth will provide volunteers at Alpha House, the Interfaith Hospitality Network shelter for homeless families with children, June 10-16. Volunteers are needed for the following opportunities:

- Bring a child-friendly dinner for about 25 people by 6 pm on Friday or Sunday. You can bring it earlier if necessary, and the staff will take care of keeping it warm in the oven.
- Serve (and eat!) dinner, clean up and play with kids (outdoors or in the large basement playroom) from 5:30 till 8:00 pm each evening. Extra volunteers are also welcome and needed from 6:45-8:00 p.m.. (Two adults are enough for dinnertime, but at least 3 are needed for playtime; 4 are even better!) Both of these are good opportunities to volunteer as a family.
- Spend a night from 8:30 p.m. until 7:00 the next morning (you can leave earlier if you have to).
- Prepare, eat, and clean up after breakfast (either bring food or use available food) at 8:30 on Saturday or Sunday morning.

There is at least one staff person on duty at Alpha House 24 hours each day. If you are volunteering for the first time, an experienced volunteer will be there to work with you. Sign up at coffee hour on Sundays or contact Jeanne Hernandez (jeannehernandez@gmail.com; 734-971-5357) to volunteer.

Doing Outreach—Haiti Outreach Mission

While attending a joint meeting of the Vestry and various Commission members at St. Clare's in mid-April, I learned that the Vestry has established 3 simple yet comprehensive goals for 2013—Invite, Involve, and Improve. At the next level these goals are to Invite newcomers to get acquainted; Involve current parishioners, and Improve parish functioning.

As a member of the Outreach Commission who focuses on St. Clare's involvement with Haiti Outreach Mission (HOM), what's not to like about Inviting folks to participate, Involving parishioners in the Mission, and Improving St. Clare's participation.

The meeting brainstormed ideas to bring these goals to life. The third and fourth most frequently supported ideas had to do with outreach: improve the awareness of ongoing committee work vs. big events, and increase experiential activities [partner with a Black church]—"out of the books and into the world".

St. Clare's HOM group is looking to re-energize our commitment "into the world" through HOM and its projects in Mirebalais, Haiti. Did you know, for example, that 10 St. Clarians have traveled to Mirebalais as part of the annual medical mission trip, or that HOM maintains a clinic with a full-time physician and dentist (which would not be possible without St. Clare's support), or that HOM donated over \$125,000 in earthquake relief support in Port-au-Prince? St. Clare's will be supporting HOM in 2013 with over \$17,000.

A construction/evaluation trip to Mirebalais is being planned for late July, and we anticipate that 2 St. Clarians will be on that trip. Look for a report in the August *St. Clarian*.

And please, save the date, October 12, for the 10th annual Haiti Feast—there will be many opportunities to Invite, Involve, and Improve.

—Jim Schairbaum, for the St. Clare's Haiti Operating Committee



CROP Walk 2013

Temple Beth Emeth and St. Clare's will host the 40th annual Washtenaw County CROP Walk for World Hunger. We ask you to join this effort to fight hunger.



CROP stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. It is sponsored by Church World Services internationally, a non-sectarian relief and development non-profit agency that works with other relief agencies to fight world hunger and provide humanitarian relief. Locally, the CROP Walk is sponsored by Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice. A quarter of CROP Walk donations are distributed locally, including to our Back Door Food Pantry.

The 2013 CROP Hunger Walk takes place on Sunday October 6. Please mark your calendars and save that date. Registration begins at 1 pm, and the Walk starts at 2 pm. There will be a short Send Off service at 1:30 pm in our sanctuary. Walkers can choose either a 1 mile or a 5 mile route. A meal will be served in the social hall following the walk to build community and celebrate our efforts. Walkers and supporters will be encouraged to bring food donations, which this year will be given to the Back Door Food Pantry.



As the hosts, we need leaders and volunteers to help with the following.

- Direct parking
- Food preparation
- Set up tables and chairs
- Sign management
- Clean up from meal
- Guides and greeting
- Food serving
- Food Pantry support
- Audio system support
- Walkers
- Donation recruiters
- Send Off service help

These volunteer tasks will require about 2- 4 hours on the Walk day, and a few hours of preparation and planning to perform adequately. Please sign up on the common bulletin board between offices or contact Rodger Wolff, at rwolff@sigmarep.com, or 662-4981.

–Rodger Wolff

FELLOWSHIP AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

How Do We Make Moral Decisions? (A Workshop Sponsored by St. Clare's)

**Wednesday, June 12, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
at St. Clare's**

Euthanasia? In Vitro Fertilization? Insurance Mandates? Pro-life? Pro-choice? How do we decide what is (morally) right?

Join Ray DeVries, Professor in the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences and Medicine and the Department of Medical Education at the University of Michigan Medical School, will address this issue, drawing on neurology, social psychology and behavioral economics. Knowing Ray, this will be a lively discussion! Refreshments provided.

Understanding Race

Sunday, June 23, 2 to 4 p.m.

On Sunday, June 23, join St. Clare's Adult Education Commission and members of New Beginnings Community Church in viewing the Understanding Race exhibit at the University of Michigan Natural History Museum. Participants will then gather for a facilitated discussion of the exhibit, led by Pastor Jeffery Harrold of New Beginnings. If you plan to attend, please sign up at church on Sunday or by clicking [here](#) (knowing how many to expect will help ensure that we have adequate space for discussion at the museum).

Tending the Holy

Spiritual Guidance: PRAYER

Spiritual Companionship/guidance continues to reveal deeper aspects of Inner Knowing, which includes awareness of the Holy Presence of God through Jesus Christ with prayer. Many of us grew up experiencing prayer through giving thanks before a meal, before we go to bed at night, and praying for family members and friends who are ill, injured, or in need of something such as employment, suffering because of loss, or burdened with the care of others.

Some have described prayer as "words, words, words" without knowing or awareness of the Presence, but perhaps imagining that they do. Many of us have learned to trust God through prayer requests for the healing of others many ways. Some go through the motions of prayer during Advent or the Lenten season as a disciplined intention. With intention, which means right here, right now, before beginning to pray, we know our purpose and relationship with God.

Joyce Rupp, a renowned spiritual teacher and author, has described her self-discovery of "going through the motions" of prayer after formally practicing meditation twice a day, morning and evening. The meditation practice quieted the mind and the heart so that there was a centering and connectedness with the Holy One. Many of us at St. Clare's have

realized the truth of the Presence through Intercessory Prayer, and the use of beads in several traditions.

During retreats there are times when the group is asked to "pray to be open". This is when a transformation can take place because the hearts and minds become receptive rather than hesitant or resistant. To be open during prayer is to be willing to acknowledge the totality of who we are as well as our God-relationship.

Many times prayer is a request to God for something, time passes, and the "prayer" doesn't appear to be answered, and disappointment occurs. The open mind and heart accepts what is. Perhaps the expectation of a particular response from God IS the answer. Certainly this has been personally experienced. Since practicing meditation by focusing the attention on the breath, the quieted mind is now receptive to the Presence. "Be still and know that I am God" is the scripture that speaks of meditation and contemplation. Spiritual direction always begins with prayer and silence. Truly, it calms the mind and relaxes the body for the Directee and the Director.

"Prayer" will continue in the next Tending the Holy". Peace with You.

–Joan Davis, MA, SD
Ph. 734-475-6774

PARISH COMMUNITY

Ordination Anniversaries

Best wishes to those celebrating the anniversaries of their ordinations to the priesthood this summer.

- **Julia Huttar Bailey** on June 11
- **Susie Shaefer** on July 2

Graduation Congratulations

- **Anna Kilbourn** (daughter of **Barb & Michael Kilbourn**) will receive a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of Michigan on August 25, 2013.
- **Claire Dykstra** will graduate from Skyline High School on June 10.
- **David R. Griffith** (son of **Penny & James Griffith**) will graduate from MIT with a Ph.D. in Environmental Chemistry.
- **Maxwell G. Coolidge** graduated summa cum laude from Cooley Law, earning his Juris Doctorate.
- **Paul Evett** will graduate from Pioneer High School this spring.

Did You Know?

- **Dorothy Schwankl** (daughter of **Karis Crawford & Paul Schwankl**) married Jacob Devin Gay at the Olivet Congregational Church in Olivet, Michigan, on May 11. Family and friends came from as far away as Minnesota, Nevada, Georgia, and Maryland. Dorothy and Jake are architects living in Chicago.
- Congratulations to **Tara & Robbin Ward**, and big brothers **Landon** and **Dax**, who welcomed **Avery Michael** to their family on May 15!
- Congratulations to **Laura & Michael Kozminski**, and big brother **Rowan**, who welcomed **Daniel** and **Graham** to their family on May 17!
- Congratulations to **Susie & Luke Shaefer**, and big sister **Bridget**, who welcomed **Michael Ian** to their family on May 17!

June Birthdays

1	Paul Cook
2	Donna Anuskiewicz, Ruthann Petersen
3	Liz Rodems, Samantha Wilms
4	Jack Kozicz
5	Gabe Crowner, Alyssa Ryerson, Joyce Smith
7	Connor Flynn, Heather Shafer
8	Mark Davis-Craig, Nicholas Gabriel, Ann Putallaz, Bridget Shaefer, Victoria Walters
9	Ilene Smith
10	Prince-William John Tehoy
13	Lesli Ballard, Pat Levenick
14	Jenna Marcel
15	Claire Dykstra, Colleen Flanagan, Suzette Leininger
16	Madeline Lowen
18	Gail Kelley, Ginny Morris, Jayin Wavrik
19	Margaret Mooney, Shirley Renner
20	Pam Curtis, Rosie Klauscher, Michael Kozminski
21	Lucy Bond, Janet Maylie Fredricksen
23	Ruth Curry
24	Ed LeBaron, Steve Lozano, Maddeline Streeter
25	Robert Petersen, Ruth Slavin
26	Sara Jackson
27	Molly Reynolds
28	Brian Mills



July Birthdays

1	Elizabeth Greer, Josie Lyons
4	Maria Trombley
5	Ben Mercieca, Jim Schairbaum, Rose Sproat
7	Andrew Coolidge, Tirian Cooper, Neil Wenger
8	Dan Timmer
9	Zerilda Palmer
10	Natalie Krienke
11	Tess Jackson
12	Kay Long, Linda Elise Turner
13	Bev Campbell
14	Charlie Jackson
15	Debra Goodell
16	Nikita Gabriel, Sarah Vandenberg, Patti Wolff
17	Russ Olwell
21	Courtney Mills
22	Joey Stevenson
25	Viktor Jodon, Don Kelley
26	Thomas Coolidge
27	Mary Anna Dickinson, Shannon Pratt
29	Alayna Trombley
31	Laurie Kantner

June/July Anniversaries

June 8	Luke & Susie Shaefer
10	Beth & Brian Jodon, Ruth Slavin & Stephen Brown
15	Laura & Michael Kozminski
17	Judie Erb & Jim Downward
18	Tracy & Jeremy McKinney
22	Sarah & Ryan Plum
25	Karis Crawford & Paul Schwankl
26	Bev & Ross Campbell
28	Debra & John Goodell
29	Margaret & Jack Petersen
July 7	Patty & Robert Creal
8	Tara Breslin & Bob Blackburn
17	Joan & Glenn Davis
20	Kristen Boyle-Heimann & Greg Heimann, Thana & Peter Millar
26	Barb & Mike Kilbourn
31	Jayin Wavrik & James Rhodenhiser

Is your birthday or anniversary missing (or, heaven forbid, wrong)? Contact the church office to update St. Clare's database! (662-2449 or office@saintclareschurch.org)

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