

CTK: June News 2019



Summer is upon us. This is the time of year when people often look for books to read. I want to share a few theological books that you may enjoy reading. I have a copy of all of these books in my office, which you are free to borrow.

Eugene Peterson wrote an unusual translation of the Bible called *The Message*. If you've ever wanted to read the Bible but you get stuck on the words and concepts, this is a good choice. The simplicity of this translation alone makes this a refreshing read for young and old alike. Also, consider *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*. This gem critiques our societies obsession with speed and novelty. Instead, he points the way to the Psalms which offer deep guidance on discipleship over the long haul.

Looking for a challenging read about discipleship? Consider **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**. His two most famous works are *The Cost of Discipleship* and *Life Together*. Bonhoeffer reflects on the Sermon the Mount heavily and offers challenging words about discipleship.

Every Episcopalian should treasure some book written by **C.S. Lewis**, who himself was an Anglican. *The Screwtape Letters* offers a thought provoking read as one demon, Screwtape, seeks to mentor another in stealing a soul. This series of fictional letters has a way of piercing the reader's heart along the way. *Mere Christianity* offers a simple introduction to the theology of the Christian faith. For kids, I recommend *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

John Ortberg is one of my favorite authors. Trained in both theology and psychology, his writings are very relatable. He combines memorable stories, insights into human behavior, and a great sense of humor. One book worthy of reading (and re-reading) is *Everybody's Normal Till You Get to Know Them*. Several years ago I taught a Bible study on his book about Jesus called *Who is this Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus*.

Looking for a poet and priest who is also Episcopalian? Look no further than **Barbara Brown Taylor**. She's one of the best preachers in our times and has a way of uncovering new insights from familiar Biblical stories and parables. *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation* is an excellent book about the loss of sin language in our times. *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* focuses on encountering God beyond the church walls.

Happy summer reading!

—Fr. David

The Second Page

You have to eat crow before you can enjoy the taste of chicken.

Judge Hardy



Before there was a *Mayberry* with an Opie, Barney, Aunt Bee and Andy, there was a *Carvel* with an Andy, Marion, Mother and Judge Hardy. For over a decade, the trials and tribulations of American teenager Andy Hardy delighted movie audiences seeking relief from the harsh realities of the Great Depression and the terrors of world war. The series included fourteen films purportedly set in the idyllic Carvel, Idaho, although at various times the town seemed to be in New England, the Midwest and points unknown. That indeterminate location added to the series' charm because Carvel and the Hardy's represented a wistful glimpse of what many people believed to be an ideal life. The town was populated by friendly folks who were kind, tolerant, patriotic and endowed with the kind of wisdom rooted in common sense. Problems could all be reasonably worked out. Everyone had what they needed to get by and if they didn't, help was always available. The Hardy's, too, represented an ideal that many yearn for today. Andy and Marion were bright, cheerful and largely obedient kids. Mother was their doting advocate and her occasional goofiness only underscored her abundance of love. The Judge had a Solomon-like wisdom, a way of holding his kids accountable without being a scold and a gentle sense of humor that made him always approachable. After Andy wound up in some terrible (but not really terrible) fix, his *man-to-man* talks with the Judge always put things in the right moral perspective and provided the means of setting them straight. Often times, getting things straight involved eating a generous helping of *crow*.

While it's certainly the mark of a simpler age when *the taste of chicken* is held out as a gastronomic delight, there's no mistaking that the taste of crow hasn't improved over time. It's as disagreeable for us moderns as it was for the Hardy's. Since entering the language in 1850, this distinctly American expression has meant one thing—swallowing one's pride and admitting a mistake. Never an easy task. The magnitude of the mistake and the degree of vigor with which it was pursued, dictates the serving size. If the mistake included a bit of arrogance and self-righteousness, that serving might end up looking like an all-you-can-eat buffet!

Fortunately for those of us who have known the taste of crow, there does seem to be a medicinal benefit. It's a curative for the kind of pridefulness—*false pride*—that causes so much trouble. False pride blinds us to the contributions of others, dupes us into misreading situations and into taking offense where none was intended. It also helps inflame problems that could have been resolved with a simple, "I'm sorry," or, "I misunderstood." Make no mistake; false pride can keep the offended party from accepting a sincere apology and "moving on." Even at its best, however, pride needs to be tempered by humility and modesty. It's possible to be right without gloating. It's possible to win without creating losers. And—it should come as no surprise—it's possible to admit a mistake without losing your self-respect. As he was in so many other things, Judge Hardy was right about *crow*. Eat a little as necessary and everything else tastes better! —*Ebert*

May at a Glance

Sunday Worship

June 2 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music

June 9 Pentecost, Whitsunday

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music

June 16 The First Sunday After Pentecost, Trinity Sunday

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music

June 23 The Second Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music

June 30 The Third Sunday After Pentecost

- 8:00—Holy Eucharist (Spoken)
- 10:30—Holy Eucharist with Music

Parish Activities

June 2,9 Kid's Communion Class

- 9:30 - 10:00

June 3 - 7, Youth Mission Trip

June 17 - 21, VBS: To Mars and Beyond

- 5:30 - 8:00 PM

May at a Glance

Ongoing Meetings

June 4

- 8:00—Breakfast Brothers, IHOP Atascocita
- 9:30—Red Hat Society (PH)
- 5:00 PM—Kingwood Memory Café (PH)

June 8

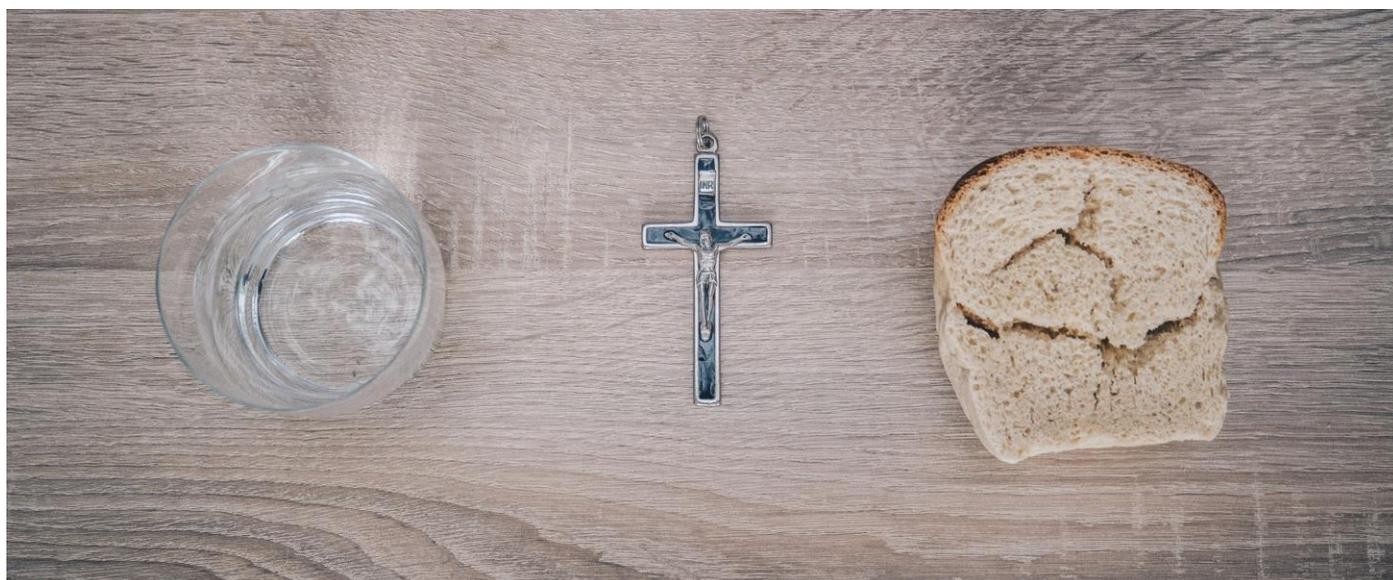
- 8:30— Brotherhood of St. Andrew

June 11

- 7:00 PM—Vestry

June 13

- 7:00 PM—Daughters of the King



FYI

Kid's Communion Class

Kid's Communion Class June 2 and 9 from 9:30AM to 10:00AM. This class, led by *Fr. David*, teaches children the basics about how to receive Holy Communion. Children will learn why Communion is so important. This will help prepare kids who want to receive their First Communion. Also, if your child wants to learn more or has questions, please have them attend this class



Youth Group Mission Trip

The Youth Group Mission Trip to Canyon Lake runs from June 3rd to June 7th. We will depart on Monday, not Sunday as we have in past years. This will allow us to go see some Missions in the San Antonio area before beginning our work in the Texas Hill Country. Youth will help rebuild a portion of homes for families in need. This is an excellent opportunity and is open to 5th through 12th graders (based on the grade they are entering). Discounts are available for siblings, or inviting their friends. If you have questions, please ask our Youth Minister, Tracey Bulau (tabulau@gmail.com). We will join two other Episcopal Churches (Good Shepherd, Kingwood and Holy Trinity, Spring).



FYI

Pentecost: June 9

The term means "the fiftieth day." It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit,



is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of "White Sunday." This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.

FYI

This year's VBS theme is "To Mars and Beyond."



Blast off **June 17 through 21 between 5:30 and 8:00 PM** with the first VBS to land on Mars! Cokesbury's *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your Assembly area-an outpost on Mars-they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine! [Sign-up now!](#)

Almost Here!

Givelify is a quick and easy way to make your Sunday offering or to support many of our parish ministries. Givelify is App based and works with both Apple and Android.

We'll be rolling out this new service in the near future, so stand by for details!

Givelify

Time to Celebrate!

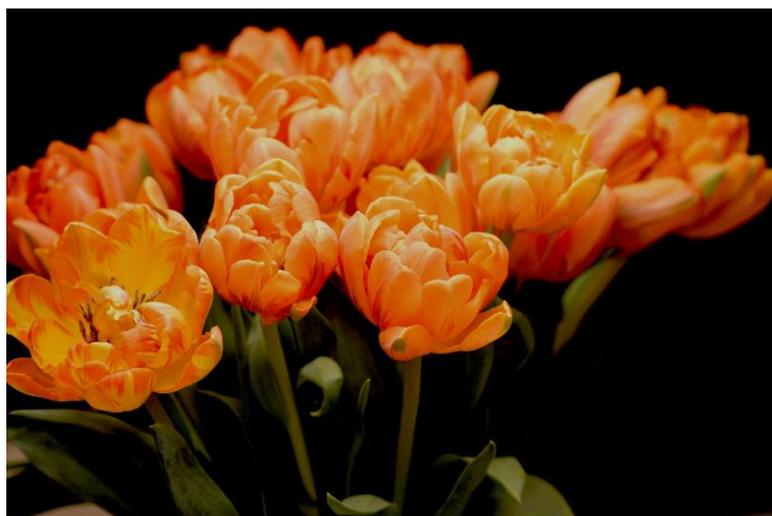


June 2 Jarett Langler
June 8 Erika Clevenger
June 10 Ashley Jones
June 13 Lori Corliss
June 14 Leon Brashier
June 16 Marge Williams

June 17 Katherine Holmes
June 18 Bill Rienets
June 21 Ray Buchman
June 22 Amy Beesley
June 23 Elizabeth Lalor
June 23 Michael McNeil

Happy Anniversary!

June 8 Joe and Laura Masters
June 13 Lee and Mary Nichols
June 21 Michael and Vicky McNeil
June 25 Aaron and DeDe Holbrook
June 26 Shawn and Gina Sanders
June 26 Bill and Marge Williams
June 30 Barry and Lynda Rought



Who's Doing What?

Usher Schedule

June 2

- 8:00 – Ann and Rod Rodriguez
- 10:30 – Bruce and Diane Newport, Paul Masters

June 9

- 8:00 – Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye
- 10:30 – Mike and Edie McDaniel, Saman Khalaf

June 16

- 8:00 – Henry Lee, Robert Keller
- 10:30 – Caren Thomas, Phoebe Aston, Michael McNeil

June 23

- 8:00 – Ann and Rod Rodriguez
- 10:30 – Hilary Sellar, Steve Goodson

June 30

- 8:00 – Robert Lunson, Rachel Shaye
- 10:30 – Bruce and Diane Newport, Paul Masters

Vestry Member of the Day and Counter

June 2 – Connie Brashier, Billie Bailey

June 9 – George Ebert, Andy Yee

June 16 – Lesley Exum, Dan Langler

June 23 – Bob Keller, Barbara Spence

June 30 – Anne Rodriguez, Debbie Lee

Lay Reader and Chalice Bearer Schedule

June 2

- 8:00 – Deb Tisch
- 10:30 – Lesley Exum (LR), Lesley Exum (CB1)

June 9

- 8:00 – Theresa Reed
- 10:30 – Barbara Spence (LR), Rice Aston (CB1)

June 16

- 8:00 – Lyn Goodman
- 10:30 – Fiona Aston (LR), Lynda Rought (CB1)

June 23

- 8:00 – George Ebert
- 10:30 – Billie Bailey (LR), Susan Lunson (CB1)

June 30

- 8:00 – Debbie Lee
- 10:30 – Shawn Sanders (LR), Shawn Sanders (CB1)

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Vestry's Financial Summary as of April 30, 2019

Revenues and Expenses Year-to-Date	
Total Revenues	\$93,193
Total Expenses	\$98,217
Total Revenue Less Expenses	\$(5,025)
Cash Accounts	
Operating Account	\$49,780
Capital Campaign	\$43,149
Legacy	\$3,843
Building and Capital Assets	\$1,090
Total Cash	\$97,862

Concealed Handgun and Open Carry Restrictions

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (Trespass by License Holder with a Concealed Handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (Handgun Licensing Law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun.

NOTICE

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