

# St. Philip's Weekly Newsletter October 1st

Hello friends! It's good to be back and able to produce another weekly newsletter. There will be the usual features, of course. I do have a couple of reminders:

1. Deacon Dan is slowly improving! He has moved to a rehab facility. It is "The Citadel of Wilmette" at 432 Poplar. Dan is permitted up to two visitors at a time and he definitely WANTS visitors. But he tires easily and so requests that visits be short. It's best to call ahead to see if he's available. He could be in physical therapy. Use his cell number in the parish directory. Cards should still be sent to:

Rev. Dan Hughes  
1227 C Central Street  
Evanston, Illinois 60201

2. The list of upcoming events at church is contained in the main eblast. This newsletter is sent as a link in the eblast, so there's no need for me to create a duplicate list. I apologize for repeating the information for several weeks!
3. St. Philip's really needs volunteers to work in the nursery during Sunday services. This is a wonderful thing - it means we have little ones! Please consider giving of your time to minister to our smallest members. Remember, we are required to have TWO adult people in the nursery so the need for helpers is quite pressing. If we want "young families with children" to even consider St. Philip's, this has to be a priority. Thank you!

## **Prayer Requests and Notes of Praise...**

- Pray for St. Philip's October Stewardship effort. Ask God to move in the hearts of the people to support our ministry in Palatine and around the world.
- Give thanks for the wonderful presentation of "Fierce Conversations" by the Rev. Courtney Reid last Sunday.
- Pray for all those in our nation and world facing natural or man-made disasters. And pray for the many organizations seeking to alleviate suffering, including Episcopal Relief and Development.
- Ask God to bless St. Philip's vestry and leaders with wisdom as we prepare for a new year.
- Give thanks for the one-year anniversary of Andy Kistner and Bonnie Wiggen-Kistner. We celebrate with you and pray for God's continued blessings!
- And we rejoice with the many parishioners who are celebrating birthdays in the week to come. They include Peg Davis, Michelle Raymond, Olivia Purcell, Ann Fischer, Robert Oles and Mark Raymond. Happy birthday to each one of you!
- Please continue to remember those with ongoing health needs or other concerns. We pray for Roberta Butler; Rev. Dan Hughes; Janie and Ken Jenssen; Linda Purcell; Andreas Kistner; Diane Knowles; Marvin Hill; Jill Hill; Kim McDonald; Bill Peterson; Candace Horner; Bishop-Elect Paula Clark and her husband, Andrew McLean; Peggy and Don; Levi Tsu and his parents; Kelly Scolnick; Joe and Toni Saladino; Lillian Conway; Pam Durkin; Molly and her parents - Laura and David; Gail Santrach; Christina Guzman and Marge.

In the wider Church, please pray for...

- Episcopal Migration Ministries, an arm of the national church working with Afghan refugees and others around the world seeking a better life.
- One in Christ Episcopal Church of Prospect Heights and rector, Indon Paul Joo
- The Conception of the Immaculate Mother of God Ukranian Greek Catholic Church. Pray for Pastor Myhailo Kuzma and Associate Pastor Yaroslav Mendyuk

### **This Week's Quiz...**

...gets us "back to the Bible". Answers will be at the end of the newsletter.

1. In the Exodus story, God provided the Israelites with food called "Manna". What did the word "manna" mean? (Angel bread; God provides; What is it?; Bread from heaven; Good eats)
2. There were two men in the entire Bible who never experienced a natural death. Elijah was one. Who was the other? (Enoch; Abel; Daniel; Matthew; Abner)
3. Of all the books of the Bible, only one does not contain the word "God". Can you name it? (Second Chronicles; Esther; Jude; Third John; Obadiah)
4. Which woman is mentioned most in the Bible? (Mary; Leah; Rachel; Salome; Sarah)
5. Which congregation mentioned in Revelation has a name that matches that of an American city? (Memphis; Palatine; Salem; Philadelphia; Antioch)

How did you do?

## **This Week in Christian History...**

- On September 26th, 1861: A fast day is observed in the northern United States by order of President Abraham Lincoln.
- On September 27th, 1947: The Church of South India is inaugurated at Madras by the merger of three denominations: Anglicans, Methodists, and the South India United Church (Presbyterian/Congregationalist).
- On September 28th, 1833: Death of Lemuel Haynes, the first African-American bishop to shepherd a Caucasian flock (Congregationalists in Vermont) and the first African-American awarded an advanced degree. He argued strongly against slavery.
- On September 29th, 440: Leo I, the Great, is consecrated bishop of Rome (i.e.: pope). He will strengthen the authority of the church, suppress the Manichean heresy, and write important doctrinal letters.
- On September 30th, 1824: James “Diego” Thomson, Scottish Presbyterian and colporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society, arrives in Guayaquil, Ecuador, with 800 New Testaments to distribute, which will later be considered the first significant Protestant influence on this Catholic nation.
- On October 1st, 2000: Pope John Paul II canonizes Katharine Drexel, American foundress of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, a congregation to serve the African American and Native American people who are oppressed by discrimination and dire poverty.
- On October 2nd, 1833: Arthur Tappan and his anti-slavery associates are forced to slip away from a chapel on Chatham Street in New York to escape a pro-slavery mob that has been egged on by the press.

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## **News Briefs...**

(UNDATED) -- Dioceses and Episcopal leaders are joining a growing movement to add Bishop Barbara Harris to The Episcopal Church's calendar of Lesser Feasts and Fasts. They are lining up diocesan resolutions that will ask the 80th General Convention to advance her elevation to the status of a church saint at its meeting in July 2022, just two years after her death.

Harris was consecrated in 1989 as bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Massachusetts, becoming the first female bishop in the Anglican Communion. She retired in 2002 but remained an active and prominent figure in The Episcopal Church and a role model for younger generations of Episcopal leaders until [her death March 13, 2020, at age 89](#). Harris also is remembered for her support of social justice causes and was part of the first wave of women to be ordained as Episcopal priests. Because the liturgical calendar is part of the Book of Common Prayer, additions must be approved by two successive General Conventions. If approved, a trial-use liturgy for a Harris feast day would return to General Convention for final approval in 2024.

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(VIENTIANE, LAOS) -- One Southeast Asian country has taken a positive step towards more religious freedom. According to a report from Mission Network News, a recent decree in Laos outlined a path for religious minority groups to be recognized by the state. Joe Handley of the ministry, "Asian Access", says this new decree gives a little more leeway when it comes to religious freedom in the country. Handley asks Christians to pray for continued religious freedom. He says things in Laos seem to be "moving in a positive direction." This country has a state-sponsored church, not to mention a large number of Christians outside of it. Both groups have to be careful the community doesn't see them as a threat, and the government tends to discourage proselytism outside of church buildings. These challenges apply to other religions as well. The country recognizes four religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and the Bahá'í faith. Buddhism has the most adherents.

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That's a wrap for this week, friends. I hope you enjoyed it.

## **The answers to the quiz:**

1. The word “manna” in ancient Hebrew means “what is it?”
2. Enoch was also taken directly to Heaven. Elijah was the only other mortal mentioned in Scripture who never tasted death.
3. The word “God” appears in every book of the Bible except Esther.
4. “Sarah” is the most frequent woman’s name recorded in Scripture.
5. One of the letters to the churches in Revelation went to “Philadelphia”.