



CROSSROADS

Church of the Holy Cross

(A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas)

July 2009

THE BRIDGE **Father Terry Germann**

“Their eyes were opened...” Two of Jesus’ disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus shortly after the crucifixion. They were sharing memories of their wonderful journey with Jesus, the mighty works and deeds that He did and their hopes that He would be the One, the Messiah. After the word of His crucifixion they were wondering where they would go from here. Then a stranger joined them and asked what they were talking about. They responded and then the stranger talked about how all this had been prophesied about Jesus in the Scriptures. They asked him to join them that evening, he did and he took bread at the meal, blessed it, broke it and then “their eyes were opened...” and they realized that it was Jesus with them all along.

That is now our journey, our journey together as a congregation and interim priest. We, like the disciples, will be remembering and talking about all the things that Jesus has been doing with this congregation in the past. We will also wonder where God will be leading us in the future. But we do not attempt this journey alone; if we recognize Him or not, Jesus will be walking beside us, opening our eyes to see God’s hand leading us into an exciting future ministry.

The task of the interim minister is to help the congregation bridge the gap between the former priest to the next priest. It is right and good to give thanks for all the good ministry that has happened in the past and to trust that what God intends for us in the future will be made clear. Isaiah states in 43:19 “Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” Then we are reassured with the words of Jeremiah 29:11 & 12, “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future and hope. When you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.”

Bridging the gap is *not marking time*, but *making the best of the time*. There are developmental tasks that I have found helpful for congregations during their interim and I will be guiding you to accomplish them. These tasks will help the congregation understand what God’s intention is for our parish so that we can with spiritual discernment select the next priest.

The tasks will include;

1. Coming to terms with History.
2. Discovering a New Identity,
3. Encouraging Emerging Leadership,
4. Renewing Denominational Linkages and
5. Commitment to new Directions in Ministry.

I will detail these more as we move through the interim.

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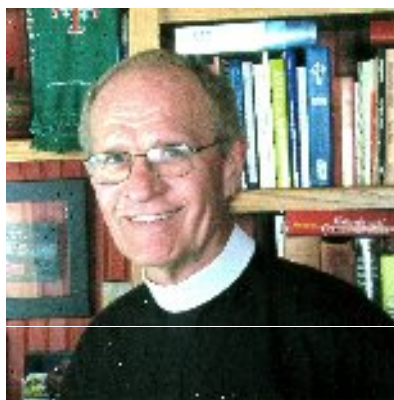
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I will be with you on a 2/3 time basis and always available for emergencies, hospitalizations, weddings, funerals etc.

At this time I want to thank you for honoring me with the position of interim priest. I considerate it a great privilege to have this opportunity to serve you and walk with you through these transition times. Together we will discover that God is with us guiding us into mission. God is here, what we desire is awareness.

Blessings,

Fr. Terry



Brief Sketch on the Germanns

Interim Rector, Father Terry Germann and Susan come to the Church of the Holy Cross after serving an interim in Durant, Oklahoma. They live in McKinney, TX in the historic neighborhood. Prior to serving interims his pastoral counseling ministry of over 25 years has included a Marriage and Family Practice in Preston Center, 6 years as Director of Clergy Care for Lutheran Social Services of the South, a program designed to help clergy and congregations in Texas and Louisiana. He still leads several clergy support groups.

Dr. Germann has served intentional interims in several congregations and was consultant to the intern program at Perkins School of Theology SMU. His consulting work with Lutheran Disaster Response has led him to working with Care Givers in disasters such as the south Texas floods, California wildfires, New York City following 9/11, and New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Most recently he has greatly reduced his counseling and consulting ministry in order to spend more time in parish ministry.

The Germanns look forward to the opportunity of worshipping regularly with the members of the Church of the Holy Cross at the lovely and historical parish sanctuary.

Susan is a retired public school principal and very active in the McKinney Historic Neighborhood Association. Father Terry and Susan have four adult children: Jennie is a professor at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Amanda is art instructor in the McKinney School District. Hans is a smokejumper based at Boise, Idaho with the Bureau of Land Management. Luke lives in McKinney, helps manage a restaurant and is an avid competition cyclist. The Germanns like to spend their free time in Taos, New Mexico where they attend St. James (Santiago) Episcopal Church.

Coffee Hour

Host needed—call Marilyn Thornburrow if you can help! 903-784-4402 or email her at thornburrow@suddenlink.net

8:00 AM

July 5 Linda & Ron Knight
July 12 Ann & Sheldon Lee
July 19 Dennis Lee
July 26 Vicki Moss

10:30 AM

July 5 Laura & Gerald Hutchings
July 12 Tammy & Kent Klinkerman
July 19 Anne McMillan & Lucy Stokes
July 26 Beth & Wesley Seay

Deacon's Diary—July 2009

Betty Clement



We are now well into the season of Pentecost and since this is year B, our gospel readings are from the book of Mark. St. Mark, the writer and

Mark the book are interesting to consider.

Written in about 60 AD Mark was the first Gospel to be written. Matthew, not Mark was placed first in the canon because of Matthew's chapter on the lineage of Jesus and of the many references to the Old Law. Matthew was written about 85 AD some 25 years after Mark.

Mark has only 16 chapters; Matthew has 28; Luke has 24; John has 21, so Mark is by far the shortest of the Gospels.

Mark's fast paced gospel reads like the script for an action movie. If the Gospel of St. Mark were a movie, the opening would probably be something like this:

Brief introductory credits flash on the screen; then the camera pans across an expanse of bleached sand, inhabited mostly by scorpions, lizards, and tarantulas; at last, through the shimmering heat, a lone figure appears: an eccentric wearing camel's hair and crying something in the thin desert air. So begins Mark.

It helps to imagine the book of Mark as a concisely edited film. Unlike the other Gospels, this one has little dialogue and personal reflection. The author is writing to a restless, impatient audience—people more like moviegoers than readers.

And Mark deftly controls camera angles, alternately panning across large crowds and zooming in on individual people. He

leaves no doubt about the main character. After the opening shot of John the Baptist, he moves Jesus to center stage and the camera follows him everywhere.

There is emphasis on action, and those who look for an outline of Mark come away baffled. Matthew and Luke each give four chapters of historical warm-up before recording a miracle by Jesus; Mark covers three miracles and a group event in the first chapter alone. In contrast to all its action scenes, the book includes only a sampling of Jesus' parables. It focuses on events, not speeches or editorial comments.

By dispensing with all but bare-bones action, Mark manages to achieve more drama than perhaps any other biblical writer. Action guarantees an attentive audience, and Mark jams sequences together breathlessly. *At once*, the Spirit sends Jesus into the desert; *at once* the disciples respond to Jesus' call to follow him; Jesus' touch *immediately* heals a man with leprosy – 42 times this book uses the Greek hurry-up adverb translated several different ways into English.

Characters rush from place to place, jostle among crowds, and are astonished at mighty works. Mark is a Gospel of Exclamation points, full of words like *amazed*, *overwhelmed*, and *terrified*. A phenomenon is loose on the earth, and the author is determined to capture its impact for future generations.

Enjoy your reading and hearing of this fast-paced and breathless gospel during Pentecost and beyond.

Usher Assignments—July

8:00 AM
5 Ralph & Marilyn Wardle
12 Jerry Akers & Bill Reese
19 Ron Knight & Bill Richards
26 Robert & Marilyn Thornburrow

10:30 AM
5 Kent Klinkerman & Jim Hardin
12 Reeves Hayter & Keith Green
19 Greg Wilson & Richard Hunt
26 Carl Covert & Clifton Fendley

August 2

8:00 AM Ralph & Marilyn Wardle
10:30 AM Donald Lewis & Matt Frierson

Acolyte Schedule

July 5 Team 2 Kate & Ellen Green
Beth Ann Dougherty
July 12 Team 3 William Domengeaux
Alyssa & Lydia
Klinkerman
July 19 Team 4 Jackson & Kerri Graves
John Lewis
Edan & Eliza
Wickersham
July 26 Team 5 Rainer Hunt
Shelby & Garrett Wilson
August 2 Team 6 Ashton & Kendall Vogt

Lay Reader / Chalice Bearer Assignments

Sunday, July 5

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Reader & Chalice Bearer: Jim Bell

10:30 a.m. Eucharist Readers: Mary Clark (Psalm & Prayers) Pat Bell (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Mary Clark Steve Graves

Sunday, July 12

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Reader & Chalice Bearer: Mark Hudson

10:30 a.m. Eucharist Readers: Pike Burkhart (Psalm & Prayers) Curtis Fendley (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Pike Burkhart Curtis Fendley

Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Reader & Chalice Bearer: Ron Knight

10:30 a.m. Eucharist Readers: Toni Clem (Psalm & Prayers) David Denney (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Toni Clem David Denney

Sunday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Reader & Chalice Bearer: Jim Bell

10:30 a.m. Eucharist Readers: Mike Dougherty (Psalm & Prayers) Steve Graves (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Mike Dougherty Steve Graves

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Eucharist Reader & Chalice Bearer: Mark Hudson

10:30 a.m. Eucharist Readers: Marilyn Stephenson (Psalm & Prayers)
Laura Hutchings (Lessons)
Chalice Bearers: Marilyn Stephenson Pike Burkhart

OUR PRAYER LIST

Members:

Myrthe Dirks
Jo Miesch
Patrick O'Connor
Carlos Baeza
Nancy Hudson
Dorothy Docken
Susan Germann

Relatives:

Joel Gibbons
Archie Sparks
Honey Kennedy
James Adams
Gregory Stevens
Juanita Hillhouse
Blackstone Family
Joanne Franks
Polly Topping
Dixie Calvert
Ronnie Knight

Friends:

Gary Patterson
Vic Ressler
McGuyre Moore
MiKyla Pickering
Fran Prewitt
Billy Prewitt
Sue Bercher
Brandon Thomas
Hurshal Stinson
Sadie Bono

Military / Reserves

Lucas Arnold
Randall Ashmore*
Daniel Dierks
Marshall Dougherty, Jr.
Bill Dwiggin*
David Flick
Preston Foster
Samantha Hamrick
Gary Hogan
Brian Long
Monique Reese*
James Rutherford

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild is in need of able volunteers to help prep for services and put away items after worship.

These folks work on rotation, so you would not have to be “on duty” every Sunday! Guys—we really could use your help. **Call Kay Burkhart at 903-784-3460.**

July 5	Team 2
July 12	Team 3
July 19	Team 4
July 26	Team 1
Aug 2	Team 2



The Women of the Church are accepting recipes from all the men, women, grandparents, children and relatives of Holy Cross Church for our Holy Cross Church Cook Book. Please show your support and join us in creating this wonderful book, which will include a short family history of your recipes as well as an expanded history of our

beautiful Holy Cross Church.

You can find submission forms in the back of the Church and in the Parish Hall. Please put your recipes on the forms and either leave them in the basket in Parish Hall or drop them by the church office. You may also email the recipes directly to Virginia Pitts. Just remember to include all the information that is on the form. We are looking forward to including you and your family members in this wonderful historical project. viriniapitts@suddenlink.net.

Supper Club

2009



SUPPER CLUB

Supper Club for July at the home of Kelly and Holland Harper
1040—31st SE.

Saturday evening,
July 25th—6:30 PM.

Plan now to bring a favorite dish and enjoy the fellowship with your Holy Cross family.

August will be at the home of Linda & Reeves Hayter.
We still need a host for November,
so please give Barbara Fendley
a call at 903-784-5353 to volunteer!

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Birthdays
July



1st Jim Bell
Kelly Harper
4th Nancy West
Patsy Funderburk
6th Ron Knight
David Miesch
9th Kendall Vogt
10th Pierce Slaton
11th Nancy Hudson
13th Robert Thornburrow
14th Michael Mosher
15th Carroll Adams
Janet Green
16th Pat Bell
Patrick O'Connor
17th Jolie Slaton
Ashton Vogt
19th Bachman Clem

20th Jo Miesch
21st Chuck Richey
22nd Scott McDowell
Jo Norton
26th Sara Green
28th Keara Dorries
Bill Reese
30th August Hunt
Monica Richey

Anniversary
July



10th Jackie & Darren Cunningham
14th Kay & Pike Burkhart
15th Melissa & Clifton Fendley
16th Toni & Plug Clem
18th Susan & Tommy Haynes