

CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
1200 Post Drive NE Belmont, Mi 49306



**SPIRITUS**  
Summer 2009

**FROM THE VICAR:**

My how time flies when you are having a good time! .

After six plus years as your vicar, I find myself writing my final newsletter article. It is hard to believe that the last six years have flown by so quickly, and I clearly remember my first day at the “New Church”, for that is what we called ourselves until we had discerned our new name, Church of the Holy Spirit. We really had no idea what we were getting ourselves into, but God did. We had a group of folks present on that first day, some from the recently closed St. Matthews and some from St. Andrews, pilgrims who had covenanted to come and stay for two years. We all signed pledges to that effect if you remember. We started the day with Morning Prayer from the BCP, and then we went to work, some trying to find the source of the water leak in the office floor, some clearing out old files and records from the previous church and some of us trying to put a new computer together. It was a little chaotic to say the least.

What I note now, six years later, is that all of those same folks who were there that first day are still here.

They serve as readers and chalice bearers and first servers and altar guild members and builders of new entries to the parish hall, and expansions to the pantry. They teach and preach and cook and console and nurture and welcome. They are loyal, hard working disciples of Christ who have truly been Church planters and builders up of the Body of Christ and we are blessed to have each other.

When I stop to think about all that has transpired in the last 6 plus years, I am in awe, and we have done it with God’s grace and with each other.

We have been truly blessed.

As I retire from this role as your vicar, I look with anticipation to what you will continue to do and become as a welcoming beacon of service and worship on the corner of Post and Pine Island, together with your new shepherd who will bring new gifts, new energy, new perspectives.

I give thanks to God for all that we have learned, been and done together. As Roger and I look forward to some time off this Summer and what it is that God might be calling us to in my retirement, we leave you with great fondness and thankfulness for all that you have done and been in our lives. We will look forward to seeing you at Diocesan events and in the community. You are the Best!! Thanks be to God. **Sue**

**W.O.W.**

WOW - Worship on Wednesday. A service for all but especially for those who cannot attend our Sunday Service. WOW continues to grow as more people join this enthusiastic group to worship our Lord. Every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m - A light supper followed by a lively worship service. . **COME AND SEE!**



## PRAYER LIST

as of June 14

We ask your special prayers for

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| Hazel Trampler     | Collette Boekeloo |
| Mother Pam Breakey | Gerri Schihi      |
| Helen Andree       | Arlyka Kamor      |
| Lyle Wright        | Meghan Haan       |
| Susan Higgins      | Barb David        |
| Blair Muehlstein   | Nathaniel         |
| Andrew Lietard     | Jane Harrison     |
| Marrissa Thomas    | Betty Smith       |
| Christ Desmond     | June Erwin        |
| Steven Kratovil    | Sherri            |
| Bill Chapman       | Zoe, DJ & Heather |
| Bev Knight         | Harol Reed        |

**Pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. For those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy. Pray for Church of the Holy Spirit.**

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**The Rev David Meyers** will be our new Spiritual Leader. Many of you know David . He has served as Deacon in our Diocese for many years and will be a wonderful guiding shepherd of our flock. At the present time David is working towards ordination for the priesthood and then will be able to bring us Holy Communion.. He will be working with supply priest so that we can continue with our Eucharistic morning service We are looking forward to the changes and growth we will experience as we welcome Rev David and other priest to our church. . The following is a list (subject to change) of who will be with us on Sundays serving with the . Rev. David Meyers.

July 5 - Rev. Bill Spaid  
 August 9, 16, 23,& 30 - Rev. Bill Fleener  
 September 6 - Rev. Bill Fleener

Should a Sunday go by without a supply priest we will have the service of Morning Prayer from the BCP. This is also beautiful service. The Rev. Mark Engle will be with WOW in July on the 15th and 29th..

Watch the Kiosk for up to date information.

## Christian Formation

from *Mary Macomber*

VBS is over. The children and all of the helpers have learned some new songs, have visited the market place and learned about the early days of the church. The dark dreary underground church is gone. We can all be grateful that we can worship our Lord openly without fear of harm in our lovely church.

Mary extends her thanks to all of the volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make this years VBS a possibility.

**Church School** will be on vacation for the summer, but nursery care will be available.

If you would like to help with the nursery during the summer, see Mary Macomber or sign up on the schedule in the nursery.

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## LOAVES AND FISHES

One day there was a parking lot and we stood around as the first shovel of dirt was moved and the ground and the people were blessed. **“May the blessing of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit remain with us and working through us help us to accomplish this good work in Your name, Amen.”** And now –wow!

Ted Girrard and his crew of volunteers have done wonders. The framework is up and before long we will be ready to start the process of finishing the inside and then moving the pantry up. North Kent Services has written a grant on behalf of their satellite pantries asking for money for a commercial freezer.

As the need for help with food increases, the pantry board keeps looking for other ways to get more food for less money. Your contributions are always used. As is often, the biggest need is for jams and jellies and canned fruit.

The pantry is open two evenings a week. Volunteers are needed so if this is your thing please see Nancy Usher or Carli Noffsinger.

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From Christian One Liners:

Don't let your worries get the best of you;  
 Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

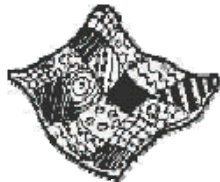
## Report on the YET Literacy Center

The "Reading Club" ended on a high note as parents and guest participated in a Pizza party. Parents brought drinks and desserts to top off the meal. One of the desserts - a cake like an open book with each child's name on it. After the pizza and cake was demolished everyone moved down to the Sanctuary where each child turned into book, speaking as if they were indeed the book and telling the audience why they should read. A fun time was had by all. Mary Macomber, Sue White and all the helpers were rewarded by seeing the children make much progress in their reading.

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## The Quilters

These industrious ladies, under the direction of Marcia Duval have finished another group of quilts, ready to be blessed and sent on to comfort cancer or other ill patients. If you like to iron, cut, choose colors, sew, or just have great fellowship join this group. One Saturday a month.



## All Saint's Guild

Linda gave us a report on the ECW annual meeting which was held at St. David's, Lansing. Four of our women attended and had a most enjoyable time. Work sessions were very interesting. The meeting ended with a formal English Tea with all sorts of yummys.

Ladies night out postponed  
2nd best sale on September 18/19.

The Rev Susan York was able to speak over the noise of the pantry extension construction going on outside the window. She has had a fascinating life and we were pleased to hear about the struggles and triumphs that brought her to the wonderful person she is today.

There will not be a meeting in July so hope to see all the ladies in August. Donna Scott will be our "getting to know you better" speaker at the August 1 meeting.

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From a church bulletin:

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

## Other Church News

Sad to say, not only will be losing Mother Sue but also our dedicated and talented secretary and music director, Katherine York. Ruth Smith will be working with her the next two weeks learning the ropes so she can fill, at least temporarily, the secretary position.

We will also be missing Emma, Katie's lovely daughter. Emma has been a joy to watch.

Linda Mae Zimmerman has been appointed to schedule and train acolytes. An acolyte is the person carrying the torch in the procession and with the crucifer, going ahead of the Deacon or Priest reading the Gospel. If you know of anyone who is interested in doing this please see Linda Mae. This is an "any age" position.

**Have you seen our beautiful garden?** It won't be long until we are able to pick tomatoes and such to help out with the pantry. All predators are kept away by the great scare crow Marsha Hirt made. Our gardening, the garden and the flowers around the church, the weeding, etc. is all done by volunteers.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, - but mosquitoes com close.

## PHYLLIS SULLIVAN & LESLEY

CAUKINS will be untied in Marriage on June 27, 2009

Mother Sue has published the bans of marriage and since no one has objected - - -

Les is from Canada—they met through Rotary Club on one of their mission trips, became better acquainted on more mission trips. Now the two will be one with more traveling in the future.

**POTLUCK FOR MOTHER SUE ON HER LAST SUNDAY WITH US. MEAT AND A CAKE WILL BE FURNISHED. . PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE "GO WITH" AND WISH HER HAPPINESS IN HER RETIREMENT.**

The following - attributed to St. Francis of Assisi  
Preach the gospel always and when necessary, use words.

**The General Convention of our church**  
The triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church will meet in Anaheim, Ca, from July 8-17 for discussion and decision making on moving our common mission forward as a national church. Every three years the House of Bishops (approximately 200) and the House of Deputies (700 clergy/lay elected from within each of the 110 dioceses) gather as the governing body of the Church, along with media and ministry representatives and observers from around the world. Go to the Episcopal Church website ([www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)) and you will find daily to the minute resource to keep you up to date on the wide range of events, hearings and discussions. The National ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will be holding their meeting at the same time, also in Anaheim. Linda Gerrard, ECW Board Vice President will be our representative. Info of this meeting will also be on the website.

### **Mission Opportunities**

Mission Opportunities are offered as the Diocese of Western Michigan is planning a last week of October trip to Mississippi, and a first week of December trip to New Orleans to provide disaster relief along the Gulf Coast. This effort is concentrated on rebuilding homes, along with meals being served, landscaping, maintenance tasks. Travel is by car pool and volunteers range in age from young adult to senior. Volunteers work, eat and sleep in a group atmosphere and must have the ability to cooperate with each other at the work site and the relief center.

If interested, contact Terry Dorcy at [tjdorcy@aol.com](mailto:tjdorcy@aol.com) 269-349-3625. Terry is the Episcopal Relief and Development Diocesan Coordinator.

### **Did you know?**

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan is comprised of 63 communities of faith, including 4 seasonal chapels.

EDWM Website, [www.edwm.org](http://www.edwm.org)

The minutes of our advisory committee meetings are posted on the bulletin board

From a Christian Joke via the internet

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote "Revelation 3:20 on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message: "Genesis 3:10" Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation he broke into gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock.:

Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

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Church of the Holy Spirit invites the public to our "SALE OF GENTLY USED MERCHANDISE" at the church, 1200 post Drive NE, Belmont, Michigan on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19. You can expect to find bargains galore in clothing, jewelry, children's toys and accessories, home decorating and garden items, furniture and unique cast-off treasures.

The sale will be open from 9 am to 7 pm on Friday and am to 4 pm on Saturday with lots of friendly helpers to make your visit enjoyable. Come see our wares and have some fun.

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We ask everyone to remind their friends and family to come and enjoy a unique shopping experience with us. Church members, please save your sale items for this affair. Watch for further notice on when to bring items to the church and available help to pick up large items. This notice is early but September will soon be here and we want you to save your goodies for the sale.

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Please look on the Kiosk or Bulletin board for a letter from the Rev. John Crean about the Diocesan Vocational Discernment Program.

Also posted - The Oakerhaater School for Ministry will be offering classes this fall for Worship Leaders and Lay Preachers. Contact the Rev David Meyers for more information.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### June

Evan Singleton—6/2  
Shirley Kuhn—6/3  
Michael Kamor—6/6  
Steve Carnes—6/9  
Mary Macomber—6/19  
Ruth Smith—6/24  
Wes Miller—6/30

Walt & Joan Hill—6/13  
Mary & Brian Macomber—6/24  
Art & Jean Dibell—6/28  
Philip Gerrard—6/30

### July

Jim Finkler—7/16  
Alaysia Ray Hammock (Usher) - 7/24  
Charleen Crean—7/26  
Claudia Bowers—7/27

Don & Nancy Usher—7/27

### August

Walt Hill—8/5  
Simon Earl—8/6  
Betty Patterson—8/9  
Pearl Byers—8/11  
Jaydon John Morton (Usher) - 8/12  
Nancy Usher—8/14  
Ashleigh Dalstra—8/15  
Bruce Bowers—8/22  
Joan Hill—8/28

Ted & Linda Gerrard—8/14  
Bruce & Claudia Bowers—8/30  
Roger & Sue York—8/22  
Ed & Jennie Medley—8/22  
Paul & Amy Zimmerman—8/22

## OUR CHURCH STAFF

Director of Christian Formation: Mary Macomber

### Advisory Committee

Amy Zimmerman - Bishops Warden  
Jim Byers - Peoples Warden  
James Finkler - Secretary  
Jean Dibell  
Ted Gerrard  
David Flentje  
Don Usher Sr - Treasurer

The advisory committee was advised that two members of the same family could not serve at the same time. Nancy Usher graciously resigned to allow Don to stay on a treasurer.