



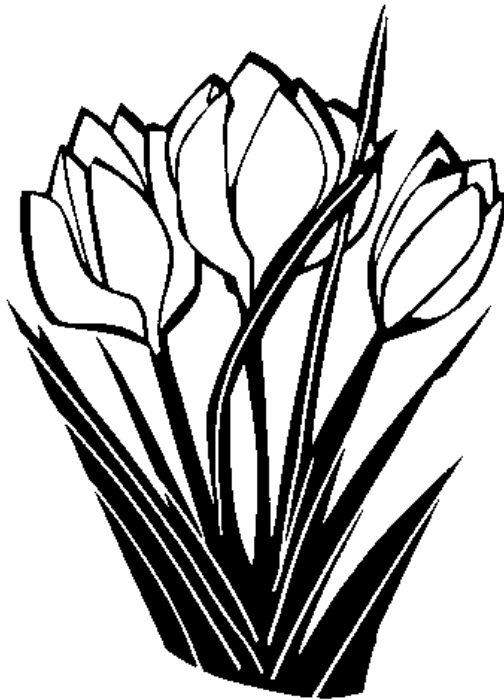
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Stirrings...



"I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you. The spirit God has given us is no timid spirit, but rather one that makes us strong, loving and wise."

2 Timothy 1 6:7

Dear Friends in Christ,

Stirrings this month is dedicated to an Issue that our Episcopal Church leadership is bringing into a sharper moral focus. The following article is taken from the Episcopal News Service.

Urgent action is needed by the United States in response to global warming, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori said in a March 31 letter to the U.S. Senate, urging Congress' upper house "to take up climate change legislation at the earliest possible moment."

Speaking "as one who has been formed both through a deep faith and as a scientist," Jefferts Schori said she believes "science has shown us unequivocally that climate change and global warming are real, and caused in significant part by human activities. "Climate change is a threat not only to God's good creation but to all of humanity."

Acknowledging support for Senate bill 2191, America's Climate Security Act, which she called "a strong step forward in achieving carbon emission reductions," Jefferts Schori said the legislation "includes measures aimed at addressing the needs of the world's most vulnerable: those, who for demographic reasons such as health or location are most susceptible to the effects of climate change, and those living in poverty at home and around the world.

"Our nation, historically the world's largest greenhouse gas emitter, has a responsibility to lead the way in addressing the impact of climate change."

The 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed legislation (B002) affirming that "global warming threatens the future of God's

good creation, and the effects of global warming disproportionately hurt the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable in the United States and around the world."

Jefferts Schori said in her March 31 letter that "climate change exacerbates extreme world poverty and poverty is hastening global warming," and emphasized that "most people living in poverty around the world lack access to a reliable energy source, forcing many to choose energy sources such as oil, coal, or wood, which threaten to expand significantly the world's greenhouse emissions and thus accelerate the effects of climate change. That need for resources to purchase energy must be addressed in any attempt to lift a community out of poverty."

The Presiding Bishop wrote the Senate that this cycle -- "poverty that begets climate change and vice versa -- threatens the future of all people, rich and poor alike. The poverty cycle driven by climate change will only add to political instability, social violence, and war. Our own domestic tranquility and security are intimately tied to the wellbeing of the poor both here and abroad."

She expressed her gratitude for the attention given to climate change by the U.S. Congress, but challenged the Senate "to support measures to further strengthen S. 2191 during floor consideration.

"I want to be absolutely clear that for those living in poverty, inaction on our part now will ultimately be the most costly of all courses of action."

In June 2007, the Presiding Bishop addressed the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee during a hearing titled "An Examination of the Views of Religious Organizations. At the time, she described global warming as "one of the great human and spiritual challenges of our time."

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In her March 31 letter, Jefferts Schori said that "many in the faith community have long been aware of the ways in which our lack of concern for the rest of creation results in death and destruction for our neighbors. We cannot love our neighbors unless we care for the creation that supports all our earthly lives."

On behalf of the Episcopal Church, Jefferts Schori urged the Senate to pass the strongest climate change legislation possible. "The acknowledgment of global warming and the Church's commitment to ameliorating it are a part of the ongoing discovery of God's

revelation to humanity and the call to a fuller understanding of the scriptural imperative to love our neighbor as ourselves," she said.

Climate legislation could be taken up as early as this April but is most likely to occur this summer, according to John Johnson in the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations in Washington, D.C. Episcopalians who want to know more about global warming can visit www.episcopalchurch.org/climate.

Music for May

May 3 - Saturday

Jane Wyland, Pianist and Soloist
Georgia O'Brien, Guest Organist

May 4 — Sunday

Mary Robert, Soloist
Jane Wyland, Pianist
Georgia O'Brien, Guest Organist and
Choir Director

May 10 — Saturday

Percy Vanacht, Piano
Sara Vanacht, Piano
Matt Bear, Guest Organist

May 11 — Sunday, Pentecost

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Handbell Choir
Laurie Hartung, Bagpipes

May 17 — Saturday, The Solemn Festival of Evensong on the eve of Trinity Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Recorder Consort

May 18 — Sunday, Trinity Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Youth Choir
The Saint Timothy String Quartet

May 24 — Saturday

John Hexem, Pianist

May 25 — Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
The Saint Timothy Brass

May 31 — Saturday

Mary Robert, Soloist

June 1 — Sunday

The Saint Timothy Choir
Pat Evans, Flute and Steve Crock, Guitar

During the month of April, Saint Tim's celebrates many of its youth:

The Post Dispatch on Thursday April 3, acknowledged straight-A high school students, including St. Timothy's members Andy Boyd, Lexi Dressel, Nancy Davidson, Chelsea Holland, Nicholas Huesemann, Rachel Kohn, Miranda Robert, Josh Wangler, Scott Wootton and Ginna Zwickelmaier. We admire their commitment to excellence.

On Sunday April 6, the parish honored the Rite 13 class with "The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood." By recognizing that manhood and womanhood are gifts from God while adulthood is earned, the parish paid tribute to the gifts and talents of: Sarah Davidson, Rebecca Dyer, Leland Fox, Irina Hinrichs, Amber Hollowell, Jess Kohn, Alex Huesemann, Kaylee Joyner, Deanna Mason, Percy Vanacht, Grace Wangler and Elise Zwickelmaier. The post celebration activities of pizza, build your own sundae and "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," were enjoyed by the youth along with their friends and family.

On Saturday April 12, Lexi Dressel, Sasha Hinrichs, Chelsea Holland, Rachel Kohn and Miranda Robert were confirmed at Christ Church Cathedral. Father Jack presented the Book of Common Prayer to each at the 10:30 service on the 13th. The service included A Service of Recognition of the Newly Confirmed and the Received. A reception for these young women followed.

On Sunday April 20, the Guild of the Christ Child honored our youngest members and our planet with an Earth Day celebration.

Faithfully ~ Peggy

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Bettie Hamilton and her family on the death of Mike Hamilton. A memorial service was held at St. Timothy's on April 11.

Sympathy is extended to Burr Miller and family on the death of his daughter-in-law, Jill Miller.

Sympathy is also extended to David and Elyn Neise on the death of David's mother, Evelyn Neise on April 13.

The Flower Festival is Coming on May 3

Spring has arrived and the Flower Festival is just around the corner! We are looking for volunteers to come down to help at Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday, May 3. The set-up is from 9:30 to 10:30. Then we'll need help after the 11 a.m. service from 12 to 1 and again from 1 to 2, selling bedding plants and other green plants. Clean up is after 2 when we'll take

all unsold plants to St. Tim's to sell before and after the Saturday and Sunday services.

We also need drivers to pick up the plants from the nursery after 2 on Friday, May 2, and take them down to the Cathedral. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions, call Kathy Rogers at the parish office, 314.434.5906.



How Do They Forecast Weather?

Join the Daytimers when they take a tour of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, or in other words, the weather station located in the Weldon Spring area. We will have an hour tour on Tuesday, May 13. Meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. to carpool and after the tour we will go to the Wild Horse Grill for lunch. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

In case of inclement weather, the tour will need to be cancelled but we will still meet for lunch. Someone from the Daytimers committee will call you with that information if necessary

Future Daytimer events:

June 27- a "planning for next year" luncheon at church
July 17- attending a Cardinals baseball game in the evening

Thanks to Fr. Jack...On March 12, Fr. Jack gave the Daytimers an uplifting and very descriptive tour of our nave windows. We appreciate and thank you for all the wonderful information you provided on the new stained glass windows.

Thank you to Rosemary Jasper, Mary Gaffey, and Nancy Setzer for all your help setting up and cleaning up. Many thanks to Daytimers who brought ingredients for our unique salad luncheon.

Lynn Whittington

Financial Snapshot for March, 2008

Target revenues and expenses for 3 months (Budget %)	25%
Actual pledge and plate receipts for 3 months	24.27%
Actual expenses for 3 months	25.35%

Receipts and expenses are running very nearly on target for the first 3 months of the year. Plate receipts are running ahead of budget by 3.65%. The full financial statements are always posted just inside the double doors leading down the hall.

**OUTREACH AT ST. TIM'S
AND BEYOND**

Rice Bagging New Schedule

Rice bagging is now scheduled for the 4th Friday of the month through October 2008. We will plan simple meals at 6:30 pm and start bagging at 7 pm. Please mark your calendar:

Friday, May 23	6:30 pm meal & 7 pm bagging
Friday, June 27	6:30 pm meal & 7 pm bagging
Friday, July 25	6:30 pm meal & 7 pm bagging
Friday, August 22	6:30 pm meal & 7 pm bagging
Friday, September 26	6:30 pm meal & 7 pm bagging
Friday, October 24	6:30 pm meal & 7 pm bagging
Sunday, November 30	9 am -- during the Advent Event

This is an event for all ages. We scoop a cup of rice into a plastic sandwich bag, and tape it closed. With a few people helping, the project is done in less than an hour. The bagged rice is then delivered to Trinity Episcopal Food Pantry in the central west end.

Thank you to Laverne Riebold who bought the rice in March and April and to John Hexem for delivering it to the Trinity Food Pantry.

**OUTREACH AT ST. TIM'S AND
BEYOND**

Get Involved with Lui

Read the following article, and if you are interested in attending the Lui workshop at Advent - Crestwood, please let Kathy Dyer (314.576.2049) know so she can make a group reservation from St. Tim's.

Bring a team from your congregation to the training day the Diocese of Missouri is holding to educate Episcopalians about the Millennium Development Goals and our companion relationship with the Diocese of Lui, Sudan. It's a chance to learn concrete and exciting ways parishes and individuals can participate in both – and what's already happening.

MDG/Companion Diocese Training Day will include:

- Information on the MDGs/our relationship with Lui
- Panel discussion with Missourians who've been to Lui
- Hands-on activities *Prayer & reflection
- Many, many great resources to take back to your congregation.
- A Lui-style lunch!
- And no charge! (A freewill offering for Lui will be taken.)

Any questions? E-mail Mike Kinman at MKinman@gmail.com.

When 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 17

Where: Advent Episcopal Church, Crestwood

Who Should Attend: People who might want to travel to Lui on a future trip and those who would like to support the Lui relationship in their parishes. People who just want to learn more about how God is moving in our lives! We want everyone from age 16 to 100. Teens and people in their 20s especially encouraged to attend!

Speakers: The Rev. Michael Kinman (Executive Director, Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation) will lead the session. The Rev. Stephen Dokolo (priest from Lui, now studying at Eden Theological Seminary) will assist. Other facilitators will include the Ven. Robert Franken (Archdeacon for the Lui Program), Deborah Goldfeder (Advent/Crestwood), Tammy King (St. Michael & St. George/St. Louis), the Ven. Susan Naylor (Emmanuel/Webster Groves) & others.

Congratulations to Doug Sharp and Susie Doyle on their marriage on April 13th in Round Rock, Texas.



Everyday Stewardship at St. Timothy's Keep God's Creation in Mind and Prayers

The Nicene Creed is so familiar to us, and we say it so often, that we may not always pay close attention to every part of it. It does have some very fundamental things to say about God and the created world around us. In reciting the Creed, we believe and say that God the Father is the source of all things, through the Son, who speaks them into being, and with the all-sustaining Spirit,

The Bible tells us repeatedly that God is the Creator. These words from Isaiah 44:23 express this belief:

*I am the Lord who made all things,
Who also stretched out the heavens,
Who by myself spread out the earth.*

St. Paul echoes this idea. In Acts 17:22 he refers to the God "who made the world and everything in it, he who is the Lord of Heaven and earth." God is seen in many parts of the Bible creating, sustaining, renewing, and blessing the earth.

God clearly gives to human beings the responsibility to tend and serve the Creation, to take care of "this fragile earth, our island home." In our day, the population of the earth has grown to six billion people and is heading even higher. Human use and exploitation of the earth's

resources are taking a severe toll on the environment. Many species of living creatures have died away, and others are threatened. The use of fossil fuels in many cases has degraded the environment and probably contributes to global warming. It is incumbent on all of us to do practice conservation and do what we can to help the environment.

The Presiding Bishop, testifying before a U. S. Senate committee delving into climate change said in part:

"The crisis of climate change presents an unprecedented challenge to the goodness, interconnectedness, and sanctity of the world God created and Loves...The acknowledgment of global warming, and the Church's commitment to ameliorate it, is a part of the ongoing discovery of God's revelation to humanity and a call to a fuller understanding of the scriptural imperative of loving our neighbor."

"For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us, accept our repentance, Lord." (BCP)

Jim Hood, Stewardship Chair

Adult Forum Programs

May 4 and 11—Judas, Mary, and Jesus! What Will They Dig Up Next?

Stephen J. Patterson, PhD

May 18—Current Issues in the Anglican Communion

Jim Hood/ The Rev. Jack Fleming

St. Timothy's Mission Statement

Inspired by the Spirit of Christ, we glorify God by being a welcoming Christian community with meaningful and joyous worship, challenging education and care and respect for all God's creation, while proclaiming the Gospel and reaching out to the world.

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