

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

Just a couple of Sunday's ago we celebrated the arrival of the Holy Spirit into the life and mission of the fledgling biblical church known as Pentecost. That same Spirit is alive and well today here at Caroline Church. I can think of no more important manifestation of that Spirit as one we will be embarking on very soon. Beginning this Summer, our parish will be undertaking a unique partnership that promises new and exciting ministry within our Three Village Community.

Next month, we will begin a shared ministerial relationship with All Souls' Episcopal Church in Stony Brook. Many of our parishioners, and even former clergy have, over the years had a relationship with that special faith community next door. We discussed the possibility of a shared ministerial relationship with All Souls' Church at our Annual Parish Meeting in January. Since both of our congregations were in somewhat of a transition with respect to priestly ministry, our vestry, All Souls' Bishop's Committee, and the Diocese of Long Island felt this would be an ideal time to forge a bond that will help us be a more effective witness for Christ in our local communities.

We want to create a new and vibrant ministry, a strong Episcopal Church presence in the places where we work, live, play and go to school. We want God's light to shine beyond the doors of All Souls' and Caroline Church.

In order to facilitate this new ministry initiative, a new priest associate will be joining Caroline Church's staff. He will be ministering half-time at each of our faith communities. The financial support of this priestly ministry for the next three years will be shared by All Souls' Church, Caroline Church and the Diocese of Long Island.

Our mission as a church is always two-fold: to gather and scatter. We gather for worship, instruction and fellowship, and we scatter to do Christ's work in the home, community, school and workplace.

"Everyday they continued to meet together in the temple courts [gathered]. They broke bread in the homes with glad and sincere hearts [scattered]" Acts 2:46. Personal

commitment to the weekly rhythms of gathering and scattering is basic to a Christian lifestyle. We cannot lose site of the necessity of the gathered state and the significance of the scattered state.

Gathering is essential to Christian vitality: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). There will be times in the future where All Souls' and Caroline Church will worship together in each of our sanctuaries, pray together for the communities we serve, learn about the Word of God active in our lives, and enjoy our unique relationship with joyous good will.

Scattering is essential to Christian mission. We must equip one another to serve Christ in all the places of our lives. Sharing the resources of our time and talent will be vital to that mission in the Three Villages. I agree with the former chaplain of the U. S. Senate, Richard Halverson, when he said that the measure of the effectiveness of a local church is not when the sanctuary is full on Sunday morning and the programs are in operation. The measure of the effectiveness of the church is what is happening when the sanctuary is empty, the parking lot is empty, the programs are not in operation, and the people are scattered all over the metro area, penetrating all of the organizations and institutions of that area, because where they are, Christ is – in them. You are the church. We are called to take Christ's church beyond our doors, into the light of day and the dark of night – to share our faith with a sometimes hostile but, I believe, hungry world, by living our faith.

Our Caroline Church Vision Statement:

*To help people encounter the living God together
and live transformed lives for Christ.*



Our Mission Statement

** We, the parishioners of Caroline Church of Brookhaven, are committed to Jesus Christ, to His teaching, His life, death and resurrection, in our call to serve and worship Him, in the tradition of the Anglican Communion.*

** We strive to share our faith and blessings for the furtherance of His kingdom in an environment of love, understanding, and support, through prayer, worship, Christian education, and fellowship.*

The Pentecost season is the ideal liturgical time to enter into this new relationship. Consider the words of the apostle Paul, "...be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18)." It is God's will we be filled with the Holy Spirit. All of us who are disciples of Christ are to be filled right now and every now. Let us open ourselves to the filling and work of the Holy Spirit in our life this day and be dreamers again of what the Spirit of the living God can lead us to accomplish for his glory.

Two states, gathered and scattered, yet one church. Two distinct faith communities, All Souls' Church and Caroline Church, yet ministering together to be a stronger witness of Christ's love for the world.

By God's grace, let us bring the full focus of our energy to both.

Together in the service of Christ,

Fr. Richard+

Our Anglican Heritage

Evelyn Underhill

Evelyn was born at Wolverhampton on December 6, 1875, the only child of (Sir) Arthur Underhill, barrister, and a bencher of Lincoln's Inn, by his wife, Alice Lucy, younger daughter of Moses Ironmonger, justice of the peace of Wolverhampton. She was educated at home, except for three years at a private school in Folkestone, and later went to King's College for Women, London, where she read history and botany. She also became a first-class bookbinder. During her girlhood and the greater part of her married life her holidays were spent yachting, both her father and her husband being enthusiastic yachtsmen. From 1898 to 1913 she went abroad every spring and came to know and love the artistic treasures of France and Italy.

Evelyn Underhill began writing before she was sixteen and her first publication, A Bar-Lamb's Ballad Book, of humorous verse concerned with the law, appeared in 1902. In 1907 she married Hubert Stuart Moore, a barrister, whom she had known since childhood. They had many interests in common in country life and country lore, and in a love of cats. She shared her husband's interest in wood and metal work and made many of the designs which he carried out.

The year of her marriage witnessed her final conversion to the Christian faith, although not to Anglicanism, for her attraction was towards Rome. But the outbreak of the modernist storm in the same year made it seem to her that the demands of Rome postulated a surrender of her intellectual honor. Through her first important book, Mysticism (1911), she made the acquaintance of Baron Friedrich von Hugel to whom "under God," she wrote, "I owe...my whole spiritual

life." Ten years later she formally put herself under his spiritual direction and she remained his pupil until 1925.

From the time of her conversion Evelyn Underhill's life consisted of various forms of religious work. She was fond of quoting St. Teresa's saying that "to give Our Lord a perfect service Martha and Mary must combine." Her mornings were given to writing and her afternoons to visiting the poor and to the direction of souls. As she grew older the work of direction increased until it finally became her chief interest, but it was not until 1921 that she solved her own problem and became a practicing member of the Anglican Communion. In 1924 she began to conduct retreats, and a number of her books consist of these conferences. Her other publications include three novels, two books of verse, a number of works on philosophy and religion, and various editions of, and critical essays on, mystics such as Ruysbroeck and Walter Hilton. She also wrote reviews and special articles for the *Spectator* (of which she was for some years the theological editor), and later for *Time and Tide*. In 1921 she gave the Upton lectures on religion at Manchester College, Oxford, later published under the title The Life of the Spirit and the Life of Today (1922). While working on Worship (1936), written for the Library of Constructive Theology, she became deeply interested in the Greek Orthodox Church and joined the Fellowship of St. Alban and St. Sergius.

During World War I (1914-1918) Evelyn Underhill worked at the Admiralty in the naval intelligence (Africa) department, but her views changed and in 1939 she found herself a Christian pacifist. She joined the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship and wrote for it an uncompromising pamphlet, The Church and War (1940).

In 1913 Evelyn Underhill became an honorary fellow of King's College of Women and in 1927 fellow of King's College; in 1939 she received the honorary degree of D.D. from the University of Aberdeen. She had a vivid, lively personality with a keen sense of humor and great lightness of touch. As befitted a good Incarnationalist she was interested in every side of life and had a passion for efficiency in everything she undertook. In her dealings with people, and especially with her pupils, she was always a little shy, having a great hatred, as she said, of "pushing souls about." This love of souls coupled with the determination to help them to grow at God's pace and not at their own or hers, won her the love and trust of all who went to her for help. Evelyn Underhill died at Hampstead on June 15th, 1941. She had no children. Her feast day is celebrated within the Episcopal Church every year on the date of her death.

Summary of Caroline Church's Mission Discernment Reflection

Several weeks ago we gathered as a parish family to reflect upon the question posed by Bishop Provenzano: "How does this congregation serve God's mission to God's people in this community?"

Our three part methodology consisted of: 1) presenting an introductory theological reflection on the Church's mission and why we undertake God's mission; 2) working through a missional mini-Bible study; and 3) participating in missional discernment conversations as a group and through e-mailed communications.

Although we will always be engaged in discernment, struggling to understand and to live out God's mission in the world, we feel that, like Jesus' disciples (John 20:21), we too have been sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:49) to extend the message of Christ to the world. That "world" for us is somewhere between the doors our sanctuary and the Three Village Community. Although we realize that God's mission of loving the world into wholeness and holiness has no borders, we appreciate that we are members of a Diocesan faith community and ecumenically connected with Christians of other denominations who are equally called to join the movement.

We understand that God is a loving and welcoming Savior who has manifested himself to all people from the beginning of creation and desires our participation in His reconciling love for all. The Church's mission is, as the Book of Common Prayer states, "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (BCP p.855). As N.T. Wright says we are to be instruments of "putting the world back to rights." As the Body of Christ we are the "boots on the ground" living out God's mission of wholeness in everything we do and say.

Our mini-missional Bible study, which focused on the Gospel of John chapter 1, Luke chapter 10 and Matthew chapter 28, gave us a renewed appreciation of our loving, personal God who cares for and wants the best for all people. The communities that Our Lord created are not some historical footnote but are always in the process of forming a people who proclaim and live out the reality of God's kingdom. We realize that without God's power, no one can successfully do God's work on earth.

We then reflected on our specific call as an Episcopal faith community in the Three Villages. We surveyed specific community data from the Percept Group to appreciate our missional context more fully. We realized

that in our area faith receptivity is low, financial support is very high, the preferred style of worship is traditional, and that recreation seems to be the church program of preference. We live in a largely Anglo (84%), Boomer, affluent family (84%) neighborhood with a decrease in population, especially young families, projected over the next 5 years.

Caroline Church's Vision Statement is to help people encounter the living God together and live transformed lives for Christ. We also realize that as a faith community sent out to join in the mission of God in the world, we need the training and support from a vibrant, active parish. Many aspects of Christian mission cannot be accomplished by individuals working alone. That is why our Caroline Church's Mission Statement also reminds us that we are "to share our faith and blessings for the furtherance of His kingdom in an environment of love, understanding and support through prayer, worship, Christian education and fellowship." Thus, we need to be nurtured within Caroline Church if we are to be effective in the mission field. That is why we appreciate our many Adult Christian Education programs, Children and Youth Church School, weekly Bible Study gatherings, men and women retreats, Ultreyas, Prayer Ministry, and diverse choral and worship experiences on Sundays and weekdays. We also recognized the value in fellowship building with Foyer Groups, Hospitality Ministry, ECW branches, Brotherhood of St. Andrew gatherings, Caroline Campus Cares, Caroline Book Club, 20's and 30's Group and parish dinners and outings.

Appreciating our mission of attending to the "brokenness and imbalance" in our community, Caroline Church has responded with its Theophilus Healing Mission, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Caregiver's Support Group, Grief Support Group, Sonshine Ministries, weekly Nursing Home worship services, Vacation Bible School, Soup Kitchen participation, financial outreach to community programs, weekly collection of food for local food pantries and with monthly ingatherings often through our Church School program for children and families in need of the basics.

These are all areas we see as signs of hope and reflect our parish's active participation in God's mission of loving the world into wholeness and holiness. Some individual suggestions from parishioners to enhance our outreach into the community included: Being more intentionally communicative within the community; be as grounded in our faith life as possible; be seed planters often one-on-one; reach out to Stony Brook University students; expand our senior ministry; encourage more parishioners to be involved in our many ministries; more feeding programs during community crises; be sensitive to the diversity of political views within the local community on so-

cial justice issues; encourage the Three Village Community to honor the Sabbath days of all faiths by limiting conflicting sports or secular events at those times; varied worship musical styles to appeal to younger congregants; strengthen our ministries' collaboration and communication so as to be a more effective community witness and resource; encourage more of the communities' involvement in our varied ministries; ecumenical Bible studies; marriage and family seminars; partner with other community outreach groups; team with other churches in the area for prison ministry, clothing banks, emergency outreach, community gardens and youth groups; continue to implement new and creative ways of responding to the needs of a changing community; strengthen our outreach to 20's and 30's and offer a more visitor friendly order of worship service bulletin.

It is our belief that the world will hear our good news about Jesus only if they see that Good News enacted in our lives, individually and corporately. We all can be channels of God's healing power in manifold ways, in whatever place God has sent us. We need to see every part of our lives as an opportunity for ministry.

Rev. Dr. Richard D. Visconti,
Rector

ECW Evening Branch

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00pm in the MCS building to assemble Raffle Baskets for the Fair. Hope to see you there!

Theophilus Healing Mission Ministry

A Chapter of The Order of St. Luke the Physician

The next Healing Service is Friday, June 7th at 7:30 pm at Caroline Church. Please note this is our last scheduled Healing Service until September 13th, when we will start our new season of bringing healing to God's people.

Our Pot Faith Picnic will be Friday June 21st at the home of Bev and Barbara Tyler starting at 5:00 pm. Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship.

Healing teams are available after the Sunday services in the church. We are here for your prayer needs and concerns.

Ginny and Ann
Theophilus Healing Mission

20s/30s Group

The 20s/30s will head to West Meadow beach Sunday, June 9th for a sunset picnic. Bring a pic-a-nic basket for your family and maybe a snack to share.

We will meet near the playground at 6:00 to enjoy the 8:30 sunset. Call Lindsay at 561-3767 if you can't find us and PLEASE RSVP to lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com or on Facebook at Caroline Twenties and Thirties.

Buildings & Grounds

Many thanks to those who helped out on May 4 with the spring cleanup. The playground received a new blanket of wood chips, a railing received a much needed coat of paint and some weeding & pruning was accomplished. Much work was also accomplished inside, including a kitchen cleanup and repairs to kneelers in the church itself.

Spring is turning to summer and our gardens are receiving a seasonal makeover. Spring tulips and daffodils have been removed. They will be temporarily replanted over by the Rookery for future use. Summer flowers are taking their place. They have been selected to flower most of the summer with little maintenance required. Sunflowers will decorate the freshly painted barn, but those will not bloom until late August. Thanks to Linda Haring for making the selections (this is not my strong suit!) and to Marcia Seaman for helping Linda do the actual planting.

The south side of the Marco C. Smith Building has a garden that had become overgrown over the years. We're planting that too, and the sprinkler spray heads have been replaced with drip irrigation to more efficiently water those plants. We have cut the lawn watering down to just two days per week but the gardens now are watered more often by the drip lines.

We have two new trees on our grounds. The Brady Russell tree in the cemetery—lost in the storms over the fall and winter—has been replaced with a Franklinia (commonly called a Franklin or Ben Franklin tree). It's a slow grower that is prized for its fragrant white flowers. And just off the newly planted garden on the south side of the Marco C. Smith Building is a second Franklinia donated by Sunburst Tree Experts to honor the years of service Joan Neuls has given to Caroline Church. We thank Sunburst for that donation, which replaces the tree at that location lost in the February blizzard.

Chris Haring, Chair
Buildings, Churchyard and Village Green



The Caroline Book Club

Caroline Book Club will be meeting on Sunday, June 9, at 3:00 p.m. at the home of Al and Dotty Galloway. We will be reading and discussing **ANIMAL WISE** by Virginia Morrell. This book explores the extent to which animals have thoughts and emotions similar to ours.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brothers concluded this years video series "Faith under Fire" during our May meeting. Our sights are set to support the Annual Summer Fair on June 8th. There is still much to do and all brothers are encouraged to participate. Please let me or Don M know if you are planning to attend.



Thanks
Br. Mark

Caring for the Caregiver

The Caring for the Caregiver outreach ministry of Caroline Church will be hosting a free community Caregiver Education Resource Fair on Saturday, June 15th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Marco Smith Building.

The program will be led and moderated by a geriatric social worker and will include an update on elder law by a legal specialist along with presentations by local organizations and businesses about their services. Legal, home health care, adult day programs, assisted living and senior driving are some of the services that will be represented. Attendees will be able to ask questions on a one to one basis and a variety of literature will be available.

Help is needed posting and distributing flyers publicizing the event. The flyer is also available for e-mail. Contact Virginia Cash at 428-0902 or e-mail her at vcash5msw@aol.com if you can help.

The caregiver support group continues to meet regularly on the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Parish House. The group will meet on June 8th and June 22nd this month.

Virginia Cash



- 6/01 Don Muffly
- 6/03 June Athanasian
Jeffrey Homire
Karen O'Dell
- 6/04 Vanessa Taranto
Allegra Fils-Aimee
Jennifer Staniloff
- 6/06 Craig Blanchard
Joan Richter
Paige Steffens
- 6/07 Maria Calcagone
- 6/08 Karl Soderstrom
- 6/09 Andrew Scott
- 6/10 Carole Harvey
Brendan Anderson
- 6/11 Thelma Hall
Linda Morse
Virginia Cash
Russell Winters
Brian Shane
Amelia Callahan
- 6/12 Megan Staudenraus
Lucia Buscemi
- 6/13 Barbara Wood
Lydia Cierski
Callie Klasek
- 6/14 Susan Knapp
- 6/15 Alex Morse
- 6/16 Frank Fallace
Stanley Klasek IV
Matthew Postiglione
- 6/19 Sean Russell
Kristen Bence
Emma Johnson
- 6/20 Elizabeth Granger
- 6/21 Gregory Coutros
- 6/22 Hank Tilden, Jr.
Brooke Volpicella
- 6/23 Carol Burton
Elizabeth Greaf
- 6/24 Marilyn Pisano
Elaine Cash
- 6/25 Erika Laux
- 6/26 Paul Orłowski
Irina Foucher
- 6/27 Neil Markee
Diana Disciafani
- 6/28 Sue Cincotta
- 6/29 Rachel Kelly
- 6/30 Emily Dattwyler
Ryan Lukianchuk



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11th Annual Caroline Summer Fair Needs Your Help!



Saturday June 8th
Rain date Sunday June 9th

Our **biggest fundraiser of the year** on Saturday June 8th needs your help! We need you to lend your hands to help make our annual fair a success.

Bake Sale - Please contact Caroline Ennis at 473-2954 if you can make some of your delicious baked goodies to be sold at the Fair.

Barn Sale - Don't forget the Barn Sale! Think of us now while you are doing your spring-cleaning. Donations can be dropped off in the Barn during the week, see Janet for the key, or on weekends by contacting Mike Specht at 689-2927.

Children's Crafts - Allison Coleman will be leading the children's crafts, but we could use assistants. If you are available to help please contact Allison at 516-946-9909.

* Please see Jackie Hull or pickup an empty glass jar in the MCS building. Jars should be filled with kid friendly goodies and returned to the MCS building.

Children's Games - Liz Specht will be coordinating the children and young adult games. Please contact Liz if you are able to help with the games.

Raffle Baskets - Eileen DeRosa, from the raffle basket committee, would appreciate help from you. We are looking for unwanted 'new gifts' for the raffle baskets. If you have items to donate, please drop them off in the Parish Office or contact Eileen directly at 474-7483.

Sponsors - If you wish to be a sponsor of one of our many events, please contact Mary Wueste at 689-7269.

During the day we will need support manning many of the events (i.e. ticket sale, crafts, etc). We will have a sign up sheet posted in the MCS building. Please consider spending a few hours helping out!

All committee positions are filled and final plans and arrangements are underway. Sponsors are still needed for Games, Raffle baskets, crafts etc so if you are interested please contact Don Muffly or Eileen DeRosa.



See you at the Fair!

Church School News

The Church School year is coming to an end. All are invited to attend our end of the year brunch, which will be held on June 9th after the 9:30 service. We will be honoring all the volunteers that help out in Church School each week. Special awards will be given to our youth and we will also honor our 2013 graduates.

The Pre K through 2nd grade will be singing a special song during the church service. The 3rd and 4th grade will sing the books of the Bible to everyone during brunch. All of the grades will have end of the year projects displayed for everyone to see.

Please join us for this very special celebration. If anyone is able to bring a breakfast dish, please let me know. We will have a cake for everyone.

Camp Caroline is starting on June 16th. The sign-up sheet is in the MCS building. Please feel free to sign up to teach. I will supply the lesson, you just need to bring a snack and a craft.

Friday Family Movie Night will begin on June 28 at 6:45. The movie will begin at 7:00pm. Snacks will be served at a cost but the movie is free. Movies are subject to change. The dates and movies are listed on another page in the Carillon.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 15-19. If anyone would like to help out let me know. There are volunteer forms in the MCS building and in this edition of the Carillon. Fill them out and slide them under my door.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer filled with laughter, peace, relaxation, joy and fun times with families.

Mary Doherty
Church School Director
VBS Director





CYC Youth Group

CYC is back to our normal schedule! However, we will NOT go out to brunch June 2 because of the event that night at Country Fair Entertainment Park in Medford, 4:00-7:00. The cost is \$15, and we need 20 youth to sign up to get the group rate. Invite your friends! We get 3 hours of unlimited Go Karts, batting cages, mini golf, golf driving range, and laser tag. We also invite all of our rising 6th graders to attend. Welcome to CYC!

All other June Sundays we will meet from 4-6 in the Cave. Summer is the perfect time to focus on deepening our relationship with Christ and our fellow Christians- no pesky homework! Also, it's time to plan another Lock-In!! If you let Lindsay know which dates work for you, she will take your preferences into account!



Please join us for
Brunch
on June 9, 2013
10:45 am

We will be honoring our Church School volunteers, our graduates, and our youth. The church school students will be performing special songs and the end of the year projects will be displayed. I am asking that the students parents help out by bringing a breakfast dish to share.

“Whatever gift each of you may have received, use it in service to one another...” 1 Peter 4:10

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Caroline Church’s Acolyte Guild

One of the most dedicated groups of young people we have at Caroline Church is the teenage boys and girls that make up our acolyte guild. Every week you see them properly attired in their distinctive red and white vestments and reverently ministering at the holy altar. The ministry of acolyte is rooted in holy scripture, “Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering persevere in prayer.” (Romans 9:12). Being a crucifer, acolyte or server is a ministry of presence and servanthood.

Acolytes are those who feel called to assist the clergy and people of our parish in liturgies of this community gathered together to worship God. It is a privilege to be an acolyte and with that come several responsibilities. Acolytes walk in processions; carry candles, crosses, and banners; assist in preparing the altar for the Holy Eucharist, and teach the congregation through their actions about the norms and customs of liturgical practice.

We are calling for all those currently in the fifth grade and older to join this dynamic group of young people ministering to God at the altar. Our dedicated Acolyte Director Mr. Duy Nguyen helps create a total experience for our acolytes that is focused yet fun. At the end of this and next month, we will have a couple of training sessions to help equip our young people to confidentially carry out their ministry, as they learn more about the church, its tradition, history and liturgy. Each apprentice acolyte will be paired with an experienced acolyte over the summer to acquire some on-the-job training. Several of our acolytes participated in the Acolyte Festival at the Cathedral of the Incarnation last year which was hosted by Bishop Provenzano. Our yearly Acolyte Recognition Day and party will take place in the fall. If you have any questions or would like to register for the training sessions, please call the parish office at 941-4245, or see Fr. Visconti or call Mr. Duy Nguyen at 675-6169.

Annual Summer Fair

We still could use some help setting up and cleaning up at our Summer Fair on the village green on Saturday, June 8. If you can lend a hand, please call Chairperson Mark LaSorsa a call at 609-0993 lasorsam@optimum.net and say you will do your part in helping with this year’s fair. Don’t be surprised if you have a fun time doing so.

Caroline Church on the Web

Is that meeting this Tuesday or next? Does it start at 7:00 or 7:30? Is this the week the teens meet for lunch at noon—or are they meeting in “The Cave” at 4:00? Who is using the main room of the MCS building tomorrow? The answers to these and many other questions are just a hover and click away.

One of the most useful pages on our web site is the “Calendar of Events.” Just hover over “Events” on the main menu (this used to be called “What’s New”) and then click on “Calendar of Events.” Janet does a great job of keeping this page current and if the event organizer keeps her informed, that calendar is very accurate. A copy of the calendar is always the last page of *The Carillon*, but checking on the web site is the best way to keep up on any last minute changes.

Did you know that both *The Carillon* and our weekly bulletin announcements are also on line? Just hover your mouse over “Publications & Links” and you will find them. A great resource if you miss a Sunday.

Do you use a hand held device to browse? A few months ago the web site was upgraded. While people who browse the page with a full size monitor may not have seen a difference, the upgrade was done to reduce the amount of horizontal scrolling needed on smaller hand held screens. The site recognizes your screen’s resolution and responds by laying out the sidebars and menus in a more user friendly way. Almost all tables—which can be difficult to read on a smaller screen—have been eliminated. So if you had difficulty in the past navigating the web site on your iPhone or similar device, give it another try. The new format isn’t perfect, but it is much better.

We have posted photos of recent events such as the Spring Fling dance, Altar Guild Recognition and Newcomers’ Brunch. Click on “Photo Links” to see these and many other events. Keep those photos coming.

We are always looking for new content—and to keep our present content current. If you are a group leader, take a moment to look over the description of your organization. Are the names and descriptions correct? Email me any changes and I’ll put them up. This is our web site and your involvement will make it a resource worth visiting regularly.

Chris Haring
Webmaster



Parish Family News

We would like to honor June Athanasian for her many years of service to Our Lord by serving on the Altar Guild in previous years. Her name was inadvertently left out of the list in the May Carillon, but please know that the Lord has her on His list as being His child and servant. Thank you June.

Parishioner News Events: Please send items of interest (weddings, accomplishments etc.) to Maritza Groth at mlgroth@aol.com or Irene Ruddock at peace2429@optonline.net
Submitting photos is encouraged!

Both your happy news and news of other life changes such as a loss of a close family member will be shared through this column when you let us know to do so. As a Christian family, we will be closer if we can share our life joys and struggles with one another.



SAVE A DATE

Coming soon.....A new pictorial directory
Details to follow, but keep in mind
Dates for photographs.
June 26-29 and July 10-13

Stewardship of our Gifts

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Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
1 Corinthians 12:4-13

God created us with a great variety of talents. You may be able to run a marathon, organize a group meeting, teach, or write. Your skill may be typing, photography, or painting. Perhaps you sing or play a musical instrument. Maybe you are a carpenter, landscaper, engineer, mechanic, or bookkeeper. Each of us has a unique function to perform in life and in the Body of Christ.

The Bible refers to the church as the Body of Christ with Christ as its Head (1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 5:23). Just as your body has many specialized parts, each with its own function, so the church is composed of many individuals, each with his own special function to perform - and contribution to make - to the rest of the Body. You are encouraged to identify your talents, and ask God to show you how to use them for His glory.

Each of us possesses both natural talents and spiritual gifts. Our natural abilities come to us at physical birth and are developed through life. Our spiritual gifts are imparted by the Holy Spirit, enabling us to minister to others on behalf of Christ.

Natural Gifts

What talents and natural abilities do you have?
How did you acquire them, or improve upon them?

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual gifts are a matter of individual stewardship. When Peter spoke of spiritual gifts in his first epistle, he considered them a matter of personal stewardship:

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God (1 Peter 4:10).

Peter meant that just as we must give account of our use of the material things God has placed under our control, and just as we must give account of the use of our time, so we must also be accountable for the use of our spiritual gifts.

It is very hard to be a good steward of something we know nothing about, and of something which we do not even know we possess. If you were given the responsibility of managing the assets of someone else, the first thing you would do is to take inventory of what resources were at your disposal. You would demand to know what assets you were to use wisely. So, also, the Christian cannot be a good steward in the matter of spiritual gifts without knowing what his gifts are:

Spiritual gifts are of great practical value and benefit to the believer.

References:

Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

By Bob Deffinbaugh

The Christian and Giving Stewardship of Our Talents & Gifts

By Bill Bright





Stewardship in June and July

Our Talents

Stewards of our Gifts

Scripture	Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve on another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10
Ministry Spotlight	Men's Ministries: Recognition in Services on Father's Day, June 16
	Vacation Bible School: Recognition of volunteers July 21
For Every Parishioner Individually	Noisy Offering: Throughout the summer months: Proceeds to Habitat for Humanity
Reaching out through Volunteering	Our Children Need US! Volunteer to be a Sunday School Teacher in the Fall
Activities	"Forever Young" Seniors Fellowship Dinner July 21 at 4pm
	Recycling Continuing our recycling efforts to raise money for a Habitat Build!

Vestry Highlights

May

1. A new part-time Assistant to Fr. Richard, Fr. Farrell Graves, will begin here at Caroline in July.
2. Preparations for the Summer Fair are underway. Your participation is always needed.
3. New Parish Pictorial Directory is planned. Photos will begin in June.
4. "Forever Young" Senior Fellowship Dinner is planned for July 21st. A delicious sit-down menu and a sing-a-long.
5. New technology equipment is being purchased for our Church School and for Adult Education presentations.

Lorraine Massie
Clerk of the Vestry

Ultreya!

Ultreya is a Spanish word, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and encourage one another along the way. All Parishioners and their friends are welcome to join us for Ultreya. It is a shared time of fellowship, singing and spiritual encouragement.

The next Ultreya will meet Friday, June 28th beginning at 7:30pm at Caroline Church in the Parish House.

If you have any questions, please call Sue Seel.



Grief Support Group

Anyone who has lost a loved one is cordially invited, even if your loss was years ago. Your attendance may be the spark to help someone else. We follow a basic structure and all sharing or discussions are held confidential.

For additional information, please contact Fr. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.