



The Acts



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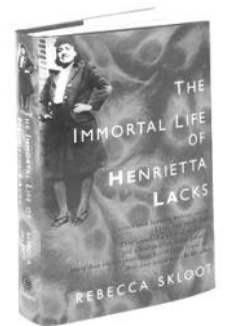
Exciting and New: Reading with the Rector

The new reading group, Reading with the Rector (formerly known as the Book Club) will have its inaugural meeting on September 20th at 6:30 p.m. at church.

We will be discussing the novel, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. The book chronicles the amazing outcome of cancer cells removed and used for scientific research, without Lacks' permission. The story raises questions about bioethics and leaves a reader wondering who should benefit from scientific research and how it should be conducted. "Immortal Life" reads like a novel, and contains many thought-provoking quotations from interview subjects. Rebecca Skloot, an accomplished science journalist, once taught at the University of Memphis.

Everyone is invited to participate in Reading with the Rector, even if you do not have time to read the book; the themes have a universal appeal. This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet new folks.

In the future, the books for this group will be chosen by Father John with input from the group. If you have a recommendation, please do not hesitate to let him know. The discussion will focus on the spiritual, religious and theological themes of the author's works and life. We will meet each month on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Participants are welcome to bring light snacks (these are always delicious) and beverages of your choosing.

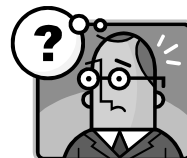


Mark Your Calendar:

- Sept. 7: Bible Study resumes
- Sept. 10: Young Adults Dinner and a Movie
- Sept. 14: ECW Diocese Fall Meeting
- Sept. 17: Saints Alive Trivia Night
- Sept. 20: Reading with the Rector
- Sept. 25: Club 56 and EYC volunteer at Collierville Community Garden
- Sept. 29: Newcomers Reception

Saints Alive Trivia Night...are you smarter than a 5th grader?

Saints Alive will be hosting Trivia Night be on Saturday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the PLC. Are you smarter than a 5th grader? Put your vast knowledge of random information to the test! A sign-up sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Teams of two are encouraged and guests are always welcome. Bragging rights are priceless. Parishioners are asked to bring a heavy appetizer or dessert and beverage of choice. Paper products and soft drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Dukes at csdukes@live.com.



RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS**The Rev. John P. Leach**

In a recent article at www.relevantmagazine.com, author Rachel Held Evans writes an essay entitled, “Is Your Church Too Cool?” She emphasizes her preference, and what she feels is the preference for many young adults for a church experience that avoids the temptation to worship as though it were a slick production.

She writes, “Well, for one thing, when the Gospel story is accompanied by a fog machine and light show, I always get this creeped-out feeling like someone’s trying to sell me something. It’s as though we’re all compensating for the fact that Christianity’s not good enough to stand on its own so we’re adding snacks. But more importantly, I want to be part of an uncool church because I want to be part of a community that shares the reputation of Jesus. Like it or not, Jesus’ favorite people in the world were not cool. They were mostly sinners, misfits, outcasts, weirdos, poor people, sick people and crazy people.”

Evans gives us a lot to consider not simply about how we worship, but why we worship. More specifically, the question of who we worship can be reflected in our services. As Episcopalians the saying is always true that our common prayers through our liturgies shape our believing. Thus, what we say and sing, what we do when we stand and when we kneel, and how we listen, all reflect our beliefs about the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Our worship is always an offering to God; an offering of ourselves, our lives, our successes and failures, our sins and our gifts.

We enter worship prepared to make these offerings in order that as they are given to God, received at the altar and transformed into new, unimaginable and abundant graces. Therein lies our Christian hope; a hope that comes from an authentic encounter with the Holy in the midst of the crazy world in which we live. I hope that we are never too cool to be ourselves and never afraid to let God be God.

Peace,

John+

**NOTES FROM THE
CHOIRMASTER****Kristin Lensch**

September brings a change in the air in many ways. In the music department, we have lots of exciting things happening. You can read about the final phase of the organ expansion in more detail elsewhere in the newsletter (see page 5).

We are bringing a fine musician on board to help augment the bass section: James Pebbles. Originally from Covington, Jim has sung and acted on two continents, teaches music in Memphis City Schools, and has also been a section leader in several churches in the Memphis area. We are lucky to have him; please welcome James to our choir.

The Boys and Girls Choir will be singing with the Adult Choir at the 9:00 a.m. service, on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The 11:15 a.m. service will continue to feature guest musicians and singers.

I am excited to have added hours, now serving this parish 20 hours per week. This allows me to work with the younger voices of the parish as director of the Boys and Girls Choir. Please contact me at any time with questions or if you are interested in singing in the choir!

Kristin



EYC August Review

It's been a long hot summer, and now thankfully EYC activities have begun again. The weather could not have been better for our EYC Fall Retreat at Pickwick Lake. Our youth would like to thank Mike and Zoe Marshall for hosting us at their home. The theme for the retreat was "Community." We discussed what it means to be an Episcopal Youth Community. We had Compline on Friday night and roasted s'mores. On Saturday, there was boating and tubing. We even stopped at Burgers n' More for milkshakes in Walnut, MS (Jay's old stomping grounds). Everyone had a great time.



On August 28th, we shared our pilgrimage experience with the parish during the Rectors Form. It was such an important trip for us, and we were honored to tell everyone at Holy Apostles all about it. Later that afternoon, we headed off to the annual DYC Fall Kick-Off, hosted this year by Saint Philip Episcopal Church where we had tons of fun.



Club 56 August Kick-Off

What's the best way to celebrate Club 56 starting this fall? Sliding face first down a slide covered in whipped cream, vegetable soup, and chocolate sauce! Our fifth and sixth graders had an awesome and messy time at Club 56 Messy Olympics on the afternoon of August 21st.

Club 56 September Event: We will be volunteering with EYC at Collierville Community Garden and go out for ice cream on Sunday, September 25th at 3:00 p.m.

Children's Christian Education

Children's Christian Education is off to a great start! This year we are beginning a new curriculum called *Weaving Gods Promises*. The curriculum was developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church. Its title calls to mind the process of faith formation in which we learn how God's promises of salvation are inextricably woven into our lives. The goal of this curriculum is to teach children the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world, and to give them a solid grounding for future youth formation programs, which in turn will prepare them for Christian adulthood.

Weaving God's Promises provides children with basic knowledge of Church teachings in the three elements essential to the practice of our faith. Each is dependent on the other in order for the faith to stand firmly: (1) Christian education; (2) Worship; (3) Service.

We have several wonderful teachers this year, many new to teaching at Holy Apostles. They are: Maggie Beason, Lisa Morris and Jennifer Parr who teach Prek(4) & Kindergarten; Taylor Beasley and Laura Beasley, who teach the 1st and 2nd Grade; and Sally Barron and Teresa Davis, who teach the 3rd and 4th Grade.

There are still spots open to teach. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Penny Goldberg (penny@holypostle.net)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

EYC

September Calendar:

- September 2nd - 4th: Hap-pening #50 at Calvary. Closing on Sept. 4th.
- September 4th: Jr. & Sr. EYC meet together at 5 p.m. Common meal at 6 p.m.
- September 11th: Bring a Friend, Bring a Dish.
- September 18th: International Trivia and Ethnic Food Night.
- September 25th: Volunteer at the Collierville Community Garden followed by Ice Cream.

Standard Sunday Night Meeting Schedule:

Jr. EYC: 5:00 p.m.
Common Meal 6:00 p.m.
Sr. EYC: 6:30 p.m.

Contact Jay with questions regarding youth events (jay@holypostle.net)



Sunday School class learning and having fun.



CHILDREN & YOUTH
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Tween and Youth Christian Education

Club 56, Rite13 and Sr. High are also off to a great start! Our tween group, Club 56, is continuing to use *Live It!* as their curriculum and are led by Jenny Boals, Jane Edwards and Kevin Edwards. *Live It!* allows students to understand how their faith impacts their everyday life and how to make godly decisions in today's world. Every six weeks a new theme will be explored, such as Talking With God, Making Good Decisions, and Making a World of Difference.

Our 7th and 8th grade group, uses *Journey To Adulthood Rite 13*. Rite 13 provides a liturgical framework for the teenage experience of modern culture and celebrates their individuality and their creative potential. During these two years we create a safe haven in which youth can explore new ideas, new interests and new abilities. They are led by John Paul Kavin, Ann Long, and Jay Biedenharn.

Our Senior High Group (9th through 12th graders) are continuing to use *Making it Real and Relevant*, which follows the Lectionary and engages youth in examining passages of the Bible. Each lesson makes use of small and/or large group discussion, activities, and popular music and/or video clips that encourage the participants to discover that God, Christ, the Bible and one's faith and values are all real and relevant to their lives. This group is led by Loiose Biedenharn, Jay Biedenharn, Mary Keith, and Paula Vaughan.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rector's Forum in September

Each Sunday in September we will explore, *Stages of Faith*

This topic was presented at the Parish Retreat in June. Many who attended asked that we spend a little more time discussing this fascinating subject. Developmental theories suggest that faith in developed over time often with distinct phases and transitions. What is behind this theory and how is it true for each one of us? What are the transitions that prompt profound or not so profound spiritual changes? These questions and more will be a part of our discussion. A guest speaker will join us for part of this conversation.

New Testament Bible Class

The New Testament Bible Class is studying the Book of Galatians. They meet during the Christian Education hour in the Parlor.

**Bible Study:
Feasting on the Word**

Bible Study will meet on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m., beginning on September 7th.

Feasting on the Word is an easily accessible offering, engages adults in a deeper exploration of the biblical texts assigned for each Sunday morning. Each week participants will find the discussion meaningful and relevant to their everyday lives.

FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults: Dinner and a Movie

The Young Adults of Holy Apostles will gather on the evening of Saturday, September 10th, for dinner and a movie. Join us at Mellow Mushroom (9155 Poplar, #26, Germantown) at 5:00 p.m. for pizza. After dinner we'll caravan over to the Forrest Hill Cinema for a movie. All young adults of Holy Apostles are welcome. Email Jay (jay@holypostlestn.net) to reserve your spot today! This is a great chance to get to know other young adults in our parish.



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Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Diocesan Fall Meeting

All Episcopalian women are warmly invited to The Diocese of West Tennessee Episcopal Church Women Fall Meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Trezevant Manor. (177 North Highland Street, Memphis - entrance is off Waynoka Avenue). Our Speaker for the meeting will be The Rev. Robin Hatzembuehler who will speak on "Leaving our Legacy." Please join us to hear this wonderful speaker, take a tour of Trezevant Manor and enjoy fellowship with ladies from across the Diocese!

The day will begin with coffee at 10:30 a.m.,

followed by the meeting and speaker at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m.. Tours of the property will be given after lunch.

For reservations: Mail a check for \$12 (payable to ECW West Tennessee) to Merrill Ann Cole, Treasurer, 120 S. Mendenhall Rd., Memphis, TN 38117. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, September 7, 2011

If you need additional information, please contact Agnes Gordon at 278-5027 or jefferds@aol.com



Operation Backpack

This year Operation Backpack proved to be a successful and joyful time at the Emmanuel Episcopal Center on July 29th and 30th. With the creation of a store like environment, the children were able to choose their supplies while sharing time with some of the people that took time to be there. Everyone had a chance to be involved in some way to fill backpacks for over 360 students from kindergarten to 12 grade. After filling their backpack and checking out, they were able to sit and share a healthy snack with a volunteer. This year, Holy Apostles was well represented with over thirteen families present. On Friday, the unpacking and organizing day, we had tremendous help from Tricia and Rueben Thompson, Barbara and Ray Fenner, Bryce Smith, Betsy Schwindt, and Tasha Kawell, just to name a few. On Saturday, some of the people were: Mike and Zoe Marshall with Harrison and Nick; Bryce Smith; Susan Squillacioti with Elizabeth; Louise and Jay Biedenham; Alice Finn with Chapman and Mary Courtney; Tasha Kawell; and Brian Massey (our photographer). The children of Holy Apostles were our shining star as they lead the children through the line, making conversation and double checking the supply list as they went along.

OUTREACH



Holy Apostles' Jay Biedenham helping a student fill his backpack.

Newcomers Reception will be held on Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the home of John & Lisa Leach (2013 Goodview Dr., Germantown).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organ Expansion

An exciting opportunity is at hand for Holy Apostles. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor and the Capra Organ Co., we are ready to complete the final stage of the pipe organ project. By installing the third division of the instrument, the choir division (far east side), the organ will be enlarged by seventeen ranks, bringing it to a total of 61 ranks. This instrument will then be one of the largest instruments in the metropolitan area!

With the organ's expansion, there is virtually no piece of organ music written that could not be played on this instrument. A standard, serviceable instrument usually has three divisions, played on three manuals (keyboards for the

hands). Currently we have three keyboards, but pipework for only two. More variety and color will be available to the organist, and therefore will be heard by the congregation every Sunday.

This work can be done in four to five weeks, and will begin in early September. Although a hoist will need to be rented, it will not ever be present in the church space on a Sunday morning. In fact, no evidence of work will be seen on Sundays. Week by week, however, more and more ranks will be added and be available to be used until it is finally complete. Aurally, you will begin to hear more sound coming from behind you on the right side, when you're sitting in the nave, facing the altar.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Meetings, Retreats, Renewal: St. Columba Conference Center

If you are on a non-profit board, or if you have a team or work group that needs a natural and beautiful setting for a meeting, retreat or just for time to get away, visit St. Columba Conference and Retreat Center in Bartlett. St. Columba, located on 145 wooded acres, is a ministry of the Diocese of West Tennessee and is available to all kinds of groups for overnight and day rentals. You will find the food delicious and the hospitality generous. To plan your event, go to www.saintcolumbamemphis.org.

Holy Apostles Welcomes the Hiesermans

Please welcome Suzanne and Jim Hieserman to Holy Apostles. After rearing children in the Catholic Church for thirty years, Jim and Suzanne decided to blend Suzanne’s Catholic background and Jim’s Lutheran in the Episcopal Church. They attended St. George’s and Calvary as long term “visitors” for about ten years. They have been at Holy Apostles now for about a year and this January, on the Bishop’s next visit, Suzanne will be received and Jim confirmed. They are very active at Holy Apostles with Suzanne joining both the Altar and Flower Guilds. She has worked on Christmas presents for the Emmanuel Center and participates in ECW. They have recently signed up for the Newcomers committee, and Jim will be involved in the new Evangelism (marketing) Task Force. Jim is also a member of the choir.

Suzanne is an active member and past officer of the Ladies of St. Jude. Her hobbies include flower arranging and painting. Jim has retired from corporate life, and now has a management consulting practice. He is also completing his book “Manager in the Middle, Lessons from and for Middle Management.” Jim’s hobbies include sailing, distance running, and music (French horn, Baroque recorder and voice).

Jim and Suzanne have three children, Heather, Bryan and Jeff, all “thirty something’s,” living in Durham, NC; Atlanta; and Indianapolis respectively. They have three grandchildren, Mary Addison, Marco and Ryan all in Durham.



Holy Apostles Welcomes Marvin, Phillip, and Oscar

Please welcome Marvin Townsend, Phillip Austin, and their son Oscar to Holy Apostles! They have transferred here from Calvary Episcopal Church.

Marvin is a high school teacher at Bartlett High School. Phillip is the director of sales at the Fogelman Executive Conference Center & Holiday Inn at the University of Memphis. Marvin interests are woodworking and painting, while Phillip enjoys gardening. The whole family enjoys boating.

Oscar is an active 5 year old who has just begun kindergarten. He enjoys playing with dinosaurs and trains, and the family’s love of boating. He has come to enjoy children's church and was excited about VBS this summer. Marvin and Phillip are currently working on their second adoption and are excited about expanding their family. They are looking forward to many years of fellowship here at Holy Apostles.



FINANCIAL



Financial Update: July 2011

	Month	Year-to-Date	Budget Y-T-D
Pledge:	\$43,121	\$259,852	\$288,750
Prepaid Pledge:		1,500	
Plate:	5,129	35,461	35,000
Church Home Grant:	<u>1,220</u>	<u>26,045</u>	<u>22,397</u>
Revenue Total:	\$49,470	\$322,858	\$346,147
Operating Expenses:	\$47,568	\$316,495	\$346,627

Grocery Card Fund Balance

The balance for the grocery card program is \$5,053.99. Don’t forget to use your Kroger and Schnucks grocery cards!

The vestry and staff thank you for your generosity and giving toward the mission and ministry of Holy Apostles.



September 2011 Bulletin

Prayer List

Hudson Atkins
 Ann Bailey
 The Bigger Family
 Jeffery Browndyke
 Mary Cauley
 Sue Clinner
 Bob Cole
 Martin Cruz
 Evan Culpepper
 MaryBess Cunningham
 Chet Felts
 Ed Gonyea
 The Haralson Family
 Greer Haynes
 Marcia Hora
 Jeff Jones
 Kate Lawless
 Inez Lensch
 Joyce McCown
 Teresa McDaniel
 Etta Morris
 Phillip Newman
 Elizabeth Rinker
 Chuck Sertich
 Alyssa Smith
 David Sykes
 Sandy Tutsie
 Nazy Vafaie
 Sherrea Wilson

As Christians in a faith community, we invite you to share names of those who are in need of prayer. We offer these concerns in weekly worship, in individual times of prayer and through the Intercessory Prayer group. We also do our best to maintain the prayer list and ask for your cooperation in doing so. Typically, we will keep someone on the list for one month unless otherwise requested. You may call the office, or email Linda at linda@holypostlestin.net. If you need to speak with Fr. John about any pastoral concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email him.

Birthdays

Sarah Britt September 1
 Patrick Barry September 3
 Stacey Hopper September 4
 Alex Beason September 4
 Jacqueline Clements September 4
 Marti Kruchten September 5
 Sloan Huebner September 5
 Beth Broadhurst September 6
 Jane Edwards September 6
 Robyn Sharp September 6
 Alex Cianciola September 6
 Alex Bindbeutel September 7
 Helen Beaty September 8
 Vann Moore September 9
 Stephanie Tancredi September 9
 Matthew Sims September 9
 Curtis Finn September 10
 Bentley Burnham September 11
 Carla Raynor September 11
 Abby Long September 11
 Lanie Parr September 11
 Luke Parr September 11
 Diane Reddoch September 12
 Laura White September 12
 Charles Faithful September 13
 Leslie Thomas September 13
 Henry Tate September 14
 Cynthia Chang September 15
 Alice Chang September 16
 Reuben Thompson September 17
 Reese Dlabach September 17
 Margie Hornor September 18
 Nancy Overheim September 18
 Macey Johnson September 18
 Olivia Litvin September 19
 Jonathan Clements September 19
 Anita London September 20
 John Beasley September 20
 Amelia Johnson September 22
 Caroline Christian September 23
 Paul Kissell September 23
 Rick Zurburg September 24
 Rachael Williams September 24
 Walter Dunn September 26
 Taylor See September 26
 Sue Drake September 27
 Marvin Townsend September 28
 Jonathan McAlister September 28
 Emmi Meyers September 29

Anniversaries

Alice & Cyril Chang September 3
 Suzanne & Jim Hieserman September 20
 Lisa & Keltner Morris September 20
 Jan & Cliff Ewing September 21
 Missy & Vic Whitehead September 22
 Maggie & Ted Beason September 22
 Margaret & Rhett Kramer September 26
 Tammy & David Risch September 26

Altar Flowers & Outreach

When you purchase altar flowers for a particular occasion, you not only beautify the church for worship, but you also are helping the Altar Guild outreach, Our Little Roses, a home for children. If you would like to honor someone or remember a special event, you may order flowers by completing the order envelope in the hallway.

☞ Remembered & Honored ☞

In memory of Emma LaCroix

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Webb

Transitions

Transfers In:


Jan and Cliff Ewing
 Cindy and Robert Allen with Craig

Great Expectations:

Cindy Allen, due in late August
 Phuong Fang, due in September
 Anita London, due in September
 Kristin Byars, due in October
 Anne Cook Burruss, due in January

Attendance

July 31	Pentecost 7	214
August 7	Pentecost 8	250
August 14	Pentecost 9	267
August 21	Pentecost 10	246



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To provide a welcoming community
in which all can, with open hearts
and open minds, receive God's
grace through worship, fellowship,
learning and outreach to others.



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