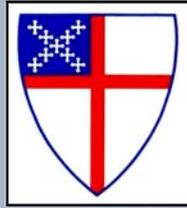


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From the Pastor

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." [Hebrews 11.1]

The 11th chapter in the *Letter to the Hebrews* begins with one of the most powerful statements about what we call "faith." In its simplest definition, "faith" is the human response to the Divine Truth of Jesus Christ. However, our English language can prove a major stumbling block because, the Greek word we translate as: "faith" is *pistis*, and that word in Greek is both a noun and a verb. But in English, the word "faith" is only a noun; it has no verbal form. That's why English translations often default to using the word: "Belief," because it can be both—a noun [Belief] or a verb [Believe].

Yet, Faith and Belief reflect two different words with different meanings. The Biblical understanding of the word (*pistis*) that we call, "Faith" means "trust," personal trust. Personal trust is not the same thing as intellectual assent—that's what we call: "belief." We give our intellectual assent (we believe in) something proven to be true. But Faith does not require proof or "intellectual assent." Faith is trust. Moreover, if we go back even further, the Old Testament word for "faith" is only a verb! "Faith" is something that you do! Faith is trust in God, which means obedience to God. The Jewish people put their faith in God and carried out that trust by keeping God's Covenant. So, faith is something that we do.

Our entire Nicene Creed is a statement of Trust. Literally! The original Greek says: "We (*pistis*) 'trust' in one God, the Father, the Almighty.... We (*pistis*) 'trust' in one Lord, Jesus Christ,...." and so forth, because the Creed is not about what we can prove, it's about where we put our trust.

However, we are not granted faith, we must choose faith. Faith is a choice. True faith is not based on knowledge, reason, or intellectual proposition, because faith is formed by love. Faith is trust given as a response to the divine love of Jesus as reflected in his saving work. We put our personal trust in the Gospel truth; that "truth" is Jesus Christ and what he has done for us. Truth is not a series of biblical or theological propositions. Truth is Christ as scripture and tradition have revealed him to be.

Faith is the Christian Hope. We place our trust in Christ, the resurrected Son of God. We trust that Christ is who he said he is: the "truth" of God. "*For this, I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.*" [John 18.37c] "*I am the Way and the Truth....*" [John 14.6] Faith means trusting God enough to be obedient to what God desires. Many people simply think of Faith as "correct belief" but that is much too shallow. Faith is trust and the subsequent willingness to act on that trust; it results in a way of thinking and acting in the church and in the world. Faith results in confident action in response to what God has made known in Christ.

I encourage you to take on a spiritual exercise over the next several weeks to mentally replace the words: Faith or Belief, with the word: "Trust." Take some time to consider what it means to have "faith" as a verb in your life.

Pastor Lin +

For All the Saints...

“The Righteous Gentiles” ~ July 16



During the Second World War, thousands of Christians and persons of faith made valiant sacrifices, often at the risk of their own lives, to save Jews from the Holocaust. These “righteous gentiles” are honored for courageous action in the face of Hitler’s reign of terror.

Raoul Wallenberg (Lutheran) was a Swedish humanitarian and diplomat whose great resourcefulness saved thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Nazi occupation. He issued them Swedish passports so that they could escape and housed many in Swedish government property in Budapest, thereby protecting them on the basis of diplomatic immunity.

Hiram Bingham IV (Episcopalian) was an American diplomat in France during the early years of the Nazi occupation. He violated State Department protocol by arranging escape routes for persecuted Jews and often provided the most wanted with safe haven in his own home. When transferred to Argentina, he devoted considerable effort to tracking the movements of Nazi war criminals.

Carl Lutz (Evangelical) was a Swiss diplomat in Budapest who also worked to save the lives of many Hungarian Jews. Although deeply involved in this endeavor at every level, he is most remembered for negotiating with the Nazis for safe passage from Hungary to Palestine for more than 10,000 Jews.

Chiune Sugihara (Orthodox), while serving as Japanese Consul in Lithuania, rescued thousands of Jews by providing them with travel credentials so they could escape. In doing so, he violated official diplomatic policy and was removed from his country’s foreign service. He lived the rest of his life in disgrace.

André Trocmé (Reformed) and his wife, Magda, were French Christians who saved the lives of several thousand Jews in France during the Nazi occupation. He was the pastor in Le Chambon-sur- Lignon and, together with people in neighboring communities, he created a safe haven for many refugees from the Nazi terror.

These faithful servants, together with more than 23,000 others verified to date, are **honored at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial overlooking Jerusalem**, and celebrated there as *“the righteous among the nations.”*

John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymnodist, 1866 ~ August 7

John Mason Neale was a priest of many talents. As a hymnodist, he furnished *The Hymnal 1982* with several original hymns and more than thirty translations of Latin and Greek hymns. As a priest, he gave active support to the Oxford Movement in its revival of medieval liturgical forms. As a humanitarian, he founded the Sisterhood of St. Margaret for the relief of suffering women and girls.

Neale was born in London in 1818, studied at Cambridge, where he also served as tutor and chaplain, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1842. He was both a scholar and a creative poet, whose skills in composing original verse and translating Latin and Greek hymns into effective English speech patterns were devoted to the Church. With such familiar words as *“Good Christian men, rejoice,”* *“Come, ye faithful, raise the strain,”* and *“Creator of the stars of night,”* he has greatly enriched our hymnody.

Gentleness combined with firmness, good humor, modesty, patience, and devotion, with “an unbounded charity,” describe Neale’s character. Despite poor health, he was a prolific writer and compiler. Among his



works are *Medieval Hymns and Sequences*, *Hymns of the Eastern Church*, *Liturgiology and Church History*, and a four-volume commentary on the Psalms. In a busy life, he also found time to establish the Camden Society, later called the Ecclesiological Society.

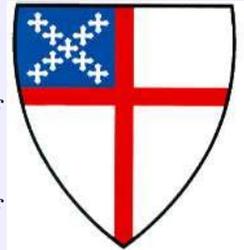
Though he never received preferment in England, his great contributions were recognized both in the United States and in Russia, where the Metropolitan presented him with a rare copy of the Old Believers' Liturgy. He died on the Feast of the Transfiguration at the age of 46, leaving a lasting mark on our worship.

No future hymnal is conceivable without the inclusion of some of Neale's fine devotional poetry. The *Book of Common Prayer*, for example, cites two of his translations by name as being especially appropriate for Palm Sunday and Good Friday: "*All glory, laud, and honor*" for the procession with the palms, and "*Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle*" at the climactic point of the Good Friday service.

MORE, "101 Reasons to be an Episcopalian"—

Reason # 19: "We have full-bodied worship: bow, kneel, sit, stand, kneel, hug, walk, and sometimes even raise your hands, cry, laugh, sing, shout, whisper, smell, taste, feel, touch, hold, see, and behold and on and on." *The Very Rev. Marilyn J. Engstrom, Diocese of Wyoming*

Reason # 71: "Our roots in the past bear fruit in the present." *Alice Haugen, Diocese of Iowa*



All Donors to the Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF). Last month, we assisted **Mrs. H** with her rent, which had accrued during a period when she had lost her job due to COVID layoffs.

Anytime you hear about a person or family in need, whether in our congregation or in our county, please let Pastor Lin know so she can so how we at St. Thomas might be able to assist!

Stewardship Reflection

NOTE: This was written for the July/August 2020 Builder—it still rings true one year later...

“*The Light of the World is Jesus*” is a familiar, recurring tune that I learned as a child in Sunday School. I find myself humming its’ melody from time to time – out of the blue, so to speak – usually when I feeling grateful.

Have you ever looked up and thought about the ceiling lights while sitting in church? They are more than the light needed to see the bulletin and hymnal each Sunday. These are the lights that have shone for years, and still do, when we have beautiful weddings, sacred baptisms, musical events and honoring funerals. Think of the many times you and your family have benefited from these personal services.

These same lights shine during our festival services during Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas. They illuminate our worship place so that the choir, organist, and Pastor can lead us week after week when we meet as a congregation to *Pray and Give Thanks to God*.

We are the “*Light of Christ*” radiating from St Thomas to illuminate our Community of Orange and the World. Our Outreach Programs are beacons that radiate so loudly and clearly, *Love thy Neighbor!* Our children grow up and carry “The Light” as they live their lives. When our parishioners move away, they take that same radiance and spread the Good News in their new communities.

So, when we give our offerings back to God through pledging, donations or special offerings, we say yes to being *The Light of Christ*. The hours we volunteer and the time we commit are of no less importance. Are we ever grateful enough? NO NEVER! Should we remain intentional in financially supporting our church budget? YES!

When we gather again in worship, look up at the ceiling and give thanks for the light that has and will illuminate your path. What unique light do you see? Maybe hum softly, *The Light of the World is Jesus*.

Barry Barr

Co-Chair Stewardship Committee





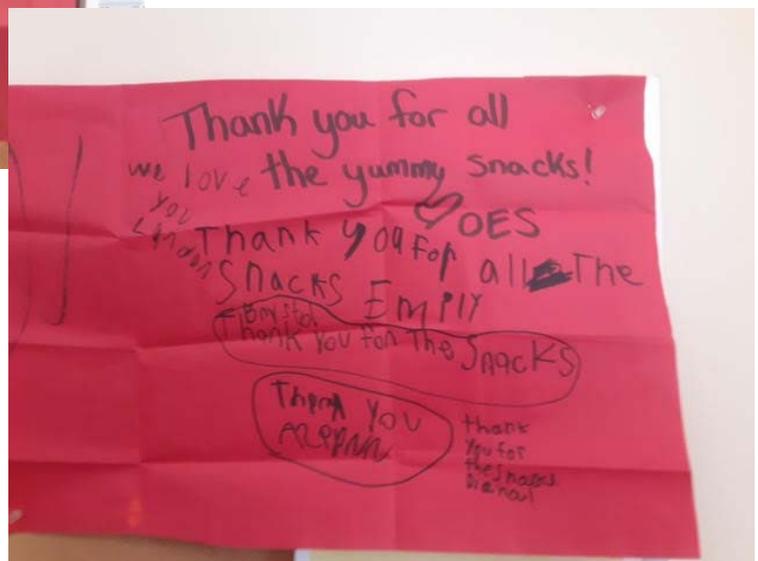
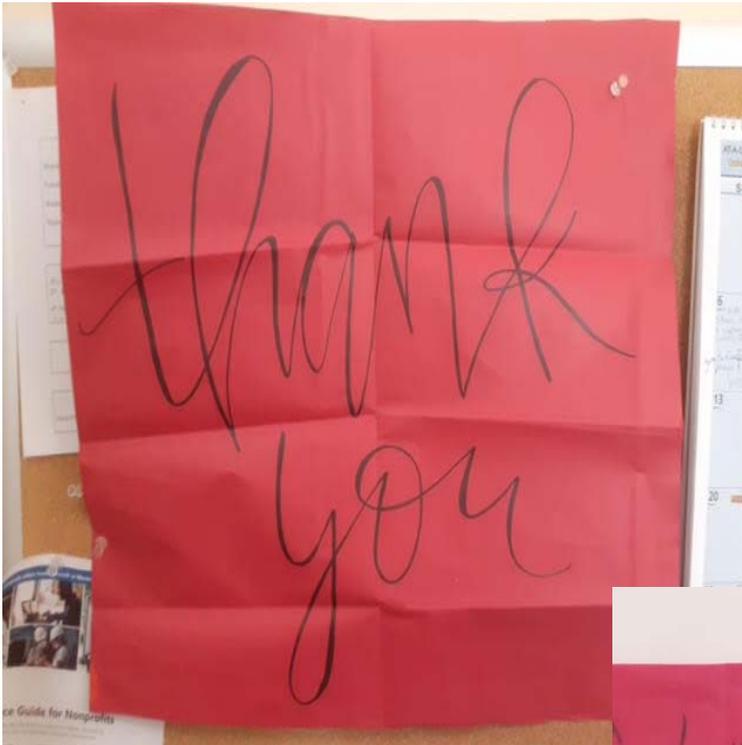
It's "Hi-Ho, Hi-Ho, Back to school we go" time. Outreach will once again collect backpacks for OC school kids from K - 12. We will collect the backpacks in the Parish Hall for the months of July and August, and deliver them to the OOH for proper distribution.

When last we spoke to OES, they expressed the need for clothing items to cover the end of the school year & summer school. Thanks to the generous monetary donations from some parishioners, OES was very grateful that we were able to provide the children with underclothing, shorts and leggings.

Monetary donations are always most welcome! Please make checks payable to St Thomas with "Outreach In/Out Fund" on the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

A thank you from OES for the snacks



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This month
we are collecting
backpacks
and school supplies
for county children
in need

Key: Chapel (C); Conference Room (CR); Holy Eucharist (HE); Rector's Study (RS);

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	1	2	3
<p><i>4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II</p> 	5 <i>Office closed</i>	6	7	8	9	10
<p><i>11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> Morning Prayer 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p><i>18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Morning Prayer 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II</p>	19	20	21	22	23 Movie 7 pm (RH) "Richard Jewel"	24
<p><i>25 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II</p>	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOW SHOWING

During the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, security guard Richard Jewell discovers a suspicious backpack under a bench in Centennial Park. With little time to spare, he helps to evacuate the area until the incendiary device inside the bag explodes. Hailed as a hero who saved lives, Jewell's own life starts to unravel when the FBI names him the prime suspect in the bombing. Stars Paul Walter Hauser, Sam Rockwell, Jon Hamm, Kathy Bates, and Olivia Wilde. Directed by Clint Eastwood.~ *IMDB*

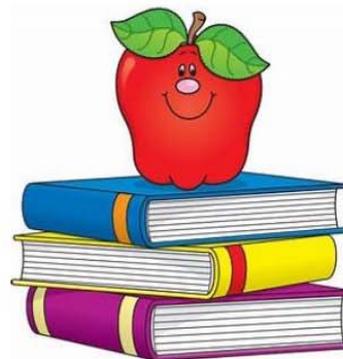


Friday, July 23rd at 7pm in Robertson Hall

~ cost of admission is one non-perishable food item ~

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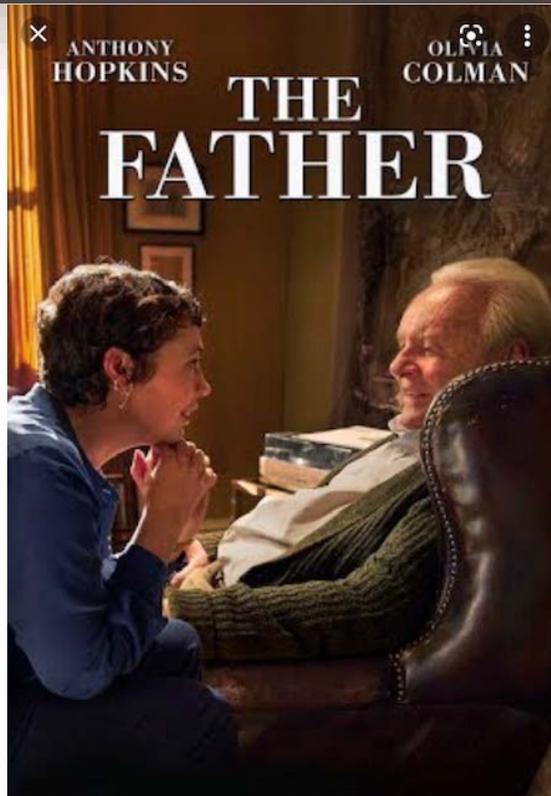
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat1
1 <i>The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II	9	10	11 Orange County Public Schools open	12	13	14
15 <i>The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II	23	24	25	26 5:30 pm Vestry (RH)	27 Movie 7 pm (RH)	28
29 <i>The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> Holy Communion 8:00 am Rite I 10:15 am Rite II	30	31				

NOW SHOWING



Anthony is 80, mischievous, living defiantly alone and rejecting the carers that his daughter, Anne, encouragingly introduces. Yet help is also becoming a necessity for Anne; she can't make daily visits anymore and Anthony's grip on reality is unravelling. As we experience the ebb and flow of his memory, how much of his own identity and past can Anthony cling to? How does Anne cope as she grieves the loss of her father, while he still lives and breathes before her? **THE FATHER** warmly embraces real life, through loving reflection upon the vibrant human condition; heart-breaking and uncompromisingly poignant - a movie that nestles in the truth of our own lives. ~IMDB

Friday, August 27th at 7pm in Robertson Hall

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Anniversaries



~July~

Doug & Cynthia Arnold
Brandon & Katie Barfield
Terrell & Elaine Baskerville
Chris & Ginny Dulin
Eric & Emily Hohman
Diane Line & Christina Cheshire

~August~

Grayson & Jeremy Butterfield
Doc & Barbara Garnett
Randy & Caroline Merrick
Jeff & Sarah Rogers
Bucky & Adrianna Waddy



Birthdays



~July~

7/04 Mack Cowan
7/07 Zan Thomas
7/08 Mary Queitzsch
7/09 George Colby
7/11 Chip Queitzsch Jr.
7/13 Betty Thomas
7/16 Duff Green
7/18 Sonja Scott
7/26 Vera Barfield
7/26 Shirley Wendell

~August~

08/01 Christine Cheshire
8/02 Nora Butterfield
8/03 Kristen Brockman
8/04 Cate Gray
8/04 Matthew Keating
8/05 Suzanne Bresee
8/05 Bobbi Jo Phillips
8/06 Malaika Rogers
8/08 Gerry Dulin
8/10 Chuck Mason
8/10 Erich Uhlmann
8/14 Gary Barrett
8/19 Joseph Wagner
8/26 Beth Yowell
8/29 Mary Green

Food Pantry



Special requests for July are laundry detergent, canister drink mix, and baked beans. Special requests for August are applesauce, jelly, and canned pasta. All food items and cash gifts are always welcome and appreciated. You can drop off donations at the Love Outreach Food Pantry each Tuesday from 9:00-10:30 and on Wednesday from 8:30-12:00. Their mailing address is: Love Outreach Food Pantry, Inc., P.O. Box 788, Orange, 22960. You may also bring any donations to the church to be delivered.

Prayer List

We pray especially for our church's leadership:

Michael, Presiding Bishop; Susan, & Porter, bishops for this diocese

Our country: President Joe, Vice President Kamala & Governor Ralph

For the men and women in our armed forces serving our nation around the world.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation:

FOR: Margaret, Harriet, Anne, Shirley, Barbara, Ellen, Liz, Susie, William Gordon, Pierce, Rifat, Bruce, Karen, Sandra, Jim, and Susan

Please feel free to submit your prayer requests via phone (540-672-3761) or email (stthomas3@verizon.net) for inclusion in the morning prayer bulletin.

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

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Please submit entries for the September issue of *The Builder* by August 22nd to annwood304@gmail.com or to the church office.

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