

THE RED DOOR MESSENGER

SEPTEMBER 2015

SHARING CHRIST'S INCLUSIVE LOVE THROUGH
WORSHIP, HEALING PRAYER, BEAUTY AND
HOSPITALITY



Christ Church Albertville

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The Ku Klux Klan, Pastor Bob and Liberty and Justice for All

When I worked for the U.S. Forest Service in East Tennessee in the late 1960's I attended the Methodist Church where Pastor Bob served as chief shepherd. It was a wonderful church and Pastor Bob and his family "adopted" me as a fourth son. Years later when he and his wife visited us in New Orleans, he told us the story of his experience delivering the devotion at a Ku Klux Klan Rally, burning cross and all.

When Pastor Bob went home and told his wife that he had been invited to give the devotion at a KKK Rally, she said that "of course he wasn't going to do it was he?" When he replied that "he believed he would" she responded with some very un-pastor's comments, some of which suggested that he just might have taken leave of his senses. Pastor Bob responded that he believed God was calling him to deliver a message to the Klan. I leave the reader to decide who may or may not have been correct in their assessment of the situation.

On the given night, Pastor Bob drove to a designated location and was met by two men in Klan outfits with masks. He was blindfolded and rode with them up the mountain and turned off the paved road. The three men drove down the dirt road and stopped in a broad area where lots of other vehicles were parked. Pastor Bob, still blindfolded walked with them men to the Rally area. When his blindfold was removed he saw a huge crowd of men in sheets and masks. He was introduced by the leader as "Pastor Bob from the Methodist Church, who had come to bring them a devotion and a message from God."

Pastor Bob proceeded to tell the story of what he called "The Good Klansman." As the story unfolded, "a black man was driving from Knoxville to Chattanooga when he was run off the road, beaten and robbed. As he lay bleeding in the ditch behind his car, the local Baptist Pastor drove by, stopped, looked at the black man and said to himself, I just do not have time to stop and care for him. I am a busy man and must get to the spiritual retreat in Chattanooga. Next the local Methodist pastor drove by, decided that he did not much care for black people and drove on. At both of this incidents, the Klan members cheered and shouted, sharing their joy at the wisdom of the two pastors."

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Pastor Bob continued. "The next person to drive by was a Klansman on his way to this very rally. When he saw the beaten, helpless man in the ditch, he stopped, took out a canteen of water and bathed the man's wounds, gave him something to drink and bandaged his wounds. The Klan members in attendance began to boo and yell and shout obscenities about the preacher and the Klansman who stopped. As they got louder and louder, Pastor Bob shouted, 'QUIET! HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT THE WORD OF GOD WHEN IT IS BEING PREACHED.'" The crowd grew quiet and listened to the rest of the story of the 'Good Klansman.'" They then re-blindfolded Pastor Bob, extinguished the fire in the circle, and the burning cross and silently left, leaving Pastor Bob alone in the middle of the East Tennessee Woods in the dark.

Pastor Bob removed the blindfold, but it was still too dark to see. He felt his way along the foot path to the dirt road, turned right and headed uphill toward the paved road. When he reached the paved road he walked a hundred yards to a pickup truck where sat a member of his congregation. The man said, "howdy Pastor Bob, would you like a ride? Pastor Bob replied, "yes." The two rode quietly into town to the church parking lot. When Pastor Bob got out of the truck they both said, "good night, see you Sunday."

Did Pastor Bob change any minds that night? Was he truly doing God's work, or was he as crazy as his wife thought him to be? I do not have an answer to these questions, but I do know that he possessed the same courage Jesus possessed when he overturned the tables in the temple; the same courage Jesus had when he stood up to the religious and political leaders of his day. Jesus stood up to the evil of his time and it cost him his life. Pastor Bob stood up to the evil of his time and lived to tell the story, but it could have cost him as much as it cost Jesus.

In this story, Pastor Bob is for me a prophet. His story inspires me to work for justice, freedom and peace for all of God's people. To speak truth to power against all those who are enemies of the truth, whether they are the leaders of the state and nation, leaders of the church or those whose money give them more power than they deserve to have. There are those in the world who work to destroy God's Kingdom and God's people. Jesus, the Apostles and the Prophets, and Pastor Bob (who I truly believe is a prophet), and other modern day prophets show us how to live. Their example helps me to have the courage to stand up for those whom Jesus calls "the least of these my brothers and sisters."

Father Ben Alford



The St. Veronica Chapter of the Daughters of the King is currently studying the book "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Taylor shows us how to discover altars everywhere we go and in nearly everything we do as we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in. Our next meeting is scheduled for September 13th after coffee hour. Members of the chapter are: Ann Baldwin, Jackie Brewster, Pat Clanton, Susan Cumming, Brenda Mayhall, Angie Rodriguez, Myra Southerland, Kathy Wilemon and Glenda Wooten. If you are interested in becoming a Daughter of the King, please let any of the ladies listed above know you are interested or drop into one of our meetings to get an idea. You can identify us by our cross that we wear to remind us of our vows to daily prayer and service to our Lord and Savior.

DAUGHTERS' MOTTO

*For His Sake..
I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do,
by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?*

*Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 1:00 to 3:00 PM.*

PARISH WISH LIST

***8 1/2 x 14 colored paper for
Announcements***

8 1/2 x 14 ivory copy paper

8 1/2 x 14 white copy paper

Shredder

*Sharing Christ's Inclusive love
through worship, healing prayer,
beauty, and hospitality.*

Happy September Birthday's

Luz Trevino **Sept 6**

Charlyn Hinton **Sept 7**

Pat Clanton **Sept 16**

Darla Maltbie **Sept 18**

Annalee Trevino **Sept 22**

Audry Trevino **Sept 27**



Our
Thoughts &
Prayers
are with...

**In our Parish Family Cycle of Prayer,
remember and pray for Charlotte
Green, Bill Hardeman, James Harris,
Charlyn Hinton and Jackie Holcomb.**

STEWARDSHIP

We at Christ Episcopal Church look at stewardship as the opportunity and responsibility to contribute our time, talent and treasure to the areas within our individual and collective gifts. We consider stewardship a year round activity that involves our care and facilitation of: the Creation (church building and grounds, community, and the wider area); our Relationships (church members, family, friends, strangers); our Spirituality (discovering our inner path to reveal the essence of our being); our Talents (gifts of helping, teaching, leadership, serving, working, thanking others, etc.); and our Finances (tithing, pledging, budgeting, donating, etc.)

Specific activities being planned for the rest of the calendar year include:

- Participating with Keep Albertville Beautiful (KAB) in being responsible for cleaning up McDonald Avenue from Sand Mountain Drive to the entrance to the chicken factory. KAB will provide supplies and we select our dates to meet and pick up any litter that has accumulated. We will wait until it is a bit cooler to start, but many hands would make lighter work (every 6-8 weeks or so). So, please contact Fran Mayo (fcmayo@gmail.com), call the church office (256-878-3243) and let Julie know you are interested in being a part of this Stewardship of Creation opportunity or sign the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.
- Collecting toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes, etc.) for the Room in the Inn program or the Domestic Violence Shelter as part of Stewardship of Relationships (community and the less fortunate). If you have travel size or hotel type toiletries that you can donate, please bring them to the church. Also, we may have the opportunity to help Church of the Epiphany with providing food for the Room in the Inn participants.
- Collecting for Christmas Coalition again this year. More details closer to Christmas.
- With our Annual Meeting coinciding with Christ The King Sunday (November 22, 2015), our Pledge Stewardship time period will commence September 27, 2015 with a luncheon and end November 8, 2015 with our Stewardship Ingathering. Again, our individual gifts and capability will determine our participation in the church budget. We do a lot of good with our finances and it all comes from us.

Our goal of Stewardship is to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus through the use of time, talent and finances that God has entrusted to them.

Fran Mayo

HOORAY! HOORAY! HOORAY!

SAVE THE DATES! SAVE THE DATES! OCTOBER 16-17!

The annual ECW Bazaar and ECM Boston Butt Sale will be on October 16-17. The ECM will start cooking the Boston Butts on October 16 to have ready on the October 17. The ECW will have for sale soups, casseroles, baked goods, and crafts. We invite everyone to participate in some manner. All money raised will go to the church. For those of you willing to make soups or casseroles please contact Meredith Battle, for baked goods Barbara Waterworth, and for crafts Pat Clanton. We are a small parish with a LARGE HEART so this can be done.

ECW Meeting September 9th

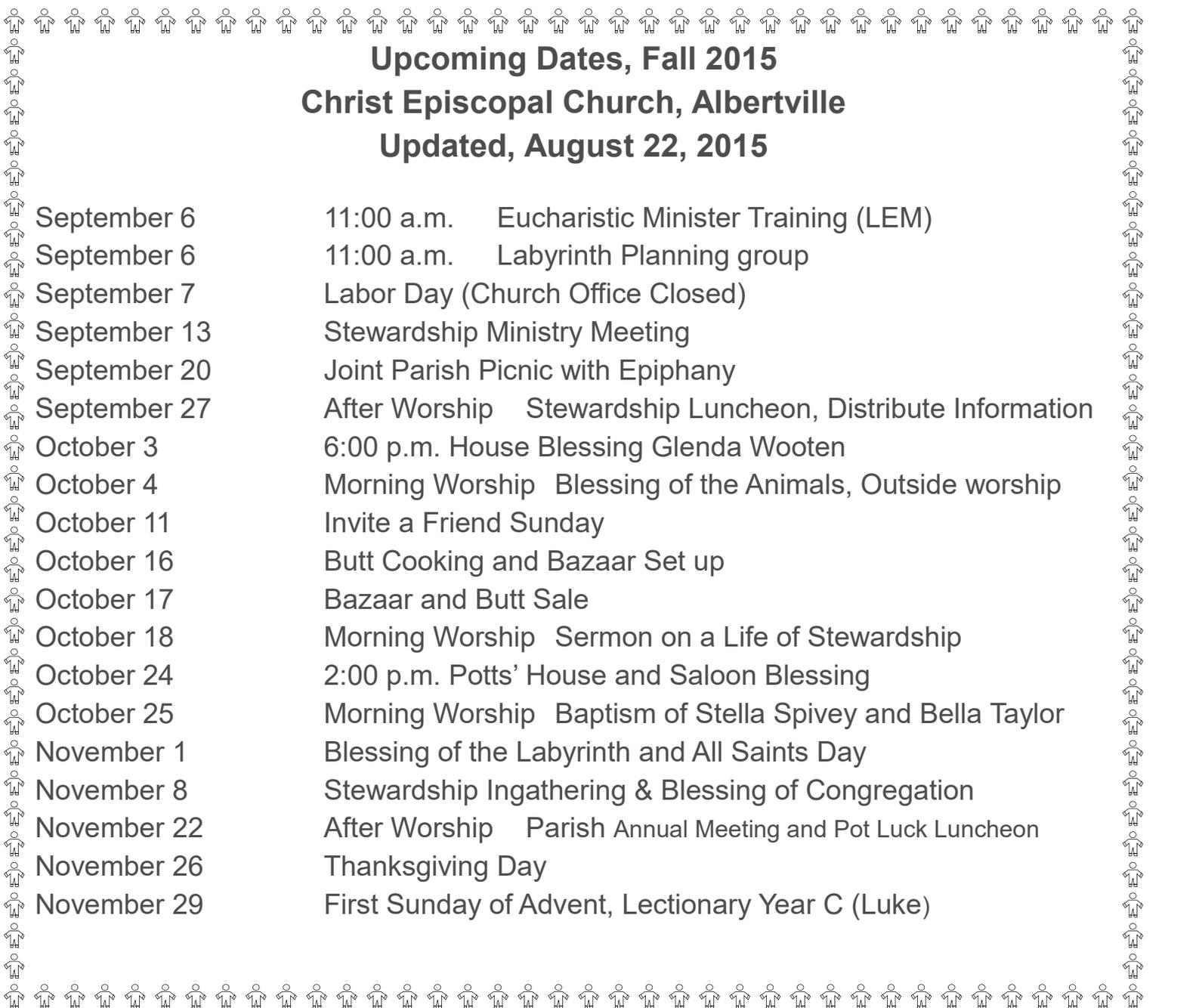
The ECW September 9, 2015 meeting will be at Brenda Mayhall's with Sara Watwood as co-host, time is 5:30 PM.

If anyone needs directions, Please contact the office.

Time Again for Vestry Nominations

Please place in writing your nomination and place in the wooden box on the credenza in the hallway. Voting will be from Sept 1 through October 31

Please consult your nominees before submitting their names



Upcoming Dates, Fall 2015
Christ Episcopal Church, Albertville
Updated, August 22, 2015

September 6	11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Minister Training (LEM)
September 6	11:00 a.m. Labyrinth Planning group
September 7	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 13	Stewardship Ministry Meeting
September 20	Joint Parish Picnic with Epiphany
September 27	After Worship Stewardship Luncheon, Distribute Information
October 3	6:00 p.m. House Blessing Glenda Wooten
October 4	Morning Worship Blessing of the Animals, Outside worship
October 11	Invite a Friend Sunday
October 16	Butt Cooking and Bazaar Set up
October 17	Bazaar and Butt Sale
October 18	Morning Worship Sermon on a Life of Stewardship
October 24	2:00 p.m. Potts' House and Saloon Blessing
October 25	Morning Worship Baptism of Stella Spivey and Bella Taylor
November 1	Blessing of the Labyrinth and All Saints Day
November 8	Stewardship Ingathering & Blessing of Congregation
November 22	After Worship Parish Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	First Sunday of Advent, Lectionary Year C (Luke)

Beans and Rice Ministry ,is making bag day easy for everyone to help. Starting next month we will bag beans and rice on Sunday after coffee break. Thanks to Mel Potts, and Ben Alford for this idea!!

We still need volunteers for distributions day. Anyone interested talk to me anytime at church, or call me at 256-226-3494. Thank you all for your support with this ministry. Together we all can make a difference! Blessings!

Jackie Brewster

SERVANTS LISTING FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

REMEMBER IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR ANY DATE THAT YOU ARE SCHEDULED.

WE REALLY NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE AREAS BELOW, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OR FATHER BEN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING IN ANY AREA, IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

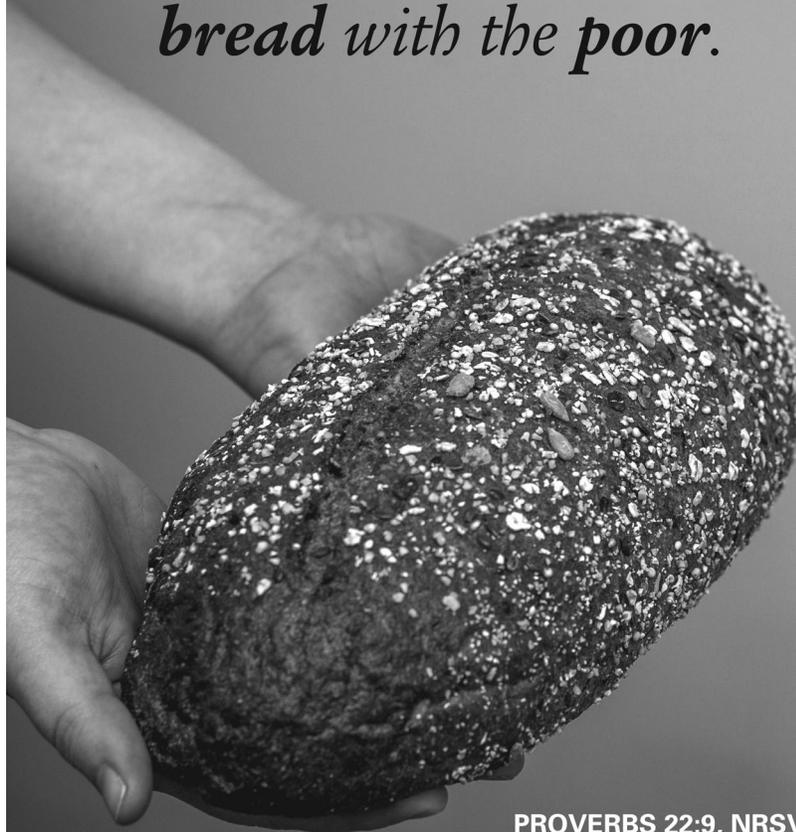
	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
LEM 1/Server	Brenda Mayhall	Glenda Wooten	Julie Spivey	Kathy Wilemon
LEM 2/ Gospel Bearer	Phylis Thompson	Pat Clanton finding a sub	Teddy LaMunyon	Jackie Brewster
Lector	Julie Spivey	Ben Cumming	Phylis Thompson	Fran Mayo
Crucifer	Pat Clanton	Joe Thomas	Alan Battle, Jr.	Brenda Mayhall
Torch Bearers	Alan Battle, Jr./Katie Battle	No Torches	Stella Spivey/Katie Battle	No Torches
Prayers of the People	Ben Cumming	Brenda Mayhall	Mel Potts	Odes Wilemon
Ushers	Tommy Thompson/ Terry Mayhall	Julie Spivey/Odes Wilemon	Brenda Mayhall/ James Harris	Joe Thomas/Julie Spivey
Greeter	Glenda Wooten	Ann Baldwin	Joe Thomas/Stella Spivey	James Harris
Altar Guild	Jackie Brewster/Mel Potts	Meredith and Katie Battle	Pat Clanton/Tommy Thompson	Susan Cumming/Ben Cumming
Flower Guild	Ron Scruggs	Glenda Wooten	Norma Liles	Brenda Mayhall
Coffee Hosts	Julie Spivey/Darla Maltbie/Stella Spivey	Waterworth/Mayo	The Thompsons	Lunch provided by Stewardship Ministry
Vestry Person of The Day	Pat Clanton	Meredith Battle	Mel Potts	Odes Wilemon
Alms Counter with VPOD	Meredith Battle	Odes Wilemon	James Harris	Fran Mayo

Please remember that changes can be made at any time. Please check the servants list posted on bulletin board, as it is updated each time a change is made.

Christ Church Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 AM Worship (HE Rite II) 10:30 AM 5th Sunday Potluck and Semi-annual Parish Meeting	31	1 12:00 PM Worship (HE Rite II)	2 Office Closed	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 9:30 AM Worship (HE Rite II)	7	8 12:00 PM Worship (HE Rite II)	9 Office Closed 5:30 PM Church Men (ECM) Meeting 5:30 PM Church Women (ECW) Meeting	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 9:30 AM Worship (HE Rite II)	14	15 12:00 PM Worship (HE Rite II)	16 Office Closed	17	18 Office Closed	19
20 9:30 AM Worship (HE Rite II) 11:45 AM Vestry Meeting	21	22 12:00 PM Worship (HE Rite II)	23 Office Closed	24	25 Office Closed	26 9:00 AM Beans and Rice
27 9:30 AM Worship (HE Rite II) 10:30 AM Stewardship Pledge Kickoff Luncheon	28	29 12:00 PM Worship (HE Rite II)	30 Office Closed	1	2 Office Closed	3

*Those who are
generous are blessed,
for they share their
bread with the poor.*



PROVERBS 22:9, NRSV