

CONNECTIONS

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JUNE 1 - AFRICAN MASS & BRUNCH

Concluding the annual conference of AFRECS (American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan), SPR will have many of those attending as our guests at the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy. The Eucharist that day will be according to the Prayer Book of the Anglican Church of Kenya. The preacher will be Bishop Francis Loyo of the Diocese of Rokon in Southern Sudan. The Lost Boys of the Sudan will offer music, as will our St. Nicholas Choir. Following the liturgy, we will honor our guests with an SPR-style festive brunch.



ROCK MASS FOR DISASTER RELIEF

JUNE 22



Isaac Everett, a jazz singer and liturgical rock band leader in New York, is coming to Chicago to participate in a program at St. James Cathedral on The Emergent Church Movement. Known for their creative and moving contemporary music, the band will be at SPR for the 10:00 a.m. liturgy on June 22 and will give a workshop afterward on Alternative Worship. We are taking advantage of this occasion to collect money in support of Episcopal Relief and Development's disaster relief efforts in Myanmar and China. Please come and bring your offering in the enclosed envelope or mail it to the church office. -SJS



June Birthdays



06/01	Delores Irvin Michael Collins, Jr.	06/10	Jacquelynne Corey	06/21	Barbara Green Sebastian Perez
06/02	Anna Bohrer Rebecca Naftzger Rachael Lindner	06/11	Linda Thisted Gary Jackson Simon Lane Stacy Alan	06/22	Shirley Walker Kenneth Bigger Melvin Potts
06/03	Juliana Ajayi Lori Neighbors	06/12	Sean Knight Curtis Myers	06/23	Makafui Searcy
06/04	Sophia Gattton	06/13	Katharine Christensen	06/24	JoAnn Roberts
06/06	David Follmer Victor Mensah Ronke Bamgbose	06/14	Hanna Ernst Sarah Fisher Rosie Banks	06/25	Sandra Mtengule
06/07	Gregory Bohrer Gloria Materre	06/16	Rachel Knight Eric Neighbors Samuel Fackenthal	06/26	Preston Browning William Browne
06/08	Inge Fryklund Dorothy Schumacher	06/17	Sarah Dassinger	06/27	Naomi Haynes William Jackson David Poile James Pruitt Benjamin Pruitt
06/09	James Fackenthal Meryl Charleston Antoinne Tolbert Bill Sibley	06/18	Amal Mendis	06/28	Cathy Edwards Virginia Woodard
		06/19	Micah Jackson Dorothy Maclin	06/30	June Mourillon
		06/20	Zoe Lindner		

June Anniversaries

- Jun. 2 Andy Murphy & Beth Angell
Michael & Caroline Beetley
- Jun. 4 Melanie Kersey & Paul Woo
Michael & Melanie Kozakowski
- Jun. 6 Ciahnan & Jennifer Darrell
- Jun. 9 Ann Marie & Marlon Kirby
- Jun. 13 Bernard & Carol Jean Brown
- Jun. 17 Vance & Diane Lauderdale
Kelvin Jackson & Micah Materre-Jackson
- Jun. 18 Nyema & Abeodu Jones
David & Marilyn Vitale
- Jun. 20 John & Margaret Clark
- Jun. 21 Robin & Gomez Charleston
- Jun. 22 Ruth & Bruce Woll
Ken & Sara Bigger
Jim & Vinita Wright
- Jun. 23 Eric Pelander & Evelyn Gates
- Jun. 24 Steve Heyman & Kate Baldwin
- Jun. 26 Dana & Zayda Stewart

Thanksgivings & Prayers

We give thanks for...

- The ministry of Jim Steen, who has served as Rector of SPR for 10 years on June 1
- Fred Grier and Will Bouvel, who celebrated the solemnization of their union on May 24
- All those graduating (see page 9)

We pray for healing for...

- David Crabb, recovering from a broken leg
- Helen Daly, mother of Jonathan Daly, suffering from cancer
- Delores Weems, who suffers from a blood disorder
- Sarah & Rachel Adeyeye, daughter and granddaughter of Tom and Ivy Duncan
- Victor Heyman, Steve Heyman's father, recovering from surgery
- Alverta Wright, Jim Wright's mother, confused

Fair Trade Coffee Initiative in Haiti



The Haiti Task Force is excited to announce that we are taking the first step in trying to establish a fair trade coffee program in the environs of St. Etienne, our sister parish in the southern mountains of Haiti. We have begun researching the current fair trade coffee situation in Haiti and have discovered that an opportunity may exist to develop a fair trade coffee coop for the farmers in the St. Etienne region.

Currently there is one major fair trade coffee program in Haiti. It is called RECOCARNO: a group of farmers' coops in northern Haiti. It was begun in 1997 and currently controls 60% of the high quality coffee produced in northern Haiti. There are 4,500 farmers participating in RECOCARNO, which sold about 500,000 pounds of coffee in the 2005/2006 growing cycle. Most of its coffee goes to Europe and Japan. The primary buyer is Twin Trading in the U.K. Because RECOCARNO pays coffee farmers significantly more for their coffee than the historical buyer, farmers have been able to use their extra cash to send their children to school.

We are just beginning to investigate if the RECOCARNO idea can be duplicated in the south of Haiti. We have two young Haitians, Monique Napoleon and Frantz Duval Saint Lot, who have been exploring this idea. Monique grew up in St. Etienne and is the brother of Carlo Napoleon, our long-time collaborator on Haitian projects.

Monique and Frantz both have degrees in agricultural sciences. They are very excited about how a fair trade coffee program could lift the lives of many Haitian coffee farmers.

Monique and Frantz have written a proposal to visit RECOCARNO, to learn how the farmers there are organized and how they have upgraded the quality of their coffee production to meet fair trade standards.

SPR parishioners have given \$3,370 to allow them to visit RECOCARNO (with a St. Etienne coffee farmer), and to write a report outlining how to proceed in the St. Etienne area.

To be successful with the fair trade idea, the Haitian coop will need a fair trade coffee trading partner. (Like Twin Trading, which buys much of RECOCARNO's output.) Our group is also planning to meet with several potential partners in the U.S. to test their interest in buying high quality Haitian coffee beans.

This is the first step in what could be a major opportunity for the people of the St. Etienne area. Going forward, we hope that we can involve more of the St. Paul and Redeemer community in this potentially exciting initiative.

Linda Thisted

Haiti Task Force



Fair Trade at SPR

SPR was one of the founding members of Chicago Fair Trade, marking its 2nd anniversary this June. Here is an excerpt from the latest newsletter. The lead article is entitled Fair Trade Helps Our Planet, Too. "Fair trade is gaining recognition in Chicago as an approach to sustainable development, integrating concerns for human rights, the environment, and economic justice. Stories about Ethiopian coffee farmers sending their children to school and Guatemalan women constructing health clinics from their fair trade premiums have been widely shared. Stories of environmental transformation as a result of fair trade practices may be less known but are just as powerful. Fair trade coffee requires farmers to use eco-friendly practices. In fact, the fair trade certification process is the leading standard for social and environmental auditing of the global supply chain, forbidding the use of ISO-designated "dirty dozen" pesticides. "

Another newsletter article is entitled Imagine Chicago... A Fair Trade City. Chicago Fair Trade members adopted five goals for Fair Trade City status modeled after the movement in Europe and the U.S. Two examples are the following: *Goal 1: A resolution will be passed by the Chicago city council supporting fair trade and encouraging procurement of fair trade products by city agencies.* *Goal 3: Fair trade products will be used in institutions such as congregations, schools, universities, hospitals and workplaces.....*

For more info or to get involved, see www.chicagofairtrade.org.

SPR JUNE FAIR TRADE DATES: June 8th and June 29th after the

10:00 a.m. Liturgy.

Children and Youth

From the Assistant Rector - Godly Play Comes to SPR



Have you ever held a mustard seed? I had not until today when Kate Collins was teaching me part of a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd lesson. I was amazed. Mustard Seeds are tiny, tiny! Yet they grow into the very largest of shrubs. Incredible. I experienced a little of the wonder that has been experienced by so many of our own children during their time in the Atrium. The Montessori-inspired Christian Formation program in our Atrium seeks to help children become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives. The children encounter parables, sacred stories, silence and liturgical action in a space thoughtfully designed to encourage their creativity. The Atrium is a beautiful program. Kids love it. I have had parents tell me that their children want to make sure that the family has time for silence at home before meals just like in the Atrium. That's right, children asking their parents if it is o.k. to have a period of silence!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd was designed by an Italian Roman Catholic student of Maria Montessori's named Sofia Cavaletti. Cavaletti designed her program to extend through elementary school, something SPR has not yet been able to replicate—until now! A group of us are working hard to have three classrooms ready for the fall so that we can see a fully-formed experiential Children's Formation program unfold. To do that, we are going to use the Godly Play curriculum. Godly Play is the work of an Episcopal Priest named Jerome Berryman who studied under Cavaletti in Italy. (He grew up Presbyterian and studied with Jim Loder at Princeton Seminary before becoming a priest. I did all that too—no wonder I like him!) Godly Play's real advantage over its parent curriculum is that it is considerably more user friendly—an important benefit in our busy and somewhat transient community.

If you have a child between three years old and 5th grade, you can look forward to his or her learning about the mustard seed and its like this fall. The child will be met at the door of the classroom and welcomed to Godly Play. She will then find her way to a place around the circle where she will hear a story of our faith told using simple and beautiful materials. When the story teller looks up from the sand or the sheep pen, each child can share her response with the other children and the teachers. Having sat long enough, the child will then do the work of integrating the story by coloring, by acting out the story with the figures themselves, by writing in a journal, or with a variety of other activities. The class will end when the group is reconvened in the circle for the feast.

I think Godly Play will work well at St. Paul and the Redeemer. It will help nurture and develop active Christian faith by engaging the scriptural story and Church tradition and building hospitable community. It will induce wonder!




Take Me Out To the Ball Game

SPR Youth Group Trip to the White Sox

- **When:** Thursday, 6/19 at 1:05
- **Where:** Meet at SPR at Noon to drive to the ballpark
- **What:** Baseball, duh!
- **Who:** You and your willing-to-drive parent!
- **Cost:** \$20
- **RSVP:** By Wednesday, June 4

Children's Formation Teachers - Thanks!

A special thanks to Heidi Olliff, Sharla Stewart, Kate Collins, Zayda Stewart, Kate Spelman, Ade Adebisi, Becky Schmidt, Sara Bigger, Ellen Wiggins, Andrea Dedent, Fred Grier, Fran Spaltro, Jennifer Darrell, and P.J. Karafiol for their faithfulness in teaching Children's Christian Formation. Special Thanks also to Mary Kehrman Hayes, who has been in charge of children's hospitality, and all of Mary's helpers.

Please join us on June 8th when we publicly recognize our wonderful teachers.

S.P.A.R.K.* - Vacation Bible School

* St. Paul & the Redeemer Kids

August 11-15 8:30-11:30 AM



Where Kids Have a Blast Serving

Spend five days learning about service through songs, games, skits, Bible stories, and, of course, service projects.



Monday, August 11 — Friday, August 15

8:30 AM— 11:30 AM

5-11 Year Olds

\$30 before August 1 and \$40 thereafter - Aid gladly provided

Sign up In church office or at www.sp-r.org

YA@SPR

Young Adults Upcoming Events



June 1

Picnic at the Point

SPR Young Adults will grill burgers (both beef and veggie) and enjoy bountiful Midwestern picnic food. Interested in being the grill master or helping in another way? Contact Kate Spelman at kate.spelman@gmail.com



June 21 Habitat for Humanity

The vision of SPR is to model the radical hospitality of Jesus. What could be more hospitable than building a house. Talk to Andrea Dedent at dedenta@uchicago.edu for more information or to RSVP. There are limited spots.

Congratulations Graduates!

Marcus Boos, PhD
 Ben Cornwell, PhD
 Erin York Cornwell, PhD
 Andrea Dedent, PhD
 John Nielsen, PhD
 Matthew Patton, PhD
 Dan Puchalla, MDiv
 Kerstin Millius, MPP
 Carlos Rios, MA
 Laurna Strikwerda, MA
 Gloria Ajayi, BS
 Ana Bohrer, BA
 Adwoa Duncan, BA
 Margaret Farris, B.S.
 Gretchen Eng, High School



THE 2008 LAMBETH CONFERENCE

THE GIFT OF COMMUNION

The Episcopal Church belongs to the Anglican Communion, a family of 38 churches around the world that trace their origins to the Church of England. Every ten years, the Archbishop of Canterbury invites the bishops of these churches to gather in Canterbury to discuss matters of common concern. The next Lambeth Conference will be held this summer from July 16 to August 3. The goals of the conference include “developing greater understanding and appreciation of life together in the Anglican Communion,” “addressing conflict,” and thereby “discovering a new level of trust in common service to God.” The discussions that take place this summer will have important implications for the issues that have divided the Communion in recent years, including the Communion’s teachings on sexuality as well as the status of women and gay and lesbian Christians within the Communion.

An English group called Inclusive Church UK has drafted a Statement on the Gift of Communion, which it plans to present to the bishops at Lambeth. The statement affirms that all people are made in the image of God, and that God loves every person “with an infinite, never-ending, unconditional love”; acknowledges that each person has a unique and valuable contribution to make in building up the body of Christ; celebrates “the gift of our diversity” within the Communion; and expresses a commitment “to being a broad Church that accepts and welcomes difference.” (The full statement can be found at <http://inclusivechurch.blogspot.com/2008/03/gift-of-communion.html>.) In addition to urging that all people be accepted as full members of the church, this statement expresses the belief that the Anglican Communion should not allow itself to be torn apart by recent disagreements; instead, in accord with the Anglican tradition, we should commit ourselves to being a broad and inclusive church that encourages dialogue between those with differing understandings of the faith we all share. At a recent meeting, the vestry of St. Paul & The Redeemer voted unanimously to join many other congregations throughout the world in endorsing this statement on the gift of communion.

-Steve Heyman

Open House at Brent House

Sunday, June 8, 3-5 p.m., join students and friends of Brent House, the Episcopal Center at the U of C, for an open house. Enjoy the famous 57th Street Art Fair and stop by the house for refreshments and conversation. 5450 S. Woodlawn. For more information, contact Stacy Alan at 773-947-8744 or stacyalan@brenthouse.org.

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While we recognize that people’s giving patterns vary and we’re always grateful for your generosity, the Vestry will be especially grateful if you can make pledge payments prior to going on vacation during the Summer. It’s the cash flow thing!

May Attendance

Year	Sunday 1	Sunday 2	Sunday 3	Sunday 4	Sunday 5	Average
1978	102	115	105	89		103
1988	224	208	187	233	163	203
1997	108	105	110	95		105
1998	92	136	85	93	104	128
1999	146	185	154	189	107	156
2000	160	164	163	150		159
2001	211	239	184	155		197
2002	210	231	215	167		206
2003	199	205	179	199		196
2004	208	263	221	217	216	225
2005	231	282	231	242	231	243
2006	252	269	338	240		275
2007	262	318	264	328		293
2008	273	338	245	360		304

The 35 Primates of the Anglican Communion in 2005



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Hank Underwood • Ruth Woll • Kate Collins

Beth Angell • Charline Jones-Foster • Eric Pelander

Megg Hoover, Clerk

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Summer Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)

10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II

With Children's Chapel

Nursery care available 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.