

THE FAITH WAY

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH

October 7, 2009



Dear Friends,

As I write this message, I am sitting in the office watching the leaves fall from the trees. The nights have turned cool; indeed, we have had some cold nights already. It is most definitely autumn and the Interfaith Community Shelter Group is putting the final plans together so that the Winter Shelter will open on November 1. We had hoped to have a permanent building, but we are also trying to discern God's will for us. As doors opened and doors closed, it seems pretty clear that we will be renting space again this year. We will be renting an office building in which we were able to shelter over 650 individual people last winter and provide over 10,000 "bed nights" for men, women, and children.

Holy Faith has been very active in the work of the Shelter. Guy Gronquist and I serve on the Board and last year, under the direction of Clare Bruno, we had one hundred volunteers from our parish providing hot, nutritious meals, checking people in, and helping with general operation from 5:30 until 9:00pm when the staff comes in for the night. The experience has been a valuable one for all of us. In spite of the stereotype, most homeless people are no different than you or me. Among our guests last year we had an RN, several teachers, many construction workers, a draftsman, and other people with advanced degrees. We had some interesting theological discussions around the dinner table. If you are interested in helping, please call Clare or the office for the schedule.

November 15-24, we will feature, in Palen Hall, a series of portraits and descriptive plaques called "Face the Homeless." The show features fourteen photographs taken by Cathy Maier Callanan and was originally sponsored by Temple Beth Shalom and the McCune Foundation. Various faith groups within the Community will display the show.

This month we will be kicking off our stewardship campaign on October 24. We will send out pledge cards and ask that they be returned by November 22. More information will follow soon.

God bless you,

Ken Semon +

From the Associate Rector

HOLY FAITH E-MAIL NEWSLETTER: Some of you have already received editions of the Holy Faith E-Mail Newsletter. If you would like to be included on the mailing list, please contact me at curt.norman@gmail.com

LOCAL MISSION: Join members of your Holy Faith family as we give back to Santa Fe! We will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity on Friday, November 6. To sign-up on-line, visit <http://www.sfhfh.org> and click on "Construction Calendar." I look forward to seeing you there!

TUESDAY NIGHT GENESIS BIBLE STUDY: It's not too late to join the Tuesday night bible study. We meet in the Kinsolving Room from 7:15pm (after Taize) until 8:30pm. The book for this study can be purchased in the Gift Shop for \$9.

In Christ, Fr. Curt+



for ALL AGES

**Saturday, October 31 -- 6 - 8 p.m.
Palen Hall**

There will be food, costume contests, games, activities for everyone, and, of course, CANDY. This will be a safe environment for families to celebrate "All Hallows' Eve." Invite your friends, family and neighbors.

If you would like to help with decorating, food, leading some of the games or activities, or just have questions about the evening please give Janet McCroskey, Youth Coordinator, a call at 505.864.3164 or e-mail her at janetmc1@airmail.net. We want to have "happy" ghosts, pumpkins and goblins and try to stay away from the "scary" stuff.

We will have a story time with the story of "God's Night." Then many people do not know that in the Episcopal Church there is an evening service for All Hallows' Eve, so this year we will end our evening together as a church family with this service.

Property Notes -

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation in using the parking lot while the parapet work was being done. We are at the final stage of attaching a metal cap to the top of the parapet. In early October it will take two days to do that, and then a day for the metal to be painted to match the color of the bricks. You can now feel much safer walking next to the Conkey House and not fear that a piece of concrete or brick is going to come down and hit you in the head. The old brick was in very poor shape, but there were no signs of any water damage further into the building.

We have been told that the permanent speakers for the nave of the church should arrive at the end of the month, so we hope to have the upgrade in the audio system complete in early November. Thank you to members Jim Overton, Burt Lehman, and Van Horn for helping.

Once these two major projects are completed and paid for, we will get back to our list of smaller projects in 2009. We also have a list of projects for 2010 formulated, and tentatively funded in the 2010 budget. Please feel free to ask me or Scott Bernard for more information regarding these projects. Thank you to everyone who identified needs to be addressed and to those who have offered to provide support for a particular project.

In the spring of 2010 we will be installing another section of our columbarium in the Meditation Garden. It will have 40 niches available. Several people have already expressed a desire to reserve a niche in the new unit. Most of the niches in our existing columbaria are either filled or have been purchased. If you are interested in purchasing a niche, please contact Amy for the details of the contract. We will be using capital funds to pay for the cost of the unit and its installation and, we will recover the expense with the sales of the niches.

The Gift Shop has expressed a desire to fund continued improvements in the Garden, so that capital funds do not need to be used. There has been one planning meeting held for the expansion of the columbaria and the upgrade of this area of the church property. We will have another meeting in November to continue planning for 2010.

In March of 2009 we were ecstatic to see the monthly budget payment to New Mexico Gas Company go from \$1,117.00 to \$245.00. But in September it went up to \$657.00. This amount is based on our usage history and expected natural gas prices. We will have to wait and see what new figure will come out of the budget review in the spring of 2010.

For all of our utilities we have limited control for price, but we can control consumption. In the last three years our gas consumption has shown a decline. This is not true for the other

utilities; electric, water and refuse. We will continue to seek ways to help reduce the consumption. Some of the changes already made; programmable thermostats, energy efficient coffee makers, CFL lights, etc. But, everyone can have an impact on the consumption and hence the cost to the church. Examples: not leaving an outside door open when the heat is on; wearing a sweater instead of thin material so the heat can be set lower; shutting off the lights when leaving a room; not letting the water run in the sink while doing other work; taking recycling home for your residential pick up (as a business we have to pay for recycling pick up), etc. I am sure everyone can think of other ways that we can help reduce the costs.

On a personal note, St. Benedict speaks of listening with your heart. For Mareta and me, our hearts were over filled with joy when we heard those messages of kindness and celebration that were extended to us recently. Thank you to everyone who was able to come to the reception, and to those who could not make it, but extended their blessings. Your actions and words touched our hearts and gave us memories that we will never forget. Thank you.

September Vestry Highlights

- ✍ Prior to the September Vestry meeting, the Vestry and Finance Committee members met together to discuss the law suite initiated by former Rector Coleman. Holy Faith's attorneys were present. The combined members agreed we have no intention of giving Coleman anything more.
- ✍ At the Vestry meeting the Vestry moved to extend the bookkeeper's contract to include doing the bookkeeping for the 2008 audit.
- ✍ The proposed 2010 budget deficit has been reduced from \$235,000 to \$88,000.
- ✍ The Royal School of Church Music, a children's choir and music education program, will begin at Holy Faith this fall. Donations have been received to defray the cost of the program this year. It is a partial-tuition based program which will be open to the community.

Bits and Pieces

Prayers for the dead – On All Saint’s Sunday, November 1, special prayers will be offered at all services for those who have died. If you would like to have a departed loved one or friend prayed for, please contact Amy in the parish office: 982-4447, ext. 105, or by email at amy@holyfaithchurchsf.org.

Volunteers needed at Carlos Gilbert Elementary School Library - If you enjoy being around children and could spare a weekday morning or afternoon on a fairly regular basis, Carlos Gilbert's library needs YOU! Being a "reading buddy" during the school's library sessions: this simply means assisting children in gaining confidence and comprehension during the library's silent reading times. No experience required, just a passion for literacy. Please call or e-mail parishioner Elaine Coleman for more information (983-9747 or elaine2005@comcast.net)

New Columbarium – If you have considered purchasing a columbarium niche at Holy Faith, now is the time to reserve space in the new unit that will be installed in 2010. The cost is \$500 per niche, which will cover the cost of the columbarium unit, and provide for perpetual care of the Meditation Garden. If you would like more information, or to reserve a niche, please contact Amy at 982-4447, ext. 105, or email her at amy@holyfaithchurchsf.org.

When you’re in the hospital – Please be sure to call the parish office to let us know if you are in the hospital! Privacy laws prevent hospital staff from allowing clergy from one denomination to view the lists of other denominations. Our clergy also find that, in the course of the admissions procedures, the information is often incorrect or omitted even when parishioners ask to be listed as “Episcopalian,” so please call!

Camp Stoney needs a pick up truck! Do you have a used pick up truck that you would like to donate to Camp Stoney? Partial payment is possible. Please contact Don Pattison at 983-7095, or George Amos at 690-6575.

Guest House off Old Santa Fe Trail for rent – Lovely two-bedroom guest house with garage available by November 1. Please call Don or Gene Pattison at 983-7095 for more information.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine, Presiding Bishop, Kenneth, Rector, Curtis, Associate Rector, Duncan and Ivan priests; Chris, Jim, Katherine and Deby pursuing holy orders; our missionary; our Vestry; for our relationship with St. Francis Cathedral Basilica & First Presbyterian Church; and in our Diocese, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Richard Russell, Warden.

Healing and Comfort: ALICE Adams, RON Adinolfi, LESLIE Allin, KATHRYNE Anson, FLORENCE Ault, GUY Bayne, KAY Bell, GEORGE Bingham, GEORGE Blinn, JIM Clapp, JO ANN Clapp, SUE Coleman, NANCY Cope, MARYANNE Crenshaw, HALEY Curtin, HUGH Curtin, BETTY Davis, GAIL Davis, JOHN Davis, LORA DeVary, MARJORY Dobyns, ED Forgotson, CLARKE Fountain, DOUG Fraser, KATHY Fraser, JERE Green, MARTHA Greenway, SHIRLEY Gutermuth, SUZANNE Hanratty, GENE Hamby, AUDREY Henrickson, STEVE Jennings, CINDI Jones, SUZIE Landrum, JOY Lanum, SUSAN Leslie, BETTY Lilienthal, SHAD Longenette, JOANN Morrissey, MARJORIE Muth, JOHN Potter, STEVE Ray, PETE Rhymes, KEITH Robinson, JULIAN Rymar, BARBARA Simms, PATTY Stone, DUDDY Wilder, and JOE Wright.

Our Family and Friends: MATTHEW Blazer, LESLIE Bryant, DANIEL Bufkin, VAL Burg, BRADLEY Carlton, JEAN Carpenter, JASON Collins, DOROTHY Cook, AGNES Cooke, PEGGY Crawford, JACK Crenshaw, MARY Dickerson, MARCY Dolan, TUDOR Garland, MARY Gerard, CLAUDIA Grayson, MARY Hasted, DAVID Haughaboo, JACKIE Hoag, JANIE Hord, TRAVIS Jacob, ELENI Jakub, JONAS Kaare, GAYE Jacob, SYLVIA Johnson, ABBAS Kazmi, UMBREEN Kazmi, GENE Kennison, MARY King, WEBSTER Kitchell, SALLY Knott, WILL Knox, SUE Kutz, WILLIAM Larkin Jr., BOB Lee, BETTY Lindley, CORA Littleton, MEREDITH Lusby, TERRI May, STEPHANIE Lowry, ELLEN MacDonald, ANTONIA Maes, DENINE Mares, CHARLOTTE Mason, JOAN Mason, TERRI May, SCOTT Maynard, BAILEY McCollum, JOHN McLean, KENNY McMillan, JOHN Miller, JIM Morton, BONNIE Morse, MARGARET Neilly, BETH Noland, JIM Norris, NATHAN Post, DAVID Ray, MEREDITH Ray, TED Reed, MIKE Robinson, DYLAN Rodriguez, DONNA Roripaugh, JEAN Rose, GAIL Ryba, LYNN Ryba, FRANK Salazar, JOHN Schroeder, JUNE Silcock, MARY Simmons, JOHN Sisson, KATE Slatton, NICHOLAS Slatton, STEWART Slatton, JEFF Teutsch, SANDY Wade, JILL Wade, SUNDAY Walters, NICHOLAS Webb, JODY Wheelless, KAYLA Yancey, LYLE Zimmerman, GREG Zweizcker, BOB, BRIAN & JOKER, CONNIE, ELISABETH & BABY, FREDA & TOM, JAY, MAC & LENA, MARGE, RICHARD, SUE, VICKY, and VIVIAN (Names will be placed on the Family & Friends list for 60 days).

Our friends and family in the military: HUGH Bailey, CARSON Butz, 2nd LT. NICHOLAS Gilwitch, LTC. PETER Hansen, JOSH Holden, MASON LeMieux, MATTHEW Lowry, Capt. (USN) OSCAR Lujan, Sgt. JOSHUA Magdelenski, Sgt. BILL McSweeney USMC, LTC. CHARLES Stewart Slatton II, L.Cpl. Aaron Smith, USMC, Maj. RYAN Thiessen, WAYNE Whipple, and BG Greg Zanetti.

MILESTONES

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Sheila & Barry Shaffer who celebrate their 38 anniversary October 2; Ricki & Webb Sherrill who celebrate their 47 anniversary October 6; Andi Shapiro & Jim Gordon who celebrate their 4 anniversary October 7; Elizabeth & Robert Pettus who celebrate their anniversary October 13; Nel & Simon Mostert who celebrate their anniversary October 15; Fidelia & Stuart Kirk who celebrate their 21 anniversary October 17; Beverly & Joel Abramson celebrate their anniversary October 19; Mitzi & Tom Barker celebrate their 24 anniversary October 19; Gail & Joe Davis celebrate their 30 anniversary October 19; Laura & Walter Ford celebrate their 27 anniversary October 21; Vonda & Ernest Schnitger celebrate their 55 anniversary October 30; and Alexandra & Mike Ward celebrate their 45 anniversary October 31.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Skyler Hraber – 1
Beverly Abramson – 2
Robert Jones – 2
Nel Mostert – 2
Mary Louise Graw – 3
Richard Stolley – 3
George Bingham – 5
Shirley McDougal – 5
Mary Jean Cook – 7
Audrey Hendrickson – 7
Christine Simpson – 7
Nathan Gruda - 8
Juanita McCabe – 8

Linda Yarbrough – 8
Marty Buchsbaum - 9
Owen Gruda – 10
Anne Ponce – 11
Chris Webster – 12
Thomas Allin – 15
Paul Frank – 15
Ellen Thompson – 15
Frances Day – 17
Nola Irvin – 19
Shad Longenette – 19
Jeff Indall – 20
Cindi Jones – 20

Frances Barkmann – 21
Lynsey Bernard – 21
Ann Lewis Dupre – 21
Frank Bugg – 22
Allison Margetson – 22
Gillian Coleman – 23
Janice Matthews – 24
Scott Bernard – 25
Jean Johnston – 26
Irma Kelly – 27
Callie Henkel – 28
Bob Baxter – 29
Dennis McLain – 29
David Woodruff – 31

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of parishioners
Caroline Scheffler who died September 18;
and Mary Margaret Read who died September 12.**

September Attendance

Attendance at Sunday Worship Services in September

	<u>7:30</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
September 6	14	125	157
September 13	14	112	143
September 20	26	111	126
September 27	17	105	126

Finance Report for September, 2009

In the month of September, we had:

Pledge Receipts in September of	\$ 50,732.19
Plate Receipts of	2,178.67
Restricted Offerings of	<u>8,691.26</u>
For a total of	\$ 61,602.12
LESS	
September Expenditures	\$ 84,144.50

Leaving a deficit for September of \$ 22,542.38

(*This amount includes \$26,000 used as a cash reserve that must be paid back to the Endowment Fund.)

The closing balance of the Endowment (Market Value) at August 31, was \$1,946,925.76.

Thank you for your continued generosity in support of the Church of the Holy Faith.

This will be the last full print issue of the *Faith Way* newsletter. Beginning in November, the Faith Way will be available online through email, and we will print and mail copies only to those who request it. We apologize for any inconvenience, but we anticipate a savings in paper, printing and postage of approximately \$1,500, annually by making this change. If you would like to receive yours by mail, or to be sure we have your email address, please call Amy at 982-4447, ext. 105.

Faith at Work Community Outreach

We are feeling the fresh fall air now and that morning chill is bringing with it an increased number of requests from individuals and other organizations for heavier clothing, jackets, sweaters, sox and solar blankets. Individuals and families are also attempting to “catch up” with utility payments in arrears in order to avoid disconnection of gas and/or electricity through the winter months. Those needs, in addition to increased requests for furniture and house wares for people downsizing or moving out of homeless status and more food requests have held staff and volunteers’ attention the past month. On September 1st alone, we received 55 unduplicated calls with requests for assistance. Even when the allotted monies are expended at mid-month, the needs continue. The casework and collaboration we engage with other agencies becomes even more crucial.

The faith community in our city is giving attention our population living on the edge. Sunday, September 26 there were representatives of several organizations that support people who are homeless or on the edge of homelessness meeting with members of First Presbyterian, Christ Church and Holy Faith to focus on our Santa Fe area people in need. Faith at Work staff and board members will continue to participate in these gatherings to help spread the word of the needs we engage daily. And we will advocate with the State Legislature to not balance the state budget by cutting funds from those who are most in need of assistance, such as the disabled and elderly.

Faith at Work now serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Interfaith Community Shelter Group’s Winter Homeless Shelter. That is projected to open on November 1. Faith at Work will be a collection point for clothing, paper items and homeless supplies for the Shelter. We will also continue to provide food, supplies, house wares and clothing to our clients and to other agencies, including First Contact Youth Outreach, Santa Fe Community Services, and Healthcare for the Homeless. We invite you to be as generous as possible in support of our clients and the work of these valued organizations in our city.

Items we would appreciate for clients and in support of other organizations include the following: **Furniture**—mattresses and springs, couches, chairs, end tables, dining tables and chairs; **House wares**—pots and pans, coffee makers, cups/mugs, silverware, and crock pots; **Clothing**—clean adult jeans, long sleeved shirts, sweaters, adult’s and children’s jackets, gloves, hats, sox and diapers, especially smaller sizes; **Food**—flour, pancake mix, juices, and powdered milk. We can always use toiletries--and your **financial support**—no matter how much. Every dollar you contribute supports the mission of Faith at Work—to support Home-Health-Hope.

In faith and gratitude for your continued generosity,
Angela Merkert angela@faithatworks.org
505-471-6323

Looking ahead...

October

- 1 – Early Childhood Community Parents’ meeting at 5:30.
- 4 – Feast Day of St. Francis. Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 am (incense).
Blessing of the Animals at 5:00 pm in front of the Church.
- 6-10 Photo Directory photography dates!
- 8 Finance Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm in the Campbell Room.
- 13 – Ministries Council Meeting at 4:00 pm in the Campbell Room
- 15-17 – Diocesan Convocation in El Paso.
- 22 – Vestry meeting at 5:30 in the Campbell Room.
- 23 & 24 – **Confirmation Class/Workshop**, Friday October 23, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the Kinsolving Room; and Saturday October 24, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Kinsolving Room.
- 24 – Stewardship Campaign Kick off.
- 31 – Children and Youth *All Hallows’ Eve* event.

November

- 1 – Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 am (with incense), Baptism, and necrology (prayers for those who have died this year) for the Feast of All Saints.
- 5 – Father Semon, Msgr. Martinez y Alire of St. Francis Basilica, and Pastor Wiseman of First Presbyterian Church, will discuss “Spiritual Traditions,” as part of the Adult Enrichment Series at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis at 7:00 pm.
- 7 – Confirmation at 5:00 pm in the Church.
- 9 – Ecumenical Meeting at 2:00 pm in the Kinsolving Room.
- 10 – Ministries Council Meeting at 2:00 pm in the Youth Room.
- 12 – Finance Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm in the Campbell Room.
- 18 – ECC Advisory Board meeting at 8:15 am in the Kinsolving Room.
- 22 – Christ the King Sunday, Solemn Eucharist at 11:00 am (with incense).
Harvest Pot-luck Dinner at 5:00 pm in Palen Hall.
- 26 – Thanksgiving Day service (Holy Eucharist) at 10:00 am in the church.
- 26 & 27 – The parish office will be closed

December

- 5 – St. Nicholas Bazaar
- 6 – Choir Rehearsal for *Lessons and Carols* at 3:00 pm.
Lessons and Carols at 6:00 pm.
- 8 – Ministry Council Meeting at 4:00 pm in the Campbell Room
- 10 – Finance Committee Meeting at 4:30 pm in the Campbell Room.
- 17 – Vestry Meeting at 5:30 pm in the Campbell Room.
- 19 – Pageant Rehearsal and costume fitting at 1:00 pm in the Guild Room and Church.
- 24 – Christmas Eve services at 4:00, 7:00 and 10:00 pm. (The office closes at 12:00 noon)
- 25 – Christmas Day service at 10:00 am. (Office closed)
- 31 – The parish office closes at 12:00 noon.

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The Reverend Ivan Weiser - Honorary Associate

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Don Pattison

Mike Shirley – Sr. Warden

Mike Ward

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The Church of the Holy Faith

Mission Statement:

To welcome all people into an ever-deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Vision:

To be a vibrant community of Christian faith and worship, to educate and serve, and to offer fellowship and support to all who seek Jesus Christ as Lord.

Our Core Values:

- ? We believe in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ? We profess that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord.
- ? We preach and teach that the Holy Scriptures are the authoritative Word of God.
- ? We encourage and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ through abiding in his Word.
- ? We believe the Holy Sacraments, daily prayer, and the healing power of Christ are fundamental and necessary.
- ? We offer comprehensive pastoral care.
- ? We offer Christian education for children, families, and people of all ages.
- ? We provide music and liturgy that praise God and exalt the Spirit.
- ? We welcome all people into our vibrant fellowship.
- ? We strive to be living examples of Christian love, truth, honesty, integrity, and excellence in all we do.
- ? We share the gospel of Jesus Christ through service to the community of Santa Fe and beyond.

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