



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
AUGUST 12, 2015

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:15 and 6:00 PM

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:45 AM

The Vestry

Ginger Paul, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Becky Snodgrass, Secretary
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Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
Please send to
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Hope House Ministry

Donna Earnest
Executive Director

Last October Hope House was ten years old! When The Well of Northwest Louisiana closed in 2004 Holy Cross opened Hope House to meet the needs of our neighbors who are homeless. There's no counting the number of people who have used the showers and laundry facilities, the mailboxes and telephones, who would not have had access to them otherwise. And there's no telling how many cups of coffee have been served in those ten years!



Larry Murff
Operations Mgr.



Hope House continues to be our main neighborhood ministry. The neighbors who come there have become our friends, and today more services are offered: assistance with emergency medical needs, intervention with addictions, listening ears and pastoral care, a clothes closet, weekly Eucharist, GED classes, and other classes as needed. Several other groups and churches have joined Holy Cross members to provide supplies and meals. St. Luke's Mobile Medical Ministry has two of their largest clinics in their twice-monthly visits to Hope House. The ministry continues to blossom and grow, as our neighbors minister to us, too!

Hoyo "The Boss"
and pal Bandido



Members and friends of Holy Cross provide support in many ways: they volunteer, they provide meals, they supply shampoo, soap, and other needed supplies. Through grants from the diocese and a gift from the Wheelless Foundation we were able to rebuild and update our two existing showers and add a third one—all brought up to commercial standards to meet the constant daily use. In addition to three showers, we now have two toilets, two washers, and two dryers for our neighbors, as well as a washer and a dryer to keep the towels and washcloths clean and ready for use.

Donna, Larry, and Hoyo work and minister non-stop from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM weekdays, keeping things moving and offering listening ears and hearts. We are so fortunate that they came to us and to our neighbors!

Numbers for the first half of the year are below. In the summer the numbers always increase. With hotter temperatures necessitating more showers and generating more laundry, Hope House serves sixty to eighty people—sometimes more—each day during the summer. For January through June 2015:

Total days open:	127	
People signed in:	7,153	Daily average: 56
Laundry used:	1,662 times	Daily average: 13 loads
Showers used:	3,124 times	Daily average: 25
Mailboxes used:	3,038 times	Daily average: 24
Phone used:	2,424 times	Daily average: 19 (some people make more than one call)

Vickie Walpole, a friend of Donna’s who works for Providus Financial Group, volunteers three hours every other week to help with Medicare benefits. She helps our neighbors know their options in coverage, helps with initial Medicare filings, reviews their present benefits and makes sure they are taking advantage of all the benefits available to them. Vicki takes all applications back to her office and files them electronically so the applicants can get a faster response. Because of her help, the wait time is generally seven to fourteen days, in comparison to the sixty-days applicants would normally have to wait. Below are the statistics for the first four weeks of the Providus team’s presence at Hope House:

Applied for Medicaid:	10 people
Accepted:	3
Pending:	7 (additional information requested)

The three Medicaid recipients will see a return of \$105 monthly, which is currently being withheld from their checks for the Part B Premium. Their checks this month will reflect the additional \$105. They are also now enrolled in the Medicare Vantage Program, which will give them additional benefits such as vision, hearing, and dental care.

Three of our neighbors receive disability-SSI, and they are being tracked so that when their Medicare kicks in they can also receive benefits from the Medicare Vantage Program. We are very grateful to Vicki and to Providus for allowing her the time to make such a difference in the lives of people who need help so badly.

During the extremely hot days of the past two weeks Donna has been at Hope House for a few hours on Saturday and Sunday. Our neighbors can stop in for a cold drink of water and a place to sit out of the heat. If you can help on weekends, or if you can volunteer during the week, please call the church office.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Calendar for August and September

Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist (Enriching Our Worship)	12:15 PM	Chapel
Thursdays	Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM	Hope House Back Yard
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Practice	9:45 AM	Church
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Church
Sunday, September 13	<i>Holy Cross Day celebration and Bishop’s Visitation Continuing Feast</i>	11:00 AM	Church
		after the 11:00 service	Undercroft

It is undeniably easier to ignore the hardships of those who are too weak to demand their rights than to respond sensitively to their needs. To care is to accept responsibility, to dare to act in accordance with the dictum that the ruler is the strength of the helpless.

Aung San Suu Kyi

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B
Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 15, August 16

Proverbs 9:1-6, 9-15; Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

(Proverbs 9:1-6, 9-15) What is most important is the acknowledgment that here with Lady Wisdom, as with the host mentioned by Jesus, all of us can choose whether or not we will respond to God's invitation for a fulfilling, blessed life. This life is not one of faithful drudgery or morbid asceticism, but one of great satisfaction and happiness. God intends an abundant life for us. The wine at Wisdom's party is for enjoying, just like the new, improved wine Jesus provides when prompted by his mother Mary—another wise woman—at the wedding at Cana. To some hearers, this will be a surprise. Their assumption is that the Christian life is one of somber responsibility, with no time for enjoyment. . . . But at a deeper level, before the eve of Labor Day is a good time for all to self-reflect, asking, "Am I pursuing the life of wisdom, or am I squandering my life on that which does not satisfy?" This fallow period near the end of the summer can provide the time for self-assessment and recommitment to wise living, to choose to accept Wisdom's invitation into her wonderful home to feast at her rich table.

Dean McDonald

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 16, August 23

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-59

(Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18) The covenant with YHWH is different from the worship of the ancestral gods. This one God is not simply a god of the land, of place, of prosperity. This one God is a God who travels with God's people. YHWH is not tied to the land, to any place or sanctuary. This God makes a different kind of promise to the people. This God promises to accompany the covenant people no matter where they go. This God will be with them not only in their prosperity but also in their suffering and in their trials. This God does promise security and abundance. This God promises to be present through all that life brings.

For a battle-worn, world-weary, wandering community, this is a different kind of promise from a different kind of God. Through it they glimpse the one God who is present with them in birth, in death, in humiliation, in joy, in wandering, and in arrival. This God desires for them a new life.

The invitation to this covenant requires that these people will be loyal and faithful to this God who is with them. This covenant requires loyal relationship through all the vicissitudes of life, instead of looking for the God who will deliver the best benefits.

Susan Henry Crowe

Kitchen Update

Our kitchen is coming along! "Behind the walls" electrical work and plumbing have been completed; a grease trap and overflow have been installed; sheet rock coated with easy to keep clean plastic is up. The new commercial refrigerator, freezer and dish washer have been delivered, and cabinets are expected any day! The new kitchen will not only be easy to navigate and clean, it will be attractive. We will also be able to accommodate the Garden ministry for education and preparation of healthy meals.

It's well worth the few weeks of inconvenience while the kitchen was out of service this summer. Our Kitchen Committee has worked hard to make plans that will accommodate the various groups who use the kitchen as economically as possible.

If you would like to contribute to the expense of the renovation, please do! Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross and marked for the kitchen.

Thank you for your patience and encouragement! We will all enjoy our new kitchen for many years to come!

Would you like to begin a class for Bible study or book study?

We want your ideas and preferences: Week day? Evening? Sunday? Bible study? Book study? Film and discussion? If you are interested, please stay a few minutes after church on **Sunday, August 23rd**. **We will meet in the Chapel and make our plans.**

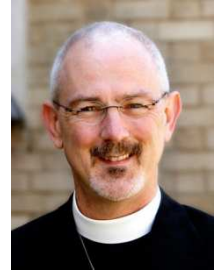
The Revs. Mary Richard and Sally Fox

Holy Cross Celebration and Bishop Jake's Visitation ***Sunday, September 13***



September 13 is an important day for us: the celebration of Holy Cross Day, and Bishop Jake's annual visitation. Because we want to make this day special, we have postponed *The Continuing Feast*, normally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month, to this day so we can offer a feast to the bishop and celebrate with him.

Please remember that the kitchen will still be in the process of renovation, and both the stove and the sink will be out of commission. Please bring cold dishes as you have done for the past two feasts, and take your serving dishes home to wash.



Once again, the Kitchen Crew thanks you all for your patience and cooperation.

Prayer List

Bill Alexander
Wanda Allen
Margaret Boudreaux
Charlie Campbell
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Lady Martha Garner

Austin Gleason
Kenneth Jordan
Elizabeth Joyce
George Love
Mim McCoy
Paige McCranie
Betty McDonald
Laura Rhoades
Sandra Robinson
Brady Sessions
Mary Ann Shemwell
Lonnie Smith

Jack Theurerkauf
Gary Thomas
Jane Thompson
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Charlotte Webb
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

We pray for those who serve and are served by Hope House;
for guidance in our cities as we seek to end violence, especially Ferguson and Lafayette;
for all who are homeless or hungry; for the people of Mexico, the Middle East and Ukraine;
for people in all the places where there are war and tension; for all who seek peace;
for the people of our country, that we may find together the way of compassion and peace from our prejudices
and racial tensions; for law enforcement officers and the people they serve;
and for our President and Congress, that they may work together to pass legislation to lessen the danger of
violence and injustice in our country and provide for the needs of the most vulnerable.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Episcopal School of Acadiana, for Headmaster Dr. Paul Baker (Lauren),
for the Rev. Annie Brown Etheredge (Jim); and for all Parish Day Schools, all Canterbury ministries, college centers, the
University of the South, and the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.

God, source of joy, we thank you for your profound love that is ever mindful to seek out all who are lost,
alone, directionless, and need help. We ask you to send us your Spirit to help us share your love as we praise
you for allowing us to take part in bringing delight and joy into the hearts of those who receive it. *Amen.*

Day Ministries

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Proverbs 9:1-6, 9-15 ☞ Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20 ☞ John 6:51-58
Sat. 5:00 PM: Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lector: Ginger Paul
Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard
Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Walford, Jo Ann Horton
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace
Ushers: Lynn Walford, Bill Richard
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

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Lector: Herschel Richard
Prayers of the People: Lynn Walford
Eucharistic Ministers: Nathaniel Means, Jo Ann Horton
Acolytes: Steve Snodgrass, Hannah Wallace, Ian Wallace
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Jo Ann Horton, June Kirkland

If you wish to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Laurie, 222-3325, and tell her. This is a beautiful way to contribute to the beauty of our worship and give to the glory of God!

Rebecca Vacha Guest Soloist on Sunday, August 16

Thanks to a generous donation by Robert Henley, Rebecca Vacha will join us as guest soloist on Sunday, August 16. Robert's gift is to the Glory of God, in memory of his mother, Sallie Hamlet Henley, and in memory of all our mothers and grandmothers in celebration of the Roman Catholic feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, and the Anglican feast of St. Mary the Virgin, August 15th.

Rebecca Vacha is an upcoming senior at Centenary College, pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance. She has studied with Dr. Gale Odom and Ron Bermingham, and is currently studying with Twyla Robinson. Throughout her college career she has been a member of the Centenary College Choir, Centenary Camerata, Hurley Orchestra, Centenary Percussion Ensemble, in addition to various workshop orchestras for musical theatre and opera. She is also a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, the International Music Fraternity for Women.

Rebecca Vacha



The collaboration between the Hurley School of Music and Marjorie Lyons Playhouse has allowed Rebecca the opportunity to perform in many musicals. She has also been a Wesleyan Singer at First United Methodist Church of Shreveport.

Apart from performing, Rebecca has also found a great interest in music education, including methodology and philosophy. She has participated in an independent study with Dr. Cory Wikan of the Hurley School of Music and Dr. Dominic Salinas of the Education Department, and will present a Music Education Philosophy Study in the spring of 2016.

Bruce Power
Organist and Choirmaster

Coming in the next issue of *Crossings*: A photo gallery of the children and their activities that made our summer program, *Yum-yum, La-la, Doodle*, such a success.

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Hope House: There is an ongoing need for coffee, sugar, creamer, laundry detergent, disposable razors, and personal size hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc.). Donations can be taken to 762 Austin Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

Forward Day by Day for **August, September, and October**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.

If you cannot get to church and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit at your residence or the hospital, please call the church office at 222-3325, and Communion will be brought to you.

Crossings is now also available via email. Simply send or call in your email address to the office.



The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Ph.D.

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The Rev. Mary B. Richard

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