



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
SEPTEMBER 23, 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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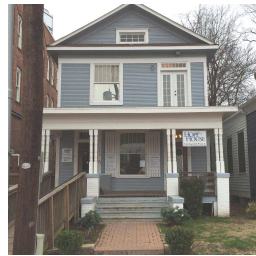
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## Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**. Please send to [lynn.walford@lsus.edu](mailto:lynn.walford@lsus.edu)

## Hope House: Ministry with our Neighbors



In October Hope House will be **ELEVEN YEARS OLD!** For eleven years we have provided phone service, mailboxes, showers, and laundry—as well as coffee and fellowship—five days a week to the people of our neighborhood, primarily our homeless neighbors. Some days people bring food for a meal or a snack, and Priest Sally is at Hope House for part of the day on Thursdays to lend an ear, give counsel, pray with people, and offer whatever is needed spiritually.

Donna, Larry, and Hoyo work full time to keep things going smoothly, and Chuck is there part time to help with medical needs, food stamps, and to provide other services. Robert Henley volunteers on Fridays in the clothes closet upstairs. At times we offer GED classes, and puzzles and games like Bingo are always available. Holy Cross pays all the bills and salaries, along with all repairs or improvements to the house and its facilities.

**But ministry is more than paying for services.** It has been the practice for each one of us at Holy Cross to share the ministry by providing things that are used every day: coffee, sugar, creamer, shampoo, soap, laundry detergent, disposable razors, deodorant, and other personal hygiene items. These things are listed on the back page of every issue of *Crossings*, as they are ongoing needs.

**We need to increase Hope House's supply of them.** The cost of running Hope House is high, and this is one thing we can do to help. Sally has placed baskets in the Narthex. We will highlight one item each month and ask that we all bring it and place it in the baskets sometime during the month. On the **first Sunday, Hope House Sunday**, the baskets will be brought to the altar at the Offertory and offered to God for the good of our neighbors.



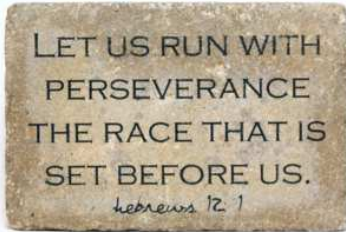
## The item for September and October is COFFEE

When you are at the store, please remember Hope House. Buy some extra coffee and put it in a basket in the Narthex. Whenever you have some of the other items, we welcome them too; just bring them on. Ministry is best when it's shared, and each of us will know we are doing our part!

# The Church

Our lesson for October 4 is as good a description of the fellowship of the Church as I can find:

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.



Can you imagine being all alone in the world? Yes, we know God is with us. I'm thinking of being alone without one other human being. It is true that healing can come through contemplation of nature and individual prayer to God, marveling in God's creativity in the creatures of the earth and God's power in the natural forces. But we know also that healing is speeded in the human touch and compassion and prayer. However that comes about, many people testify to this.

When the letter to the Hebrews was written, Church as we know it did not exist. The Believers gathered for worship and meals, fellowship and the beginnings of our Eucharist. The community was much closer than ours today—people lived in close proximity to one another. They shared their daily lives door to door, without having to go to the house where they worshipped. People walked everywhere and talked along the way. Joys and sorrows, fears and suffering were shared more easily. The “elders” of the church were what we would today call “bi-vocational.” No professional priests, no office or church staff. It seems that even confession was made between members.

Today, people who worship together not only live spread out all over town, we have many demands on our time and our resources. We may not see each other during the week; we may come together only on Saturday or Sunday. It's next to impossible to know everything that happens to those we care about. To add to that, our culture discourages us from talking too much about our fears and burdens. It's seen as a sign of weakness. And who would imagine confessing our sins to one another?

But the writer of the letter encourages us to do just that. Sharing burdens and joys is biblical teaching. We need one another. We are connected. Helping one another, praying for and with one another, are primary in the life of the Church. And a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us, lives and prays with us too.

Do we find value in all this? Modern understanding of the church is often centered more on the building, the worship, the community service, than on things that are so personal, often so difficult. But confidentiality, prayer, sharing burdens with one another is there for all of us, all the time. We are members of one body. This is the church!

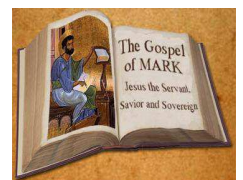
*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that hangs so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

*Hebrews 12:1*

## *Wednesday Night Classes to Resume!*

Sometime soon we will resume our suppers, Eucharist, and discussion on Wednesday nights. A change of pace has been proposed: We will study the Gospel of Mark, our oldest and sparest Gospel, in the weeks leading to Advent. We will begin with supper at 6:00 and celebrate the Eucharist afterwards while still at the tables. Then we will begin our study and discussion. Watch *Crossings* for the date—it will be whenever the kitchen is ready. We look forward to the usual lively and interesting discussions and a wonderful time together!



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



**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 21, September 27**

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14*  
*James 5:13-20; Mark 9:13-20*

*(James 5:13-20)* When we praise God in our personal prayers, it is often linked with thanksgiving for what God has given us. This is true whenever we say grace before a meal, bless the beauty of God's creation, or appreciate the returned health of a loved one. It is a test of faith whether we can still adore or thank God in the midst of suffering and illness.

It is often in our brokenness that we can hear most clearly God's reply to our prayers. When we are too broken to speak our prayers, it is often through remembered hymns and spiritual songs of praise from our youth that we are able to continue the conversation with God.

*Kathy L. Dawson*

**The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Proper 22, October 4**

*Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8*  
*Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16*

*(Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12)* Jesus is the real thing—the authentic pioneer of God-drenched living, reflecting the glory of God in the flesh-and-blood experiences of earthly life.

“Perfection” does not mean an excellence out of reach of ordinary human experience. Perfection, in a gospel sense, means “completeness”—fully carrying out the purpose for which we have been created—clearing out the clutter and corruption of our living so that the “imprint of God's very being,” which is in each one of us, can be fully revealed.

*Susan R. Andrews*

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## **Next Week: The Tenth Millard Fuller Legacy Build**

The Fuller Center for Housing of Northwest Louisiana will host the Tenth Anniversary Millard Fuller Legacy Build this fall. You may remember that after Hurricane Katrina, Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center for Housing, visited Shreveport and committed to build sixty houses in the Allendale neighborhood. Initially, the houses were for people who had moved to Shreveport in the wake of the destruction in South Louisiana. Eventually, as fewer people stayed here permanently, area residents have been given the opportunity to own the homes. Interest free loans make it possible for people who qualify to have the dignity, pride and responsibility of home ownership to help them rise from poverty. The building has continued and has been expanded to include the Cedar Grove neighborhood and the Barksdale Annex in Bossier City. The goal of sixty houses in Allendale is almost realized!



Millard Fuller died suddenly in 2009, but his legacy lives on as the Fuller Center continues to build houses all over the world. For the build in Shreveport this year, September 27–October 2, they expect about 125 out-of-town volunteers to build four new homes on Clay Street in Allendale. St. Mark's will provide dinner for the volunteers (at St. Mark's) on Monday, September 28, and they will need all kinds of help: decorating, setup, cleanup, and of course, COOKS!

Over the past ten years, Holy Cross has supported the ministry of the Fuller Center in various ways. We have supplied meals for out-of-town volunteers, raised money for a refrigerator in one of the houses on Clay Street, and participated in the actual building. Holy Cross parishioner Herschel Richard serves on the board of the Fuller Center. This year we will supply water for the volunteers for a day of the building.

Please come help with dinner next Monday at St. Mark's. We'll have fun, meet people, and have the opportunity to thank volunteers from all over the country who have come here to build houses in our community. If you would like to volunteer, contact Priest Mary.

## Calendar for September and October

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
<b>Second Sunday each month</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	11:00 AM	Church
September 27 – October 2	Millard Fuller Legacy Build		Clay Street, Allendale
<b>Sunday, October 4</b>	<b>Oktoberfest!</b>	12:15 PM	Undercroft and grounds
October 23-24	Diocesan Convention		Sulphur, Louisiana

*Please watch for the date when Wednesday Night Study will resume.*

## Prayer List

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

Jackie Free  
Lady Martha Garner  
Austin Gleason  
Kenneth Jordan  
Elizabeth Joyce  
George Love  
Mim McCoy  
Paige McCranie  
Trish Peyton  
Laura Rhoades  
Ila Riggs  
Sandra Robinson

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

*If you would like to request an addition to the Prayer List, please call the church office, 222-3325. Our practice is to keep names on the list for six weeks. If we have an update at that time requesting that we continue to pray for the person, we will leave the name on the list. If not, we will remove it. You can always call if you would like us to add it again.*

We pray for those who serve and are served by Holy Cross Villas and Holy Cross Villas West; for President Jimmy Carter and his family; for guidance in our cities as we seek to end violence; 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 Retired Clergy of our diocese.

Jesus, Bread of Life, we long to enter into a deeper communion with you and with each other. Thank you for letting yourself be broken to make us whole; teach us to let ourselves be broken to help make the world whole.

# Say Ministries

## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 27, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM:

Larry Wright, Lector, Eucharistic Minister

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Melissa Fowle

Prayers of the People: Maggie Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Fred Ogunyemi

Acolytes: Patrick Raymond, Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Ginger Paul, June Kirkland

## The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 4, 2015

Sat. 5:00 PM:

Stephanie Hamblin, Lector; Larry Wright, Eucharistic Minister

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lector: Reece Middleton

Prayers of the People: Steve Snodgrass

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginger Paul, Fred Ogunyemi

Acolytes: Steve Snodgrass, Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Herschel Richard, Bill Richard

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Becky Snodgrass, Tommie Sue Brooks

*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!*

### *A note about our presence in the neighborhood:*

*We at Holy Cross are fortunate to be here. There is great need, and many different kinds of needs. We are able to meet some of these needs, but not all of them. All our resources this year are going into Hope House, where our neighbors can get spiritual help along with help with their daily needs. Sometimes a meal is served, brought from another church or group of people.*

*We do not give anyone money. There is no way for us to check and accurately determine what the money will be used for. If anyone stops you and asks for money for anything—food, bus ticket, anything—please tell them “no.”*

*Charles has some blue sheets with lists of all the meals that are served regularly in our neighborhood each week. Please refer the person to Charles or to me.*



## Sunday, October 4, is OKTOBERFEST!

Once again we'll celebrate the fall—and maybe some cooler weather—with OKTOBERFEST! After the 11:00 service the Holy Cross Grill Team will cook bratwurst and hot dogs for everyone, and we ask that you bring a salad or a dessert. Come hungry, and come prepared to have a good time among friends and neighbors.



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**Mission Statement:** *The Church of the Holy Cross, Shreveport, Louisiana, strives to be the presence of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond, through worship of Almighty God, open inquiry, sharing fellowship, valued diversity, genuine inclusiveness, and servant leadership—encouraging all to exercise God's gifts and calling as we share the Gospel of Hope in programs, to serve without regard for religious affiliation, race, or economic status.*

**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 Austen Place or to the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

**Forward Day by Day** for **October and November**, 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.



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