



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
JULY 27, 2016

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM
Saturday: 5:00 PM
(Wednesday services are
suspended during the summer)

Nursery

Sunday
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Choir Practice

Sunday: 9:45 AM

Sunday School

Sunday: 11:00 AM

The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden
Christine Hennigan, Secretary
Melissa Fowle
Jo Ann Horton
John Hughes
Meredith Lucius
Kendall Raymond

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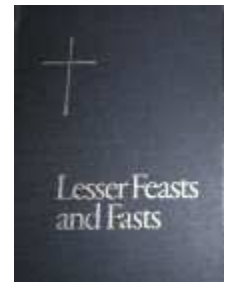
Deadline

Material for *Crossings* must be
received by **12:00 Wednesday**.
Please send to
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So Great a Cloud of Witnesses

The lives and examples of people over the centuries have long fascinated, comforted, guided, and inspired me. Biographies, both authentic and fictional, have always been my favorite book genre as far back as I can remember, from Lucy Fitch Perkins' *The Dutch Twins*, *The Chinese Twins*, *The Eskimo Twins* . . . ; Bible stories of Samuel calling for Eli, or of 12-year-old Jesus in the Temple; the lives of missionaries like Lottie Moon; lives of the Tudors; novels such as *Dear and Glorious Physician* (about Luke); *The Poisonwood Bible*; and books by James Michener such as *Hawaii* and *The Source*, to name a few.

Then, when I entered the Episcopal Church, I was thrilled and delighted to discover *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* (familarly known as *LFF*). This is a book of brief biographies of all the individuals and small groups commemorated by the Episcopal Church throughout the year, the "Communion of Saints," as it were. Appointed scriptures and collects are included for the liturgical observance of each person or group on or near their appointed day—by tradition, the date of their death. Over the years, with much research and study, "vetting," (a familiar term these days), trial use, and, ultimately, approval of General Convention, additions are made to the Liturgical Calendar, which is what we call the list of persons commemorated throughout the year.



One of the several standing committees of our Episcopal Church General Convention, The Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music, is the group responsible for this important task. In carrying out this responsibility, they "seek to expand the worshipping community's awareness of the communion of saints, and to give increased expression to the many and diverse ways in which Christ, through the agency of the Holy Spirit, has been present in the lives of men and women across the ages, just as Christ continues to be present in our own day."

Well, you can imagine my delight when I discovered the commemoration the Church observes on July 20:

*Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Jenks Bloomer,
Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman:
Liberators and Prophets*

Their introduction begins: “Today the Church celebrates the witness of four courageous women who in the nineteenth century blazed the trail for equal rights and human dignity for all people regardless of race or gender. . . .”



Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815 – 1902) was born in upstate New York. Her family and upbringing were Presbyterian, very strict Calvinist, which she found most depressing. She countered this depression by setting out to change the wrongs she observed in Church and society. In 1848, when she was 33 years old, she and four other women organized the first Women’s Rights Convention, held in Seneca Falls, New York. This experience provided the basis for much of her life’s work: ongoing support for the anti-slavery and temperance movements, holding the Church accountable for using scripture to oppress and subordinate women, and holding society responsible for doing the same by denying women the right to vote, own property, work in professional fields, or receive equal pay for equal work. Although Elizabeth blamed male clergy for women’s oppression, she attended Trinity Episcopal Church in Seneca Falls with her friend Amelia Bloomer.



Amelia Jenks Bloomer (1818 – 1894) was also born to a Presbyterian family in upstate New York, but became an Episcopalian as an adult. From early adulthood she worked actively in the temperance, anti-slavery, and women’s rights movements. At age 22, she met and married Dexter Bloomer, an attorney and owner of a newspaper, *The Seneca Falls County Courier*. They moved to Seneca Falls, New York, where she began to get involved with the local community and the temperance movement. She wrote about social issues in her husband’s newspaper. After attending the First Women’s Rights Convention in 1848, she started her own newspaper, *The Lily*, using the pseudonym *Sunflower* to write about the women’s rights movement.

An unusual and unplanned contribution of Amelia Bloomer was to begin wearing loose, Turkish-style pants which she found more comfortable and accommodating than skirts. These came to be called “bloomers,” based, of course on her name. It’s no surprise that bloomers were widely criticized, especially from pulpits. Conservative by nature—she never shared the liberal religious views or abolitionist sentiments of her sisters in the movement—even Amelia Bloomer eventually opposed bloomers as inexpedient.

She, like Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was highly critical of the Church for the manner in which clergy used scripture to subordinate women, but continued her lifelong, faithful support of the Church. She was responsible for the founding of churches and schools in the then-frontier of Iowa.



Bloomer in Bloomers



Sojourner Truth (1797/8 – 1883) was also born in New York, but her parents were slaves. Isabella Baumfree, called Belle, remained a slave until she was in her late twenties, when Quaker friends helped her escape to Philadelphia. She then moved to New York, where she joined Mother Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church. She worked diligently to provide housing, food, and warm clothes for many through her work at a shelter for women.

In her late forties, Belle felt called by God to “go East,” so she headed for Long Island and Connecticut. The story is told that when a man along the way asked her what her name was, she said “Sojourner.” When he asked her her last name, she replied, “The only Master I have now is God, and God’s last name is Truth.” And that is when she became Sojourner Truth.

She never learned to read or write, but became an itinerant preacher who knew much of the Bible by heart as she quoted from it extensively in her sermons. She traveled and preached widely for many years, enthraling large numbers of people. Sojourner described her preaching thusly: “I set up my banner, and then I sing, and then folks always comes up ’round me, and then . . . I tells them about Jesus.”

Sojourner expanded her preaching to include the abolition of slavery, women’s rights and suffrage, the rights of freedmen, temperance, prison reform, and the termination of capital punishment. She became part of a women speakers’ network, all of whom spoke on abolition of slavery and women’s rights. Sojourner Truth eventually moved to Battle Creek, Michigan and renovated an old barn as a home for herself and two of her five children. At least one of her other children had died at a young age, and another was sold away as a slave.



Harriet Ross Tubman (1820 – 1913) was also born a slave, but on the eastern shore of Maryland. She endured much hardship during her childhood and youth, and was severely beaten on a number of occasions. One beating included being hit on the head with an iron weight, causing seizures, severe headaches, and narcolepsy for the rest of her life. She turned to her faith to help her deal with all this pain.

When she was 25 she married a free African-American who saw no reason to move north, as he was perfectly happy with his life in Maryland, and who threatened to tell her owner if she tried to run away. After five years, Harriet left him and escaped to Philadelphia with the help of several abolitionists who guided her to safe houses and hid her along the way. In Philadelphia she met William Still, a major leader of the Underground Railroad (UGRR). She learned how the UGRR worked and became a “conductor,” that is, a person who transported escaped slaves to safety. Even after the passage of the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act, which made it a crime to assist slaves to escape, Tubman continued to make trips back to the South to help family and friends escape. She assisted three hundred slaves to freedom in Canada. In 1860, friends took her to Canada for her own safety and survival.

In 1861 she returned to the United States to enlist in the Union Army, where she served as a nurse, cook, teacher, scout, and spy for the Union forces. She led an armed expedition which liberated more than seven hundred slaves in South Carolina. At the end of the war she was denied payment for her services and had to return home to Auburn, New York, in a baggage car.

After returning home, she worked with Susan B. Anthony, who lived in Seneca Falls, only twelve miles from Harriet’s home. They were able to keep up the struggle for women’s rights. In 1869 she married Nelson Davis, whom she had met during the war. They continued to live in Auburn, adopted a baby girl named Gertie, and enjoyed a “happy, peaceful life there” for almost twenty years before Nelson died in 1888.

During the 1890s the government granted Tubman a \$20 per month military pension. In 1908 she built a house on her property for the indigent and elderly, and was herself cared for there until her death in 1913. She was buried with full military honors in Fort Hill Cemetery near her home.

A very recent Tubman honor was the announcement on April, 20, 2016 by Treasury Secretary Jacob J. Lew that Harriet Tubman will replace Andrew Jackson, the seventh President of the United States, on the \$20 bill.

The Rev. Sally M. Fox



Prayer does not use up artificial energy, doesn't burn up any fossil fuel, doesn't pollute. Neither does song, neither does love, neither does the dance.

Margaret Mead

Every spiritual master in every tradition talks about the significance of small things in a complex world. Small actions in social life, small efforts in the spiritual life, small moments in the personal life. All of them become great in the long run, the mystics say, but all of them look like little or nothing in themselves.

Joan Chittister

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13, July 31, 2016

*Hosea 11: 1-11; Psalm 107: 1-9, 43
Colossians 3: 1-11; Luke 12: 13-21*

(Colossians 3: 1-11) Perhaps nothing garners unanimous applause among Christians more than an exhortation not to lie (v. 9), but truth-telling can be very difficult, especially if it means being open to painful truths about ourselves or about matters that really cost us something. . . . For Christians who have been baptized into the body of Christ, who is the truth (John 1: 17), truth-telling ought to be not an occasional act of honest speaking, but a way of life that is free to see reality, including one's own reality, for what it is.

John C. Shelly

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14, August 7, 2016

*Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40*

Most people can bear the truth about themselves if they know that they always matter; that God thinks they are worth being examined, known, and judged; that they are important enough to be corrected, forgiven, and restored. If God were not perpetually committed to us, God would long ago have abandoned us to our own self-destruction. To reframe judgment as an affirmation of our eternal importance to God might help fearful [people] accept the grace that comes from submitting to an honest assessment of their lives.

J. Mary Luti

Calendar for Summer

Sundays	Informal Eucharist	9:20 AM	Rose Garden or Chapel (depending on weather)
	Choir Rehearsal	9:45 AM	Nave
	Nursery	9:30 AM – noon	Education Building
	Sunday School	11:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Sunday, August 7	<i>The Continuing Feast</i>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft
Wednesday, August 10	Vestry meeting	5:30 PM	Undercroft

Don't forget . . .

We'll celebrate *The Continuing Feast* Sunday, August 7, after the 11:00 service. Bring a dish (salads or other cold dishes are especially welcome during this hot summer season), bring a friend, and bring your appetite!



Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Warren Bankston
Michael Breedlove
Tyrone Braden
Jay Colvin
Evelyn Corley
Janice Crawford
Ron Dean
Jean Dooley
Elizabeth Eglin
Shirley Enani
Ed Finuf
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar

Lady Martha Garner
J. M. Hardwick
Christine Hennigan
Thomas Hennigan
Mary Hill
Terry Hutchinson
Kenneth Jordan
Flo Little
George Love
Kenneth Lowe
Sherry Lowe
Chris Lowery

Mim McCoy
Paige McCranie
Melody Mhyre
Doug Meshell
Ila Riggs
Bob Robinson
Linda Robinson
Sandra Robinson
Jenni Scarce
Brady Sessions
Mary Ann Shemwell
Tommy Simrall

Allyn Stroud
Jack Theuerkauf
Jennifer Theuerkauf
Robert Todd
Cliff Townsend
Mattie Washington
Molly Wilkinson
Roger Wilkinson
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 The Northwest Louisiana Interfaith Pharmacy; 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; for the people of Baton Rouge, Dallas, and places torn by racial strife; for the people of Mexico, South and Central America, the Middle East, and all places where there is war and fear, and for all who seek peace; for migrants in Africa and Europe, for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety; for candidates seeking office this year, 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 Redeemer, Ruston, the Rev. William Easterling (Cathy); and for Holy Cross, Shreveport, the Very Rev. Mary Richard (Herschel).

Give us, O God, leaders whose hearts are large enough to match the breadth of our own souls and give us souls strong enough to follow leaders of vision and wisdom. In seeking a leader, let us seek more than development for ourselves—though development we hope for, more than security for our own land—though security we need, more than satisfaction for our wants—though many things we desire. Give us the hearts to choose the leader who will work with other leaders to bring safety to the whole world. . . .

From *A Prayer for Leadership* by Joan Chittister

Day Ministries

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2016

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 7, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Trish Peyton

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: David Richard, Maggie Fowle

Prayers of the People: Herschel Richard

Eucharistic Ministers: Fred Ogunyemi, Kendall Raymond

Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass

Ushers: Bill Richard, Becky Snodgrass

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Mary Richard, June Kirkland

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

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Trish Peyton

Sun. 11:00 AM:

Lectors: Nathaniel Means, Josh Boyte

Prayers of the People: Melissa Fowle

Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Ginger Paul

Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Audrey Roberts, Hannah Wallace

Ushers: Herschel Richard, Bill Richard

Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: June Kirkland, Mary Richard

Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Jo Ann Horton, Ginger Paul

Service Music

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13, July 31

Mass Gloria: Hymn 420 Decius; Proulx, and Hurd

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 Robert Knox Kennedy

Anthem *Bread of the world, in mercy broken* arr. C. Young

Hymns 397 Nun danket alle Gott 656 Franconia 623 O quanta qualia 388 Hanover

Organ *Mass in the 8th tone* Corrette

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14, August 7

Mass Gloria: 420 Decius; Proulx and Hurd

Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24 Slane/Tone VIII.2 arr. Bruce Power

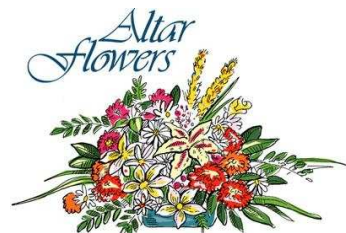
Anthem *Jesu, joy of our desiring* J. S. Bach

Hymns 544 Duke Street 533 Lyons 704 Hereford 401 Leoni

Organ *Mass of the Holy Sacrament* Grunenwald

*If you wish to donate altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one,
please call Laurie, 222-3325, and tell her the date you prefer.*

*This is a beautiful way to contribute to the beauty of our worship
and give to the Glory of God!*



It is with great sadness that we mourn the loss of Charlotte Webb, who died suddenly on Saturday, July 23. Charlotte was a faithful parishioner and a great friend to Holy Cross. Her funeral was on Wednesday, July 27 at Holy Cross, and she was laid to rest in Forest Park Cemetery.

Hope House News



Last month, Donna Earnest, Executive Director of Hope House wrote an article for *Crossings* that announced the following (this is a condensed version):

Volunteer extraordinaire **Brooke Bozarth** donated **\$1,000** to Hope House, and offered a challenge: By the Fourth of July, we hoped to raise **\$5,000** for Hope House. If we raised \$4,000 more, **Brooke would match her own gift with another \$1,000!**

Well, guess what happened? Thanks to your generosity, along with that of Brooke and her family, Hope House raised **\$7,805!** That means there will now be a covered side porch with ceiling fans, so clients can be comfortable both in the summer heat and the winter rains. This will do wonders to improve the quality of life for our neighbors who have so little.

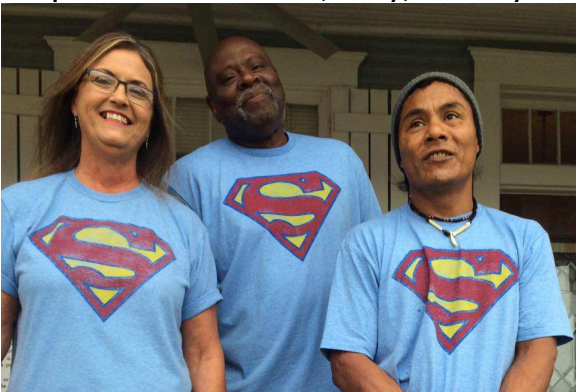
However, there are still urgent needs that a trip to Walmart or Sam's can fulfill so easily:

men's boxer shorts (M, L, XL, XXL)	laundry detergent (washing powder)
men's socks	coffee creamer
men's deodorant	disposable cups for coffee and cold drinks
bath towels, hand towels, washcloths	plastic grocery tote bags

As an ongoing fundraiser for Hope House you can find for sale for \$1.00 in the Narthex flexible green and pink plastic bracelets, saying "Support Hope House" and "End Homelessness—A Tent is not a Home." Buying and wearing a bracelet is an easy way to support our ministry at Hope House. A basket for money is on the table with the bracelets. Thank you!

Hope House's other volunteer extraordinaire, **Kay Adkins**, has been very ill. During her slow recovery she says her greatest frustration is that she isn't able to hang out with her friends at Hope House. Please keep her in your prayers

"Super-servants" Donna, Larry, and Hoyo



Volunteers extraordinaire Brooke Bozarth and Kay Adkins with Donna



The wonderful Bozarth family



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

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



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ph.D.
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, Ph.D., D. D.
The Rev. Mary B. Richard
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