



# Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL  
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
OCTOBER 19, 2016

## Holy Eucharist

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

## Nursery

Sunday  
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

## Choir Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:45 AM

## Sunday School

Sunday: 10:00 AM

## The Vestry

Reece Middleton, Senior Warden  
Gerry Brooks, Jr. Warden  
Steve Snodgrass, Secretary  
Greg Criddle  
Melissa Fowle  
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John Hughes  
Meredith Lucius  
Kendall Raymond

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## Deadline

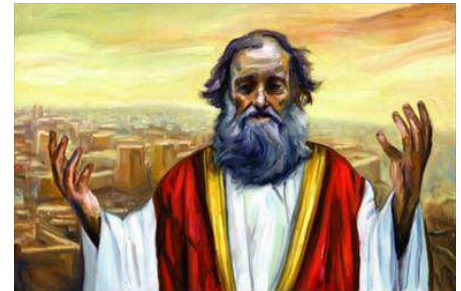
Material for *Crossings* must be received by **12:00 Wednesday**.

Please send to

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## Jeremiah's Advice

Jeremiah



Last Sunday our lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures was a portion of a letter written by Jeremiah to Israel's exiles in Babylon. The time is the first quarter of the sixth century before Jesus was born. Babylon has conquered Israel and has deported Jerusalem's political, economic, and religious leaders to Babylon. The fifty-year exile has begun.

Jeremiah is probably in exile in Egypt, and he writes to his people from there.

Today, as we see and hear day after day and week after week the rages, accusations, and blamings of our politicians, we might expect Jeremiah's frame of mind to be set on that path. I do not compare the situations of today with the Exile; I want to emphasize the human tendency toward blame and Jeremiah's rejection of that tendency. His counsel to Israel is essentially that they choose life and the ways that lead to life. Only death lies at the end of blaming and endless grieving.

Jeremiah writes: But seek the welfare of the city where [God has] sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare (Jeremiah 29:1-4-7).

Seek the welfare of the city where you find yourself and pray for it. Radical advice for those in exile from their homeland in the sixth century BCE. And true counsel for us today.

Few churches in any age would choose to put down roots in a part of the city that is declining. That task is usually reserved for missionaries, and there are many fine examples of small groups of dedicated people who moved into the inner city in ministry. But few of them would envision their mission as beginning a church in the traditional sense, to grow into a thriving church; and indeed, it is true that the larger a congregation, the more distractions there may be to pull it away from its original mission. As someone has said, the mission of an institution becomes the survival of that institution, regardless of its original purpose.

But back to seeking the welfare of the place where we find ourselves: It seems that God has planted seeds within us, has written God's word on the human heart, binding us to the people living closest to the place where we find our hearts. Jeremiah might counsel a church located in a suburban neighborhood to look just beyond its walls and serve the needs of its neighbors. He would counsel us at Holy Cross to look to Texas Avenue, Austen Place, Snow Street, the woods behind our church; to look into the eyes of the people who walk these streets, to seek out their lives and to enter into life with them.

This is exactly what the few people who chartered Holy Cross in 1954 did, and that original mission has not changed. We have remained a small church in the way churches are measured, by their numbers. But our ministry has lived as our congregation has lived: in unity with our neighbors. In their welfare we find our welfare.

No one of us lives independently of others; no church can exist apart from its neighbors. This is the truth of human relationships and human relatedness. We are all tied to one another. In the welfare of our neighbors we find our welfare. Jeremiah offers timely counsel in another way for today: We all pay taxes. Our commitment to the welfare of our country includes paying taxes, and we all share in the benefits our tax dollars bring. The very idea that some people, those who have the most to contribute, do not pay runs counter to the fact that the welfare of each one of us is to be found in the welfare of the whole. We do not exist separately from one another.

Jeremiah's words, and all of Scripture, are preserved for us through the wisdom and faith of rabbis and priests and scholars who lived long ago. The words are as true for us today as when they were written. Yes, times change, but human nature does not. We today are as related to the people of Israel in exile as we are to our neighbors just outside our walls, and to one another. The words of the faithful are as true for us today as when they were spoken. This is why Scripture is called "the living word of God."

*The Rev. Mary B. Richard*

The work of community, love, reconciliation, restoration is the work we cannot leave up to politicians. This is the work we are all called to do.

*Shane Claiborne*

### ***Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year B***

*Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012*



#### **The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25, October 23, 2016**

*Joel 2: 23-32; Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14*

*(Psalm 65)* As God's people, to become truly beautiful for God is also to fulfill the purposes for which we were created, to bear extravagantly the fruits of justice, generosity, and joy. The psalm's imagery speaks of a response to God that holds nothing back, allowing our lives to become effortless and abundant expressions of gratitude to the Holy One from whom we have received the gift of life.

*David R. Ruhe*

#### **The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 26, October 30, 2016**

*Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4; Psalm 119: 137-144  
2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12; Luke 19: 1-10*

*(Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4)* How do we discover God's plan for us? How, in the face of life's chaos, do we find the psalmist's "understanding" so that, like the psalmist, we "may live?" A good first step is to admit that our own needs and instincts are not trustworthy guides. If we want to follow God's plan, we must first give up our own. If we want a share of the psalmist's delight, we must trade some of our freedom for it. We must let God tell us how to live.

*Matthew Fitzgerald*

## Calendar for October

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	10:00 AM	Education Building
	Holy Eucharist II	11:00 AM	Nave
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM	Chapel
Wednesdays	Holy Eucharist	12:15 PM	Chapel
Saturday, October 22	<i>Rooftop Rescue</i>	7:00 AM till . . .	Hope House
Sunday, October 30	<b><i>Commitment Sunday: Pledge cards are due, please Oktoberfest</i></b>	after the 11:00 service	Undercroft and patio

## Prayer List

Wanda Allen  
Lulu Ashcraft  
Warren Bankston  
Michael Breedlove  
Jay Colvin  
Evelyn Corley  
Janice Crawford  
Tricia Davis  
Ron Dean  
Jean Dooley  
Elizabeth Eglin  
Shirley Enani  
Ed Finuf  
Floyd “Buzzy” Farrar

Reggie Gant  
Lady Martha Garner  
Ken George  
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  
Randy Piedrahita  
Melissa Richard  
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  
Virginia Walker  
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 Fuller Center for Housing, for the people of South Louisiana, Haiti, Florida, and the East Coast who are recovering from flooding; 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 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 Hardtner Camp and Conference Center, and for Tom Welch, Director.

**We send our condolences** to the family and friends of Larry McGowan, who died last week.

Equip us, Lord with patience, perseverance, and an undying desire for peace. *Amen.*

# Lay Ministries

## The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Larry Wright  
Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: David Richard, Ginger Paul  
Prayers of the People: Josh Boyte  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jo Ann Horton, Kendall Raymond  
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Joe Bob Evanson, Patrick Raymond  
Ushers: Becky Snodgrass, Steve Snodgrass  
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: Margaret Heacock, June Kirkland  
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

## The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016

Sat. 5:00 PM Lector: Trish Peyton  
Sun. 11:00 AM:  
Lectors: Nathaniel Means, Reece Middleton  
Prayers of the People: Melissa Fowle  
Eucharistic Ministers: Herschel Richard, Ginger Paul  
Acolytes: Aaron Horton, Steve Snodgrass  
Ushers: Tommie Sue Brooks, Gerry Brooks  
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock  
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00: Ginger Paul, June Kirkland

## Service Music

### The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25, October 23

Mass: Decius, Proulx, and Hurd  
Psalm 65 metrical setting: Genevan Psalter tune: Forest Green  
Anthem *Christ is the world's true light* Stanton  
Solo *Thou visitest the earth* Maurice Green  
Hymns Moscow 537 Franconia 656 *Lucerna Laudoniae* 538 Finnian 506  
Organ *Andante in F, KV 616; Church Sonata in E Flat, KV 67; Overture in C, KV 399* Mozart

### The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 26, October 30

Mass Decius, Proulx, and Hurd  
Psalm 119:137-144 Robert Knox Kennedy  
Anthem *Hail to the Lord's anointed* anon. German; harm. H. W. Davies, arr. Power  
Hymns Moscow 537 Tallis' Ordinal 489 Windsor (1-3) 643 Ton-y Botel 527  
Organ *Andantino, Andante Religioso, Toccata, Gigout; Corale* Don Tullio Tavagnacco

PLEASE PICK UP THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE TABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX

- "THE FUTURE OF STEWARDSHIP," BY C. ANDREW DOYLE, BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF TEXAS
- AN EXCELLENT LETTER BY JIM WALLIS, PRESIDENT OF *SOJOURNERS MAGAZINE*: REFLECTIONS FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TWIN TOWERS ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001
- "LOCKER ROOM TALK," BY JIM WALLIS OF *SOJOURNERS MAGAZINE*.

## ☪ ☪ ☪ Commitment Sunday, October 30 ☪ ☪ ☪

Pledge cards for 2017 are being mailed this week. Please continue to pray about your commitment to Holy Cross's ministry, and mail or bring your pledge card to the church by October 30. Thank you for your pledge in support of our church's ministry!

## OKTOBERFEST: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 . . .

After the 11:00 service, the Holy Cross Grill Team will once again be firing up the grill! There will be bratwurst and hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, wine, beer, and ice cream. Please invite your friends to what has become a Holy Cross tradition and an afternoon of fun. If you'd like, bring a salad or other side dish, or contribute \$4.00 per person to help with the cost of the food. Please call the church office to make reservations so the Grill Team will know how many to cook for.



## . . . and FALL FESTIVAL: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Holy Cross Undercroft



The Holy Cross Fall Festival, sponsored and organized by the ECW, isn't far away! We'll serve vegetable beef soup, crackers, dessert, coffee, and ice water for only \$4.00. Baked goods will be on sale, including homemade breads, cakes, pies, cookies, and candy, along with our famous *HOLY CROSS PICKLES*, jellies, and jams.

Along with these goodies we'll sell vintage items such as picture frames and pictures, jewelry, crystal, china, Christmas decorations, books (including a selection of vintage cookbooks), toys, and gently used coats and dresses.

If you'd like to bake something, if you have a lovely vintage item to donate, or if you'd like to volunteer to serve soup or assist shoppers, please call the church office.

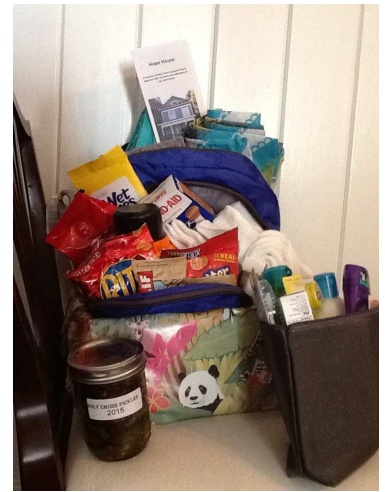
# Backpack for Hope House

On October 9 our diocese celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our "pearl of great price," Camp Hardtner. It was a beautiful day, and the dining hall was packed. Our own Adelaide, Joe Bob, Ginny, Bennett, Helen, David, and Priest Mary enjoyed the day and the fellowship.

Each church was asked to put together a basket with items representing their ministry, to be included in a silent auction to raise money for Camp Hardtner. Our "basket" was actually a backpack representing our ministry with our homeless neighbors. It was filled with snacks, toiletries, socks, towels, detergent, a laundry bag—and of course a jar of Holy Cross Pickles as a little lagniappe. Thanks to Kendall Raymond for coming up with such good ideas.

Due to careful and creative stewardship of our resources, Holy Cross was able this month to send Camp Hardtner a donation to renovate and redecorate one of the rooms at the Holy Day Inn. These rooms lodge adults when our diocese and other organizations present workshops and have meetings that require overnight stay.

Camp Hardtner is truly a jewel that serves children in camp all summer and adults and children year round!

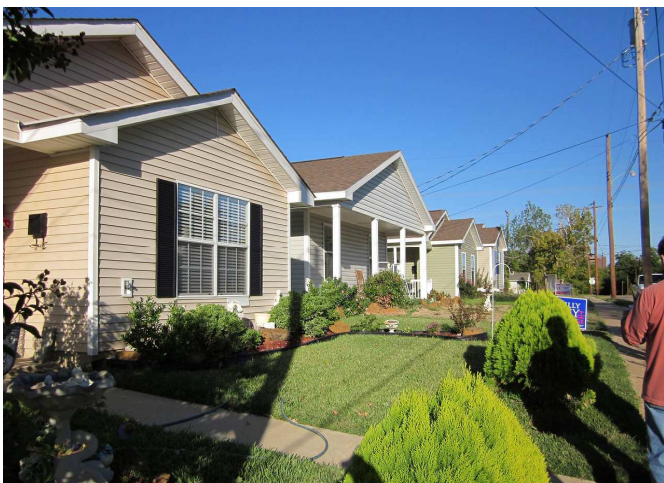


## Veterans' Build 2017

The Fuller Center for Housing of Northwest Louisiana is happy to announce that they will return to Stoner Hill for the second Veterans' Build in 2017! Help them make the dream of home ownership a reality for deserving veterans.

The build is made possible by a matching funds program that will allow them to build two homes. To date, the Fuller Center has received a commitment for \$75,000. They need your help to raise the additional \$75,000 for this build. **100% of all donations support construction of homes for veterans.** Please send your donation to:

Fuller Center for Housing NWLA  
P.O. Box 3173  
Shreveport, LA 71133-3173  
or visit our website: [fullercenternwla.org](http://fullercenternwla.org)





## ROOFTOP RESCUE FUNDRAISER

Since October 2004, we've been a place for our homeless friends to take a shower, do laundry, use the phone and receive mail. There's always coffee in the morning, a newspaper to read and special classes or activities. Many lives have been touched through this ministry.

Our Executive Director, Donna Earnest will be locked on the roof of the Hope House until we have raised \$2,016.

Donations can be made on the day of the event at the Hope House or you can mail a donation prior to the event to ensure the funds are included in the fundraiser. Please make your checks payable to Holy Cross with Rooftop Rescue noted in the memo.

### FUNDRAISER 2016

Help us raise funds  
to bring Donna off  
the rooftop

Date: Saturday  
October 22, 2016

Time: 7am until  
the goal of \$2,016  
is raised

All funds raised  
will go towards  
operating costs of  
the Hope House

### HOLY CROSS HOPE HOUSE

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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 **October and November**, in both standard and large-print editions, is available in the Narthex and the Undercroft.



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