



Crossings

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ EPISCOPAL
875 COTTON STREET, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Book Study and Eucharist

Wednesday: 11:00 AM

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

Shirley Enani

Maggie Fowle

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Meredith Lucius

Ginger Paul

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Deadline

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

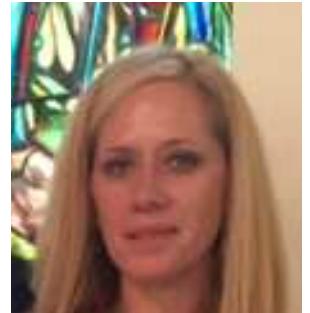
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A Letter from Meredith Lucius

Dearest members and friends,

As the Stewardship Chair, I am encouraged each week by consistent and sometimes growing attendance at our beloved Holy Cross Church. I am often moved by the love and dedication I see from each of you. Our members steadfastly pave the way to be good neighbors and helpers in our downtown community and beyond. While I have witnessed so very many important ministries both large and small, I could never have imagined how much I would learn and grow in my faith from the individuals that make up this church body. The commitment to our church by its members is a stunning representation of our Lord, and I am continually overjoyed by the absolute dedication I see regularly.



As the Church of the Holy Cross begins to make plans for next year, I invite each of you to prayerfully consider your pledge commitment to Holy Cross and its ministries for 2018. You will be receiving pledge cards in late October. Your heartfelt pledges enable Holy Cross to prepare a budget and continue to bless those in and around our community.

Please also know that our congregation can look forward in the coming months to members, new and old, sharing their stories through talks and letters in *Crossings*. I know this wonderful way of getting to know each other more fully will draw us closer to one another and to our Lord.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Meredith Lucius
Stewardship Chair

Stewardship of God's Gifts



STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life

Have you ever stopped to think what great trust God has in us, as God has given us stewardship of Creation? (Genesis 1:26-31) God's beautiful world; the earth and all we need for life; talents given to each one of us; the love, care, and companionship of family and friends, each of whom is a treasure; the assurance of God's presence and love, shown most fully in Jesus. We could go on and on.

There's an old song, "Counting My Blessings." Something like, "When I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep. . . ." It's a good lesson. I think if we named our lists of blessings every day, recalled them through the day and night, we

might be so overwhelmed with God's goodness to us that we would spend more time thinking of ways to thank God with our lives.

There is so much need in the world. All the way around the globe; across our country, even with its bounty; here in our community and right outside our doors. We can get discouraged trying to decide how and where we can hope to make an impact with the resources we have. And that's just everyday needs. In the past month we've seen people lose their homes and loved ones as hurricanes destroyed lives and communities and whole islands.

As you know, a chapter of the Daughters of the King has just been formed at Holy Cross. "The daughters" are meeting and praying regularly about their three intentions: service, prayer, and evangelism. This is part of their prayer:

I am one; but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. . . . Lord, what wilt thou have me do?

It's a good prayer for all of us. It keeps us from being overwhelmed by all the needs in the world, all those we would like to help with our limited resources. Praying this prayer, God affirms our ability to help in whatever ways we are able to help. No gift of ourselves or our resources is too small to help someone.

Stewardship is a way of life, a life lived in gratitude. Even though this season in the Church is often named "stewardship season," living in gratitude for God's blessings and fulfilling God's trust in us in caring for the earth and one another is a year-round intention. This way of life embraces our individual lives and ministry and our life in the Church and the mission God has given us here.

Please, over the coming weeks, pray about your commitment to Holy Cross' ministry in 2018. We are so fortunate to do all we do in our neighborhood and our community, and there's more we would like to do, more ways we want to help more people know the unbounded unconditional love of God.

In the coming weeks you will read letters from some of your sisters and brothers who, with us, are the part of the Body of Christ known as Holy Cross. Something someone says or writes may spark a new fire within you. I ask you to be aware every day of the blessings God has given you and God's hope that our blessings will engage our lives in the life of servanthood Jesus calls us into.

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

Cowardice asks the question: is it safe? Expediency asks the question: is it politic? Vanity asks the question: is it popular? But conscience asks the question: is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular—but one must take it simply because it is right.

Martin Luther King

Daily Feast: Meditations on the Word, Year A

Louisville: Westminster, John Knox Press, 2012



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19, Track 1: September 17, 2017

Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

(*Matthew 18:21-35*) Forgiveness means to release, to let go of the other. Forgiveness is not denying our hurt. When we minimize what has happened to us, gloss over it, tell ourselves that it was not really that bad, we cannot really forgive. Forgiveness is a possibility only when we acknowledge the negative impact of another person's actions or attitudes in our lives.

Charlotte Dudley Cleghorn

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20: September 24, 2017

Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

(*Philippians 1:21-30*) Sometimes our eyes are so focused on the sky, waiting for our resurrection and "true life," that we miss in our present life the opportunities for the abundant life to which Christ calls us. We know that tomorrow holds promises of hope and joy. Our God, though, is also in our present, challenging us to look at life and its circumstances through the lens of hope that will bring a song of joy into our life. God has already spoken a word of life in our behalf. This spoken word will help us find hope in the midst of the most difficult situations life will lob at us.

Gilberto Collazo

Calendar for September

Thursdays	Bible study, history of the Episcopal Church	1:30 PM	Fairmont Apartments Community Meeting Room
Saturdays	Holy Eucharist II	5:00 PM	Chapel
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

Rooftop Rescue at Hope House

Saturday, October 22, 7:00 AM until we meet our goal of \$2017

HELP DONNA GET OFF THE ROOF!

Donations can be made now online at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-donna-raise-the-roof>



Prayer List

Wanda Allen
Debbie Atwood
Michael Atwood
Michael Breedlove
Tommy Breedlove
Cary Rhea Brooks
Evelyn Corley
Hugh Scott Coyle
Ron Dean

Shirley Enani
Floyd "Buzzy" Farrar
Lady Martha Garner
Christine Hennigan
Jackie Free Jones
Kenneth Jordan
Doris Lewis
George Markiel
Mim McCoy

Pat McCoy
Jim McCranie
Paige McCranie
Allison Moncla
Bob Morris
Reed Nations
Brady Sessions
Tommy Simrall
Jack Theurkauf

Sonny Thomas
Kim Tobin
Robert Todd
Mattie Washington
Micahel Winburn
Bill Wright
Larry Wright
Mary Wright

We continually update our prayer list. If you or someone you know wants to request prayers, please call the church office, 222-3325. Your request will remain on the list for six weeks, unless you indicate that you would like it to remain longer.

We pray for those who serve and are served by The Fuller Center for Housing;
for all who live in the devastation of hurricanes and those who will rebuild;
for the people of our country, that we may work with renewed purpose to overcome our fears and prejudices;
for law enforcement officers and the people they serve; for people in all places where there is war and fear,
and for those who seek peace; for migrants in Africa and Europe, for all immigrants seeking acceptance and safety;
and for the leaders and the people of our country, that a spirit of hospitality and respect for all people
may lead us to enact laws that serve the common good.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Thomas', Monroe, the Rev. Dawnell Stoghill (Whit), Archdeacon Bette J. Kauffman; for St. Patrick's, West Monroe, the Rev. Robert Dandridge (Evelyn); for St. Alban's, Monroe, the Rev. Whit Stodghill (Dawnell); for Iglesia Episcopal La Esperanza de Familias Unidas, Monroe; for Trinity, Natchitoches, the Rev. Suzanne Wofenbarger (Bill); and for Epiphany, New Iberia, the Very Rev. Mathew Wollett (Harriet).

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Sodor and Man (York, England), the Rt. Rev. Robert Paterson; for Southeast Florida (IV, the Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. Leopold Frade; and for Coadjutor Bishop (IV, the Episcopal Church), the Rt. Rev. Peter David Eaton

Use us, God, to heal the broken systems. Equip us with wisdom and foresight. May our lives interrupt injustice with your grace.

Adapted from The Book of Common Prayer

Say Ministries

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Hannah Wallace, Nathaniel Means
Prayers of the People: David Richard
Eucharistic Ministers: Monty Walford, Ginger Paul
Acolyte: Steve Snodgrass
Ushers: Lynn Walford, Becky Snodgrass
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: June Kirkland, Ginger Paul

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2017

Sat. 5:00 PM: Lector, Eucharistic Minister: Larry Wright
Sun. 11:00 AM:
Lectors: Reid Raymond, Maggie Fowle
Prayers of the People: Becky Snodgrass
Eucharistic Ministers: Reece Middleton, Nathaniel Means
Acolytes: Herschel Richard, Hannah Wallace, Joe Bob Evanson
Ushers: Monty Walford, Gerry Brooks
Altar Guild Sat. 5:00 PM: June Kirkland, Margaret Heacock
Altar Guild Sun. 11:00 AM: Tommie Sue Brooks, Becky Snodgrass

Service Music

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 17

Mass: Powell and Hurd

Canticle: *The Song of Moses—Cantemus Domino* Robert Knox Kennedy

Anthem: *All people that on earth do dwell* G. Young

Hymn Anthem: *The stars declare his glory* Proulx

Hymns: 376 Hymn to Joy 674 Detroit 674 (1, 3, 5) Bangor 347 Litton

Organ: *Suite Evocatrice* Tournemire *Souvenir, Op. 65b* and *March, Op. 27* Dupré

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: September 24

Mass: Powell and Hurd

Psalms 105:1, 37-45: Robert Knox Kennedy

Anthem: *Panis angelicus* C. Franck

Hymns: 690 Cwm Rhondda 565 Monk's Gate 431 Aldine 522 Austria

Organ: *Fantasy in C* and *Sortie in F (L'Organiste)* C. Franck *Mass in the 8th Tone (excerpts)* G. Corrette

Sunday, Sept. 10 was a big day at Holy Cross!

Bishop Jake and Joy Owensby were here for the Bishop's annual Visitation. It didn't hurt that the beautiful, unseasonable weather we have enjoyed made the day more lovely. The Bishop confirmed Laura and Mike Wilkerson and received Mary Barrett into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church. I know you agree that Holy Cross is fortunate to count all three of them members of our parish.

A very special part of the day came at 2:00 in the afternoon: Bruce Power, Holy Cross Organist and Choirmaster, took the opportunity to plan Evensong in celebration of our Name Day: Holy Cross Day is September 14. Evensong is one of the most beautiful services in the Anglican Church. Our faithful choir and Bruce worked for months learning the music, and the Bishop officiated. It was worship at its best and offered to the glory of God. Thank you, Choir, Bruce and Bishop, along with all who served and all who attended!



Mary Barrett, Mike Wilkerson, Laura Wilkerson

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



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The Rt. Rev. Dr. Jacob Owensby, Ph.D., D. D.
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