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SEPTEMBER 2010

ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

Dear friends in Christ,

I have just returned from two lovely weeks of vacation on Mount Desert Island in Maine. I so enjoyed the cooler temperatures, the lack of humidity, the time to do a bit of walking, to enjoy fresh lobster and Maine blueberries, and mostly, for the chance to unwind and relax. I am most grateful to lay leaders who took good care of things in the parish while I was away, and to the Revs. Thelma Smullen and Kathy Jordan who supplied on Sundays and were "on-call" for any pastoral crises (which, thanks be to God, did not happen!)



Picturesque Jordan Pond, located in Arcadia National Park

As I write this, the long-awaited-for structural work on the nave trusses is going on. Mike Tolle is on-site with the contractor, and although there will be some inconvenience with some missing pews for several weeks, this part of our worship space project should be completed pretty quickly. The most amazing news is that St. Philip's parishioners and friends have been so generous that we are within \$3,000 of reaching our \$125,000 Nave & Roof Fund goal! Further, I am mindful that letters of request for financial gifts did not get mailed until *May*, so your response has been incredible. My own dream was that we would reach our goal by September 1, and we are going to come awfully close if we don't make that goal. You should note, as well, that some folks made one-time gifts; others made pledges through December of this year; however, we have only counted the monies actually received, and *not* pledges. The Vestry and I agreed that this was the most fiscally responsible way to report our progress. I am in awe of God's blessing and of your financial generosity. Because of this, we will be able to begin getting bids on the new roof, and maybe we really will have that new roof by the end of this year. If you have given to this

fund-raising effort, thank you. But let's keep going until we've reached the goal! All you have to do is to look around and see other building/maintenance projects veritably itching to get done, so we cannot rest on our laurels.

September is almost upon us, and already, fall promises to be very busy! Christian Education leaders and Stewardship leaders and musicians—just to name a few—have already been busily planning for fall events.

In March, I wrote to let you know that St. Philip's will welcome—for the first time in some years—a Virginia Theological seminarian this fall. (The Stewardship Committee generously provided some seed money for our 2009 financial obligation to VTS for this ministry.) After interviewing seminarians, I chose the one whose gifts and skills most closely aligned with the mission and ministries of St. Philip's. Ginny Wilder will thus join us this fall. A seminarian spends twelve hours/week, September-May, doing Field Ed; however, this time includes travel time, as well as time spent with her supervisor (me), Lay

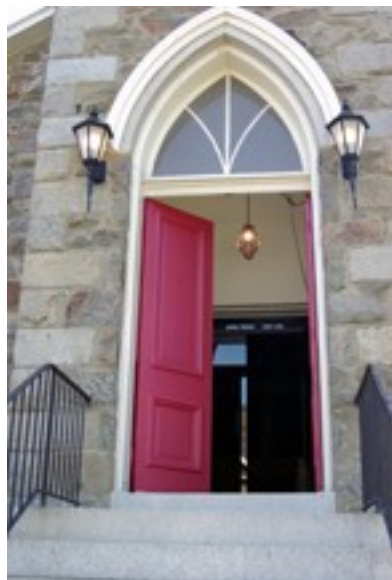
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WELCOME BACK!

Most of us have enjoyed summer in all its richness and slower paced schedules. Vacations have provided time for rest and fun. Now we are moving rapidly back into fall routines. Many youth had "summer reading schedules" or some academic work to keep their



minds active, and to prepare them for fall classes. And now they will be back, fully engaged in reading, reflection, class participation and homework.

Our spiritual lives need the same kind of discipline that our children and youth do for academics. As one of my former VTS professors wrote in his book *The Christian Moral Life*, "the Christian life is grounded in the experience and worship of God. Worship is central to the life of Christian faith in the sense that worship is the celebration and deepening of the experience of God in our lives." (xi)

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Committee, and sermon preparation time. Ginny and I will meet as soon as she returns to VTS, to firm up her learning goals, then she and I will meet once a month. She will probably spend much of her first semester getting acquainted with this parish family.

We've already begun to put together a Lay Committee to meet monthly with Ginny; Sue O'Connor has agreed to chair that committee. Members of that committee will be participating in a morning or evening training session. As rector, and Ginny's Field Ed Supervisor, I will do one day-long training session on Sept. 2, then will be required to do monthly training sessions one day/month for several years, since I've not done this work before with VTS.

A seminarian typically makes a one-year commitment to a parish, but it is possible (and hopeful) that s/he will stay in a parish for both Middler and Senior years. Next spring, Ginny and I will discern whether God is calling her to stay with us for the second year. Ginny is already in the ordination process in the Diocese of Western North Carolina—she is a Postulant for Holy Orders. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an

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Youth Group News

GET YOUR CAR WASHED & HELP ST. PHILIP'S TOO!



Everyone is getting into the act, including our Youth Group here at St. Philip's, in our endeavor to reach our goal for the St. Philip's Roof & Nave Project. (We're almost there folks!!)

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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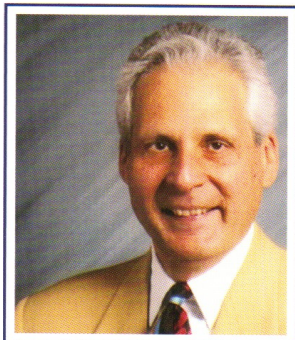
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Every day St. Philip's proclaims Christ's love by
nurturing our church family, young and old, and
actively reaching out to our community. Through our
words and deeds we inspire, welcome and
encourage others to journey together in Christian faith
and growth.

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TIME
Talents &
TREASURE

The articles on this page are from Libby Lamancusa, Stewardship Chair

Ministry Opportunity Sunday

When: Sunday, September 12
before and after worship services

Where: In Wyatt Hall

Why:

- To encourage each of us to revisit, revise, and perhaps expand our choices of how we share our precious gifts of time and talent to help spread God's kingdom and continue Christ's work of reconciliation in the world
- To learn more about the many ministry opportunities at St. Philip's.

Updated parish "Ministry Opportunities to Love and Serve the Lord" booklets are now available in both the Sanctuary and Wyatt Hall. Please take one home and browse through it as you prayerfully consider how you will actively love and serve the Lord this year.

Plus, we'll be raffling off prizes throughout the morning. You'll get one raffle ticket for each ministry you talk with about their ministry (you don't need to sign up to get a ticket), so increase your chances of winning some great prizes by visiting many ministries!



Visit Stewardship Table at
Ministry Opportunity Sunday

To introduce our "Rule of LIFE" theme for this year's annual campaign, the Stewardship Committee will be giving out theme-related gifts to each person who visits our table at Ministry Opportunity Sunday on Sept. 12! That's right, we have a FREE gift for each of you! Be sure to stop by our table.



Save the Date &
Mark Your Calendars

What? BBQ Cook-Off & Annual
Campaign Kick-Off Skit

When? Sunday, October 3, 2010

Time? 5 p.m.

Why? To enjoy an evening of food,
fellowship, and fun.
Donations will go to the Nave
and Roof Fund.

Cooking contestants—look for sign-up sheets in
September in Wyatt Hall for the four categories of
BBQ, Coleslaw, Baked Beans and Desserts!

MEET GEORGE WONG, ST. PHILIP'S NEW INTERN

Beth and I would like to express our gratitude to Rev. Sheila and the congregation for the warm welcome to St. Philip's. Over the coming months, we hope to have an opportunity to meet and to get to know everybody. As part of the process of getting to know each other, Rev. Sheila asked me to share a brief bio with the congregation.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, I am a fourth-generation Californian. In the 1880s, my paternal great grandparents emigrated from southern China; years later, my maternal great-grandparents emigrated from southern Japan. They each landed and settled in Northern California. By the 1930s, the promise of warmer weather and opportunity beckoned both sets of my grandparents to move to Southern California, where years later my parents would meet and marry.



George Wong

I grew up in a diverse, working class Los Angeles neighborhood, where I attended Maria Regina, a Catholic elementary school run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Like most kids I knew then, I was completely sports crazed. Each day way past dark, I could be found playing tackle football on the blacktop, or tirelessly shooting hoops. But my passion for sports could not offset the impact of the growth spurt that never materialized: a sports career was not going to happen. Fortunately, the observant Sisters helped me refocus some of my energy into academics. With a firm push from the Sisters, I went on to attend Loyola High, a Jesuit preparatory school. The academic environment was exceptional, but I did not feel completely at home in the prep world. So, I decided to transfer to my local public high school in the eleventh grade. While my parents feigned a degree of shock, I actually think they were actually thankful to bid good-bye to the Loyola tuition.

I then attended UCLA and graduated with a B.A. in Economics in 1984. Three years later, I returned to UCLA for my MBA. I spent the next 15+ years working in Corporate Finance and International

Business Development. At Price Waterhouse I became a CPA; then I worked at Disney and DirecTV.

For most of my thirties and early forties, I traveled overseas and helped put together international media ventures. My travel was split between Europe and the developing world. While I was working at DirecTV, I met Beth at a friend's picnic. Four years later, we were married in 1998 at the Church of Our Saviour, a historic Episcopal church located in San Gabriel, California. That year, I was invited by a former boss to work for him in DC. Along with settling into the new job and finding a home, we actively sought a parish home. Actually, first we had to settle on a common worship tradition, since before getting married we split our worship time between churches. With the beauty of the wedding liturgy still fresh in our minds, we decided to visit area Episcopal churches. After months of searching, we happened to randomly browse the Christ Church Rockville website

and visited shortly thereafter. Before we knew it we were members, and were being asked to serve on committees. Many times I protested in vain that "I didn't know anything about the church or a particular ministry." Of course, it mattered not what reservation I expressed, I was still welcomed to serve. Over the next twelve years, I experienced the great blessing of serving on numerous ministries, committees and the Vestry. While participating in the life of the congregation in a variety of ways has been rewarding, I have been particularly drawn to Pastoral Care and Outreach.

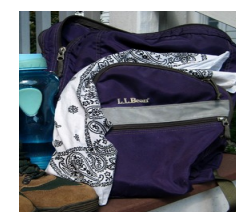
I enjoy traveling with Beth, gardening, strength training, watching the Skins and March Madness, playing the piano, reading, and walking our eight year old, 80 pound Akita, Keiko. In late August, Beth and I will take a brief trip to LA, but we mostly enjoyed time at home this summer.

I am excited about working with the Youth and Pastoral Care ministries. In the process of more deeply discerning the call to ministry, I hope to learn much from and contribute to the life of this thriving congregation. Beth and I would like to thank everybody again for our kind reception. We very much look forward to the next year at St Philip's.



- 9/02 Terry Betzer
- 9/03 Robin Smith
- 9/05 William Macoughtry
- 9/07 Tomas Newcomb
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- 9/12 Jen Bernhard
- 9/13 Dafenie Sherman
- 9/14 Charles Onyilofor
- 9/15 Earline Richardson
- 9/15 Amanda Colindres
- 9/15 Laurien Hayes
- 9/17 John Shearin
- 9/18 William Todd, Jr.
- 9/21 Joanne Woytek
- 9/24 Kirby Forssell

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:



On Sunday, Sept. 5, we will do a special **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** in preparation for school (most of which have already begun!) If you are a student, bring your backpack. If you are a teacher, bring your briefcase or lunchbox or some symbol of your teaching profession. After announcements at both services, I'll do a special blessing over students and teachers. College students can get blessed too if you're still in the area! So on Sept. 5, bring your backpack and get it and yourself blessed.
~Sheila+

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cremations. It is projected that by 2010, there will be close to a million cremations (this information is courtesy of the *Cremation Association of North America*).

NEXT: What does all of this mean for St. Philip's? – *Columbarium Ministry, Education Sub-Committee*

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On Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9:30 a.m.—2 p.m., Youth Group members, parents and friends will wash your car at the Chick-Fil-A, located at 13600 Baltimore Ave. in Laurel (near the intersection of Contee Rd and Rt 1). If you can help, and we hope that you can...after all, our goal *is* to raise as much money as we can for the Roof & Nave project, please sign-up on the sheet posted in Wyatt Hall and come out on September 11th and help us achieve our goal! Thank you!!

Pam Brown & the St. Philip's Youth Group

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If you have taken a break from worship to be with family this summer, or to travel, you have seen God's creation in many different ways. But we have missed you among us at St. Philip's. Now, as fall begins, I hope you will remember that the best way to grow in our Christian faith is to be together in worship.

If you know someone—a neighbor, a friend, a young family—who has no spiritual home, why not invite them to come with you? They, too, can experience God's mystery and community here at St. Philip's. We will welcome them with open arms and hearts!

~Sheila+

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So we will have lots of exciting things going on this fall. Don't forget about Camp St. Philip's Sunday on September 5, and Ministry Opportunities Sunday on the 12th. If you are still traveling for vacations, may God keep you and your loved ones safe. I look forward to seeing the parish family gather for worship when you all return.

Faithfully, Sheila+

NUTS AND BOLTS

JUST A REMINDER. . .

If you are not current with your 2010 pledge to St. Philip's—either to the regular fund or the building fund—we would appreciate it very much if you would take care of that as soon as possible.



And in case you didn't know this, you can set up a weekly or monthly payment on your pledge through your bank. This is very easy—it only takes about four minutes on your computer to set this up, and a bank-generated check will be mailed to St. Philip's. Your account number is your pledge number. If you don't do on-line banking, then the next time you go to your bank, speak with someone about setting up direct payment.

It's really simple. You don't need St. Philip's account number—just St. Philip's Episcopal Church and the address (522 Main Street; Laurel, MD 20707). The great value for St. Philip's is that it stabilizes our cash flow every month, especially during summer months. It also helps us to manage our overall budget. The great value for you is that you make your contribution to St. Philip's mission and ministry part of your regular budget and you never get behind!

So if you could take a little time to do this, we would greatly appreciate it.

LARS: Please bring non-perishables to church for the LARS pantry and place them in the "LARS" basket in front of the organ. LARS always needs peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned pasta with meat, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned chicken, "just-add-water" pancake mix, and canned soup with lots of "stuff" in it. Pull-top cans are more convenient.

September Events at Montpelier Mansion

Beginning Monday, September 20 through Sunday, November 7, from 11 a.m.—4 p.m. daily, Montpelier Mansion in partnership with the Laurel

Museum and Historical Society, will present *Between Fences*, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. This exhibit, which is designed for all ages and is **Free**, examines through artifacts, photographs and illustrations, the multiple meanings behind the everyday icon of fences. In conjunction with *Between Fences*, Montpelier Mansion has created a companion exhibit called *Barriers and Gateways: The Immigrant Experience*, which explores the metaphorical boundaries faced by immigrants throughout history, and how they overcame them. To learn more, visit www.pgparcs.com/between_fences.

HOLY BAPTISM



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered during the 10:15 a.m. service on All Saints' Sunday, November 7, 2010. (The next Holy Baptism service will not take place until Sun., January 9, 2011.) If you would like to have your child/children baptized on this day, please contact Mother Sheila or the church office at (301) 776-5151 to initiate the

GROCERY CARDS: St. Philip's has grocery cards available in denominations ranging from \$10-\$100 for Giant, Weis and Shoppers. (A \$300 grocery card is also available for Giant Foods). For every card you buy, St. Philip's gets a rebate. (Safeway shoppers must renew their St. Philip's affiliation annually, if it's time for you to do that, St. Philip's ID number is 1036806.) If you would like to purchase a grocery card, please see Vi Turley or Julie Waters and their crew after the 8:00 service on Sunday, or Joan Rattigan, Kama Hamilton or Terry Betzer after the 10:15 Sunday service. It's easy, you get food and St. Philip's gets a \$\$\$ boost. All Good!



WELCOME OUR VTS SEMINARIAN, GINNY WILDER

Ginny Wilder will be our seminarian this fall. She attends Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, and this past spring, was elected to be President of her class.

Ginny was born and raised in Summerville, South Carolina and grew up two doors down from her father's boyhood home and around the corner from her mother's childhood residence. She left Summerville during the summer of her junior year of high school to finish her pre-college career at Rabun Gap Nacoochee Boarding School in Georgia. Though she was only there for one year, the mission and vision of that school gave her a good foundation for college.

Ginny attended Warren Wilson College near Asheville, North Carolina. She graduated in 1996 with a B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology. After college Ginny took some time to figure out what happens next. In 1999 she applied to Western Carolina University and began pursuing a Masters in Human Resource Development with a specialization in training.

At that time, Ginny also began working for Biltmore Company most known for Biltmore House—America's largest privately owned home. She was part of a crew that welcomed over one million guests each year striving to emulate George Vanderbilt's vision of hospitality. As Ginny progressed in her education she also moved up the corporate ladder and had the privilege of designing her own niche and job within the Information Sales Center as the Training and Development Manager. Ginny believes that Biltmore and the employees really helped prepare her for ordained ministry. It was hard and sad to leave behind a company that gave her so much and fed her in many, many ways. In August of 2009 she said goodbye to her Biltmore family to begin her Master of Divinity studies at VTS.

Ginny is the middle child with an older brother and a younger brother. She enjoys hiking, backpacking, camping, listening to live music and writing/performing her own music. She also has entrepreneurial spirit and loves the process of strategic planning. She has a sweet dog named Ella



Ginny Wilder

whom Ginny got on her 30th birthday from the local animal shelter in Asheville. This summer Ella and Ginny were able to be reunited and spend the dog days of summer in Charleston, South Carolina where Ginny has been doing Clinical Pastoral Education and living with her mother and father.

Ginny is super excited to begin working, worshipping and growing with the St. Philip's family and can't wait to get started. She is grateful to you all for this opportunity and feels very blessed to be welcomed into such an amazing parish.

CONCERNING CREMATION

In last month's *Messenger*, we attempted to define and describe a columbarium. This month we will briefly discuss cremation, from a Biblical, theological, and liturgical perspective.

Cremation of the bodies of the departed has long been an accepted practice within the Episcopal Church and the wider Anglican Communion. With an ever-expanding population and an increasing concern for land use, coupled with escalating burial expenses, cremation has become a more common practice.

In *Genesis 3:19*, the Lord God said to the man: "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken: you are dust, and to dust you shall return." On Ash

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TEA....ANYONE?

HARVEST TEA FOR THE ROOF & NAVE PROJECT

Plan ahead—Saturday, October 23, why not spend the afternoon sipping tea and viewing some artwork from Parishioner and local Artist Zita Bowley.

The Women of St. Philips will be hosting a Tea and Art Show on October 23 in Wyatt Hall, as a fundraiser for the Roof and Nave. The cost is \$20 with \$5 donated to the Roof and Nave fund. The menu is not complete as of this writing, but be sure that it will include several delicious items and some wonderful tea options. All with the opportunity to view and purchase some artwork to decorate your home, office, neighbors' home or perhaps purchase a piece for a holiday gift. Plan on spending a couple of hours relaxing and enjoying the fellowship of other art and tea lovers.

Look for more details in the coming weeks. Reservations may be made through the church office at (301) 776-5151, if you would like to reserve a place NOW.

Kama Hamilton

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introduction, including a picture. Ginny's first Field Ed Sunday will be September 12. Please join me in welcoming her.

God has also sent another blessing our way, as George Wong joins us for a one-year internship. George and his wife Beth are members of Christ Church in Rockville and George is currently in a process of discernment about ordained ministry. The Episcopal Diocese of Washington (EDOW) requires that those who are approved for Holy Orders do a one-year internship in a parish *other* than their home parish. They must meet monthly not only with the rector of the internship parish, but also with a Lay Discernment Committee, comprised of members of the internship parish (i.e., St. Philip's members) and led by a member of the diocesan Commission on Ministry. The intern is also in monthly contact with the rector of his/her home parish. (The Rev. Paula Clark-Greene, rector of St. John's in Beltsville, will be George's Lay Committee

Chair.) George has prayerfully discerned that he wants to spend his internship year with us at St. Philip's. He is going to help with Pastoral Care (including to help shape a four-week training session that will not just be for the Pastoral Care Team, but for anyone who wants to learn about the particular topics discussed), and he is going to co-lead the Rite-13 Class with Shannon Toole—something he has never done before. As an intern, George will spend 12-15 hours/week at St. Philip's; next June, Bishop Chane will review all discernment reports and decide whether George will be admitted to EDOW as a postulant for Holy Orders and can enter seminary.

I thought it was important to delineate the differences between a Seminarian and an Intern. The parish will not pay George for the time he spends with us, as his ministry here will be part of his overall discernment. He will be doing some different things than Ginny, our Seminarian. For example, Ginny will take more of an active liturgical role in weekly worship, and will probably preach about three times/semester after the first one. George will be doing one thing with which he is very familiar—Pastoral Care—and one thing that he has not yet experienced—helping to teach Christian Education—and probably other things will evolve as the year goes on.

George's wife Beth is active, in her own right, at Christ Church in Rockville, plus she travels a lot for her job. So you will see her among us less frequently than you do George. However, they have both felt welcomed into our parish family—even for a one year stay! Elsewhere in this newsletter, George introduces himself with greater detail. He has already begun to attend St. Philip's this summer.



Another natural treasure, Otter Cliffs, located in Acadia National Park in Maine

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JULY VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm on July 20, 2010.

Open Forum

Susan Hayes asked about what we plan to do with materials from roof removals (e.g., tin and/or slate). Scott Aker noted this was a good question – the vestry should investigate whether the parish could raise money from such materials. Rev. Sheila announced that St. Philip's has an intern. George Wong, who is progressing towards ordination, felt called to serve at our parish.

Adoption of Consent Agenda and Reports

Amie Littman reviewed the treasurer's report. April, May and June went well, though we continue to run a \$10,000 deficit for the year. In the end, we continue to be hurt by such a tough February. The roof and nave fund is progressing very nicely – we are over \$110,000 (money in hand, not pledges). We have made a down payment for the work on the trusses.

Old Business

Status of Roof and Nave Fundraising Committee
Scott Myers is no longer able to chair the roof and nave fundraising committee. Given the admirable pace of the fundraising, this may not be a problem. Scott Aker will continue to keep an eye on progress of the fundraising.

Review Update of the PCT Charge

The revised/updated PCT charge was reviewed and accepted unanimously.

New Business

Funding Concrete Repairs in Breezeway Between Sanctuary and Wyatt Tracey McCracken said that PCT is looking at the leakage in the breezeway, and currently they do not have the funding to address it. This is a serious issue and requires attention. Vestry agreed to talk with Amie Littman about the best manner in which to pay for such repairs.

Key Census and Security Protocol Document

Linda Stapf and Ingham Mack will be organizing a spreadsheet of who has keys and for what rooms (in St. Philip's).

Walk Through and Inspection

Scott Aker proposed that the vestry “take stock” of the items we have in storage at St. Philips. We will have a walk through during the August vestry meeting.

Parish Leadership in late July and Early August

During late July/early August, Rev. Sheila, Scott Aker and Tracey McCracken will all be out of town. The vestry determined who would serve as emergency contacts should the need arise during their collective absence.

Meeting ended at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jean M. McGloin, July 23, 2010

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Wednesday, ashes are imposed in the form of a cross on our foreheads as the pastor says: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” And as a coffin or ashes is inurned in a columbarium niche or in the earth, the presiding minister prays: “...we commit *his/her* body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust...” Earth, ashes, dust: our end is the same. It is even clearer when the body is cremated and the ashes placed in the earth.

From a theological and liturgical perspective, cremation does not in any way alter the practice or custom of the church at the time of burial. Following the *Requiem Eucharist* in the church, the ashes of the departed, contained in a simple urn, are placed in a designated columbarium niche and the Committal portion of the funeral service is prayed in the presence of family members and/or friends. Once the service is over and the necessary preparations are completed, the niche into which the urn has been placed is closed with a permanent cover and an appropriately engraved nameplate is affixed.

All of this provides the context of meaning of a columbarium or memorial garden. As the number of cremations rises, more and more churches are considering the installation of columbaria or memorial gardens. In 1970 there were only 88,096 cremations in the United States, while in 1999 there were 606,307

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