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SUN, SURF, AND SUMMER READING

We are now beginning the summer season and I thought I would take a bit of a departure from the usual topics I address in my newsletter article. I have a vacation planned this summer as most of you do as well. A good book is always at my side during a vacation. So I thought that I would take this opportunity to suggest some possibilities for your summer vacation reading.

One of my favorite books that possibly falls in the category of a spiritual memoir of sorts is Donald Miller's book, *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*. It is a book that I have recommended to you before and it continues to be one of my favorites. The back cover reads, "Donald Miller takes readers through the life that emerges when it turns from boring reality into a meaningful narrative." In this book Miller's examination of his own life challenges the reader to examine their own life and their own "great story."

In the category of biography I would recommend Alister McGrath's *C. S. Lewis -- A Life: Eccentric Genius, Reluctant Prophet*. The author, McGrath, is a

professor of theology at King's College in London and a prolific writer. He gives incredible insight into the life of C. S. Lewis, who ranks as one of the great Christian apologists of the twentieth century. Anyone who has been influenced by the writings of C. S. Lewis (*Chronicles of Narnia, Mere Christianity, Screwtape Letters*) will want to savor this biography.



Let me recommend a book to all of you Anglophiles out there that you can put next to your nightstand for bedtime reading. Robert Lacey has compiled a book of short vignettes of English history in his book *Great Tales from English History*. The front cover of the book aptly describes the book, "A treasury of true stories about the extraordinary

people – knights and knaves, rebels and heroes, queens and commoners – who made Britain great." This was an extremely fun read, and surprising at times. It is always interesting to know the back story of the historical events that have shaped history.

One additional book that I am putting on my own summer reading list is a book written by The Rev. Canon John Newton, who is the Diocese of Texas' Canon for Christian Formation. His book, *New Clothes: Putting on Christ and Finding Ourselves*, according to Amazon books "is a fresh, new voice in the Episcopal Church, which addresses traditionally non-Episcopal questions that Episcopalians (and Christians in general) are asking today." John went through the Commission on Ministry during the time I served on that commission and, quite frankly, he is "wicked smart." I have to believe this is an incredible book.

I hope these suggestions provide you with good fodder for your summer reading. My stack of books for summer reading is already growing exponentially. I hope yours does, as well.

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LONGVIEW, TEXAS

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The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector
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Tim Baker	Director of Student Ministries
Tisha Grotemat	Director of Children's Ministries
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George Pliler	Endowment
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers

VESTRY

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Claire Alford	David Balliett	Lucy Germany
Bill Charles	Scott Jones	John Hall
Todd Holman	Elise McClure	Kim Howard
Dinah Rushing	Ted Skeans	Ava Welge
Bill Charles, Senior Warden		
Dinah Rushing, Junior Warden		
Barney Jones, Treasurer		
Kristen Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry		

MISSION OF THE MONTH WINDRIDGE RIDING CENTER

Windridge is dedicated to improving the lives of those who face mental, cognitive, or physical disabilities and/or life debilitating situations. Windridge is a non-profit, community supported organization which utilizes standardized therapeutic horsemanship programs.

Windridge is a premier accredited center with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association. Founded in 1988, Windridge Therapeutic Center is making great strides in the lives of children and adults by providing therapeutic horsemanship programs, physical therapies, academics, and life skills.

Windridge's therapeutic horsemanship programs are funded by individuals, corporations, churches, and civic organizations. Donations received in support of these programs are investments in lives of children and adults with disabilities. Windridge is home to more than 140 participants and 70+ volunteers a week, 9 full time staff members, and 24 horses.

Youth Calendar for June

School's Out Lake Party

June 7, 2:00 PM

We're tubing, boating, swimming and cooking out at the home of Linda Butter to celebrate the beginning of summer.

Mission Monday

June 9 & 23, 9:00am - noon

Students are getting together to serve the community around Trinity Church. Doughnuts and lunch will be provided.

VBS Setup Party

June 15, 4:00 PM

ALL Trinity students are invited to the church to set up for VBS (June 16-19). We'll work to set up the church, and eat dinner together.

Youth Mission Trip

June 30-July 4

Students are traveling to Oklahoma City to paint homes damaged by tornadoes.



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VBS 2014



This year we have partnered with Longview Community Ministries, to help them fill their shelves in the summer with “**Very Basic Supplies.**”

The item we have signed up to bring is cereal. Please bring a box of cereal or send it with your child during VBS. This is a great opportunity to teach your child to help with the needs of people in our community!

Let's fill their shelves!!!

You may bring your donation to my office or to church on Sunday.

Tisha Grotemat
Director of Children's Ministry

MAY VESTRY REPORT, Lucy Germany

The April meeting opened with reports from Security and Facilities Task Forces, followed by reports from the Junior and Senior Wardens. The main concern of the Security Committee noted in the report made by Barney Jones are safety measures including lighting in various areas, particularly those where the church's exterior features make certain areas particularly vulnerable. The data was presented as general information for consideration relevant to the safety of church property. Jones indicated that the security committee has called on several security companies as well as the Longview Police Department for help in evaluating present security conditions at the church and to acquire relevant data for future use.

The Treasurer's report noted that assets and liabilities are currently in equilibrium, that plate offerings and mission giving for the month have increased and all bills have been paid. "All in all," Jones noted, "It's been a pretty good month."

Under special reports, Junior Warden Dinah Rushing noted that a

broken window is currently awaiting repair but has been boarded up to assure protection in the interim. Senior Warden Bill Charles reported that the Stewardship Report will be included in the upcoming edition of the *Trinity Trumpet* and that there will be a Dave Ramsey class offered to Trinity Church, Trinity School and First Christian Church beginning September 11 with a preview class on August 21. Todd Holman reported on the progress of the feasibility study involving future expansion plans for both Trinity School and Trinity Church. He noted that Jeff Potter is expected to finish his report on the study in three or four weeks.

Todd Holman, speaking for the Endowment Board, said that group would like two members from the vestry to serve on a committee to create a "gift acceptance policy" for the Board; John Hall and Ted Skeans volunteered to serve in that capacity. It was noted that when there is a request for funds for certain projects the vestry is required to submit to the Endowment Board a formal request for said funds.

The group was apprised of the

Endowment Board's work in progress on a "gift acceptance policy" which will facilitate the designation of memorial gifts and donations.

There was discussion on the recent invitation to Sunday church goes to "move forward" in the church's nave prior to the beginning of the service so that a sense of relationship and common experience can be extended to all parishioners. Fr. Kevin noted that bringing people together for the service makes worship a more meaningful event. "It puts life into the room—and people get to know one another," he commented, and added that "offering the opportunity to make the change makes worship more of the group experience it is designed to be". However, he added, moving up front is not mandatory but offered as an invitation to those who wish to make the change. Those who find their comfort zone in the back of the church are welcome to continue in that format, he said. "This is offered as an invitation, not a way to place people arbitrarily."

STEWARDSHIP 2014

The Vestry has formed a Standing Stewardship Committee and has given the committee a charter that reflects their belief that stewardship is a way of life in which we recognize that everything belongs to God. The committee is active and one of their goals is to provide an educational and prayerful stewardship article in the Trumpet each month.

Stewardship: It's Not Just About Money

Many people have a misconception about the term "STEWARDSHIP." They associate it with the fall campaign to raise funds for the Operating budget or other projects. It is usually associated with the terms, "tithe, generosity or money." While these associations are not necessarily wrong, stewardship means much more than simply giving time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship demands a way of life that encourages virtue and bears the fruit of seeing God's gifts being used for His purpose.

Christian stewardship is a way of living in which we recognize that everything belongs to God and acknowledge that all

we have and all that we are is a gift from God. It demands that all resources must be used for His glory and the common good.



This concept repositions us from being the owner to being merely the manager of these gifts. Responsible stewardship means discovering these gifts, developing them, and deploying them for God's use in the world.

Tragic as it is, the concept

of stewardship is so poorly taught and so poorly practiced among followers of Jesus that we feel it would be beneficial to provide some guidance on how a faithful steward should live. We will try to begin that process next month.

Collect for Stewardship of Creation

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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...A look ahead at July!



Blue Jeans, BBQ & Homemade Pie!

July 6 - Following 10:30 AM Service

Join us at the Trinity Outreach Center for great BBQ and fellowship followed by amazing homemade pie for dessert!

Awards will be given for the best homemade pies!

DON'T MISS IT!

Service of Confirmation and Holy Baptism

July 13 at 10:30 AM Service

**Bishop Jeff Fisher
will be with us for
this special
occasion.**





Happy Birthday

6/01	Mike Martin	6/14	John Sloan	6/19	Zack White
6/02	Avis Glover	6/15	Amy Holman	6/21	Carolyn Russell
6/03	Steffani Jones	6/15	Leo Butter Sr.	6/24	Kathryn Clark
6/03	Barney Jones	6/15	Jared Owen	6/24	Jeffrey Thorpe
6/08	David Frith	6/16	Jimmy Calk	6/25	Paul French
6/10	Ava Collins	6/18	Marilyn Hampton	6/26	Martha Joseph
6/14	Murvil Byrd	6/19	Davis Northcutt		

Happy Anniversary

6/01	Tom & Donna Irwin
6/03	Rolin & Lisa McPhee
6/08	Dee & Patty Shappell
6/08	Bill & Heather Bane
6/09	John & Shirley Griffin
6/09	Joel & Louise Johnson
6/14	Tim & Jacqui Baker
6/16	Gayland & Dinah Rushing
6/18	Jim & Eleanor Heinz
6/22	Barney & Ann Jones
6/25	Sam & Mary Clark
6/29	Murvil & Eleanor Byrd

JUNE 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 5:00 PM Tai Chi 5:30 PM DOK	3	4 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	5 5:00 PM Tai Chi	6	7 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Lake Party at Butter home
8 Regular Sunday Schedule Pentecost Sunday	9 9:00 AM Youth Mission Monday 5:00 PM Tai Chi	10 6:00 PM Senior Men's Dinner	11 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	12 5:00 PM Tai Chi	13	14
15 Regular Sunday Schedule 4:00 PM VBS Youth Set-up Party	16 5:00 PM Tai Chi	17	18 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	19 5:00 PM Tai Chi	20	21
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 16-19, 9:00 AM - NOON						
22 Regular Sunday Schedule	23 9:00 AM Youth Mission Monday 5:00 PM Tai Chi	24 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting 6:00 PM Vestry	25 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist	26 5:00 PM Tai Chi	27	28
29 Regular Sunday Schedule	30 5:00 PM Tai Chi Youth Mission Trip June 30 - July 4					
<u>REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:</u> 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Christian Education 10:30 Rite II Holy Eucharist						

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of June – Lectionary Year A

Date	June 1 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	June 8 The Day of Pentecost	June 15 Trinity Sunday	June 22 The Second Sunday after Pentecost	June 29 The Third Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	M. Wilks	J. Barbe	S. Alford	M. Wilks	J. Barbe
Acolytes					
8:00 10:30	G. Hoover Team 2	T. Gignilliat Team 3	G. Hoover Team 1	T. Gignilliat Team 2	B. Charles Team 3
Lay Readers					
8:00	G. Hoover J. Hall	B. Charles J. Welge	J. Hall G. Hoover	G. McWhorter G. Rushing	B. Charles N. Collins
10:30	N. Collins E. Smith	R. McPhee J. Sloan	S. Thomas Z. Brown	R. McPhee E. Smith	S. Thomas J. Fowler
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 1:6-14 Ps. 68:1-10,33-36 1 Pet. 4:12-14,5:6-11 John 17:1-11	Acts 2:1-21 Ps. 104:25-35,37 Acts 2:1-21 John 20:19-23	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm: 8 2 Cor. 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20	Genesis 21:8-21 Ps. 86:1-10,16-17 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42
L. E. M. 8:00	G. Hoover J. Hall	G. McWhorter J. Welge	J. Hall G. Hoover	G. McWhorter G. Rushing	B. Charles N. Collins
10:30	N. Collins J. Sawyer	J. Sloan B. Charles	G. McWhorter J. Fowler	J. Welge J. Hall	J. Fowler J. Sawyer
Altar Team	Crittenden Team	Mann Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team
Usher	Crittenden Team	Alexander Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team	Crittenden Team
Greeters	Barbe Team	Kirkindoll Team	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team
L. E. V.		J. Mraz B. Charles		B. Charles M. Arnold	
Parish Security	T. Kirkindoll	J. Crittenden	T. Devon	G. Plier	T. Todd
Vestry Counters 8:00	T. Holman E. McClure	B. Charles K. Howard	E. McClure D. Rushing	J. Hall T. Skeans	B. Charles E. McClure
10:30	J. Hall A. Welge	T. Holman T. Skeans	C. Alford S. Jones	C. Alford T. Holman	C. Alford J. Hall
Flower Delivery	D. Skeans M. Harkrider	L. Leath B. Hancock	M. Arnold B. Crittenden	Z. Brown J. Barth	M. Harkrider L. Leath
Coffee Hour	D. Skeans	C. Russell	C. Walker	K. Frith	M. Arnold

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June Special Events

- 7th Youth Lake Party Event, Linda Thomas Residence, 2:00 PM - Dinner
- 9th & 23rd Youth Mission Mondays, 9:00 AM, Meet at TEC
- 15th VBS Set-up Party, 4:00 PM, Parish Hall
- 16th - 19th Vacation Bible School, 9:00 AM - Noon
- 30th - July 4 Youth Mission Trip to Oklahoma City

July Special Events

- 6th Blue Jeans, BBQ & Homemade Pie, Noon, Trinity Outreach Center
- 13th Confirmation and Episcopal Visitation, 10:30 AM Service