



The Saline Psalter

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THE PASTOR PONDERERS

Going Home

for Charles, a fellow Valley Boy

You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy.

I had a visceral encounter with this folk wisdom recently on a visit back to the town of my childhood in the central valley of California. I was surprised and almost bewildered by how much that place, the place of my youth, had taken up a permanent residence inside me. In the same way one recognizes the calling of one's own name, I recognized the wide, sleepy streets and broad sky, the fragrant Star Jasmine piling its waxy leaves along fences, the drone of the crop dusters as they lifted and swooped over the fields outside of town.

So little had changed. And also so much. The trees had all added height and girth. The blocks of downtown were smaller than I remembered. People I knew from elementary and junior high school had married one another or hit their forties and gone pro with their bachelor lives, tooling around northern California bar-tending and ski-instructing. One guy from my North Davis Elementary class had turned his life around after doing hard time for drug dealing. A girl who used to sing Whitney Houston hits in my seventh grade touch-typing course had become a Sacramento County sheriff. Another old classmate had married and moved to work in a lumber mill in Oregon where he was murdered for having a Mexican last name.

Every place fills with these kinds of stories of early deaths and unlikely marriages, redemptions and the gradual narrowing of options. But every place also shapes those stories in specific ways, and this news I learned of my classmates seemed bounded, as my whole childhood had been bounded, by the gentle Coast Ranges to the west and the jagged, white slopes of the Sierras, barely visible through the valley's brown haze, in the distance to the east. No, you can't take the country out of the boy.

Nor, perhaps, should you. The boy may live his entire adult life in some other place. But for better or for worse, Davis, California is mine in a way that no other place can be, just as Ann Arbor, Michigan will be my children's whether they make their adult nests in New York or Baton Rouge or Kuala Lumpur. And going home for a week made me realize how much I carry that home around with me, like a little piece of some eternal comfort, a little pebble of belonging to keep in my pocket and not lay down until every step is taken, the whole journey done.

Mass on the Grass

Sunday, June 12 at 10:00am
A Special Outdoor Service

It will be an exciting, action packed Sunday, don't miss a minute of it!



Baptism

Malcolm Salmons, Sarah & Mark's new baby boy, Jeri Shumate & Mary Barber's grandson, will be baptized.

Appalachia Mission Trip

We will bless and send off our Discoverers and their adult chaperones (see page 2).

Pentecost Sunday

Read all about it on page 2.

Potluck Picnic

Hotdogs with all the fixings will be provided
Please sign up on the Bulletin Board with the dish you will be bringing to share and how many people will be attending.

Handprints

We remember our young people with a handprint on the quilt that is hanging in the Fellowship Hall. If your child hasn't done this, please see Judie & Rick Wales after the picnic.

THE DEACON'S DEN

This evening (May 24) I attended a really great event. I went to the ordination and commissioning of a Total Ministry Team at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Cambridge Junction. Total Ministry (sometimes also called Mutual Ministry) is a concept where a congregation raises up a Covenant Team who study together and go through formation together until they are ready to be ordained (priests and deacons) or commissioned (lay people who are commissioned for specific ministries). This evening two priests, two deacons, and a person whose specialties are pastoral care and preaching were ordained and commissioned.

This is a concept that is becoming more common in the Episcopal Church (I think there are 10 congregations somewhere in the process in our diocese).

The sermon this evening was about how life is a journey and that this event—the ordinations and commissioning—didn't represent a conclusion, or "graduation". Instead, it represented part of an evolving process in ministry.

I think what struck me most is that the Total Ministry process looks at the ministries of all the baptized—ordained and lay alike. We all have ministries to share. Some we may recognize in ourselves or in others. But some are under the surface, just waiting to be discovered. Have you thought recently just what God might be nudging you to do? I can assure you that whatever it is, it's an important ministry. God knows best what you're capable of doing and sharing. Just feel the nudging and listen to the little voice calling you to discern what gem you have, just waiting to be discovered.

Until next time ~Your deacon, Don



Pentecost

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

What Happened on Pentecost?

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on humanity promised by God through the prophet Joel and Jesus (John 14-16-27 and elsewhere). The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many who had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. This created a sensation. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day.

<http://www.stpaulskingsville.org/pentecost.htm#WHAT%20IS%20PENTECOST?>

Discoverers on their way to Appalachia!

June 19—June 25

The fundraising was successful, bags are being packed and the Discoverers will be leaving for their mission trip to Appalachia.

They will drive down for their week of service leaving early



**Chavies, KY
about an
8 hour drive**

Sunday morning, arriving about mid-afternoon in Chavies, KY where they will be working for the week. They will be housed in one of ASP's base camps—probably a school or community center rented for the summer to put them closer to Appalachia's remote communities. The group will receive all the tools, construction materials and supervision needed to be productive. They will caravan home in their two rental vans arriving back in Saline mid-to-late afternoon.

Be sure to attend Mass on the Grass on Sunday, June 12 when we will bless and send off **Aaron Leonard, Tim Custer, Adrian Reed Twiss, Rita Erickson and her friend Emily, Paige and Matthew Sieffert and Cristina Czyrka along with Pastor Ian, Katie Mitchell, Rick Wales and Marcia Ledford** as their adult chaperones.

Thank you for supporting all the many fundraising projects!

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Determan Recital 1-3:30pm
5 7 Easter <i>Blood Drive at St. Andrew's Catholic Church 8:30am-2:30pm</i> 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:20—11:00am Worship Center Coffee from 10—11am <i>AFM Orders 11:30—12:30</i> Discoverers 7-8:30pm	6 Communications Team Mtg 7pm AA Mtg 7pm	7 PLT 7pm	8 Et. Al. 7-8:30pm	9 Contemplative Worship & Meditation 7pm	10 Saline Co-op Preschool 5-8pm	11
12 Pentecost 8am Worship Mass on the Grass at 10am <i>Malcolm Salmons' baptism</i> All Congregation Potluck Picnic	13 AA Mtg 7pm	14 Pastor Ian in Chicago for Professional Development	15 <i>Joan Out of Office</i>	16 Pastelists 1-3pm	17	18
19 Holy Trinity/1 Pentecost Father's Day SASS "Three on the Third" 8:00 & 10:00am Worship Coffee from 9—10am	20 AA Mtg 7pm	21	22 <i>Joan Out of Office</i>	23	24	25 AFM pick-up 9:30-10:30am
Pastor Ian and Discoverers in Appalachia						
26 2 Pentecost 8:00 & 10:00am Worship Coffee from 9—10am <i>Camp Take Notice Meal 6-8pm</i>	27 AA Mtg 7pm	28	29 <i>Joan Out of Office</i>	30	The office will be closed Friday, July 1.	

Joan's Summer Office Hours

because church life is quieter in the summer

Beginning the week of June 12, Joan will only be in the office Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am—2pm.

Regular hours will commence the week of August 21.

Take Notice!

Sunday, June 26 at 6:00pm

We are scheduled to serve the Sunday community meal for the homeless tent community, **Camp Take Notice, on Sunday June 26 at 6:00 pm.** The camp is off of Wagner near I-94 and the usual plan is to meet the campers and non-profit folks at 5:45 in the old Jim Bradley parking lot and walk to the camp from there.

The meal is served at 6:00 followed by a community meeting at 7:00 in which the camp members take care of the administration of the camp (which is well worth checking out). Things wrap up by 8:00.

For more information or to sign up to help, contact Heather Herrick at mgoblue2002@gmail.com.

Professional Development for Pastors

From June 13-17 I will be attending a professional development course sponsored by my seminary in Chicago. It's a course on nonprofit management specifically designed for church leaders and taught by the faculty of Northwestern University's Kellogg Business School. I'll be learning about team building, leading change, branding, developing personal leadership, stewarding resources, and other topics from some of the best professors in the business. I hope it will bear much fruit for us here at Holy Faith.

Pastor Ian

July/August Psalter

The July and August Psalter will be one combined edition and will be distributed on Wednesday, July 6.

All information concerning July, August and early September should be forwarded to Susan Cummings by email at a2pinkaster@gmail.com by June 30 (before the July 4th weekend).

SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	7 Easter June 5
8:00 Reader	Leonards
9:00 Asst. Min.	S. Cummings
9:00 Reader	J. Cummings
9:00 Ushers	C&G Francis
9:00 Greeters	K. Kemeny/D. Goble
Worship Center	John & Kelsey
Lvg Good News	T. Dersnah
11:00 Asst. Min.	K. Mitchell
11:00 Reader	K. Mitchell
11:00 Ush/Grt	W. Determan
Flowers	Herrick-Zilka
Altar Guild	Kim & Doris
Coffee Hosts	Braun/Tinsey

The Summer Schedule begins June 12

Two Sunday Services only—at 8am and 10am
Coffee Hour will be at 9am between the two services starting June 19.
Worship Center and Discoverers last meeting for the school year will be June 5.
Childcare will remain available downstairs throughout the summer.

Our Regular Schedule will resume September 18

	Pentecost June 12	1 Pentecost June 19	2 Pentecost June 26
8:00 Reader	Buchalski/Centlivre	R. Stein/B. Hans	Leonards
10:00 Asst. Min.	A. Leonard	C. Schneider	S. White
10:00 Reader	S. Proud	S. Proud	C. Schneider
10:00 Ushers	R&J Wales		K. Cummings
10:00 Greeters	M&S White	S. Dindoffer	L. Reifert
Flowers	Garvey-Erickson		Reifert
Altar Guild	Kim Kemeny & Doris Goble		
Coffee Hosts	<i>All Congregational Picnic</i>	Blevins/Brodie	Schneider

	3 Pentecost July 3	4 Pentecost July 10	5 Pentecost July 17	6 Pentecost July 24	7 Pentecost July 31
8:00 Reader	N. Parravano	Buchalski/Centlivre	Buchalski/Centlivre	Leonards	R. Stein/B. Hans
10:00 Asst. Min.	H. Tinsey	J. Shumate	M. White	K. Kemeny	M. Barber
10:00 Reader	J. Dodge	T. Dersnah	S. Brown	G. Steude	B. Johnston
10:00 Ushers	S. Proud	C&G Francis	R&J Wales	K. Cummings	C&G Francis
10:00 Greeters	J&L Darling	H&N Tinsey	K. Kemeny/ D. Goble	M&S White	S. Dindoffer
Flowers		Hubbard		Sally Clark & Kim Braun	
Altar Guild	Art Witbart				
Coffee Hosts	Reifert	Goble/Paggett/ Kemeny	Dersnah/Mitchell	Determan/Johnston	Dindoffer/Jackel/ Lockman



Altar Flowers are Given...

June 5 by Heather Herrick & Sarah Zilka

In honor of Alexa's, Sarah's, Ethan's & Emma's birthdays

June 12 by the Garvey-Erickson Family

In honor of Grandma Erickson's birthday

June 26 by the Fritz & Lisa Reifert

In honor of their 22nd Wedding Anniversary

Sign up on the bulletin board to buy altar flowers. Two arrangements are \$30 and will remain on the altar for two weeks. The flowers are selected by the florist. If there are specific requests, please discuss your concerns with the florist, Maureen's Flowers at 429-8700.



We have the opportunity to work on a Habitat for Humanity house that is located in Ypsilanti this summer. The build dates are **August 25, 26, 27 and September 8, 9, 10.**

Please email Joan at the church office or sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in participating.



Summerfest 2011

The Summerfest is August 5-6th and Harvest of the Arts is Sept 24th. Both are held in downtown Saline. Holy Faith has been

working at these events by having several people sign up to commit to a two hour rotation. The two hours is spent visiting fair booths and allowing booth participants a chance to go to the restroom, get something to eat or get away from their booth for a short time.

A sign-up sheet will be posted as we approach these dates. It's a great opportunity to make some money for the church and to participate in these events. We have done this for two years now and are becoming associated with this task.

Questions? Contact Jane Darling

Special Gifts Offering for June 2011

Habitat for Humanity

Local & National

This month we again have the privilege to give our support both to the National Habitat for Humanity and our local affiliate, Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley. Our contributions will be split between the two.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian non-profit housing ministry which seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness throughout the world. Habitat was founded in 1976 and has built more than 400,000 houses around the world, providing more than 2 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable housing. Volunteers and the future homeowner invest the labor. A donation of money and materials makes the homes possible. Habitat houses are then sold to the family at no profit. The homeowner's monthly payments are used to build more homes.

Our local affiliate has, in their 19 year history, built many homes for a segment of the population that is underserved in Washtenaw County. Recently they have expanded their past model of building single family homes on vacant lots into a broad range of complimentary options. They now work on multi-family developments, and on renovation of foreclosed properties. They also counsel low income homeowners so that they can remain in their homes.

The Habitat Re-Store on Aprill Dr. in Ann Arbor accepts all types of left-over building supplies and materials from contractors and others, and resells these items to earn money for their projects. It is an excellent place to find building supplies at modest prices.

Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note Habitat on the memo line.

Special Gifts Offering Total for April

THAW Fund

\$185.00



Opportunity for Taxpayers over the Age of 70 ½

The tax law, passed in Dec. 2010, makes it possible to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA directly to a charity, tax free in 2011. This is a great way for people who must take a "required minimum distribution" to pay their pledge and save on taxes. (No double-dipping of course....you can't claim a deduction for that money too.)

PLT Meeting Highlights—May 10, 2011

Welcome of Timothy Custer who was baptized on May 8, 2011.

Ledford Discernment Update: Jim Toy member of St. Andrews Episcopal has joined as the outside committee member

Financial Report: Meeting with Clive, Ian, Kris and Rick will take place on Thursday, May 12 to discuss budget reports.

Discussion will include: what exactly does the PLT want to see?

They would like to come up with a new format and have it shadow the current Budget vs. Actual Report.

Special Gifts Offering Follow-Up

Malaria Prevention for October, Haiti Cathedral for November

Teams/Org Chart/Long Term Goals

Presentation and set-up of the new teams was received in a positive manner. Some confusion for those who did not see the presentation. Should have had a member of the PLT at the sign-up table. Team Leaders might want to seek out volunteers for their committee.

New Teams:

- Communications team has met. Will meet first Monday of each month at HF. Has lots of questions as to who is currently in charge of certain tasks i.e. website, calendar, signs.
- Adult Formation committee has enough members.: Has not met yet.
- Memorial Garden - Next meeting is May 25. Gillian was to inform Jeff Cummings about being in attendance. Need to contact people immediately.
- Administration has 8 members. Will meet on May 25. Discussion will include the Constitution, policies, weddings and funerals, memorial garden.
- Outreach: No meeting scheduled. Need to get team leaders together.
- Hospitality: Everything is running smoothly.

It was mentioned that the Flu Clinic (held in October) was not listed and should be under Outreach. Gillian is the team leader for the Flu Clinic.

There was discussion about doing the blood drive with other area churches. Ian will make contact with the appropriate people to inquire about their interest.

Memorial Garden

Memorial Garden will be built in stages. People will be able to donate if they wish. Gillian would like fence installed this year. The Memorial Garden Committee is charged with the design and the projects to be completed. In addition, additional fundraising was mentioned as a possibility. Motion was made by Mary to have two entrances and \$4 - 5,000 for the project with the ability of the Memorial Committee to come back for more money. Memorial Garden Team will come back with an updated plan for PLT approval. Seconded by Rick. Resolution passed unanimously.

Other Business

Camp Take Notice: HF will provide dinner on June 26

Mission Café: Will be done monthly with various Holy Faith ministry teams taking charge.

Fellowship Dinners have been very successful.

Next meeting is June 10 at 7 p.m. at Holy Faith



Treasurer's Update

As of the end of April, Total Income is \$46,474 which represents about 28% of anticipated 2011 income for the year. This is compared to Expense Cost of \$62,129 or 36.1% of budgeted 2011 expense. The Net Income as of the end of March is \$-15,238. Net Income is the difference between the expenses and the income or revenue. This indicates at this time based on our current income, we have more expenses than we have money to pay. We do however have, reserves which have not been tapped as of yet. Our current checking account has close to \$15,000 before moving Appalachia monies, and paying THAW.

At the March PLT meeting a request was made to develop a report which would compare April 2010 to April 2011. The comparison report was used to prepare this analysis. At this point the income is behind 2010 by about \$3,900 which is largely due to the lack of support from Michigan Synod and ELCA. Through the same period 2010 expenses were about \$10,000 less.

A review of expenses indicate that the pastor costs are greater in 2011 by \$5,600. The breakdown of the \$5,600 is medical insurance about \$1,700 and pension is about \$3,000 greater and salary is just over \$700. The question is what makes up the difference in pastor costs between 2010 and 2011. I suspect that the pension and medical have been paid in advance but further review is needed.

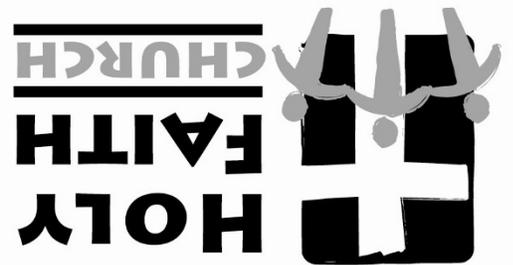
The facility expense cost is greater by about \$1,300 which has been the cost of snow removal as reported the last couple of months. We are now into the mowing season so those costs will start to appear.

The remainder of the increased cost over 2010 is spread across the other accounts. Also as this is the first report in this particular format there is more analysis needed which has not yet been done.

It is important to note that our cash flow is still good and we have sufficient funds to meet our expenses without the need to transfer from reserves at this time.

The Discovers trip to Appalachia collected over \$2,562 in March which means that they are over the \$4,500 Goal. The funds have not been transferred to the Flagstar account as of this writing. A check for \$1,700 was paid to ASP as a trip deposit. The current balance for the Mission trip after payment to ASP is \$4,447.

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