



The Saline Psalter

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THE PASTOR PONDERERS

Entertaining Angels

The Book of Hebrews sums up the Bible's general teaching on hospitality with this advice: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (13:2). This is a clear reference to the beginning of Genesis 18 when Abraham and Sarah host three strangers in the desert, honoring them with cakes of "choice flour" and "a calf, tender and good" to eat. The strangers turn out to be messengers of God (i.e. angels) who deliver God's miraculous promise that Sarah and Abraham, despite their advanced age, will have a son. Good thing they got out the tender calf!

Here at Holy Faith, one important way we "show hospitality to strangers" is by asking all our members to provide the coffee hour two or three times a year. As we enter our program year, this is a great time to remind you of a couple of details about this vital ministry.

- Joan makes a schedule up in January for the coming year, and it goes on the bulletin board. She tries to accommodate snow birds and summer birds who are gone for long stretches, but can't possibly coordinate every individual schedule in the parish. Therefore, please check the schedule well in advance.
- If date changes are necessary for you, we ask that you contact someone who has a date you can switch with, and then write the change in the schedule.
- We try to put less experienced coffee hour hosts with more experienced hosts but don't always succeed. There are detailed instructions taped to one of the kitchen cabinets, and our hospitality coordinators, Tish Dersnah and Gloria Francis, are happy to answer questions as well.
- Coffee hour need not be elaborate. Hosts bring some finger food and make the coffee (which is provided by the church). However, if this ministry proves to be a serious financial or physical burden for you, please contact Pastor Ian.
- Coffee hour hosting duties does include set-up and clean-up of dishes, etc., so if you are an 11 o'clocker and you really don't want to miss the readings, you might come to the 9:00 service the day you are hosting coffee hour.

We are somewhat unusual in our sharing this hospitality work among many hands, but then, I have often been told by newcomers that we are an unusually friendly church! Our system isn't perfect, but I want to thank you for going with it and doing your part to extend welcome and create community around the tables in our fellowship hall. Feeding is one thing we seem to do well, and you never know when you might find yourself entertaining angels without knowing it!



The Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 and 11:00

Our Feast of St. Francis Animal Blessing this year will be October 2. We will begin both our 9:00 and 11:00 services outside, weather permitting, to bless the animals, then we will move inside for the rest of the service. The day's offering will benefit the Humane Society of Huron Valley, which will be bringing some dogs to bless and meet, and will also have a table during coffee hour. This event is particularly meant as an outreach to the community, so please invite someone you know.

Senior Group Lunch

Wednesday, October 26

We hope to start getting together again this fall. Plan to have lunch at the Cedars of Dexter on Wednesday, October 26. We will have a social hour, plan some programs, and you can do some touring of the area if interested. The cost of the lunch is \$4.00. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board the first week in October when we will arrange transportation. If you have any questions contact Georgine Steude or Gillian Donovan.

Altar Flowers are Given...

October 2nd by Jen & Jack Edwards
In honor of their anniversary

October 16th by Jean & Neal Savage
In honor of their 22nd anniversary on

October 30th by Gillian Donovan
In honor of her mother's birthday



Seeds of Hope

Holy Faith Food Garden 2011
by Susan Cummings

Alas, our Holy Faith gardening season is coming to a close... but wait! We just planted a crop of onions to over winter in the garden. David Gordon and Virginia Hammond gave us onions sets from their own onion crop and assure us that it will work and we will have fresh onions to harvest early in the spring of 2012 for SASS clients.

Sweet Potato Report: We are excited to announce that our sweet potato experiment was a HUGE success—the sweet potatoes were HUGE! We are looking forward to repeating the experiment next year with similar results.

Plans to clean up the garden for winter have been made (except the onions, of course) and a wrap up meeting will be scheduled soon to compare notes and ideas for the 2012 growing season. New or experienced gardeners are always welcome. If interested, please contact Susan Cummings.

NEW POLICY

We are pleased to announce that the PLT has developed a Social Media policy for the church. In many ways it is an extension of the "Safeguarding God's Children" policy, designed to clarify expectations and keep kids and people who volunteer or work for the church safe. Thank you to Ian for making sure that we are on top of the new media age!



In Our Prayers

For Continued Healing from Illness: Rhys, Elaine & Elwood Godfrey, Don Dersnah, Dwayne McGhee, Brian Brightman, Sam Proud, Kris Paggett, Jeannine, Art Wendt, Mackenzie, Charles Reynolds, John Barbour, Caleb Poirier and Allison Ginsberg.

In Hospice Care: Don Barbret

As They Serve in Our Armed Forces: Tom Carter and Mark Quinn

After a Death: for the soul of Sydney Ferrer and her family, for the soul of Joan Sankovich and her family, and for Jim B. on the passing of his wife.



T-Shirts are A-Comin'

The much awaited Holy Faith t-shirt extravaganza is coming soon to a church near you! Keep your eyes peeled for the latest thing in Saline fashion!

Special Gifts Offering Oct. 2011 The Fight Against Malaria

At the recent church wide ELCA assembly, a large majority of members voted to launch the ELCA Malaria Campaign and raise \$15 million over four years to fight malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. Some 800,000 people die each year of malaria. About 90% of the deaths are in sub-Saharan Africa and most are children. It is reported that a child dies of malaria every 45 seconds.

Partner churches also have malaria programs, and many will be cooperating in this vital program. Gifts to this campaign will be over and above regular gifts to the World Hunger Mission. Please make your check out to Holy Faith Church and note Malaria on the memo line.



CROP Walk! Sunday, October 9

Get those walking shoes on!!

The CROP walk is October 9 - starting at the First United Methodist Church down the road from us! The goal is that every family at

Holy Faith is involved by either donating (no donation too small), or walking! This is a great family activity, as it is the kids who lead us in so many ways. Any questions? Please see Mary Barber, or give her a call at 997-7611

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 16 Pentecost Blessing of Animals <i>Flu Clinic during Social Hour</i> 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Social Hour from 10—11am Youth Group 7-8:30pm	3 Communications Team Mtg 7pm AA Mtg 7pm	4	5	6 Pastor's Class 7-8:30pm	7	8
9 17 Pentecost 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Social Hour from 10—11am Crop Walk Contemplative Worship 7pm	10 AA Mtg 7pm	11 PLT 7pm	12 et al 7pm	13 Pastor's Class 7-8:30pm	14	15
16 18 Pentecost Mission Sunday 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Social Hour from 10—11am Youth Group 7-8:30pm	17 AA Mtg 7pm	18	19	20 Pastor's Class 7-8:30pm	21 Pastelists 1-3pm	22
23 19 Pentecost 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Social Hour from 10—11am <i>Memory Boxes during social hour</i>	24 AA Mtg 7pm	25	26 Senior Group Lunch in Dexter	27 Pastor's Class 7-8:30pm	28	29 Diocesan Convention in Lansing
30 20 Pentecost Reformation Sunday 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Social Hour from 10—11am Youth Group 7-8:30pm	31	Contemplative Worship and Meditation Sunday, October 9th 7:00 pm <i>Contact Susan Bloye with any questions.</i>				



Flu Shots

Sunday, October 2

During coffee hour
in the Fellowship Hall

Evangelical Homes will again be on site to provide us with flu shots that will protect against the seasonal flu and the H1N1 virus.

They are available to adults only (no one under 18). There is no charge but a basket will be out for donations to help defray expenses.

Mission Cafe

Wait!!! It's October and time for the first MISSION CAFE!! The third Sunday, known around these parts as "Mission Sunday" will be **3 on the 3rd** for SASS and **Mission Cafe!** The Cafe will be open every month until summer, with different "missions" benefiting each month. October will benefit a local food mission - details to follow. The food will be served in between services; a full breakfast for a good will donation - a GREAT deal for everyone!



We Have a New Musician!

The Musician Search team is pleased to announce that we have hired Angel Tan to be our church musician. Angel is a classically trained pianist who loves music from the romantic era. She will have a learning curve as she develops skills in our liturgical music tradition and as she learns to play the organ. The committee was very impressed with her musicality and her outgoing spirit and we are hopeful for a long, successful partnership with Angel. Her first Sunday will be our October 2 Blessing of Animals.

Pastor Ian will be running in the Detroit Marathon on Sunday, October 16

So that day The Rev. Ian Brown will be officiating at the 9am and 11am services. The 8am service will be lay led morning prayers.



SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	16 Pentecost October 2 <i>Pet Blessing</i>	17 Pentecost October 9	18 Pentecost October 16	19 Pentecost October 23	20 Pentecost October 30
8:00 Reader	Stein	Leonard	Buchalski/Centlivre	Stein	Leonard
9:00 Asst. Min.	C. Schneider	L. Reifert	A. Leonard	S. Cummings	S. White
9:00 Reader	J. Cummings	C. Berger	L. Kaufman	G. Steude	L. Reifert
9:00 Ushers	A & E Pollack	S. Proud	K. Cummings	G & C Francis	J & R Wales
9:00 Greeters	K. Kemeny/D. Goble	S. Dindoffer	H. Tinsey	J & L Darling	L. Reifert
11:00 Asst. Min.	M. Ledford	K. Mitchell	M. Barber		M. Ledford
11:00 Reader	K. Mitchell	J. Shumate	N. Reed Twiss	M. Barber	K. Mitchell
11:00 Ush/Grt	W. Determan	Kaufman/Donovan	W. Determan	Kaufman/Donovan	W. Determan
11:00 Cantor					
Flowers	Edwards		Savage		Donovan
Altar Guild	B. Hubbard & P. Molascon				
Coffee Hosts	Barber/Shumate/ Wales/Salmons	Blevins/Wake/Brodie	Mission Café Sigler/Cummings	Brown/Vaillancourt/ Bowers	Schneider/Chan

	21 Pentecost November 6 <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	22 Pentecost November 13	23 Pentecost November 20	24 Pentecost November 27 <i>Thanksgiving</i>
8:00 Reader	Buchalski/Centlivre	Stein	Leonard	Buchalski/Centlivre
9:00 Asst. Min.	H. Tinsey	S. Cummings	S. Proud	
9:00 Reader	K. Garvey	B. Hubbard	J. Cummings	B. Johnston
9:00 Ushers		G. & C. Francis	K. Cummings	J & R Wales
9:00 Greeters	Tinsey	White	D. Goble	L. Reifert
11:00 Asst. Min.	J. Dodge		M. Ledford	M. Barber
11:00 Reader	Liza Baker	J. Dodge	M. Barber	N. Reed Twiss
11:00 Ush/Grt	Kaufman/Donovan	M. Barber	W. Determan	Kaufman/Donovan
11:00 Cantor	B. Wake	J. Shumate	B. Wake	J. Shumate
Flowers				
Altar Guild	Jean & Neil Savage			
Coffee Hosts	Czyrka/Reifert	Cummings/Paggett	Mission Café Determan/Johnston	Dindoffer/Lockman



Stewardship 2012

Stewardship means different things to different people. But in the church context, it means it is time for us to consider what we have been blessed with personally and how we are going to share that with Holy Faith.

Your stewardship team has been hard at work assembling thoughts and ideas to show you where we are financially as a church without any outside support, what good works are being done through you and our community with your monetary pledges, and suggestions to help you start your personal stewardship journey. So—a brochure has been put together and will be in your mailboxes on Sunday, September 25; and along with that, a schedule of brief stewardship testimonies and presentations from members of Holy Faith has been put in place (starting with our own Pastor Ian on September 25).

Beginning Sunday, October 9 and continuing for four more weeks, we will begin a "Stewardship Reflection Series" in the form of inserts in your worship folder to read at your convenience. The reflections are based on the Sunday gospel readings from Matthew. If you miss a week, there will be extra copies on the shelf under the bulletin board or you may find them on our website under "Stewardship and Giving."

This all culminates on Invitation Sunday, November 13, when we will pass out pledge cards for you to fill out for 2012. So please don't miss a week with us while, together, we mull over the question of stewardship.

Holy Faith Needs You!

Usher, Greeter, Reader, or Assisting Minister at the 9:00 or 11:00 service.

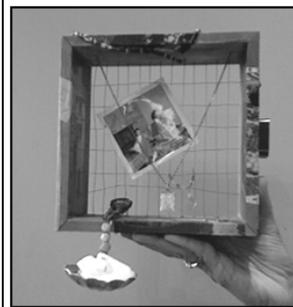
These important ministries support our worship and hospitality on Sunday mornings.

Training will be provided. Please contact Joan Barbret by email or a note in her box indicating what role and which time-slot you'd like to sign up for.

For the Bible Tells Me So

Sunday, October 23 from 3:00 to 5:00
Liberty School Auditorium

Pastor Ian and other members of the community group, "et al," will be hosting a public screening and conversation about this moving documentary. "For the Bible Tells Me So" reconciles Christian faith and homosexuality through the stories of several normal, American Christian families who have a gay child.



Memory Boxes

October 23rd at coffee hour

For the fourth year, we will be making memory boxes in preparation for All Saints' Day worship. Many people have already made some beautiful

memory boxes in tribute to people dear to them who have passed away. It is an uplifting way to create a tribute to your family and friends allowing you to connect with them in a personal way and assist you both on your faith journey.

Memory boxes are small shadow boxes that you decorate with a picture of your loved one, a small candle and some mementos of their life that bring positive memories. They are easy to make – there is no right or wrong. Roxane Chan and Kelsey Keyes who have assisted in this project before will be on hand to help you with all your technical needs. Boxes and candles will be provided. Bring photos (best if printed on regular paper – not photo paper), small trinkets that represent the person's life, decorative objects such as beads and ribbon and your imagination.

Plans from The Adult Christian Formation Committee

Late October: Annual Memory Box creation—see above

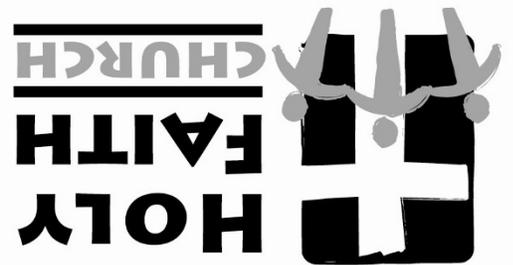
October: Creation of a Prayer Chain. During certain times members need prayer and to know that there is a place or group to call when prayers might bring them comfort. The first prayer chain will occur on All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 2nd.

December: For the season of Advent we will be making and learning about the Rosary. Not just for Catholics, this prayer tool is also used, in modified form, by Episcopalians and Lutherans. We will be using beads and other treasures and will have the opportunity to choose from several types of rosaries. This will occur on December 3rd with Ian blessing them during the services on the 4th.

January/February: The Stations of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross have long been used during the time of Lent to meditate on the suffering of Christ as one makes a walking pilgrimage in their church as a substitute for a traveling pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Members and local artists will have the opportunity to depict a station which will be hung in the Fellowship Hall through the Lenten Season.

More information will be in future newsletters and in the weekly bulletin as it becomes available. Please contact Suzanne Bulchalski or Roxane Chan with questions.

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