

# The Ridge Runner

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## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

We welcome back all vacationers and all who took time off from church for at least some portion of the summer. Attendance at church has not been encouraging, but hopefully that will improve now that everyone is back in the groove.

**The Ridge Runner** is also back from vacation so check it out and see what is happening. Football is back, the children are back to school, and the hope is that Fall will arrive with cooler weather. So listen up!!

### Sunday September 10.



SUNDAY SERVICES: 8 & 10 a.m.

**On Sunday September 10, the Sunday after Labor Day, St. Faith's will revert to its customary two Services on Sundays - the 8 a.m. Eucharist and the 10 a.m. Eucharist with Choir.** Having one service at 9 a.m. during summer worked well as it was good for both congregations to meet up and worship together. Towards the end though, there was a noticeable decline in the number of worshippers - so time to get back to normal!



After a couple months of vacation, The Daughters of the King will resume their monthly meetings on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in September, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.**

in the Administration Building. As a reminder, the Daughters meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (Saturday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>). It is very important that ALL Daughters attend monthly meetings.

**The Daughters are proud to announce that they will be gaining a new Daughter. A SERVICE OF ADMISSION will be held on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> during the 9 a.m. Service, when Berenice Wallace will be admitted to the Order. A reception will be held in the Church Hall following the Service - and all are invited. Daughters from other Chapters in the Diocese have also been invited. A Good Day indeed.**



The ECW will also be resuming their schedule of meetings, and the first of these meetings will be held on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> immediately after the DOK reception.** Since all ladies of the Church are

members of the ECW, please remain in the Parish Hall after the Reception for the meeting... lots to talk about, including plans for ECW Children's Sunday, International Sunday, Thanksgiving Baskets and more.

### Compliments to the St. Faith's Mens' Group who



## MEN'S GROUP

continued meeting throughout the summer. Their meetings are held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays - (September 12<sup>th</sup>

& October 10<sup>th</sup>.) at 7 p.m. at Applebee's close to Southland Mall. All men are invited to join in and share in the camaraderie of the meetings. Simply show up for the meeting, or let Stephen Lewis know that you are interested.



### Sunday School Start-up

**Sunday School Registration will be held on Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 9 a.m. Service and Sunday Sept.**

**10<sup>th</sup> at both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. Services.** Allison Jordan our Sunday School teacher will be standing by waiting for those young 'uns to register. She is anxious to have a class to teach!! Bring your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren or neighbors' children to Sunday School, and Allison will ensure they have a great time learning about our Christian Faith. This is probably the only place they will learn about our Lord, and remember, they are the Church of tomorrow! Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends when the children are led into church for communion during the 10 O'Clock service.

### September 10 - Grandparents Day.



**Remember your grandparents - whether they are still with us or have passed on!!** If they are still here, bring them to church with you so they can receive a very special Blessing at the Altar. If they are not with us - how

about writing their names and giving it to the Ushers as you enter Church? The Ushers will pass the names to the Altar Servers and Fr. Picou, and their names will be read out loud during the Service. How about that? Without our Grandparents - we would not even be here!



## Recovery Service

### ALSO ON SUNDAY

### September 10 AT

**3:00 p.m.**

This same day that we revert to our two regular services, St. Faith's will host a diocesan-wide Recovery Service. Groups and

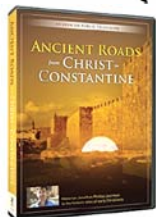
organizations throughout the Diocese of SE Florida, including groups outside of the Church, will be invited to participate in a joyous *celebration of Recovery and Healing*. The Celebrant will be Fr. Picou, and he will lead the congregation in a Twelve-step Eucharist. A Reception will be held following the Service – but not just any reception. There will be information available to everyone interested, as well as people available to offer counsel. Needless to say – if you know anyone who could benefit from this Service, or who would like to lend their support – please invite them to attend. They can contact Esther in the office if they want to offer their services or speak with Berenice Wallace if they need more information. There are flyers available if anyone wants to pass them out in their neighborhoods.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24**



St. Faith's will celebrate International Sunday on Sunday September 24. The congregation enjoys this Sunday, when dishes from around the world make it onto our Buffet Tables. Let's have a great time with it again this

year, and invite your friends to join us. The Luncheon will begin after the 10 a.m. service, and continue until all the food is finished. **YOU WILL NEED TO BRING IN A NATIVE DISH – SO PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE FORM PROVIDED.** Look for the form on the Notice Board. Do you have a national costume? If so, it would be lovely if we could all see you in it, then maybe you could tell us a little about your native culture. This is usually a fun day – one that you would be proud to invite your friends to participate in.



**ALL ARE INVITED TO MEET FOR** viewing and discussion of the video *“Ancient Roads from Christ to Constantine”*. Fr. Picou will lead the discussions which begin on the first Monday in October, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 p.m. and go through 6 Mondays, ending on Monday November 6.

**The Video brings early Christian history alive!** *“Jonathan Phillips travels over some 12,000 miles in seven countries, the places*

*where the early church took root and struggled to survive after the crucifixion of Jesus. The lives of Peter and Paul are a dual focus, for they were the most determined (and therefore most persecuted) spreaders of the gospel. The conversion of the Emperor Constantine the Great to Christianity was a crucial turning point, for it marked the beginning of relief from persecution in the Roman Empire.”* This is just one of the many great reviews about this video and **Fr. Picou will ensure that everyone is captivated by it all.** Oh – and by the way – light refreshment will be served – so if anyone wants to volunteer to bring refreshment on one of the Mondays, please sign up on the Form posted on the Notice Board.

**OCTOBER 8 – Blessing of the Pets**



**October 8<sup>th</sup>** is the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, and Christians everywhere, including at St. Faith's, celebrate the Feast by having their pets blessed in the spirit of this patron saint of

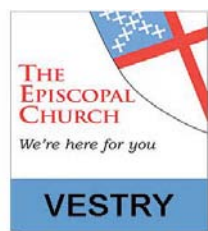
animals. **SO** – bring your pets, (those that you can control) photos of your pets, or those stuffed animals that are like pets to you. They will all be specially blessed at both the 8 a.m. and the 10 a.m. services that morning. The 10 a.m. Service will be held in the newly refurbished Outdoor Chapel.

**Eagle Scout Project**



And speaking of the Outdoor Chapel – do you remember that it was built by Brad Hadley as his Eagle Scout Project? Well we have another Boy Scout who is going after his Eagle Scout Badge. His name is Gabriel Couto and

he's from Boy Scout Troop 357 who meet in the Church Hall on Thursday evenings. The troop of 10 Scouts have already undertaken one major project at St. Faith's – the patching and repainting of the Priest's office. Now Gabriel, with their help, will refurbish the Outdoor Chapel. If you happen to meet up with any of the scouts let them know how much we appreciate them.



St. Faith's Vestry is at work trying to hurry the process of acquiring a new Priest for St. Faith's along. **Donna Lewis, our Sr. Warden reports:** *“The Vestry is meeting August 30 with Canon Debra Andrew from the Nehemiah Project.*

*She will lead the discussion on what vestry members learned from reading “Penguins in the Pews” and the Ted Talk. Regular Vestry meetings will resume September 13. The past few months have been a time of self discovery as we look at who we are as a congregation and what our wants and needs are. The Very Rev. John Tidy has recently been appointed by Bishop Eaton to serve as Canon of the Ordinary. Once he has had a chance to settle to his new position, we should be able to move ahead with our search for a full time or part time priest. Stay tuned.”* FYI – the book *“Penguins in the Pews”* is available for members of the congregation who are interested in reading it. It helps readers better understand the climate of a church's congregation. The Ted Project was a Podcast about “Developing Leaders” that the Vestry was required to watch .



Choir Resumes

The Choir resumes on September 10<sup>th</sup> **BUT WITH A NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR.** Dr. Greco resigned during the Summer and we were fortunate to get a lady who we all know by now



– **Ms. Virginia Covarrubias.** She's been with us for several Sundays and will now be with us permanently. PLEASE WELCOME HER – WE ARE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE HER. Virginia teaches Music at Miami Dade College. Hopefully, we can attract a couple of her students to sing with us, but whether that's the case or not – **WE URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SING IN THE CHOIR – ESPECIALLY MALE VOLUNTEERS.** If you know anyone – even if they go to another Church, who may be interested in singing with the Choir – please have them contact the office. Valrie Gayle will be happy to meet with them.

**Mission trip to St. Monica's Children's Home**



Some of our parishioners, Donna Lewis, Ann Abell, Tilcia Branch and Berenice Wallace (with family members) joined a mission team from St. Luke the

Physician led by Rev. Cori Olsen, and headed to Chapelton in the hills of Jamaica, to visit with St. Monica's Children's home, which is one of the Homes operated by the Anglican Diocese of Jamaica. They were given a real Jamaican welcome by the children and staff (which means lots of Jamaican food). Their days were filled with good things as they interacted with the children, teaching them and learning from them. They took with them items that the Home needs including clothing and bedding but they report that St. Monica's could really use some financial support to purchase uniforms etc. for the children. They learned that they can definitely survive without hot water, airconditioning and hair dryers – but that coffee is a must. And as an aside – St. Paul's Anglican Church in Chapelton, where they worshipped, just celebrated its 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Stewardship**



Thanks for Your Support!

**Our 2017 Stewardship campaign will begin in mid-October.** Please listen for information from the Vestry, and watch for your Pledge letters. Check the website regularly. St. Faith's needs your

help more than ever now, as our congregation dwindles. Even if you don't come to church regularly, your support is needed as the work of the church must continue. Help wherever you can. AND – if you have not caught up on your 2016 Pledges, please try to do so, as soon as you can.



WELCOME BACK

We welcomed **Deacon Marcea** during the summer and it was just as if she hadn't left – just picked up right where she left off. Now she's gone again, back to Seminary. This is her final year. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



Sadly we mourn the passing of our dear **Fr. White**, who went to be with the Lord on **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** after a brief illness. **Fr. White** was loved by all who knew him and we will surely miss him. His **Vigil and Memorial Service** were held at the Church of the Ascension. Both Services were

so well attended that the Church was filled to capacity. Please continue to hold Christine and her family in your prayers.

**School Supplies**



Your Food Pantry Clients thank you for the school supplies you provided for the start of the new school year. A total of 48 Backpacks, along with notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, rulers etc. were distributed. Thanks!



**The following whose birthdays are in September and October:**

Noel Heron	September 2
Myles Bullock	September 17
Vashti Duncker	September 21
Barry Bullock	September 23
Dorothy Culmer	September 24
Blanche Griffith	September 25
Stephen Guice	September 27
Jennifer Ridguard	October 1
Daniel White	October 9



**Altar Flowers look really good on the Altar, don't they? Remember that unless you donate to those flowers, there will be none on the Altar. Place your donations in the envelopes provided at the entrance to the Church and either drop the envelope in the collection**

**bag or give it to Esther in the office. You may donate in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving to the Lord for a birthday or for anything you choose. Minimum donation is \$20. Your sentiments are published in that Sunday's bulletin.**



**FOOD PANTRY**

Your Food Pantry continues to provide for the less fortunate among us. Special thanks go to the members of our congregation who continue to donate cash or items to the Pantry, as well as the congregation of St.

Luke the Physician who continue their monthly food drive for St. Faith's. For the months of **May, June & July a total of 566 bags were distributed.** These went to approximately 177 households each month, impacting 550 people who live in those households. Eight homeless kits were distributed. The Food Pantry now opens one day per week (on Thursdays from 9:15 – 1:30) instead of two. This has proven to be more efficient for all concerned.

*That's it – please watch your website & read your bulletins, and*

**Walk Good My Friends!**