

Moses to move into the land the Lord was giving them. But others who had scouted the land were fearful. Fear forecasts defeat, never victory. Fear enslaves us and immobilizes us to inaction, whether we hide it behind anger or smiles or a brave front. Often the thing we fear will come upon us. We have encouraged its existence. In that desert place it filtered through the ranks creating first dissatisfaction, then anarchy. Faith, on the other hand, will win the battle that God has prepared. Fortunately, the Hebrew people listened to Caleb and Joshua. Otherwise, they might have had to wander in the desert another 40 years. We all have desert places where fear holds us captive and we cannot move ahead to take the high ground God has called us to. Lord, increase our faith and destroy the fear that holds us back. Teach us to proclaim Your victory over our circumstances, and to see with Your vision rather than the darkness that fear sets before us. Psalms 87, 90; Romans 3:9-20, Matthew 19:1-12

Today's Birthdays

Richard Brace; Sam Dawson, III

Today's Anniversaries

Christopher & Shannon Stokes

Today's Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Health Ministry Commission CPR/AED Class (Lounge)

Calendar for Sunday, June 20, 2010

Happy Father's Day

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
 9:15 am Family Eucharist
 10:00 am Fellowship Commission Mtg. (Barber Hall)
 10:15 am Refreshments on the Lawn
 11:00 am Rite II Eucharist

OVERSEAS

Pvt. John Brauer III; Col. Brian Campbell; Cpl. Zachary Navarre; Ann Marie Teets; Sgt. David G. Walick, Jr.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your daily prayers the following people who are sick or recuperating:

New names this week are listed in bold

Calvin; Charlie; Christopher; Cija; Faye; Glenn; Lionel; Liza; **Mary**; Paul; Ruth; Susan; Tina; Tom; Cathy Aberg; Peggy Allison; Carl Anderson; Tyler Anderson; Anne Blosser; Shari Bonnet; Luke Burrier, Billy Chaplin; Ethel Chaplin; Elizabeth Cook, Jack de Raat; Roy Etter; Ian Freeman Evans; Carolyn Frye; Jan Gay, Wendy Gorrell; Reverend Constance Hammond; Doug Henderson; Randy Howard, David Hunt; Jerry Jones; Alice Marshall; Betty Nichols, Marsha Paller; Lois Patterson, Amirah Powell; Javyn Powell; Shana Powell; Xanya Powell; Xayvion Powell; Kristine Pruitt; Rice Family; Vincent Richards; Rose Schmid; Elizabeth Skinner; Dorothy Strafer; Jack Strafer; Dottie Taylor; Mary Ann Taylor; **Robert Tetlow**; Eleanor Thompson; Kitty Vaden; Sonny Vaden; Terry Lynn Voss; Trent Walradt; Jacob Ward; Donna Wicker

Please let Tammy, the Parish Secretary, know if you or a loved one need to be added to the prayer list and also call when that person has recovered so she can remove them from the list. You can email her at tbarber@trinity-fredericksburg.org or (540) 373-2996 x6.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of Burma. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. John's, McLean; Church of the Good Shepherd, Bluemont; St. Alban's, Annandale; Cople Parish, Hague; St. James', Montross.



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***Devotional readings for each day
 Parish birthdays; anniversaries; calendar; and
 prayer list***

Sunday, June 13, 2010

Numbers 6:22-27 *The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you.* (v.25 NAS) I started to write about Luke 48: "To whom much is given, much is required." But then I realized that *everything* I have been given has come through God's graciousness. His face was shining upon me while I was yet in my mother's womb. My life has been blessed throughout my days. I have been given so much that I don't know what is required of me except to acknowledge God's generous love. What can one *do* for God's face to shine upon you? Nothing! Only bask in His light and share His love with others. I am gradually learning. His blessing is to be received and shared. It is nothing I can deserve or earn but it is something I can recognize and proclaim. Psalms 93, 96; Acts 13:1-12; Luke 12:41-48

Today's Birthdays

Shirley Eutsler; Kenneth Pullen

Calendar for Sunday, June 13, 2010

8:00 am Rite I Eucharist
 9:15 am Family Eucharist
 10:15 am Refreshments on the Lawn
 11:00 am Rite II Eucharist

Monday, June 14, 2010

Romans 1:1-15 *That is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.* (v.12) As much as I enjoy being alone, I now realize that fellowship with other believers is what fulfills my joy. Paul longed for that fellowship also, that they might share spiritual gifts with each other. Do we know what our spiritual gifts are? Are we eager to share them with others? Sharing spiritual gifts is not really an

option; it sounds like a requirement if we want God to shine His face upon us. Nine spiritual gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12. Do we come together expecting to use those gifts? Do we expect miracles? Do we hear prophecy? Do we pray in tongues? Do we know that God will heal our diseases? I wonder how often we miss the light of His face by not seizing the gifts He places before us! Lord, help our unbelief and give us the boldness to receive what You offer. Numbers 9:15-23, 10:29-36; Psalm 80; Matthew 17:14-21

Today's Birthdays

Carol Allen; Andrew Bradshaw; Nicole Grinnan

Today's Anniversaries

John & Martha Crigler; Randy & Margaret Jones

Today's Calendar

6:00 pm Yoga (Loft)

6:30 pm Evangelism Commission (Rm. 14)

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

Romans 1:16-25 *For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.* (v.25) Years ago as I contemplated the return of Jesus and the good life I was currently living, I asked myself what I was willing to give up for Jesus. The answer was, "Not much." I liked the natural world around me. It occurred to me that I was not worshipping the Creator but his creation. I knew the order needed to change so I knelt in a chapel and asked God to help me to know Jesus. I expected to receive a deeper understanding about the sacrifice Jesus had made on the cross, or perhaps an intellectual revelation. Instead, I was overwhelmed with a sense of *love*. It permeated the space around me. It enveloped me. I was unprepared for my emotional response. It changed my life. Love created a relationship that wasn't there before. Numbers 11:1-23; Psalm 78:1-39; Matthew 17:22-27

Today's Birthdays

Stephen D'Andrea; Vicky Koch;

Joseph Leinenbach; Ryan Salyan; Katherine Wilshin

Today's Calendar

9:00 am-Noon Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)

2:00-4:00 pm Parish Nurse (Rm. 14)

3:30 pm Health Ministry Commission (Rm. 14)

5:30 pm Outreach (Jamison Hall)

Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Romans 1:28—2:11 *Therefore you are without excuse, every man of you who passes judgment, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.* (v.1) A few years ago I was in an inner healing support group that prayed for each other, whether or not we knew what we needed. I came out of one of those "soaking prayers" knowing I had been healed of *something*. When I asked the Lord what it was the response was "stiff-necked." To me that meant "arrogance." "You're not arrogant!" they all cried, to which I agreed. Eventually I asked the Lord to show me the arrogance. He did! I am still being healed, one layer at a time. Every time the Lord shows me a new arrogant position it is a new revelation, but then I have to work it out of my behavior. What I realize is that I can no longer judge another for their arrogance, a thing I used to detest in other people. That is often the case when we don't see the log in our own eye, but we see it in others. In essence, we are condemning ourselves. Numbers 11:24-35; Psalm 119:97-120; Matthew 18:1-9

Today's Birthdays

Zachary Griebler; George Howard

Today's Calendar

9:30 am Kuot Kuot's Citizenship Ceremony in Richmond

Noon Eucharist

7:00 pm Servant Commission (Lounge)

Thursday, June 17, 2010

Matthew 18:10-20 *"And if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church..."* (v.17a) My church has recently undertaken a "Peacemaker" course, where we learn to listen to each other and to realize that our perception is affected by our life experiences. My usual way to deal with conflict is to avoid it. One of the lessons was titled "The Silence that Stifles True Happiness." It showed me that avoiding a problem doesn't solve it. It also doesn't make it go away. The only solution is to face it squarely with the other person and let God's love shine His truth into it. If the other person won't agree to that, try bringing a third person into the matter. If that doesn't work, take it up with the church. *Who would do that?* Well, one answer is to have within the church a group trained in reconciliation who can mediate the Peacemaker principles. My church is working toward that goal. Meanwhile, I have

begun to see that the deep happiness of full fellowship is hindered by the easy way out—avoiding the issue. I am also seeing that this does not have to be a major conflict; a small splinter can irritate and eventually infect the body. As the Body of Christ we must be willing to pull out the splinters. Numbers 12:1-16; Psalm 83; Romans 2:12-24

Today's Birthdays

John Embrey; Kitty Ripley; Mary VanDevelder

Today's Anniversaries

Paul & Bette Fugitt

Today's Calendar

7:30 pm Communications Committee (Lounge)

Friday, June 18, 2010

Matthew 18:21-35 *"And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt."* (v.27) Forgiveness involves not only the will but the heart. The master not only forgave the debt, he released his servant from all obligation for it. It was erased. Only God's compassion in us can allow us to do that! Yet, unforgiveness that we allow to remain deep within us holds us in slavery to itself. We have created our own prison regardless of how "right" we may be. I remember when my husband came home to a jabbering and noisy household and began sulking and behaving poorly. I prayed about it, wondering what was wrong. The Lord said, "Ask forgiveness." I didn't understand what it was about but I obeyed. Dan forgave, and when he did my eyes were opened to see the hectic situation he had walked into when what he wanted was rest from a long day at work. Sometimes we just don't see the problem until we have taken a step in faith to ask forgiveness. Lord, help us to understand the need for compassionate forgiveness. Numbers 13:1-3, 21-30; Psalm 88; Romans 2:25—3:8

Today's Birthdays

Patrick Clark

Saturday, June 19, 2010

Numbers 13:31—14:25 *But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are too strong for us."* (v.31) Caleb saw that the Lord was on the side of the Israelites and he encouraged