

Early September 2005

News of the people and ministries of Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Sanibel, Florida



University of Florida Organist comes to us as Director of Music

We are pleased that our new Director of Music has joined us.

Willis Bodine, recently retired longtime University Organist and Carillonneur and Music Professor at the University of Florida, begins September 1.

He comes to us after a careful and deliberate year-long interim and search process that included a Music Study Committee, a separate Search Committee, and several interim musicians.

We envision an expanded music program including more attention to liturgical music on Sundays, and to our Parish Choir. The position of Director of Music is a half-time position.

Willis Bodine is a native of Texas, and holds degrees from The University of Texas at Austin in church music and musicology, with the Performer's Certificate in Organ.

Under a Fulbright grant he studied organ, harpsichord and early music at the Nordwestdeutsche Musikakademie in Lippe-Detmold, Germany.

He is married to Anna Schoff Hartung of San Antonio, a musician and writer; they have daughters in Atlanta and Durham, two granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren.

He was University Organist and Carillonneur at the University of Florida from 1959 to 2003, with organ and carillon recitals in New York, North Carolina, Texas and Florida, and research travel to Germany, Holland and France. He conducted the UF Chamber Singers (1966-1981), was harpsichordist of the Florida Baroque Ensemble (1968-1993) and Musical Director of The Willis Bodine Chorale (1986-2004) in the Gainesville community.

His 1956 composition *Music for the Parish Eucharist* was included in supplements to *The Hymnal 1940* of the Episcopal Church, and his more recent works have been commissioned for churches and universities in North Carolina, Texas and Florida.

Among his avocational interests are genealogy, historical architecture, travel and woodworking.

Parishioners are encouraged to meet Willis after Sunday services at Coffee Hours. The Saint Michael's Parish Choir begins rehearsing in mid-October. Plan now to join this group for musical delights, social interaction with interesting people, and service to the Church. Willis Bodine may be reached in his office at the church at 472-2173, after hours at home at 395-2342, or cell (352) 256-1069.

A more complete set of stories on Willis and our music ministries will be published soon.

Coming Up

Covered Dish Supper

Wednesday,

September 7th

is an indoor picnic.

Hot Dogs and

Grilled Burgers supplied!

Worship is at the heart of all we do

We invite you to worship with us:

Saturdays 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Sundays 8 a.m. Rite I Eucharist with hymns
Sundays 10 a.m.* Holy Eucharist with hymns
(*With Sunday Overseas Shuttle)
Wednesdays 9 a.m. Eucharist with prayers for healing

Announcements

Join us for the September First Wednesday Covered Dish Supper – this month it's an indoor picnic, with hot dogs and grilled hamburgers supplied! See you Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 in the Parish Hall.

The Shell Point Village Thursday 10 a.m. Eucharist has been suspended through the summer. The next Shell Point Village service will be Thursday, October 6th at 10 a.m.

The Church Office Schedule: Monday through Thursday 9 – 1 p.m., and Friday 9 – noon.

The CCMi Soup Kitchen does much more than serve lunch. In addition to as many as 350 meals per day, they provide daycare and other family services (food, clothing, shelter) to poor or impoverished parents and their children. They have also teamed up with Meals-on-Wheels, who provide home delivered meals to those in need. The Soup Kitchen recently started a once-a-week health clinic to provide basic medical care for those who are uninsured and cannot afford a doctor's visit. Volunteering at the Soup Kitchen can be in the form of meal preparation, attending to children at the Day Care Center, or administrative work. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.

Volunteer to help meal preparation at the CCMi Soup Kitchen this summer.

St. Michael's dates are Friday, September 2nd, and Friday, October 7th. Please volunteer to help those who need help. Sign up in the Parish Hall.



CCMI Food In-gathering: The Soup Kitchen runs a Food Service Pantry for filling food bags for families and for preparing meals for Meals-on-Wheels and meals served and eaten at The Soup

Kitchen. Baskets are in the Parish Hall, so you can bring donations of non-perishable food (unopened packaged or canned) anytime in September and October to the Church. The following items are needed to stock the Food Service Pantry: The Soup Kitchen needs most: Boxed macaroni & cheese, Breakfast cereal and 4 oz packs of fruit juice, October – boxed stuffing mix and instant mashed potatoes, November – 8 oz Styrofoam cups & 3 compartment "to-go" plates, December – pork & beans. Donated food will be delivered to the CCMi Soup Kitchen.



Gifts of securities: When asking your broker to transfer securities to the church's brokerage account, please contact the church. Our broker will not have and cannot trace the name of the donor otherwise. Please contact Edie in the Parish Office: 239 472-2173 (ext. 7).

Children's Ministries News:

Plans are in the works for a children's education program to begin in the late fall and run through season.

The Rev. Suzy Post is working on a new Sunday morning education program, and help is needed! **NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY.** All you need is a willing heart to teach our children about their Lord!

If you have any interest in working with children please speak with Suzy. Supplies and lessons are provided and people teach in teams.

Coming up in early October

... a resumption of the "Wednesday morning group" studying creative worship opportunities. Details to come!

Join us in the Church for the Annual Blessing of the Animals. This year in the Church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, October 1st. Bring your pets (or photos of them) for prayers and thanksgivings.

Hurricane Relief

Thousands of families are homeless from New Orleans to Biloxi and eastward. If you would like to help in a direct way, earmark a check “Hurricane” and send it to Saint Michael’s. We’ll put it to work through churches in the Diocese of Louisiana and the Diocese of Mississippi, where the Episcopal Relief and Development agency also has been at work since immediately after the storm.

Hurricane Reminders:



Hurricane Katrina reminded us of a few things:

Our Hurricane Policy is to maintain our service schedule unless evacuation orders or common sense (including causeway conditions) require otherwise. We update our 24-hour telephone system and our website to reflect any changes: 472-2173 and www.saintmichaels-sanibel.org

Where is the staff?

Donald Fishburne lives on island as does Parish Secretary Mary Jo Bunnell and Director of Music Willis Bodine. Donald’s normal policy is that in an evacuation he would be last to leave and strive to be among the first to return (with firefighters). Suzy Post lives off island, as does Parish Administrator Edie Huggins, and we would strive to set up a “satellite Saint Michael’s” off-island, near HealthPark or Shell Point, as we did after Hurricane Charley.

If conditions demand, we close the buildings and follow evacuation orders. Critical information databases have multiple, redundant backups, and are stored out of state. Our website, being hosted at secure sites out of state, is available to us for updates.

Junior Warden Lee Almas recently saw to it that the church windows on the Periwinkle Way side of the church have hurricane protection plastic over them. Only those doors and windows that have been installed in our buildings in the last 5 years meet present hurricane codes. Some will be replaced in the planned expansion of the Parish Hall.

We hope and expect our relatively new roofs would hold against a Category 3 or 4 storm, as they did last year. But a direct hit by a catastrophic hurricane with a storm surge would be just that – catastrophic.

We have been informed that our hurricane insurance rates will not go up in the year to come – but our hurricane deductible will rise from 2% to 5% -- the typical standard. The Vestry is wrestling with whether to “self-insure” the 5% deductible or “buy it down” to 2%. The good news is that the Episcopal Church owns its own insurance company and we have a good record with that company.

In short: in a storm, be vigilant and cautious. Know that we will do what we can to stay here, or to evacuate but stay in touch. **The website is the primary means of contact** and can be accessed from almost anywhere; our phones are less reliable after a storm and should be called only in an emergency. Should we evacuate and anticipate losing phone service on island, calls to the Church are forwarded to clergy cell phones for emergency response.

Vestry Notes

The regular August Vestry Meeting was held on Saturday, August 27. The Rev. Donald Fishburne, Rector, presided. All but one member (who was on a ship at the time) were present or in communication by telephone.

The Rector asked for prayers for those about to be afflicted by Hurricane Katrina, for seriously ill parishioners, families, and friends, for college students, and for Navy corpsmen serving with a Marine unit in Iraq.

Men’s Ministry Report: Ralph Clark is spearheading, along with Don Adams, John Pryor, and Alex Flesh, the development of a Men’s Ministry. Men of the parish will be invited to monthly meetings involving speakers, prayer, and discussion, starting in November. Details will follow.

Rector’s Report: The Rector expressed gratitude for the faithful service of Associate Rector Suzy Post during his time away earlier this summer. He said the Worship Commission this fall will be studying worship schedules for next summer and the year following.

A draft employment contract between the Parish and Willis Bodine, our choice for Director of Music and organist/choirmaster, was presented. Several changes were offered by Vestry members. Willis begins September 1.

The Rector received Vestry approval for his proposal to move at the next Convention that Diocesan Canons be changed so as to permit the appointment/election of Senior and Junior Wardens from the congregation, thus eliminating the requirement that they must first be elected to the Vestry. He also received Vestry approval to apply for a grant from the Louisville Institute to fund a three-month Sabbatical for him in either 2006 or 2007.

The Rector is entertaining Olin Mills Co.’s proposal for preparation of a Parish digital (and online) pictorial directory at no cost to the parish.

Department during the Independence Day Parade was discussed; the use of water cannons by a few was viewed as disturbing to several parade participants. The use of water canons in front of the church will be actively discouraged in the future.

ECW Report: President Marge Hohns reported that Noah’s Ark’s Summer season just ended was a great success; receipts totaled \$41,234.

Senior Warden’s Report: Dottie Moore recently arrived on island and has been in conversation with the Rector.

Associate Rector’s Report: The Rev. Suzy Post is on vacation; the Rector reported in her absence that on the Saturday before the Feast of Saint Francis, the ceremony of Blessing of the Animals will be held in the church this year.

Share Our Blessings Report: As of June 30, SOB funds on hand totaled \$167,600. The Unpaid Pledge Balance (almost all due in 2005) was \$69,944. Funds available for SOB projects are expected to amount to at least \$217,000 by year-end.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Carr presented income and expense statements for the month of July and Year to Date (YTD). YTD income (excluding a bequest of \$25,000) totaled \$290,065, vs. the pro-rata income budget (i.e., 7/12 of the annual budget) of \$282,476. YTD expenses totaled \$281,476, vs. the pro-rata expense budget of \$284,175. Thus, we received \$7,848 more than budgeted and spent \$2,699 less than budgeted. Contributions from ECW have exceeded pro-rata budget, and those from individuals were below budget. Expenses were lower than budgeted because 1) we have not begun to pay for a salaried organist and 2) the receipt of the gift of a bus and the use of volunteer drivers has reduced “Overseas Shuttle” costs. There were expense overruns in Stewardship, Office Equipment (copier), and Custodial costs.

Junior Warden’s Report: Lee Almas reported on a variety of property issues he has dealt with recently: roof leaks, rats in the Parish Hall, sewage lift pump maintenance, and others. Impact-resistant plastic has been installed to protect the church’s stained glass windows. Our building expansion plans have been approved by the Sanibel Planning Department, and must now pass Building Department approval. Two bids for the work have been received, and a third is expected soon. Office renovations/reorganization (contracted separately) will follow the completion of the new rooms. Dry termites in the administration building will be exterminated on a schedule to be determined. A draft Church Vehicle Policy offered in May was discussed but requires further study. It was agreed that, until further action, the bus would continue to be used solely for shuttling parishioners to and from the Shell Point area to attend the 10 AM Sunday service.

The Vestry approved to continue co-ownership at 20 percent of the Rector’s dwelling on Mockingbird Drive, including improvements recently completed.

Future Vestry meetings are scheduled for September 24, and October 22. The Diocesan Convention will be in Fort Myers (Harborside Convention Center) on December 3.

-- Bill Carr

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September Birthdays

- Sept 1 Sterling Newell, Melinda Pavlu
2 Betty Thomas
3 Frances Kennedy
6 Richard Allen, Mary Agnes Melton
8 Ruth Denhart, Don Reid
10 Art Napier, Lil Waterhouse
11 Joseph Wiggins
12 Ralph Korn,
13 Roxie Bashian, Bob McLeod
14 Jim Jordan
15 Tyler Edgar
17 Gayle Boisseau
18 George Vernay
19 Jim Hunter, Dick Kent
20 Marvin C. Bradley, Jr.

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH
2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL 33957

- 21 Anne Hall
23 David Connor, Wes Dirks, Paul Goddard,
Mozella Jordan, Jeff Vollmer
24 Mary Vollmer
28 Milbrey Rushworth
30 Beryl Flesh

September Anniversaries

- Sept 8 The Richard Allens
9 The Ballards, The Millers
11 The Hursts, The Kirvens
12 The Wagners
13 The Wests
14 The Bigelows
16 The Jack Rushworths
20 The Fuchs
24 The Cuscadens

Noah's Ark

Closed in September.

The Ark reopens on Monday, Oct 3rd.

Noah's Ark needs volunteers to work during September, even though the shop is closed to shoppers for that month. Join us Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to sort and display donations. We encourage new volunteers – men and women – to join us. Call the shop at 472-3356, or speak with Betty Carr or Linda Korn.

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