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SUNDAYS in SUMMER

8:00 am

Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

Holy Eucharist

5:00 pm

Holy Eucharist

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 pm

Holy Eucharist with Healing

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Next issue: August 15

Deadline: August 10

FROM THE ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Dear Parish Family,

I'm on vacation in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and, literally, doing some "beach reading" as I alternate between two books. One is *Reconciliation: The Ubuntu Theology of Desmond Tutu* by Michael Battle. The other is *Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of SEAL Team 10* by Marcus Luttrell (with Patrick Robinson). The Rt. Rev. Desmond Tutu, the former Anglican primate of South Africa, was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace. Leading Petty Officer Luttrell, a combat-trained SEAL who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, was awarded the Navy Cross for combat heroism. As you can imagine, each of these two remarkable and accomplished men look at the world from radically different perspectives.

Indeed, it's disorienting to flip back and forth between these two books. *Lone Survivor* tells the gripping story of a tall Texan and three fellow U.S. Navy SEALs sent on a mission to capture or kill a notorious Al Qaeda leader known to be lurking in a mountainous Taliban stronghold surrounded by a host of heavily armed fighters. *Reconciliation* is the fascinating account of a diminutive South African who blended the ways of traditional African culture with Christian theology to create a bold vision for the peaceful dismantling of apartheid racism. A sailor. A bishop. War. Peace. Two different men living in two different worlds. And I'm sure that Tutu and Luttrell – if brought together in the same room – would, though both Christians, disagree passionately (if respectfully) on a wide range of theological and political topics.

And yet, as I held these two books in uneasy tension, unlikely similarities emerged. Both subjects felt themselves to be engaged in a struggle between light and darkness, good and evil, life and death. Both subjects waded into the midst of violence and put their own lives on the line, risking death itself, to serve a higher cause.

And both subjects believed strongly in community. Yes, they used very different language to express it. And

they acted it out in very different ways. But both knew themselves to be intensely, and intimately – even mystically – connected to others.

Archbishop Tutu asserted that we can be human only in community. Our identity as people made in the very image of God can only be fully realized when we recognize and respect that image in the other (even in the enemy), and labor together for the good that lies beyond any individual or ethnic group. Similarly, Leading Petty Officer Luttrell celebrated the "brotherhood": the sacred bond that glues disparate individuals into a team that serves together, strives together, and never yields – even in the face of death. This web of connection ripples out in ever-widening circles to embrace families and friends, even nation and world.

This broad concept is, of course, not alien to our faith tradition. In the pivotal story of the Hebrew scriptures, God brought a rag-tag mob of slaves out of Egypt and forged them into a people in the perilous wilderness. In the centuries that followed, God sent prophets whenever the people forgot that their communal calling was to live in peace and care for one another – especially the vulnerable. The Gospels tell the story of Jesus, whose first act in ministry was to gather a team of twelve to walk with him. And thereafter he constantly startled people, in word and deed, as he sought to stir their hearts with love for the whole human family. Later, St. Paul, trying to describe the nature of the emerging Christian community, repeatedly used the image of one body with many members. Yes, each individual member is unique and valuable; yet each is unintelligible alone apart from its relationship to the whole.

Perhaps it has always been so, but it seems to me that we live in an increasingly fractured and polarized world. In the face of multiple challenges and dangers, the primitive response is to sink into a morass of fear and self-preservation that leads nowhere. Now, more than ever, it seems to me that the people of God (that is to say, *all* people) need to remember that we ultimately belong not to ourselves, but to God, and to one another. Just imagine the good things that could happen if we came together and dared to act heroically... together.

Faithfully,
Charlie

Note: The Very Rev. Michael Battle, the author of *Reconciliation* (and Provost & Canon Theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles) will be visiting the Church of the Redeemer the weekend of March 2, 2008.

Voices from the Third World

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians from Cincinnati who are serving as missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana through the South American Missionary Society. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macoris in the Dominican Republic. E-mail: DohnFamily@sams-usa.org .

I was sitting on the edge of a mattress at a friend's house. Crouching under the edge of a mosquito net that I was supporting with my left arm, I was examining an injured child. It was evening and there was no electricity that night in that barrio. I was clutching a candle with my right hand in order to see anything.

I was examining an 8-year-old girl who had been treated earlier that day for extensive burns of the left arm. A brief glance told me that she had second- and third-degree burns from shoulder to fingers, covered with ointment. She had been burned in a house fire the previous night.

A candle had caught a mattress on fire.

That's when I thought, "What in the world am I doing?" and said, "Somebody take this candle!" I spent a few more minutes talking to her in the darkness.

Her family's two room house had burned completely to the ground the night before. That barrio has not had any electricity at night for the last several months, so there are plenty of open flames in that neighborhood every night. And those little wood and tin shacks (essentially containing just people, their clothes, and bedding) go fast if they catch fire. One brother had died in the fire and another was badly burned and had been taken to a hospital in Santo Domingo

This girl's 11-year-old sister had escaped unhurt and both of them were now staying with our friend – a single mom with six sons of her own who normally shared three beds among themselves. Theirs was a somewhat better, three-room, mostly concrete house

two houses down from the one that burned. But they needed some extra bed capacity and Michael had been setting up a roll-away bed that they had asked us to bring over (one we keep for guests to use).

At times we find ourselves in situations that our training and experience never anticipated – like bedside exams by candlelight under drooping mosquito nets. Well ... at least Michael knew how to set-up the roll-away bed.

Keep praying,
Anita

Making a difference with our voices

Thanks to everyone who participated in the offering of letters on Sunday, July 22. That day, members of our congregation offered their voices up in the service of struggling farmers around the world, and right here in America, by writing Congress and asking them to amend the Farm Bill as it comes up for renewal. In total, we wrote 40 letters – that's great! I'm elated at the enthusiastic gathering of voices in our parish that asked for change. If passed with amendments like those we requested, the reformed Farm Bill would encourage fair trade (MDG #8), help developing world farmers to afford to grow their own food (MDG #1) rather than depending on food aid, and free up money to help make fresh produce available to the hungry and poor here in the U.S., as well as encourage economic development in struggling rural areas of the U.S. Not bad, eh?

As I'm writing this, the best amendment in the House was just defeated, but other good ones are still up for debate before the recess. I have hope our letters will tug at the conscience of our politicians, prompting change. Thanks for all your help in this effort (and if you're on the ONE or EPPN email list, keep an eye out for phone-in action requests).

Would you like to do more to work to help further progress towards the Millennium Development Goals? Next year, I'd like to try some new educational, fund-raising and activism MDG projects, but I'd like to discuss the options with other interested folks. Can you help me? Call or email if you'd like more information. Thanks!

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Responding to voices in our community

Hyde Park Center for Older Adults

The Hyde Park Center, located at 2800 Erie Avenue, is a multi-service community center serving the area's older population. On Saturday, August 4, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Center will hold its annual flea market to raise funds to fund its services. On sale will be household items, jewelry, books, and many other interesting and unique items. Please stop by on Saturday!

Habitat for Humanity

We continue to make good progress on our Habitat house. We have been working on the porch, hanging gutter boards, wrapping Tyvec around window openings, sheathing the roof, covering the roof with tar paper, hanging windows, and getting ready for our framing inspection.

We still need volunteers for every Saturday. We typically work from 8 am until 4 pm. You are welcome to work the morning shift, afternoon shift, or all day. Drop-ins are welcome, but if you know in advance that you are able to volunteer, please send me an email or sign up in the narthex. Your advance sign-up is appreciated because it helps us to make sure that we have enough lunch and enough work planned.

We also need volunteers to provide lunch for Saturdays in August. Please specify if you can help with lunch.

The house is located at 6305 Sierra St. Feel free to drive by at any time to check out progress. Directions to the house: Red Bank Rd to north on Madison Rd. Turn left on Glenshade (opposite Saab dealer); the first right is Sierra St, and 6305 is the second house on your right.

Jack Barter
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IHN TIME: Beginning August 5 we welcome our next group of guests through **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**. Please call Bob Schlanz at 533-1367 to help with this ministry to homeless families.

More voices calling you

PUSH FOR PENCILS is Crayons to Computers' **back-to-school supply drive**, benefitting needy children in the community so that every child can start the new school year ready to learn with adequate supplies. At Crayons to Computers (C2C), teachers of needy students can "shop" to obtain the community's donated supplies for their classrooms at no charge. Studies show that students with proper supplies have a better chance of succeeding in school. Teachers typically spend \$500 to \$1,000 of their own money on basic classroom supplies each year. We ask for donations of school supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, glue, lined paper, construction paper, folders, scissors, rulers, markers, and notebooks), and we then distribute them to teachers who see that the neediest children get the supplies they need. Cash donations are also welcome. Checks may be written to Crayons to Computers. Bins for your donation are in the narthex and the reception area at Redeemer until the end of August.

Volunteers are needed for the **DEUPREE COMMUNITY MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM**. Volunteers must have their own vehicle and a valid driver license. Orientation and training are provided, as well as free lunch on delivery days. The Deupree Community Meals on Wheels program operates Monday through Friday, delivering meals at midday and serving approximately 450 meals per day to those in need. Your support can make a tremendous difference. Please call 561-8150 or email aschneider@erhinc.com. *JOIN THE REDEEMER STAFF IN THIS GREAT MINISTRY!*

The MADISONVILLE EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE CENTER (MEAC) will host its Second Annual Celebrity Banquet and Auction on Friday, September 21 at 6:30 pm, at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza. Guests will enjoy a delicious three-course dinner served by local celebrities, live music, entertainment, and a silent auction. The cost is \$60 per person or \$500 for a table of ten. Please call Jessica Wabler at 233-2498 if you would like to receive an invitation in the mail or if you have any questions.

To mark the second anniversary of **HURRICANE KATRINA**, the National Council of Churches' Special Commission for the Just Rebuilding of the Gulf Coast is sponsoring Ecumenical Work Week from August 19 to 25 in New Orleans. Volunteers can participate for part or all of the week. Highlights include a clergy listening

tour (for clergy to listen to residents), a one-day work trip over to Mississippi, and worship every day. More information is available at on the diocesan website at www.episcopal-dso.org/pdf/LetterEWW.pdf.

Do good by listening to steel drum music, eating rum cake, and putting on your most colorful clothes. St. Andrew's, Evanston, is hosting its Fifth Annual **CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL** on Saturday, August 25, from 1 pm to 5 pm in the church parking lot (at the corner of Montgomery and Rutland near Dana). Come enjoy the Firelyte Steel Drum Band, children's games, awesome Island cooking, a raffle with great prizes, and some tropical hospitality. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew's community outreach program. For more information, you may call Gloria Turnage at 829-1904.

ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL HOME, a nursing facility operated by the Sisters of the Transfiguration in Glendale with just nineteen private rooms, has been called the best kept secret in Glendale. In an effort to become less of a secret and to celebrate its 50th anniversary, St. Mary's is holding an open house on Sunday, August 12, from 3 pm to 5 pm. Everyone is invited. If you have any questions, you may call the Sisters of the Transfiguration at 771-2171. St. Mary's is located at 469 Albion Avenue in Glendale.

As part of the Art Committee's efforts to install beautiful and meaningful art on our walls, we have started a **COLLECTION OF CROSSES** for the north wall of the Max Long Parlor. Our goal is to have the congregation collect a wide variety of crosses. As you travel, keep an eye out for beautiful crosses that might be good additions to our collection. They can be just a few inches high, but should not exceed 15 inches. If you find a cross you'd like to donate, please put your name, the date and the country where it was made on the back, and bring it to the parish office. The Art Committee will then consider adding it to our collage of crosses. Please help our display to grow by donating a cross from your visits to exotic places – or simply from your visit to a local artist or import shop.

Episcopal Retirement Homes and the Cancer Treatment Centers of America are co-sponsoring a program called **OUR JOURNEY OF HOPE** for those who wish to reach out to cancer patients and their families. The program will be here on Saturday, August 25 from 9 am to 5 pm. The cost is just \$20; for more information, call 272-5555 x4218.

CORE, Redeemer's young adult group, is taking a canoe trip on Saturday, August 25. Meet at Redeemer at 9:30 am. We will float from Fort Ancient to Morrow and finish up with lunch. The cost is \$32 per canoe; please contact Jill at 470-0694 to reserve your spot.

The **BOOK GROUP's** next book will be *Lost Mother* by Mary McGarry Morris. The group will meet on September 5, at 7:30 pm, in the parish library. If you would like to join us or have a book suggestion for the coming year, contact Nancy Schulhoff (891-2786).

rites of passage

Since the last publication of this column, we have marked the following milestones in our parish life:

Baptisms **July 8**

Maiselle Lane Monks, daughter of Raena and Max
Isabelle Marie Howard, daughter of Patty and Dave

Marriages

Christine Engel and Jim Bennett July 7

New members

Andi Ferguson with Evie 5315 Hunter Ave. 45212

Diane Shank with Maddie (Lansberry)
975 Hill St. 45202

Eric and Courtney Vice 2252 Jefferson Ave. #3 45212

Returning members

Bryan McCleary and Anne Sesler with Chris and Nick
1002 Richwood Circle 45208

Deaths

Clarence D. Burrow, father of Dave Burrow July 6

Leota Kline, grandmother of Anne Galluzzo July 11

Lorraine Hardy, grandmother of Chuck Hardy July 29

Steve Massong, grandfather of Mike Harris July 30

PARISH CALENDAR
EVERY WEEK THIS SUMMER

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am Summer Blend (Eucharist) in the Sanctuary
Child care for the youngest ones (under age 4)

11:15 am Fellowship and lemonade

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Monday

1:00 pm Staff meeting

Wednesday

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing in the Chapel

Thursday

8:00 pm Al-Anon meeting

Friday

8:30 pm AA meeting

Upcoming events

August 4	8:00 am	Habitat workday
August 5	5:30 pm	IHN hosting begins
August 6	3:00 pm	Facilities Management
	7:00 pm	Poetry Lovers
August 7	7:00 pm	Theology Group
August 8	12 noon	Downtown Bible Study resumes
	5:30 pm	Admin Committee
	7:30 pm	Mission Implementation Team
August 9	10:00 am	Bible Study resumes
August 10	9:00 am	Newsletter deadline
August 11	8:00 am	Habitat workday
	9:00 am	Freestore/Foodbank
August 12	11:15 am	Mission Board
	11:15 am	Liturgy Board
	3:00 pm	Benedictine Way Chapter meeting
August 13	5:30 pm	Stewardship
	7:00 pm	Vestry
August 14	7:30 pm	CORE Bible Study
August 15	9:00 am	<i>Redeemer News</i> collating
August 18	8:00 am	Habitat workday
August 19	11:15 am	Adult Formation Ministry Team
	11:15 am	Pastoral Board
August 24	9:00 am	<i>Redeemer News</i> deadline
August 25	8:00 am	Habitat workday
	9:00 am	Journey of Hope
	9:30 am	CORE canoe trip
August 26	10:30 am	Outdoor worship

