

November Anniversaries

- 11/8 Jackie & Pam Jennings
- 11/17 Steve & Anita Reisdorfer
- 11/26 Rudy & Ruth Ann Wallace



Happy Anniversary



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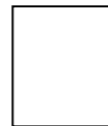
Reaching Individuals and Families of the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!

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November Birthdays

- 11/4 Noa Grace Welborn
- 11/11 Rudy Wallace
- 11/11 Teddye Read
- 11/11 Rudy Wallace
- 11/11 Earl Yarbrough
- 11/12 Jackie Jennings
- 11/30 Rodney Brown
- 11/30 Barbara Robken

Happy Birthday!!!



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"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said ..."

Acts 13.2

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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We usually fast to lose some extra weight. Some dear friends recently took a cruise to the Bahamas. They were thrilled with the service and arrangements. There was one complaint. No WIFI. The cruise line charged \$150 for the privilege of 'being connected.' Computer, cell phone ... all came at a high price. They did without these contemporary necessities. What they discovered was the free time that came as a result. One comment was "we actually talked to one another." How novel! Imposed fasting whether by free choice or finances paid off in unexpected dividends. Do you need to lose some weight? Most of us would say "yes." Does our church need to lose some weight? Most of us haven't given it a thought. The verse noted from Acts 13.2 connects the church's worship of the Lord with fasting. How might those two things go together?

Worship is the giving of oneself whole-heartedly to another; to count the relationship so fundamental to our identity that it comes first. Jesus summarizes this understanding in the Great Commandment (Mt. 22.37). The word worship is part of the Anglican Marriage Service, The groom and bride sum up their vows to one another with "and with my body I thee worship." What are they saying? "All that I am, all that I have, I surrender to you in love." That's worship. Just as marriage requires "fasting" from selfishness, activities and other conjugal relationships, our worship of the Lord requires no less. Who has first place in your life? What is keeping you from the Lord? Who is first in the parish's life? What is keeping us from the Lord? That leads us to "fasting."

"Fasting" from food or drink is an ancient spiritual practice of the Church. But what about fasting from activities that keep us from the Lord? Are you so immersed in computer, texting or talking on the cell phone or some other personal distraction that you spend little time with Jesus? The same question could be posed to us corporately. Are we so overextended as a church that we are missing the work to which the Lord is calling us? How many Bible studies, fellowships, prayer meetings and service projects are you involved in on a weekly basis? Are we engaged personally in reaching others with the transforming love of Jesus? Are we so busy we simply attend holy huddles and never share the blessings of faith in Jesus with those who don't know Him?

Along with weekly corporate worship around the Lord's Table, personal involvement in a weekly home Bible study/fellowship is essential to our spiritual growth. Who can you invite to weekly worship or fellowship? Are you praying for the name of those who need to know the Lord? Will you fast from other activities to reach others with the transforming love of Jesus? "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting the Holy Spirit said: 'Set aside Paul and Barnabas for the work for which I have called

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them. "Holy Spirit, focuses our minds and hearts on the work to which you have called us. Teach us the value of fasting from our "necessary" distractions. Thank You for calling us to invest ourselves in the work of reaching others with the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We are securely His own forever,



Stan Burdock
Pastor

Vestry Notes

The Good Shepherd vestry met in the church library at 6:00 p.m. All vestry members were present except Corey Peddy. The meeting opened with Evening Prayer. The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved. The Financial Secretary's report was reviewed and discussed and correspondence was read. David Harrison reported that approximately \$48,000 remains on the Steib note for the lot next door. Rodney Brown reported repairs to the air conditioning unit had been completed and is preparing information for his successor as he leaves the vestry in January. Teddye Read advised that she will be trying to get the church brochure completed in the near future. The Vestry discussed the commercial ad that is being produced. Nan Barber reported that the Wednesday morning Bible study group will be taking a break until January when it will begin a new Beth Moore program. Father Stan advised that so far approximately \$10,000. has been raised for the Angelo Global Health Initiative and funds are still coming in. Father Stan encouraged everyone to take note of all the activities between now and Christmas. It was decided that instead of having the Christmas Feast in December which is already crowded with activities; we will celebrate with a Twelfth Night of Christmas on January 5th. Jean Yarbrough reported that the Italian luncheon was a success. A Praise and Graze will be held October 26 at the Gurley home. The Stewardship Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 17th at 6:00 pm. at Rio Concho West. Billie Smithwick reported on the greeters' meetings. The meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:38 p.m.

~Billie Ruth Hodges

Autumn Leaves of Thanks!

The children made autumn leaves to hang on the Parish Hall Tree for the month of November; they are available on the table in the Narthex. Write one thing that you thank the Lord for, and they will be placed on the Tree. Thanks kids, Cheri, Rodney, Stephanie and Corey for this great idea!

Thank You Teddye Read

Teddye works for KIDY-FOX San Angelo, and arranged for the church to have a professional TV commercial made at no charge to the church. Watch for it on a local station soon! One more way we are *Reaching the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!*

Current Projects & Updates

Project Dignidad

Project Dignidad needs your help!

In November there will be 11 days, counting weekends that no meal is served at school and 16 in December. That means 27 days, times 2 meals, makes 54 meals, many kids will go hungry. Please start brining items or donations to the church for Dignidad to share.

~ Lucia Smith

DECEMBER'S CALENDAR PREVIEW

- Dec. 1 - First Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 14 - Quiet Day - Meditation and Using Anglican Prayer Beads
- Dec. 22 - Pizza and Salad Luncheon - Noon
 - "Hanging of the Greens" - 12:30 pm
 - "Hosting Concho River Festival of Lights" - 5:30-10:00 pm
- Dec. 24 - Christ Mass Eve Candlelight Holy Eucharist - 7:00 pm
- Dec. 25 - Christ Mass Day Festival Holy Eucharist - 10:30 am
- Dec. 26 - Church Office Closed
- Jan. 5 - Twelfth Night of Christmas Dinner and Evening Prayer - 5:00 PM



We continue to collect aluminum cans to benefit the Good Samaritan Orphanage in Mbeya, Tanzania. Please rinse out cans before placing them in the large container outside the church office. We appreciate your continuing support of the effort!

Emmanuel Project

Our deepest thanks to all of you who have been supporting us in prayer for Puentes de Vida, the infant-maternal health program for the Cabecar indigenous people in Costa Rica. As expected, we have been experiencing the pains and challenges associated with birthing a new phase of a program.

In August, the women health promoters began by mapping their areas by surveying each household for pregnant women and infants under the age of 1 year, along with obtaining GPS coordinates for each home and potential landing site for helicopter emergency evacuation in each community.

In September, the women began visits to the pregnant women and infants in their communities. Below is a brief description of what the women have been facing, along with prayer requests.

It has begun. The women who have been so diligent in their training to be maternal-infant health promoters have begun to put their classroom knowledge into practice for their own people. They have begun to visit each woman and infant in the communities they serve. They have begun to leave the comfort of their own homes and sometimes community to reach those who are the most isolated of a people group who is already marginalized. Even more than health promoters, they have become advocates for each woman and infant they serve. A voice for the voiceless.

It has not been pretty. Mothers and infants denied health care because they are not registered in the Costa Rican national registry, in spite of a Costa Rican law extending free healthcare to ALL pregnant women and children in the country (regardless of legal status). A four-month old who lost his mother to drowning because her foot became entrapped while crossing a river while the river was rising. A seriously ill 15 year-old pregnant woman from a distant community whose spouse and family would not help her get out to the clinic because they were too occupied with getting drunk. A pregnant woman who lost her baby at 7 months because her drunken spouse beat her - the fourth time this woman has lost a child in this way. A pregnant 13 year old, likely a victim of incest.

It has not been easy. Walking for hours and, at times, days to unknown jungle communities in the steep mountains and sometimes getting lost. Leaving their own children at home to serve others in need. Not being able to do their job because everyone in the house is drunk after a big party, including pregnant and nursing mothers. Spouses refusing to let their wives and children be seen, against their wives' wishes. Mothers refusing to be seen because they have been told by jealous government health workers that the Puentes de Vida women will take away their babies if they find something wrong.

It has been good. A 16 year old first-time nursing mother of a newborn decides to stay home instead of going to a community party to drink. A mother and her 5 day old infant are helped to get out to the hospital so that the ill newborn can receive vital medical care. The same seriously ill 15 year old pregnant woman is helped to the hospital, in spite of her family's refusal to help her. Several pregnant women in labor are helped to the clinic and hospital, so that they can deliver in safe, hygienic conditions, rather than alone in the jungle.

There is much to be learned, and there is much to be done, but we are thankful for each of the 6 indigenous women health advocates that are a part of Puentes de Vida. It is clear that each woman is compelled forward in her work by love - love for her own people and for God, as well as by God's love for her.

Please pray for these women, as they have been faced with many challenges. Specifically please pray for the following:

- Some of these women are facing significant opposition from the enemy as they bring light and life to the communities they are serving. Please pray they will keep their eyes on the author and perfecter of their faith, and that they would feel assured of God's special calling on their lives.
 - Wisdom for how to address some of the difficult issues we have come across - especially regarding health disparity due to discrimination and issues related to abuse.
 - Continued favor with the Costa Rican Ministry of Health
 - That Christ's love would be made known to the Cabecar people through this program
- Continued financial provision for the program

Appreciation from an Afghan Veteran



Natasha Nichole Schumaker serves in the United States Air Force, stationed in San Antonio. We prayed for Natasha during her deployment to Afghanistan. In appreciation for our prayers, she arranged for a US Flag to fly over the 22nd Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron in Afghanistan on Nov. 17, 2012. Natasha gave the flag and a Certificate of Authenticity to Eileen when they visited in San Antonio at All Saints Anglican Church Oct. 20th. I have asked Natasha to visit us here and formally present these tokens of her appreciation to the congregation on Nov. 10th as we honor all those who have given their lives for our American freedoms.

The Certificate bears these words: "Let all who look upon [this Flag] see it as a symbol of freedom, a standard or justice, and a promise to remember those who died for it." It will be blessed and displayed at services on Nov. 10th, and then hung for display in the Narthex. Remember to pray for our active duty military and their families! They are counting on us as we count on them.

Daughters Celebrate in San Antonio



On Sunday, October 20, five Shepherd's Daughters – Eileen Burdock, Nan Holloway, Jo Millican, Sharon Weber, and Jeannette Anaya – travelled to San Antonio to witness the installation of the All Saints San Antonio chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. Fourteen women at the All Saints Anglican Church spent three months in prayer and study to confirm the call from Jesus Christ to be admitted to

the Order which is dedicated to Prayer, Service, Study, and Evangelism. Father Chip Harper led the officers and members in their vows to become Daughters of the Holy Cross. Eileen had served as mentor to the discernment class. Jeannette presented Father Chip the certificate establishing All Saints San Antonio as the 71st chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. Any of our twenty-five members would be pleased to give you information on becoming a member of the Order which gathers Anglican women and girls into a nurturing and empowering community called to be servants of Jesus as He unites and builds up His Body, the Church.





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October 29, 2013

Dear Church Family,

What a glorious time of year! During this time of harvest we give thanks to God for the bountiful blessings He has bestowed on our Church family.

This is also the time of year to gather as a church family for our annual Stewardship Dinner. The Dinner is scheduled as follows:

Date: Sunday evening, November 17, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Rio Concho West Clubhouse (same place as last year)
6359 Appaloosa Trail, San Angelo, TX

Caterer: Blanek's Catering

Program: Steve Blaylock, Founder and Director of The Great House, Junction, Texas.

The traditional dessert contest will also be held. The competition will be fierce, so get out your best recipe. Prizes will be awarded.

A Vestry Member will be contacting you in the near future in order to confirm your plans to attend. A headcount is needed for the caterer by Nov. 10.

You can expect great food, an inspirational message and a time to give thanks for all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us. One more thing, would you write one reason for which you are especially thankful for our church on the enclosed card. Please bring it with you to the dinner to share with everyone. There's no charge for dinner, but reservations are required. Please make plans to attend.

Yours in Christ,

Corey Peddy

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Men's Hill Country Retreat

November 15-17

The Great House, Junction, Texas, is the site of our upcoming Men's Hill Country Retreat, "Authentic Manhood as Modeled by Our Lord Jesus", chaired by Corey Peddy. Brochures, information and signup sheets are available on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions contact Corey at 650-5963 or b17buff@suddenlink.net. There is no charge for the retreat, and a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend to join us.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 27

We pause to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all the blessings bestowed upon us in the last year, for plentiful harvests, rains, family and friendships, our liberties as Americans ... The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 6:30 PM. Invite a family member or friend to offer thanks with us.

Good Shepherd Bibles

Because of the remarkable improvements made in digital processing and printing, it is possible to publish Bibles to give away which contain meditations by and testimonies from members of our own church included at appropriate places in the text. More details will be available in December, and we ask that you pray about submitting a short meditation or personal testimony to be included in the each Bible, as well as the Lord's provision for the cost of production. What a wonderful and unique way of *Reaching the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!*

Anglican Prayer Beads

(Quiet Day, Dec. 14) comprise four groups of seven beads called Weeks which are divided by four Cruciform beads. The Weeks remind us of the days of Creation, the temporal week, the seasons of the Church year, and the seven Sacraments. The Cruciform beads point to the Cross as the central symbol of our salvation, as well as remind us of the four seasons of the temporal year, and the four points on a compass. A Cross followed by a single Invitatory bead leads one into the circle of prayer of the Beads, similar to the Invitatory (opening psalm) of the Daily Office.

One begins the recitation of the Prayer Beads by holding the Cross and saying the prayer assigned to it and then moves to the Invitatory Bead. Then enter the circle of the Beads with the first Cruciform Bead, moving through the Weeks and other Cruciforms, saying the prayers for each bead, and then exiting by way of the Invitatory Bead and Cross. It is suggested that one pray around the circle of beads three times in an unhurried pace, allowing the repetition to become a prayer of love and praise that enables the mind to rest and the heart to become quiet and still.

As this brief description shows, the symbolism of this particular prayer form is very rich and well grounded in Christian Incarnational theology. A flyer describing the symbolism and sample prayers is sent with each set of Beads ordered. For Ordering information see the following link: http://www.solitariesofdekoven.org/Prayer_beads.html

All Saints Holy Eucharist and Reception at SYNOD

November 1

The Annual Synod of the Diocese of the South West will be held at the Christ the King Retreat Center in San Angelo. This Synod will elect a man to nominate to the College of Bishops as the first bishop of the Diocese. Friday evening, all parishioners are invited to participate in a Festival Holy Eucharist beginning at 7:30 pm in the Christ the King Chapel. A Reception will follow the service in the Retreat Center Dining Room, with a small charge (\$5.86) for the Reception. A signup sheet is on the table in the Narthex. Please make checks payable to the Anglican Diocese of the South West.

Stewardship Dinner

November 17

The Annual Stewardship Dinner will be held at the Oak Room Clubhouse of Rio Concho West on Sunday, Nov. 17 beginning at 6:00 pm. Door prizes will be awarded during the dinner. All members are invited to enter their best homemade dessert in the Dessert Contest. Steve Blaylock will be our guest speaker (see below); there will be entertainment for the children, and a time of praising the Lord and prayer. There is no charge for the dinner. We are asked to turn in our 2014 Pledge Cards and Ministry Interest Cards that evening, or at the Sunday services that morning if we are unable to be at the dinner. Cards are enclosed with this newsletter.

Stewardship Dinner Speaker: Steve Blaylock

"I grew up as a fourth generation on a ranch and farm in Eldorado Texas. I went to Baylor and got a degree in physics with minors in math and geology. I went to work as a geophysicist for Pennzoil in 1971 working in their international, Rocky Mt., and West Texas offices and have been an independent consultant since 1978. I am still active in the ranching and hunting business as a side line in Eldorado. I have been active in the Baptist church all my life and was ordained as a deacon in 1981. I have been the scout leader of troop 232 in Midland since 1974 and have had over 130 Eagle scouts in that time. I built the Great House retreat center on a small ranch on the South Llano river South of Junction in 2012 and now spend most weekends hosting spiritual/religious retreats there. I am truly blessed. See you Nov. 15th at the Men's Retreat, and 17th at the dinner. Thanks, Steve"

Church office closed

November 28 & 29 in observation of Thanksgiving.

November 2013

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MP = Morning Prayer HE = Holy Eucharist EP = Evening Prayer HC= Holy Communion CC= Classical Conversations	Regular Office Hours: Monday Through Friday 9:00-11:30 AM Noon- 2:00 PM				1 SYNOD 9 AM- 3:30—CC 7:30 PM—Festival Holy Eucharist	2 SYNOD 9 AM— Morning Prayer
3 8 AM - MP & HE 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - HE	4 6 PM Daughters of the Holy Cross	5 9 AM- 3:30—CC 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	6 6:30 PM - HE 7:15 PM - Bible Study	7 10 AM - Intercessory Prayer	8 9 AM- 3:30—CC	9
10 8 AM - MP & HE 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - HE	11 1 PM - Stitches	12 9 AM- 3:30—CC 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	13 6:30 PM - HE 7:15 PM - Bible Study	14 10 AM - Intercessory Prayer	15 Men's Retreat 9 AM- 3:30—CC	16 Men's Retreat
17 Men's Retreat 8 AM - MP & HE 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - HE 6:00 PM- Stewardship Dinner	18 6 PM Vestry Meeting	19 9 AM- 3:30—CC 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	20 6:30 PM - HE 7:15 PM - Bible Study	21 10 AM - Intercessory Prayer	22 9 AM- 3:30—CC	23
24 8 AM - MP & HE 9:15 AM - Sunday School 10:30 AM - HE	25 1 PM - Stitches	26 9 AM- 3:30—CC 6:30 PM— Music Rehearsal	27 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:15 PM - Bible Study	28 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	29 Office Closed	30

November 2013 ~ Minister's Schedule

Duty	November 3 23 rd Sunday After Trinity Proper 26	November 10 24 th Sunday After Trinity Proper 27	November 17 25 th Sunday After Trinity Proper 28	November 24 26 th Sunday After Trinity Proper 29
Vestry In Charge	Nan Barber	Billie Ruth Hodges	Teddye Read	Jean Yarbrough
Teller	Rodney Brown	Paul Millican	Billie Smithwick	David Harrison
Altar Guild	Johnson/Springer	Anaya/Read	Holloway/Wallace	Yarbrough/Baker
Usher	Nan Barber	Kathi Johnson	Bob Masterson	Charles Westbrook
Crucifer	Deacon June	Deacon June	Deacon June	Deacon June
Lector	Craig Porter Isaiah 1:10-20	Jo Millican Job 19:23-27a	Pam Jennings Malachi 3:13-4:2a, 5-6	Paul Millican Jeremiah 23:1-6
Eucharistic Minister	Jeannette Anaya Psalm 32 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12	Pam Jennings Psalm 17 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	Nan Holloway Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Pam Jennings Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20
10:30 am - Bell Ringer	Rigel Rilling	Rigel Rilling	Rigel Rilling	Rigel Rilling
Greeters	Katie Harrison & George Butler	Charles Westbrook & Barbara Robken	Judi Gurley & Stephanie Peddy	Rodney Brown & Nan Barber
Usher	Teddye Read	David Harrison	Erlene Springer	Stephanie Peddy
Usher	Bob Masterson	Katie Harrison	Rodney Brown	Bob Masterson
Crucifer	Larry Weber	Sharon Weber	Atusonje Dube	Mark Brown
Torch Bearer	Atusonje Dube	Erica Peddy	Drew Peddy	Atusonje Dube
Torch Bearer	Nandi Dube	Leann Springer	Nandi Dube	Erica Peddy
Lector	Mary Jane Butler Isaiah 1:10-20	George Butler Job 19:23-27a	Anngie McWilliams Malachi 3:13-4:2a, 5-6	Steve Woolard Jeremiah 23:1-6
Eucharistic Minister	Mark Brown Psalm 32 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12	Eileen Burdock Psalm 17 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5	Sharon Weber Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Billie Smithwick Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20
GOSPEL OF THE DAY	Luke 19:1-10	Luke 20:27, 24-38	Luke 21:5-19	Luke 23:35-43
Nursery Worker	Stephanie Peddy	Sheri Brown	Nan Barber	Erlene Springer

Wednesday Ministers (6:30 PM)

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Sharon Weber	Martha Sue Oliver	Eileen Burdock	Nan Holloway
Altar Guild	Jean Yarbrough	Jeannette Anaya	Ruth Ann Wallace	Erlene Springer

More

A prayer of Thanksgiving to share with the Lord's People

Holy Father, Spirit, Son
You are the Word, God three in One.
To You be glory, honor, praise!
I will thank You all my days.
You I worship, praise, adore.
All I want of You is
MORE.

Father, as I kneel to pray,
What can I ask of You today?
Do I beg for money? Rain?
Relief from sorrow, anguish, pain?
Heath and wealth, for loved ones dear?
Remove all evil, dread and fear?
Protect me from the act of sin?
Heal me outside and within?
You know me, Lord, to my core.
All I ask of You is
MORE.

MORE of YOU is what I need.
Relieve me of my sin and greed.
With Your mercy, by Your grace,
With Your mercy, by Your grace,
Reduce "me" and in my place
Sweet Lord Jesus, come within.
Cleanse me of my darkest sin.
With Your salvation, I'm not lost.
You paid the price upon the cross.
Jesus, seal my victory.
Open eyes so all can see
You're the Treasure this life holds,
Beyond riches, silver, gold.

So, My Savior, Jesus, Sweet,
All my woes are at Your feet.
Empty me of worldly care.
Holy Spirit, breathe fresh air
Into my heart, my soul, my core.
All I need from YOU is

MORE
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