

Bread for your Journey

For freedom Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1)

In the next few weeks we're going to be thinking together about freedom. The good news is, the transforming love of God in Christ frees us *from* and *to*. The freedom from is about all those things that bind us--things inside of our own souls, in the world around us, and from evil itself. It seems that some of the strongest bonds we ware are the ones of our own making. And Christ Jesus, his outstretched arms, his bleeding side, his nail marked hands, his healing touch, his words of truth set captives free.

But freedom isn't just from, but to. God is not far off, but may, if we open ourselves, dwell within us by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit sets us free to love, free to grow in patience, endurance, mercy, courage, faithfulness, peace, joy. That is what we are about, that is what the Anglican tradition is for: that we might know freedom from sin, and we might find freedom to a fruitful life.

Thanks be to God for the gift of freedom!

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Announcements

August 1, 2010

Grand Opening: September 19

WHAT'S THE POINT, AREN'T WE ALREADY OPEN?

*Yes we are, but this is about a concentration of effort and resources to **reach people who need the freedom we find in Christ Jesus.** We're open, but it's time for some grand!*

Vision: Finding Freedom in Christ Jesus

Leadership: Andy Cooley, because no one in our congregation knows better how to concentrate effort and resources to make an impact than this retired Major General USAA.

The Day: 10:00 a.m. Worship followed by Fellowship

We are renting a tent for fellowship, hiring a caterer (simple fare), working on calling a nursery director and church musician, engaging in a big publicity push, and more.

You can Help: The most important thing you can do is INVITE people, and our focus in the weeks prior to the event will be on encouraging, coaching, and providing materials to make that a positive experience. Other opportunities to serve abound.

Getting the Word Out:

This Saturday: Parade: Theme: God's gift of Freedom—freedom in Christ Jesus, our right as human beings to religious freedom.

UNCLE CLEOPAS WANTS YOU!

Fair Parade Saturday August 7

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"Freedom is not a gift bestowed upon us by other men, but a right that belongs to us by the laws of God and nature." *Benjamin Franklin*

You can Help:

Provide Water Bottles

Label Water Bottles

Chill Water Bottles (and bring ice/chests)

Provide Hard Candy

Decorate the Float

Ride the Float or Walk to Hand out H2O.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” *Bill of Rights, 1st Amendment*

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2nd Corinthians 3:17)

Facility Update

The sanctuary has been rearranged to accommodate more chairs, and improve visibility and hearing. Our new chairs arrive early September, and on a crowded day, the room can seat as many as 100.

Nursery Space: Our gracious landlord is working on a settlement with Omega Gymnastics. They are definitely leaving soon, and we will be able to clean and occupy the room across the hall for a nursery, and one or both rooms in the back hall for children's chapel and formation.

Spiritual Formation

Sunday: Paul: Apostle of Freedom

Wednesday: 9:45: Going Deeper into Freedom with Paul.

Serving Sunday

Server: Jake Ciafone

Crucifer: Jacob Wolfe

Lector: Joe Procopio

Prayer Team: Mary Renton and Donna Sullivan

Chalice Bearer: Erin Cook

Emmaus Dinner Group Extraordinaire (EDGE)

The Emmaus Dinner Group had its initial gathering with the Oordts hosting. There were 15 people attending and we consumed about 20# of Applewood Smoked Ribs in addition to the delicious salad, vegetable, and desserts. We all agreed that ending with Compline was a great way to draw the group together and to close the evening.

The vote was unanimous that our new name would be EDGE. It was also decided to try having a 2-month window for each host to get their group together; thus, Aug/Sept groups, Oct/Nov, etc. This will make it more flexible for scheduling to make it work for everyone.

Hosts for Aug/Sept will be assigned shortly and they will, in turn, invite those in their group for that 2-month period. We will begin with 3 hosts who will each invite from 4-7 others making each group from 6-9 people. This smaller size group will make it possible for each host to reach out to others if they have room, making this an outreach possibility. To allow for flexibility and creativity, each host will assign their group what food to contribute and whether it be dinner, brunch, picnic, or whatever.

With the 2-month window, this allows for anyone who wishes to do so to have a spontaneous gathering in between and invite others who may or may not be part of EDGE.

The goal is to remain flexible and spontaneous and to think in terms of outreach. Nothing is set in stone, so this may be an evolving project as needs and ideas arise.

August-September Schedule

Sunday: Worship 10:00

Followed by Coffee and Adult Formation.

Wednesday August 4:

9:00 Holy Communion 9:45: Formation

Sunday August 8: Worship 10:00

Followed by Coffee and Adult Formation.

Wednesday August 11:

9:00 Holy Communion 9:45: Formation

6:00 Supper 6:30 Council

Saturday August 14: 7-9 am. Men's Bible Study (MESS)

Sunday August 15: Worship 10:00

Followed by Coffee and Adult Formation.

Wednesday August 18:

9:00 Holy Communion 9:45: Formation

Sunday August 22 Worship 10:00

Followed by Coffee and Adult Formation.

6:30 Leaders' Meeting 8:00 Council

Wednesday August 29:

9:00 Holy Communion 9:45: Formation

Saturday Morning: September 18: Emmaus Fun Run!

Sunday September 19: Grand Opening

