



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Birthdays in the coming months

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Musing on the Creative

Creativity is an essential quality to possess for anyone considering leadership in the church of today. Often we face chaos from within and from without our institutions leaving many feeling bewildered, frustrated, helpless and hankering for the good ol' days. Seeped in nostalgia of the once was, or what we thought was, as a template for what ought to be now is the crux of the problem. I still recall one of my interviews for the position of rector at a parish of maybe sixty or so active families. They had hanging in their church hall a portrait of their youth group numbering about seventy or so kids. My eyes bulged with excitement as I asked them to tell me about their youth program as I pointed to the portrait. One brave soul remarked, "oh that was taken back in the seventies when the local economy was booming and young families were the dominant demographic." I recall clearing my throat and asked "and how about now?" One of the younger members of the interviewing team spoke up and said "Well Susan has three grandkids and they come once in awhile... and oh, I hear that you have twins." Smiles all around.

Creativity, means not dwelling on the past structures, or setting ourselves up for failure against props of the days gone by. Our future as a church

is about where God is working today, in our moment and in our time. St Benedict, from which much of Anglican spirituality is grounded, speaks of the quality of stability. Basically telling his brothers that they were to find God in the here and now. Or in other words it is to bloom where you are planted. So do not lose heart that the church appears to be shrinking, wobbling, or chaotic. These are the very conditions upon which creativity is born. Keep our eyes fixed on the possible, the hopeful, the grace that is all around us.

I used to bristle at the term: We are "Co-Creators" with God, as it reminded me of some of my overachieving and ego inflated colleagues who didn't want God to monopolize the glory. Yes, I do exaggerate, but I am sure we all have met such ones and perhaps we might even have encountered them in the mirror of our own souls. But where this phrase "Co-creator" makes sense to me is to find ourselves in the place of chaos. From this perspective, we are not called to sit by and wait for a savior to sweep us up but we are called to walk with the Creator and use all of our gifts, talents, and resources to bring about life, love and light in this time, in this place, in our now! So let us practice together being creative!

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Here is a short 10 or so minute reflection to get us started:

- Find a quiet spot, make yourself comfortable
- Think about the chaos that you may be experiencing within yourself or around you.
- Let that chaos speak to you. What is it saying? Take the time to listen to it. Don't rush trying to solve or fix it.
- Invite God your Creator into that space. Where might God be leading you?
- Where might there be room to grow something new?

Blessings, Ken

Pink Slip

Mail a Pink Slip

Do you know what a PINK SLIP is? In the workplace, it's a personal notice of job termination. Yet elected officials get votes in a ballot box infrequently. We need action now, *before* the November election.

Gun violence kills 124 US citizens every day. There are more guns than people in our country. TWENTY MILLION of those guns are assault rifles, weapons of war, designed to obliterate the body. That's why unrecognizable Uvalde TX fourth-graders must be identified by DNA.

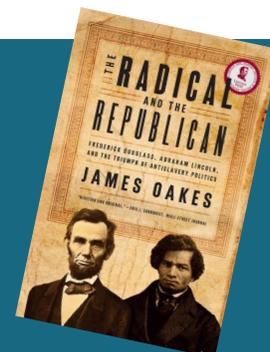
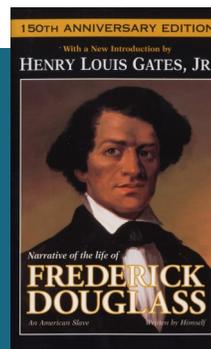
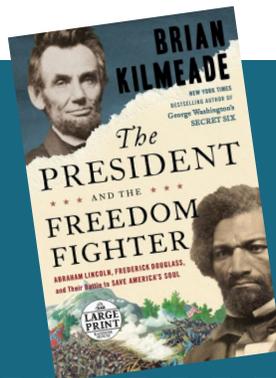
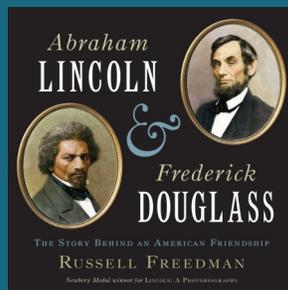
Too many elected officials who have sworn an oath are failing to act. In the secret swamp of dark money influence, how can we voters demand their attention?

A pink postcard – or 50 or 1000 – mailed to their local office will be noticed! This pink slip may be handled (and read?) by numerous postal and office workers. It will stand out in the pile of mail on an office desk. The handwritten wishes of a voter can be stated directly and clearly. An example:

Ninety % of US citizens want UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS before a gun can be purchased. My vote will go to the candidate who is motivated by the common good, not greed or political power. Earn my vote by passing UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS immediately! Thank you. (signed)

Fear of going to school or the grocery store or a house of worship cannot be our way of life.

- Priscilla E. Petersen



St. Luke's Book Group—May 10, 2022

Present: Jean Keplinger, Cathi Franchino, Dave Prener, Susan Prener, Sue Veronda, Jean Whitney, and Holly Wolf.

The group met via Zoom on Tuesday night, May 10th. We had read different books about Frederick Douglass, in order to learn more about his adult life. Some had read 2 or more titles:

The Radical and the Republican, by James Oakes.

The President and the Freedom Fighter, by Brian Kilmeade.

The Color of Abolition, by Linda Hirshman.

Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, by Russell Freedman.

The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, edited by Louis Henry Gates. A member who had listened to the Audible version was pleased to note that it sounded like Frederick Douglass himself, reading aloud.

We talked about each title, which led to a lively discussion as we examined in turn the relationships between

Douglass and Lincoln, Garrison, John Brown, and others. From The Color of Abolition, we learned that we might never have heard of Douglass, if he had stayed with the Garrison speakers' bureau and obeyed its insistence that he always limit himself to telling the stories of his enslaved youth, rather than growing into a larger, more independent role.

Most of the books dealt with Douglas and Lincoln—both men of humble origin, but with amazing skills. Lincoln, however, was a politician with a lawyerly mind who had to appeal to a wide range of people; Douglass was the reformer and much more emotional in his oratory. Lincoln loved the Constitution; Douglass thought it was a racist document meant for white males only. Lincoln thought John Brown was a crazy man; Douglass loved him. Both men hated slavery. Lincoln supported the Republican party's belief that slavery must not expand, but could remain where it was; Douglass was an abolitionist. Lincoln at first saw the Civil War as a means to protect the Union, while Douglass saw it as a war against slavery. The Proclamation finally brought Douglass and

Lincoln together in their goals. By 1863-4, both men supported abolition of slavery and the passage of the 13th Amendment.

There were exasperated comments from time to time: "You still see this happening! We haven't learned a thing!" as we recognized that these issues are still with us.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13. Each of us will read a book of our own choice by an African-American author. If you like roaming in bookstores, Book Culture, 28 Main St. Pittsford, has a solid shelf of books by Black authors. If you seek suggestions, many highly recommended titles will be found on the New York Public Library's Schomburg Center reading list, and virtually all of them are available in electronic format. With your Fairport Library card, you can even download them! And, whatever title you decide on, that same Fairport Library card can supply books in a multitude of formats.

Jean Keplinger & Holly Wolf

Juneteenth: June 19, 2022

What do you know about Juneteenth? This year, it's a Sunday, the Second Sunday after Pentecost, and Father's day. But did you know...

On June 19, 1865, Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived with his troops in Galveston, Texas, announcing that enslaved people in that community were freed by order of the president in the Emancipation Proclamation. That order had taken effect on Jan. 1, 1863 — and only applied to those enslaved individuals in states that had joined the Confederacy. Two months prior to Granger's announcement, the Civil War had ended and Lincoln had been assassinated. Meanwhile, six months after Granger's announcement, slavery was officially abolished by the ratification of the 13th Amendment. (www.diocesemo.org/blog/planning-juneteenth-celebrations/)

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."
—*General Orders, Number 3; Headquarters District of Texas, Galveston, June 19, 1865*
(www.theroot.com/what-is-juneteenth-790896900)

Juneteenth is a celebration. It wasn't on the actual day... but it gave a day for newly "freed" black men and women of Texas to rally around. It was an inspiring grassroots effort of the post-Civil War period which has continued from the state of Texas to other places people have traveled. In 1979, Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth an official holiday. Since then, 41 other states and the District of Columbia have recognized Juneteenth as a state holiday. Today, Juneteenth is a National holiday.

Vivian Traylor Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians compiled a liturgy for Juneteenth and it was approved by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission for use in DioCal (faithinformed.org/resources/Juneteenth-liturgy). These prayers come from this liturgy:

Almighty and most loving God, through your Son Jesus, who came among us as a slave choosing rather to serve his disciples than to be served by them; help us in our weakness not to seek to oppress others, nor to make peace with any form of exploitation, but in all things earnestly and of our own free will to seek to serve each other following Christ's good example, this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray, O Lord, for change. Jesus you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds, and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins. Guide us, through the love you revealed, to establish the justice you proclaimed, that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace, united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you. And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all. Amen.



Who wants to teach Sunday School?!

We are beginning to look for volunteers to teach Sunday School for the 2022-2023 academic year. This coming year, we are using the Episcopal Children’s Curriculum, provided free of charge from the Virginia Theological Seminary.

The aim of the Episcopal Children’s Curriculum is to support and strengthen the ministry of teaching in congregations. The ECC sets forth a framework for helping our children interpret and understand the covenant made in Holy Baptism, and to live the Christian life. Learners are introduced to the Holy Bible, *The Book of Common Prayer*, and *The Hymnal 1982* with appropriate material from these sources incorporated at all levels in nearly every session.



Children are encouraged to learn words and actions for participation in worship and liturgy. The pictures used in the ECC are specifically appropriate for Episcopalians. Clergy, churches, liturgical actions, text, and language, are portrayed as children in Episcopal settings are most likely to experience them. The curriculum is seasonally compatible with the Sunday Lectionary, but it is not based on the weekly readings. Designed to follow the narrative of the biblical story in ways understood by young learners, it also incorporates and highlights Episcopal customs and practices. The units are connected to the liturgical Church Year, with special attention given to the major feast days.

The content focuses on four areas (units): Old Testament, New Testament, Sacraments, and Church. There are nine sessions in each unit. This coming year (2022-2023) we will be in the “Cross” year, so our four units are:

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| Unit 1: Stories from the Old Testament | Unit 2: Sermon on the Mount | Unit 3: Sacraments: Worship: People in Community | Unit 4: Saints of the Church |
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There are three years of each level, so we are able to rotate our curriculum so children have six Sunday School academic years of new material before they “age-up” to J2A.

I am still planning on volunteering to coordinate Sunday School and to teach frequently, but I can’t commit to being available to teach every Sunday for the 2022-2023 year. Please help me out! There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for the Sundays in the 2022-2023 year. You can sign up for one, for a few, or for a bunch! Everything is already planned for you with options for activities, games, scripture searches, etc. so you are able to choose what you’d like to do so you are confident and comfortable teaching!

It’s a grab and go curriculum! Everything is set and ready for you.

These kids are fun and eager to learn! We have anywhere from three to seven on any Sunday. Children go downstairs at the beginning of the service and return to their parents during the peace/offertory (30-ish minute class).

If you’d like more information, please don’t hesitate to reach out—I’m happy to get you everything you need as far in advance as you’d like :)



-Rachel Hucko

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Choir Practice 7pm 	3 	4 Theology Pub 7pm Zoom
5 Day of Pentecost	6 	7	8	9 Choir Practice 7pm	10	11 Theology Pub 7pm Zoom 
12 Trinity Sunday Youth Sunday	13 	14	15	16	17	18 Theology Pub 7pm Zoom
19 2nd Sunday after Pentecost	20	21	22 	23	24	25 Theology Pub 7pm Zoom
26 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	27 	28	29	30 		

JULY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* 9am services begin July 3rd!*					1	2
3 4th Sunday after Pentecost	4	5	6	7	8	9 
10 5th Sunday after Pentecost	11	12	13	14 	15	16
17 	18	19	20 	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29	30
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AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 	2 	3	4 	5 	6 
7  9th Sunday after Pentecost	8	9 	10	11	12	13
14  10th Sunday after Pentecost	15 	16 	17 	18	19	20 
21  11th Sunday after Pentecost	22	23 	24	25 	26 	27
28  12th Sunday after Pentecost	29	30	31 			

June, July, & August Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 2—Mary Ellen McDougal
 June 3—Susan Pines
 June 6—Marlene Shaddock
 June 6—Mary Messinger
 June 6—Meredith Fraser
 June 11—Gunars Rugelis
 June 13—Kim Cusker
 June 13—Kelli Smith
 June 22—Lauri Crocker
 June 27—Gary Gocek
 June 27—Kate Hucko
 June 30—Natalie Panara

July 8—Greg Smith
 July 14—George Wolf
 July 14—David Crocker
 July 17—Maren Hine
 July 20—Dawn Stever
 July 24—Adam McGee
 July 31—Virginia Clark
 August 1—Mary Jo Hazelden
 August 2—Tom Marullo
 August 2—Benjamin Irving
 August 4—Elizabeth Stevens
 August 5—Gary Roscoe
 August 6—Darcy Richardson

August 7—Alexandra Hine
 August 7—Matthew McGee
 August 9—Dawn Santiago-Marullo
 August 15—Sharon Grantham
 August 16—Lucy Boorman
 August 17—James Ralston
 August 20—Cathy Thayer
 August 20—Gail Murray
 August 21—Olive Fraser
 August 21—Cindy Rodman
 August 23—Holly Wolf
 August 25—Sandy Sucher
 August 25—Layne Hine
 August 26—Tom Palomaki
 August 31—Chris Veronda

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our list and you would like it included, please email the church office at slukefpt@frontiernet.net



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8:00am—Holy Eucharist

A quieter service; no music

10:00am—Holy Eucharist

Organ/piano music; Children's Christian
Education for all children ages Pre-K through 12th grade

***From July 4th to Labor Day,
there is one service with music at 9:00am***

Our service is always available on YouTube
Find our Sunday Worship Playlist at:
<https://bit.ly/StLukesSundayWorship>
Find our YouTube Channel at:
<https://bit.ly/StLukesFairportYouTube>

Office Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:00am—1:00pm

We are an open, Christ-centered community, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the world.

**summer sunday services begin
sunday, July 3rd**

**we will be worshipping
outdoors (weather-permitting)
at 9am
bring your own lawn chair!**