

**St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church
Navarre, FL**

VOX POP

“THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE”



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- The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Powell, Rector**
- Members of the Vestry**
- Alvan Richey (2009),
Sr. Warden 243-0057
Fellowship
 - David G. Dye (2011),
Jr. Warden 396-6256
Grounds & Facilities
 - Richard Apps (2009)
939-5972
Stewardship
 - Joel Rudman (2010)
515-2952
Pastoral Care
 - Cindi Lowden (2010)
936-5686
Education
 - Kelly Powell (2011)
515-1205
Pastoral Care
 - Teresa Dye, Treasurer
 - Stanley Jensen,
Assistant Treasurer
 - Virginia Brown,
Clerk of Vestry

REFLECTIONS FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Elizabeth Powell

“Who are the ministers of the Church?” ~An Outline of the Faith, BCP

Remember this question from An Outline of the Faith (Catechism) in the back of the Book of Common Prayer? It’s found on page 855.

And now: remember the answer?

“The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.”

Lay persons – mentioned ahead of all the other orders – even bishops!!

That truth is profoundly important in the life of every congregation. Although those ordained to Holy Orders certainly have their individual callings and functions within the Body of Christ, ministry begins and ends with the people in the pew – each and every one of you.

Since I have come to St. Augustine’s, I

am deeply aware that, for the most part, our people really “get that.” The involvement of so many in so many different ministries for a church this size is truly remarkable. You are living into your baptismal promises with great intentionality and integrity. That is so good. Any church that relies solely or even primarily on the energy and enthusiasm of the clergy will never live into the great “Dream of God” (as Episcopal author and theologian Verna Dozier once called it) – which is that God’s dream and desire that the church’s ministry rest on the shoulders of all its believers.

And this includes everyone! From the more senior amongst us who support us with their presence, their wisdom, their prayers, their stories, and their resources to the newest baby who communicates God’s love in a tiny and tender smile and chubby arms reaching out for our embrace.

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STEWARDSHIP

By Pamiela Apps

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have been so fortunate to travel around the state of Florida in our camper these last couple of years and visiting other Episcopal Churches on Sundays before we pack

up and head home.

I say fortunate because visiting other parishes has given me a sense of belonging to the Episcopal Church, having taken my confirmation only three years ago. Each parish and its congregation are representative of the

whole body that makes us this great family of God. There has been a warm welcome and an invitation to share in the activities of the day at each of the Episcopal Churches we have visited. I feel like we are building on to our family circle each time that

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SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

During the next five months, every congregation in the Diocese will be visited by two representatives the Diocese with the hope of receiving direct feedback from the "people in the pews" about the Diocese.

On **Sunday, June 29** between the two services, St. Augustine's will be having our scheduled visitation. We will welcome Ray Robertson (a member of St. Stephen's in Brewton, AL, and a member of the Bishop's "Special Committee to Study the Diocese") and Nettie Eaton (a member of St. Cyprian's in Pensacola and a member of the Standing Committee). Nettie and Ray will be here to lis-

ten and learn from our people of St. Augustine's about what we think seems to be working well in the Diocese and what may need more attention. All of the visitation teams will report back to the Special Committee by mid-October when a report will be generated that should lead us into the next chapter in the life of our Diocese. Speaking as someone who is now a member of the Standing Committee, I am excited about these intentional conversations throughout the Diocese. We want to hear your voice! Please come to welcome these guests to St. Augustine's and to offer your observations.

Mother Betsy+

ST. AUGUSTINE'S KNITTERS' GUILD

Interested in learning how to use your knitting and crocheting skills for ministry in Christ's name? If so, join us for an informal gathering on **Tuesday, July 22** at 1:00 PM for an hour or so in Henderson Hall. All who love to knit or crochet (or who want to learn how!) are welcome. We will be learning about various projects for out-

reach and sharing God's love with others, such as prayer shawls and blan-



kets, mariners' scarves and caps, etc. Our time together will be framed in prayer and will contain ample time for sharing our experiences and our stories. Bring your needles, your yarn, and your heart and join us in this quiet contemplative ministry. Questions? Contact Mother Betsy at the church office.

RECTOR "SABBATH TIME"

Mother Betsy will be out of the office on vacation from **June 14-June 25** and from **July 6-July 18**. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact the Church Office, Senior Warden Alvan Richey, or Vestry Liaison for Pastoral Care Kelly Powell so that

arrangements can be made for pastoral care by neighboring Episcopal clergy.

During Mother Betsy's absence, the regular Wednesday Healing Eucharists will be suspended but will resume on her return. We are

delighted that our supply priest for the four Sunday services will be our friend, The Reverend Teresa Leifur, Director of Pastoral Services at West Florida Hospital and who has been with us at St. Augustine's many times in the past. Welcome, Mother Teresa!

THINK GREEN



Don't forget the blue recycling bin behind St. Augustine's.

Easy access and many sorts of materials are acceptable - newspapers, loose paper, bottles, plastic, aluminum cans, magazines, etc.

In addition to helping to preserve Mother Earth, St. Augustine's is paid a small amount per pound of recyclables. Every little bit helps!

NAME THE NEWSLETTER!

Don't Forget the Name the Newsletter contest continues! We will be unveiling our newly re-named newsletter with the August issue. Please send any suggestions for a new name to Mother Betsy or to Libbi Crowe. Think creatively!

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we visit a different church.

We stayed in the Falling Waters campground in Chipley, Florida this Memorial Day weekend. Chipley is a typical small panhandle town. The waters were unfortunately not falling due to the lack of rain. The sinkholes that are the host for the waterfalls are however worthy of viewing. On Sunday we visited St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Chipley. Fr. Clark greeted us at the entryway of the new narthex and so did others as they ushered us into the sanctuary to be seated. The service started and we sang with joy in this pleasant and well cared for older church. The narthex is a recent addition and obvious that everyone is proud to have an area to greet and meet in a nicely decorated new space. Inside the sanctuary the large beamed ceiling, beautiful stained glass, and appropriately hung icons made the church comfortable and homey to worship in. The love is palpable there.

The bulletin looked familiar and the service was conducted very much like ours. Fr. Clark delivered the sermon from the floor at the first pews and was very deliberate and yet personal in his message. The message was about perceptions. How is St. Matthew's Chipley perceived and how are its members perceived? He elaborately described the grounds, the church building, inside the sanctuary, the altar, the new narthex, the

fellowship building, and himself. I could not help but think that my perception was that this was such a quaint little church with big-hearted people. From the first greeting to getting to know us over the pancake breakfast put on by the youth directly after the service, the welcoming continued.

I think of my wonderful St. Augustine's with the special qualities that adorn our home of worship. How are we perceived? The columbarium, All Soul's Garden, the votive candles and prayer request book, the icons at the altar, the Bishop's chair, the always beautiful floral arrangements, the choir, and the cross above the altar, and Mother Betsy presenting to us the love of God. My perception changes every time we visit another church on our travels. My perception is the strengthening heartfelt appreciation and belonging, that has me wanting to return to "my" church. Although I mention all the attributes that are contained by a building and its property, what truly makes me love my church are the exceptionally wonderful people that share St. Augustine's with me. I am reminded, if not daily then at least whenever I'm at St. Augustine's, that the brothers and sisters I have here are my church and the Lord through each of us really does spread His message as we move about our world. It's in the greeting and meeting and the invitation to share. It's so simple yet incredible. Remarkably it is all we are

asked to do by such a wonderful loving Father.

As you travel this summer, meet, greet, and invite. Tell those you visit with about the love that the church gives you and how easy it is to love back. No sales pitch - just fact. Even in a campground I shared our experience as members of the Episcopal Church. I actually had a chance meeting with a couple that has left the Episcopal Church for another church. "What would Jesus do" came bouncing in my head and so I did not get on my soapbox. Instead I shared my marshmallows with them to roast over the campfire. I hope that their perception will be that we invited and shared even through our differences. I will continue to care and support St. Augustine's with what the Lord has blessed me with to maintain my faith home. I pray you will too. I hope that visitors will perceive us to be a place to which they want to return.

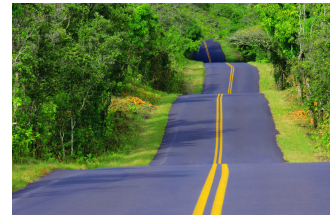
Peace to you all through our loving Lord,

Pamela Apps

PS from the Stewardship Chairman: So you can see that good stewardship of our facilities, through volunteering of our time, talents, and finances are so important to visitors, just as it has been for Pamela and me in our travels. Keeping ready a home away from home for all our brothers and sisters in Christ is a great gift and blessing.

Grace to you in Christ Jesus, Richard Apps

ST. A'S ON-THE- ROAD



This summer when traveling (or any time, for that matter!) you are encouraged to bring back any Sunday bulletins that you receive as you visit other churches - Episcopal or other denominations.

Seeing these helps us stay in touch with the larger Body of Christ - and also can give us some good ideas for our own ministries right here at St. Augustine's. Thanks!!

CALLING ALL YOUTH

Episcopal Youth Community = EYC!!!
Our youth at St. Augustine's have an ongoing and enthusiastic invitation to join the youth at St. Francis of Assisi Gulf Breeze every **first Sunday of the month** at 5:00 PM to participate in a more informal Holy Eucharist. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends in Christ in new ways of worship and praise. Please contact Mother Betsy, Nita Morris, or the church office (939-2261) for further information.

June 2008 Server Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
June 1 3 Pentecost	8 AM	Donna Gassman	Brian Lowman	Brian Lowman	John Tolbert
	10:30 AM	Daniel Phillips	Pam Apps	Amy Henderson Jessica Henderson	Chuck Howard Glen Hamamura
June 8 4 Pentecost	8 AM	David G. Dye	Teresa Dye	Martin Hawkins	Mary Ann Pacana
	10:30 AM	David K. Dye	Chuck Howard	Callum LaVigne Amanda LaVigne	John MacPherson David K. Dye
June 15 5 Pentecost	8 AM	Brian Lowman	Donna Gassman	Donna Gassman	John Tolbert
	10:30 AM	David K. Dye	Autry Dye	Jessica Thompson Rachel Williams	Rich Apps Glen Hamamura
June 22 6 Pentecost	8 AM	Cindi Lowden	Teresa Dye	Martin Hawkins	Carol Tolbert
	10:30 AM	John MacPherson	Alethea Straight	Jack Phillips Ikaika Hamamura	Eric Straight Stan Jensen
June 29 7 Pentecost	8 AM	Donna Gassman	Patsy Richey	Patsy Richey	Alvan Richey
	10:30 AM	Rich Apps	Pam Apps	Tyler Henshaw Grant Henshaw	Wally Henshaw Chuck Howard

July 2008 Server Schedule

Date	Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
July 6 8 Pentecost	8 AM	David G. Dye	Teresa Dye	Martin Hawkins	Mary Ann Pacana
	10:30 AM	Libbi Crowe	Chuck Howard	Jessica Thompson Rachel Williams	Glen Hamamura John MacPherson
July 13 9 Pentecost	8 AM	Brian Lowman	Donna Gassman	Donna Gassman	John Tolbert
	10:30 AM	David K. Dye	Autry Dye	Bria Igo Ikaika Hamamura	Rich Apps Pam Apps
July 20 10 Pentecost	8 AM	Cindi Lowden	Teresa Dye	Martin Hawkins	Carol Tolbert
	10:30 AM	Daniel Phillips	Alethea Straight	Callum LaVigne Amanda LaVigne	Eric Straight Stan Jensen
July 27 11 Pentecost	8 AM	Donna Gassman	Patsy Richey	Patsy Richey	Alvan Richey
	10:30 AM	Rich Apps	Pam Apps	Amy Henderson Jessica Henderson	Wally Henshaw Chuck Howard

If you find that you were scheduled for a day on which you cannot serve, **please find a replacement. Thank you!**



Interested In Learning More About Your Ministry as a Baptized Christian?

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year course developed by the Episcopal seminary at Sewanee to give you the tools and language and confidence to live into your baptismal covenant.

We are hoping to begin an EfM seminar group here at St. Augustine's beginning in early September. Mother Betsy will serve as the group's mentor. The seminars meet weekly for 2 ½ to 3 hours during the academic year. Maximum group size is 12 persons.

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday **July 27** at 9:15. All invited to come and learn more about this excellent program for deepening our spiritual lives and witness. Details about materials, cost, and commitment will be discussed at this meeting. Please contact Mother Betsy if you think that you may be interested but are unable to attend this informational meeting.

WHO ARE THE MINISTERS, CONT'D.

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All of us – no exceptions – are bearers of the image of God and called to be ministers of God's church – acolytes, Relayers for Life, Eucharistic ministers, choristers, caregivers, food pantry volunteers, missionaries in Latin America, vestry, organizers of pig roasts and rummage sales, you name it. What an incredible invitation we have all been given in our baptisms – to share with the God of the cosmos in the renewal of God's world.

So, with this in mind, as we approach the slower season of summer,

when we have (hopefully!) more time for rest and relaxation, I would like to encourage each of you to spend some focused time in prayer and reflection about where and how God is calling you in your own particular work as a minister in the Church.

Where do you see and feel the greatest needs? What do you consider your greatest gifts? What help do you need from your church and your priest to live into the ministry to which God is calling you? Don't be afraid to dream. God did. To think big. God did. To be creative. God did. In your discernment, include not only your time and talents – but

also your "treasure" – your returning to God a portion of God's financial gifts to you for the furtherance of God's Good News in the world today. For you see, all of it – time, talent, and treasure – are bound up in our calling to be ministers in Christ's name.

Finally, in the words of one of our post-communion prayers: *And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord...* (BCP, p. 366)

*Blessed Sabbath
summertime,
Mother Betsy+*

HAPPENING

Are you a teen in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade who wants to grow in your faith and have a terrific weekend with others who want the same thing? If so, consider being a part of Happening # 48 to be held **July 25-27** at Christ the King Episcopal Church, Santa Rosa Beach. The Happening Experience is a powerful instrument of renewal in the Church. Its aim is to concentrate closely on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. In addition, it provides a means to continue the Christian formation begun during the weekend program. The format includes a series of talks about the faith, small group discussions, worship services, songs, games, and fun. There will be a Closing Eucharist on Sunday at 4:00 PM to which parents, friends and parish members are invited. Please contact the church office for more information, application forms, or any questions.

THANK YOU FROM NUMC

We recently received a most gracious letter from Navarre United Methodist Church, thanking St. Augustine's for our active participation in the We Care Ministry and food pantry. Last month we donated 100 pounds of food to this important outreach effort! The senior pastor, The Reverend Dan Morris, said, "What a beautiful example of God bringing resources and people to do His work!"

We will continue to designate the **first Sunday of each month** as "Food Sunday" with not only our well attended pot-luck lunch after the 10:30 service but also with an offering of food and other non-perishables for the We Care Ministry. The ministry is always in need of volunteers. If you wish to offer your time or have further questions, contact the NUMC office at 939-2028.



*We will be having a Yard (Rummage) Sale at church on **Saturday, August 9** as a summer fundraiser. Details (where and when to bring donations, hours of the sale, and how to volunteer) to be forthcoming in future Sunday bulletins. For questions, please call Brenda Hamamura (936-0217) or the church office.*



JUNE 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>3 Pentecost 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist 1st Sunday Potluck and Food Offering</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 PM Venture Crew</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service 10 AM MOMS Club business meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Rector's Day Off</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>4 Pentecost 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 PM South Santa Rosa Writers Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service 6 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6 PM Scout Master Meeting 6:30 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rector's Day Off</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9 AM Men's Fellowship</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>5 Pentecost 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist The Rev. Teresa Leifur</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 PM Venture Crew</p>	<p>18</p> <p>NO 9 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 PM Cursillo Reunion and Covered Dish Supper</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>6 Pentecost 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist The Rev. Teresa Leifur</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30 PM Venture Crew 6:30 PM South Santa Rosa Writers Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO 9 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service 6 PM Girl Scouts</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7 Pentecost 8 AM Holy Eucharist 9:15 Special Parish Meeting 10:30 AM Holy</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 PM Boy Scouts</p>					



JULY 2008

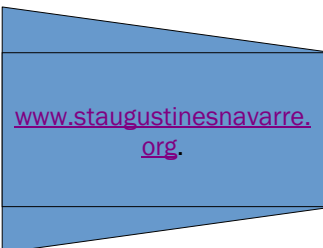
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 PM Venture Crew	2 NO 9AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM MOMS Club business meeting	3	4 Rector's Day Off	5 Rector Vacation Through 7/19
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Mission Statement

*We are called to spread the
gospel and share the love of
Jesus Christ by entering into
communion with God and each
other. We offer opportunities
for spiritual growth through
worship, fellowship,
stewardship and service to
others.*

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

Please remember that
the monthly deadline
for contributions to the
parish newsletter is the
15th of each month to
LibbiC@Bellsouth.net.

This summer we will
have a combined
June/July edition of Vox
Pop, so the next
deadline is **July 15**. We
would love to hear from
YOU!

Get closer to God.
Slice carrots.

Experience the nearness of God by serving your neighbors and
the world: in shelters, schools, disaster recovery sites, soup
kitchens, and more. Join us in entertaining angels unaware.

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