

As much as this newsletter has ballyhooed the milestones of this congregation, sometimes we all need a look back, to appreciate where we've been. Thus we have strung together "the first draft" of our church's recent history. This follows the Timeline 2005 printed last week.

TIMELINE 2006

Jan. 06	Parish Annual meeting: Corn, Duckett, Ford, Davis elected
Avg Wkly Att: 47	Approved budget almost \$100,000 Fr. Robin Whitlock gets contract as Priest in charge, half-time
Feb. 06	137 come to First Homecoming Celebration More use of Lift Every Voice hymnal Church bulletin gets updated look Sunday School for Children starts Vestry makes serious retreat
Avg. Wkly Att: 53	
Mar. 06	Britt House boys help rake our property 6 Simple Suppers during Lent, each with a study of Reconciliation We open Greeting Cards Shop LeQuina Knox wins 4-year college scholarship
Apr. 06	\$5500 raised to re-do Ford Hall roof Main kitchen painted & redecorated Plants added at Ford Hall Tasters' Luncheon makes \$1300 2 grant applications to diocese seek \$65,000 Ford Hall gets old wrought iron cross Big baby Shower for Koren Allen Faith Allen is born 4-29 @ 7lb 14 oz \$5000 gift from St. Thomas Church
Avg. Wkly Att: 57	
May. 06	Men serve all women on Mother's Day StartUp/Start Over conference all week Hudson/Allen first St.A's wedding in 20 yrs. 61 wear red t-shirts for Mass on the Beach Memorial service for Eliza Shaw Two infant baptisms on same Sunday
Jun. 06	Anonymous gift for \$6000 arrives Jazz Jam & Fish Fry with walk-on performers All-parish photo shows 75 people at Pentecost Mass on the Beach Fr. Jack Hyde rejoins us for 4 weeks Church women Celebrate Father's Day
Avg. Wkly Att: ??	

Fr. Robin Writes

From Far-off Lake Michigan, A Vacation Letter to Us All

Each summer Fr. Whitlock and his family head off to a cottage overlooking Lake Michigan for an 'On Golden Pond' kind of experience. Newsletter co-editor Judy Krug emailed him asking, "Do you have anything you want to say to your hot and muggy Florida parish?" His reply follows.

Dear Friends,

We have just settled in but, as usual, the view is breathtaking. As I sit to type this, the sun is about two hours from setting over the clear, wavy water of Lake Michigan and the sparkle of the sun off the surf is dazzling.

We have been practicing transition to simplicity, but with some resistance. The kids miss TV and computers, but we all love the board games, card games, walks with the dogs and visiting with neighbors on porches that replace the other more impersonal activities that occupy our day "normally". (What a word!)

The kids have been reading lots, swimming almost every day, and being creative -- which is the part I like best. Too much of modern life does not demand we interact and think!

Ann already has me on the "project of the summer" which means painting the third floor loft to cover up its previously unpainted, 101 year old plywood walls. It will brighten the area up quite a bit. It tends to be dark up there with only one light bulb in the room -- since wiring came a few years after these cottages were built.

My prayers are with you all. Also pray for Shaler Smith, a childhood friend of mine who I just learned died of a brain tumor last week. Pray also for his wife Anne and daughter Jordon. We were seasonally close friends and our families went back several generations.

We are off to dinner now. Be well and live the Good News.

Fr. Robin & Family

This newsletter is for members and friends of one courageous Episcopal Church in south St. Petersburg, FL. "... more* from St. Augustine's" is about candor, recognition, spiritual attitude, nixing hearsay and, yes, unashamed cheer leading. Members Judy and Tom Krug are the project's co-editors. Some 65 parishioners are essential to the effort. We think of this weekly as the first draft of our recent history. Every issue is available each Sunday after the service and also online at www.staugstpete.org, our web site for church-shoppers.

Concerns in Columbus, Ohio

Part Legislature, Part Family Reunion, Our Episcopal General Convention Elects a Presiding Bishop Today

Just imagine Eucharist for 8,000 people. Imagine an enormous marketplace of ideas -- and every imaginable religious product. Imagine one of the largest legislatures in the world. And imagine the utter silence of prayer before its momentous decisions.

The every-three-years gathering of the Episcopal Church known as its General Convention is all these things.

The 75th gathering began in Columbus, Ohio, on June 13 and runs until June 21. Bishops and elected deputies, both clergy and lay, from Episcopal dioceses all over the world will make broad decisions about our policies and our worship.

The House of Deputies ranges in size between 800 and 1,000 members. Deputies cannot be instructed to vote one

You Just Gotta Be Curious ...

Jamie Bennett, City Council member and parishioner at neighboring St. Matthews, called **Bobby Allen** last week to ask if St. A's had need for a children's swing set that was no longer needed at the YWCA Family Village. Bobby, **Joyce Corn** and **Judy Krug** all made inspection trips to the swing set but decided that, as Joyce concluded, "it just doesn't work for us right now." Judy felt that our parish needs to think more carefully what we wish to do with Ford Hall before gathering playground equipment. "Will Ford Hall's use include anything with young children beyond 40 minutes of Sunday School?" she asks.

Another **reason he's not on the Altar Guild**: Yesterday when he walked into the sanctuary where **Inez Ford** and **Voncile Burke** were dressing the altar for today's service, **Tom Krug** mentioned that he liked the smell of the incense, but he wondered why they were burning it on Saturday. "That's not incense," they said, "Our old vacuum cleaner just caught fire!" The odor was so strong they asked Tom to take the sweeper outside!

It was announced as "Caulking Day" and indeed there was a good turnout -- but many things were accomplished yesterday besides filling cracks. **Nat Jones** weatherstripped doors; **Greg Duckett** and **Louise Stroude** got certified as apprentice caulking gun operators; **James Corn** and **Greg Ashford** installed a new light fixture in Ford Hall's kitchen; **Tom Krug** put up drapery rods and installed an outlet for a microwave that Louise donated. All this occurred while others transformed the appearance of the Parish Hall for today's Father's Day festivities.

Ford Hall's furniture **rearrangements continue** as folks seek the best use of that old building's space. Its **kitchen is getting modernized** to make it ready for a broad spectrum of planned community-service activities. New countertops are coming soon, a better sink, new flooring, a coffee maker and a smaller refrigerator.

Not only is St. Augustine's appearance changing almost weekly, it is **noticeably cleaner**. That's the result of an every-Saturday assault by a contract housekeeping service. "This husband-wife team is so efficient," **Joyce Corn** says. "They know exactly where -- and how -- to scrub everything!" The service tends to Ford Hall as well as our main building.

We expect to see **Nat Caines** back today for Father's Day after many weeks of recovery from surgery.

way or another. [Note: **Fr. Hayden Crawford**, recently rector at St. Augustine's, and Canon Gigi Conner from St. Peter's are two of eight deputies from this diocese.] Deputies agree to have an open heart so that they can prayerfully listen to others and be led by the Holy Spirit. And, they cannot refuse to vote on an issue.

Every nine years the Episcopal Church elects **'one intensely grounded in the love of Jesus Christ... articulating zeal for the Gospel.'** one of its bishops to be its Presiding Bishop. This morning the Convention will choose the 26th Presiding Bishop -- succeeding Frank T. Griswold. Later in the day the bishops will ask the House of Deputies to agree to their choice.

As our chief pastor, the Presiding Bishop is our primary preacher and liturgical leader, and he/she oversees the pastoral care and spiritual wellness of bishops.

The nominating committee said the church was seeking bishops who are "intensely grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, living out their lives in the Spirit and articulating zeal for the Gospel."

The Presiding Bishop is our key leader in articulating the vision and mission of the Episcopal Church, and assessing its work.

He or she (there is one woman among the seven nominees) "will lead us into the reality of a multicultural church, promoting community, and embracing persons, congregations, and dioceses with vast differences in ethnicity; language; age; and socio-economic backgrounds."

As the leader of the Episcopal Church within the Anglican Communion, the Presiding Bishop takes the title of Primate (Latin for leader) and works with other Anglican communities to improve the human condition and to work toward the reconciliation of all persons.

Installation of the 26th Presiding Bishop will occur November 4 at Washington National Cathedral.

Who Will You Call This Summer? The Elected Parish Council, Our Vestry:

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