ST. SIMON OF CYRENE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
810 Matthews Drive
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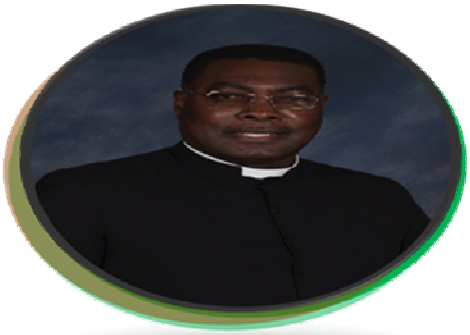
FIRST QUARTER – 2014 GRAPEVINE

FROM THE
RECTOR'S DESK
FR. TREVOR ✞



Nothing prepares you for "An Unholy Technological TRINITY"

Dear Saints of God:
I greet you in the name of our Lord and Christ.
The New Year has begun and it has unleashed much for us to consider as a parish. Integral to my training as a priest was the study of the Holy Trinity. This doctrine forms part of what we believe as Christians and can be expressed as the three persons of the Godhead: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. No part of my theological training prepared me to deal with what I, after some reflection, now call "An Unholy Technological Trinity". By this I mean, having to deal with serious repairs to three key pieces of technology that have impact on parish administration. They are: the boiler, water heater and photocopier.
Having to return from a Christmas break in which I had the pleasure of being with my daughter and her family, especially welcoming our newest grand-daughter, to face this "Unholy Technological Trinity" was daunting, but not defeating. If there was a time for FAITH, that time was these first days of January. While all of these technological failures did not happen at the same time, the intervals of administrative rupture were stressful to say the least. As I do daily, I prayed the sign which hangs over the entrance to my office which reads, **"Faith does not make things easy, it makes things possible."** It was with such hope that I went to work. Thanks to the coordinating efforts of our Junior Warden, Eric Elliot, we got the boiler back in working order at a cost which poses some immediate challenges, but not beyond our creative abilities to resolve. Then in short turn came the water heater and with careful analysis of the problem we were able to get this repaired at a minimum cost. Well, the copier did not want to be left out and when attempting to do a critical job for our "Membership Development/Transformation Commission" what seemed an "ABC" task posed a significant challenge to which I had to make an urgent service call to Xerox. However, what appeared to be a machine problem was in the end a lack of human knowledge in the operation of the machine and its various output mechanisms.
After an exhausting week, many blessings came out of this "Unholy Technological Trinity". While we thought that we had to replace the entire water heater, it turned out to be

a simple repair by a skilled and professional plumber for a nominal cost. GLORY!!! When we were about to throw in the towel on the copier, with the dispatch at Xerox not being able to make any definitive decision if a technician would be able to get to us before Monday, up comes the technician who was on a call to GE when he received our distress call and responded. He was not any technician; he was the one who serviced all our Xerox machines in the past. Who say that God is NOT AN ON-TIME GOD? Alleluia!!! It is these little miracles that occurred in this "Unholy Technological Trinity" that caused me to think that 2014 will be a magnificent year for us in ministry. God is doing His part; all He asks of us is to do ours.
This is exactly what we did and we were able to raise over $1,000.00 to assist in the boiler repairs. Thanks to all who so willingly and generously stepped up and gave for this critical cause in addition to maintaining your pledge. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

Finally, let us make 2014 a year of growth in faithfulness and all other things will be added to us. BELIEVE THIS WITH ME!!!

Together, Sharing the Gospel,
Fr. Trevor+

Your feedback would be most appreciated. Please email us at stsimonsrector@aol.com
Thank you and may God Bless you!!!

2013 Poinsettias Donors

DONOR	INTENT
Willis & Rosie Holloway	Continued blessings for health & strength
Ethelrine Nickerson & Melba Garcia	Thanksgiving
Evelyn & Brandon Perkins	Praise God for Emma Jones's 98th birthday
The Allsop Family	Thanksgiving for the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ
Ralph & Mary Louise Edwards	For God's blessing to us and for our children and their families and friends.
Beatrice & Joe Dorris	Blessings for the birth of Jesus and Blessings of family & friends.
Dorothy Williams	Blessings
Ernestine & Rev. Napoleon Bryant	Blessings
Evelyn Perkins	In praise to God for Emma Jones' **98th Birthday!**
Richard & Marian Clay	Thanksgiving
Henrietta Smith	In loving memory of my son Ollie Smith, III

The Altar Guild sends THANKS to all of our faithful donors. If we missed your names please accept our apologies and we Thank You for your donation.

OUTREACH MINISTRY
Darlene Gray- Chairperson

COMMUNITY SUPPER - St. Simon partnering with Ascension and Holy Trinity

We are open to the public and serving the community. The Community Supper volunteers provide a meal every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in St. Simon's Parish Hall. November 2013 concludes our fifth year of ministry and some of our volunteers have been with us since the very beginning. Included in this report are statistics of the number of persons served and the number of volunteers per month for 2013. However these statistics do not include numerous donations made by members of our congregation. Nor do they measure the commitment and generosity of our volunteers in keeping this ministry active. Thank you St. Simon!

The next Community Suppers will be Tuesday, Feb.11th & March 11th at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. Darlene Gray-Coordinator

2013:

Total in House	Total Take Outs	Total Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours
810	146	142	284

Submitted by: Darlene Gray

FOUR SUNDAYS CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Fr. Trevor R. Babb, Chairperson

Services at 9AM on each Sunday in February

Presentation: Fifty Years Later the State of Racism in American-A DVD from the Episcopal Church Office of Black Ministries.

- **Sunday February 9:** Bishop Michael Curry and Ms. Myrlie Evers-Williams, The Hon. William F. Winter-Why does Racism Persist? Panel-experiences of four of our members.
- **Sunday February 16:** What Racism means in American today. Panel discussion. Where is there hope for change? The Hon. Byron Rushing, Dr. Randy Testa, Dr. Erma J. Vizenor
- **Sunday February 23:** Lived experiences: Local Panel discussion.

4th Sunday Coffee Hour – Cultural Cuisine - Liberian, Caribbean & American

The Bishop Herbert Thomson, Jr. Chapter of The Union of Black Episcopalians presents
Absalom Jones Weekend Celebration with

The Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

Rev. Dr. Brown Douglas is currently The Susan D. Morgan Professor and Director of Religion at Goucher College where she has held the Elizabeth Conolly Todd Distinguished Professorship.

A leading voice in the development of a womanist theology, *Essence* magazine counts Kelly "among this country's most distinguished religious thinkers, teachers, ministers, and counselors." She has published numerous essays, articles and book chapters. Her books include *The Black Christ*, *Sexuality and the Black Church* and *What's Faith Got to Do With It? Black Bodies/Christian Souls.*

Come and hear Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2014 AT 3:00 PM
Forum/Conversation on **"Equality"**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2014 AT 4:00 PM
Guest Preacher at Festal Choral Holy Eucharist to Celebrate the Life and Ministry of Rev. Absalom Jones

Hosted by
St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
5301 Free Pike, Trotwood, Ohio 45426
For more information please call St. Margaret's Church Office
937-837-7741

CHRISTIAN FORMATION
Fr. Trevor R. Babb, Chairperson

DISCIPLESHIP COURSES LENT AND BEYOND

- **Discipleship Course One (1) :**

  Focus:An Outline of Faith (BCP 845-862), 18 weeks beginning March 13th, 2014

- **Discipleship Course Two (2):**

  Focus: Encountering Christ in The Episcopal Church, 15 weeks beginning September 18th, 2014

There will be two weekly sessions every Thursday unless otherwise told.
Session (1) — 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Session (2) – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
All are invited to take advantage of these instructions in Discipleship.

-March 5th, 2014

Arundhati Roy

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

The only dream worth having
is to dream that you will live while you are alive.
and to die only when you are dead.
To love, to be loved.
To never forget your own insignificance.
To never get used to the unspeakable violence
and vulgar disparity of life around you.
To seek joy in the saddest places.
To pursue beauty to its lair.
To simplify what is complicated or
complicate what is simple.
To respect strength, never power.
Above all, to watch.
To try and understand.
To never look away.
And never, never to forget.

Submitted by: Evelyn Perkins

CELEBRATING WITH THE SAINTS

PARISH NEWS
From the Register

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ernestine Bryant
Ryan Scott Ramey
Agnes Grimes
Michael Hunter
Mary Stenson
Crystal Harrell
Henrietta Smith
Richard Headen
Dominic Smith
Jairahn Harrington
Marjorie Johnson
Jessica Jewell
Theorphlis Borden
Kandis Smith

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Willie & Mary McGriff

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Brandon Perkins
Darlene Gray
David Pitts
Michelle Reynolds
Janise F. Rowell
Carolyn B. Gentry
Esther Gordon
Helen Derkson
Joe C. Dorris
Kirby Famble
Evelyn Robinson
Joyce Mobley
Napoleon Bryant
Richard G. Clay
Colenthia Hunter
Keith Reynolds
Mary D. Mobley
Douglas Bennett
Cecelia McCullough
Douglas Bennett, Jr.

CELEBRATING WITH THE SAINTS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Norma Mackey
LaVerne Harris
Nyshuma Mitchell
Mary L. Edwards
Michael Hunter, Jr.
Ralph Edwards
Ruby Cooper
Raymond Hughes
Quentin Rowell
Sheila Morgan
Carlecya Davis

Happy Birthday and Congratulations to all!

VESTRY ACTIONS
Secretary, Mary Mobley

October through 2013 through Jan 2014

CHURCH INSURANCE INSPECTION REPORT-

- Recommendations:
  - Install smoke detectors in boiler room.
  - Correct exit signs in Parish Hall.
  - Vents over stove must be fixed.
  - Outdated Fire extinguishers inspection date. Inspection must be scheduled.

These issues will not cause our insurance to be rejected, but need to be completed.

- The Parish, Growth and Strategic Committee is now called Fundraising and Community Events. Rose Holloway will chair the committee.
- 2014 Budget approved by Vestry
- Discipleship Formation will begin March 7, 2014. Father Trevor R. Babb is working on material for the program.
- Father Trevor R. Babb will be the guest speaker for the Absalom Jones service in Michigan February 15th to 16th, 2014.
- **Vestry Election- Annual Meeting**

- Incumbents Shelia Morgan and Vivian Ramey have submitted their names to serve another 3 years in Vestry. Mary Mobley, Secretary for Parish Meeting to cast one vote to appoint Shelia Morgan and Vivian Ramey to stay on Vestry another term.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Pastor's Business Card...

A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

Therefore, he took out a business card and wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10.'

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock.' Genesis 3:10 reads, 'I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked.'
Remember when the funniest jokes were the clean ones? They still are! 'A cheerful heart is good medicine' (Prov. 17:22).

Submitted by: Evelyn Perkins

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

AN EXCERPT FROM
THE ROAD TO HAPPINESS
by Mac Anderson and BJ Gallagher

When I travel on business, I like to talk to the taxi drivers who take me from the airport to my hotel, or to a convention center, or to a restaurant. Taxi drivers are often immigrants with interesting personal histories and unusual cultural backgrounds. I ask them how long they've been in America, how they chose which city to live in, and what they like best about where they live. Of course, I also ask them for advice on good local restaurants and any special attractions they'd recommend to a visitor. I've had some great experiences on my travels, thanks to the advice of taxi drivers!

On one trip about ten years ago, I was making conversation with the taxi driver, asking him my usual questions about how he came to live where he lived. Then I asked him a hypothetical question: *"If you could live anywhere in the world—and if money was no object—where would you live?"*

Without hesitating even for a second, he replied, "I live in my heart. So it really doesn't matter where my body lives. If I am happy inside, then I live in Paradise, no matter where my residence is."
I felt humbled and a little foolish for my question. Of course he was right—happiness is an inside job. He had reminded me of something I already knew, but had forgotten. If you can't find happiness inside yourself, you'll never find it in the outside world, no matter where you move. Wherever you go, there you are. You take yourself with you.

I am grateful for the wisdom of that taxi driver. And I'm grateful for all the wisdom others have shared with me about how to be happy.

Submitted by: Evelyn Perkins

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

GRAPEVINE DEADLINE-The next issue of the Grapevine is March 16, 2014. Articles should be submitted to Dorothy Williams at dwill4425@aol.com or stsimonsoffice@fuse.net. Please look at the format of this quarter Grapevine, this is what we would love to

see, articles about us (Parish family)as well as family stories. Tell us how you spent your winter. We are looking for healthy recipes!
Newsletter Committee: Dorothy Williams, Beatrice Dorris, Evelyn Perkins, Rev. Trevor R. Babb.

Grapevine Articles 2013

The format for the Quarterly Grapevine:

- From the Rector's Desk
- Fundraising and Community Events
- Outreach Ministry
- Outreach/Health – Parish Health Ministry
- Christian Formation
- Youth in Action
- Celebrating with the Saints
- Vestry Actions
- Articles of Interest
- Parish News and Announcements

DEADLINE FOR 2014 ARTICLES	**ISSUE**
March 16, 2014	Second Quarter
June 15, 2013	Third Quarter
September 14, 2014	Fourth Quarter
December 14, 2014	First Quarter, 2015

Submitted by: Dorothy Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PARISH NEWS

SHROVE/FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER-

Parish Hall, Tuesday, March 4th, 6:30 PM.
Men & Boy's Ministry Hosting.
Additional details TBA (COST).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR TUESDAY, March 4th - Shrove Tuesday
ALL YOU CAN EAT
Pancake Supper!!!

Youth Ministry Annual Fish Fry Sale

FISH DINNERS
& SANDWICHES

Friday, March 7, 14, & 21

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Friday, April 4

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

MENU:

Catfish, Perch, Whiting - $8.75

Includes two (2) sides – Choose from Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans or French Fries

Sandwich – $6.00

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish Hall
810 Matthews Dr.
Lincoln Heights, OH-

Pre orders encouraged
To ORDER CALL – 771-4828

Youth in Action

We are Coming Back!!!

Parish Health Ministry Annual Fish Fry

Friday,
April 11th
Time:
11:00AM—7:00 PM
April 25th
11:00AM—7:00 PM
Two (2) sides with Dinner-$8.75
Choose from:
Bake Beans
Cole Slaw
Mac & Cheese
or French Fries
Cookie included with dinner
SANDWICH: $6.00

Peach Cobbler sold Separately: $1.50

Water/Soda: .75¢

Menu:

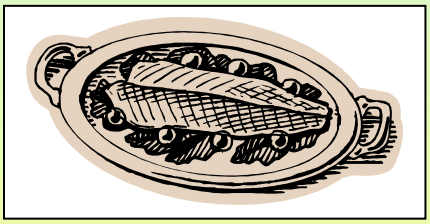
Whiting, Perch & Catfish!

Join us for our annual Southern Style Fish Fry!!

April 11th & April 25th

810 Matthews Dr.

St. Simon's Parish Hall



11:00AM – 7:00PM

Pre orders encouraged—771-4828 or 309-9495

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WORSHIP SERVICES
SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Nursery Care provided from 10:00 – 12:30 p.m.

Community Supper- 2nd Tuesday of the month- 6PM

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Jr. /Suffragan Bishop of Southern Ohio
The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. Trevor R. Babb, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Colenthia Hunter, Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Napoleon Bryant, Deacon
The Rev. Theorphlis Borden, Deacon
The Rev. James Mobley, Deacon
Frank Carr, Jr. Organist and Director of Music
Darlene Gray, Senior Warden
Eric Elliott, Junior Warden
Treasurer-Open

VESTRY MEMBERS:

Mary Mobley - Vestry Secretary, Sheila Morgan , Katelynn Clark, Vivian Ramey, Douglas Bennett, Ivan Reynolds, Ethelrine Nickerson, Georgiana Ruff.