

## Here are this week's announcements:

If you are interested in having your membership transferred to Holy Cross, or joining our parish family,

please contact the church office at 963-4609. <http://>

[www.holycrossvallecrucis.net/](http://www.holycrossvallecrucis.net/)

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Fr. John requests your prayers for the Cooper family. Faye's eldest brother, Hollis Clay Bolick, Jr. passed away on Monday morning. Your thoughts and prayers are requested for family and friends as they continue to say their earthly good byes. The funeral was on Wednesday in Maiden. The family has mentioned that no food or flowers are necessary.

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**BREAKFAST!!** Today is Breakfast Sunday. Join Head Chef, Tad Pace and the other Gentlemen Chefs for a delicious breakfast after the early service. Everyone is welcome and donations are always appreciated and encouraged.

Holy Cross Church welcomes back our visiting clergy, The Rev. Carleton S. Cunningham . Fr. John Zellner will be on vacation from July 7th through August 7th.

We welcome guest Organist, Laura Coston, to our worship service today. Thank you, Laura, for sharing your talents and music with us this

day!

The third concert in the "Music at St. John's" series is today, Sunday, August 3. "Summer Wind" will feature three musicians—Alicia Chapman, Rob Falvo and Douglas James—on ten instruments playing music from France, America and Japan—a veritable buffet of the known and the new with music ranging from 1701 to 1978. Not sure what a theorbo is? A glockenspiel? Or what a baroque oboe sounds like? Please join us at 5:00 pm! Adults may attend for a minimum donation of \$10; children under 12 years may attend free-of-charge. Proceeds and additional donations help underwrite the continuing summer series. Consider bringing a picnic to enjoy on the church grounds following the concert!

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Choristers, please take note: Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. All returning choir members and summer residents are invited to sing with us.

\*\*\*Holy Cross Members!! Please be expecting a telephone call from First Choice Resources in the coming weeks. Their photographer will be scheduling times to take your pictures on Sunday, August 17 and Monday, August 18 for our new Parish Directory. We want to see your shining faces!\*\*\*\*

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Lectors, Chalice Bearers, Acolytes, Ushers and Oblation Bearers  
July 20, 2008

**8:30 Service:** Claire McDonough (L/C) Tom McDonough (C)

**St. John's 9:45 Service:** Erin Kirby (L) David Barnhill (C)  
**11:00 Service:** Nina-Jo Moore (L) Trish Lanier (C/P) Ralph Boswell (C)  
**Greeter and Oblation Bearers:** Larry & Robin Byerly **Ushers:** Ernest  
& Mary Armstrong  
**Crucifer:** Maclain Copeland **Gospel Bearer:** Savannah Copeland  
[http://www.holycrossvallecrucis.net/  
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### Upcoming July Birthdays

7-30 Ann Gerber

7-31 Pat Underwood

### Upcoming August Birthdays

August 1 Brittney Fischer

August 2 John Fawcett, Will Rankin

August 6 Joan Bray

August 8 Mary Hansley, Norman Murphy, Barbara Pitts, Betsy Walker,  
Craig Weeden

August 9 Margaret Beckman

August 10 Maria Morton

August 14 Earl Pariseau

August 15 Erin Morgan

August 16 Jacob Van-Heule

August 17 Corin Brown, Dick Beckman

August 20 Nelia Cunningham

August 22 Sally Hatch, Ingrid Forsyth

August 23 Eloise Vaughn

August 24 Bill Welch, Jim Tennant

August 25 Patty Dyer

August 28 Hugh Bennett, Lynn Davis, Mary Willis, Vicky Weeden  
August 29 Joy Flint  
August 30 Catherine Tester  
August 31 Peggy Hedrick

### July Anniversaries

7-31 Jim and Muriel Moore

### August Anniversaries

August 1 Mac and Anne Greene, Randy and Andrea McDonough  
August 2 Jerry and Doris Boulton  
August 9 Jay and Brenda Binning  
August 15 Charlie and Mary Frisbie, Dennis and Margaret Lehmann  
August 19 John and Carolyn Pollards  
August 22 Ralph and Anna Boswell  
August 26 Bill and Gena Rankin  
August 27 Steve and Beth Loflin  
August 29 Tad and Debbie Pace

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### Mission and Outreach

### ECW NEWS

**Don't Forget to Purchase Lowe's Foods Cards!** Lowe's Foods donates a portion of all cards sold at Holy Cross to the ECW for the Scholarship Fund. These cards are available from Sally Prosch or Francile Shelley. Cards may also be purchased in the office from Kathy Williams. Easy to buy! Easy to use! Easy to help make a difference!

**Villager Initiative:** One evening a month volunteers play and care for foster children while their foster parents have two hours of respite. Additional persons are needed to help provide this important ministry. Contact Alicia Toomey at 297-7586 or [MtnToomeys@aol.com](mailto:MtnToomeys@aol.com) to volunteer for service or for more information.

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**Diocese of Western North Carolina**  
**Bishop's Weekly Reflection**

Note: the Bishop is keeping a Blog while at Lambeth, to read more reflections - the address is:

<http://lambeth2008.blogspot.com/>

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Yesterday we addressed our interpretations of scripture. There was much more consensus than I would have imagined. Regardless of where we live, we all preach on Sunday, and we all, therefore, encounter the sacred text during the week. Yes, we have different approaches and use different interpretative tools, and I discovered we preach for different lengths of time (no, I am not thinking of lengthening my sermons), but in my group we see the sacred story as foundational. It is the way we make meaning in our lives.

As I thought about that, I realized that the most common word used here is "context." "What is your context?" we say over and over again. It does matter. In fact, in some ways I feel as if I am in a Henry James novel where the naive American comes to the worldly Europe (although I do hope for a better end than most of James' characters).

But in another way, our context is not where we live, it is who we are. We live and move and have our being in God and God's Son, Jesus Christ. We are Christ's own forever, and that is the only context that matters at the end of the day. The word "context" means "weave together." The Anglican Communion has been together for so long because what weaves us together is our primary story of our dying and rising with Christ. As we say in the Eucharistic Prayer: we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. This dying and rising happens every time we gather at the Eucharist. It's why our identity as Anglicans is in our Common Prayer. We remember Him and we remember who we are.

My hope is that if we adopt a covenant, it is not a set of rules that we agree on to force uniform behavior; my hope is that a Covenant proclaims our true context. It's the difference between basing a marriage on a pre-nuptial agreement and basing it on the love that two people have for one another. Let's proclaim who we are and agree on a common mission from that unified place.

I can tell you that the design of the Conference is to invite conversation, and it has succeeded. There are many proposals floating and different versions of Covenants. It is not clear how this body will reach any sense of agreement or even of reporting its mind to the Anglican Consultative Council at this point. Our sessions become solely focused on these topics tomorrow.

With all that said, the best parts are always worship and conversation. The day begins and ends with prayer and it is a true communion. The meals are always like going to the United Nations. There is a discovery

every day of how people are incredibly faithful in all parts of the world. I do get tired from a day filled with meetings, but I am always invigorated by the prayers, the bread and wine, and the stories.

Keep us in your prayers as I keep you in mine.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Kirby