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This quarterly magazine is dedicated to sharing with all the clergy and laity of the UECNA and all our readers on the Web the good news of the work being done in our parishes. This issue brought in so many great stories that we needed more pages. Since we are Internet-based, we no longer need to add pages in multiples of four. Two extra pages were added at the last minute to allow us bring you three feature stories without editing.

Please take the time to read about the great work of our National Chaplain, Captain Dan Sparks, both in his work on active duty state-side at Fort Carson, Colorado, and while he was on active duty as a Chaplain in Iraq; the inspiring story of thirty years of faith and service at St. Francis Anglican Church, Ava, Missouri; and the creative leadership displayed by Father David Straw and his team of volunteers at Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, Indiana. †

Thirty Years of Faith in the Ozarks:

In this 30th year of the Continuing Church movement, there is no story more illustrative of the daily life and work of the UECNA than that of St. Francis Anglican Church in Ava, Missouri.

This is not a story of a great and grand cathedral being built, or of the life of an important bishop in flowing robes. It is the inspiring story of the hard work of the clergy and the people at the parish level. While it is a story unique to one parish, it is typical of the dedication of our parishioners to maintain the faith of the movement begun in 1978 A.D.

This year is a special one at St. Francis Anglican Church. It marks the 30th anniversary of its first church service on January 15, 1978 A.D. And while in the world at large 30 years may not be significant, in the continuing Anglican church movement that 30th anniversary marks a noteworthy accomplishment.

The preparation started with a new hymn composed by organist, Kip Smith (shown at

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The Archbishop's Pastoral Message Trinity II 2008 A.D.

The Most Reverend Stephen C. Reber, Sr.

We are moving along with certainty towards Fall. Shorter days—golden days; that feel of crispness in the air are all reminding us that it's time to get going again. Yesterday, while attending service at St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie Ontario, their bulletin was filled with notices of upcoming Fall events: the start of Church School, the start of Choir practice; even a Back to Church Sunday for September 28th.

We are doing all that and then some, so this Fall along with all the usual activity we have our General Convention/Synod at Coshocton, Ohio, October 28, 29 and 30. There together, clergy and delegates and welcome guests will renew old friendships, find new friends and together be guided by the Holy Spirit to do God's work together.

This year we'll be discussing closer ties with the other churches of the Chambers Succession: the ACC and APCK. This will lead, I hope, to an eventual union of the three of us. We'll be selecting perhaps as many as three men to become Suffragan Bishops, with one of the three perhaps to become our new Presiding Bishop-Archbishop upon my



retirement. The Episcopal Church Women will be electing a new president. The Anglican Order of St. Benedict will be meeting also. The clergy and I will be planning, working on ways to promote growth and develop a fuller Christian life for us all. If you have not yet registered as a delegate, do so now, today! If you would like to attend, see your church in action, Register Now!

My real Thanks and Well Done to all those who have served us these past three years. Your loyalty and devotion have kept us true and on course. Perhaps some reader of this Pastoral Letter may be moved to stand for election to a job for the upcoming three years (we need people to serve in several capacities). If you feel so moved, please call me before October 1st. [(704) 871-0272 Abp. Reber takes calls until 11 P.M.]

Please keep the Synod in your daily prayers. Pray for God's guidance as we move forward into a growing and complex future.

“GUIDE, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, by the light of Thy Holy Spirit, the upcoming counsels of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity who will assemble at Coshocton in Holy Synod; Guide us that Thy Church may dwell in peace, and fulfill all the mind of Him who loved it and gave Himself for it, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

I look forward to seeing, greeting and worshipping with you at Coshocton.

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An Experiment in Vacation Bible Study

Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, IN

By Fr. Ron Shibley

For a lot of years every church ran a Vacation Bible School, mostly for the children of their own parish. At Trinity Anglican, which is known for its creativity and energy, a very different kind of VBS was held this summer. To counter the inherent difficulty



of interfering with a family's schedule during the daytime and for an entire week, Fr. David Straw, organizer of the event, set up an evening program from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. — and fed the kids dinner as part of the program! “This allowed for parents not to be rushed from work and for the kids not to be out too late. We fed the kids so the parents had one less thing to worry about,” says Fr. David, whose daytime job is Intake Supervisor for the Indiana Department of Child Services.



Creativity did not stop there. Most of the kids in the program came from several other denominations. Out of the 28 kids in attendance, only seven were from Trinity Anglican. Fr. David accomplished this remarkable feat by calling upon parents he knew in another parish where he had been Youth Minister. To keep the cost reasonable and reduce the burden on the parish treasury, Fr. David asked for donations from parishioners to cover the expense of the kids from outside Trinity Anglican. Of the \$600 total cost of the event, \$500 was paid for by donations. “Parents are looking for fun and safe children’s activities that won’t break the bank,” Fr. David observes.

The children ranged in age from four to fourteen. All of them were given a colorful t-shirt, which Fr. David designed. He shopped around, making sure to ask for a church discount from all bidders and, in the end, paid only \$5.50 per shirt. As for the design, Fr. David says, “I just asked myself what kind of VBS would I have like as a kid and at once thought of the middle ages theme.



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The slogan [Christianity-Slaying the Dragon, Saving Mankind Since 33 A.D.] kind of came along with the t-shirt. I wanted a t-shirt that my son, who will be a freshman in high school, wouldn't be embarrassed to wear."

The costumed middle ages theme with King and Queen and knights was chosen by Fr. David. "This year I did a "Middle Ages" theme because I thought..."What better way to help translate a sometimes misperceived stuffy bunch doing liturgy in Elizabethan English than by a Middle Ages VBS". We even threw in a little liturgy and pomp for the kids...They loved it! Two young men are now "driving their parents crazy to be acolytes"



In addition to Fr. David, the other organizers of the event were parishioners Ron and Shirley Mount and the local chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism. In addition to designing and wearing costumes, Ron wears several hats. He is the parish's senior adult acolyte and also Webmaster. Shirley is the parish's altar guild directress. "Shirley is from London originally. She met Ron fifty years ago in Hollywood, when she was Ron's diction coach and taught him to speak with an English accent. They were perfect for the role of the King and the Queen. They have been affiliated off and on in the Continuing Church since about 1980," Fr. David explains.



Much of the material needed for the program were borrowed from other conservative denominations in the Evansville area or came from the attics and storerooms of parish members, including Fr. David. "Being a pack rat doesn't hurt," Fr. David said.

Fr. Wes Nolden, Priest-in-charge at Trinity Anglican recently observed that "Fr. David is just a natural when it comes to youth activities and pastoral work in the parish." The following from Fr. David's blog illustrates his thoroughgoing understanding of ministry: "[Vacation Bible Schools] are at the very essence of what we as Christians should be doing. They allow us to give children a positive experience about "going to church" and "about God" that they can then take with them for the rest of their lives. They allow us to give children a positive experience about "going to church" and "about God" that they can then take with them for the rest of their lives. They also allow us to expose children to Jesus Christ that normally don't attend church often—If, at all."

At the ceremony closing the school for this year, each child was knighted as Sir or Lady by kneeling before an "earthly king," but they were reminded by Fr. David that "Knights, dragons and wizards are great fun. However, they are fantasy. What is not fantasy is Jesus Christ. Jesus is very real. He was God who came and lived among us as a person and died a horrible death for our sins, so we might live forever in heaven. If you take anything away with you from this Vacation Bible School, please take that."

If you are considering Vacation Bible School in your parish next year, you can't afford not to speak with Fr. David about the experiment at Trinity Anglican. You can reach Fr. David by email at dsstraw@yahoo.com.†



Thirty Years of Faith in the Ozarks

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his *circa* 1850 U.S. Army campaign organ), with words by Fr. Glen Hartley. The new hymn was first sung at the birthday party celebrations. Also, a parish calendar for the year with lots of photos was published.

The next big celebration event was High Tea on Mothering Sunday, which you read about in the Trinity I issue of *Glad Tidings*. This event was made extra special by guests from St. Joseph's Church in Branson, MO, and St. Thomas Church in Mountain Home, AR. Music, provided by The Fireside Strings, was the perfect

accompaniment. Evening Prayer followed the tea, with a full house of more than 50 people.

At the end of May Archbishop Reber and his wife Judy visited and helped celebrate the anniversary year. The Archbishop conducted the Stations of the Cross at the outdoor stations walk. This was followed by an outdoor Holy Communion service at the altar in the grotto. Music was provided on the organ by Kip Smith.

After service, a picnic with roasted hot dogs was held at the firepit in the woods, accompanied by a cool breeze and the melodies of the many birds.



Near the end of June, on a rare warm, sunny day, parishioners and guests came to the Rectory after Holy Communion for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Music on the violin was provided by Tom Berthold.



Activities still to come in the 30th anniversary year include an Instructed Eucharist service in August, Blessing of the Animals on October 4th in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis, Unicorn Hunting Day on October 12th, the Harvest Festival on November 16th, and a special Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

For more information about St. Francis Anglican, contact Fr. Glen Hartley by email at ricecobb@getgoin.net or by phone at (417) 683-3592. †

Our National Chaplain

Fort Carson, Colorado

By Fr. Dan Sparks, U. S. Army Chaplain

Each weekday morning for the past two and a half years, I wake up for another beautiful day for tending my flock. My "parish" is a little unusual. I go to work with my parishioners, have lunch with them, ride in their vehicles with them, go to meetings with them, and do just about anything else with them that they're doing. All of my parishioners aren't Christian, but that doesn't stop me from ministering to them. Some of them are Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Wiccan, and atheist: and I pastor to all of them.

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Some of them are 17 years old; some are in their 40's. All of them are in my care.

In May 2006, I entered active duty after serving almost six years in the Army Reserve as a chaplain candidate. I reported to Fort Carson, Colorado (adjacent to Colorado Springs) and was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division. In October 2006, my brigade deployed to Baghdad, Iraq. While there, our 12-month deployment turned into 15 months; we returned to Fort Carson on 31 December 2007. It was a challenging deployment, but I know that I am where the Lord placed me. Thankfully, I was able to learn the names of all 450 Soldiers before we deployed; I also learned what job each of them did in the unit and personal things about them as well.

Soldiers in combat face all sorts of issues, the least of which is the possibility of death at any moment. During the deployment to Iraq, I did whatever my Soldiers did, just like I do in garrison. Sometimes, on the base or at outposts, I stood in the guard tower swapping stories with Soldiers and helping them stay awake. At other times, I rode in HMMWVs to spend a few days at an outpost with them. I celebrated Holy Communion as often as possible with them when at the outposts; usually only a handful attended, but there were times, like Easter Sunday, when almost everyone participated. Weekly, I sat in meetings, sometimes contributing, but always listening. Meetings can be boring, but they can also be

informative—and I can use the information I glean to find new opportunities to minister to Soldiers. Whether eating hot meals with Soldiers in the chow hall or cold pre-packaged meals at an outpost, spending that little time together was important. Standing beside wounded Soldiers in the aid station was also important as I prayed for them, comforted them, or tried to help keep them calm while being treated. It was great fun throwing out candy in the motor pool, spraying Silly String, or throwing water balloons at my Soldiers. Everything is done with the intent of building meaningful personal relationships so that I can speak the truth of God that Soldiers need to hear.

Perhaps the most important moments in my military ministry to date have been when I stood with my arms around my Soldier parishioners, hugging them, praying for them, and crying with them as we mourned the loss of our buddies in combat. Nine brave men from my unit died in Iraq. I knew each of them personally and had spoken with each one within a few days prior to his death. We shared so much together during training prior to the deployment and throughout the deployment; losing those men, my friends, surely feels as painful as losing one's children.

I remember their names and faces and pray for their Families. As our Father in heaven surely is compassionate towards us, I also was burdened for my Soldiers who experienced the pain of grief when their friends died. It may seem strange to those who haven't experienced such relationships forged in the fires of combat, but in those moments of turmoil, I knew that the Lord had placed me in this place of ministry to fulfill his purpose.



Father Dan on duty in Iraq last year.

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A few weeks ago, I left 3-61 CAV and was reassigned to the 43rd Special Troops Battalion of the 43rd Sustainment Brigade, remaining at Fort Carson. Although at least half of the Soldiers of 3-61 CAV had already left the unit, it was difficult for me to leave behind the Soldiers I had been with for the last two years and the new Soldiers who I was getting to know. However, before entering active duty, I told the Lord that I would go wherever he told the Army to send me. So, now I am serving the Soldiers of 43rd STB, and searching for fresh opportunities to minister to them. With the Lord's help, I will serve him faithfully in this ministry to his flock.

My Soldiers inspired me to write a book that addresses some of the common things they question me about. The book, *He Shall Direct Thy Paths: Reflections for America's Soldiers and Heroes*, will be released in publication in September, and I will hand out copies to my Soldiers. I pray that the Lord will use this small devotional to bring honor to himself through the lives of our nation's Soldiers.

I am proud to tell others that I work with heroes. I don't know why the Lord chose to bless me as he did by placing me here. This is my dream job, and I enjoy every day I spend time with Soldiers. There are certainly challenges—and many moments I don't want to relive—but there are so many rewards. At times, we all wonder whether we are having an impact on the lives of others, and that question sometimes arises in my work. However, I have seen the Lord at work in the lives of my Soldiers, and I am thankful that he placed me among these lambs. My call sign on the communications network is "Shepherd", and I strive to honor the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls. Thank you for your prayers for our nation's heroes and their Families. †

NEWS OF THE PARISHES: St. Joseph's Anglican Branson, MO

By Fr. Jim McTaggart

Greetings from the wonderful city of Branson, Missouri! Our parish is busy with its building campaign. We recently had a garage sale and raised over \$1400 to add to our building fund. With prices in Branson being very high, we will need all we can raise!



As most of you are aware, we are meeting in an historical church called the Old Stone Church, part of First Presbyterian Church. An anonymous donor from the Presbyterian Church has made our rent payment for us for the past year and we are so appreciative of that.

July is a busy month for us. The Baptism of Abby Kiracofe on July 13th was followed by a going away party for Neal Hartwell, one of our founding members. On the 27th we had another party

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for the Barnes family who are on sabbatical in Latvia for a year. Steve Barnes won a Fulbright scholarship for a year of teaching in Latvia. He and his family will return in 2009.

August is also full of activity. This year Ms. Samantha D'Alessandro and Justin Rever were married on the 8th of the month. Samantha's sister Jessica hosted a church shower for her on the 3rd.

With all this activity we are keeping our three young acolytes, (from left to right: Jamie Pate, Jordan Epps, and Alex Pate), very busy. Jamie and Alex's father, John Pate, is our Senior Warden.



For more information on our parish, please visit our website: www.StJosephAnglican.org. †

Church of the Resurrection

Shalimar, FL

By Fr. Mike Carr

We were very fortunate here at the Church of the Resurrection to receive a pastoral visit from Fr. Gregory Mashburn. After successfully completing a Reading for Orders program, Fr. Greg was ordained in 2001. He was canonically resident in The Anglican Church, Canada Synod, until incardinating into the



United Episcopal Church of North America earlier this year.

Fr. Mashburn's visit was also the weekend that our long-time choir director Bill Harden and his wife Alice (shown above, at left, with Waunita Rioux and Fr. Mashburn) departed for their new home in San Antonio, TX. Fr. Greg made a second visit to the parish on June 22nd, filling in for Fr. Mike so that Fr. Mike could have a long-awaited weekend off. †

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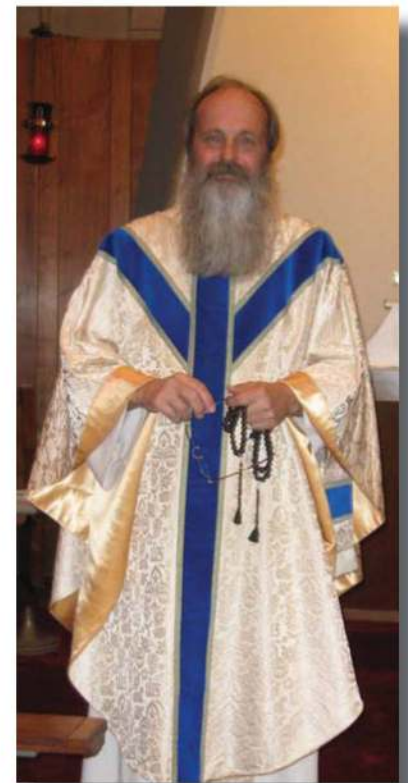
Evansville, IN

By Fr. David Straw

Trinity Anglican Church had a visiting priest in May while our two priests were away in Arkansas for the annual Deanery of the Ozarks meeting. Fr. M. Seraphim Thomas, of the Anglican Province of Christ the King's Grace Anglican Church, Louisville, KY, agreed to come and celebrate Mass for us.

Fr. Thomas is an experienced missionary priest. He shared his experiences in Africa with our parish. His visit was made possible by the intercommunion agreement between the APCK and the UECNA. †

[See News of the Clergy for information about one of our UECNA clergy who is on loan to the APCK.]



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St. Thomas Anglican

Mountain Home, AR.

By Archdeacon Sam Seamans

After nine months of construction our new church building was completed in October 2007 A.D. I'm proud to say that that we kept the cost down only because of the hard work of parish volunteers and the value of donated materials and labor, especially the long hours and material contributed by our parishioner and contractor Rip Gresham.

Our beautiful church building features a stained glass window



above the Altar. The Nave is spacious, with a wide center aisle and comfortable seating for 80 people. The building was dedicated by Archbishop Reber on May 24th.

At the dedication service, Archbishop Reber ordained Brian Moody into the Diaconate. Deacon Moody is an attorney with the local firm of Bryan, Saunders, and Morgan. Deacon Brian is pictured here with his wife Rachel and son William. †



St. Michaels United Episcopal

Springhill, FL

By Fr. Tom Bouilly

With the upcoming election, Christians ought to remember the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

During World War II an advisor to Prime Minister Winston Churchill organized a group of people to pray every night at the same time for the safety of England, its people and for peace. Here in the United States a similar group has been organized. I urge you to participate each night at 9:00 P.M., Eastern Time (8:00 P.M. Central, 7:00 P.M. Mountain & 6:00 P.M. Pacific). Please spend one minute each night praying for the safety of our country, its troops and citizens, for peace in the world, for wisdom in the upcoming election, and that the Bible remain the basis of American law and for the growth of Christianity in our land. †

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St. Chrysostom Anglican

Richmond, VA

By Fr. Ron Shibley (Photos © by Richmond Times-Dispatch)

We had an outstanding quarter, at least in terms of publicity. The parish was featured in a story in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on June 21st. The pictures of the newspaper's visit to our Sunday 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist service and also of our hymn-singing practice on Thursdays were turned into a slide show on the newspaper's web site. We have gotten comments on the story from all over the country.



In May, we were visited by Fr. Richard Desroches, Assisting Priest to Archbishop Reber at All Saints Pro Cathedral, Hillsborough, NC, and new Web master for the UECNA. Fr. Richard co-celebrated Mass with Fr. Ron at our 11:00 A.M. service and also participated



in our monastic-style reading of Morning Prayer. †

St. Luke's Chapel

Pinellas Park, FL

By Fr. Robert Rolander and Cathy Rolander

St. Luke's Chapel remains the same spirited group in the summer months, even though two-thirds of our congregation have gone away for the summer, either back to Canada, or to northern towns, but we still have about 20 dear ones who attend services every Sunday faithfully. We have a very loving group of people, and it holds to the word of GOD that when 2 or 3 are gathered, there am I in the midst of them. We do experience this truth every time we assemble. God is so good to us and he is so faithful!!! We wish you all this same love which can only come in time spent with the Lord. Until next time we wish you God's blessings and Shalom. †

St. Matthews United Episcopal Church

Rogers, AR

By Fr. Jerry Ellington, Vicar

We are glad to report that we are now worshipping in our new storefront location on South 20th Street, Rogers, AR. With the the help of volunteers we have created a beautiful place to worship. I'm so proud of every member's help and support for our little mission church. Doyle Carelock, who was a little reluctant at helping at acolyting at first, has been such a blessing!



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And he seems to enjoy acolyting and reading! He has also been very interested in learning more as he continues to train for Lay Reader.

One of our new members, Katherine Burr, has been very helpful in volunteering her talents. Our founding members have contributed mightily: Nina Carelock, who has done a fantastic job keeping our music ready for Sunday, Julia Bowman, who has been



keeping our resources in stock (candles, hosts, candlesticks, and so forth), and Edith Garcia, who is here every Sunday to make sure the Altar is absolutely perfect! We are surely blessed with such a wonderful Church family.

Pictured are our storefront signage and, on the interior, our altar table, wall-mounted wooden Cross, pulpit, lecturn for the Epistle and Psalm reading, and Communion rail. Our sanctuary can seat 40 people, including Clergy and Servers.

We are seeing new visitors as word gets out that we are now located in Rogers. I would like to extend a hearty welcome to everyone to come join us in our weekly worship schedule. We meet on Sundays at 11:00 A.M. for Holy Communion and Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. for Evening Prayer. †

St. John's United Episcopal

Oakville, MD

By Rev. Doug Gisrael, Junior Warden

Our parish falls into the category of "house churches," a private home turned into a house of worship. The split-level home which was to have been our Rectory was converted into a church, with the lower level a chapel with 10 rows of pews seating about 60 people and a sacristy. Last year we received an anonymous donation from a parishioner which allowed us to make safety improvements to our back deck, replace and extend our front walk to allow handicapped access and construct a dormer-type roof over the front entrance.

We have sometimes heard from those who visited our church: *"I'd feel more like attending your church, if only it looked more like a church from the outside. You have a beautiful chapel, but it just doesn't look like a church."* Not long after our Vestry met to discuss a fundraiser for the purchase of a steeple, Fr. Joe Dobson, our Rector, informed me of an offer of an anonymous grant to cover the cost of the steeple. Fr. Joe instructed me to find a supplier.

Through the grace of God, I located on the Internet a company, Cyber Steeple and Baptistry, Mooresville, North Carolina, that had what we were looking for at a reasonable price, just under \$2,000. The price quoted to us by several local contractors to install the steeple was more than we could afford. Since buildings and grounds falls under my responsibilities, and since I once

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worked as a carpenter, I convinced Fr. Joe that we could install it ourselves, with some help from friends. Assisted by parishioner David Reed and his brother Marion, — and my nephew and a friend of his whom we hired for a few hours — we cut into the



porch roof, reinforced the roof structure and installed the steeple ourselves. It wasn't easy, but we made it work with God's help. Please come and see us now that we look like a "Real Church."†

[You can learn more about St. John's United Episcopal Church at www.StJohnsUEC.org]

Sts. Andrew and Matthias

Hastings, MI

By Bp. David Hustwick

Everyone had lots of fun during the 2008 Vacation Bible School. This year's theme was the Parables Jesus told: the Lost Coin, the Prodigal Son, and many others. Each day we covered two of the parables and provided coloring materials for the children for



each the parables.

Fortunately, the weather cooperated nicely so we were able to round out our children's activities with field hockey on the lawn. Inside, the children did crafts work every day and we all enjoyed singing



together on each of the five days of the School. We ended each day with Evening Prayer.

The results were so good that our volunteers are already looking forward to the 2009 School! †

[You can contact Bishop Hustwick by email at rtrevhustwick@yahoo.com or by telephone at (269) 948-9327.]

News of the Clergy:

Fr. Joe Dobson and **Fr. John Ayres** (St. John's United Episcopal Church, Oakville, MD) attended, with Archbishop Reber, the Mid-Atlantic Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church (ACC) at Natural Bridge, VA, in June.

Fr. Wes Nolden (Trinity Anglican Church, Evansville, IN) and **The Venerable Sam Seamans** (Archdeacon, Deanery of the Ozarks & Rector, St. Joseph Anglican Church, Mountain Home, AR) represented Archbishop Reber at the Synod of the Diocese of New Orleans (ACC) at St. Gregory University, Shawnee, OK, on the 26th and 27th of June. On the first day, at Bishop Presley Hutchens' request, Fr. Wes celebrated Mass and Fr. Sam delivered the sermon on the topic of Anglican unity. Fr. Wes preached at Christ Episcopal Church, Huntsville, AL, in June.

Fr. Gregory Mashburn (unassigned) was ordained *sub conditioni* by Archbishop Reber on Monday, April 28th at Statesville, NC. Fr. Gregory is a retired U.S. Air Force officer who resides in Dayton, OH. He comes to the UECNA from the Independent Anglican Church of Canada. He recently visited several parishes of the UECNA to introduce himself, including Church of the Resurrection, Shalimar, FL; St. Francis Anglican, Ava, MO; and Trinity Anglican, Evansville, IN.

Fr. Ron Shibley (St. Chrysostom Anglican Church, Richmond, VA) has completed the second edition of *Prayers in the Christian Tradition*, which is to be published in time for Advent 2008. This second version almost doubles the number of prayers available in the first edition, which was published at Advent 2006 A.D. The book has 100 pages of prayers from many Christian religious traditions in the western and eastern church. He is currently working on *A Layman's Lexicon: A Handbook of Scriptural, Theological and Liturgical Terms*, which will be written in everyday language

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The Archdeacon's Corner:

The Venerable John Jenkins
Archdeacon of Ohio

We all have pet peeves. My number one pet peeve is those people, both clergy and lay, who zip through the prayers and creeds in any service, so fast that they don't have time to reflect on what they are saying.

Possibly, because we learned it first, and use it often, The Lord's Prayer is the prayer most often abused in this manner. We really need to listen to what we are saying when we pray this prayer taught to us by our Lord and Savior.

"Our Father who art in heaven": He is OUR Father. Our Heavenly Father. It doesn't matter what color we are or how good we are. It matters not whether we are Christian, or whether or not we acknowledge Him. He is still our Heavenly Father. We were born and have our being because of Him.

"Hallowed be thy Name": Your Name is holy to us. We do not take thy Name in vain, rather we hold it up above all other names.

"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven.": Here we are praying for God's Kingdom to come so that His will will be done on earth, just as it is in heaven.

"Give us this day our daily bread.": Give us, Oh Lord, those things we need for today. We do not ask for tomorrow or next week. Help us to make it through today.

"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.": Lord we know we have sinned. We have done you wrong. And we ask you to forgive us. But don't just forgive us, forgive us in the same manner in which we forgive those who have done us wrong. There is the catch! Lord, don't you forgive me if I don't forgive others.

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intended for the average layman use as a reference source.

Fr. Ron White reports that his assignment to St. Mary the Virgin Parish, San Diego, CA, an APCK parish, has been "a blessing from God." On the cooperation between APCK and the UECNA, Fr. Ron writes that "Archbishop Provence, Rector Fr. Bob Green, and Deacon Gary Pinhero have extended to me a warm welcome. The interaction of the two jurisdictions has been wonderful and our focus is not on territory but the Great Commission, increasing the borders of His Kingdom the Church. Fr. Bob and I alternate in celebrating the mass (Fr. Bob otherwise drives over 100 miles one way each Sunday). We are planning a mid-week service beginning in August. I thank God, Archbishop

Reber and Archbishop Provence for making this wonderful experience possible. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you in the UECNA and also to help the APCK build St. Mary's Parish here in San Diego."

Mus Ecclesia



And they prayed, and said, Thou Lord which knowest the hearts of men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen. Acts 2:24

How long halt ye between two opinions?
1 Kings 18:21

Choose ye this day whom ye will serve
Joshua 24:15

Refuse the Evil, and choose the Good
Isaiah 7:15

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Ninth Triennial Synod in October

The parish of St. Paul's Church, Coshocton, OH, mother church of the UECNA, will be the host parish for the Ninth Triennial Synod on October 28-30. The Convention will meet at The Coshocton Village Inn



and Suites, 115 North Water Street, Coshocton, OH 43182. There is a modest \$50.00 per person registration fee. Attendees must contact the hotel directly at (740) 622-9455 for reservations. Rates are \$75.00 plus tax for suites; \$65.00 plus tax for rooms. More information is posted on the

Archbishop's Office pages of our Web site. Additional information will go out in early September.

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"And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.": Of course, God will not lead us into temptation. What we are really asking is that He keep us from being lead into temptation, and at the same time keep us from all evil.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.": It is His kingdom, His power, and His glory for ever and ever, And we acknowledge this.

Just a few thoughts on something on which I could do seven sermons. Think about what you are saying when you talk with the Lord. †

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