

Parish Notes



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Newsletter

June 2011

Coming Together In One Eucharist

We gathered as one congregation this past Sunday at one Eucharist at 9 a.m. between the hours of the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. Nearly 60 of us came to church that morning with a feast of goodies that provided a brunch for us all. It was a grand celebration. We will repeat the gathering through the summer, on the first Sunday of July and August.

I can't begin to describe how wonderful it was to have everyone together. To join our voices in praise of our Lord, and then to share the wine and the bread.

And after the Lord's meal, we adjourned for the delicious potluck. (By the way, if you haven't tried Elaine Wheaton's *apple* cobbler, you're in for a treat and a surprise. If you didn't know better, you'd be surprised to find out the *apple* is actually zucchini.)

As we were finishing the meal and feasting on the desserts, we showed the first of the Harry Potter movies in a darkened, and evaporative-cooled sanctuary.

We will be showing the films in sequence into mid-July in preparation for the premiere of the final chapter of the seven-book series: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2*. I also am making a few theological remarks about the films before they begin. Please join us.

Fr. Raymond+

Amy Pospichal Ordination June 12 in Tucumcari

AMY POSPICHAL will be ordained and installed at First Presbyterian Church in Tucumcari at 4 p.m. on Sunday June 12. The church is located at 306 E. Aber St. You take I-40 to exit 329 (historic rt. 66, I-40 business route), and left on S. First St (NM 104 N.), and then right onto East Aber Street.

HC Memorial Service

For Katie Myers June 18

You are invited to celebrate the life of Katie Myers at 11 a.m. Saturday June 18th here at Holy Cross. Katie died in May after suffering a stroke. Music is being planned and the choir will sing. A reception will follow.

Bethel Holding up June as Hunger Awareness Month

June is a special time for remembering those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please consider adding a couple of more cans of food each week to the stockpile we have at church.

Bethel is in need of non-perishable food items. We will gather them here, and then bless the food during the Eucharist on the First Sunday of the Month, and deliver it to Bethel.



One Service at 9 a.m. On July 3 & August 7

We will gather together for one Eucharist at 9 a.m. on the First Sundays this summer. **So Mark your calendars** for July 3rd and August 7th so we can come together for Communion and for a Potluck brunch. That way we can get to know each other better!



Harry Potter Films in Sequence

(Times are approximate)

June 5 *Sorcerer's Stone* 10:30 a.m.

June 12 *Chamber of Secrets* 11:30 a.m.

June 19 *Prisoner of Azkaban* 11:30 a.m.

June 26 *Goblet of Fire* 11:30 a.m.

July 3 *Order of the Phoenix* 10:30 a.m.

July 10 *Half-Blood Prince* 11:30 a.m.

July 17 *Deathly Hallows Part 1* 11:30 a.m.

Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part 2
is scheduled in theaters on July 15

Father Raymond to Attend June CREDO Conference

The Rev. Raymond Raney has accepted an invitation to attend a CREDO conference from June 20-27, 2011, at the Bishop's Ranch Conference Center located in Healdsburg, California.

The eight-day conference provides participants with the means to find direction and clarity in four component areas: spiritual, health, vocational, and financial. CREDO provides a foundation for participants to embrace wellness and to prayerfully discern the direction of their vocation.

CREDO was founded in 1997 as a pilot program funded by The Church Pension Group. Episcopal clergy, deacons and bishops from virtually every diocese in the country have taken advantage of the CREDO benefit. Participants are selected at random from all active clergy with more than one year in the Pension Fund. The

Church Pension Fund pays all but \$500 of the conference costs.

Father Raney will join approximately 30 other clergy in the CREDO conference. Over the course of the conference, participants will meet in plenary sessions, small groups and private consultations with faculty members. Participants also have ample quiet time to reflect on their personal and professional lives.

Each participant commits to extensive reflection through pre-conference instruments and surveys that focus on personal and professional wellness. The work of CREDO is organized around four major areas in each person's personal and professional life. Each of these components is explored as an integral part of the whole.

Spiritual – offers a sacred space where each participant can reflect on his or her interior life and relationship with God in Christ.

Vocational – provides opportunities for reflection, discernment, and planning in the professional areas of vocation, career, and work.

Health – encourages reflection on physical and emotional health and well-being, stewardship of the body, and development of a plan to address the individual's health needs.

Financial – explores all aspects of personal financial management and encourages reflection on God-given resources and how best to use them in response to God's call.

Through this discernment and visioning process, and with the help of a faculty team of professionals, each participant builds a CREDO Plan – a personal covenant based on his or her CREDO work and a formal expression of the CREDO experience. The CREDO Plan provides a personal baseline and strategy for effective implementation.

Dear God,
I think about
you sometimes even
when I'm not praying

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