

A ROAD WELL TRAVELED

There exist few easements on the road that the homeless travel, few shoulders for rest, few medians providing a sense of safety and numerous curves jump out at them like sinister characters in a modern video game...one often void of heroes.

If you were homeless this would be a frightening forecast of your days ahead. One, two, three paychecks away from experiencing such, it's an ominous forecast. Homelessness an implausible scenario? Never the less, this scenario leaves residue of sadness to any numinous senses of understanding.

Having been homeless briefly twice in my life, do solely to my own folly, I've come to realize it's not any particular road you might find yourself on, it's how one travels the path. That's precisely what was witnessed on Sunday, June 8, a well traveled road to Trinity Streets by many of our downtown friends.

It was witnessed in the reflective eyes of a young woman, clutching her meager belongings while eagerly stashing extra cookies into her worn handbag, in the strong posturing of an older gentleman seeming a bit embarrassed at his temporary fate, and in the playful joking and taunting of friends who share a common time for the sake of a joyful laugh.

The following spiritual souls provided for yet another moment...the shoulders, medians and easements for many to relax, dine and share laughter in a world that can become at times far too physically immediate and overwhelming:

Our beloved thanks to Kennith and Nadine Gordon for their sustaining donation, to our incredible ECR cooks, waiters and waitresses, and furthermore doubling as the set-up and clean-up crew: Annette Nover-Ault, Elaine and Dave Henderson, Sandy Sterzing, Woody and Susan Ledenham, Larry, Ardath and Laura Clifton, Janet Clere, Linda Bryant, Andy Lyon, our new found firefighter Tom Anderson, and two wonderful volunteers from Saint Edward's, Graham and Donald. And remember when we asked for cake and milk? Wow! Thanks to Linda Bryant, Janet Clere and Patricia Hansen, we had it! And thanks to Charles and Holly Davis and John and Georgia Tabor, our downtown friends had pre-packaged food to take with them when they left.

As always, our greatest thanks to all of you!

Kenny and Toni Oyler, Trinity Streets Coordinators

WE WELCOME FR. KEN KESSELUS: We welcome today the Rev. Ken Kesselus, supplying for ECR while Fr. Jim is away. Fr. Kesselus has worked with our Vestry and Ministry Leaders in recent years, and we are blessed to have his ministry with us again today.

ECR is Doing a 2008 ECR Photo Directory!
(Photo Deadline Extended to June 15, 2008)

YOU NEED TO BE INCLUDED. We are using the contact info in the Parish Phone Directory, and adding to that a photo section with current photos of each ECR family, either provided by you digitally, or taken by Bob Beyer. We want to get every member of a family in one picture which will be cropped from shoulder up. This directory will be for ECR Parishioner use only. A recent digital photo of your choice can be emailed to Bob at txbeyer@austin.rr.com, or phone 238-6732 to arrange a photo taking time. **June 15 is the deadline** for submitting or taking photos for the directory.

Bob Beyer

ALL ECR WOMEN: YOU ARE INVITED TO A BRIDAL SHOWER FOR BAILEY NEVILL

Bailey is the daughter of Leslie and Randy Nevill. They are former members of ECR. Bailey has celebrated many birthdays with us, she served as an acylote and was a member of our EYC. The Bridal Shower is in our Parish Hall on Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until it's over. It is given by: Helen Paulsen, Ann Foxworth, and Janet Carpenter. Bailey is registered at Target and Dillards. Please come and join the fun. For more details or questions, call Helen Paulsen at either: 512-569-1066, or 512-255-5741

DINE OUT- JUNE, 28, 2008

Please join us for the next Dine Out on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Threadgill's restaurant at 6:00 pm. Threadgill's is located at 6416 N Lamar Blvd. Dine Outs are a great way to enjoy good food and fellowship with your ECR friends. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

ULTREYA—JUNE 29, 2008

The next ULTREYA is on June 29, 2008 at Christ Church Cedar Park at 6pm. Let us have a great representation from ECR! Car Pooling is available, also childcare.

Helen Paulsen

**ADULT AND MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - JUNE, 2008**

Immigration/Migration:

June 1-29, 2008, 9:45-10:45 am in the sanctuary

ECR is pleased to announce a multi-generational opportunity for learning and growth offered on all five Sundays in June. We will present a fascinating and challenging series on the many facets of immigration in our town.

Today, June 15 – Workers Defense Project staff: providing assistance and education on worker's rights to those documented or undocumented. A local worker who is being aided by the Project will speak to us using a translator.

June 22 – Jennifer Walker-Gates, legal counsel for the Immigration Law Clinic of Austin, Catholic Charities, will present examples of local immigration legal issues / cases.

June 29 – Episcopal Migration Ministries. Amanda Masterson, volunteer with refugee services of Austin assisting resettlement of legal migrants from all over the world in Austin. They are expecting 300 persons this year from Burma, Afghanistan, Iraq, and a number of African nations, etc. She will show a short DVD prior to her presentation.

Each of these classes will support the participants' spiritual growth and progress. All of these ministries will offer opportunities for adults and youth of our ECR community to be involved, to help and to love others in Christ's Name, and, in the process, to be grow into the image of God. Invite your friends. Come and see!

ATTENTION, ECR YOUTH!!! We hope you're having a great summer and keeping cool! **Listed below is the summer calendar for God's Teens (EYC).** Remember, if you are entering 6th grade in the fall, you are now a part of God's Teens! Yippee!!

BAKE SALE: Sunday, June 22, after the 11:00 am service. We need everyone's baking expertise. We need cupcakes, cookies (all kinds), cakes, pies, brownies, etc. There will be no food after the 11:00 am service. Our goodies will be the only food there, so start baking! This is one of several fund raisers we do throughout the year. Please, bake, bake, bake!

CAR WASH ~ SUNDAY, JULY 20TH! During the 11:00 am service, we will be washing the congregation's cars once again. Please wear your grubbies, swimsuit under your grubbies, and bring an old, old towel to help dry all the cars. After the car wash, we'll have our annual swim party and water volleyball match at Joe Page's house. Please bring your favorite junk food. Hot dogs and lemonade will be provided.

GOD'S TEENS (EYC) BIG EVENT!!! ~ Mark your calendars now for **August 9th and 10th!** More info and details coming soon!!! Enjoy your summer! Hope to see you soon. God's Blessings,
Chris Summers (627-5861), Paddy Langford, Shelly Page

ADULT EDUCATION: JULY CLASS

Have you ever heard of the Enneagram? It's a tool for discernment and spiritual growth, calling upon insights from Christianity, Judaism, Greek philosophy, and other ancient schools of wisdom. Christian prayer and practice are making productive use of the Enneagram (Pythagorus' "nine-sided symbol") to gain greater insight into the temperament and personality that God has given to each of us, by which we interpret and affect the world around us in Christ's Name. By bringing us into a greater understanding of who God created us to be, the Enneagram enables us more fully to offer ourselves to God and neighbor. The class will involve serious prayer and self-study. Our facilitators for the four Sundays of the month of July are Rick and Lesley Bradstreet. Rick is a certified trainer and both he and Lesley have attended the Enneagram Intensive Professional Training Program. Rick is retired from his career as Chief Psychologist for the Austin Police Department and does training, counseling, consulting and teaching. Lesley's career was in marketing and community relations. A reference book for the class will be *The Enneagram: a Christian Perspective* by Franciscan priest and prolific author Richard Rohr. Come learn and grow.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Join our Christian Ed. program at ECR! There are programs for children of all ages so make plans to join us!

1. **Nursery:** We offer a program for Toddlers and Twos where a storyteller goes into the nursery at 11AM (as the service starts) and tells a short story to the children in the Nursery. The theme of the story stays the same each month and stresses simple concepts.
2. **Preschool Class** is for 3-4 year olds. This class uses a new curriculum this year--All Things New which includes best-loved Bible Stories and Episcopal basics.
3. **Primary Class** is for children grades K-2. This class uses a new curriculum this year--All Things New which includes best-loved Bible Stories and Episcopal basics.
4. **Intermediate Class** is for children in grades 3-5. This class uses Living the Good News that highlights the Gospel lesson for each Sunday.
5. **Middle School Class, grades 6-8,** is exploring various themes this year about growing up and growing in faith.
6. **High School Class, grades 9-12,** using Episcopal Curriculum for Youth, helps youth address major questions with a view toward living the love of God.

Bring your children and grandchildren! Spread the news to friends and neighbors of our excellent Children's Christian Education program!

Adrienne Cantor (249-7491)
Director, Children's Christian Education

Calendar for June 15-21, 2008

Sunday, June 15 — Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

8:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:45-10:45 Adult Christian Education
9:45-10:45 Children's Christian Education
11:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
4:00 pm Balcones Community Orchestra at ECR

Monday, June 16, 2008

6:00 pm Toastmasters—Room 4
7:00 pm Boy Scouts—EYC Bldg.

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

10:00 am Threads of Love—Parish Hall
2:00 pm Deadline for Sunday bulletin

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

7:00 am Bible Study—Room 4
6:00 pm Evening Prayer/Eucharist—Chapel
6:30 pm Bible Study—Room 4
7:00 pm Cursillo Reunion—Bride's Room
7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice—choir room

Thursday, June 19, 2008

10:00 am Thrift Shop Open
7:00 pm VESTRY MEETING, 7:00 PM

Friday, June 20, 2008

10:00 am Thrift Shop Open

Saturday, June 21, 2008

8:30 am Cursillo Reunion—Jim's
8:30 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting
9:00 am Quilters—Parish Hall

VESTRY HOST OF THE DAY

Following the worship service, Woody Ledenham, our vestry host is available to visit about suggestions, ideas and parish concerns that you may have and to help find out more about ECR if you are new. Our vestry host welcomes the opportunity to talk with you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ECR!

June 15, 2008 - Balcones Community Orchestra at ECR, 4:00 pm
June 19, 2008 - VESTRY MEETING, 7:00 pm
June 21, 2008 - Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 8:30 am
June 22, 2008 - Lay Pastoral Care Mtg., 12:30 pm
June 26, 2008 - Macintosh Users Group, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
June 28, 2008 - DINE OUT, 6:00 pm, Threadgill's

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OUR ECR VESTRY

Linda Bryant	Kenny Oyler
Mike Paulsen, Jr. Warden	Ann Foxworth
Paddy Langford, Sr. Warden	Chris Summers
Mary Jo Hernandez	Sandy Sterzing
Woody Ledenham	Nadine Gordon
Carolyn Ellis	Kenneth de Silva

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ECR NAME TAGS

All members of ECR are encouraged to wear their name-tags. You may request one by signing-up on the clipboard located on the table in the Narthex.

Jim Heath

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PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Michael Young, Cpt. Lee Schnell, Ricky Contreas, Matt Padgett, Todd Standifer, Daniel Vancil, Steven Walker and wife, Shelby, Dana Leary, Jake Hinkle, Michael Walker, Theodore Watkins, Tyrone Park, Captain Todd J. Verrill, Laura Haller, Zach Koch, Robert Holliday, Joshua Rushing, Chobe Burett, Luis Cassell, Luis Sanchez, Jennifer and Michael Redente, Foy Watson, Talon Snyder, Aaron Wenske, David Garcia, Austin Hall, Neil and Robin Ferrick, Johnny Harass, Kelly Pader, Elizabeth Sherwood, William Beall, Coach Stribling, Sergeant David Mackey, Greg Clark, Richard and John Buerger, Jessica Craig, Shawn English, Greg Thogmartin, and Patrick Wines.

Please let us know when your loved one has completed his/her tour of duty.

PLEDGE **PLUS** A DOLLAR A DAY

To correct the deficit in the current 2008 budget, and to ensure that ECR begins next year with a healthy positive balance, the Vestry has initiated the "Pledge PLUS a Dollar a Day" campaign. This year, we have 69 persons and families who have made pledges to ECR's mission and ministry. If each of these people were to add just \$1 per day to the plate, the figure in our budget for the loose plate offering would be exceeded by \$25,185 (\$25,254 if you include February 29 for Leap Year). And if those who do not to pledge but who still give to ECR's mission and ministry via the loose plate offering would add just \$1 per day to their giving, the 2008 deficit will be completely eliminated and ECR will begin 2009 well in the black with a positive budget balance. At the annual meeting Sunday, January 20th, the expenses for 2007 and the new budget for 2008 were presented to the parish. ECR ended 2007 in the red by \$6,868.00. This amount was far less than previously anticipated based on November figures. Once again, God provided and did so through each and every one of you who gave additional gifts to the ministry and mission of ECR. Thank you! And thanks be to God! At the annual meeting the 2008 budget adopted by the Vestry was shown to begin the year with a deficit balance of -\$27,271. Your participation in the Pledge PLUS a Dollar Campaign will help ECR eliminate this deficit and begin 2009 with a healthy budget and a positive balance. It will ensure the progress of ECR's ministry and mission. Please remember that a pledge to ECR is a spiritual exercise between you and God, your expression of faith and an act of devotion. As ECR's Treasurer I keep all pledges confidential. Even our rector Fr. Jim purposely chooses not to know who pledges and who chooses not to pledge. All of us have very much for which to be thankful in our relationships with God and one another. We want to continue to share with the world around us this Good News of God's Love for all. Please give your prayerful consideration to participating in the Pledge PLUS a Dollar a Day campaign, and then join me in this easy, fun, and rewarding way to ensure that all our ministries will continue to thrive, and so accomplish our mission here at ECR. *Linda Bryant, Treasurer*

ECR FOOD BANK

Please remember to bring regular donations to the Food Bank sponsored by your Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter, which benefits the St. John's Community Center. We have a depository in the Narthex. Thanks very much! *Jim Heath*

SENIOR SEMINARIAN

Our former seminarian, The Rev. Sue Wilmot, has been called as the new rector for The Church of Our Saviour in Lakeside, Arizona, and began her work with her new parish June 7, 2008. If you would like to learn a little more about Church of Our Saviour, the website is www.thechurchofoursaviour.org. The Wilmot's new address is: P.O. Box 1386, Show Low, AZ, 85902

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR June 15, 2008

CONGREGATIONAL PLANNING PROCESS COMMITTEE

Working closely with ECR's Vestry, ECR's Congregational Planning Process Committee offers informed recommendations for the equipping of ECR for mission and ministry now and into the future. This process is about looking at *who we are* and *what we do* as a community of Christian faith and to ensure our ability to witness to these values in the future. At the CPPC's meeting Tuesday, June 10, 2008 the committee decided to form three sub-committees and to begin recruiting folks to work on them. The sub-committees are Finance, Ministry/program, and Design. These sub-committees will help further the overall process of planning strategically for our future.

The Finance Sub-committee will be responsible for investigating and recommending plans for financing to improvements to ECR's parking lots and the erection of a new activity building. The committee will consider strategies to raise capital from within our own congregation, grants and loans from both church organizations and other charitable institutions, and loans from commercial lenders.

The Ministry/program Sub-committee will work with the data presented at last year's Mid-Year and this year's Annual Meeting. This material, gathered by a number of volunteers and analyzed by Sue Wilmot and Jon Ellis, shows ECR's passions for specific areas of ministry and mission. The committee will review this material and offer recommendations regarding ECR's ministerial strengths and challenges.

The Design Sub-committee will work an architect to finalize the interior design of a new activity building. The interior design will be guided by the insights of the Ministry/program committee as to the projected uses of the building for the specific ministry and mission of ECR.

The working life of each sub-committee will be defined by the time each takes to accomplish its goal; but the work of each sub-committee is not expected to take more than a single year, and likely far less. We are recruiting people who are interested in and devoted to participating with one of these three sub-committees. As a participant, you will be asked to dedicate time (for scheduled meetings), intensity, and energy in order to pursue these endeavors.

As our rector Fr. Jim eloquently says, "The focus of this work is ECR's responsibility to respond to what God is giving us the opportunity and the responsibility to do and to be."

Respectfully yours - *Michael Paulsen and Paddy Langford, Co-Chairs CPPC*

BALCONES COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA AT ECR – SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

The Balcones Community Orchestra will present its eighth and final concert of the 2007-08 season at 4:00 pm, Sunday, June 15th at ECR.

Capping their season will be a performance of the Max Bruch Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor, featuring Albuquerque artist David Felberg. Mr. Felberg is Associate Concertmaster of the New Mexico Symphony, and has just been appointed Concertmaster of the Santa Fe Symphony. His performance of the Bruch concerto will certainly be a thrill to hear.

The BCO will also present the intriguing Suite in A Minor of G.P. Telemann and the charming Symphony No. 13 in D Major of F.J. Haydn. The concert will last about one hour. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted.