

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

Announcements
September 17, 2023

Welcome our new Seminarian, Meredith Rogers

As the Seminarian at Church of the Holy Cross, Meredith is here to learn how to be a minister in the church from all of you as we carry out Christ's mission together. Meredith is in her second-year of the Master of Divinity Program at Virginia Theological Seminary. She is a Postulant for Holy Orders through the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas in San Antonio, Texas. She is a lifelong Episcopalian who has spent over a decade in the work of the church as a camp director, Diocesan staff member, youth director, and campus minister. She graduated from Texas Tech University with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies, and also has a minor in Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies.



'Creation Care Book Study: *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul* by John Philip Newell

Weekly on Thursdays, September 7 - November 9
7:00 - 8:15 p.m. via Zoom

The Creation Care Committee's Spiritual Resilience Working Group invites you to a virtual book journey using John Philip Newell's book *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul*. Led by the Rev. Randolph Charles, this 10-week journey will involve exploring this rich book as well as self-examination. The number of participants will be limited to allow adequate time for discussion. [Register](#). Questions? Contact dova.cctf@gmail.com.

Women's Retreat

October 13-15th @Shrine Mont

If you know, you know. If you don't, you should. The highlight of many a woman's year is the epic Holy Cross Women's Retreat at Shrine Mont. Come relax, unwind, play a game, take a hike, and connect with some of the best women on the planet October 13-15. Shrine Mont is already asking for our numbers, so please sign up soonest! You can register [here](#).

Caring for Creations We See and Hope to See

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you - post-Communion prayer BCP page 365

Whether we recite these words or the longer thanksgiving (page 366) after our weekly Eucharist, we ask for help to ensure our actions are focused God-centrally. In today's opening Collect, we ask the Holy Spirit to "direct and rule our hearts". Coming and going, we



ask for direction. Eyes see and are directed by signs, some made by human hands with words, some made by nature with glorious colors. There's a lone bloom by the picket fence in the front yard: a native Eastern Coneflower, sister to the Black-eyed Susan. Planted last fall, it hadn't appeared until last week. Perhaps it is a godly metaphor to beautiful results of heeding the prayer to serve God's whole creation in planting just one native plant or tree, picking-up one piece of trash, avoiding use of one more plastic bottle, pulling one invasive Stiltgrass, cutting one fruiting Porcelain Berry vine. Individual actions within God's community.

2024 Calendar Drive

The OWLs are collecting **2024 calendars** for Iliff Nursing Home residents, CHO clients, and Lamb Center guests. If you receive any unsolicited calendars that you do not need, please consider bringing them in and placing in the **basket in the Narthex by December 10th**. Thanks for your support! Questions? Contact Sue Wheeler at sswheeler26@gmail.com.

Remember in your prayers this week—

For those in need of healing and support: We lift up Anne Blakeley, mother of John Blakeley; Cindy Blakeley; Claire Sloyan, sister of Eileen Sloyan; Joanie Leist, friend of Emily Hoskins; Keith Harpster, uncle of Rebecca Stahl; Lydia Schaeffer; the Sanchez family, friends of Lee Bruner; Mary Eppert, John Hughes's sister; Rocio Rojas, friend of Wendy Hoskins; and Graham Drenkard.

For those serving at home and abroad: Jacob Levit, nephew of John & Wendy Hoskins, and Andy & Megan Hoskins; Gavin Cody-Harpster, nephew of Becky Stahl; Cameron Addleton, friend of Richard and Sadia Adams; Adam Santley, grandson of Jennifer Santley; Charles Matthews, friend of Eileen Foyle; Evan Brown, nephew of Lane Abernathy and Doug Gehley; Nathan Otter, friend of McKey Weschler; Leonard (McKey) Weschler; Zachary March, friend of John and Wendy Hoskins.

For those who have died: We pray for John McGrath, husband of Pier McGrath; Mindy Fedida, friend of William Parker; Helen Cates, aunt of Ron Parnell; James Leist, friend of Emily Hoskins Give to the departed eternal rest.

Have you ever thought about serving as a lector, acolyte, or chalice bearer? Please contact Rev. Kelly or Rev. Rich for the chance to serve God in any of these ways.