



The Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

**Be Mindful:**

- Sunday, September 4—Christian Ed registration
- Thursday, September 8—Community Service
- Friday, September 9—Homecoming Gala, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 10—Wine & Cheese Social, 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, September 11—Homecoming Holy Eucharist Joint Service, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, September 18—Return to 11:00 a.m. service
- Sunday, September 18 & 25—Parish Ministry Fair

Refer to the calendar on page 6 for more dates or visit our web site [www.holy-cross.org](http://www.holy-cross.org) to see the extended calendar.

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## From the Collar

For most of my young life as a member of an Anglican parish in Trinidad & Tobago, I was never taught about the joys of serving, nor truly understood how it was expected to be experienced. For the most part, I simply attended church on some Sundays, and interacted with my peers during and after worship services. My observation was that most others who

about the matters that transpired during the course of days between Sundays, apart from the fact that the priest went about the parish to visit the sick and home-bound parishioners, and regularly take them Holy Communion. I was also aware that the priest lived in a house next door to the church (Rector), and saw parishioners in the parish office for counseling, baptism or marriage preparation, to meet with families in



quite a learning experience. Prior to my being on a parish Vestry, I took so much of the Church's life and witness for granted. I was recklessly ignorant about the challenging yet gratifying work of the Church, so dutifully and sacrificially executed by

## We are called to commit ourselves to God's service

attended church did the same thing, even the adults. I never really knew how those who served were selected for their respective roles. Other than the members of the Altar Party (Priest, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes), there were the ushers, lectors, the family requested to process the Communion Elements (the Bread, Wine and Water) to the Altar, and the person making the Announcements prior to the Recessional Hymn.

I knew very little

which there was a death, and maybe to meet with and or entertain some persons.

It was not until much later that I learned about the vestry, and the several other committees, organizations and ministries of the Church. My initial experience with the extra-liturgical (in addition to church services) activities of the parish came through invitation to join one of the ministries. Having done that, the next step was serving on the Vestry. This was indeed

some of her disciples. What an astonishing revelation it was, to learn that all of the Church's work was not done by the priests.

As a vestry member, I was elected to represent the parish at both the Regional Council (Convocation here in Atlanta), and the Annual Diocesan Synod (known as Diocesan Council in Atlanta). Again, I never knew how much was accomplished by the wider Church until I attended

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# Inspiration from Allison

## All Power to You My God

By Allison Foderingham

It is so wonderful to know  
 My God is by my side  
 I try to let His power flow;  
 His Spirit is my guide.

I could not go another day  
 Without His loving grace;  
 I could not draw another breath  
 Not looking in His face.

You are a mighty tower of strength  
 From morning until night;  
 You are the One who's always there,  
 To help me in the fight.

That's why I have to trust you Lord  
 You always will be there;  
 Because of You I can afford  
 To make my daily prayer

Be one of utmost surety.  
 My sins have been forgiven;  
 I can experience that peace  
 Which is a foretaste of Heaven.

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:  
 Not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your  
 heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

**John 14: 27**

# Calendar



| DAY            | DATE | TIME       | ORGANIZATION/EVENT                 |
|----------------|------|------------|------------------------------------|
| SAT            | 2nd  | 7:00 p.m.  | Guyana Assoc of GA Exec. Meeting   |
| TUE            | 6th  | 6:30 p.m.  | Vestry Finance Committee Meeting   |
| THU            | 8th  | All Day    | Community Service Project          |
| FRI            | 9th  | 7:00 p.m.  | Holy Cross Gala                    |
| SAT            | 10th | 12:00 p.m. | ECW Meeting                        |
|                |      | 4:00 p.m.  | Wine & Cheese Event                |
| SUN            | 11th | 9:30 a.m.  | Homecoming Celebration             |
| TUE            | 13th | 7:00 p.m.  | Vestry Executive Committee Mtg.    |
| SAT            | 17th | All Day    | ECW @ Apex Museum                  |
|                |      | 2:00 p.m.  | PPC Meeting                        |
| SUN            | 18th | 2:00 p.m.  | Parish Ministry Fair               |
|                |      | 6:00 p.m.  | Guyana Assoc. of GA General Mtg.   |
| MON            | 19th | All Day    | St. Kitts & Nevis Day              |
| TUE            | 20th | 7:00 p.m.  | Vestry Meeting                     |
| FRI            | 23rd | 7:00 p.m.  | Foot Pantry Meeting                |
| SAT            | 24th | 8:00 a.m.  | Food Distribution                  |
| SUN            | 25th | 2:00 p.m.  | Parish Ministry Fair               |
| <b>ONGOING</b> |      |            |                                    |
| WED            | All  | 6:30 p.m.  | Just Move Zumba with Eunice Warren |
| THUR           | All  | 6:30 p.m.  | Just Move Yoga with Sharon Marks   |
|                |      | 7:00 p.m.  | Chancel Choir                      |
| FRI            | All  | 6:30 p.m.  | Just Move Zumba with Eunice Warren |
| SAT            | All  | 5:30 p.m.  | Gospel Choir                       |

# Lesser Feasts and Fasts

If you would like more information on observance of these feasts or to purchase a copy of "Lesser Feasts and Fasts" published by Church Publishing Inc. contact the Rev. Brian at 404-284-1211 or 678-628-7997.

| September 2011   |  |  |  |   |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                    | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday                                       |
|  |  |  |  | 1<br><a href="#">David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon</a> | 2<br><a href="#">The Martyrs of New Guinea</a> | 3  |
| 4<br>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost<br><a href="#">Proper 18</a>     | 5<br><a href="#">Labor Day</a>                       | 6  | 7  | 8   | 9<br><a href="#">Constance, Nun</a>            | 10<br><a href="#">Alexander Crummell, 1898</a> |
| 11<br>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br><a href="#">Proper 19</a> | 12<br><a href="#">John Henry Hobart, Bishop</a>      | 13<br><a href="#">Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr</a> | 14<br><a href="#">Holy Cross Day</a>         | 15  | 16<br><a href="#">Ninian, Bishop</a>           | 17<br><a href="#">Hildegard of Bingen</a>      |
| 18<br>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br><a href="#">Proper 20</a> | 19<br><a href="#">Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop</a> | 20<br><a href="#">John Coleridge Patteson</a>    | 21<br><a href="#">St Matthew, Evangelist</a> | 22<br><a href="#">Philander Chase, Bishop</a>           | 23   | 24   |
| 25<br>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost<br><a href="#">Proper 21</a>  | 26<br><a href="#">Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop</a>      | 27   | 28   | 29<br><a href="#">St Michael and All Angels</a>         | 30<br><a href="#">Jerome, Priest</a>           |  |

# Spotlight on Youth

## Kerry King Counting His Blessings—Part II



The set-up for my last goal of the tournament (that's me in white on the left)...

**K**erry is back from his summer trip to Spain where he and his soccer team participated in the Donosti Cup tournament. He had a wonderful time. They spent three days in Barcelona where they got to visit a lot of the historic/scenic places in the city, and they played a friendly game against a local Catalonian team. His team won 2-1 and Kerry scored the first goal of the game and his team's first goal of the trip.

They then went to San Sebastian to play in the tournament. More than 300 teams from 5 continents participated in this year's tournament. They had an opening ceremony reminiscent of what you would see in the Olympics with singers and dancers and fireworks, and each team lead around the stadium by a standard bearer carrying their home country's national flag. There were more than 8,000 people in attendance for the ceremony.



Kerry was able to score three more goals in the first group round of play against a Spanish team (1-1 tie), a Basque team (0-0 tie) and a Brazilian team (3-0). They moved on to the quarterfinal round against another Basque team. Unfortunately they lost the quarterfinal game and were eliminated from the tournament.

They spent the next few days playing tourist around San Sebastian, Biarritz, France, and then Madrid before flying home. Kerry was the leading goal scorer for his team with 3 tournament goals plus a 4<sup>th</sup> goal in the friendly game in Barcelona, and he loved the experience.

Kerry thanks everyone that supported and encouraged him on this fantastic journey!

Patricia King

## Usher's New Look Foundation

**O**ne day in July, my father brought home a packet and said, "Morgan, I have a surprise for you." I eagerly opened the packet to find a picture of Usher. I got excited because I thought Dad had bought me tickets to see Usher in concert. Once I started reading, I realized that it was something about a conference. Then Dad told us that Nicholas and I had been nominated to represent Clayton County at Usher's New Look Foundation Leadership Conference and Awards. I was ecstatic! I couldn't wait to see what this was all about.

The first day proved to be exciting. Usher came out with people chanting his name. He got on stage and spoke to us about serving others and becoming responsible citizens who give back to the community. During the conference we met and heard ideas and point of views from different entrepreneurs. We met people like Ms. Black America, and Ted Turner.

We had to go to different workshops and that changed my whole perspective on life. I started looking at things in a different way. The workshops were great. We learned so much and the information given was important. The first workshop I went to was conducted by a young man named James who did a



Harris a ser-vice project called, "I Can't But You Can Vote" to help in the 2008 election. He got Usher's New Look Foundation to sponsor him because of a business plan he showed to solicit votes for President Obama in the 2008 elections. He was able to provide the service of helping to get votes during the elections. I had a light bulb moment then. I was inspired to do something with my life. Throughout all the workshops we were taught and shown how to become good, effective leaders.

I want to help change the world in a big way. I want to start a college fund called the "Morgan Grant College Fund" that gives money to children whose parents have been laid off from a job. This would be especially for college bound kids who need extra cash to get by in college. In addition to that I want to help James Harris obtain votes for the 2012 presidential election in his "I Can't, But You Can Vote" campaign. One of my future goals is to be able to host a talent

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# News You Can Use

## A Journey of Service and Honor to God

It is a tremendous privilege to be at the altar, serving and assisting during the celebration and worship. Acolytes are comprised of a dynamic group of people who serve the church by being a silent, but integral part of the worship. Men, women and children of Holy Cross are called to assist with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other services in a special way. The duties of acolytes include: lighting and carrying torches, carrying the Cross and offertory plates along with burning incense, carrying other sacred vessels and assisting as needed.

Holy Cross continues to enjoy an extensive history of a very organized team of acolytes that supports the mission and ministry of the Parish. While this is true, these volunteers are normally teens and pre-teens that depend on parental mobility and transportation; hence, this support is crucial to the effortless operation and success of the ministry. We perform it joyfully and gratefully, as unto the Lord, "...decently, and in order": I Corinthians 14: 40. Therefore, an acolyte has a Rule for Life: attending the Holy Eucharist every Sunday and major holy days, daily morning and evening prayers, reading the Bible, and tithing of one's gifts to God's service (the Church).

As we celebrate the acolyte ministry at Holy Cross during this year's Homecoming Gala, our thanks and appreciation are expressed to all who, by prayer or gesture, assist our members in performing the duties of our ministry. May God continue to bless you immensely and may you become an inspiration to others, that they too, seeing your good deeds, may glorify our Father in Heaven.

Yours truly,  
The Advisors  
Acolyte Ministry

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### Holy Cross Book Club

Our next HCBC selection is the much celebrated and discussed book *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. We will meet on Saturday, September 17 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the book, and possibly see the movie, about which there is much uproar and even questions regarding Black women's interest. The conversation is sure to be a lively but enlightening and entertaining one, so contact Michelle Joell to RSVP.  
Sharon Marks

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CALVIN ALEX-  
**THE GREEN**

ANDER RAMSEY'S  
**BOOK**

**AUGUST 17 – SEPTEMBER 11, 2011**

– World premiere –

**WHAT:** *The Green Book* by Calvin Alexander Ramsey. Recommended for all ages.

**WHERE:** Theatrical Outfit  
The Balzer Theater at Herren's  
84 Luckie Street  
Atlanta, GA 30303

**WHEN:** August 17 – September 11, 2011. Performances are Wednesday – Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2:30 pm; Saturday, Aug. 27 at 2:30 pm; **Seniors Matinees** Wednesday, Aug. 31 & Saturday, Sep. 10 at 2:30 pm; **Student Matinee** on Wednesday, Sep. 7 at 11 am. Group discounts available; call 678.528.1497.

**TICKETS:** \$15 - \$35. Box Office is open Tuesday – Friday, noon to 6:00 pm and prior to performances. 678.528.1500; [www.theatricaloutfit.org](http://www.theatricaloutfit.org).

**ABOUT:** Theatrical Outfit launches its 2011-2012 season with Atlanta writer Calvin Alexander Ramsey's *The Green Book*. Set in 1953 Jefferson City, Missouri, this new drama addresses the palpable racial tension of a period marked by Jim Crow segregation laws, while introducing an element rarely recorded in the history books: **Victor H. Green's The Negro Motorist Green Book**. This grassroots manual helped guide black tourists to restaurants and residences where they could safely dine and stay overnight in an era when every entrance and exit had an assigned color. *The Green Book* portrays such a household on the much-anticipated night when W.E.B. Du Bois is scheduled to deliver a speech. When a young African American couple and a Holocaust survivor share accommodations, the juxtaposition of local and international discrimination causes the household and its guests to discern the many shades of deeply saturated prejudice.

**DIRECTOR:** Freddie Hendricks



## Holy Cross Homecoming Celebration

*Join us for Holy Cross Weekend and Homecoming as we celebrate Holy Cross' anniversary and Feast of Title.*

**Thursday, September 8**—Community Outreach Project

**Friday, September 9**—Holy Cross Gala: 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 10**—Wine and Cheese: 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 11**—Homecoming Celebration with Holy Eucharist: 9:30 a.m.

Contact Andrea Pinder-Jack for tickets or more information.

## From the Collar (cont'd) Parish Planning Council

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Synod. It was such a rich and rewarding experience to serve at that level of the Church. And it did not end there. One year at Synod, I was elected to serve on the Diocesan Council (equivalent to the senate in government). The Diocesan Council makes decisions affecting the life of the diocese and by extension, the parishes, between Annual Synods.

Serving the Church at the levels mentioned above, is by no means the only way to avail oneself to the many duties awaiting one's participation. There is much to do and learn at the parish level as well. It is one of the reasons that we plan and implement exercises like the Annual Ministry Fair, which makes available information on the several ministries and organizations in the parish on which disciples are invited to serve. It is simply not fair to leave all the work to a few of our disciples, while the rest of us sit back and receive service. We are all a part of Church to serve one another. The Mission of our parish and the Church at large cannot be accomplished only through attendance at worship on Sundays. As a matter of fact, at the act of worship we prepare disciples for service. The word Liturgy (a prescribed form or set of forms for public worship) means "the work of the people." The participants in the worship service perform work. An extension of that work is what is expected of us when we depart from the worship experience. That brings me to the mission statement of our parish: "We, the congregation of Holy Cross, affirm that our mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. We promise to give willingly of our time, talent, and resources, and to commit our lives to God's service by going out into the community and the world to seek and serve those in need and to share with them the Gospel of Christ."

We are called to commit ourselves to God's service. By the same token, we may not all be called to the priesthood in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. But we are called to serve the Lord with gladness. In my 18 years of ordained ministry and my 26 years of serving the Church, I have found great and unparalleled joy in serving my God.

With every blessing,

Brian+



### 2011 Ministry Fair

This year's annual Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday, September 18 & 25 after each service.

As in previous years, we'll feature the various ministries and organizations in the parish. We hope to generate interest and excitement about our parish ministries and organizations and inspire you to get involved.

Some may ask why we do Ministry Fairs every year or even why is a Ministry Fair necessary? Well, the purpose of a Ministry Fair is to increase the level of participation, involvement and awareness of the ministries and organizations in our parish community. The Fair provides us opportunities to say thank you to those already involved in the life of the parish; to celebrate the work of our church (like the outreach efforts of the Community Ministries, Food Bank, and ECW); to highlight the various services available in the parish (like Eucharistic lay ministers); or for those already actively involved to develop a greater sense of who they are and what their mission is.

We are all called to be servants as part of the body of Christ and already know we serve a risen Lord. But Where at Holy Cross will you serve? When will you serve? And for those already engaged, Why do you serve?

We encourage you to visit the displays during the Ministry Fair; meet members of the various ministries and organizations, and gather information. Then contemplate the Church's mission, your responsibility to give of your time and talent, and your rightful place in the life and ministry of our Parish. This is your opportunity for a greater awareness of all the occasions to serve and you to respond to God's call to you.

**Brother, Sister, let me be your servant...We are pilgrims on a journey. We are brothers, sisters on the road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load... (Excerpt taken from The Servant Song)**

Claudette Grant-Joseph



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# Announcements

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show and raise money for people with  
Malaria.

Nick and I had such an awesome  
time at the Usher's New Look Foundation  
Conference. This took place July 20-22,  
2011. People from all parts of the United  
States and other parts of the world like  
Great Britain and Vancouver were there.  
We met so many interesting people. How-  
ever, we were just honored most of all to  
be chosen as representatives of our  
county.

Morgan Grant

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### Green Tip

**M**ake your own bug repellent  
by combining equal  
amounts water, white dis-  
tilled vinegar, and liquid  
dish soap.

Jordan Brown



### Sexton's Corner's

**P**lease that the nursery does not  
need any more toys or tables.  
The room is at capacity, but  
thanks for the generosity.

Debbie Harris

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### Congregational Care

**G**race and peace to all.  
Please remember our sick  
and home-bound in your  
prayers:

Rev. Stanley Morgan, Margaret Al-  
mand, Joscelyn Atkinson, Glenn Rho-  
des, Elsa Yorrick, Enid Rowe, Agnes  
Houchen, Clemonse Bagnall, Kenneth  
McAlmont, Bertram Richardson, Franklin  
Ifill, Sandra Ifill, Carl Jarrett, Karen  
Murrell, Eileen Pollard, Louis Cushnie,  
and Joan Tookes.

"Lean upon the Lord." Micah 3:11

Respectfully submitted,

Cecily A. Morgan

Secretary



**W**ishing you God's richest blessings. And to  
those celebrating a birthday, anniversary  
or other life event, may you always know  
God's grace and presence in your life.

