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CHURCH *of the* HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER

Holy Cross is dedicated to raising up faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to genuine Worship, loving Fellowship, and passionate Mission.

a message from our

## senior **WARDEN**

Our Wednesday night Lenten Study of Acts was a great opportunity to come together to study God's word. The study included a fellowship dinner each week followed by a lecture by Father Wes, a small-group discussion, and prayer. In addition, Heather Johnson and Jason Varnadore provided Bible study activities for our youth.

We are grateful to our Junior Warden, Reese Booth, for leading a Spring Work Day, Saturday, April 13th. The morning started off rainy but gradually the sky cleared which enabled us to accomplish a great deal. A huge "thank you" to Robert Davis and Bill Fyfe for spreading the much-needed gravel in our drive and parking lot. Other parishioners were busy pulling weeds, planting perennials, and spreading fresh pine bark in our flower beds. Thanks to Jason Varnadore, Mac McQueen, James Patterson, Harold Jones, Roy Wood, Sue Peterson, Laurie Nabors, Louise Wood, Bill Wester and Wes & Davis Sharp for your time and work – our church grounds look lovely and well-manicured!

Holy Cross ECW hosted lunch at First United Methodist Church during Holy Week serving up our famous "secret recipe" potato soup. We also appreciate everyone who brought food for our Easter Brunch this year! Everything was delicious. A big shout-out and thank you to our Altar and Flower Guild members for the wonderful job they did adorning our church with Easter lilies. Also, thank you to our talented Music Director and Organist, Justin Finch, our amazing choir, and this year's special musical ensemble for their beautiful Easter music.

As April turns to May, we look forward to our new summer worship schedule, beginning Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 26th through Sunday, July 14th. During these weeks, the 8:00am and 10:30am Sunday services will combine into one 9:30am service. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to worship together as one during this time. Our regular two services will resume Sunday, August 4th.

God's Peace and Love,

Cindy Wester

### MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR:

Lent has FINALLY ended. I don't know about you, but I feel that this year was particularly challenging to keep the disciplines that I took on some forty-plus days ago. But at last, we rejoice in the Easter Season, or as some refer to them, the Great Fifty Days. For fifty days, Jesus appeared to the disciples along roads, through locked doors, and even at the beach as he prepared breakfast for them. I would love the opportunity to have breakfast with Jesus on the beach, even if it was fish so early in the morning!

The important thing to note is that Jesus, in his resurrected body, was walking around interacting with the disciples. He continued to teach them, eat with them, and encourage them with the renewed vision of the kingdom of God. He would leave after these fifty days to return to his throne at the right hand of God the Father, but not without reminding them of the very thing they were to stay focused on until they were with him again. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)! To make disciples and to baptize were the key points on which the disciples needed to keep focused. We need to do the same.

In his resurrection and ascension, the promise was fulfilled. The Messiah is reigning sovereign. Through that truth we gain strength and vision, but we also have the promised Holy Spirit to guide and direct us in the mission ahead. The third person of the Trinity would enter the hearts and lives of the disciples and he does the same in us today. The day of Pentecost would turn the church world upside down in a very good way. The day of Pentecost was not a "one and done" experience. It was something that Jesus meant for us to experience every day in the same way they experienced it. Pentecost is quickly approaching at which time we are reminded that this experience still happens to us today.

The good news of the Gospel is that the Holy Spirit is still moving in great power among God's people. He longs to break into the very depths of your life and transform you, heal you, and renew you, no matter where you might be in your journey.

As we celebrate the Great Fifty Days, let us not wait until the day of Pentecost for God to begin to move. Instead, let us ask that he move this day in our lives to experience the transforming power of Christ's resurrection and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

May the God of Grace and Peace fill us all.

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# what's **HAPPENING?**

## SUMMER JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30am

### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, **SUNDAY, MAY 26TH THROUGH SUNDAY, JULY 14TH**, Holy Cross will conduct one combined worship service at 9:30am. Sunday School will be available at 10:45am. During this period, we will have two, four-week studies: The History of the Book of Common Prayer and The Book of Hebrews. Our regular 8:00am and 10:30am worship services will resume Sunday, August 4th.

### LADIES' SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY Begins **MONDAY, MAY 6TH AT 6:00PM.**

The Bible Study book is Jonah by Priscilla Shire and is available at Lifeway Bookstore (the Trussville store is in the process of closing and items are discounted) and online at Lifeway.com. The Rev. Susan Southwick will lead the study.



### MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY is now beginning the Old Testament

book of Joshua as its study topic. It meets on **FRIDAY MORNINGS FROM 6:30-7:30AM** in the Genesis Room. Bring your own breakfast is during the first half-hour and Bible Study is during the second half-hour. As always, you are welcome.

### ECW LUNCHEON **WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 at 11:15AM** – In the GENESIS ROOM – Bring your own sandwich and we provide

the rest. Looking forward to meeting together before the summer begins.

### WORSHIP TEAM OPENINGS

As you may know, worship occurs whenever our parishioners, whether in the pews, in the choir, or on the altar, meet together. Currently, we need volunteers to help fill some of the primary leadership roles that are vital to our weekly worship services. If you are interested in serving as an Usher, Greeter, Acolyte, and/or Lay Eucharistic Minister/Visitor, please contact our Deacon, Susan Southwick at 205-223-1279 or at [smartsue@juno.com](mailto:smartsue@juno.com).

### ALTAR GUILD OPENINGS

If you are interested in joining our Altar Guild, please contact Cindy Cole at 205-902-3569 or at [Ccole50@charter.net](mailto:Ccole50@charter.net).

## HAPPY **Birthday** TO YOU!

### MAY

Georgina Okoro May 1  
Sam Jamieson May 4  
Davis Sharp May 6

Mary Lawrence Underwood	May 6	Anne Mayo	May 22
Gracen Patterson	May 7	Amanda Brannan	May 23
Stephane' Daniel	May 10	Cole Pate	May 24
Shirley Ferry	May 11	Cindy Wester	May 24
Wes Sharp	May 11	Anne Amick	May 27
Tyler Johnson	May 12	Robert Perry	May 27
Marissa Jamieson	May 16	Jason Varnadore	May 28
Karen Krueger	May 18	Ian Jones	May 29
Hank Mize	May 18	Melissa Bain	May 30
Judy Clayton	May 22	Bob Peterson	May 30

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### PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR OUR RWANDA TEAM NEEDED

Please be praying diligently for our Rwanda mission team that is planning to visit our ministry partner, *Hope on a Thousand Hills*, this July. Our team currently consists of six people: four adults and two youth, who are raising support to pay for their trip. The Lord is doing great things in Rwanda, and this is an opportunity to experience first-hand much of what is currently taking place in this farming ministry. If you would like to support the team financially, you may do so by placing your donation in the offering plate on Sunday. Indicate "Rwanda Trip" in the memo line of your check or offering envelope. One of our **FUNDRAISING EVENTS**, to be announced for a Saturday in June, will be a **BLT SANDWICH AND DRINK SALE AT THE FARMERS' MARKET**.

### CROSS LIFE UPDATE

Christ is Risen! After wandering in the wilderness with Jesus for forty days, we have emerged victorious over sin and death through his resurrection! Amen! Not to mention, Cross Life (EYC) and the rest of Holy Cross have emerged victorious through our study of Acts. Acts seems to end so abruptly, but I believe that is so we see ourselves as the next chapter of the Church. Through the resurrection, all things are being made new, our hearts, our homes, and the whole world. And God wants to use his Church to be a part of this renewing process. Beyond our study of Acts, Cross Life had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a civil rights walking tour sponsored by the Civil Rights Institute. The tour was an eye-opening experience as we walked around downtown learning about Birmingham's history. In order to love our neighbors, we must first know our neighbors. My hope is that this tour gave us a little more knowledge than we had so that we can better love our neighbors in Birmingham and throughout all Alabama. **-JASON**

## THUMBS UP GRADUATES!!

Holy Cross congratulates the following:



- JOSEPH ADAMSON, son of Stephane' Daniel and grandson of Alyce Daniel, graduates in May from Hewitt-Trussville High School.
- NICK BRAMBLETTTE, son of Fran Bramlette and grandson of Alyce Daniel, graduates in May from Hewitt-Trussville High School.
- GRACIE BRAMBLETTTE, daughter of Fran Bramlette and granddaughter of Alyce Daniel, graduates in June from the University of Alabama-Birmingham with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing with a concentration in Management.
- REBECCA PERCY (Drum Major for UT's Pride of the Southland Marching Band), daughter of Dwight & Terrie Percy and granddaughter of Joanne Carnes, graduates from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville with a Music Degree with a concentration in Music Performance.
- JACOB RUSHING, son of Dennis & Kendra Rushing, graduates in May from Auburn University with a Philosophy Degree - Magna Cum Laude.
- STUART TURNER, son of Richard & Camille Turner, graduates from Jeff State in May with an Associate Degree in Welding Technology.
- CAROLINE UNDERWOOD, daughter of Mary & Scott Robertson, will graduate from The University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa.