

Dear Friends,

On June 6 and 13 we collected donations that would be used to help pay some of the costs that members of our congregation have to pay when they apply to AMiA for ordination. At the present time, four of our members are planning to apply for ordination. The out of pocket cost for each one is about \$1400 and this does not include the cost of the Seminary education they will pay for individually. This week at the Vestry meeting we decided to have the collection on June 6 and 13 when a second basket will be passed for the donations which will be put into a separate fund so that it will be available when needed.

**Thanks to your amazing generosity, the amount we had hoped to collect this year plus a little more was donated on those two Sundays.**

We had a wonderful Potluck Lunch last Sunday, and I was pleased to see how many of those at the 10 AM service were able to stay and join us. I hope that in the future some of those who attend the 7:45 AM service will find a way to participate in the meals we share at the Take Five Lounge. The plan last Sunday was to show the film entitled As We Forgive, about the Reconciliation in Rwanda after the genocide. **However, the film was not delivered to us on time so we will show it THIS SUNDAY (the 18<sup>th</sup>) after the 10 AM service. This is an important film for us all to see at this time and is very suitable for children.**

The office is proving to be very useful for a number of activities. It was nice to have the group here this week working on the gifts we will be taking to Africa with us next month. Two things we could use are a television set with a VCR. If you have either or both that we could have, please let us know.

Classes for Teens and Adults: Instead of taking a break from learning this summer, we are providing a variety of learning opportunities. These include the following:

1. Beginning on July 25, after the 10 AM service, Dean Simmer will be leading a **class based on two books written by AMiA Bishop Todd Hunter**. The primary text will be Giving Church Another Chance: Finding New Meaning in Spiritual Practices. The other book, Christianity Beyond Belief will serve as a secondary text. If you are interested in the class, talk to Dean or email him at dean@newwayCorktown.org.

2. Mike Dagle is leading a **Confirmation Class** on Sundays in Room 1310 at Madonna from **9 to 9:45 AM**. Future classes will be held on July 25, August 8 and August 15. **In addition to Confirmation, Reaffirmation (for those who are already confirmed Anglicans) and Reception (for those confirmed in another denomination) will be available when Bishop Doc is with us on Sunday, September 12, for those who want to reaffirm their commitment to follow Jesus. If you plan to reaffirm your commitment or to be received, please attend Mike's class sessions and notify the office.**

3. Dave Simmons will be teaching a course on Evangelism Through the Local Church, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at the church office during August. The text will be John Stott's, Basic Christianity and Nicky Gumbel's, Telling Others. If you've ever wanted to learn how to confidently share your faith and understand the principles of evangelism, make plans now to attend and be a part of this exciting activity of the Holy Spirit. We will be meeting for prayer and teaching and desert. Make sure you sign up at the Welcome Table to let us know if you will be there.

4. On the Sundays when I am in town and there are no other conflicting activities, **I will continue to teach the class on the Gospel of John.**

And, of course, we will also have VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for the younger ones:

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Monday, July 26 - Thursday, July 29**  
**6:30 to 8:30 PM**  
**in the park behind the Darnell home**  
**41800 Ladywood Dr., in Northville (48168)**  
**Theme: Baobab Blast**

**Registration Forms will be on the Welcome Table.** It is not necessary for you to pre-register your children, but it will help those who are planning to have an idea of how many to prepare for; plus you won't have to take time to do it when you drop your kids off on the 26th. There is also a **Sign Up Sheet for Volunteers to help with VBS** that could use your attention.

When you come to church this Sunday (and every week), please come expecting to meet the Lord. He will be here waiting to meet you. And just as we would make an effort to be prompt if we were going to meet a well-known figure of our current world, please do your best to be on time for the services.

The lessons for Sunday are printed below. May God bless them as you study them as you prepare to come to church on Sunday.

Yours in Christ,  
Allen

Numbers 20:1-11

The people of Israel were traveling to the Promised Land, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

Now there was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people contended with Moses, and said, "Would that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain, or figs, or vines, or pomegranates; and there is no water to drink." Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tent of meeting, and fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them, and the LORD said to Moses, "Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water; so you shall bring water out of the rock for them; so you shall give drink to the congregation and their cattle." And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his rod twice; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their cattle.

#### PSALM 42

- 1 As the deer longs for the water-brooks, \*  
so longs my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; \*  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my food day and night, \*  
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 4 I pour out my soul when I think on these things: \*  
how I went with the multitude and led them  
into the house of God,
- 5 With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, \*  
among those who keep holy-day.
- 6 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put your trust in God; \* for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 8 My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; \*  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
- 10 The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
in the night season his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to the God of my strength,  
"Why have you forgotten me? \*  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
- 12 While my bones are being broken, \*  
my enemies mock me to my face;

- 13 All day long they mock me \*  
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
- 14 Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? \*  
and why are you so disquieted within me?
- 15 Put your trust in God; \*  
for I will yet give thanks to him,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

John 7:1-17, 37-44

After this Jesus went about in Galilee; he would not go about in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jews' feast of Tabernacles was at hand. So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples may see the works you are doing. For no man works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For even his brothers did not believe in him. Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify of it that its works are evil. Go to the feast yourselves; I am not going up to this feast, for my time has not yet fully come." So saying, he remained in Galilee.

But after his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, not publicly but in private. The Jews were looking for him at the feast, and saying, "Where is he?" And there was much muttering about him among the people. While some said, "He is a good man," others said, "No, he is leading the people astray." Yet for fear of the Jews no one spoke openly of him.

About the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. The Jews marveled at it, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So Jesus answered them, "My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me; if any man's will is to do his will, he shall know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.