

June 2010

Fellow Followers of Christ:

We are in the midst of our 40 Days of Discernment. By June 2, we had 10 Listening Groups and over 40 people respond to the call to share what the Holy Spirit is saying through you! The purpose of these 40 Days is to gather in small groups to talk about our congregation and what you feel that God hopes for us – where we are being sent in the world to serve. There are still a few dates for listening group and they can be found on the church calendar. Please email the church to sign up for one of the remaining two listening groups. If you cannot make it to one of these groups, please email me and we will figure something out that so that your story can be heard. I have started looking at and evaluating the information coming in and the story that is being told will make a tremendous impact in the world for Christ! Thank you to those who have shared your stories and to the listeners who have heard them.

As you move into summer there are several things that will be important to keep on your calendar and in your prayers. First, pray for the Music Minister search team as they work together to call among us a gifted musician and a faithful leader. The members of the search team are: Chis Olson and Gene Dowdy (co-chairs), Gage Pope, Jay Ball, Michelle Little, Bob Daffern, and Jackie McCarthy. They have written a description of the gifts and qualifications we are hope for in a new Music Minister. This description can be found on the website so that you can hand it out to any musician you think may be a good candidate for the position. In the meantime, I welcome Rob Rogers as the Interim Music Minister and Jessica Koppe as the interim accompanist. They are both talented musicians and teachers who have begun with a very strong start. Welcome to you both.

In the area of youth, families and children, I welcome Taylor Bailey as the Summer Youth Intern. She is half time with us and half time working with Holy Spirit member Stacy Dowdy at the diocesan office. You can learn more about Taylor on the youth page of the church website. She has a wonderful summer in the planning for our youth and families, including a mission trip to Galveston that she is planning with Holy Spirit member Emily Vandewalle. Taylor will also work with Jeanne Loggie and the Christian Education Team to bring us Sunday Vacation Bible School. That's right, Sunday mornings during the Education Time, we will have Vacation Bible School. To sign up for or learn more about any of these opportunities please email Taylor.

Also this summer we will have two Saturday afternoons, June 19 and July 24, during which we will volunteer at the San Antonio Food Bank. You can register for these volunteer days at church or by email, outreach@chssatx.org. Thank you Ashley Jackson for organizing these outreach opportunities!

What a great summer that God is unfolding for us! There are still many other times that we will gather throughout the summer for worship, serving and fellowship so please be sure to check out the church calendar!

Faithfully,

Jason