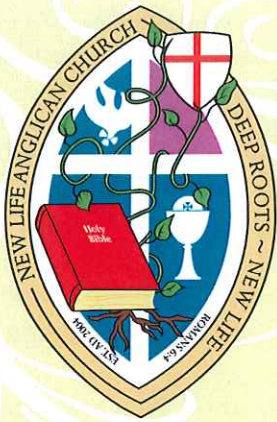


JOYOUS NEWS

September 2024

219 State Street - Petoskey, Michigan - 49770 - 231.347.3448

*We will glorify God by deepening the roots of our Anglican faith,
and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



On August 19, Mickey started college at Reformation Bible College. When we moved to Petoskey, he was only three years old, so he has really grown up in our time here. For the first year his courses are all online, then he will move to Orlando next year and spend three years on campus. His classes for this first semester are Theology 101, Apologetics, Hermeneutics (which is biblical interpretation), Biblical Theology, and Church History. I just counted all the books we had to buy and, aside from the bible, he needs twenty-four books for just his first semester.

I am very proud of the work he has done so far. He listens to his lectures and then sits down and reads, and reads, and reads. He has a ton of reading. He learned quickly that he has to stay on top of it because getting behind will make it very difficult to catch up. I believe he said that he had about 500 pages of reading for the first week. I think that is probably an exaggeration, but he has certainly been doing a ton of reading.

The cool thing is that he really enjoys his classes and what he is learning. He really likes apologetics, which is about how to share and defend the Christian faith. He likes what he is learning in Church History, which was always something that I enjoyed as well. And he is really learning a lot in his Theology class. What is obvious is that RBC takes their students and tosses them right in the deep end of the pool. I told Mickey that by the time he graduates he will know more than me, and he still plans to go to seminary after that.

Please keep Mickey in your prayers as he adjusts to the life of a student and learns all that God wants him to learn.

I remember my time in seminary like it was yesterday. It is hard to believe that I graduated twenty years ago. At some point I would like to go back for my doctorate, but it seems like a challenge to do while still having small kids. I also don't know that I need a doctorate. I just like being a student and love learning. I have a large library of books in my bookcases, and I have hundreds more books on my kindle. I have enough books that I could never really read them all, but collecting books is second best to actually reading them.

What I am writing to encourage you now is to be a lifetime student of the things of God. Don't assume that you know enough, as we can never truly know all there is to know about God and his word. Don't think that you are too old, or too young, or too mature, or too immature, too busy, or too anything else to learn more about God. Start by reading your bible regularly. This is the best way to get to know God. It is also helpful if you have some sort of commentary to help you as you read the bible. Two great options for bibles are the ESV Study Bible and the Reformation Study Bible, as they both have tremendous notes, commentary, and articles throughout to help you interpret and understand what you are reading.

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September 2024 at New Life



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour Brenda & Ginny	2 HAPPY LABOR DAY	3 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	4 Morning Prayer 8:00am UNDERGROUND CHURCH 6:30pm	5 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	6	7
8 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Davis	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods September Vestry Meeting 6:00pm	11 Morning Prayer 8:00am UNDERGROUND CHURCH 6:30pm	12 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	13	14
15 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Dielman	16	17 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	18 Morning Prayer 8:00am UNDERGROUND CHURCH 6:30pm	19 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	20 Men's Fellowship Camping Trip - Friday 4pm - Saturday Noon Men's Dinner Friday @ 6pm	21
22 HAPPY FIRST DAY OF FALL! Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Ostranders	23	24 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	25 Joyous News October Issue Deadline	26 Morning Prayer 8:00am UNDERGROUND CHURCH 6:30pm	27 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	28
29 Worship Service 10:00am Coffee Hour The Williams	30	1 Men's Breakfast 8:30am @ Southwoods	2 Morning Prayer 8:00am UNDERGROUND CHURCH 6:30pm	3 Men's Bible Study 9:00am	4 Tracey will be on vacation today thru October 27th	5

WALLY'S GALLERY —

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:26-27)



The note in the Reformation Study Bible clarifies that “image” and “likeness” were once thought to have different meanings but “that the structure of the biblical language indicates...they refer to the same thing.” Further that “image of God” is usually understood to mean that we are like God in a fashion. “Though He is the Creator and we are creatures, and though God transcends us in being, power and glory, nevertheless there is some sense in which we are like him.” As God is intelligent and moral, with a mind, heart and will, so are we, although not to the same degree.

Nonetheless we are called to be God’s vice-regions on earth; to have dominion over it and care for it.

However, “In the Fall of mankind...the image of God was severely tarnished. Our ability to mirror His holiness has been greatly affected...” The Bible note ends with these words: “The restoration of the fullness of the image of God in human beings is accomplished by Christ. He is, as the author of Hebrews declares, the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature.” (Hebrews 1:3)

These words, as to how and for what purpose we were created, stand in stark contrast to the culture we now live in. God, in His creation, bestowed on us intrinsic value and purpose unlike all the other creatures of the earth. However, in school, children are taught that they evolved from the slime of the earth. As such they have no more value than any other creature. Richard Dawkins (British evolutionary biologist) in his book, *The Blind Watchmaker*, writes that we are merely puppets dancing to our evolved DNA which “neither cares nor knows”. Is it any wonder then that stories of school and street shootings, record incidents of suicide, and drug overdoses are reported regularly by the media? That abortions which take a life, often for personal convenience, are prevalent. That thousands of frozen embryos are stored in containers; the result of the widely accepted procedure of IVF. (Personal confession - I gave no regard for this procedure until I saw a photo of hundreds of these frozen human storage containers located in just one facility.) That human life is becoming more and more insignificant in our culture as it abandons the Creator who made us in His image.

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It is only the Judeo-Christian faith that tells us of the value that the Creator placed on mankind. When that understanding is discarded for another belief, the consequences can be seen in the culture we now experience. Critical Race theory places an arbitrary value on a group of people at the expense of others. Some are valued and others are not. Some are to be oppressed and others are to oppress. Individuals are assigned to a group and thereby lose their individual dignity.

In contrast, human dignity is meaningful because of the honor God gave to mankind and that understanding only comes through God's Word written in the pages of the Bible.

In the book Truth and Transformation, Dr. Vishal Mangalwadi (a Christian apologist from India), asks the question: Why is it that the cultures that built pyramids and Taj Mahal's did not make wheelbarrows for their women and children, slaves and laborers? The answer lies in what that culture believes about the fundamental value of humankind. Dr. Mangalwadi writes - "...that it was a particular belief that enabled the West to abolish slavery...It was not that everyone evolved equally but the fact that every human being was made in God's image and therefore was endowed with dignity. He adds: "This peculiar doctrine of the dignity of man was the force that made the West different from the rest of the world..."

He later writes; "The contemporary West...is now busy amputating its soul. It is rejecting the source of its greatness, that is, the truth revealed by God's Word that defines the value of every individual and redefines the purpose and function of the state. The West is discarding the source of its morality, rationality, family and humanity, the intellectual foundation human rights, justice, compassion, care, and education."

"What is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?"

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

~ Wally's Gallery

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S BREAKFAST – meets each Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at Southwood's Restaurant

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – meets Fridays at 9am the annex study.

- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CAMPING TRIP** – 4pm, Friday, September 20th until Noon, Saturday, September 21st at Eugene Smith's property at 00528 Looze Rd., East Jordan. Dinner & Breakfast provided. Bring your own tent camping setup, snacks and drinks of choice. For more information contact Fr. Mike or Dylan.
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Our next meeting we welcome you to join us for dinner at 6:00p.m at the Men's Fellowship Camping Trip on Friday, September 20th at Eugene Smith's property at 00528 Looze Rd., East Jordan. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR AN ARTICLE OR EVENT
YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN A FUTURE JOYOUS NEWS

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FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday 1 – 5pm

Thursdays & Fridays 9am – 1pm

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Another easy thing to do is to read other books about the Christian faith. This can be trickier because it isn't always easy to know what to read and what books can be trusted. If you ever have questions about a book, feel free to run it by me and I will be happy to check it out for you and see if it is a good/safe book to read. Sadly, not every book with the Christian label on it is legitimately a Christian book. I am also happy to make recommendations for you and to loan you books from my own library. I truly believe that reading is one of the most important things we can do for our own growth.

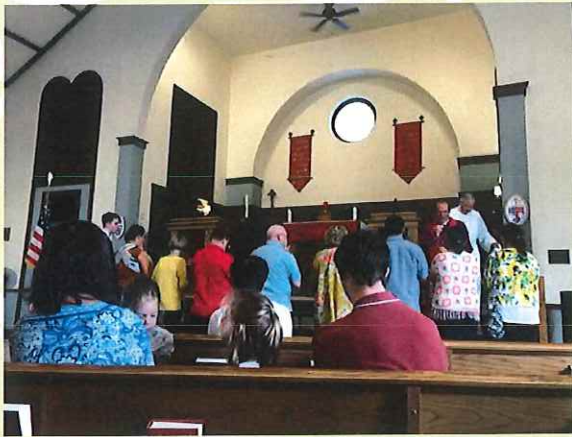
What I would really like to see is more of you attending classes and events that we have at church, be it bible study, men's/women's group, or any other special class we might have. I am planning to put together a study on Confessing the Faith, which is a series of four books about Anglican theology, practice, and church. Each of the books is a twelve-week course, so you don't have to commit to too much at once. I don't know yet whether we will hold it on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings before church. It really depends on how much interest I get in the course and which time works best for the most people. I am asking you to consider joining this time of catechesis and learning. Pray about whether it would be good and helpful to you (spoiler: it will be). And let me know of your interest so I can try to get this on the calendar sooner rather than later. By coming, you not only get to learn and grow, but you get to let me use my own gifts and passion for teaching. If Mickey can jump into the deep end of learning about God while maintaining two jobs, surely we can commit to one morning/night a week in twelve week spurts to learn more about our faith.

~ Fr. Mike

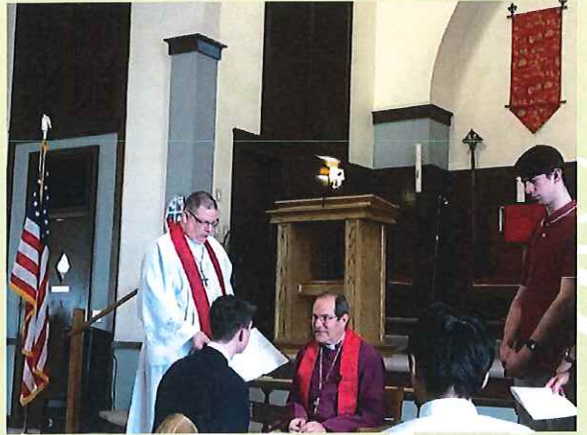
**THANKS TO DYLAN, EUGENE AND WES
FOR MAKING THE FINAL STEP OF OUR SIGNAGE PROJECT HAPPEN.
THANKS TO RON FOR CUTTING AND ROUTING THE BOARDS.
RON MADE IT HAPPEN**



BISHOP ALLEN'S OFFICIAL VISIT & CONFIRMATION SERVICE

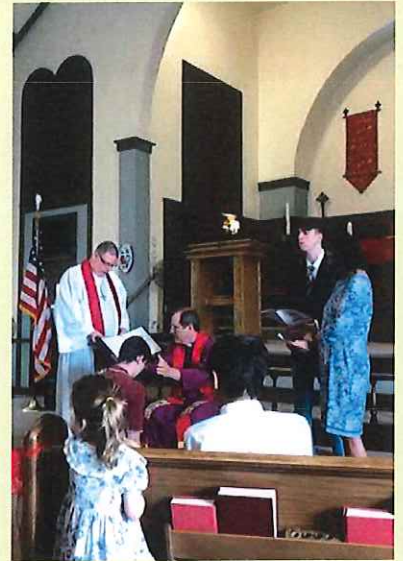


JOSHUA BRIDGE





**BISHOP ALLEN,
FR. MIKE
&
NEW LIFE'S VESTRY**



MICHAEL "MICKEY" BRIDGE



THE GREAT COMMISSION —

The Great Commission is one of the most often quoted, and taught, passages within the whole of Scripture. Whether it be for mission and evangelism conferences, Sunday morning sermons, Special event Sundays like World Mission Sunday, or just the Christian life in general.

It is not, however, the only passage or book in the bible that refers to mission work, making disciples, etc... In the book of Acts, Luke addresses Paul's missionary journeys, and the work of myriad others, who have ensured that the gospel spread from Judea to Samaria, to the ends of the earth. Jesus told the disciples to follow Him, and He would make them fishers of men. There are many other passages in scripture that allude to the work of evangelism, or the *Missio Dei*. The Greek word for evangelism is *Euangelion*, or "good news". We, as Christians are charged with the task of spreading the good news to the rest of the world that, as Paul says, "Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of which I am the foremost (1 Timothy 1:15). It is by grace we are saved, through faith, and it is that grace, that faith, that we are to share with the rest of the world so that they, too, can be saved, redeemed, and transformed.

It can be easy to just look at the Great Commission from a practical standpoint and say "Oh, so I just need to go and make disciples, and baptize them, and teach them." And call it a day. But remember, when we are reading scripture, context is king!

The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) states :

16"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."

So we can see, as Fr. Mike preached in his sermon on this passage, that we are given a command, and a reminder. We are to go and make disciples, baptizing them in the Trinity, and teaching them to obey everything He has commended us. And we are to remember that He is with us always, to the end of the age. Seems simple enough, right? But the question is, do we, and will we, do it? Do we care enough, about people and their souls, to share the gospel with them, to serve them, and to watch God transform their lives? Do we want them to experience the same transforming grace and love that we have? If the answer is yes, then we know what we must do.

This is why I would argue, that for those of us who believe what 1 Timothy 1:15 says, that the Great Commission also carries a challenge. It's not just enough to obey a command, it's not just enough to remember, but it's also important to go and do. My good friend the Rev. Canon David Roseberry once said "If we are to truly fulfill the Great Commission, then we are to reach the fish where they are biting. For some that may mean going into far off villages in Africa or South America, for some that may mean serving a meal at the local homeless shelter, for others it may mean sharing the gospel with co-workers or friends at school, or family members. The work of the gospel doesn't have to be complex, it doesn't have to be some big grand or flashy show, it just requires a humble and willing heart that says "Here am I, use me." And watch what happens, because He will.

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I have heard myriad wonderful, deeply and theologically profound, teachings on the Great Commission and it's relationship to the life and mission of the Church, but also to our individual lives as well. When it comes to ministry, and Church life, this is truly where my heart lies. But I, too, need to become better at it. To be more bold. To be willing to put it all on the line for the sake of the gospel. After all, Jesus did say "In this world, you will have trouble, but take heart, for I have overcome the world."

So what are we to learn from these simple yet challenging words that were written so long ago? That we, who have been saved by grace, through faith, and transformed by the love of Jesus Christ, have a job to do. We need to share the Euangelion, the good news, with the rest of this world that so desperately needs him. Who is God calling you to share the gospel with today, this month, the rest of this year? Where is He calling you to reach out to people and to share His love with them whether through something as simple as buying them a cup of coffee to talk, or praying with them because you can sense something just isn't right? I encourage us all to pray about these things. To pray about where and how God may be leading us, both personally and corporately, to serve and to share the good news that we are all blessed to know. The good news that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of which we are the foremost!

God bless you all!

Erika Jo Dielman



THE UNDERGROUND CHURCH OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN

Join us here at New Life,
the first and third Thursdays of each month.
September 5th & 19th at 6:30pm until 8:00pm.
Come read the Bible and share testimonies
of what Jesus has done for you and others
with D.W. Lucky III and Fr. Mike Bridge.
We will start in Matthew 2:16 and take our time
with an open question and answer event.
Adults 18+ are welcome to join us.

LITURGICAL SEASON — *by Karen Dielman*

ORDINARY TIME —

We are now in the season of ordinary time, celebrated with the color green. It is the liturgical period that does not fall within the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter, and runs for 34 weeks. It is celebrated two times a year throughout the year. The first period runs from the feast of baptism of the Lord until the Tuesday evening before Ash Wednesday and the second from the second Sunday of Pentecost to the 26th Sunday of Pentecost. It is a time of growth and renewal in each Christian's spiritual life.

September 2024 Service Calendar

If you are unable to fulfill your service duties on the dates listed, please try to rearrange and find your own replacement.

	September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29	October 6
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Karen Dielman	Gretchen Lucky
SOUND/MUSIC	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan	Ferd, Wes & Dylan
USHER/COUNTER/GREETERS	Evan W. / Don L. / The Bowmans	Don L. / Dan W. / The Flynns	Dan W. / Randy F. / Sally Stump	Randy F. / Don L. / Taylor DuBois	Don L. / Dan W. / The Bowmans	Don L. / Randy F. / Leah Williams
LECTOR	Gretchen Lucky	Erika Dielman	Dylan Williams	Leah Williams	Dan Wandrie	Mary Jane Zako
LAY MINISTER	Howard Bates	Mary Jane Zako	Karen Dielman	Wally Stansbury	Mickey Bridge	Erika Dielman
PRAYER TEAM	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah	Sharalen & Betty	Sally & Leah
CHILDREN'S NURSERY	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor	Darlene & Taylor
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Brenda Flynn & Ginny P.	The Davis'	The Dielmans	The Ostranders	The Williams	Sally Stump



Thursday
Morning Prayer
8:30am in
Fr. Mike's Office



ALTAR GUILD

SeptKaren Dielman
OctGretchen Lucky
NovLiz Ostrander
DecKaren Dielman

Birthdays

Erik Wandrie 9/03
Sarah Bridge 9/09
Don Lucky 9/11
George Bowman 9/17
Fiona Bridge 9/20
Don Greenwell 9/21



September



D.W. & Kalkidan
Lucky
Sept. 10th

Wedding Anniversaries



Ferd & Karen
Dielman
Sept. 22nd

Dan & Darlene
Wandrie
Sept. 15th

May the Lord richly bless you on your special day and all year!
Please let us know if we have missed your Birthday or Wedding Anniversary
so that we may celebrate with you and remember you in prayer.

Congregation — We Need You!

To volunteer to serve, please contact the Team Leaders listed below.

Altar Guild:	Karen Dielman	231/347-3532
Altar Flowers:	Karen Dielman	231/347-3532
Music/Sound:	Ferd Dielman	231/347-3532
Ushers:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Greeters:	Carol Bowman	231/459-4566
Lectors:	Tracey Jepsen	231/347-3448
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Acolytes:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Children's Sunday School:	Darlene Wandrie	231/347-5871
Youth Sunday School:	Don Lucky	231/622-2058
	(middle & high school)	
Adult Sunday School:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
Nursery:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
Fellowship/Hospitality:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Prayer Chain:	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
Women's Ministry:	~ Volunteer Needed ~	
Men's Ministry:	Mike Bridge	231/330-0689
InReach:	Gretchen Lucky	231/622-2057
OutReach:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Christian Ed. Scholarship:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
	Toni DuBois	231/330-8626
Missions:	D. W. Lucky	231/330-6559
Building and Grounds:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
	Ron Davis	231/330-6355
Art and Architecture:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Church Historian:	Liz Ostrander	231/348-2802
Communications:	Bonnie Bridge	231/445-1810
	(newspaper articles, etc.)	
Student Visitor's Liaison:	Lacy Bates	231/373-7997
Treasurer:	Wes Ostrander	231/330-4930
Assistant Treasurer:	Susan Davis	231/330-4821
Assistant Treasurer:	Sally Stump	231/881-2818
Assistant Treasurer:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871
Stewardship:	Dan Wandrie	231/347-5871

New Life Anglican Church 2024 Vestry

Sr. Warden. Erika Dielman
Jr. Warden. Dylan Williams
..... Carol Bowman
..... Susan Davis
..... Taylor DuBois
..... Randy Flynn
..... April Honeycutt

Our Joyous News Needs You!

Please consider submitting
an article or item of interest
for the next issue of the
Joyous News.

Submission deadline
is September 24th.



SAVE YOUR OLESON'S RECEIPTS

We appreciate grocery receipts
from Oleson's Food Stores. You
may leave your receipts in the
coffee hour donation basket, in the
Outreach shopping cart or on
Tracey's desk.

PRAYER CHAIN



To activate the chain call:
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To Help Keep You Informed

You may contact Tracey Jepsen our
Administrative Assistant at 231.347.3448
for copies of Vestry Approved: Financial
Statements and Vestry Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report ~ July 31, 2024

	July			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	Budget	Difference
Offering	13,420.11	15,145.00	(1,724.89)	90,197.49	106,015.00	(15,817.51)
Other	13,859.79	1,986.00	11,873.79	33,692.20	13,902.00	19,790.20
Income	27,279.90	17,131.00	10,148.90	123,889.69	119,917.00	3,972.69
Expense	(28,071.17)	(16,018.00)	(12,053.17)	(130,297.77)	(115,093.00)	(15,204.77)
Difference	(791.27)	1,113.00	(1,904.27)	(6,408.08)	4,824.00	(11,232.08)
Assets				\$578,720.37		
		Jan. 1, 2024	Donations	Expenses	Difference	July 31, 2024
211 Fund		124,445.27	-	4,673.53	4,673.53	119,771.74
211 Fund In/Out Reach		21,119.94	-	908.00	-	20,211.94
		Operating	211 Fund	211 In/Out	Deposit	Interest
Interest Bearing Accts.		-50,000.00	-110,000.00	-15,000.00	175,000.00	3,600.35
St. Francis CD			Deposit		175,000.00	178,600.35

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*We were therefore
buried with Him
through baptism into
death in order that,
just as Christ was
raised from the dead
through the glory of
the Father, we too
may live a new life.*

Romans 6:4



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**Summer slackens
Running itself out**

**In sweet corn,
rows of golden kernels
you judiciously touch
with butter,
not so much indulgence
but more observance
of ritual
from a time of childhood,
when the hot ear of corn,
dripping butter,
taught you taste
and freshness
of the "just picked"
in the ripeness**

**of its season.
All you knew was:
this is good.**

**Summer's late treasure
is that tomato sandwich,
spread with mayo,
the thick red round of it
covering the slice of bread,
this seasonal extravagance
finished with a furry peach
cupped in the hand
like a tennis ball.**

**They will call me
from the market
when canning peaches arrive,
the kind used for jam.
By the time the last jar**

**is canned
school will have started;
the vigorous chirp of crickets
muted.**

**The wind stripped
of summer's softness
howls as it pushes
against the windows
in these late September mornings
circled in the quickness
of the cold,
as the lingering days
go down,
touched by frost
in their descent
into the sure and certain
end of summer.**

BES