



The Ten Principles for Living in Community

“Living in Community” is an initiative of “Faith and Reconciliation”, a group of clergy in Birmingham, Alabama, that has been working together since 2003 and exploring what it means for people of faith to live in peace and to be reconciled to one another. “The Ten Principles for Living in Community” are a work in progress that we wrote in response to our time and work together.

We have discovered over and over that it is our faith that commands us and inspires us to care for one another as people. We sense that we become more faithful as we treat each other compassionately, fairly and honorably.

We also learn humility that reminds us that, no matter how passionate we are about our own faith, none of us is the Judge over any other people. God alone remains the Lord, and God alone is the Judge. We are called to be neighbors to each other, and we will all be judged on how we have treated our fellow human beings, especially for the things we do or fail to do in God's name.

The “10 Principles” are not Scripture. They are entirely a human creation. We believe, however, that they are the very least that people of faith should commit to do for one another and for all people in the world.

Ten Principles for Living in Community

1. I want to live in a community where faithful people affirm God's love for all humanity.
2. I want to live in a community where religion is an agent of healing, reconciliation, and peace.
3. I want to live in a community where each person has the right to believe or not believe as conscience dictates.
4. I want to live in a community where each person is free and encouraged to live his or her faith unhindered and unashamed.
5. I want to live in a community where no person uses religion to gain advantage over others.
6. I want to live in a community where religious and political leaders support the same rights for every person.
7. I want to live in a community where each person, regardless of faith or background, can experience the justice and mercy of the one living God.
8. I want to live in a community where religious people and institutions encourage understanding, cooperation and respect.
9. I want to live in a community where religious people reflect their faith by caring for the poor and the powerless.
10. I want to live in a community where religion promotes the safety, dignity, freedom, and potential of every person as a whole human being.

Reflecting my faith, dear God, help me work to create a society where all people rejoice in life together, express a good hope for all, and entrust our destiny to Your compassion.

http://www.livingincommunity.org/The_10_principles.htm



What's inside?

The View from the Corner Office.....	2
Home Communion.....	2
Sharing Center needs volunteers.....	2
Living Will information available.....	3
Forgiveness and Expectations.....	3
Salvation Army Teddy Bear Tea.....	3
Upcoming events at Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center.....	3
Schedules.....	4
St. Mark's information via email.....	5
Calendar.....	6
Psalm 23 for the workplace.....	7
Share your gifts and talents.....	7
All Hallows' Eve Party.....	7
Shelling out.....	7
Special Dates.....	8

**All are invited to
St. Mark's
Annual Blessing of
the Animals
Wednesday,
October 4, 2006
at 2:15 PM in
St. Mark's Garth.**

**For the safety of
all, please be sure
to
have your animals
properly
restrained.**

**The View from
the Corner Office**

Faith takes many forms. We could experience that of Linus patiently waiting throughout the night in the pumpkin patch for the Great Pumpkin while he speaks of the great sincerity of the patch, only to find he has put his faith in a dead end conviction.

We could set our eyes on material objects as an expression of faith only to be equally disappointed. We might even be disappointed by another person in our life, perhaps as we experienced at the ending of our first “crush”. Whatever the cause may be, any misplaced faith results in a traumatic change in our outlook on life and people, or as in Linus’ case, missing out on Trick or Treat candies.

Infinitely more important to our well-being is the placement of faith in our Lord. Faith has been defined as trust or belief in something which cannot be proven by the usual methods of the physical world.

When we think of faith in those terms, we also come to terms with that which most of us struggled as young people; going through that period of questioning everything and expecting to receive finite answers only to learn that there are some things which can’t be explained and being told, “You simple have to take that on faith.”

I think a major turning point in my search for a meaningful faith was the appearance of a Roman Catholic priest in my life. He was a Royal Canadian Air Force Chaplain who, unlike the Anglican Chaplain, was willing to take the time to listen, adding a comment here and there, but never offering tidy little answers to my questions. He acknowledged the obvious fact that concerns regarding my faith were certainly difficult to work through, but he always held out the hope that they would, in time, be resolved. I don’t know how many hours we spent in what might be considered a discernment process. What I do know is that as a result, but not for many years, I was able to find my way. Incidentally, after leaving the service, he eventually wound up as Bishop of Montreal.

So, we are all searchers one way or another, searching to grasp that inexplicable commodity we call faith. Fortunately, most of us find it as we place our hands in the Lord’s.

In your search, if you are still searching, do not emulate Linus, sitting all night in the pumpkin patch, waiting for the Great Pumpkin; it will never come. Jesus did come, sought us out, and offers the rewards of a well-placed faith – eternal life!

PAX,

Fr. Jerry+

**Home
Communion**

If you or a member of your family would like to receive home communion, please call the church office, 636-3781, or send an email to info@stmarkscocoa.org and let us know.

**Sharing Center
needs volunteers**

The Central Brevard Sharing Center needs office help to answer the telephone, etc. Please call Ed Price, 631-0306, to volunteer.

Volunteers are also needed to help pick up baked goods from Publix on Thursday morning. Call Clarice Costello, 799-2149.



**Living Will
information
available**

If you would like a Living Will form, copies, with instructions, are available on the table in the hallway leading to Thursby Hall (under the Last Supper stained glass window). The form is also available as a pdf file at St. Mark's website: www.stmarkscocoa.org

Attorney Scott Mason Baughan has provided these forms and would be happy to meet with individuals who have further questions. Please contact Beverly Jones, Parish Life Coordinator, 639-7104, if you would like to meet with Attorney Baughan.

**Forgiveness and
Expectations**

The South Brevard Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician presents

Forgiveness and Expectations

Teaching/Healing Mission

October 6 -7, 2006

Episcopal Church of Our Savior
1000 Jersey Lane, NE, Palm Bay

Pre-registration appreciated. Call 321-723-8032 for more information.

**Salvation Army
Teddy Bear Tea**

When: October 28
11 AM – 3 PM
Where: Cocoa Civic
Center

Mark October 28 on your calendar for the annual fundraiser for the Salvation Army Domestic Violence Program. There will be child-focused activities including clowns, face painting and games as well as dressed teddy bears, "Dress Your Own Bear" and the auction (baskets filled with gift certificates, wonderful themed gifts and a special teddy bear), games, baked goods, etc.

If you have any questions or would like to buy tickets in advance, call Clarice Costello, 799-2149. Tickets: \$5 at the door

**Upcoming events
at Canterbury
Retreat and
Conference
Center**

7th Annual Mustard Seed Conference

"The Listening Church"

October 27-29, 2006

Tom Ehrich will talk about the need for churches today to listen to members' questions, stories and yearnings to know how to serve them as a faith community.

Silent Retreat

"Listening to Silence, Writing toward God"

November 10-11, 2006

The retreat leader, Gerald Schiffhorst, believes that focusing on silence and solitude can help us learn to listen more deeply to the voice of God within us and to sense the presence of God in the world around us. He shares with Thomas Merton and many other writers the conviction that writing a spiritual journal opens up a space for prayer.

For additional information or to register contact
Jeannette Smith at jsmith@canterburyretreat.org or 407-365-5571.



Schedules

October 1 Pentecost XVII	October 8 Pentecost XVIII	October 15 Pentecost XIX	October 22 Pentecost XX	October 29 Pentecost XXI	November 5 Sunday After All Saints'
<u>LAY READERS</u> 8:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers Borger Blakeslee Lector, Lesson 1 Borger Lector, Lesson 2 Adovasio 10:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers Hickman Kinast Lector, Lesson 1 Hickman Lector, Lesson 2 Acolyte PC	8:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers J Bisbey Roth Lector, Lesson 1 J Bisbey Lector, Lesson 2 Norman 10:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers W Clark L Clark Lector, Lesson 1 W Clark Lector, Lesson 2 Acolyte PC	8:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers D Bisbey Jay Lector, Lesson 1 D Bisbey Lector, Lesson 2 McLeveighn 10:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers Jones Meers Lector, Lesson 1 Jones Lector, Lesson 2 Acolyte PC	8:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers Wright Blakeslee Lector, Lesson 1 Wright Lector, Lesson 2 Pekar 10:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers Anstey Schorr Lector, Lesson 1 Anstey Lector, Lesson 2 Acolyte PC	8:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers Roth Borger Lector, Lesson 1 Roth Lector, Lesson 2 Shaffer 10:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers Hickman Kinast Lector, Lesson 1 Hickman Lector, Lesson 2 Acolyte PC	8:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers D Bisbey Jay Lector, Lesson 1 D Bisbey Lector, Lesson 2 Smith 10:00 AM Lay Eucharistic Ministers L Clark W Clark Lector, Lesson 1 L Clark Lector, Lesson 2 Acolyte PC
<u>Home Eucharist</u> D Bisbey Kight Perdue	Baldwin Kinast	Roth Spearman Anstey Hickman	Clark Jones	Costello Harmon	D Bisbey Kight Perdue
<u>Order of St. Luke the Physician</u> 10:00 AM Harmon	10:00 AM Johnson	10:00 AM Weltz	10:00 AM Baldwin	10:00 AM Harmon	10:00 AM Johnson
<u>Ushers</u> 8:00 AM Davis Pekar 10:00 AM Myrons	8:00 AM Knodels 10:00 AM D & S Williams	8:00 AM Pekar Weller 10:00 AM Anstey Dewey	8:00 AM Duff Keehn 10:00 AM C Johnson P Johnson	8:00 AM Bisbeys 10:00 AM Myrons	8:00 AM Davis Pekar 10:00 AM Herring Jones

***** If you will be unable to serve your scheduled time, please FIND YOUR OWN SUBSTITUTE.*****

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL

4 Church Street, Cocoa, Florida 32922

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Telephone: (321) 636-3781

FAX: (321) 632-9858

THE BISHOPS OF THE DIOCESE OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

The Right Reverend John W. Howe

The Right Reverend Hugo Pina-Lopez, Assistant Bishop

THE PARISH STAFF

The Reverend Thomas W. Gibson, Rector

Assisting – The Reverend Jerrold Beaumont, D.D. Parish Musician - Tim Hartsfield

Academy Head – Douglas Parker

Assistant Organists – Linda Cox and Carolyn Zehr

Parish Life Coordinator – Beverly V. Jones

Christian Education/Jr. EYC – Joi Robertson

Parish Administrator – Carolyn Hawkins

Sexton – Dale Taylor

THE VESTRY

Father Gibson

John Altenburg
John Kinast

Bill Borger
Serre Murphy

Tracey Canada

Marion Hickman
James Wallen

Carla Jones
Susan Waterman



October 1 Pentecost XVII	October 8 Pentecost XVIII	October 15 Pentecost XIX	October 22 Pentecost XX	October 29 Pentecost XXI	November 5 Sunday After All Saints'
ACOLYTES 10:00 AM**	10:00 AM**	10:00 AM**	10:00 AM**	10:00 AM**	10:00 AM**
PC A Lucernoni	PC R Clark	PC B Butler	PC Brittany Cassidy	PC D Hickman	PC A Bell
FS L Clark	FS F Naumann	FS K Sibbitt	FS P Wagner	FS A Baughan	FS E Bell
SS C Lucernoni	SS Sarah Petrie	SS B Murphy	SS Bradley Cassidy	SS C Lucernoni	SS E Keehn
CC C Myron	CC Shannon Petrie	CC C Mims	CC G Busseni	CC C Myron	CC A Knodel
OSL G Busseni	OSL T Wilson	OSL K Canada	OSL Audrey Kinast	OSL M Simmler	OSL Collen Jones
THURIFER	THURIFER	THURIFER	THURIFER	THURIFER	THURIFER J Anstey
BOAT	BOAT	BOAT	BOAT	BOAT	BOAT C Keehn
TORCH 1	TORCH 1	TORCH 1	TORCH 1	TORCH 1	TORCH 1 Caitlin Jones
TORCH 2	TORCH 2	TORCH 2	TORCH 2	TORCH 2	TORCH 2 L Moody

Acolytes: Anyone in 3rd grade or higher is welcome to become an acolyte. If you can't serve when scheduled, please find a substitute or call Steve Anstey, 453-4921. The **PC reads the Second Lesson.

St. Mark's information via email

Please send an email to info@stmarkscocoa.org if you would like to receive email updates about St. Mark's.



OCTOBER	
1 John Pekar	23 Granville Walker
2 Lauren Adovasio Carla Jones Cadee Robertson	24 Pat Walker
4 Charles Tornabene, Jr.	25 Bradley Cassidy Victoria Loisel Sue Weller
5 John Fike, Jr. Peggy Pell Lucinda Wallen	26 Rt. Rev. William Folwell
6 James Dean Mitzi Dean	27 Doug Benoit Elizabeth Haben
	28 Tibor Menyhart
	29 J. B. Arteaga Marion Bernichon
8 Dorothy Jacqueline Paxton	
9 Anna Chilton Robert Gleue Tim Hartsfield Tom Newbern, Jr.	
10 Stella Davis	
12 Bill Perdue Hazel Stucke	
13 Will Houser	
14 Patricia Bunge	
16 John Altenburg Brett Wallen	
21 Cecilia Gibson William C. Jones, Sr.	

Please call the church office, 636-3781, to add your name to our birthday list.



October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																			
<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">1</p> <p style="margin: 0;">PENTECOST XVII 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I 9:55 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">2</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">3</p> <p style="margin: 0;">5:30 PM Holy Eucharist - Rite I</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">4</p> <p style="margin: 0;">2:15 PM Blessing of Animals in the Garth 7:00 PM Bridge</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">5</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10:00 AM Healing and Holy Eucharist 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">6</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">7</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 100px;">Feasibility Study</p>																																																																																			
<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">8</p> <p style="margin: 0;">PENTECOST XVIII 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I 9:55 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II</p> <p style="text-align: left; margin-top: 100px;">Feasibility Study</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 100px;">Academy Holiday</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">10</p> <p style="margin: 0;">5:30 PM Holy Eucharist - Rite I</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">11</p> <p style="margin: 0;">7:00 PM Bridge</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">12</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10:00 AM Healing and Holy Eucharist 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">13</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Academy Alumni Day Academy Discovery Day</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">14</p>																																																																																			
<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">15</p> <p style="margin: 0;">PENTECOST XIX 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I 9:55 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">16</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">17</p> <p style="margin: 0;">5:30 PM Holy Eucharist - Rite I 6:30 PM Vestry</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">18</p> <p style="margin: 0;">ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN 7:00 PM Bridge</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">19</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10:00 AM Healing and Holy Eucharist 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">20</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">21</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 100px;">Village Craft Fair</p>																																																																																			
<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">22</p> <p style="margin: 0;">PENTECOST XX 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I 9:55 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II</p> <p style="text-align: left; margin-top: 100px;">Village Craft Fair</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">23</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">24</p> <p style="margin: 0;">5:30 PM Holy Eucharist - Rite I</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">25</p> <p style="margin: 0;">7:00 PM Bridge</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">26</p> <p style="margin: 0;">10:00 AM Healing and Holy Eucharist 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">27</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">28</p> <p style="margin: 0;">8:00 AM Buddy Walk</p>																																																																																			
<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">29</p> <p style="margin: 0;">PENTECOST XXI 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite I 9:55 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist - Rite II 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM All Hallow's Eve Party</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">30</p>	<p style="color: #800000; font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">31</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Academy Storybook Dress-Up Noon dismissal 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist - Rite I</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">September</p> <table style="margin: 0; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="border: none;">S</td><td style="border: none;">M</td><td style="border: none;">T</td><td style="border: none;">W</td><td style="border: none;">T</td><td style="border: none;">F</td><td style="border: none;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;">1</td><td style="border: none;">2</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">3</td><td style="border: none;">4</td><td style="border: none;">5</td><td style="border: none;">6</td><td style="border: none;">7</td><td style="border: none;">8</td><td style="border: none;">9</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">10</td><td style="border: none;">11</td><td style="border: none;">12</td><td style="border: none;">13</td><td style="border: none;">14</td><td style="border: none;">15</td><td style="border: none;">16</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">17</td><td style="border: none;">18</td><td style="border: none;">19</td><td style="border: none;">20</td><td style="border: none;">21</td><td style="border: none;">22</td><td style="border: none;">23</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">24</td><td style="border: none;">25</td><td style="border: none;">26</td><td style="border: none;">27</td><td style="border: none;">28</td><td style="border: none;">29</td><td style="border: none;">30</td></tr> </table> </div>		S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">November</p> <table style="margin: 0; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="border: none;">S</td><td style="border: none;">M</td><td style="border: none;">T</td><td style="border: none;">W</td><td style="border: none;">T</td><td style="border: none;">F</td><td style="border: none;">S</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;"></td><td style="border: none;">1</td><td style="border: none;">2</td><td style="border: none;">3</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">4</td><td style="border: none;">5</td><td style="border: none;">6</td><td style="border: none;">7</td><td style="border: none;">8</td><td style="border: none;">9</td><td style="border: none;">10</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">11</td><td style="border: none;">12</td><td style="border: none;">13</td><td style="border: none;">14</td><td style="border: none;">15</td><td style="border: none;">16</td><td style="border: none;">17</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">18</td><td style="border: none;">19</td><td style="border: none;">20</td><td style="border: none;">21</td><td style="border: none;">22</td><td style="border: none;">23</td><td style="border: none;">24</td></tr> <tr><td style="border: none;">25</td><td style="border: none;">26</td><td style="border: none;">27</td><td style="border: none;">28</td><td style="border: none;">29</td><td style="border: none;">30</td><td style="border: none;"></td></tr> </table> </div>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																			
					1	2																																																																																			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																			
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																			
				1	2	3																																																																																			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10																																																																																			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17																																																																																			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24																																																																																			
25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																				

Psalm 23 for the workplace

-contributed by Tim Hartsfield

The Lord is my real boss, I shall not want.
He gives me peace when chaos is all around me.
He gently reminds me to pray before I speak,
And to do all things without murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that He is my source, and not my job.
He restores my sanity every day,
And guides my decisions that I might honor Him in everything I do.
Even though I face absurd amounts of emails,
System crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks,
And an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,
I will not stop, for He is with me.
His presence and His peace will see me through.

He raises me up when I am discouraged.
He claims me as His own, even when I feel alone.
His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus check.
His retirement plan beats every 401(k) there is.

When all is said and done,
I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer,
And for that, I bless His name!

Go to <http://www.buildingchurch.net/ps23.htm> for other versions of Psalm 23.

Share your gifts and talents

On Sunday, October 8, during Coffee Hour, you will have the opportunity to learn how you can actively participate in the life of St. Mark's by sharing your talents.

There will be members of each group ready to answer your questions as you consider joining the Altar Guild, Acolytes, Choir, Ushers and Lay Readers and others. Coffee Hour help is always welcome, too!

All Hallows' Eve Party

All Hallows' Eve Party: Sunday, October 29, from 3 - 5 PM. Dress up as your favorite non-scary character and join us for fun and games. Bring a bag of candy to share at the party and canned goods to share with the Central Brevard Sharing Center. Questions? Contact Joi Robertson at joi2teach@cs.com

Shelling out

A funeral director tells of a tombstone he once found in an old cemetery.
It read:

Here lies the body of Solomon Peas
Under the sod and under the trees.
Peas is not here, 'tis only the pod.
Peas has shelled out and gone to God.



Master Key

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4 CHURCH STREET
COCOA, FLORIDA 32922

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U S POSTAGE PAID
COCOA, FLORIDA
PERMIT NUMBER 124

The Master Key OCTOBER 2006

If you no longer wish to receive mailings, please notify the church office and you will be removed from our mailing list.



Special Dates

October 1, 2006
World Communion Sunday

October 29, 2006
Daylight Saving Time Ends



October 31, 2006
Reformation Day
All Hallows' Eve



A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.

build	dance	die	everything	laugh	gather
⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊕	⊕
give up	hate	heal	heaven	mend	
⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	⊕	
peace	refrain	speck	throw away	uproot	
⊕	⊖	⊖	⊖	⊖	

There is a time for _____ ⊕
and a season for every activity under _____ ⊕
a time to be born and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to plant and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to kill and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to tear down and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to weep and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to mourn and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to scatter stones and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to embrace and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to search and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to keep and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to tear and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to be silent and a time to _____ ⊕
a time to love and a time to _____ ⊕
a time for war and a time for _____ ⊕

Answers: everything, heaven, die, uproot, heal, build, laugh, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.

Play Ecclesiastes Charades

Here is what you need:

- Sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Hat, bowl or basket
- Stopwatch, wristwatch or clock
- Friends or family members

Here is how to play:

1. Divide the players into two even groups.
2. Write the following words from Ecclesiastes 3 on your sheet of paper:

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| • everything | • scatter |
| • season | • gather |
| • heaven | • embrace |
| • born | • refrain |
| • die | • search |
| • plant | • give up |
| • uproot | • keep |
| • kill | • throw away |
| • heal | • mend |
| • tear | • silent |
| • build | • speak |
| • weep | • love |
| • laugh | • hate |
| • mourn | • war |
| • dance | • peace |

3. Cut the words into strips. Fold them in half and put them in a hat, bowl or basket.
4. Each team chooses one person at a time to pick a word and act it out without speaking. That team has to guess the word.
5. Decide on a time limit. If the word hasn't been guessed when the time is up, the other team gets to guess.
6. Keep score. The team with the most correct guesses wins.
7. When all the words have been guessed. Have someone read Ecclesiastes 3 out loud. Listen for the words you acted out. What do they mean in God's plan?