



New Song Notes

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Mission: To invite all to know Christ, celebrate God's presence and be Christ's body in the world.

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Calendar

TODAY		-Holy Eucharist —10:00 am -Community Hour — 11:15 a.m. -Spirit School led by Leah and Ella Dillon: "Report on Epic Camp Experience" — 11:30 a.m.
TODAY		-Three Rivers Chapter Meeting, Christ Church, Cedar Rapids — 2:00 p.m.
Aug.	26	-Meditation Group meets, Mercy Hospital Chapel — 7:00 p.m.
Sept.	1	-Fall Stewardship Campaign gears up
Sept.	8	-Installation of Rev. John Greve as Rector of Grace Episcopal — 3:30 p.m.
Sept.	28	-Three Rivers Chapter will sponsor Three Rivers Fall Festival at Christ Episcopal Church, Cedar Rapids — 2:00—5:00 p.m. We will need some New Song volunteers!
Oct.	6	-New Song's 25th Anniversary Celebration!
Oct.	26-27	-Diocesan Convention, Des Moines



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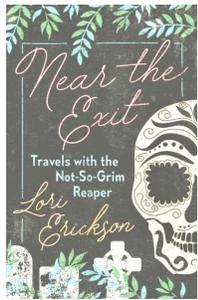
News and Announcements

August Prayer to End Racism — for appreciation of diverse cultural contributions:

“O God of all nations and peoples: We live in a nation of immigrants, and one in which the diverse gifts of many people have contributed to our energy and strength. Yet it is one in which some immigrants are discriminated against because of the color of their skin, their language, or the country of their origin. Help us, by your grace, to offer hospitality to all strangers, as our Father Abraham did in the desert. Grant us the wisdom and skill to enact just and merciful immigration reforms so that the hospitality and access of this great land may be offered equally to people of all colors and races and nations.” Amen

LORI ERICKSON PUBLISHES NEW BOOK! UPCOMING READING AT PRAIRIE LIGHTS!

Deacon Lori has a new book just published this last



week entitled, *“Near the Exit: Travels with the Not-So-Grim Reaper.”* Syndy Conger who has reviewed the book says it will appeal to armchair travelers and those who see their travels as pilgrimages, but will especially speak to the hearts of those who are themselves still grieving the loss of a loved one or anticipating their own exit. All New

Songers are especially invited to join Lori for a first public reading at Prairie Lights on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m.

EPISCOPALIANS TO COMMEMORATE 400 YEARS SINCE SLAVERY’S START IN 1619

Aug. 25 Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is inviting Episcopal churches to take part in a national action to remember and honor the first enslaved Africans who first landed in English North America in 1619. He is asking all churches with bells to toll together Aug. 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Though New Song has no bells, we will participate in commemoration of this evil time with continued work of racial healing and reconciliation whenever and wherever we can.

The site of the ship’s arrival is the present site of Fort Monroe in Hampton, VA, which Pres. Barack

Obama commissioned as a National Monument in 2011. As recorded by English colonist John Rolfe, the arrival of “20 and odd” African men and wom-



en in 1619 occurred after English privateers stole a Spanish slave ship and brought them on a ship called the *White Lion*. Later traded for food and supplies, they were the first Africans to be brought to English North America. Our Presiding Bishop urges all of us to join with other people of

faith to remember this event and continue the ongoing work of reconciliation. The Union of Black Episcopalians has suggested the following collect for today’s event: *“God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you who have brought us thus far on the way with Christ, the one in whom is our true and perfect freedom. Give us grace to honor the lives of your precarious children, enslaved in body yet free in mind. May we forever stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before and make no peace with oppression, that children of slaves and former slave owners may one day live in harmony; through Jesus Christ our liberator, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.”*

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON ROOF EXTENSION PROCEEDS: NEXT, PAINTING!

Lynn Hochstetler Construction of Kalona is building the roof extension that will cover the outdoor stairway to protect users from injury during winter and keep the stairs cleaner in spring and fall. New Songers will form a painting team later this summer to finish the project. If you enjoy the fellowship of working together on a project, talk to Jim Conger or Bob Sessions in the next few weeks. Many hands make light work!

NEW SONG INVITED TO ATTEND JOHN GREVE’S INSTALLATION SEPT. 8

All New Songers are invited to attend John’s installation as Rector of Grace Episcopal in Cedar Rapids at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8. Rides can be arranged. Call Jim Conger 530-4278 or e-mail jimconger@mchsi.com if you would like a ride.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

TODAY — Dannye Seager Frerichs
TODAY — Susanne Watson Epting
Sept. 26 — Carolyn Shultz
Sept. 27 — Kerry Evans