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Friday, June 9

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library

6:30 p.m. Wake - Sayeh —Main Church

Saturday, June 10

9:00 a.m. Funeral - Sayeh—Main Church

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel

11:00 a.m. Al-Anon—Undercroft Commons

11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1

8:00 p.m. Hawa Clemens - Graduation Party—UC

Sunday, June 11

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal —Choir Room

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children— Chapel

11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol— Chapel

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

12:30 p.m. Christian Formation Team Mtg. with Diocesan Leader —Room 1

This Week at Ascension

A Circle Dance

You become the God you worship. In other words, *your image of God creates you*. If you get the image of God wrong, everything else that builds on it is going to be rather inadequate. That might seem like an overstatement, but let's recognize how that's been true in Western Christianity in particular.

The operative image of God for most Christians (except for the mystics) is a powerful monarch, usually an old white man sitting on a throne. It's no accident that the Latin word for God, *Deus*, came from the same root as Zeus. At the risk of shocking you, let me say that Christianity hasn't moved much beyond the mythological image of Zeus. Yet this is not the image of God revealed to us by Jesus—a vulnerable baby born in an occupied and oppressed land; a refugee; a humble carpenter whose friends were fishermen, prostitutes, and tax-collectors; a political criminal executed on a cross. In other words, Jesus shows a vulnerable God much more than the *almighty* one Christians often assume.

God's "continually renewed immediacy," [1] as Thomas Kelly put it, is too intimate and subtle for our dualistic and rational minds to grasp. Two

- 1:00 p.m. Pastoral Care Team Meeting—Library
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist—Chapel

Monday, June 12

- 11:30 a.m. Living with a Chronic Illness—Room 1
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library
6:30 p.m. Ensemble Rehearsal—Main Church
6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 4
6:30 p.m. Spanish Class—Ascension House
7:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Meeting—Room 6

Tuesday, June 13

- 7:00 a.m. Mobile Med—Chapel
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Library
6:00 p.m. Spanish Bible Study—Ascension House
7:00 p.m. Codependents Anonymous—Room 1
7:00 p.m. Stillwater Mindfulness Group—Chapel
8:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

Wednesday, June 14

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Book Group—Library
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library
6:00 p.m. Yoga—Chapel
6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—Chapel

Thursday, June 15

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga—Chapel
4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel

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thousand years after the revelation of God in Christ most of Christianity is still quite immature in terms of its ability to process what Jesus taught and demonstrated.

The Creation story in Genesis gives us a wonderful insight into God's character by using plural pronouns: "Let *us* create in *our* image" (Genesis 1:26-27). Of course, this is problematic for monotheistic Judaism and Christianity. It took centuries to develop the doctrine of the Trinity. The Cappadocian Fathers (including Gregory of Nyssa, Basil of Caesarea, and Gregory Nazianzen) of fourth century eastern Turkey finally turned to a word from Greek theater, *perichoresis*—circle dance—to describe the foundational quality of God's character: relationship and communion. In the beginning was relationship.

God is not the dancer but the dance itself! God is much more a dynamic verb than a static noun. God is constant flow. You don't even need to understand it intellectually or theologically to participate in the flow of God. You are already there. *Within your heart, body, and mind is an implanted flow toward life, goodness, love, communion, and connection. "Sin" is quite simply any resistance to that flow.*

Trinity is saying, "In the beginning is the relationship." When we start with God as relationship, we begin the spiritual journey on a very different foundation. This foundation is not static but continually evolving and creating new forms of communion and interdependence.

- Richard Rohr

Opportunities for the Practice of Yoga and Centering Prayer in June

In addition to the Thursday morning yoga class at 10:00 a.m., I'll be offering a reprise of my Lenten offering on Wednesday evenings in June: gentle yoga at 6:00-6:30 p.m. and Centering Prayer at 6:30-7:00 [p.m.in](#) the Chapel. - Randy

Bible Treasure Hunt

Hi All!

Over the summer, I'm offering a bible treasure hunt series - basically a scavenger hunt for 7 boxes about one of the fruits of the spirit in a local park. I'm doing it in Olney because I have a core group of people who are interested here, so it's a good test location, plus parks are parks. So making a 20 minute drive to play at a park that has friends and good shade, isn't such a big deal. Here is the flyer. I would love if you would let your people know. Thanks so much!

In Christ,
Shivaun+

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Prayers For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: Holy Trinity, Collington, Trinity Church, DC, Trinity Church, Newport & Hughesville and Old Fields Chapel, Trinity Church, St. Mary's Parish and St. Mary's Chapel, Trinity Church, Upper Marlboro, St. Barnabas' Church of the Deaf St. Barnabas' Church, Leeland, St. Barnabas' Church, Temple Hills Ordination Service (June 17) Pray for those who are being ordained

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope: Sandy, Kirk, Sally, William, Margaret, Christine, Fran, Suzanne and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended Healing Prayer List.

Worship Leaders

Sunday, June 11

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers: Enid Cole
Chalicians: Sharon Hayden, David Burton
Healing Prayer: Janet King
Acolytes: Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team: Jean Cohn, Don Cohn
Altar Guild: Georgette Dennis
Hospitality Angel: Don Cohn

9:00 AM

Reader: Barbara Mansfield, Christian Simpson
Prayer: John Pruessner
Chalicians: Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Cynthia Perley
Healing Prayer: Javier Ocampo
Acolytes: Lisa Dickson, Nuelle Johnson, Manny Johnson
Welcome Team: Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King, Charles Dickson
Altar Guild: TBA
Hospitality Angel: Marjorie Madikoto

11:15 AM

Reader: Kendall Anderson
Healing Prayer: Sarah Rubin
Welcome Team: Alex Langley, Alice Padmore, Kendall Anderson
Altar Guild: Laura Shay
Chalician: Avin Lalmansingh, Peg Ruppel
Song Leader: Alice Benson
Hospitality Angel: Aaron & Emma Boyce

Eucharistic Visitor: Javier Ocampo
Flower Delivery: Esther Sawyer, Adoma Baffoe