

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## CARTER WEBSTER WILL LEAD YOUTH MINISTRY

Carter Webster, 23, grew up in a circle of Episcopal love in Memphis.

When she takes over as minister to youth in early July, she'll be instinctively channeling Matthew Arehart – not because she wants to copy his style but because he shaped her growing-up years so much, she can hardly separate him from what it means to minister to youth.

"I looked up to the people who led the youth. They were so significant to me in high school. I felt set apart because I had these young adults who cared about me. I had this other outlet that a lot of other kids don't have," Webster said.

It included Happenings, rafting trips and other youth activities. Webster grew up at Calvary at a time when the youth ministry was also shared with St. John's and Holy Communion.

She graduated from White Station High School and Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro with a degree in child development and family studies.

For her college internship, she took a job as assistant camp director at Camp Gailor-Maxon, a sacred place for Tennessee Episcopalians.

She came home and landed a part-time job planning events for Thistle & Bee, in time to organize its Sweeter than Honey fund-raiser last November with volunteers like the Reverend Eyleen Farmer, board president.

"The only thing that is sweeter than honey is love," Webster said.

She's had time to realize the power of that for herself. Her upbringing, though less nontraditional now, didn't revolve around two parents.

Her parents divorced when she was in elementary school. "My family structure was my mom, Leslie Vescovo, and my grandmother, Pat Vescovo, and I'm very grateful," she said.

Surviving her parents' divorce puts her on equal footing with the majority of youth in the United States, now growing up in blended families or single-parent homes, and gives her an edge in helping them sort through their feelings of identity and family.

"It was immediately apparent to the search committee that Carter is the kind of leader who will jump right in and be actively involved with the youth," said the Reverend Hester Mathes, who oversaw the search.

"She has a lot of life experience and wisdom, but also a playful spirit that will continue to make youth group a fun place to explore faith and build community. I have personally known Carter for many years, and her positive can-do attitude is contagious."

Webster will work 60 hours in July as she wraps up her work with Shelby County Schools. She was a

prekindergarten assistant last school year and is now working with a summer camp for public school children.

Beginning August 1, she will be full-time member of the Holy Communion team.

"I'll be working as hard as I can to get to know something about everyone who has the potential to be part of our youth program," she said. "I want the youth to know their voices will be heard."

Youth ministry at Holy Communion will still have the same feel, she says.

"But I'm ready to stir things up a little too."



Photo by Cindy McMillion

*Carter Webster grew up at Calvary Episcopal. She majored in child development and family studies at Middle Tennessee State in Murfreesboro.*

# MCCLOY DELIVERS EULOGY FOR MEMPHIS HERO

The Reverend Randy McCloy stepped up into the pulpit at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral on June 16 and looked compassionately on the more than 250 people seated in the hushed calm on a steamy Memphis morning.

People from all walks had come to say farewell to the Reverend Don Mowery, a giant of a priest in a city that needs some bigger-than-life heroes.

In the aftermath of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination, Mowery worked to carve out recreation programs for economically disadvantaged children, finally finding a godsend of space at the Millington Air Force Base. By the time he was done, he'd had a hand in building similar partnerships with dozens of bases around the country.

As director of Youth Services, Mowery had the earliest vision of what BRIDGES USA would become. His national radio show, "Talk It Out" made him an unseen father to thousands.

McCloy delivered Mowery's funeral homily at the request of the Bishop Don Johnson.

"It was an honor to be asked," said McCloy, who spent several days researching and writing the roughly 10-minute sermon, a capsule of Mowery's contributions sprinkled with his endearing traits.

"It's tough; it is really tough to give the homily for a such a well-known person," said the Reverend Don Brooks, longtime Episcopal priest in the Diocese of West Tennessee.

"Part of the challenge is that everybody has a story," Brooks said. "I have a story about Don Mowery. He and I had the



Photo by Cindy McMillion

*The Reverend Randy McCloy knew Father Don Mowery personally. Mowery called every year on the anniversary of McCloy's ordination to tell him how important his ministry was to the people of West Tennessee.*

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—FATHER SANDY

same first two names. Every time we met, he'd say, 'Hello, Donald Edgar.' My response would be, 'Hello, Donald Edgar.' It was hilarious to us.

"But there's no way for the speaker to know everyone's story. And so, they gloss over a million things," Brooks said. "The other thing is the worry and fear that you will get some detail wrong and hundreds of people sitting out there will say to themselves, 'No, that isn't right.' And then they'll focus on that, like he parted his hair on the left, when he really parted it on the right."

For Holy Communion, it was an honor to see McCloy, in his quiet humility, serving in such a public way.

"It is a privilege for a clergy person to preach at any funeral, but it is a special privilege to preach for the funeral of a clergy colleague," said Father Sandy Webb.

"Randy McCloy is one of Holy Communion's spiritual anchors, and he shared his gift of spiritual stability with the whole diocese when he preached at Father Don's funeral."

The crowd laughed when McCloy mentioned how much Mowery liked motorcycles and the utterly unfathomable image he created of him careening around town in black, fringed leather.

Laughter echoed though the cathedral a second time when McCloy brought up Mowery's fondness for country music, which is probably why on the day Mowery hit an icy patch in Colorado and struggled not to go in the ditch, passengers not surprisingly heard Billy Idol's, "I don't care if it rains or freezes, long as I have my plastic Jesus" on the radio.

McCloy framed the marvel of Mowery

*(Randy continued on page 7)*

# GAMBLE PERFORMING IN LONDON THIS SUMMER

If you notice that Dr. David Ouzts is alone in the choir loft this summer, it's because Dr. Jane Gamble is giving two recitals in London in July.

Gamble is playing at St. Alfege in Greenwich and St. John's in Stratford, both are members of the Church of England and part of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

"I choose the music and will play the same program at both churches," Gamble said. "This year's program is heavy on American organ music because the concerts will take place around the Fourth of July holiday.

"Like most organists, I don't play from memory – we get a little slack because we not only have notes and rhythms to learn, we also have changes in organ registration throughout the entire program.

"These changes will vary from one instrument to another, so there's a lot to keep up with."

Gamble has been giving summer recitals for years. She'd played at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. and St. Patrick's Cathedral and St. Mark's Episcopal Church, both in New York.

She has performed at St. Paul's Cathedral in London and five other cathedrals or churches in Great Britain, plus Notre Dame in Paris and Johanneskirche and other churches in France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.



*St. Alfege in Greenwich*

"At first, I contacted various churches with concert series about a date for a recital, but I do less of that now," she says, "because I have made contacts and friends who either invite me back to their churches for a recital or recommend other churches where I might play."

The recitals give her the benefit of being able to play different organs, many of them significant, across Europe.

"I am very fortunate. The trips allow me time for relaxation as well as the work of performance. I enjoy the opportunity to visit friends, attend concerts and museums, and see some of the sights and scenery of the countries I visit," she said.

"This sort of trip is very refreshing to me because it recharges my batteries for the year of music-making that awaits me at home.



Photo by Cindy McMillion

*Dr. Jane Gamble has performed recitals in more than a dozen churches across Europe. This month, she is giving two at Anglican churches in London.*



*St. John's in Stratford*

"I am inspired by the liturgy, choirs and organists of the glorious churches I visit, and come home with ideas about new music I'd like to learn and new enthusiasm for practice and preparation."

In her biographical information in the recital programs, Gamble will be listed as the associate minister of music at Church of the Holy Communion in Memphis, where she has worked for three years.

Prior to that, she was organist and music associate for six years at Christ United Methodist. She has been organist and choirmaster at St. Mary's Cathedral and Grace-St. Luke's.

She was also organist and director of handbell choirs at Evergreen Presbyterian and Germantown United Methodist and organist at Temple Israel.

# SUMMERTIME AT CHC

## SUNDAYS AT 9:15 A.M. RECTOR'S FORUM

The Sacraments *are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.*

### July 8 – Ordination

In Ordination, God gives authority and the grace of the Holy Spirit to those being made bishops, priests and deacons.



### July 15 – Anointing the Sick (or Unction)

Unction is the rite of anointing the sick with oil — or the laying on of hands — for the healing of spirit, mind and body.

### July 22 – Confession

Reconciliation of a penitent — or penance — is the rite in which those who repent of their sins may confess them to God in the presence of a priest and receive the assurance of pardon.

### July 29 – Burial

In Burial, we give thanks to God for the life of someone who has died and remind ourselves of the promise of resurrection offered in Jesus Christ.

*Children invited to play Games of Grace and Glory in Room 308 during the summer formation hour.*

*Nursery and toddler care is available from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 311.*

**5:30 P.M.** ☪ Do you like to take weekend trips to the lake or campground during the summer?

Our Sunday evening service will be waiting when you return with quiet prayer, moments of silence and contemplative music.



## BE A SPONSOR!

**Book It Zero K  
September 16**

With our construction project taking up all our space, we're hosting a Zero K instead with an emphasis on food, foot races, games, face painting, music and line dancing.

Because Books from Birth and Emmanuel Center don't take a year off from their good work, we're inviting all to join us for a party on the church lawn, starting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, September 16. The children from Emmanuel Center will join in the fun and lead the line dancing, which is now tradition.

Our previous Book It events would not have been successful without the generous support of our sponsors!

If you or your company would like to be a sponsor, please pick up a sponsorship form from the church.

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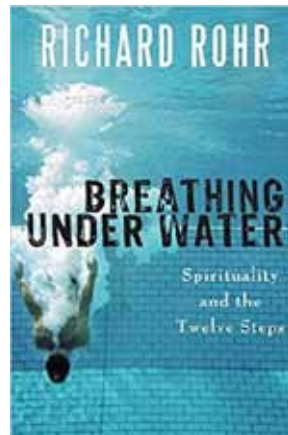
## Summer Book Study

### *Breathing Underwater*

by Richard Rohr

The Diocesan Recovery Commission is offering a study on Richard Rohr's book, *Breathing Underwater, Spirituality and the Twelve Steps* from 6-7:30 p.m. July 23 and August 27 in the Carrick Room. The book is a practical guide for living the 12-step spirituality in everyday life.

Contact Shannon Tucker at shannon.tucker@gmail.com or 281-0785.



## LABOR FOR LOVE

**Sunday, September 2**  
Outreach Sunday Forum,  
More Than a Meal

**Monday, September 3**  
MIFA CommUNITY Day with  
Emmanuel Center & St. Joseph's.

**September 2-8**  
Family Promise, hosting families  
in need of housing  
with Second Baptist.

*Mark your calendar for a week  
of outreach. Details to come.*



## Words<sup>3</sup>

This group of writers reads from their own work once a month. July's topic is "Anything Goes," popular because it includes any subject! All are welcome, including listeners.

Emily Ruch is hosting, 115 Grove Park Circle.  
July 18 at 5 p.m.

## FALL SPORTS REGISTRATION

### Soccer

- Under 5 co-ed: Friday night games
- Under 6 co-ed: Friday night games
- Separate divisions for boys and girls teams for ages 8 and under, 10 and under and 13 and under. All games will be played on Saturdays.

### Co-ed Kickball

- Middle School Division: 6th-8th grades
  - Senior High Division: 9th-12th graders
- Games played on Saturdays, starting in September.

*Registration deadline is August 3. Practices begin in August. Register online at [www.holycommunion.org](http://www.holycommunion.org) or pick up forms at the church.*



## GROUPS & GUILDS THIS SUMMER

**All Saints' Guild**  
Second Tuesday  
10:30 a.m., Carrick Room

**Brotherhood of St. Andrew**  
Second and fourth Saturday  
8 a.m., Chapel

**Centering Prayer**  
First Saturday  
9 a.m., Chapel

**Knitting Ministry**  
Third Tuesday  
10:30 a.m., 4569 Sequoia Rd.

**Men's Bible Study**  
Friday  
7 a.m., Room 214

### Exercise Schedule at Holy Communion

Beginner's Gentle Yoga	Intermediate Yoga	Tai Chi	Zumba
Mondays and Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 p.m. Room 308	Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:15-5:15 p.m. Room 308	Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Room 308	Mondays 6:15-7:15 p.m. Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. Saturdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.



*Participants in the summer A.R.T.S. camp, offered by the No More Silence Foundation, made tie-dyed T-shirts with paint kits donated by Holy Communion. The church also donated furniture and boxes of art supplies it will not need in its new classrooms, which are expected to open next spring.*

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## CHC DONATES EXCESS TO GROUPS ACROSS CITY

When Holy Communion was packing up to move this spring, school leaders in a growing charter school off Third Street in South Memphis were hoping on a dime and a prayer to start a baseball team.

By fall, Vision Preparatory will offer after-school baseball and softball teams. The kids will be wearing helmets and using bats, balls and bases donated from the Holy Communion's recreation program.

"It was definitely good timing," says Josh Stanley, fourth-grade teacher at the school.

"We currently have track, basketball and flag football. Sports are an incentive for students to work hard, but they also help build relationships between staff and families," he said.

Vision Prep is grateful for the equipment, which is stacked neatly in a closet for summer. It was used this spring for units on baseball and softball in physical education classes for students in all the grades.

While churches often make gifts of money and supplies, churches are people, and in this case, people with relationships in every corner of the city.

That means equipment and supplies Holy Communion

no longer needed is being used by organizations all over town.

Independent Presbyterian Church received the wooden gym bleachers, and as a result, donated its metal bleachers to Church of the Holy Spirit.

Emmanuel Center in South Memphis got a load of Holy Communion soccer uniforms, including socks and shin guards, plus a rolling basketball cart, which it has never had.

"We can surely use it," said Lindell Bonner, Inner City Sports coordinator at Emmanuel.

The gym's wall pads are going to Hope Presbyterian in Germantown. Rolls of paper and school supplies were given to Shady Grove Elementary.

Several small moving vans full of furniture, art supplies, costumes, beads – even a television – went to the No More Silence Foundation, a nonprofit run by

LaTrossica Wilson at 3865 Winchester.

Receptionist Kenyetta Thompson was the link.

"I'm on the board," Thompson said. "I met LaTrossica about 12 years ago at another job. When we reconnected about three or four years ago, she told me her plans to start this foundation. I told her she needed go ahead and do it



*Tie-dyeing is a completely new experience for children in the summer camp, which meets at a storefront on Winchester.*

because she was already doing the work.”

This spring, Wilson bought a building and needed furnishings, including desks and tables.

Holy Communion gave her five tables, a metal desk and four office chairs.

“I’m using the desk in my personal office. It’s perfect,” Wilson said. “I got a leather office chair too. The back was ripped. I took a hot-glue gun and fixed it.”

The children used the art supplies to make Father’s Day gifts. They are making jewelry out “thousands of beads” given by the church. They dress up in angel wings every day and in late June used a tie-dye kit donated by the youth department to make camp T shirts.

“These gifts meant the world

*“These gifts meant the world to me.”*

—LATROSSICA WILSON

*founder, No More Silence Foundation*



Submitted photo

*The church also donated baseball and softball equipment to Vision Preparatory Charter School, where Buford Harbin’s grandson, Joshua Stanley, teaches fourth grade.*

to me,” Wilson said. “I don’t think I would been able to start the camp on time if I hadn’t had everything in place. You are the biggest reason we were able to start on the day we promised in our fliers.”

The connection to Vision Prep is especially dear to Holy Communion because Josh Stanley is the grandson of retired security guard Buford Harbin.

Harbin is something of a legend on the corner. He worked here more than 17 years. Besides knowing all the staff at the church and St. Mary’s Episcopal School, he also knew the students. They presented him with the St. Mary’s Apple Award and an impromptu standing ovation in chapel.

Much of Harbin’s family watched from the front pews as

Harbin, completely surprised, received the honor.

Children’s Minister Alice Hollis and Stanley were on the faculty five or six years ago at St. George’s Independent School. Hollis stayed in touch.

“It’s honestly a good feeling to have support from other people in our community,” Stanley said. “I will help people in any way I can, and I so appreciate other people who do the same.”

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best when he told the mourners how sincerely he had supported McCloy in his decision to discern for the diaconate. Every year on the anniversary of McCloy’s ordination, Mowery would call and affirm his work.

The look on McCloy’s face underscored the generosity he found in those calls. And the audience understood intrinsically that Mowery’s great gift was the energy he invested – without ceasing – in thousands of everyday people.

“When Randy said that, it made me harken back to the things I knew about Don. It made it so personally personable. It was a sharing of the permission to hold our personal memories of Don Mowery as treasures,” Brooks said.

The Reverend Bill Burks spoke with McCloy after the

service and smiled to himself when McCloy told him he had simply spoken from the heart.

“Well, that’s what I am learning to do after 47 years of priesthood. But, I have not reached the beauty, grace, integrity and faithfulness as Randy has. Mimsy Jones and Tommy Rhodes are examples that I have experienced. It must be a deacon thing,” he said with a chuckle.

“I don’t think it should be difficult to be honest,” Burks said. “However much we realize the inadequacy of the spoken word when celebrating the life and love of one ‘promoted to glory,’ it reminds us of our own humanity. I have never been confident that I have said the right thing. I just gave what I had.”

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## Memorials & Honoraria

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seeks to be a sacred presence, grounded in the servant ministry of Jesus,  
offering spiritual growth opportunities for all.