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What's in a Name, and What Does it Mean to Be Christian?

Submitted by The Rev. Christie Logan

This is a question I've been pondering a lot lately in view of the tension that seems to underlie so much of what has been going in the name of Christianity; is now rife in our beloved nation, and has recently spilled over into our beloved St. Hugh community. A couple of weeks ago I was somewhat surprised, in a moment of pique at a conveners' meeting to hear the words "I am not a Christian!" come out of my own mouth, and I was aware from the look on the faces of others at the meeting that they were somewhat taken back my statement. In the first place most folks who know me are not used to my making that strong a statement, nor the passion with which it was made.

I followed up by explaining that I consider myself an Episcopalian, and that I have studied and tried for most of my years to model my life and my spiritual practice on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, but that I no longer want to be identified with what I see happening in the name of Christianity. Why would I make such a statement? Perhaps it is because I feel the name has been co-opted and corrupted

for the purposes of power and greed.

I was named for my paternal grandfather; my name is the diminutive of his name Christian. The family story is that he was named, like many other boys of his era and homeland, in honor of a benevolent and courageous King Christian of Denmark. I've always liked my name and what it represents. I've passed it down to one of my sons, and it was given to an infant grandson who did not make it from the womb into this life experience.

In thinking about this I've come to the conclusion that there is a difference between being "*a Christian*" and "*being Christian*." The first is a label, and the other is a state of being. One is a noun; the other is a noun being used as a verb. I am also reminded that Jesus lived and died a Jew, not a Christian. Jesus of Nazareth did not become known as Jesus Christ until sometime well after his death, when what began as a small

Jewish sect grew into a significant enough "Christian" Movement to be made the official religion of Rome by Emperor Constantine sometime in the 4th century.

I learned early in my spiritual schooling that the Creator God, whom Jesus called Father, loved humanity so much that this benevolent parent placed in all his

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children a fragment of himself to live in our minds and hearts, that he might share in our lives; spiritualize our thinking; and lead us to himself. Jesus referred to this as "the living water" of which our baptism is a symbol. Peter first recognized this in Jesus when he answered his question, "who do you say I am?" by responding, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." Paul tells us it is the "Christ in you, your hope of Glory."

Jesus, as many first born children do, modeled for us, his sisters and brothers, a living faith in the love and abundant provision of our Creator God; and taught us what it means to be children of God, called to bring into reality the "Kingdom of Heaven on Earth." Living faith is organic, it grows in us; opens us to hope. It is imaginative and creative; expanding our ability to learn, acquire truth, and experience new meaning in our lives. It broadens our values and deepens our compassion for one another and all of creation. Stephen R. Johnson in "THE GOSPEL OF JESUS: A SUMMARY, writes; *"Remaining in the kingdom of heaven is predicated on growth and progress therein, 'bearing the fruits of the spirit.'* Bestowing genuine love on our fellows and engaging in whatever unselfish social service we are capable of are the keys to this growth and progress. Those who are spirit-born and God-knowing show forth in their lives the fruits of the divine spirit, which are: loving service, unselfish devotion, courageous loyalty, sincere fairness, enlightened honesty, undying hope, confiding trust, merciful ministry, unfailing goodness, forgiving tolerance, and enduring peace. Although Jesus characterized the kingdom of heaven in different ways, his last word in this regard was always 'The kingdom of heaven is within you.'" This is being Christian in the true sense of the word as a verb. This is the Christianity I can believe in and live with and this is the Christianity I pray can be restored to our nation and our world. Amen.



St. Hugh Men's Breakfast

St. Hugh Men's breakfast was enjoyed on Thursday Sept. 10. Breakfast was provided by Jim Neal and Lee Gidlof and nine men attended. We agreed we would like to continue this opportunity for fellowship and possibly some service projects for the church and our community through Faith in Action.

We have scheduled the next meeting on Thursday Dec. 3 at 9:00am. Dwight Gilson and Wes Peters will provide breakfast.

Submitted by Jim Neal

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| | | Aug. Ytd | Aug. Ytd | Diff. |
|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Income | Pledge | 32,074.67 | 29,969.00 | (2,105.67) |
| | Plate | 11,168.71 | 12,403.76 | 1,235.05 |
| | Palestinian Collection | 400.00 | 575.39 | 175.39 |
| | Circle of Friends | | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| | Flowers | 166.67 | 344.00 | 177.33 |
| | Hospitality Fund | | 17.58 | 17.58 |
| | Lawn Maintenance | | 650.00 | 650.00 |
| | Petty Cash | | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| | Total Income | 43,810.05 | 44,263.73 | 453.68 |
| Expense | Utilities | 3,255.33 | 3,656.77 | 401.44 |
| | Property Maintenance | 7,520.00 | 5,967.34 | (1,552.66) |
| | Administrative Expenses | 8,248.55 | 7,155.52 | (1,093.03) |
| | Mortgage/Assessment/Gifts | 15,658.67 | 15,633.69 | (24.98) |
| | Evangelism - Advertising | 902.00 | 1,254.32 | 352.32 |
| | Outreach | 4,966.67 | 4,179.04 | (787.63) |
| | Education | 1,333.33 | 611.20 | (722.13) |
| | Hospitality/Fellowship Expense | 816.67 | 757.01 | (59.66) |
| | Worship Expense | 1,290.00 | 1,143.11 | (146.89) |
| | Diocesan Meeting/Clergy Mileage | 3,660.00 | 2,850.00 | (810.00) |
| | Total Expense | 47,651.22 | 43,208.00 | (4,443.22) |

Year-to-date financials

Utilities Power continues over budget due to excessive power bills earlier in the year.

Property Maintenance Significantly under budget primarily due to minimal building maintenance, lawn/yard donations and volunteers and property taxes being less than anticipated.

Administrative Cutback on supply purchases and payroll paid in December rather than January.

Evangelism/Advertising Includes \$239.99 t-shirt purchase in May. w/o t-shirts - \$112.33 over budget.

Outreach Over budget due to timing of expenditures. Anticipate leveling off next month.

Education No information available.

Clergy/Lay Leadership Clergy Mileage Reimbursement continues over budget.

Diocesan expenses will be reflected in September-October time frame but should be less than anticipated.

That's the story and I'm sticking too it.

Linda Niles



Feast of St Francis, Animal Blessing Sunday, October 4th

All creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all."

It's that time again, time to gussie up our beloved critters and bring them to church for our **Animal Blessing Worship at our regular Sunday service**. All critters and their families are welcome so invite your friends and their pets to join in the blessing and the fun. We ask that dogs be on leashes, and kitties in carriers and that precautions be taken for the safety of all our animal friends and their family members. Special treats will be available. If you have an exotic pet or one with special treat requirements please let Christie or Jennifer know what would be appropriate.



Sunday, October 11



Sat., Oct. 24

Circle of Friends Resumes Following Summer Break

O God, in the course of our lives you give us time of refreshment and peace. Grant that we may use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds that our spirits are open to the goodness of your creation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP adapted)

Our Tuesday Senior gathering has resumed with a few changes. Beginning **Tuesday September 29th** we will meet on the **first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10am – 2pm** for fun and fellowship. We will take turns hosting each gathering in teams of two. On most Tuesdays we will brown bag it for lunch. The hostesses (or hosts?) will provide dessert and plan the program. There will be a project or program in the morning, followed by lunch. In the afternoon we'll play cards, a board game, or find other activities to engage and exercise our minds. On the **Fifth Tuesday**, (when there is one) the group will meet at the church for a field trip. We will go out to lunch, or a movie, a quilt show, a hike, whatever strikes our fancy. Everyone is invited, for more information or to sign up as hostess for a meeting talk with Christie, Ginny Wallace, Jinx or Hazel.

Notes From Your Memorial Committee

Linda reported on finances:

Memorial Garden (pre-paid plots): \$2167.96

Paul Meyer Memorial: \$375

Landscape fund: \$1344.30

Labyrinth/patio fund: \$1900

Unrestricted: \$1639.99

Total fund \$5259.29 which is in a 90 day CD

Some have pledged for the labyrinth project with the money still to come in.

A “bunch” of thanks to JoAnna for the memorial garden fall wreath, which looks lovely.

Jim and Roy have moved the fountain (girl pouring water) to the corner of the church where there is water and electricity to connect and make it work. The garden there will be renewed. Gina has approved the move (the fountain is a memorial to her mother and was donated by her).

Memory Bags - we decided to add the TCM booklet, a description of St. Hugh ministries, a roster, pen and new letter to these bags and give them to newcomers. The letter inside will be updated.

Memorial Plaques - Wilma will take the board to Poulsbo and have them make new plates for those who have died since 2002.

Garby reported on the patio/labyrinth -

The prep work is done, the interim labyrinth has been completed, (many thanks to Roy Ferguson, Jim Neal, Sheri Simpson and Garby for several hours of designing, painting, and nailing rope) a small bench was donated and is sitting in the center circle (suggested by Jesse Thompson, who thought a place to sit after the walk would be a good idea). We are now moving on to the next stage. For the next few months, we'll focus on publicity, perhaps having it staffed by volunteers during specific times, and focus on having the community enjoy it.

Jim has submitted articles to North Bay Review, North Mason Life and Kitsap Sun to invite the community to use and enjoy our labyrinth and grounds.

A decision on all benches, tables, peace pole and water feature be held off until the labyrinth and patio are complete. At that time the tables and benches will come from Ornamental Stone in Allyn. Donations for the completion of the patio/labyrinth or thanksgiving gifts will be honored on a plaque to be installed near the labyrinth. Our immediate desire is to finish the labyrinth/patio before making final decisions on other items to beautify and enhance the back area.

Several different water features were also discussed. Costco has a “bubbling rock” (2 rocks) that is a kit with all parts including the water basin for \$1,000. (Another project in the “to be discussed when the time comes” file)

Finally, a formal thank you to George for the beautiful signs completed and installed. We did discuss perhaps making some changes in the “white sign” with the service information - nothing decided.

Wilma brought some info on “Your Journey through the labyrinth” which she offered to put on cards, available for walkers.

Respectively submitted by Garby Elmore and joyfully edited by Wilma Neal



Thank You!

Your generosity in providing school supplies for Sand Hill students is greatly appreciated by Sand Hill's parents, students, and staff!

A thank you note from a family in Vaughn helped out with St. Hugh Discretionary funds.

Our family would like to thank you for your help in getting our family a motor home to live in due to our house burning down.

Darryl, Lisa, Jonathen, & Robert



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ECW News

The ECW had a very successful Patio Sale in July. Everyone worked very hard to help with this success. The weather was beautiful and this contributed to the sales of ice cream and root beer floats. We had wonderful items in our silent auction. The bakery goods sold quickly and all items were delicious. I know, I bought a lot of them. We had jewelry, linens, books plants, tools and electronic items. So many nice things were donated to our cause of raising money to help our community.

With this in mind we are now concentrating on our Holiday Bazaar October 24 2009. The September ECW meeting concentrated on the Bazaar. Vicki Betsinger and DeVonne Wells will co-chair this event. ECW members will be working from now until the Bazaar. We will offer handcrafts and bakery goods and of course hot scones and coffee. Postcard invitations are available at the church to send to friends and relatives. Contact Connie Ferguson for the post cards.

At the next ECW meeting we will finalize the Holiday Bazaar committees and collect the items to be sold.

We are anticipating record sales at this event. Thanks to all our members for their contribution in making this the most successful year for the Bazaar.

God Bless,

Donna Tarver, President ECW



Labyrinth Above the Bay Ready for Use

Having completed the clearing, excavation, drainage and surface leveling, our community labyrinth is ready for you to walk. Labyrinths are currently being used world-wide as a way to quiet the mind, recover a balance in life, and encourage meditation, insight, self-reflection, stress reduction and to celebrate life's experiences. The practice of labyrinth walking can integrate the body with the mind and the mind with the spirit. We will be scheduling several Labyrinth Events during the coming months.

A Labyrinth is a single circuitous path that winds its way to the center. Generally there are three stages to the walk: releasing on the way in; receiving in the center and returning on your way out of the labyrinth. Our "interim labyrinth" is made with yellow rope and will remain until we have funds to construct a solid surface labyrinth using pavers. Brochures are available near the labyrinth with further instructions. Donations for the Labyrinth/Patio Project are appreciated. Your Memorial Gift or Thanksgiving Gift will be identified on a brass plaque installed outside near the labyrinth.

We invite you to come with friends and family as often as you wish and hope you enjoy your labyrinth experience.

If you have questions contact Jim Neal revjimneal@gmail.com (360-426-7320) or Garby Elmore gelmore@msn.com (360-432-0970).



Ardele, Arlene & Doug Pritchard, Bill McCoy, Berit Riddle, Bill Green, Bob & Kathy Potter, Brenda & Perry Baunsgard, David, Denise Cieply, Dede Moore, Deon Rossi, Don & Ginny Green, Don

Beeber, Gretchen, Gwen Runyan, Irene Goble, Jamie, Jacob & Family, Jennifer Sayers, Joseph, Judy Miller, LeighAnn Gasper, Loren, Lucille, Mandy, Margaret Barnard, Marion, Mary Forman, Matthew Thornhill, Mo, Patricia, Bishop Robert Cochran, Rupe & Fran Bledsoe, Scott, Sheri Lamar, Stephanie Ochoa

those who have died

Phyllis Rose, Floyd Mathis, Margaret Kaus
Those who sacrificed their lives in service to their country

those who mourn

Maudie Mathis & Family
Families of Servicemen & Women

those in service to our Country

Chris, Gary, Ian Larson, Jed, Nick, Richard, Tony Johnson, Zach Riddle

October Lectionary Readings

October 4, 18th Sunday after Pentecost: Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

October 11, 19th Sunday after Pentecost: Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15, Mark 10:17-31

October 18, 20th Sunday after Pentecost: Job 38:1-7[34-41], Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

October 25, 21st Sunday after Pentecost: Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, [19-22], Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52



Thank You!
THANK YOU!

...to Ginny W. & Lu G., Garby, Virginia Pryor & Wilma, & Virginia T. & Carol, for hosting fellowship last month.

...to Donna F., George & Heidi Bjorgen, Mike & Suzy Petty, & Barry & Vicki for Altar flowers last month.

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| Barry Betsinger | 10-1 |
| Linda Niles | 10-2 |
| Karen Knight | 10-3 |
| Reilly Mannery | 10-3 |
| Perry Baunsgard | 10-6 |
| Maureen Baldwin | 10-9 |
| Jennifer Pratt | 10-11 |
| Cheryl Barnes-Wilson | 10-14 |
| Robin Moore | 10-14 |
| Ginny Green | 10-21 |
| Christie Logan | 10-30 |

Please let us know of any birthdays we missed or listed incorrectly. Thank you!

OCTOBER



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|---|--|--|-----|--|
| | | | | 1  Choir Rehearsal 10:30 | 2 | 3 |
| Palestinian Children Youth/Food | | | | | | |
| 4  Animal Blessing Sunday | 5 | 6 Circle of Friends 10-3 Listening Hearts 3:30 | 7 Alzheimer's Support 10:00 Bazaar Work Party @ Vicki's 10:00 | 8  Choir Rehearsal 10:30 | 9 | 10 |
| 11  Oktoberfest | 12  Columbus Day | 13 Listening Hearts 3:30 | 14 | 15  Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Diocesan Convention in Vancouver, WA  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE | 16 | 17 |
| 18 HEALING SERVICE  | 19 | 20 Circle of Friends 10-3 Listening Hearts 3:30 | 21 | 22  Choir Rehearsal 10:30 | 23 | 24 Holiday Bazaar  |
| 25  Peace | 26 | 27 Listening Hearts 3:30 | 28 | 29  Choir Rehearsal 10:30 | 30 | 31  |

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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October Schedule

| | Presider | Preacher | Deacon | Eucharistic Ministers | Altar Guild | Flowers | Coffee Hour | Lectors |
|------------|----------|----------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| October 4 | Christie | Jennifer | Sylvia | Karen Hazel | Brooke Barbara | Brenda | JoAnna Brenda | Lee G. Doree |
| October 11 | Jim | Robin | Sylvia | Brenda John | Ginny G. Hazel | Linda Niles | Paddy | JoAnna Sheri |
| October 18 | Jennifer | Jim | Sylvia | Barry Vicki | Helen Ginny W | Peters | Don & Ginny | Don & Ginny G. |
| October 25 | Jim | Kim M. | Sylvia | Kim Karen | Cheryl Hazel | Gidlof | Hazel & Jinx | Rick & Susan H. |