



St. Hugh's News & Views

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The Via Dolorosa

by Robin Moore



I recently read a short biography of John McCain which told of his five and a half years as a prisoner of war. He arrived at the camp with two broken arms and a broken leg. He was beaten regularly for long periods of time. He was in solitary confinement for over two years. When McCain went to Vietnam he was an Episcopalian. After his return he became a Baptist. What happened?

In Bread and Wine, the Lenten book club selection, one of the Episcopal priests writes of a woman who was having trouble finding the right church for her. The priest suggested a certain church and the woman replied she could never go there. The woman said: "I would have to look at that big cross they have behind the altar with that figure of Christ hanging on it. It would upset me terribly." She fits the description of the frozen few – you know "many are cold, few are frozen."

I don't know why the hero John McCain left the Episcopal Church. I do know that for years the Episcopal Church was reputed to be cold, snobby and unemotional. I believe John McCain experienced the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross, in his own body for over five and a half years as a POW. If his Episcopal church, upon his return, had a predominance of folk like the woman who would be upset by the presence of the cross I can see why he would find another church.

Holy Week is a very emotional week. To deny the depth of feelings elicited in the universal human acts in these stories cuts us off from the font of our faith. We preachers speak often of the shift away from atonement theology –the teaching that Christ died because we sin. But what, then, is the significance of the cross for us? I suggest we learn the significance anew every Holy Week when we have the courage to stop our habitual busy-ness and truly engage in all of the liturgies of the Way of the Cross: *Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, The Great Vigil, Easter Morn.*

When we were still down in the little church on Highway 3 we had a Lenten Study which involved a majority of the congregation. For that class (and several subsequent years) I wrote on small bits of paper the names of all the major and minor characters in the Passion Story from Jesus to the servant girl. Class members drew a name and were asked to meditate on the experience of their character in Holy Week. I also had many books and resources for them to do some

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research. The idea was to “unfreeze” the story, to get inside of it and actually experience what it is like to walk the Via Dolorosa in connection with one’s own life.

On Good Friday instead of reading the gospel, the participants spoke as their characters and what their experience was. That Good Friday still lives in me. The different characters revealed aspects of the gospel I had never considered. Before my eyes I saw how the Holy Spirit continues to communicate with us through the story of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

There is time these last weeks in Lent to read the Passion story regularly and then be still and allow the story to come alive in you. In an attitude of listening observe the betrayal of Judas and the crowd, the denial of Peter, the competition for power of James and John, the avoidance of Pilate, the premonition in dreams, the steadfastness of the women. Where are you like these characters? What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through them? How can you enter into the suffering of the world through your own encounter with the suffering of Jesus? Are you willing to go beyond the surface and truly dive into a direct experience of the profundity of **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again?**

ECW Discusses Outreach to the Hungry

At the February 11th ECW meeting, St. Hugh women devoted most of our discussion to our outreach to neighbors in need of food. One type of outreach is our participation in the “Sunday Suppers” program, organized by the Coalition of Churches. On the last Sunday of each month, a free meal is prepared and served, 3:00-5:00 P.M., at the Theler Community Center for anyone in need. St. Hugh is responsible for the supper on May

25th. We will be asking for volunteers to help set up, possibly cook, serve, and clean up. Jinx Cromwell has experience with the program and will be taking the lead on St. Hugh’s efforts. Volunteers are most welcome to assist with suppers on any month, not just in May.

Another topic for the meeting was how we can most appropriately and effectively support the work of the North Mason Food Bank (NMFB), which receives our parish donations of food on the first Sunday of each month. At the ECW meeting we decided: to continue our current policy of giving food donations to NMFB but not cash; to use the cash we would have donated to purchase extra food to donate instead; to advise anyone donating food to make a phone call before attempting to deliver food to confirm they are open; to encourage St. Hugh members to volunteer at the food bank; and to encourage St. Hugh members who are able, when they go to someplace like Costco, to buy non-perishable items in bulk that can then be donated to the food bank. Overall, we hope our efforts will significantly increase the amount of food we are donating. Hazel Dinius will be our lead person as we work to determine what food items are needed most and as we enhance our communication with and support of NMFB. We will also investigate any other North Mason food distribution centers, such as the House of Prayer in Belfair, which we might also support.

Along with the rest of the congregation, ECW members are very concerned about people of all ages going without adequate food in our community. We THANK YOU all who have been so supportive through food donations and other efforts to feed the hungry!

Brooke Quigley



Celtic Corner



Listen to the heartbeat of God. The Celtic tradition often focuses on John the beloved as a person who truly listened to Jesus, as scenes from the Last Supper offer as he leans upon Jesus' shoulder.

Western tradition often encourages us to speak without listening, sometimes missing the moment where Christ is trying to communicate with us. As we yearn for union with Christ, take time to offer a listening ear to determine what our yearning is. Listen for the moment, which is where Christ is. Listen for unity, for union.

*Meditation: I will show you hidden things;
hidden things you have not known.*

A gathering for Celtic Prayer and Meditation will be held Thursday, February 28, at 6:30 pm. In March we won't meet because of Holy Week. On April 24th, we will gather in the afternoon at a time to be decided.

Peace..... Wilma Neal

Special Good Friday Offering

A special offering is being collected on Good Friday to be sent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund to help wherever there is a need in this Country or the world. Please keep this in mind and give what you can this Good Friday, 21 March 2007.

Faithfully, Vicki



Hat Sunday

Dust Off Those Chapeaux, Ladies!

The third annual Margaret Barnard Hat Sunday will be on Sunday, 9 March. Margaret's birthday is on 7

March and we honor her by wearing hats to church on the Sunday closest to her birthday. Men are encouraged to wear a favorite hat also. Margaret looks forward each year to seeing pictures of all of us in our hats acting like "High Church"!

Faithfully, Vicki

St. Hugh Memorial Garden

The St. Hugh Memorial Garden fund was opened at Kitsap Bank in June, 2007. This fund contains all prepaid expenses (plot, vault, headstone) received from St. Hugh members wanting to reserve a plot in our beautiful Memorial Garden. Each plot reserved is \$50.00 and NO, you can't pick the spot.

If you wish to make a reservation, please give a check (or cash) payable to St. Hugh Memorial Garden, to either Ginny Green or Linda Niles no later than March 18th. The account is a 90-day CD and we are able to make deposits only when the CD is ready to renew. The next renewal period will be June 18th or thereabouts. A reminder will be placed in the News & Views at that time.

Linda Niles & Ginny Green

News from the Diocese

Malaria Net Challenge

An update on the One for One Malaria Net Challenge. Many of you know, Bishop Nedi and Bishop Rickel have challenged our diocese to raise enough money for Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) by next convention to buy one malaria net per communicant--that's 33,000. This challenge has been embraced by many parishes and we are 1/3 of the way to our goal having "sold" over 9,500 nets. This is a tremendous

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start and I thank you for your work on this. For those of you who have not had a chance to work on it, I want to encourage you to look within your parish community for leadership and opportunities to meet the challenge of one net per communicant in your church. Dorothy Gibson, our ERD coordinator, who is doing a marvelous job, has talked with some of you and with lay leadership in several parishes about ways to engage each parish. Please feel free to contact her as she can assist you with materials and ideas for this project and for building a long term connection with ERD. Her contact information is dorothybg3@comcast.net or (206) 778-2703 (cell phone).

Funds and Participants sought for 2008 Youth Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Preparation for the 2008 Youth Pilgrimage, are well under way. We currently have 7 young people preparing to make this important journey. Parishes, families, and other donors have pledged the far majority of the \$38,500 estimated that we will need for the trip.

However, we still need to raise an additional \$11,000 to make that goal. Please consider helping this fundraising drive by donating from your discretionary fund. Also, please consider encouraging some of your parishioners to give of their resources. Any gifts should be sent in the form of checks written to the Diocese of Olympia and sent to Diocesan House to the attention of Sharon Pethers. Please write "Youth Pilgrimage" in the memo line so that we know it is going to the proper account.

In addition, we have a few spaces left if you have a young person ages 15-19 who might be interested in exploring this land so important to our faith. We will journey with youth from the Diocese of Jerusalem, and we will spend 3 days volunteering at an interfaith

day camp near Nazareth. We will hike Masada, float in the Dead Sea, explore Caesaria Maritima, and wander the streets of Old Jerusalem.

We will explore the history and conflicts of this land. And we hope that the relationships that we build with members of our companion Diocese of Jerusalem will help sow the seeds of peace.

The Youth Pilgrimage is sponsored by the Episcopal Bishop's Committee for Israel/Palestine. You can learn more about the work of our committee by visiting the website: <http://www.ecwww.org/peace>

Circle of Friends

Over the last several months, Circle of Friends missed a number of Tuesday meetings due to ice, snow and holidays falling on Tuesday. When we did get together, we had our usual good times and good lunches.

Our last meeting of 2007 was on Dec. 18th, when we had our Christmas party. We decorated a tree and exchanged cards and small gifts. All had a great time.

In January we missed a couple of times due to snow. A big treat this month were visits from Zeus, Vicki's dog. All enjoyed his beauty (sorry, Zeus, but you are!) and playfulness.

On Feb. 5th, we had a big birthday party celebrating five February birthdays! Garby made a grand chocolate birthday cake, decorated with five candles. We each got to blow out one. Cards and gifts were exchanged. The birthday folks were: Jinx, Ginny Wallace, Arlene, Randi Moe and Hazel. Christie had returned from her trip to Egypt and entertained us with stories and pictures of her adventures.

On Feb. 12, which happened to be National Pancake Day, Wilma was the lunch person and fixed pancakes and ham. The pancakes had wild huckleberries which Jim had picked the previous summer. What a delicious treat!

Thank you to all who help with the Circle and bring lunches. It is much appreciated by everyone.

FAITH IN ACTION

St. Patrick's Dinner - Music - Auction

Saturday, March 15, 6-10 pm

Victor Improvement Center

Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with friends at this annual fund raiser in support of FIA. This is the only public fund raiser FIA holds and because the Thrift Shop in Belfair covers all our expenses, all the funds received at this dinner and auction go directly in support of their outreach into the community.

You can purchase a ticket from Jim Neal for \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP by email, phone or at church. Last year we had a large group of friends and were able to hold a table to sit together.

Jim Neal



Recipe
FROM THE
Kitchen of
Lucy McLean

Potluck Potato Casserole

Grease 9'x13' pan

32 oz. hash brown potatoes (thawed)

1/2 C. chopped onion

2 C. shredded cheddar cheese

1 can cream of celery soup (undiluted)

1 tsp. salt - some pepper

1 pint sour cream

Mix together and top with

2 C. corn flake crumbs mixed with

2 C. melted butter

Bake 1 hr. at 350 degrees

2007 was a great year for FIA

Faith in Action accomplishments for 2007

Mission Statement

We are a non-profit, interfaith organization whose mission is to: Assist the seniors & disabled in our community to remain in their homes by providing non-medical volunteer services

These services are transportation to medical appointments & shopping, yard work, minor home repairs, friendly calls, home visits, and housework.

Helped seniors or disabled persons 591 times.

Had 9,338 volunteer hours.

Have 68 volunteers.

Provided \$18,118 in emergency assistance with utilities bills, rent, pharmacy prescriptions, propane, gas, and food.

Gave \$3,100 of in kind donations, to people in need, of clothing, furniture, and house wares thru our thrift store. In addition we gave many thousands of dollars of items to other non-profit organizations.

Coordinated help from other agencies for them to provide financial assistance to people in need.

Provided free durable medical equipment

Gave \$1,080 in flood assistance during December



St. Hugh Annual Meeting

On Sunday Feb. 10 we gathered for Eucharist seated at tables set in the sanctuary. During our worship service we honored recent newcomers to our church family with a prayer and welcoming hymn. Andy, Stacy and Julianna Paterson and Betty LaVigne were welcomed.



After worship we enjoyed a beautiful breakfast buffet provided by the Episcopal Church Women. The annual meeting for 2008 was then held.

2008 Officers were announced:

Senior Warden, Garby Elmore

Junior Warden, Sheri Simpson

Treasurer, Ginny Green

Financial Reports, Linda Niles

Book Keeper, Karen Headley

Administrative Secretary, Karen Headley

2008 Delegate appointments

Dick Moore and Garby Elmore are our 2008 Delegates to the fall Diocesan Convention. Linda Niles is our female alternate and we still need a male alternate.

2007 Annual Report

The 2007 Annual Report was distributed; extra copies are available in the Narthex.

Reports from the following ministries are included:

Audit and Finance

Faith in Action

Building and Grounds

Memorial Committee

Communications

Music

Landscape Planning

Outreach Ministry

St. Hugh Circle of Friends

Senior Warden

Episcopal Church Women

Spiritual Formation (Education)

Evangelism & Church Growth

Worship & Liturgy

Tuesday Book Study

Treasurer's Report

Tod D. Pritchard Memorial Scholarship

List of Ministries and Conveners

I encourage each person to read it to better understand the work of our church in the community. Please contact the convener if you have a question on any of the ministries.

Thanks and appreciation was offered to the many in our church family who have served in many ways this past year.

Submitted by Jim Neal



Betty LaVigne & Donna Graham busy getting breakfast ready.



Sunday, March 16
Palm Sunday Eucharist 10:00

Thursday, March 20,
Maundy Thursday Service 6:30

Friday, March 21
Good Friday Service 6:30

Saturday, March 22
Easter Vigil at 6:30

Sunday, March 23
Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist 10:00



In Our thoughts & Prayers Adam, Ardele, Arlene, Bernie Faubel, Bill McCoy, Brian, Bob Potter, Chris & Virginia, Damian & Brandon, Dan, David, Denise Cieply, Dick Stearns, Don & Ginny Green

Don Beeber, Doug, Doug Allison, Dorothy Watson, Fran Bledsoe, Gary Johanson, Georgia Huntley, Gretchen, Jacob & Family, Jasper Williams, Jennifer, Joseph, Loren, Lucille, Mandy, Margaret Barnard, Mark Denham, Mo, Nancy Evans, Neil Seljestad, Nicki, Norma White, Orv & Mona Anderson, Patricia & Family, Paul & Peggy Meyer, Pauline Smith, Rebecca, West, Robert Lingaas, Ron & Joanne Quiring, Richard & Karin, Rita Staley, Sheri Lamar, Tracey

those who have died Betty DeBerry, Helen Pesola, John Schreier, James Cotant, Sue Paisley, Ted Runyan, Those who sacrificed their lives in service to their country

those who mourn Carol Kennedy & Carol DeBerry, Brenda & Perry, Gwen Runyan, Gertie Schreier, Families of Servicemen & Women

those in service to our Country Ann, Chris & Nick, Erik Von Fischer, Gary, Ian Larson, James Bruno his unit & bomb dog Arno, Jed & Ryan, Kyle Coppinger, Richard Garrett, Sajen Garrido, Zack

March Lectionary Readings

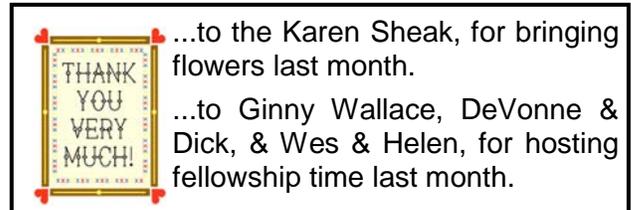
March 2, 4th Sunday in Lent: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

March 9, 5th Sunday in Lent: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

March 16, Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66 or [27:11-54]

March 23, Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:11-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18

March 30, 2nd Sunday of Easter, Acts 2:14a,22-32, Psalm 16,1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31



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| Mabel Moy | 3-3 |
| Ruth Richtmyer | 3-3 |
| Margaret Barnard | 3-7 |
| John Campbell | 3-10 |
| Brooke Quigley | 3-11 |
| Sylvia Haase | 3-13 |
| Cliff Cotey | 3-29 |
| Bibi Twomey | 3-31 |

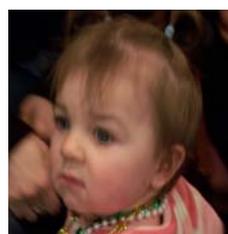
Please let us know of any birthdays we missed or listed incorrectly. Thank you!

Shrove Tuesday with Mardi Gras

Fun! Good food! Rich blessings! What a terrific evening we spent with 30 friends and family. I am sure the laughter was carried far and wide! Costumes were obviously well thought out. Gumbo, Jambalaya ("created" by Lu & Lee Gidlof), Shrimp Creole, Red "Hock" Beans ("created" by Linda Niles), Green Salad with "Sensational Dressing" all accompanied by rice and "Pralines" (from Brooke Quigley) and Chocolates were the order of the evening accompanied by scenes of New Orleans (NOLA) that Jim "created" from pictures taken on our October trip to that beautiful place. "Jazz" music filled in the background. Many thanks to all who brought their joyous spirits with them. And thanks to the super-decorating group (we used Connie Ferguson's beautiful table "creations" made for a concert several years ago) And thanks to the fabulous clean-up and dishwashing crew "creating" joy in the kitchen! I had great fun cooking, stirring and tasting that day. Please don't hesitate to give me thoughts about planning another Mardi Gras for next year.

Enjoy the photos! Do we ever have "creators" in our midst!

Much love..... Wilma Neal



MARCH

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 Palestinian Children's offering Food Bank/ Youth Sunday	3	4 Circle of Friends 10-3 Book Study 6:30	5	6 Choir 10:30	7	8
9 Move Your Clocks Ahead! Fifth SUNDAY IN Lent 	10 ECW @ the church 10:00	11 Circle of Friends 10-3 Book Study 6:30	12 Busy church cleaner	13 Choir 10:30	14	15
16 Palm Sunday	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Circle of Friends 10-3 Book Study 6:30	19	20 Maundy THURSDAY Service 6:30 Choir 10:30 NewsLetter DEADLine	21 Good FRIDAY Service 6:30	22 Easter Vigil 6:30
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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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Sunday Schedule

	Presider	Preacher	Deacon	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Guild	Flowers	Coffee Hour
March 2	Jennifer	Dick	Sylvia	Janie	Brooke & Heidi	Lent	Carol & Karen
March 9	Christie	Jim	Sylvia	Karen & Heidi	Ginny G. & Helen	Lent	Donna G. & Betty
March 16 Palm Sunday	Jennifer	Jennifer	Sylvia	John & Janie	Donna F. & Arlene	Palm Sunday	Vicki & Barry
March 20 Maundy Thursday	Christie	Robin	Sylvia		Donna F. &		
March 21 Good Friday	Jim	Garby	Sylvia		Helen &		
March 23 Easter Sunday	Jim	Robin	Sylvia	Karen & Heidi	Hazel & Donna F.	Easter	Garby, Brenda, Donna, & Carol
March 30 Easter 2	Kim	Kim	Sylvia	John & Hazel			Gina