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The Role of a Deacon

I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was naked and you clothed me; I was a stranger and you welcomed me....” These words from Matthew 25 signify the call to deacons to their work in the world.

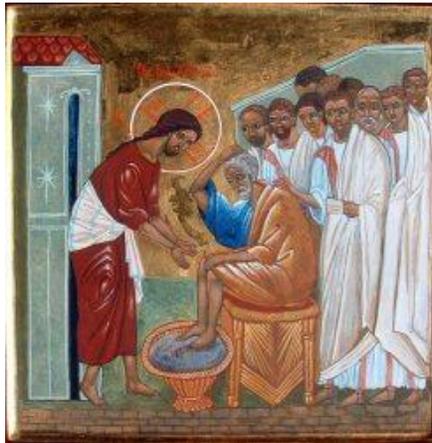
Diakonos, Greek for deacon, means one who is a servant to others, mainly the poor and marginalized. The vow that a deacon makes at ordination is to “study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world.” (BCP 543) What a ‘job description’ that is!

In the liturgy, the deacon plays a role quite different from that of a priest. The deacon processes with the Gospel book, reads the Gospel to the congregation and introduces the Confession of Sin. At the Eucharist, the deacon prepares the table for Communion, and along with the priest, distributes the bread and wine. The deacon recesses with the Gospel book and finally, invites the people to “go forth into the world to love and serve our Lord.”

In the February News & Views, Robin called the deacon a ‘bridge between the church and the world’ striving for peace and social justice,

which is at the core of my call.

Jesus tells us the ‘the poor you will always have with you.’ At this time, the needs of the poor and marginalized are even greater than ever, and I am grateful for the funds which I receive from you and ECW. These monies enable me to assist those who come to our church and request assistance. I recently went to Evergreen School on the Key Peninsula, where 70% of the 250 pupils receive free or reduced priced lunches. As I presented Jackie Crisman, the principal, with several food cards, she replied that “St. Hugh is always there for us. These cards will be given to those who are in need, but who never ask”.



In looking at all the ministries at St. Hugh, I am overwhelmed by the knowledge that I am certainly NOT the only deacon at St. Hugh – for each of you - in so many ways – perform outreach ministries and touch so many lives. I am constantly inspired by the love and compassion which pours forth from you into the world.

In the name of the One whom we all serve,

Your Friendly Deacon,

Sylvia Haase



Mardi Gras

(Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday)

A "Fantastic Evening" was enjoyed by about 36 hungry tummies with funny faces! Many years ago Connie Ferguson made Mardi Gras decorations and the tables once again displayed these beautiful centerpieces. As you see in the pictures, partiers appeared in fashionable clothing designed for Gypsies, Clowns, Cowboys, Nerds, Jesters (with guitar and lively stories), Olympic Contenders, Fairies (with wings), Fisherpeople (complete with fish), Fashion Models (local and straight from New Orleans), Children (were they really children??) and many more. Instead of pancakes, we slurped fantastic southern cooking such as Red Beans & Rice, Corn Muffins, Jambalaya, Southern Barbecued Prawns with French Baguette, Cioppino, Gumbo, Key Lime Pie, Bread Pudding, Pecan Pie and Festive Cookies. Fantastic chefs prepared and shared their dishes and we ate and ate and ate! Many thanks! Great fun!

Thanks so much for all the help in making this happen!

Wilma and Jim Neal



St. Hugh Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday Service Hosannas with Holy Eucharist - 10 am

Thursday, April 1

Maundy Thursday Service with Altar Stripping &
Garden Visitation - 7 pm

Friday, April 2

Good Friday Meditation and Seven Last Words - 7 pm

Sunday, April 4

Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist - 10 am



Labyrinth Planning Meeting Sunday March 7, 2010

All are invited to join us for breakfast and a Labyrinth Support Group meeting on Sunday March 7, 2010 at 11:30 am right after church. We will meet downstairs at St. Hugh, share a hot brunch and discuss two important items that we are excited about.

First, we would like to discuss scheduling several Labyrinth Events during this spring and summer. Possibilities are:

1. Memorial Day "A Day of Remembrance", quiet time and Labyrinth guidance.

2. Make the Labyrinth available during our Patio Sale on July 17.

3. A Quiet Day Retreat in September with instructed Labyrinth opportunities.

We could hold these events with the existing interim Labyrinth we have installed, but wouldn't it be great if we could install a hard surface labyrinth this spring.

Second, we have received a bid for completing a paver Labyrinth from a local contractor, Green Landscaping, for considerably less than previously thought, and they would do all the work to assure a quality installation. We also received a bid for a concrete patio at a reduced cost. We will discuss these options.

Even at these reduced costs, we are still \$5,200 to \$8,600 short of having enough to cover the cost of the Labyrinth and Patio. Should we begin a fund raising project to try to complete our Labyrinth Above the Bay this spring?

Questions? Talk to Jim Neal or Garby Elmore.

Book Review

“Your Faith Your Life

An invitation to the Episcopal Church”

By Jenifer Gamber and Rev. Bill
Lewellis

Sunday mornings at 8:15 finds about 16 faithful friends meeting to review this book as it nurtures our faith. It was published in 2009 so it is very current on recent issues and events.

Through February we have completed the first 5 chapters:

1. Transforming Questions
2. Beginnings
3. Bible Stories
4. History
5. Faith: Whom Do We Trust?

Each chapter is introduced by Bill Lewellis and in Chapter 2 he reminded us that through Baptism we are a new creation in Christ and he said we should: Be Glad. Be thankful. Be compassionate. And, be who we are.

Chapter 3 tells us that the Bible is about God and is the word of God, and in the New Testament, Jesus is the word of God. The Bible tells of god’s creative and redeeming action throughout history. As Episcopalians, we resist simplistic theology by doing our soul searching not only with the Bible, not only with tradition, not only with our God-given reason and life experience, but with all three: testing each one with the other two. Chapter 3 provides a good overview of the Jewish scripture and the Christian scripture and provides simple ideas on how to read the bible.

Chapter 4 takes us from Christ’s resurrections through the many centuries of persecution, growth, power, reformation and on into the early centuries in the Americas. It provides the stories of the journey from the founding church leaders in America, through the movement westward, and the challenges we found as we lived through the inclusion of African Americans and Native Americans, the role of women and the inclusive decisions to respect the dignity of each person.

Chapter 5 explores the identity of the Trinity through the Apostles Creed. It describes the meaning of each phrase of the creed and discusses the meaning of sin and seeking forgiveness. The chapter closes with the sentence: Our actions are the ways we put into practice the faith that’s in our hearts.

During the continuing Sundays we will be discussing the following chapters:

Navigating the Church

What is God Calling You to Do?

Spirituality: Created for Prayer

Worship: Responding to God’s
Blessings

Sacraments

I will review these chapters next month.

All are welcome to join our class on Sunday mornings (no class on Palm Sunday Easter).

Jim Neal

Report from ECW February Meeting

Co-President Brenda Baunsgard opened the meeting by reading a very thought provoking Meditation. Officers present gave reports, after which there was a discussion of Old Business. This included a decision to omit the usual bakery table at the July Patio Sale. The primary reason, is that the general feeling expressed by the women was they are all so tired from the previous days of set-up, spending the last day baking has become just too much for their energy. Therefore, Brenda suggested that instead of having the Bake Table, we include a table for clean, gently used clothing at a nominal cost. Obviously, there is a great demand for that now. Plans will be finalized at the next meeting in March.

Wilma Neal gave a comprehensive report on the work of the committee regarding a possibility of having an Art & Wine Tasting fund raiser. It was decided to put this idea on the 'back burner' until a later date. Wilma has gathered reference materials for anyone who decides they have the energy and desire to go forward with such a project.

ECW will continue to support the Coalition of Churches monthly Free Sunday Dinner program at the Theler Center. Sunny Cotey has offered to be our representative to the Coalition, for which we all thank her.

A highlight of New Business was a conversation about Easter Coffee Hour, which is always a special time! Garby again offered to bring Hot Cross Buns, the Circle of Friends will provide colored eggs, and there will be a sign-

up sheet for fruit plates.

Also, it should be noted that a decision has been made to regularly use our china cups, in place of the paper cups. It is expensive to use so many paper products, and disposing of them increases our garbage bills, which have become very high. This will save money for the church in two areas.

The Census Bureau will be using the church basement for training purposes the last of April. We will need people to be on the church premises during these classes. More will follow on this, and a sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex when a schedule has been developed.

We are hoping to have our Bishop here for the "Burning of the Mortgage" celebration in November. An invitation is being extended.

Christie Logan has engaged us in a "Pennies for Peace" project, and a quart jar is now available for all your extra change (pennies or other). You can find the jar in the Narthex on the table by the sign-up sheets. More on this will come from Christie when she returns.

Due to ongoing health issues, Betty LaVigne regrets she must withdraw as Kitchen Keeper. JoAnna Meyer will assume those duties, and be in charge of purchasing kitchen supplies. Brenda offered to assist as needed.

Our gracious Hostess for this meeting was Ginny Wallace, who prepared and served a delicious Apple Crisp with whipped cream as we enjoyed Bishop's Blend coffee. Thank you, Ginny! The meeting was adjourned shortly after noon.



March 14, 2010

April News & Views deadline is Thursday, March 18



Ladies and Gentlemen Needed!

The sign-up for Coffee Hour Hostess/Hosts has a few 'holes' in it! Please check your availability for **Mar. 28**, and **April 18**. Providing treats and coffee after the service is a great way to serve your church friends, and to get better acquainted with our new members. If you want a buddy to share hosting, just ask around - husband/wife teams are great, too!

We are going to start serving hot beverages in the proper cups, which will save on the expense of buying paper cups - and cut down with disposing of them in the garbage, which has increased with the use of paper products. So, this will help the budget in two ways! Using the dishwasher is quick and simple to use. There is always someone available if you haven't used it before.

Although most hosts bring sweets, it is always a nice change to have such treats as mini sandwiches or bagels with cream cheese. Just keep it simple and easy. Many thanks to all of you for the good - and tasty work you do!

St. Hugh Hosts Census Training in April

St. Hugh will be hosting the census training classes in Allyn Tuesday April 27th through Friday April 30th from 9:30 to 5:00. We will need to have a volunteer at the church during this time. We thought that we could have two "shifts" each day: from 9:00-1:00 and from 1:00-5:00. The class will take place in the basement and all participants will enter through the basement door. The volunteers will be responsible for opening up the basement and available for any questions etc. as well as locking up at the end of the day. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex beginning mid March, but if you would be interested in taking a shift, please call Garby (after March 5th) at 360-432-0970. Thanks for your help.

Report from Memorial Committee

A meeting was held by this committee on January 21st, attended by Wilma Neal, Linda Niles, JoAnna Meyer, Jim Neal, and Garby Elmore.

A financial update was given by Linda Niles, figures of which are available by contacting Linda. All is well, at this time.

A change of Memorial Garden wreath will be made in time for Lent and our Ash Wednesday service on February 17th. JoAnna will provide this, and when weather permits, the lavender in the garden will be pruned back, and other garden maintenance done. Help has been arranged. Next season's lavender will be saved and used for the '10 Holiday Bazaar.

Garby will contact an electrician for repairs to the memorial fountain donated by Gina Liebergesell in her mother's memory. This fountain has been relocated to the NE corner of the church.

Memory Bags will be given to new members. These bags contain: Emergency Forms, Memorial Service

Forms, Life Planning Booklet, Memorial Garden Brochure, Vial of Life, and Life Savers candy. All members should have them.

Landscaping and Labyrinth projects are moving forward. Garby is submitting a grant request to Trinity Foundation of Trinity Wall Street in hopes of getting help on the Labyrinth. We also discussed various ways to conduct casual invitations to the community to introduce them to the Labyrinth. One thought is holding an afternoon event with a string group, wine, cheese and non-alcoholic beverages is being considered. Such an event would be announced in newspaper articles, flyers, and by other means.

A meeting with a local company, Green Landscaping, for an estimate for paver purchase and Labyrinth installation was arranged by Jim Neal, and held on February 4th at the church. More on this matter will be forthcoming...it was a highly informative meeting.



**Thursday
March 18,
9:00am
At St. Hugh**

All men and friends, please join us for a time of fellowship and sharing. Don Lippincott will be here to share slides of his recent trip to Haiti working as an EMT. Barry Betsinger will prepare breakfast for us.

Sign-up list is in the Narthex.
Questions, call Jim Neal

Bishop Greg Rickel suggests
as reading for Lent:

"Missional Renaissance:
Changing the Scorecard for the
Church" by Reggie McNeal.

St. Hugh Musik-Makers

*I wanna sing, sing, sing,
I wanna shout, shout, shout
I wanna sing, I wanna shout,
Praise the Lord!*

*When the gates are open wide,
I wanna sit by Jesus' side
I wanna sing, I wanna shout,
Praise the Lord!*

You are graciously invited to join our Choir as we joyfully prepare music for services, including special sounds for Palm Sunday and Easter. We are delighted to share that we have recently been blessed with a goodly number of new synth accompaniment recordings of tunes in our hymnal that we look forward to learning soon.

Rehearsal is each Thursday at 10:30, includes a coffee and goodie break, and we ask you to give us a try. Questions??? Call Wilma at 360-436-7320 or email at jimwilma@gmail.com.



**Sheri's Birthday was
celebrated on
Valentines Day.
Happy 65th Birthday
Sheri!**



Alma, Ardele, Barry & Vicki, Betty L., Bill Green, Bill Hardesty, Bill McCoy, Bill Munro, Bill Smith, Bill & Ann Munro, Brenda & Perry,

Cheryl & Jack Moore, Cynthia, Connie Elmore, Curt, David, Dede B., Dede Moore, DeVonne Wells, Dick Moore, Don & Ginny, Don Lippincott, Donna F., Doree, Douglas, Eileen & Carl, Molly & Unborn Baby, Eileen Weisensee, Baby Eleanor, Gaye Dunn, Gretchen, Gwen R., Hilary Mahoney, Irene Goble, Jacob & Family, Jerry Sexton, Jon, Joseph & Deborah, Joseph L. & family, Kurt, Loren, Lou Hursley, Lucille, Mandy, Margaret B., Mary F., Matthew Thornhill, Mo, Patricia, Rupe & Fran B., Scott, Sheri Lamar, Stephanie Ochoa, Tami Wall,

the people of Haiti

those who have died

Wayne Rusk

Those who sacrificed their lives in service to their country

those who mourn

Vivian Rusk & Family

Families of Servicemen & Women

those in service to our Country

Chris, Gary, Ian Larson, Jed, Nick, Richard, Tony Johnson, Justin Risko, Zach Riddle, Malcolm McDonald

March Lectionary Readings

March 7, 3rd Sunday in Lent: Exodus 3:1-5, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13-1-9

March 14, 4th Sunday in Lent: Joshua, 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 4:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

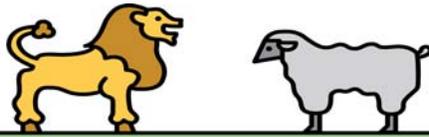
March 21 5th Sunday in Lent: Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

March 28, Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49,



Mabel Moy	3-3
Margaret Barnard	3-7
John Campbell	3-10
Brooke Quigley	3-11
Sylvia Haase	3-13
Cliff Cotey	3-29
Emma Lindhartsen	3-29

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



MARCH

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 7 Palestinian Children Food Bank/Youth Nurturing our Faith 8:15 Labyrinth Support Group	1	2 Circle of Friends	3 Alzheimer's Support Group 10:00	4 Choir 10:30	5 	6
	8 ECW 10:30	9	10	11 Choir 10:30	12	13
14  Spring Forward! Nurturing our Faith 8:15	15	16 Circle of Friends	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18  9am MEN'S BREAKFAST Newsletter Deadline Choir 10:30	19	20 
21  Healing Nurturing our Faith 8:15	22	23	24	25 Choir 10:30	26	27
28  Peace NO CLASS	29	30 Circle of Friends	31	 HOLY WEEK March 28 - April 3		

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 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

March Schedule

	Presider	Preacher	Deacon	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Guild	Flowers	Coffee Hour	Lectors
March 7	Christie	Dick	Gospeler Vicki	Hazel Brenda	Brooke Ginny G.		Brenda	Brooke John C.
March 14	Jim	Christie	Gospeler Vicki	John Karen	Ginny W. Helen		Carol R. JoAnna	Don & Ginny Green
March 21	Robin	Jim	Sylvia	Vicki Barry	Barbara Donna		Sunny C. Robin	Ian L. JoAnna
March 28	Christie	Garby	Sylvia	Brenda Hazel	Cheryl Donna			Mabel Virginia T