



The Lindisfarne

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New Acolytes! Hip, Hip Hooray to You All!

At a learning session on March 21st, a lovely new crop of acolytes joined our already wonderful crew.

Thanks to: John Misel, Emma Hennessey, Audrey Benner, Brooks Benner, Will Hennessey, Sandy Wright and Payton Viltz for stepping up to the plate and batting for Jesus.

Thanks to all of the acolytes who have stood by us and continue to serve: Clara Kappelman, Camille Kappelman, Ethan Albers, Katherine Misel, Alina Brown and Jonathan Orr.

Jonathan Orr is the Acolyte Coach, and Alice Orr made sure that all the acolytes, new and old, had a great pizza lunch after training.

Sticking with the baseball image, it is great to have such a strong team. The bases are covered.

Keep all of our acolytes in your thoughts and prayers. We are blessed to have them.

Ethan Albers' Trip To The Holy Land

The Albers Family is overwhelmed by the Parish response and support for Ethan's trip this Summer. The kindness and generosity of everyone has been beyond anything we could have hoped for. The trip will be this July, and as it draws closer, we will give you a blog so that anyone interested can follow along as these teens and their chaperones are travelling.

It is a Jewish tradition that people write prayers on scraps of paper and place them in crevices of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. People from all over the world have come to this place with their most heartfelt thoughts. If any of you would like to write your own prayer down, and fold it up, Ethan will carry your prayer for you and place it in the wall. He will honor your confidence and not read anything you have written, he is just serving as your messenger. Probably the beginning of May we will provide pieces of onion skin paper, (very thin), in the Narthex for this purpose and then an envelope in the office to gather your prayers for their journey with Ethan.

Finally, when Ethan returns, he will make a (hopefully visual) presentation of this trip and tell us about his experiences. More to come on that at a later date.

Please accept our own, most heartfelt thanks to all of you,
Ron, RoseEllen and Ethan Albers

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Pastoral Care Team

Our mission is to serve the people of our church and community through home and hospital visits, prayers, cards, e-mails, telephone calls, and in other practical ways. Each member of the team is licensed by the Diocese as a Eucharistic Visitor who can bring the Eucharist to you and celebrate it with you.

While each member is "on call" during two week rotations throughout the year, you may contact any member of the Pastoral Care Team at any time.

ON CALL:

Wally Fletcher, March 21-April 3, 567-0068

Caregiver's Retreat

Are you a caregiver for a loved one, or do you know caregivers who could benefit from time for refreshment and self-care? A retreat for caregivers is being offered on Wednesday, April 14 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Burton Retreat Center. The theme is writing as a self-care practice. Darsie Beck, a journal master, artist and author will teach how to use writing as a tool to nourish body, mind and spirit. This lovely morning includes time for rest, nature walks and simple, healthy food in a beautiful setting. Session cost is \$30. For information or to register, contact Carol Spangler at 567-5302.

Vashon United Methodist Women's Tea

The Vashon United Methodist Women invite all women to their annual spring tea, Saturday April 24 at 1 pm. The tea, as always, is a gift from the Methodist Women to their guests. After a time of fellowship and elegant food, there will be a program called, "Quilts, the scraps of our lives."

For reservations, call from April 1 through April 17: Shirley Rogers, 463-2289.

The tea fills quickly, so call sooner than later to be sure you have a spot.

Altar Guild News

Team members and those who want to learn about this ministry, are requested to report on Saturday April 3, 2010 at 9:30 to share the cleaning and polishing jobs before our joyful Easter Vigil. We meet in the sanctuary. I will provide buckets, rags and polish for silver & brass. Together we get that joy started. Coffee, tea and pastry for all who wish afterward at Café Luna.

-Conni Clarke

Honoring Our High School Graduates

May 23rd is Pentecost, 2010. This is our name day, we being the Church of the Holy Spirit, and we have a festive time at the services and coffee hour.

This year, we are also adding to the celebration by making Pentecost the day that we honor the students from our parish who are graduating from high school.

Invitations will be going out to the families of the grads; please mark this special day on your calendars now, so that we can all be present for a prayerful and supportive sendoff.

Lessons for the Month of April

April 1, Maundy Thursday: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Exodus 12:1-14; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2, Good Friday: Psalm 22, Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

April 3, Holy Saturday: Psalm 99; Exodus 34:29-35; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-43

April 4, Easter Sunday: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; I Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

April 11: Psalm 118:14-29; Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

April 18: Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-20; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

April 25: Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Calling All Artists; the Sunday School Needs You Now More Than Ever

Last fall when Sunday school started, our fearless Sunday school teacher, Mark Yelken, plunged right in. Mark had spent the summer investigating the Godly Play curriculum; he attended a workshop to learn how to present this exploratory method to our children. It is a unique way to allow children to use their innate imaginations to encounter God in their daily lives. The curriculum uses tactile items, called "manipulatives" as aids toward this goal.

In the Godly Play catalogue, the curriculum and the manipulatives for each session are clearly laid out. The creator of Godly Play has no problem with churches making their own manipulatives, using the catalogue pictures and descriptions as guides. This is good, because these items are quite pricey. Since September, some CHS parishioners have been contributing funds or items, some of them hand-made, to be the manipulatives needed for the lessons.

Now, because of a conflict between Godly Play and the publishing company, the manipulatives are no longer available. It is up to us to make them for our Sunday school.

Many of the items are simple line drawings or colored pencil sketches. Some are hand-lettered, such as an image of the Ten Commandments. It isn't a matter of being Julliard-trained; it comes down to being willing to represent parts of the Bible in simple, memorable ways.

Please talk to Mark Yelken if you are willing to help with this task. If we all work together, we can create a collection that comes straight from the heart of the congregation.

Courier Needed: Just Off Dexter on Thomas, Seattle

There has been such a generous outpouring of items to help those in need. Some of the items are for the Care Kits and our 24-hour rest room facility.

But some things that are donated are destined for Mary's Place/The Church of Mary Magdalene, a day center for homeless women in Seattle. Mary's Place is more than a place to drop in; it provides health care, counseling, meals, fellowship, clothing, computer availability, and many other services for the women who enter its doors. They also hold worship services and have a rather famous choir. We have, in the past, sent personal care items, makeup, backpacks, pajamas, shoes, Bibles, stationery and the occasional adorable stuffed animal.

Our donations for Mary's Place have outgrown the use of the US Post Office for delivery. The last batch of things filled the seat of a car.

Is there someone out there who makes somewhat regular trips to this area of Seattle, who would have time to make a delivery now and then? It is simple to arrange, and you will be met by thankful staff who help you unload.

Please contact the office if this is something you can arrange to do.

For more information about the ministry of Mary's Place, see the bulletin board in the narthex or go to their website, www.churchofmarymagdalene.org

These ladies consider us to be part of their family.

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> The US Census will be using Bennett Hall the last week of April for training purposes. They are aware of the regularly scheduled events, and will work around them. </div>				1 Maundy Thursday 7:15 pm service at Methodist Church	2 Good Friday 7:15 pm service at Lutheran Church 7pm AA	3 Holy Saturday 9:30 am Altar Guild meeting 8:30 pm Easter Vigil
4 7pm AA	5 7pm AA	6 11-noon Silence & Sharing 7 pm Alanon	7 12:30 HE 2 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 WND	8	9 7pm AA	10
11 7pm AA	12 7pm AA	13 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 11-noon Silence & Sharing 7 pm Alanon	14 12:30 HE 5:30 WND 7:30 Vestry meeting	15	16 7pm AA	17 9:30 am Worship Committee meets
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25 7pm AA	26 7pm AA	27 Census Training 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 11-noon Silence & Sharing 7 pm Alanon	28 Census Training 12:30 HE 5:30 WND	29 Census Training	30 Census Training 7pm AA	

LEGEND: AA = Alcoholics Anonymous HE=Holy Eucharist MP = Morning Prayer CS=Church School
 EP= Evening Prayer RE=Religious Exploration WND= Wednesday Night Dinner
 VCCC = Vashon Community Care Center WND = Wednesday Night Dinner

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