



The Lindisfarne

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The Newsletter of The Church of the Holy Spirit (Episcopal). Serving Vashon Island, Washington since 1912.

A Story of Faith and Love

You know how the secretary is always urging people to contribute to the *Lindisfarne*? How you are encouraged to let us know a little bit about your family's goings-on, or to share a wonderful story from your life? Here is one, from the Pendergast family. It is about a World War II Army Air Corps flier, Bill Sullivan, who was one of Steve Pendergast's relatives.

It is written by Barbara Sullivan Sicke, daughter of Airman Bill and Peggy Sullivan. It was entered in an essay contest in 2000, for memories of WWII, and was the winning story.

My father-Bill Sullivan-was a navigator during World War II. He flew with the "Lucky Strike" crew on a B-29. In March of 1945, his crew was one of the first to fly low-level missions over Tokyo. Just before taking off on one early mission, he wrote a letter. Dad gave the letter to the ground crew chief and told him to mail it to my mother if he didn't make it back.

When the "Lucky Strike" returned safely, and the plane landed, the ground crew chief came running out with the letter and returned it to my father. A tradition was born. From then on, before each mission, Dad handed the same letter to the ground crew. After each mission, the chief waved the "Lucky Strike" down; then the envelope containing the letter would be dated and returned.

I knew this tradition had been important to my dad. When I was a teenager I attended a reunion of the "Lucky Strike" crew members and their families. While we were all together, my dad suddenly stood up, pulled out the letter, and waved it in the air. The knowledge that my dad had finally delivered this infamous letter to his bride evoked overwhelming emotion from all the "brothers" of the "Lucky Strike". The crew members stood and cheered as their eyes filled with tears. Their pilot told me that it was only when they all saw the letter being waved in the air did any of them believe they had made it safely through another mission. That letter did more for crew unity than anyone could express. That letter was not just my dad's, it was every man's letter.

The letter read: March 9, 1945 Dearest Darling, Am writing this in the plane, as we are being towed into position for takeoff on what appears to be a helluva tough mission over the Empire. Honey, I'm scared! But, I went to Confession, Mass and Communion a few hours ago, and I'm carrying your rosary! And I know that at 10 pm you'll be saying one for me! I love you hon. Always L&K Bill PS I'm going to give this to our ground chief to hold!

-submitted by Steve Pendergast

If you have a story you would like to share, by all means, submit it to the office!

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Vestry Notes

There was a Special Vestry Meeting held on May 27th with Rev. Joan Anthony, Canon to the Ordinary in attendance, as well as some members of the Call Committee. Clarification was offered regarding the roles of Priests. An interim deals with pastoral care and liturgy, a Priest-in Charge has administrative duties as well as liturgy and pastoral care. The excellent Profile developed by the Call Committee will remain the document of choice moving forward. When the Vestry determines it is time to look for an "interim" Rev. Anthony will present us with a name. The Vestry will interview to see if the individual is a good fit for this Parish. Should this not be the case, another name will be offered. A vote was taken by the Vestry to employ supply priests for an indeterminate amount of time until an interim or Priest-in Charge is selected. At its May 13th Vestry meeting the following actions were taken:

Gib Dammann was authorized to acquire a generator and lawn mower to replace those which were stolen, and to explore possibilities for a security system. With thanks we accepted Annie Miksch offer to help out as interim treasurer Edgar Lee, Music Committee Chair presented a plan for guest organists through the summer, and during that time designing a job description and beginning the search for candidates. We unanimously accepted Doug's recommendation to acquire a new Toshiba copier for the office. Jolene Yelken was unanimously voted to replace Diane Ward on the Vestry. The need to bring our by laws into conformance with the Canons will be addressed by a committee, and this will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. At the end of this meeting Kate announced that she had withdrawn her name from nomination to be Rector.

The Vestry next met on June 10th.

Expenditures for the security system presented by Gib Dammann were unanimously approved. The Vestry voted to offer Deacon Sally Carlson use of the Hermitage for potential office space. Much of the conversation centered around puzzling through our financial situation in an effort to accurately determine what we can afford in terms of a Priest. This topic will again be at the top of the agenda for the July 8th Vestry meeting.

At the June 7th all Parish meeting a time-line was presented. This explains events from June 2008 through May 2009. The all-parish meeting on June 7th was well attended; the time line was made available there for referral and discussion. A copy of this is available on the table in the Narthex. Any questions can be addressed to members of the Vestry.

Remember: parishioners are always welcome to attend Vestry meetings on the first Wednesday of the month. If there is something you wish to add to the agenda, please call Senior Warden Katharine Golding to let her know.

Graduates in Our Midst

On Sunday, June 21st, we were honored to have two of our three graduating High School Seniors with us at the 10:15 worship. Margaret Gritten (granddaughter of Margaret Gritten!) and Claire Held received copies of the Bible translation *The Message*. They go on to college with our love and prayers.

Grace Otis Dzyacki is our third graduating Senior; her friend Claire Held delivered *The Message* to Grace on behalf of the congregation.

The Vashon Community Care Center is having a massive garage sale on August 22nd. Our Care Center is supported by the people of Vashon Island. In the spirit of community and good stewardship, please mark your calendars and attend. (Note: the VCCC will be using the CHS parking lot for overflow parking that day.)

Thumbnail Financial Update

As of June 21st, the finances of Church of the Holy Spirit are approximately \$12,000 less than budgeted.

Knowing Needs/ Caring for One Another

The Church of the Holy Spirit is a very caring congregation. It is hoped that each and every member of the community who is suffering from an illness or any adversity will feel the love and support of all members. The pastoral care team, prayer chains and the staff practice confidentiality and want everyone to feel that their privacy is respected. However, while these resources are available, the needs of those facing difficulties cannot be addressed unless the situation is known. Please feel free to call the church office to ask for prayers, visits, or other needs for yourself. And, all members please be alert when someone needs our help, but hesitates to ask. If you question whether to alert the office, call the person you are concerned about and inquire

Vashon Community Care Center Worship Has Unforeseen Need

Church of the Holy Spirit has carried on a worship ministry at the Vashon Community Care Center for over 30 years. Recently, a move has begun to involve other Island churches in this outreach. This plan is moving forward; originally, it was thought that several teams would form and begin the first Sunday of July.

It was just learned that these teams will not be in place until September. This leaves CHS with a dire need for people to visit the Center throughout the summer, each Sunday at 9 am. (Alternating weeks serve the Assisted Living versus the Nursing Care Unit.) Our church is down to just a handful of people who are unable to continue without increased help.

This would be a commitment through August. Of course, if it seems good to continue, you could then be placed on one of the ecumenical teams.

Especially needed is a pianist to lead the hymn singing. Currently, Doris Moots is doing this, and she cannot keep up a weekly schedule.

Please contact the office at your earliest convenience if you can serve in this manner.

Pastoral Care Team

The Pastoral Care Team began at Church of the Holy Spirit in 2002 with training by and the guidance of Trudy James, of Multi faith Works in Seattle, who has provided pastoral care for many years. We receive on-going training through reading, discussion, workshops, classes and retreats. We work closely with our Priest-In-Charge, Rev Kate Wesch, and our Deacon, Sally Carlson.

ALL PASTORAL CARE CONTACTS ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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.

Our current members are:

Betty Hawkins, 463-5062; Megan, 909-6079;
Hunter Davis, 567-4530; ; Wally Fletcher, 567-0068
Susie Kirschner, 567-4086;
Peggy Queary, 463-1977; Bob Weir, 463-3234

Dental Care in a Van for Vashon

Dear Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit,

Through my work as a dental assistant on Vashon for the past two years, it became clearly evident that many of our folks are not able to engage in dental services due to the lack of dental insurance and/ or financial resources. While there is dental treatment available to low-income families and individuals in Seattle, travel costs prevent visits to those clinics.

Having been a resident of Vashon for the past 2 years, it weighed heavily on my heart and conscience that so many of our neighbors are not able to get much needed dental care. I asked myself, "well, what am I going to do about it?"

There is a solution! Ms. Nancy Utt, the coordinator for Medical Teams International (MTI), has agreed to support the effort in bringing free dental care to our folks in need. The plan is to have their mobile dental office (dental van) come to Vashon for one day, twice a year.

However, this cannot be accomplished without you! I will be asking our community to extend their volunteer spirit. If you can and are willing to donate funds, a place to park the dental van with electric plug in, or help coordinating the clinic day, we would be most grateful for your heartfelt contribution.

I will provide a link to MTI and I can answer your questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Kindest regards,

Heather Robinson

p.s. Contact numbers for the organizers are below as well as the link to MTI:

Heather Robinson, RDA: 463-9032

Nancy Utt, Mobile Coordinator, MTI: (425) 284-1936

Anita Goebel, RDH: (253) 752-4246

<http://www.medicalteams.org/sf/Home.aspx>

Note: this request is on the Vestry agenda for the July 8th meeting. If you have input, please contact a Vestry member with your comments.

Sunday Lessons for the Month of July and the Beginning of August

July 5th: Psalm 48; II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

July 12th: Psalm 24; II Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

July 19th: Psalm 89:20-37; II Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26th: Psalm 14; II Samuel 11:1-15; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

August 2: Psalm 51:1-12; II Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 9: Psalm 130; II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Door Duty

Many thanks to all who are doing Door Duty at the church. Several people in the congregation are making sure that the church is locked at night and opened again in the morning. They are checking to be sure that our sheds are secure, and that the basement doors have been secured following the various meetings that take place on the premises. This still leaves our narthex open 24 hours a day, with the prayer area and restroom available. *Note: if you are a Door Locker Person, please be sure you check the bolt on the bottom of the sanctuary entrance doors. It must be shut when locking up, or the doors will both open even with the deadbolt fastened. It must also be opened during the day, for fire exit purposes.*

Upcoming Supply Priests

As announced at the all Parish meeting on Sunday, June 7th we are having supply Priests through the month of August with the exception of Sunday July 5th. Helen Harper who was with us June 28th, will return on the 12th. Rev. Joan Anthony Canon to the Ordinary, will preach on The 19th of July, and on the 26th Jerry Shigaki and Carla Robinson will be here. Father Tom Ortung will be with us the first four Sundays in August, followed by Ralph Carskadden on August 30th. Thanks go to Connie Frederick who has put this schedule together for us. The Vestry will meet on the 8th of July and on the agenda will be a discussion of where we go from here. We have several choices. One is to continue with supply Priests for another month or two. Another option is to meet with Joan Anthony and ask for the name of a potential interim Priest to be with us probably until early next spring. That interim could be either an "interim" who would mainly have responsibilities for Eucharistic services, and pastoral responsibilities, or a Priest-in Charge who would provide the same services as an interim, with added administrative duties.

Chautauqua School Third Graders Make Afghan

People in our parish who knit and crochet have touched many lives. Our prayer shawls are available to anyone in need as tangible reminders of the love of God and the prayers of God's people. The Anonymous Knitter makes caps and scarves for distribution from our upstairs rest room. Two pair of hand-knitted socks went to Seattle to bless women without housing. Some of us have been involved in the nation-wide Pocket Prayer Shawl Ministry, where small knitted "shawls" are sent to service men and women, to carry in their pockets. The list goes on.

This is a story of a grandmother, her granddaughter's third grade class, and a love of knitting.

Anita Ahlers volunteers at Chautauqua School. This past year, she came up with the idea of teaching the students in her granddaughter Molly's class to knit. The children took to it with lots of excitement and energy, girls and boys alike. Each child knitted a colorful square, and Anita fitted them together with black edging and crossbars to make a beautiful afghan, which was subsequently auctioned off to raise money for the school.

Afterward, the students wrote notes for Anita, expressing their thanks for the project. Here are some of the letters:

It was fun to do...and I liked the finished project -Jeffrey

I felt like I was making a good difference -Tabitha

I liked it a lot because it is fun and cool -Brady

I loved to be a part of the quilt making. The thing I enjoyed the most was just to be a part of it. -Calla

I liked it when I helped make the quilt good, I felt good. -Luke

I liked knitting the quilt because I got to knit one of my favorite colors and it was really fun -Rhys

What it meant to me to knit the quilt is it was interesting. I enjoyed that it made a lot of people happy -Michaela

Knitting a quilt was very fun for me. I knew how to knit but I learned purl -Jack

It was really fun. And it was fun to learn -Hanna

I think knitting a quilt is a calming thing to do -Tyler

It meant to me that I helped raise money for the school -Molly

It meant I was going to have to practice knitting and get better -Luke

I thought it was very fun and relaxing -Ezra

It was interesting, sometimes difficult, but fun -Harx

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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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