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

Not-Quite-Spring Work Party

Wear your work clothes to church on Sunday, March 7th for an outside work party. We will head outside right after grabbing a cup of coffee or tea. Gib will provide tools but you may also bring your own. We would like to spruce up the grounds for Palm Sunday and Easter. We will weed, prune, move plants and do other odds and ends. There may be some indoor work to do as well. If you are unable to work outside, perhaps several of you would like to make soup and bread for all the workers? Please come join Gib and the vestry, bring the kids, and help clean up the grounds. Many hands make light work. Don't miss out!!



-Nancy Kappelman for the Vestry

Thoughts, Ponderings, and News from the Call Committee

The Call Committee has spent the year devoting endless hours of planning, preparing, interviewing and reviewing the "call" process and candidates. We have poured over profiles, resumes, made phone calls, and deciding which candidates to interview. The local candidates have us excited about our future.

The other evening was one of those sometimes taken-for-granted rides back to Vashon where I happened to be on the 'front row' during a beautiful sunset. Breathtaking. We are so lucky. It gave me time to reflect. It's that time of year you know.

I started reviewing the two full days that the Call Committee spent interviewing candidates for our Priest position. The interview preparation was a perfect time to reflect on what we want in a Priest. We had prepared questions for each member to ask, knowing full well their would be impromptu and follow up questions by us, and specific questions based on the candidates profile. As you might expect, we asked questions regarding their strengths and what they would bring to Church of the Holy Spirit based on our Profile, obstacles they were concerned about, how they would deal with Vashon Life, commuting, relocating, living in a small community (fish bowl), ecumenical life, defining and dealing with Pastoral Care, Youth, sermon preparation, dealing with the Vestry, finances, relationship with the Diocese, administrative style, leadership style, worship style, etc. etc. We covered a lot of ground!!

I would have to say we were most impressed with all the candidates and we feel very blessed that we have choices to find the perfect match for CHS.

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Holy Week at Church of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday services with Holy Eucharist at 7:45 & 10:15 am

Monday, March 29, Monday in Holy Week: Evening Prayer at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 30, Tuesday in Holy Week: Evening Prayer at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 31, Wednesday in Holy Week: Evening Prayer at 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 1, Maundy Thursday: Service with Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm

Friday, April 2, Good Friday: service at 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 3, Holy Saturday: the Great Vigil of Easter at 8 pm

Sunday, April 4, the Feast of the Resurrection: services with Holy Eucharist at 7:45 and 10:15 am

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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:

Betty Hawkins, February 21-March 6, 463-5062

Bob Weir, March 7-20, 463-3234

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

Reception Committee: Is This Something We Can Do?

For many, many years, Church of the Holy Spirit had a women's guild (or two!) that served the parish as part of their gathering in fellowship. One of the things these ladies took on was receptions for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and other occasions that arose in the life of the church.

They brought out the special silver service, polished it, set up tables with pretty tablecloths, and got out the pretty flatware. They took on the task of making coffee and tea, preparing or purchasing beautiful and delicious things to eat, and pouring the hot drinks from the silver coffee and tea pots. They wore their best dresses. They knew how to receive people in a very beautiful and gracious way. Decades of folks were honored to have the ministry of these tireless women at times of great happiness and times of great sorrow. They even stood by to help with baby showers and new member celebrations, and times when some of our church members went on to live away from Vashon.

We were spoiled by this kind ministrations, and we didn't even know it.

With the disbanding of the Mary/Martha Guild a few years back, there has been a hole in our ability to reach out, especially to people outside the parish using the facilities for weddings and funerals. We have cobbled together an offering of service, but it has never again achieved the beauty and grace of former years.

It is still a service that some ask for, when they use the church, though we do not offer it up front. And were it to exist, it would be a small income for the parish, or for those offering it, however the Vestry decided to lay the boundaries.

Is there anyone out there who has this sort of ministry in their bones? Please speak to Senior Warden Katharine Golding if you have any inclinations at all. Perhaps it is time to offer this wordless celebration and comfort once again.

Lessons for the Month of March

March 7: Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 55:1-9; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

March 14: Psalm 32; Joshua 5:9-12; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

March 28: Palm Sunday: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

March 29, Monday in Holy Week (7:30 pm Evening Prayer): Psalm 36:5-11; Isaiah 42:1-9; Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

March 30, Tuesday in Holy Week (7:30 pm Evening Prayer): Psalm 71:1-14; Isaiah 49:1-7; I Corinthians 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

March 31, Wednesday in Holy Week (7:30 pm Evening Prayer): Psalm 70; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Altar Guild News

We are now into the LENT routine with changes many have noticed. The banner is somber; liturgical color is purple. Our sacred altar vessels are presently the blue ceramic set and the traditional wooden candlesticks and acolyte torches are in evidence. There will be no flowers or greens at the altar for this season. We want you to be aware of these changes now, so you will register the joyful changes back to bright glorious color for EASTER.

A.G. members are asked to plan to attend our annual Holy Saturday was, clean and polish the sanctuary and nave. We will meet at 9:30 AM Saturday April 3 in the sanctuary. I will bring buckets, cleaning cloths and soap and polish. You all will bring yourselves with energy and enthusiasm to accomplish the work. More hands mean a shorter work time for those present. Please plan to be there for an hour and a half. My treat at Café Luna for coffee or tea with pastry afterward. See you soon. Bring a friend to join in this loving work of our ministry.

-Conni Clarke

Vestry Notes

At its February 10th Vestry meeting, the Vestry elected Katharine Golding, Senior Warden, and David Swain, Junior Warden. We worked to develop a Letter of Agreement for the Music Director, and that was subsequently signed by Amelia Powers, Music Director, and the Senior Warden. We determined that the Vestry would hold its annual retreat on Saturday, the 6th of March, and that the following day, March 7th a Parish work party would be scheduled on the recommendation of the Landscape and Building and Grounds Committees. We continued the Mutual Ministry Review

highlighting the accomplishments of the Interim period, and looking to needs within the Parish occurring due to Sally Carlson's departure as our Deacon. An excellent suggestion coming from Hunter Davis has resulted in Hunter, David Swain and Debbie Butler meeting. They will put their heads together to gather information regarding our policies, customs etc. so that when we ultimately have a new Rector all will be in order for a smooth transition.

-Katharine Golding

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms?

There has been interest expressed in the safety of some of the trees surrounding the Church. On Thursday, February 25th Gib Dammann, Katharine Golding and "Bob the Tree Man" met and walked around the property. Bob made several recommendations regarding trees which are "leaning". Gib will mark these trees so that anyone interested will be able to identify them. There is no definite plan at the moment for tree removal. Bob will submit a plan and cost estimate which will be forwarded to the Vestry. Due to financial constraints consideration will have to be given on a priority basis. We will keep the congregation apprised as to progress with this issue.

Praying the Stations of the Cross on the Labyrinth

For centuries, Christians have followed the path of Christ's suffering and death by praying the Stations of the Cross. During Lent, you will be able to symbolically follow his path to Calvary by walking the Labyrinth as you reflect on the events of the Passion. Each of the fourteen Stations will be marked with a numbered flag. There will be handouts in the narthex providing a scriptural passage and prayer corresponding to each number. Every handout also includes a printed labyrinth; if you prefer, you can follow the paper path with your finger, pausing at the stations to read and pray.

-Betty Hawkins

Another Great Month in Sunday School Using Godly Play!

We have our regulars and we combine our play, art and learning about life and God's stories in our program. We all learn together.

It doesn't come without growing pains, but the kids and I are finding our way.

We have waded through the Creation, The Great Flood, Lenten Commitments that are between us and God. I was challenged as well and gave up coffee!!!! I think I have a headache!!! We all signed our commitments and posted them on the wall. We did have to get a mom involved for some guidance because one of the girls insisted on giving up breakfast! It's all good!

We have a wonderful Lenten experience planned to bury a huge poster with "Alleluia" and resurrect it on Easter morning and share it with the congregation!

I continue to thank the parents and all for your support and the growing number of kids that continue to support the program with their presence!

-Mark Yelken

Some Things to Consider for Lent

Is your will up to date? Do you have funeral plans written down? Did you know that you can store copies of both of these things in the church safe?

The safe, in the inner office, has a file with folders from congregants, containing their funeral plans, and, in some cases, copies of living and regular wills.

This is a gift you give to your family and your church. Lent is as good a time as any to consider any special wishes you have. Would you rise up from your grave and smite the priest if Rite II was used at your funeral? Do you hate organ music? Do you wish, above all things, to have bagpipes played? A ringing of the bell for each year of your life, even though it will go on for 45 minutes? Someone I know wants *Taps* played on kazoes at the gravesite.

This doesn't have to be a notarized document. It doesn't have to be typewritten (though it helps if it is legible.) It just needs to be done, and filed.

Is there special music you wish played? Add a copy of the music for the file. Working in the office over the past many years, there have been numerous times when family, long since moved off-Island, has been touched beyond measure by music requested by, and given us, by their loved ones.

A well-composed funeral is something that has one chance. And people leave such a service knowing a measure of peace and reconnection.

Do it for your family and friends. Do it for your church secretary, priest, and musician.

-gratefully, your secretary

Religious Exploration for March 7th and Beyond

On March 7th we'll see Part 2 of *The Greening of Faith*. The program explores why the environment is a Christian concern. The upcoming program focuses on environmental justice. It explores the extension of ethical obligation beyond the human species and the unique role our church can play in forming attitudes and facilitating change.

Julia Lakey is leading the session as part of the Care for Creation group. Two of her favorite quotations from the theologians in Part 1 are:

- Everything in Creation reveals something about the nature of God.
- The nature of matter is interrelationship. We find ourselves by exploring our relationship to each other and nature.

Hope to see you there at 9 am!

-Julia

March 14 Living the Questions: Myth of Redemptive Violence

March 21 Living the Questions: Practicing Resurrection

March 28 Living the Questions: Rebunking the Rapture

To our surprise, or at least mine, was the extent the candidates interviewed us, as well. They were looking for the perfect match, not just a job! It was a wonderful open, honest, respectful, fascinating and revealing process. We had to answer some direct and difficult questions. The questions ranged from our history and traditions, to our time with John, Kate, Kimbrough and Sally to our present health and our readiness to move on to the future. Their questions included:

- What are your pet peeves?
- What triggers your spirituality?
- What are your traditions?
- What would you change if you could?
- What would make a new Priest successful?
- Why do you go to church at CHS?
- Who is the core?
- Do you invite new people into key positions?
- How do we deal with change?
- How do the first service and second service attendees get to know one another?
- What do you like about the first service?
- What is different at the second service?

These questions have become my constant Lenten meditation.

As we were being interviewed, I think we all realized through the candidates, the many wonderful things about Church of the Holy Spirit. We are rich. One, of many things, that impressed the candidates was our subtle community outreach. During one tour of the church, the candidate and I stood behind the altar and looked out over the Labyrinth and Memorial Garden. Just a quiet moment that they absorbed. As we walked the grounds and I pointed out where we held Mass on the Grass, the entrance and exit to the Meditation Trail, our playground, showed off the new sheds, the Hermitage renovation, the Park and Ride, the generator shed.....I started thinking about what it was like around here almost 10 years ago when we first started attending CHS. I started thinking about some of the members on our committee saying they had attended for over 30 years. I can't imagine the changes they have witnessed.

We ended our tour with a brief pit stop in the Narthex and they were impressed with our Prayer station and open access to the community to our rest room. They took time to reflect for a moment, which I rarely have done, to look at who has signed our guest book. Take the time. I hadn't reflected in a long time about all that we offer the community by our physical plant. They commented that even the Park and Ride or the use of our rest room might be as much church as many of our community have time for. I told them the story of when Jolene and I were looking at houses to buy when we first came here and we told them where we went to church and they said, "Oh yeah, we sit on the deck on Sundays and listen to the bell ringing through the woods. That's our church." I even remember one of my favorite times was to be at the original Worm Farm near the Catholic Church on Sunday mornings and taking pause to listen to the Bell ringing for the second service.

We do SO much with So little. I don't think we realize.

Last Sunday as I was walking to Bennett Hall, the kitchen was in full swing with an army of cooks cooking for a Haiti cause. There were over 20 people at the Religious Exploration hour and I had just come from the first service that had over 30 attendees. I looked in briefly at the second service and enjoyed the Cantors which I don't get to experience in the first service. It was nice to see youth visible in the second service, too. The Spirit is alive and well at CHS!

This interim time has been a perfect storm. A time to move on from John, Kate and Sally with anticipation of a new life. What a perfect time, Lent, to be preparing for our new life together with


I feel that Kimbrough has been our John the Baptist. He has been the voice crying in the wilderness and preparing the way. Thanks Kimbrough!

Lastly, I want to think each of us. The ones that have kept us going and kept attending. If you think about it, some of our key people have been down and out during this interim, but others have stepped up.

People get ready, there's a train a comin',
People get ready to get on board!!!

I can't wait to say the "A" words again!!!!!!!!!!!!

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WEAR YOUR GRUBBIES DAY! WORK PARTY AFTER EACH SERVICE! 	1 7 pm AA	2 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 11-noon Silence & Sharing 7 pm Alanon	3 12:30 pm HE 5:30 pm WND	4	5 7 pm AA	6
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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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