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



Dear People of Holy Spirit:

It is with elation and gratitude that I have accepted the call to be your new Rector. On Sunday, July 4, I will celebrate the Eucharist at both services and meet most of you for the first time. We will meet giving thanks and praising God. What a wonderful way to begin our life together!

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and in anticipation of our meeting, I am praying for you by name every day, with my brand new parish directory. You may be curious about me. I come to you from my role as Priest in Charge at Church of the Ascension in Seattle. Previously, I was Interim Rector at St. Alban's in Edmonds, Associate Rector at Emmanuel, Mercer Island, and Canon Pastor at St. Mark's Cathedral. I was the Founder and first Executive Di-

rector of Earth Ministry. My chief volunteer commitment in recent years has been with the Trust for Public Land, a land conservation organization.

I am married to Eric Pryne, who is a journalist at the Seattle Times. Between us, we have three children and one grandchild. Daughter Lisa is a teacher at the Open Window School in Bellevue and her husband David is an agent with Keller Williams Real Estate. Son Kai Berkedal is a junior at Western Washington University, majoring in dance. Son Bjorn Berkedal is a sophomore at Pacific Lutheran University, majoring in Environmental Studies and Sociology. Granddaughter Isabella is nearly two and is successfully majoring in being delightful.

It has been a joy for me to meet members of both your Call Committee and Vestry, and it was very powerful for me to have representatives of each (and a few others) attend my last service at Ascension. I feel deeply drawn to Church of the Holy Spirit, and to Vashon Island. I look forward to July 4 with great anticipation. May Christ's peace be with you all.

Blessings,
Carla

How to get in touch with us

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You may leave a message at any time. Messages from the different boxes are recovered throughout the week.

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A Responsive Letter From Kimbrough About Our New Rector

My Dear Friends,

As I'm sure you all know, the Rev'd Canon Carla Valentine Pryne will start her first Sunday at Church of the Holy Spirit on July the Fourth, 2010. She was touched when 11 members of CHS visited her on her last Sunday at Church of the Ascension in Seattle; this was a celebration of her two years with Church of the Ascension as Priest-in-Charge.

She's now left Ascension, but she hasn't left her busy schedule. In a recent conversation she told me that during the next several weeks she will be teaching, lecturing and taking a much-needed vacation before she starts her work at Church of the Holy Spirit. Carla was clear that she would like to truly start her time at CHS on July 4 and not before. She would very much appreciate communications about church business of any kind wait until her tenure begins on July 4, in part because she will be very busy with her commitments and—when she isn't working—wanting to enjoy much-deserved and much-desired time on vacation with her family. I'm sure she will be happy to greet everyone and, in a timely way, begin her ministry on Independence Day.

In other words, life in the Interim continues until my last Sunday, June 13th. I was happy to tell Carla that the many ministries of Church of the Holy Spirit have functioned quite well during the Interim and that she will find them working well when she begins. This is something for CHS to be proud of, I think. What I have learned in my time with you all is that there is a depth of history and well-earned wisdom that lives in the lives of many members of this church. I have learned that it takes time to 'hear you out' and learn how you have tried to solve problems and make plans together....And then there is that lovely X Factor: the rest of the Island (!). Life on Vashon Island as a whole is a unique part of learning about how things work.

I have been delighted to learn what "Keep Vashon Weird" is all about--and envy Carla for what she will—over time-- discover.

So onward we go, Eastering!

Kimbrough Besheer,
Interim Rector.

Lessons for the Month of May

May 2: Psalm 148; Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 9: Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10+ 22-22-22:5; John 14:23-29

May 16, Ascension, transferred: Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 23, Pentecost: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-27

May 30, Trinity Sunday: Psalm 8; Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Can You Help Lock and Unlock the Church?

There is a small group of people that faithfully locks the church at night and unlocks it in the mornings. This ongoing work allows us to leave our restroom and narthex available to all who need to use it on a continuous basis, while still being responsible about the sanctuary and Bennett Hall. If you are available to be on the list of folks who carry out this service for us and the entire Vashon community, please contact Katharine Golding and let her know. You will be issued a key and placed on the rotation on those days that are convenient to you.

The Life of Paul of Tarsus Beautifully Captured

In response to our shameless begging for parish artists, willing to help build up the Sunday school materials library, Marj Watkins stepped forward. Marj researched the life of Paul, formerly Saul, but not only his life. She found out about fabric, dyes, writing implements and papers, scenery of the time, clothing, transportation (including the types of boats and how donkeys carried packs) utensils, and more, and then put all this amazing information into color paintings to help our students get a closer introduction to Paul. The pictures are lovely; just looking at them is a learning experience, and Marj accompanied the artwork with short notes that clarify it even more.

Thank you, Marj!

And if any others of our church community would enjoy creating Sunday school materials, speak with Mark Yelken. The original producer of the "manipulatives", as they are called, has ceased carrying the items. There is so much that can be done by people of all talents to pitch in and make our collection a true family project.

Rite of Confirmation or Reception

If you would like to be confirmed, or would like to be received into the Episcopal Church from either the Roman Catholic or the Orthodox Church, please speak with Kimbrough Besheer immediately. Kimbrough will arrange classes so that this can happen at the visitation of the Bishop on May 23rd.

Honoring Our High School Graduates

News Flash: Bishop Tennis Will Also Be Here for Pentecost!

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. We are also privileged to welcome Bishop Cabell Tennis at both services. It will be a most auspicious day in our church life.

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 have gone 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.

Remember to wear flame colors to church that day.

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:

April 4 - April 17 Betty Hawkins, 463-5062

May 16 - May 29 Betty Hawkins, 463-5062

April 18 - May 1 Barbara Smith, 463-2249

May 30 - June 12 Wally Fletcher, 567-0068

May 2 - May 15 Bob Weir, 463-3234

* I once spoke to my friend, an old squirrel, about the Sacraments - he got so excited and ran into a hollow in his *
* tree and came back holding some acorns, and owl feather and a ribbon he found. And I just smiled and said, *
* "Yes, dear. You understand - everything imparts His grace." *
* - St. Francis of Assisi *

Calling All UTO Boxes!

Remember the Little Blue Boxes? These United Thank Offering containers have become important parts of many homes in our parish. They are a place to put a tangible "thank you" for a special blessing in your life, which then gets passed on. The offering collected from the UTO boxes goes all over the United States to spread the blessing. We are collecting the contents of the boxes and preparing to send it to headquarters. If your box is full, you may bring it in for a replacement, or empty it and bring in the change. (Some of us are attached to those boxes!)

If you would like to start this tradition of thanksgiving in your own home, pick up a UTO Box from the narthex table or the church office.

My Special Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches A Letter From Mary Tuel's Cousin, Nancy

As a young girl I took many family trips. I have many fond memories of these trips. But it is my own special little trips close to home that I cherish and remember the most.

There were days when I just couldn't deal with things and would want to "run away from home." My beautiful loving mom would sense the need for me to follow through with my plans. I am sure she realized it was my way of coping with whatever was on my mind that day. I would say to her, "I think I'm going to run away today, Mom." With her sparkling green eyes and loving smile, she would reply, "I can help you pack if you want me to. Would you like me to make you a peanut butter and jelly sandwich?" Together we would pack a brown paper sack with some clothes as well as make that peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Mom would give me a big hug and kiss, then say, "I love you," and "You are always welcome to come home."

You have probably figured out by now that I only went to the end of the front porch. She was a very wise woman.

I am 62 years old and dealing with cancer. Yes, I feel like running away, but I think I will have a peanut butter and jelly sandwich instead.

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Note from Mary Tuel: My cousin Nancy sent this story to me in a brown paper lunch sack, along with a miniature jar of jelly and a single serving container of peanut butter. She is fighting colon cancer now, and she knows that my husband and I are going through our own hard times, and she wanted to cheer us up. She did.

Her wise, beautiful, mother was my father's sister, my aunt Vivian, whom everyone called Chick. Chick had multiple sclerosis and passed away at the age of 43. Chick was in a wheelchair all of Nancy's childhood, and I can see why Nancy would have wanted to run away sometimes.

As I thought about this today, I thought, you know, this reminds me the emails that come around on the internet, and I thought, just for the fun of it, I'm going to put this out there, and ask you to send it to people who might enjoy it, and then see how long it takes for it to come back to me from a complete stranger who has read it and been cheered by it. Then I can say to Nancy, "Look, your story has been cheering people up around the world." And that might cheer her up.

Probably won't hurt peanut butter and jelly sales, either. 😊

And so we share it here, in a non-electronic mode. Share it freely. May it bless all who read it.

Help needed with the garden at Vashon Lutheran Church

Do you like to work in a garden? For several years now, Vashon Lutheran Church has maintained a garden whose produce of fresh vegetables helps feed the hungry and needy on Vashon. The harvest goes to the Vashon-Maury Foodbank. If you like to help, come and join us for planting on Thursdays and Saturdays. We start at 9:30 AM. If you wish to get more information, please contact Lynn Meinhardt at 206.463.9687.

Sustainable Vashon and Green Energy

I'm writing to encourage the congregations of Vashon to stand up and be counted in the effort to get 110 new households to sign up for Green Power with PSE. Some households in our congregation may already contribute to Green Power, as I do. This means that each month we pay an extra \$4 or slightly more to support renewable energy such as the wind farm in Eastern Washington. **If about 60 more households join up, Vashon will actually qualify for a \$10,000 grant in solar energy.**

I would love to see our congregations support ways to heal and cool our planet.

Below is the link to Sustainable Vashon where this is explained. If members who already support Green Power can explain their involvement, it could help. Currently Vashon is halfway to its goal toward the grant.

(Sustainable Vashon) sent by Merri Lee Runyan (mbrunyan@earthlink.net). The following link explains the solar energy grant: <http://www.sustainablevashon.org/index.php/projects-menu/44-affiliationscat/195-greenpower>

If you have questions, please contact me or Sustainable Vashon. Together we can work to honor and heal Creation!

Julia Lakey, 463-6423 home, Care for Creation, Church of the Holy Spirit

Rodeo Performed by the Blue Heron Dance Company, Including Many From CHS

Come see our very own Will Hennessey, John and Katherine Miesel and Camille Kappelman in Aaron Copland's Rodeo presented by the Blue Heron Dance Company. Our youngest dancers will perform "There was an Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe" with choreography based on Norwegian Dances by Edward Grieg.

A special abbreviated performance for pre-schoolers will be presented on Friday, May 7 from 3:30-4:30 for \$5 per person. Saturday afternoon's performance will offer a wooden nickel to all seniors (62 and older) in attendance which entitles them to complimentary refreshments. Saturday evening's pre-show will feature a 6:30 pm cello/violin triowith Annie Roberts and daughters (both VHS seniors) Claire and Adria Engelhard; both young women are former Blue Heron dancers. There will be solo performances by Mara Drape, Camille Kappelman, Madeline Morser, Haley Mosteller, Meg Sayre and Trudy Soriano.

Friday, May 7, 3:30-4:30 preschool

Friday, May 7, 7 pm

Saturday, May 8, 1 pm and 7 pm

Sunday, May 9 1 pm

All performances are at the Vashon High School theater. General Admission: \$13, Seniors/students/VAA members \$10

Penpal Request: Can You Brighten A Life?

Kenny Chwaszczewski has spent time in our sanctuary, working on his piano skills. This connection led to his attending church and sharing Eucharist with us one evening. Kenny is serving time in the Shelton Correction Center, and would like someone to correspond with. His worship with us has given him the courage to write Church of the Holy Spirit as his friends, hoping someone in the parish would be the friend he really needs at this time.

If you are able to fill this need, please contact the church office for more information.

May 2010

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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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