



The Lindisfarne

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A Message from The Reverend Kimbrough Besheer, Our Interim

Greetings, good people of God. As of the first day of October I will be serving you as Interim Priest. How did this come about? From my side it began with a conversation with Canon Joan Anthony about what work might be available for me as an Interim in the Diocese. She thought that I would be a good fit for Church of the Holy Spirit Vashon, and gave me a brief summary of your recent history. What followed was an interview with your Vestry and Deacon Sally Carlson.

We talked about hopes, fears, disappointments and needs. I was impressed to hear the responses to my question, "So why do you go to church anyway?" And of course we discussed what an Interim ministry is about. We laughed, we opened up frustrations, and wishes, and moments of wonder. At the end we prayed and in that moment I felt a sense of 'knowing' that comes, in my experience, when the Spirit breaks into our midst with encouragement and blessing.

I will lay out some of the basic 'tasks' of an Interim (below), but before I do that I will give you a bit of information about myself. I was ordained a priest in 1981, a graduate of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass. I worked as a college chaplain and then associate in a large parish for a total of five years before moving with my young family to Switzerland to study analytical psychology at the C.G. Jung Institute. For over three years of my five year period of study I served as an itinerant priest for the Church of England in Switzerland. (There were only two Anglican clergy in all of eastern Switzerland, based in Zurich; I was the 'circuit rider' to small outlying Anglican congregations). After graduation in 1991, we returned to live in Seattle, where I began a psychoanalytic practice and also began serving part-time in several churches in this Diocese as supply priest, priest-in-charge and Interim. Over the course of three years I also met with an ongoing meeting for Interim clergy at Diocesan House, where we shared our questions, swapped stories and insights-- and explored the unique qualities and special challenges of churches in transition.

What I am most curious about are your stories, as individuals and as a congregation. I would like to listen as deeply as I can and offer support to your leadership, and--with God's graciousness--insight into what I see in your life together. On my 40 year journey as an intentional and seeking Christian, my idea and image of God has 'died and been resurrected' a few times, and in every cycle, every transition, I have come through amazed at the persistence of God's faithfulness and the breadth of the great Mystery. For a season, I will be with you--not as Rector, or potential Rector, or gap-filler--but as an active, embedded presence with you on the road to finding new ordained leadership. To me, at its best, interim ministry is a ministry of advocacy and encouragement.

So onward to basics. Using language directly quoted from literature from the national Church and my Letter of Agreement with you, these are the developmental 'tasks' of an Interim:

Developmental Tasks of the Interim Period

The present leadership transition is seen as a time for renewal, reenergizing the parish in its /

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Creative Hands and Eyes Needed

Godly Play is happening every Sunday morning in our Sunday school room. Led by Mark Yelken, our children are opening their imaginations to allow the Spirit of God to shape their lives. We all have a wonderful opportunity to support our children in their spiritual lives (and Mark in his generous guidance of these little ones) by supplying the items that enrich their time together. Godly Play uses "manipulatives," things that children can hold and move, get out, arrange, and put away as the seasons of the Church year turn 'round. Many things can be found in homes and at garage sales. Some can be made by those so gifted. Keep them in mind as you go about your daily lives, and pray for our children, for Mark, and for our parish.

Below is a partial list of the items, enough to cover the lessons until Christmas. Let the office know if you intend to provide any of them, so that we are not duplicating our efforts. (The items, and future curriculum, may also be purchased.)

- Straw baskets or wooden boxes approximately 8x10x2" deep (or larger)
- Lucite box constructed with specific directions, available in office
- 6 pairs of animals, Noah and Namah (Mrs Noah) and an ark
- Non-fragile crèche set
- Wooden risen Christ
- Christ candle & base
- 4 plain felt liturgical cloths, 14"x20": green, white, purple and red
- Round changing tray
- Wooden tray with handles
- Red, heart-shaped box
- 10 commandments mounted onto 1/8" wood with marbling effect
- Mt Sinai, about 8" tall and cast to appear like stone mountain (how cool is that?)
- Brown felt, one piece 22"x36"

Some extra catalogues are coming, which will give us visual help in making and obtaining these items, and looking forward to future needs. There will be some picture boards, depicting the life of Saul of Tarsus, coming up in the spring. We have so many creative folks, with so many gifts. Don't let this opportunity pass any one of us by.

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life and mission. Beyond maintaining effective ministry during this period, the Vestry and Interim shall work together to prepare for healthy transition to the next pastorate. Specific tasks to be addressed include:

- **History:** coming to terms with the history of this congregation and its relationships with previous clergy.
- **Current Identity:** discovering the congregation's special identity, what it dreams of being and doing apart from previous clergy leadership.
- **Lay Leadership Shift:** dealing with shifts in leadership roles that naturally evolve in times of transition, allowing new leaders to come to the fore constructively.
- **Diocesan Linkages:** renewing and reworking relationships with the diocese, so that each may be a more effective resource and support to the other.

Commit to a New Future: building commitment to the leadership of the new rector in order to be prepared to move into the future with openness to new possibilities.

We will have opportunities in the coming months to meet and discuss this. I hope you will feel free to tell me how you'd like to grow, spiritually and in community; what helps you 'link back to the Source', what you dream about for energizing yourself and your brothers and sisters in Christ for healing and ministry.

Blessings,
Kimbrough

Religious Exploration Schedule Fall, 2009

October

04 Visit to Brazilian healer John of God

Margaret Rothschild

11 LtQ Thinking Theologically

Kit and John Bean

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Kit and John Bean

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Julia Lakey and Jim McRae

November Kit and John Bean

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Kit and John Bean

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Julia Lakey and Jim McRae

Anniversary Thanks

Thanks so much to all you dear people who signed our big anniversary card. So good to be remembered and recall your friendly faces and so many happy memories of being with you at Holy Spirit.

God's blessings to you all

Fr Win and Phyllis

Note: the Hubbards celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at the end of August

Musicians, Come Share

Amelia Powers, our Music Director, is putting forth a call for musicians of all kinds to speak with her about sharing your talents in worship. Many choral pieces can be enhanced with instrumental parts. There is always room for your musical offerings in the service. Amelia very much wants to use all who will. Please speak with her, and find how your instrument can be used to praise God.

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 Multifaith 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 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, 463-3657;

Hunter Davis, 567-4530; ; Wally Fletcher, 567-0068

Susie Kirschner, 567-4086;

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ON CALL:

Betty Hawkins, Sept 20-Oct 3, 463-5062

Wally Fletcher, Oct 4-Oct 17, 567-0068

Bob Weir, Oct 18-Oct 31, 463-3234

Barbara Smith, Nov 1-Nov 14, 463-2249

Microcredit to be Addressed

In a world characterized by huge inequities in wealth, where one billion people live on less than a dollar a day, poverty has been remarkably resistant to all attempts at a cure. However, a relatively new tool, microcredit, has recently shown great promise in allowing many individuals and groups of people in the "developing world" to better their own circumstances and take significant steps away from an inevitable life of poverty.

What microcredit is, and why it is such a unique means for improving people's lives, will be the focus of a community forum at the Land Trust building on Oct 12 at 7:30 PM. The event will feature Terry Provance, US Executive Director of Oikocredit, one of the largest and most successful microcredit agencies in the world. Oikocredit is chartered in The Netherlands, and works with 69 countries. The discussion and dialog will answer questions for those seeking opportunities to be involved in this exciting approach to economic improvement, as well as giving a better understanding of the issues involved to those with a more general curiosity about the topic.

Microcredit has been implemented in a number of forms, and perhaps its greatest benefit is flexibility to meet the needs of the poor as they themselves see them, rather than as the typical charitable organization sees them. It combines with other economic and social concepts, like fair trade, justice and women's empowerment, to offer an effective, local means of combating the effects of poverty, ranging from disease and homelessness, to environmental degradation, all the way to security and counter-terrorism.

Terry Provance has been Executive Director of Oikocredit USA, in Washington, DC, since November, 2001, and has worked successfully to increase investments and publicity for the socially responsible and development-focused nationwide organization.

Rev. Provance is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He pastored a local UCC congregation in Pittsburgh for 5 years before administering an international program in the national Cleveland office for 10 years prior to joining Oikocredit.

Terry has traveled extensively throughout the world visiting over 100 countries for peace, economic justice, disarmament and racial equality. He has worked for the National Council of Churches, Presbyterian Church USA, American Friends Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist Association and received an MDiv from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and an MA in Christian Social Ethics from the Graduate Theological Union.

For more information on the October 12 meeting at the Land Trust, contact Dennis and Rebecca Drewes (206) 463-2247.

A Call for Favorite Hymns

There is a list on the back altar in the sanctuary for you to list your favorite hymns.

Please indicate your usual time of Sunday worship, so that when your hymn is scheduled, you will be there to hear it!

We Need Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors Ushers Would be Great, Too!

Think about volunteering to serve the altar, read scripture, or make people welcome and comfortable for our Sunday worship. Things are a little threadbare in the scheduling of all the above ministries, but especially for acolytes.

Speak with Deacon Sally Carlson for further information.

October: Stewardship Month

October is stewardship month. Of course CHS needs money to operate, but stewardship is about more than money. This is a time to prayerfully consider your commitment to active participation in our community. There will be talk about needing your money, but also consider other ways you can commit to participation. There is no limit on the size of your pledge: many people on fixed incomes can commit to only very small amounts. Any amount is welcome because it is a sign of commitment to the continuing life of this community.

-Megan Belia, Vestry

The Feast of St Francis

Sunday October 4th is the Feast of St Francis. We will be celebrating this day with a Blessing of the Animals during the 10:15 service.

Weather permitting, it will be outdoors. If rain threatens, the service will be held in Bennett Hall. All are welcome; if your animal is too large or uncooperative about coming to church, it may be blessed in absentia. Favorite toy animals may also come on this day. Bring pet food to donate to the Vashon Food Bank. The loose offering will go to Vashon Island Pet Protectors.



A Summer Blessing

Be a gardener.
Dig a ditch,
Toil and sweat,
and turn the earth upside down
and seek the deepness
and water the plants in time.
Continue this labor
and make sweet floods to run
and noble and abundant fruits
to spring.
Take this food and drink
and carry it to God
as your true worship.

-Julian of Norwich (c.1342-after 1413) aka Juliana

-submitted by Nancy Kappelman
as one season closes and another opens

The New Revised Standard Version Arrives in CHS Pews

In loving memory of parishioner Betty White, her family presented Church of the Holy Spirit with new pew Bibles. They are the New Revised Standard Version, so what is read from the lectern and at the Gospel will now match, for those of you who like to read along. The Bibles also contain the Apocryphal books, which are sometimes part of the lectionary readings.

This gift is truly appropriate for Betty's memory. She was a faithful Eucharistic Minister, and a favorite Lector. Betty made the scriptures come alive with her delivery, and checked often as she read to be sure that all were listening. But most remembered will be the way she ended the readings. Betty would grip the sides of the lectern firmly. Looking up from the lesson book, she pierced the congregation with a sweeping eagle eye. After a pause, during which she gathered the attention of all, she proclaimed (in what she termed to be her Sergeant-Major-General Voice) ***The WORD of the LORD!***

The Word of the Lord, indeed.

