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LENTEN MESSAGE

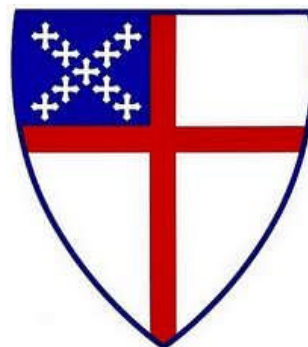
“As time goes by...” are not just lyrics sung by Frank Sinatra. Coming our way, too quickly it feels, is Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. Lent is the season in which we concern ourselves with repentance, preparing for Easter as well as readying ourselves for the reaffirmation of our baptismal vows. But it can also be a time in which we can get distracted.

As a youngster, I knew that Lent was not something to which I looked forward. After all, it meant giving up candy and probably pop and therefore I always associated Lent with failure. I doubt I ever made it through the discipline I selected with a squeaky clean record and, in fact, I accomplished what I think was the shortest discipline in Lenten history. One year, I decided to give up cigars. (Yes, I smoked and cigars were the last of that habit I enjoyed.) After finishing the Ash Wednesday 7:00 a.m. service, and removing my vestments, I heard the phone ring. I ran out of the sacristy to my office, picked up the phone, and immediately lit a cigar. I'm guessing that year's discipline initially lasted a minute, maybe less. I finally gave up smoking for good when I stopped during Advent, 1989.

The problem in all of that is that I had the success or failure of my giving up smoking front and center rather than repentance. Repentance, on the other hand, is the process of turning around and noticing the grace of God in my life. Leaving distraction and the chaos in life, which can most certainly involve giving up habits that get in the way, can be the fruit of a blessed Lent. And one of the most effective ways I think we can do that is in consciously trying to notice more fully the person of Jesus in all of us, the children of God. When we give up distraction we find the love of God in the greater community.

In his fairly humorous book, *Heavy Cream and Light Theology: The Culinary Adventures of Pietro and Madeleine*, Robert Farrar Capon wrote that one of the reasons the Church takes on a discipline, like giving up meat on Fridays or supporting a particular cause, is to remind us that we are all in this together doing something as a family in unison. We take on a discipline and at the same time we borrow on one another's strength. And to that end, we are going to engage in two disciplines which we found quite meaningful last year. During this season of Lent, we will again support Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and CAMFED.

ERD is a fabulous ministry within the church which has as its goal, addressing with emergency or urgently needed aid, natural or human made disasters, that demand immediate attention. As well, ERD does much by going into communities in the Third World and providing everything from mosquito netting to fruit trees to water systems. People are alive today because of ERD. Again, we will provide what became, in Episcopal Relief and Development circles, our nationally acclaimed coupon book which allows us to look, each day, at a particular blessing in our lives and to respond to that blessing by giving out of our abundance. This year, several other parishes in our diocese will be using these booklets we make and I'm delighted that as a consequence of that, the daily filling of the Hope Chest, the little box we will also provide for pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters given in response, will bring Episcopal Relief and Development funds they need to make such a difference in the lives of others.



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As well, for the third year in a row, we will also support, as a community, CAMFED. There is a separate article about them elsewhere in this e-letter and I encourage you to read it. Basically, what we will do, again as a community during Lent, is support the efforts of this agency to keep young girls living in Sub-Sahara Africa in school by paying their fees. In doing that, we greatly increase the children's chances to live, *to actually live*, all the way to adulthood. What makes this year so special is that we are excited to have Ms. Rufaro Gwarada from CAMFED kick off this particular community ministry of ours on the First Sunday in Lent, February 26th, at both services. (I deeply appreciate the gift of the individual who has underwritten her expenses to fly here and for those who are providing hospitality. None of what we give CAMFED will go to paying for the trip she is taking to join us.)

Once again this will be a special time for us and so I invite you to a wonderful and holy Lent in which we can continue to change the world drawing all into an awareness of the sacred relationship we all have with God. And as such, Lent again can become a fabulous opportunity for us to live into the words of the 13th Century Bishop of Chichester, Richard, who prayed that we might "know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."

Faithfully yours, Bradley

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper is February 21, 5-6:30 in Memorial Hall

Ash Wednesday services will be at 10 am at The Springs and at 7 pm at All Saints' Church. Imposition of ashes will take place at both services.

Lenten Soup Supper program will begin February 29th. Supper at 5:30, program 6-7 pm in Memorial Hall.

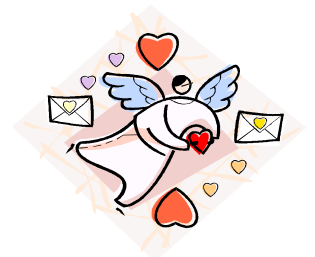
DO YOU HAVE A MUSICAL EAR TO LEND?



At its February 12, 2012 meeting, the Vestry will be selecting someone to assist our congregations, both 9AM and 11AM, with its singing. This individual will not only lead the congregation but will also occasionally provide solo musical offerings and perhaps develop a choir. If you would like to submit your name or the name of someone for this position, please contact one of the vestry or Bradley to do so. Please ask the individual who you may have in mind to also submit a resume to assist in their deliberations. The position comes with a modest stipend and will be contractual in nature

VALENTINE'S DAY OUTREACH

We will be continuing our tradition of giving valentines to the residents of Whitefish Care and Rehab. We are asking children and youth of ALL AGES to help make the cards on Sunday, February 12. Please stay late after the 9 AM service and the 11 AM service, or come early to the 11 AM service in order to help create these works of art. This has become a vital and vibrant ministry. Many of the children have gotten to know who some of the residents are and the residents look forward to their visits. We will meet in the lobby of Whitefish Care and Rehab on Wednesday, February 15th at 4 PM to distribute the Valentine cards.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I always welcome any and all submissions for articles for this monthly e-letter. Please have them submitted to me at either origkhatlover@gmail.com or khatlover@msn.com by the 27th of each month. Any suggestions for the good of the e-letter are also welcome. Thank you very much!

MEET CLARICE BROOKS



VS: Have you been a lifelong Episcopalian?

CB: Yes; in fact, my parents were married in the Episcopal Church by a Rector who then went on to become a Bishop!

VS: How long were you a member of St. Matthew's in Columbia Falls?

CB: Well, I guess since 1959. Our first priest was Thomas Barringer, Ginny's husband.

VS: Where did you go to college?

CB: I graduated in 1952 from the MSU in Missoula which then became the U of M. MSU was known then as the "cow college". My teaching degree was in music education. I taught 7th and 8th grade my first year in Ronan when I thought there had to be an easier way to earn a living. So, I got a bookkeeping job at the cheese factory where I worked for two years. It was then that I married Bob. Bob moved up here and I got a job in Charlo teaching in high school for two years. Then I moved up here and we started a family: Christy, Gail and Janelle. Then I started substitute teaching when Gail went to school and that subbing ended after 35 years. I played the organ at St. Matthews for 40 years along with Jeanne Kruger. I retired at the age of 70 in 2000 and then in 2002 Bob died.

VS: How do you pass the time of day?

CB: Well, I am on the computer, watch TV., read, go to church. I'm on the Board of the Columbia Falls Community Dinners and Church Women United. I think the dinners are rewarding and feel it is important for the church to participate. I believe without outreach the church will die. The church has always been an important piece of my life including my social life.

VS: What are the biggest changes you've seen in the church?

CB: The church has become more accepting of divorced and gay people, women in ministry including the Vestry. Not having to wear a hat is the biggest change, really!

VS: What are you currently reading?

CB: Fr. Bradley gave me a book about Charlie Russell's letters. I also like to read religious books and books about archeology. I find that so interesting and would really like to study archeology.

VS: What is one of your fondest memories growing up?

CB: Being in the mountains with my father. He was a government hunter and killed predatory animals.

VS: If you could live anywhere, where would that be?

CB: Right here. You betcha! Except I really don't like the winters!

VS: How many grandchildren and great grandchildren do you have?

CB: Well, let's see: Erin 4; Bryn 7; Tony 9; Hannah 13; Kalen 18; Joel 31 and Shani 33. Joel and Shani are my oldest daughter's children. Shani is pregnant with her first child and my first great grandchild!

VS: What don't we know about you that you would like to tell us?

CB: Well, I had the most beautiful, thick red hair...but didn't know that until I was in college when a fellow said to me, "You'd be a knock out in New York with that hair"! ha!

VS: Thanks, Clarice! You're an inspiration!

YOUTH PROGRAMS**JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD**

What is Journey to Adulthood/Rite 13?

The Journey to Adulthood is a complete youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 5th-12th grades. It encourages relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and both serious and playful activities to underscore the two guiding principles of the program: 1) Manhood and womanhood are free gifts from God; and 2) Adulthood must be earned.

There are three segments of the program:

Rite-13: The first segment (Grades 5-7 or 6-9) celebrate the individuality of each young teen and their creative potential, while exploring Biblical stories of God and God's people. The Rite-13 liturgy (Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood) is the community expression of this and serves as a rite of passage from childhood towards adulthood.

J2A: The next segment (Grades 8-10 or 9-11) helps teens create and understand the importance of Christian community as they develop critical thinking and other skills they will need in adulthood. The end of J2A is marked with a spiritual pilgrimage that is often a life-changing experience for the group.

YAC: This mentor-based program helps older teens (11th and 12th graders) discern and carry out a ministry within their church or in the larger community. Vocation and development of a personal credo are also emphasized. A final rite of passage sends them out into the world as ambassadors of Christ.

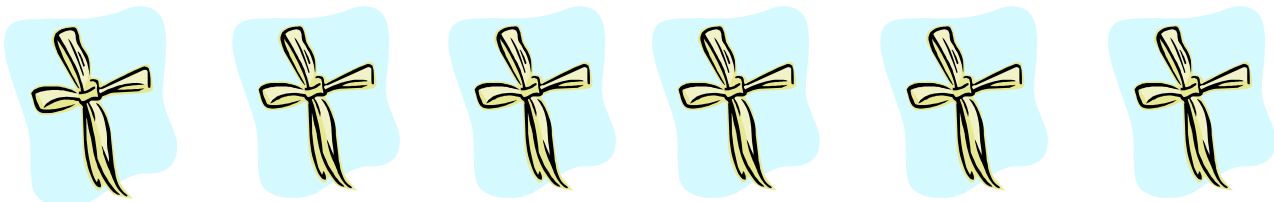
At All Saints' our Rite 13 group is meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, from 4:45 - 6:30 PM. Meetings are in the Parish Hall or in the homes of Rite 13 families, and dinner is served. The current schedule is:

Feb. 12 Peterson's home

Feb. 26 Meet in Parish Hall with parents, family, and friends for a presentation by a CamFed representative. We are inviting children and family/friends of all ages to join us, and there will be some activities for the younger children. Rite 13 members are asked to bring at least two friends to this event. Dinner will be served.

Mar. 11 Sherman Home

Mar. 25 Parish Hall (Anyone wishing to host this session please contact Missy Carloss).



FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 am service at The Springs	2 Noon service at the church	3	4
5 9 am and 11 am services at the church	6	7	8 10 am service at The Springs	9 Noon service at the church	10	11
12 9 am and 11 am services at the church Vestry meeting 12:30 Rte 13 meeting at Peterson home	13	14 Happy Valentines! ASW meet at 10 am in Memorial Hall	15 10 am service at The Springs Distribution of Valentine Cards in Whitefish 4 PM	16 Noon service at the church	17	18 12 pm Altar Guild luncheon meeting
19 9 am and 11 am services at the church	20	21 Shove Tuesday dinner 5-6:30 pm in Memorial Hall	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 10 am service at The Springs 7 Pm service at All Saints'	23 Noon service at the church	24	25
26 9 am and 11 am services at the church	27 Deadline for e- letter submis- sions	28	29 10 am service at The Springs Lenten Soup Sup- per Program 5:30 to 7 pm Memorial Hall			



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We at the 9 am services believe in starting the acolytes out as soon as they get the idea of what is expected of them. Morgan Pomerantz at 2 is already in the swing of things.

CAM FED

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN



Dear Barbara,

In December, we shared with you a moving message from Mr. Lawford Palani, District Commissioner of Neno district in Malawi. Poverty runs deep in Neno - one in four children have neither shoes to protect their feet nor a blanket to keep them warm at night. Mr. Palani described the pain of having to turn away talented and deserving children who came to him seeking an opportunity to go to school before Camfed began working in Neno. *"Every time I had to tell a child, 'Sorry we cannot help' for lack of resources, it was with a very heavy heart,"* Mr. Palani told us. *"The coming in of Camfed has meant a lot of those children can indeed get a chance. It is hope restored."*

Thanks to your generosity, Mr. Palani no longer has to turn away children with a passion for education. Through our 2011 Seasonal Appeal, you have restored the hope of 21,158 children in Malawi, Zambia, Ghana, Tanzania and Zimbabwe by giving them the education they so desire. Girls like Ellina, a primary school student in Neno, now have a route out of poverty, and they're beginning to dream about the possibilities that education will unlock for them. *"I plan to go all the way through school and university and become a judge, so that I can bring fairness to my community,"* Ellina told us.

This coming year, we look forward to sharing with you stories about the myriad ways that girls and young women are seizing the opportunity you have given them and flourishing.

Thank you for playing a vital role in transforming the lives of children in Africa.

Warmest regards,

Brooke Hutchinson
Executive Director
Camfed USA

The above letter was sent to Barbara Grove to share with the All Saints' Women and the members of our parish.