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WIRTH WATCHING – THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTANA

On Sunday afternoon, October 8th, immediately following the 11:00 am service, Bradley's brother, Craig Wirth, the Director of Communications for the Diocese of Utah, will present a program covering the early history of the Diocese of Montana which, a century and a half ago, was 340,000 square miles of territory covering Montana, Idaho and Utah.

He will also show a video he produced highlighting its pioneer clergy, Bishop Daniel Tuttle and Tuttle's companions, the Reverends Mr.

Foote and Mr. Goddard. As well, he is bringing some of Tuttle's possessions with him so it will be a fascinating hour. Craig is an Emmy Award winning journalist whose work has been on all the network morning shows. As well, he is a professor of communications at the University of Utah. A light meal will precede the presentation.

(see page 3 for a preview of some of the exhibits)



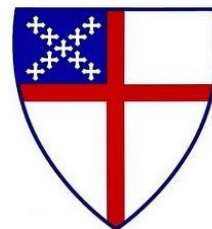
A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Sunday, October 1st, would have been my dad's 99th birthday. I hope next year my brothers and I, along with our families, can gather and toast the town in his memory. I remember as a very young curate at St. Mark's in Salt Lake City, one of our parishioners had a special service on the same anniversary of his father's birth and then a most festive dinner following. I filed that away thinking that one day I might do the same.

When I think of everything he knew, as he was a pretty bright man, the old song that was popularized by the movie, *Good Morning Vietnam*, in which Louis Armstrong crooned about seeing babies that would know more than he ever could know, also played true. Quite simply, I have a mind filled with a sense of newness, that he could have not imagined. Lots of things have been invented, as I mentioned a week ago in my sermon, that I got to experience as new compared to what my granddaughter, Emily, will appreciate as earthshaking. And similarly she will have things occurring in her later life that today is beyond my wildest imagination.

So newness comes about with new things on the horizon. But it can come to us in a much different way as well. We can learn something new by being in conversation. For example, every Wednesday, at the Springs for Bible study, we look at a piece of scripture (the \$26.78 word for that is a *pericope* of scripture) from our personal perspective. And without fail, every week, I walk away from our time together thinking, "I never thought of it that way before." It is stunning how life can be so enriched by simply being in conversation, especially with those who have a different understanding of life from what you happen to have.



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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR (Cont'd)

In two weeks, on the 15th of October, we will begin our fall Inquirer's Class. And, hopefully, at the end of it those who are unfamiliar with the Episcopal Church will have a better picture of what we are and why we believe the way we do. But even those of us, myself most certainly included, who have been a part of the program for decades upon decades, have an opportunity to see what we are anew just because of those around the table asking questions or offering their view of spirituality within the Body of Christ.

So I invite you to join us if for no other reason but to help the rest teach an old dog (me), new tricks. We will gather just after the 11 am service and, to help us order enough books that will prompt some of our discussion, let Shawn know or simply sign the sheet on the board in Memorial Hall.

Faithfully yours,

Bradley

INQUIRER'S CLASS

On November 19th, Bishop Brookhart will be joining us for his visitation which will include confirming and receiving people as well as celebrating the re-affirming the baptismal vows for those who would like to do so. So prior to that event, we will have an Inquirer's Class to help people investigate further, the Episcopal Church. This year, we are hoping inquirers will find Sunday afternoons, following the coffee hour, a more convenient time for meeting, rather than having it on Wednesday nights. Sometimes, as the sun begins to set earlier, it is difficult for people to drive home in the dark. So to that end, we plan to have our first class, Sunday, October 15th, beginning at 12:30, and continue meeting each Sunday through November 12th.

To augment our discussions, we will be using the booklet, *A People Called Episcopalians*, by John Westerhoff and Sharon Pearson. If you are interested in coming to these classes, please let us know by calling the office, 862-2863, dropping us an email at allsaintsmt@gmail.org, or by signing up in Memorial Hall. This will help us order enough booklets.



IT'S PUMPKIN TIME AGAIN!

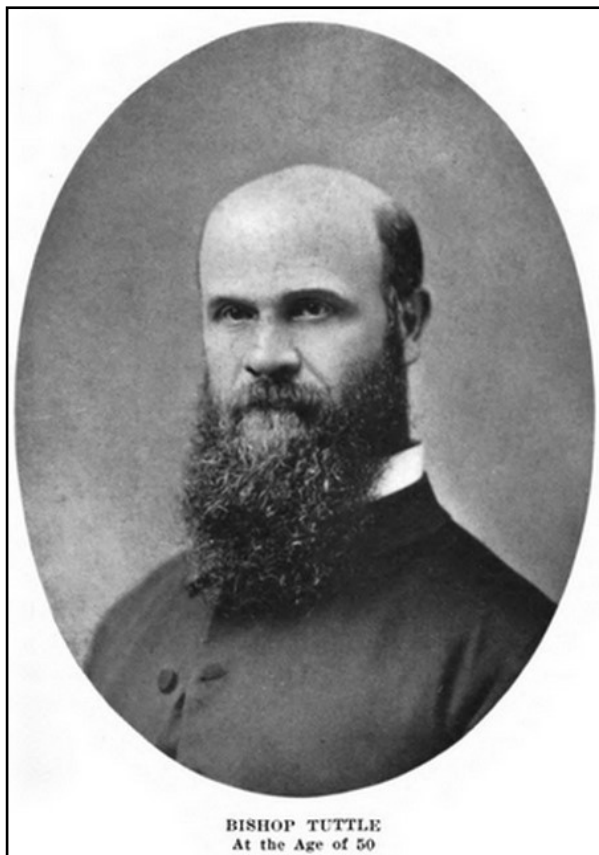
By Cynthia Benkelman

October always means we are getting ready to decorate small pumpkins to take them as gifts to local nursing homes and assisted living centers. Stay tuned for the pumpkin decorating and delivery dates!

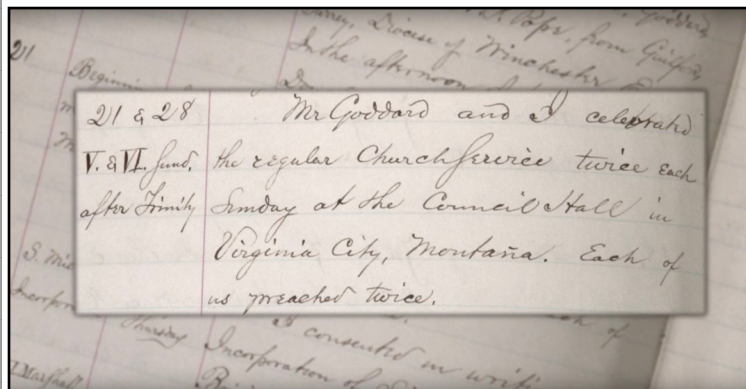


PREVIEW OF THE HISTORY OF THE DIOCESE OF MONTANA

As mentioned on the front page, Craig Wirth will be giving a talk on October 8th after the noon service about the history of the Diocese of Montana. These are three photos from this presentation. I know it will be very interesting to discover just how we came to be in this wonderful state of Montana.



This is taken from Bishop Tuttle's journal and shows some of the earliest Episcopal services in the state of Montana (1867)





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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OUR ACOLYTES

By Cynthia Benkelman

We are very fortunate to have four or five youth at each serve who take turns acting as acolytes during the service. This is wonderful way for young people to serve the church, and we all love having them participate as well. Acolytes usually start out as crucifer, and carry the cross and light the candles. They may then train to provide service, which includes helping Bradley during the Eucharist. Kids usually start doing this around second grade or later, and we can always use more acolytes! Please talk to me if you know of a young person who would be interested. And thanks to all of our adult acolytes as well!



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in us, can do infinitely more than we
can ask or imagine: Glory to him
from generation to generation in the
church, and in Christ Jesus forever.*

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