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From the Rector's Desk

DON'T TELL ME THAT

It was spring of 1978, we had been ordered to the crew of a new construction submarine being built at NewPort News in Virginia. Initial sea trials were coming up and the ship wasn't ready . . . shipyard workers were all over the place . . . the crew had no real chance to train on the ship and equipment . . . and Admiral Rickover had scheduled the sea trials for sunrise Sunday morning. Attempts to delay things had run into a political 'brick wall' the navy was getting a 'black eye' over delays at Electric Boat . . . and we were going to sea on time, whatever!

At two o'clock on the appointed Sunday morning, we met for a final go/no go meeting. The crew was exhausted, most of them had been up for the past three days . . . wives and families were bringing in clean underwear so the crew didn't have to leave the ship . . . ship's mechanical systems were working, but navigation was iffy at best. The decision was made to go.

Sunday dawned foggy and drizzly . . . visibility less than 100 yards. At dawn we backed away from the pier and steadied up in the narrow shipyard channel. Visual navigation was nil due to the rain and fog . . . navigation was based on heading, radar, and the underwater log.

The log failed, followed closely by the radar . . . the channel was too narrow to turn back . . . we reached the turn to NewPort News channel by buoy - hopping. At that point, everyone in the ship knew that we were in trouble . . . I was sure we would go aground . . . and prayed that no one would get hurt.

But then, the clouds parted and the rain stopped, a beam of sunlight broke through and shone on the ship . . . we all knew that things had changed and that we were all right!

That was Easter Sunday, 1978 . . . our church was at sunrise services on Fort Monroe . . . praying for the safety of 'their ship' . . .

Don't tell me that there is no God!

— Gil

FORTIFYING WITH PRAYER *by Vickie Manfredi*

You probably have heard the Acronym - PUSH - used before. That is... pray until something happens! A few weeks ago I approached Father Gil and asked if we could begin offering prayer after the 10 am service in the music room available to us. No, we are not going to sing but we are willing to pray with those who would like to come for it. If you don't need it yourself but want to bring the needs for someone else to us, just come back and stand in the gap for that one.

Father Gil talked about talents a few sermons ago. I thought about what I will do when the Lord asks me what I did with the ones He gave me! Then I asked Him to help me use whatever those talents are, those gifts are, that He deposited in me and expects a return from. I have always thought that those gifts in me were to be used to pray. Intercession has become a passion and I can't say it is one I would have chosen for myself. But it seems to be one He has chosen for me. So, I'm just saying "Yes" to it.

Prayer after the service is no substitute for prayer we all want and need at the altar. Prayer after the service is an additional support and an extension of the prayer ministry already so obvious in this congregation. Our life together is growing and I have a vision that prayer will catapult us forward and undergird every work that is established.

So let's PUSH together. Someone will be waiting to minister to you there, don't ask. We will wait until the Lord releases us to go and pray for however many of you want it. We are just growing, like you, and want to exercise the will of the Lord in service to Him and to you. We will learn together, laugh, cry and succeed because He promises us in Mark 11:24 ...Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted to you. Oh yes, and just before that verse He told us what we can do with mountains if we do not doubt in our hearts.

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Stop & Shop Gift Cards are available each Sunday at 8am and 10am services. You can purchase them from Jennifer Bates, Diane Spadacenta or Vinnie Yaccarino. Thanks to everyone for their support. We have profited over \$100 so far! If you have any questions, please call Jennifer at 506-8514. Thank You!!

God's Work in Progress

DAUGHTERS OF HOPE *by Pam Wilkes*

The Daughters of the King was founded by a group of ladies in 1855. The purpose was to implement the vows they had taken at their confirmation “to work, pray, and give for the spread of Christ’s kingdom.”

The daughters serve whenever and wherever they can. Because service without prayer may become an end in itself, chapters do not sponsor or conduct money making projects in the name of the order.

The emblem of the Order is a silver Greek Cross which members wear at all times. The Cross is worn as an outward and visible sign that we cannot live a day without Christ in our lives.

Daughters are a cross-section of women of the church and of the community, traditional women, working women, singles, mothers, divorced, or separated, young or old.

In short we are ordinary human beings wanting to do God’s will. We formed a chapter here at Christ Church Anglican last spring. The name of our chapter is Daughters of Hope. If you would like to learn more or think you would like to join there will be a brief meeting Sunday January 18th after the 10:00 am service.

OUTREACH NEWS

In response to requests from the Outreach Ministry, the vestry has allocated money to three organizations:

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Fair Haven Parents Ministry: \$1,500

A full account of the work and history of this ministry at the CCA entrance. Originally this ministry was supported only by volunteers. A Yale Divinity School Student responded to a need. He enlisted the parents in the neighborhood, his fellow students and three churches—Roman Catholic, United and Episcopal. As the needs grew, so did the outreach. It now gets government support, but that is not enough. Last October the donations at the coffee hour were given to this ministry in the amount of \$1,073.

East Haven Social Services: \$1,500

As budgets are trimmed, the need for donations grows. Fund go toward help with winter bills, food, clothing, Christmas toys, etc...

RECIPE CARDS

Do you ever need a little something to say “thank you”, “thinking of you”? Please see the Recipe Cards at the coffee hour—they are neat to share with someone. There are about 15 left @ \$2 each. We have accumulated \$125 so far. Let’s hit \$200 and the proceeds go to the church.

NOTES

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LOOKING TOWARD OLIVET (PART 2)

by Ed Wood

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As the disciples looked upon the magnificence of the temple which Herod the Great (this is the same king who tried to have the infant Jesus killed) had rebuilt several decades earlier, it must have been hard for them to imagine that it would one day be reduced to rubble.

The original temple had been built by King Solomon nearly 1000 years earlier, and then leveled in 586 B.C. by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar. Seventy years later under the auspices of Cyrus the Persian, some of the Jews were allowed to return home and begin its restoration in a much more modest form.

It was defiled (but not destroyed) around 170 B.C. by the Seleucid ruler Antiochus IV, cleansed by the Maccabees some six years later, and then, as I’ve mentioned, refurbished into what could properly be regarded as a wonder of the ancient world by Herod.

But it was to fall again, this time to the armies of Rome under a siege begun by Nero and concluded by his successor Vespasian. Titus, Vespasian’s son, was in command of the troops for the actual breaching of Jerusalem’s walls in the year 70 A.D.

Now just as Jesus had said almost forty years earlier, the temple building was completely destroyed, the huge limestone blocks of which it was constructed shattering as the heat of the flames turned the moisture inside them to steam. For what the flames did not destroy, it is quite possible that the Roman troops began to pry apart the ruins for the melted gold from the temple ornamentation and implements that had run down into the crevices.

All that is left today is one of the retaining structures, now known as the Western Wall - a place still supremely holy to the Jews.

Next month we’ll explore Jesus’ next words about the coming of false prophets and false Christ’s — but keep the temple in mind because I believe there is a strong possibility that we may see another one in some form arise on the Temple Mount in the days ahead!

CHRISTMAS CARD THANKS

The Christmas cards that were available at the church were the result of a group at the Woodside Village Church in Woodside California who took the original art work of children in the Credence Primary School in South Africa and professionally crafted them. Wayne Laroque, a friend of the Bill and Laura Morann, supplied the cards. All the money you gave to purchase the cards will go directly to the children of South Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Lau	1/7	John Guida, Jr.	1/23
Jack D’Andrea	1/10	Joan Frost	1/31
Jamie E. Viesselman	1/22		

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RECOMMENDED READING

Rick Warren's new book *The Purpose of Christmas* is an uplifting message of God's unconditional love for us in his gift of Himself through Jesus, our Savior and much more. This is a wonderful book to read and share with others.

Rick Warren's first book *The Purpose Driven Life* is a good read and study for living the Christian way of life.

Footnote: Rick Warren has been asked by President Elect Barak Obama to give the invocation at the Inauguration, January 20, 2009. He is the founder and Senior minister at the Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California. Learn more about his ministry at www.PurposeDrivenLife.com

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