



CCA TODAY

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From the Rector's Desk

It is not the Critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause, who, if he wins, knows the triumph of which achievement, and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.

— Theodore Roosevelt

HOMELESS SHELTER MINISTRY UPDATE

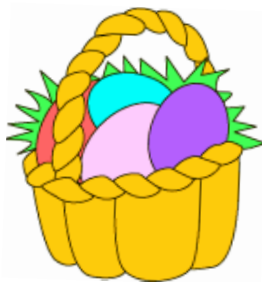
by Joe Perrone

On Saturday, March 21st, Michele Viesselman and Nancy Perez met me at the Emergency Shelter Management Services, Inc., which is the men's homeless shelter, at 646 Grand Ave. in New Haven. Michele and Nancy are going to be the coordinators of this ministry for CCA. Jeanne and I have been involved with the men's shelter for many years through the Junior Women's Club of West Haven. They continue to provide an evening meal on the third Saturday of every month. This was the third Saturday and I thought what better way to understand what to do then to actually see how the Junior Woman's Club does it. We went inside and I introduced Nancy and Michele to Mala Mistry, Co-President and other club members. We watched the JWC, who have been doing this for over 15 years, in action. They really have it down to a science. Mala said she would help us any way she could. She has a lot of contacts in the area for donated goods like bread and deserts. Jeanne and I will also be involved. The men who come there are from all walks of life and all races and ages. They are very grateful for what these organizations do for

them. I think Nancy and Michele left there very energized about getting this CCA ministry started.

What's next?

Michele and Nancy are going to be contacting all the wonderful volunteers who signed up on the Homeless Shelter Survey Sheet to provide food and/or serve. Then a monthly night has to be picked and the logistics of getting the food to the shelter. Once that happens we will contact Wesley Thorpe the Executive Director, with whom I previously met, and we're off and running. I'm visualizing a team of CCA parishioners in their CCA T-Shirts serving meals. Can't wait!



Christ Church Anglican will be hosting its 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10am service on Easter Sunday. We are asking for donations of a bag of individually wrapped candy from the parents and anyone else that wants to donate will not be turned down. Please contact Nancy Perez if you have any questions.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

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Sunday
8:00 am, 10:00 am
9:00 am Sunday School &
Adult Christian Education

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YOU ARE MY BELOVED

by Joan Frost

*Every minute of every day
You are right beside me
Help me follow in Your Way
You are my Beloved*

*I know you listen when I pray
You comfort me and guide me
Let me never go astray
You are my Beloved*

*For saving me by giving your life
I am forever grateful
Lead me through peace and strife
You are my Beloved*

God's Work in Progress

LOOKING TOWARD OLIVET (PART 5)

by Ed Wood

Matthew 24:7-8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and pestilences, and earthquakes in diverse places. All these things are the beginning of sorrows. (See also Mark 13:8 and Luke 21:11)

We looked at the first part of the Matthew passage above last month with regard to the wars that have accompanied humanity throughout history. Now we turn to other events, some natural, some caused by human activity, and some by a combination of both.

Famine is often from a combination. When the population increases beyond the capacity of the land to produce, hunger is inevitable. Often exacerbated by unwise farming methods, civil unrest, climate change, and, let's face it, just plain greed, this is becoming a growing problem.

Pestilences, too, may fall into the "combination" category. Disease often follows warfare, famine, overpopulation, and lack of adequate medical resources. Today we have the added complications of old strains of formerly curable diseases becoming resistant to the drugs which once combatted them. Added to this is the purposeful creation of pathenogens to produce biological weapons. I had read a troubling newspaper article several months ago where biological engineering is now beginning to be conducted by amateurs at home aided by information obtained from the Internet. One can only guess at where this might lead.

As for earthquakes, these are primarily caused by natural forces, having existed ever since this planet formed. What is interesting is that an examination of the United States Geological Survey website indicates a definite ramping up of seismic activity in the past few decades. Of course, some of this is no doubt due to greater sophistication in our detection technology, but this does not explain the actual and significant increase of larger quakes worldwide.

In my opinion, it is becoming harder to ignore the fact that more unusual and distressing events are happening concurrently on Planet Earth today than at any other time in recorded history.

I had said when I began this series that the Olivet Discourse can be unsettling, but the fact that three of the Gospel writers were inspired to record it indicates to me that Jesus clearly wanted this information to reach across the centuries so we could know what to expect in the time prior to his return.

We can take solace in that no matter what lies ahead, God is in control. By basing our faith on his Son, we will have built ourselves a house founded on a rock that no storm can overwhelm. (Luke 6:47-49)

Next month we'll take a look at how Jesus said the world would react to both his message . . . and his messengers.

TWINKIES AND ROOT BEER

Author unknown, submitted by Dian Viesselman

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with Twinkies and a six-pack of Root Beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an elderly man. The man was sitting in the park just feeding some pigeons.

The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the man looked hungry, so he offered him a Twinkie.

The man gratefully accepted it and smiled at boy. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer.

Again, the man smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the man, and gave him a hug. The man gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?"

"He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? God's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the elderly man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?"

He replied, "I ate Twinkies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "You know, he's much younger than I expected."

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!

A CHALLENGE AND A PROMISE

by Kate Heermans

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their evil ways. I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land."

"Humble yourselves", our Father says. Just as Jesus identified himself with sinners and died as a sinner to save sinners so are we to identify with the greed and pride that has brought our land to the brink of financial ruin when we pray. Who can throw the first stone? We are asked to fight the material world with spiritual weapons. We see greed rationalized as smart business practice, and pride as self confidence. All the virtues are counterfeited. Jesus showed us what kind of pray works and why in the story of the tax collector and the Pharisee. The tax collector knew himself and his God and made contact. The Pharisee only had an image of himself that he invented and an image of God that was of his own making. It was impossible for him to connect with the true God Jesus knew who He was and his call was to put aside all plans for his own life and live totally dependent on his Father's will. He says "Come follow Me" A tough act to follow.

SOARING LIKE AN EAGLE *by Vickie Manfredi*

Many of you know that my husband died in November of 2007. He was both a Navy” Top Gun” really he was ...and an attorney which came later. I was full of fears when he married me in 1985, one of which was the fear of airplanes. I had not flown in one for 20 years and my last time on board probably changed the way American Airlines did business! I ran screaming to exit the plane in mid flight in very bad turbulence. The pilot ultimately talked me back to my seat while passengers watched in disbelief. With today’s regulations I could have been shot on board!

I was a woman well acquainted with a phobia. I had several. But that is not my testimony. The September before he died my husband took me on a mystery ride. He took me to Chester Airport, a small and well run little place tucked in the woods. I felt my blood pressure rise as we drove in. He asked me to do one thing, only once and if I hated it he would never approach the subject again. He arranged for me to take a flying lesson. There in front of me was my instructor, a young man just out of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. What a surprise he was in for! My plane would be a Cessna 152, the smallest little two-seater that put you elbow to elbow with the instructor. I agreed to go out of a sense of shame. I was happy to know the instructor was just a fingertip away; he would need to keep me in the plane forcefully if anything at all went wrong. I said goodbye to my husband and meant it.

I screamed when the plane took off and grabbed hold of the instructor’s arm and hid my head under it. He was cool about that and just smiled and said it was going to be ok! It was September and he encouraged me to look at the foliage, I thought for the last time. I managed to inch my way to the window and looked out. Then I sat up and began to see the wonder of the earth below me. A sense of joy and awe came over my heart and my mind began to struggle free from the fear and embrace the wonder of that freedom I felt. It soon became my turn to take the yoke and my hands froze in mid air half way reaching for it. I kept hearing Erick say, “Your plane” I finally made contact with it and grasped it like it was a life raft. Soon I was easing up and making turns left and right, I think I squealed a few times and got giddy. Perhaps I was hysterical but Erick was keeping that to himself. I asked him if he was going to tell anyone that I screamed on takeoff. He said, “What happens in the plane stays in the plane, but the rule is ... if you throw up, you clean up” I learned how to coordinate the turns with the rudder and yoke and began to maneuver here and there being reminded to watch for traffic because in that little thing you fly VFR, visual flying rules. I gained altitude, lost altitude and felt like Annie Oakley of the skies! I forgot about crashing and dying and not seeing my husband again. I wanted to do more but my time was coming to an end, my flight time that is.

We landed and I was yelling again but with such a sense of accomplishment and joy. I went flying out of the plane literally because I forgot to unfasten my seat belt and put my legs out the door to run to my husband who was watching and had aged somewhat. He had tears in his eyes as I shouted, “I’m going to learn to fly that mother!”

It pleased my husband Jack to watch me learn to fly. He graded my landings Navy style, with acronyms I can’t put into writing and remain in the church! Well church, I learned to fly, I learned to soar but I haven’t quite learned to land without the instructor’s help on the last 10 feet. The unfamiliar nose down attitude until just before touchdown still causes me to pull back a bit, however, the screaming has stopped. Now I say, “Jesus, Jesus help me” It’s acceptable.

I needed to write this to you ... and for me again. I want to say that soaring above fears should be what we do as Christians and is what we can do as Christians but forgive yourself if you scream a few times, hide your head and freeze in mid air. Your instructor is an arm’s length away, will hold you to the task if you decide to really take it on and you can always count on what happens between you and Him to stay between you and Him!

Today, I found an old letter my husband wrote to me before he married me. It said that he believed I could soar and land! I cried when I read it because grabbing hold of your landing is really monumental if you are going to soar. Sometimes confidence will come to you from an obvious source, after all, we are a community of believers growing and loving each other. Sometimes confidence will come from a dusty old box of letters you tucked away and forgot about. But the ultimate confidence in soaring and landing is just an arm’s length away, tucked carefully and personally away for you to find whenever you need it and no matter who is around. God’s Word is my safeguard, my rear guard and my strength. His Word says those who wait upon Him shall renew their strength and mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary and walk and not faint.... somewhere it must say you can learn to land!

Fear, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? We, the people of God lift up our eyes to the hills from whence cometh out help, our help cometh from the Lord, amen.

Getting to know you is a privilege and praying with you is an honor! But soaring and landing with you is a miracle! Thank you for letting me into your airport.

Mark your calendar

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| April 5 | Palm Sunday (8am & 10am services) |
| April 9 | Maundy Thursday (7pm service) |
| April 10 | Good Friday (7pm service) |
| April 12 | Easter Sunday (10am service only) He is risen, Alleluia! |
| April 21 | Vestry Meeting, 7:30pm |

SAY “I DO” ...ALL OVER AGAIN

by John Guida

‘Fireproof’ was the No. 1 independent movie release of 2008, confounding movie-industry experts with its strong showing week after week at Cineplex’s across the country. Much more importantly, the movie touched the hearts and marriages of more than 4 million people!

This film touched the hearts and impacted the marriages of millions of moviegoers. Churches across the country purchased entire show times to help strengthen marriages in their congregations and to reach out to their communities. And those churches reported increased attendance in response!

Provident Films has partnered with Outreach to provide the official Site License DVD for Fireproof Movie Events at churches. (DVDs are not licensed for public group showings.) Outreach can also provide all of the Movie Event resources and materials you need to build interest and make a long-lasting impact!

I saw the movie and I highly recommend it.

NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH AND MISSION TEAM *by Dick Carr*

On March 19th the O and M Team sent this message to our Vestry and Rector:

“On behalf of the Outreach and Mission Team I want to thank the vestry for providing the monetary support necessary to launch Christ Church Anglican on its first mission trip. I am personally delighted that so many of our church members have signed up to participate and I know the other team members feel the same way. Hopefully this is the beginning of a strong mission program at Christ Church Anglican.”

Thanks to the persistent efforts of Team member **Adam Gustafson**, eleven adults and teenagers of our church have committed to participate in a week long summer mission trip to The Crow Nation Indian Reservation in Montana from June 28th to July 4th. While there, they will have the opportunity to provide hands-on labor assistance and to evangelize the Christian faith to Native Americans all under the program of World Servants, a well established world-wide Christian Missionary organization.

It's been a little over a year since February 20, 2008 when the Outreach and Mission Team first met, created its mission statement, and worked to fulfill that statement by “**finding appropriate opportunities to reach out locally and globally to bring other people to Christ.**” That is our Mission Statement.

Currently, we are able to offer to CCA's members several very worthwhile local, national and global projects, some fully developed like the program above, and some being developed right now.

Read more in this newsletter about **Joe Perrone's** outreach project to help feed men at the homeless men's shelter in New Haven. A real opportunity to serve.

Bill and Laura Morann have brought an usual opportunity for our members to participate in a South African outreach program and help to support a student in a Christian missionary school through the sale of lovely greeting cards designed by the students themselves. For every dollar we send, a sponsor friend of Bill and Laura in California sends a matching dollar. So far about half of her school year expenses have been covered. The Moranns are working on ways to develop and expand this budding

ministry up to and including a mission trip in the future to South Africa.

As most of our members know, we are very fortunate to have Fr. Martins Atanda, an ordained Anglican priest from Nigeria, currently worshipping with us. He is heavily committed to a Zion World Prayer and Missions program in Nigeria which he founded in 1995. **Vickie Manfredi**, a vibrant member of our Team, is working with Fr. Martins to develop an outreach commitment opportunity for CCA as a first step toward a larger participation, to and including the possibility of a mission trip to Nigeria under Fr. Martin's guidance in the future.

Katherine Gustafson, another member of the O and M Team, had no sooner completed designing our great looking CCA outreach T-shirts than **Bet Frost** and her daughters, **Joan and Elaine**, wore three of them for a photo-op at the East Haven town hall, with the mayor, April Capone Almon looking on as Bet presented a check from CCA to Veronica Wright, the Director of Social Services in East Haven.

Since then, Bet has uncovered a very local need for occasional help with a number of volunteer jobs at East Haven Social Services and has already participated with her daughters in fulfilling these needs. She now needs more volunteer help from our church members to expand the outreach program.

Another photo op took place on the East Haven green when Fr. Gill presented a check from CCA to Richard Errington, the Lighthouse District Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, and Bob Cairns, representing the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Kate Heermans, without question the Team member with the longest connection to outreach and mission, continues to be a watchdog over our long support of the Fair Haven Parent's Ministry, by establishing The Coffee Hour Food Ministry, food and cash collections on special holidays and the like. She is a member of the Board of Directors of this fine organization.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our O and M Team members in one short year and look forward to meeting the challenges of the year ahead.

- Please pray for the healing of Myrtle Cunningham, Anthony Bates, Jill St.Germaine, Edith Ferrailo, Bobbie Buckley, Jay Faber, Katelyn Scott, Teresa Frost and Marijane Bell.
- Contact Jennifer Bates, Diane Spadacenta, or Vinnie Yaccarino for Stop & Shop certificates.
- Tuesday night Prayer Group is at the Heermans home, (47 Prospect Rd, East Haven), beginning at 7:30pm Fr. Martins focuses on Intercessory Prayer.
- Wednesday Lenten Bible Study is at the Wilkes home (672 Townsend Ave., New Haven), beginning at 7pm The study will concentrate on the Gospel of Mark. Please let Fr. Gil know if you plan to attend.
- There are town zoning issues with the property at 199 Saltonstall. Meetings continue with the town, so keep the issue in your prayers.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Liam Morann | 6 |
| Amanda Bogdan | 12 |
| Koren Torre | 16 |
| Jan Bos | 21 |
| Rich Shalvoy | 26 |
| Dave & Laura Donle | 04/12/2003 |

2009 VESTRY LIST — SAVE THIS LIST FOR YOUR REFERENCE

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YOU ARE MY BELOVED

by Elaine Frost

*Teach me to trust you
with all my heart,
Illuminate through me
I'll show the world who Thou art.
Create in me
a clean heart and mind,
So the answers to your great mystery
I shall find.*

*Speak to me
when I call upon you,
I will use all the strength in my soul
to stay true.
You are my Beloved,
my life, and my all,
You are my Beloved,
you catch me when I fall.*

PRAYER CHAIN *by Debbie Morgan*

Anyone that would like to be on the Prayer Chain list, please contact me at 467-0237 or debangle59@comcast.net. Remember — the bigger the prayer chain, the stronger that prayer. We will also pray for healing of our own church members. Here is a quick update:

Myrtle Cunningham is home and doing well with home card. She would love company, please call first.

Anthony Bates is doing great — hip hopping around with just a cane and is happy to be doing so well.

Jill St. Germaine continues to get better and is now able to go back to work on a limited schedule. Her doctor's are happy with her recovery.

Jay Faber is home after a second surgery and is doing the best he can. Keep the prayers going so we can get him back on his feet soon.

We are unsure of Bobbie Buckley's status at press time, but let's hope he is doing well. Blessed be to God.

Teresa Frost is doing well and thanfrul for all of our prayers.

Join me in praying for these CCA friends: Antle Wilson, Agues Manuel, Shauna McMahon, Kathlin, Andy Sanchez, Steve Dest.