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From the Rector's Desk

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” (Mt. 21:28f)

Jesus addressed this question to the Chief Priests and the Elders of the temple after they had questioned his authority to do “these things”. The question that he posed hit to the heart of the issue that he had with them - that of saying or professing one thing and then doing another - commonly called hypocrisy.

In Hebrew philosophy, there was no distinction made between body and soul, an individual was an integrated and inseparable whole. A person was defined by what he chose to do . . . how he acted out his life; his beliefs were therefore ‘worn on his sleeve’ for all to see. Consider the teachings of Jesus in the parables; in each case it is the action of the individual that matters . . . nothing else is of consequence, not reason, excuse, motive, or belief . . . only the doing. This way of thinking is reflected in the passage cited above.

Greek thought, on the other hand, separates the body from the soul. The basic assumption is that the created world is flawed and it is the duty of the soul to rise above it. It was only after the Gospel spread to the Greeks, that the emphasis shifted from the actions and life style of the individual Christian to his beliefs, motives, and ‘inner self. It became possible, under the influence of Greek thought, for a person to consider himself a ‘good Christian’ based solely on inner self image, without being of any visible use to anyone.

Sometime, we seem to miss the fact that Jesus was a Jew . . . not a Greek!

— Gil

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MUSTARD SEED PROJECT

by *Kate Heerman, Doreen St. Germaine, Nancy Perez, Debbie Morgan, Kathy Guida, Dian Viesselman*

In the newsletters of March and April there were two articles: ‘A Challenge and a Promise,’ based on 2 Chronicles 7; 14. This call has taken on a life of its own. As a result a project was presented to Father Gil to offer the church an opportunity to respond to the call from the verse. We would like to use a montage of pictures of our children and grandchildren to illustrate that we are praying for God to heal our land - the land that they will inherit. We are asking you to bring in pictures beginning May 24. We have also asked Bet Frost to have appropriate hymns on June 14 when we will have brochures to distribute to help us to kick off the call from 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 wicked ways I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land.

If other churches want to respond to this call we will be available to help.

ARTS CARDS PROGRAM

by *Bill Moran*

We were pleased to have raised \$285 from the Arts Cards Program during the Christmas season. We have decided to use the funds to support the higher education of a very needy and extremely worthy student in Bloemfontein, South Africa. Her name is Merelyn de Wee. She has overcome tremendous odds and exemplifies the resiliency of the human spirit. My dear friend Wayne Larocque had met her on an earlier mission trip right after her mother had been murdered and father jailed for unspeakable crimes against her. Despite all these obstacles, she managed to earn a scholarship at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein. She has asked Wayne for support with her basic expenses. He has agreed to match our donation. That money will provide for her basic needs for her first year of college. Christ Church Anglican will have the opportunity to communicate with her directly, and hopefully can play a role in her development and continued successes.

God's Work in Progress

A VERY SPECIAL BOOK RELEASE

Our very own **Margaret Morse's** new book *Laugh A Lot Cry When Tragedy Strikes - A Journey Through Stroke/s and Healing* will be available at the end of June, 2009.

About the Book: "No Comprehension here." Those words spoken by a neurologist to Whitney and Margaret Morse in May, 2005 caused horrible despair but pushed this couple to determined perseverance in a long battle of healing. Mr. Morse sustained in January, 2005 a sub-cranial bleed followed by two strokes. He was diagnosed with Wernicke's Aphasia, a communication disorder as the result of stroke. In this story of their journey of faith, perseverance and healing Margaret wants to convey to the reader the importance of believing, caring and hope when one is faced with crisis, in this case the results of severe stroke.

An excerpt from the book: Whitney was admitted to Gaylord Rehabilitation Hospital, Wallingford, Connecticut. ... when I would arrive ... Whit didn't recognize me at all and a couple of times I would find him sitting in the hall strapped to his chair, leaning on the little tray table, unshaven with spittle forming in the corner of his mouth, with his right hand dangling over the side. No one can imagine what I felt. I couldn't believe this was my husband, the father of our children. When Whit had worked for the State of Connecticut Health Department he had inspected hospitals and nursing homes. ... Whit had said to me, "When I am old I don't want to go to a nursing home where you sit all day long drooling at the mouth." This is exactly the picture I saw. ... I vowed to help Whit in every and any way I could to bring him back to the man I knew.

About the Author: Margaret Berger Morse is the author of two non-fiction books: *Torrey's Miracle, A Matter of Choice - An Alternative Cancer Therapy and Faith* and *Vermont Life Stories - Memories of Summer*

Living in the Green Mountain State. The proceeds for these two books have been placed in a not for profit account for cancer patients who are in financial need. Margaret published her first novel *A Matter of Perception - Breaking Through* in 2006. Each of her books conveys a message of wellness and hope.

Margaret says that it is faith and perseverance that have carried her and Whitney, their family through this road of stroke trauma, healing and continued recovery.

She is a graduate of Hartford Seminary (MA - 1991), Central Connecticut State University (MS - 1971), University of Hartford (BS - 1965).

This book is available through: www.Authorhouse.com, www.Amazon.com; OR from Margaret at her email: cplottie@aol.com Cell phone 1-203-988-2750.

A prayer written & submitted by Bruce Edwards, Holy Trinity (Bristol, CT) vestry member.

Almighty Father, send forth your Holy Spirit into our hearts & minds to strengthen our resolve, to wait upon your will for our lives, to guide us to the place you have prepared for us, that we would not try to get ahead of you, leaning on our own understanding, or our resources.

You have promised by your Son Jesus, that if we ask for whatever we need in His name, you will grant it through the mercies of His Blood & by the Holy Spirit, in Jesus name.

Amen

LOOKING TOWARD OLIVET (PART 7) *by Ed Wood*

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. (See also Mark 13:10)

It started with one man, son of a Jewish woman named Mary, supposed son of a small village carpenter named Joseph. Yet even at the age of twelve, Jesus already had a wisdom far beyond his years and the awareness as to whom his true father really was (Luke 2:40-53). Though the next eighteen years remain a mystery, we do know that following his baptism wherein John the Baptist declared him as the "Lamb which takes away the sin of the world" and after his forty days in the wilderness, he began a three and a half year ministry unlike anything the world has ever experienced, then or since.

For reasons which only he knew, Jesus gathered about himself people very much representative of the average Judean resident of those times, Perhaps part of it was to give us examples of "regular folks" with whom we could easily identify.

Eventually from this unlikely assembly of individuals (except for Judas Iscariot), the word went forth boldly beginning at the Jewish Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem, ten days after Jesus' Ascension. Despite growing persecutions, that Word has been preached far and wide to this day. (See the Book of Acts to learn more.)

I have often been amazed at the perfection of God's timing in the proclamation of the gospel. Jesus was born into the era of the "Pax Romana" ("Peace of Rome"). Though often harsh and brutal that empire also established the infrastructure which enabled early Christians to travel throughout the Mediterranean and to formerly inaccessible regions in Europe, planting the seeds of the faith as they went forth.

Now let's fast-forward 2000 years.

I am old enough to remember the launch of Telstar in the early 1960's which for the first time enabled satellite transmission of live television images from the other side

of the world. Now encircling our planet are many of these electronic servants relaying communications in all forms across the globe, including the Internet. For the first time in human history our technology has made it literally possible for the gospel to reach every part of the world, just as Jesus said it would. Soon, no one on Earth will be able to say they never heard of Jesus when God finally decides to call this world to account for the manner in which they have treated him and his Son. Beyond even our technological prowess, there are also indications regarding the universal preaching of the gospel by supernatural means as well in this age's final years (Revelation 11:1-12; 14:6-7).

In the face of all this, the human race will have run out of excuses.

Next month, we'll be going to look at the passages relating to the events of an Israel under siege and the implications this will have for the rest of us.

MEET THE VESTRY

CCA Today will be publishing brief bios of our vestry members each month.



Annie Lau I was born in Montreal, Canada. My parents and I moved to Queens, New York then to Branford where we have lived for the past 38 years. My hubby, Henry, and I have been married for 22 years. We have two wonderful boys - Henry (13 years old) and Daniel (11 years

old). As you know, they are the light of my life. We share our home with my parents, Paul and Bo Kam. My brother, Jason, lives in Guilford. I am so truly blessed to have my parents live with us. I don't know what I would do without them. My sons are very close to them. They call my father "buddy" and my mother "2nd buddy". Somehow I got bumped to "3rd". Oh well. I attended two years of college at the University of New Haven. For the past 23 years, I have worked as a legal secretary. I worked for Tyler Cooper & Alcorn for 22 years. Then last year, when my boss decided to join Murtha Cullina, he asked me to join him and the rest of our team. They opened an office for us in Madison. I work every Friday and Saturday nights at our restaurant, Dragon East, in Branford. I love spending time with my family ~ from bike riding at Hammonasset Beach on Sundays (after Church, of course) or going to the park or just staying home and watching a movie. I also like to read, shop and just relax. My boys and I joined our wonderful Church family about eight years ago. We were baptized together at Christ & the Epiphany Church. I will never forget that special day. Both Henry and Daniel also made their first communions at C&E. I have been on the Vestry for the past six years or so. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of such a great "team". Now we are proud to be part of Christ Church Anglican.



Richard Shalvoy I became a Christian right after I graduated from college (RPI) in 1971. I went on to attend graduate school at Brown where I was involved with the Campus Crusade chapter.

Karol Ann and I married in 1972 and began attending an Episcopal church in RI where I was confirmed and she was received. We attended various Episcopal Churches as we moved around. In 1984 we were in the Diocese of NY and could recognize the liberal direction of the church and knew we had to leave if we were going to raise our children in a more conservative church. After a brief attempt to start a Reformed Episcopal mission, we spent the following years in nondenominational churches in NY and then CT as we raised our three daughters, Stacy (28), Joanna (25) and Rebecca (21).

Starting in late 2006 we visited all of the CT Six churches and started attending C&E in early 2007 with the understanding that a group would be leaving to form an Anglican church. I joined the CCA Vestry in 2008. I was happy to volunteer to be the next Treasurer at CCA. Hopefully I'll get the job right before I'm done with my turn.

Karol Ann and I have always enjoyed music individually, together, and as a family. We are now challenged by the fast pace the CCA choir takes as it does new songs every week.

I work as a chemist at Arch Chemicals in Cheshire. As I also teach chemistry at Quinnipiac University in the evenings, my free time is limited during the school year, but I still enjoy running several mornings a week (no marathons any more though).



Nancy Perez I have lived in East Haven most of my life. I was married to Robert "Bob" Perez till his death in 1996 and I have one son, Ryan, who I am proud to say is a little league coach and an upcoming chef. Now disabled, I have worked in office and restaurant management and I even tried my luck as owner of a small business. Currently I spend

my time trying to serve Christ. I have volunteered with the East Haven Food Pantry and am trying to organize a meal program for the Emergency Shelter in New Haven. I was baptized and raised in Christ Church, New Haven until about twelve years ago when I found a home with Christ & The Epiphany. Now my son and I are very happy to be members of Christ Church Anglican. The love and compassion of our church family has helped us through difficult times. I am honored to serve as clerk of the vestry and church secretary. Surely the presence of the Lord is at CCA.

NOTES

- We support Fair Haven Parents Ministry as one of outreach efforts. Please bring in food donations and leave them in the basket by the entrance. The offering taken at coffee hour also goes to FHPM.
- Contact Jennifer Bates, Diane Spadacenta, or Vinnie Yaccarino for Stop & Shop certificates.
- The Wednesday Bible Study at the Wilkes home (672 Townsend Avenue, New Haven), resumed on April 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The study will concentrate on the Gospel of Mark. Please let Father Gil know if you plan to attend.
- The Thursday night Prayer Group is at the Heermans home, (47 Prospect Road, East Haven), beginning at 7:30 p.m. Father Martins focuses on Intercessory Prayer.
- Remember this is your newsletter so, voice your opinion, write your stories, tell us what you like or don't like; your options are unlimited.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Jeanette D'Andrea 06-09-1979

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 7 Appreciation Luncheon
June 16 Vestry meeting

ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing **grocery relief** and financial support to communities throughout the United States. The program began in 1994 and has grown to serve thousands in 35 states. Angel Food Ministries crosses denominational lines and has spread the good news of the gospel of Christ through salvation tracts that are placed in each food order.

The program is well established here in Connecticut with 34 host sites, and available for CCA to access for our individual needs, and in the future to consider as a parish becoming a host site.

How it works – Blessings by the Box: Individual orders are placed early in the month at a host site. Fresh food in bulk is shipped to the host sites, and boxed by volunteers for pick up.

Recipients choose from a standard selection of food boxes, (see sample menu below) and then have the option of ordering an additional specialty box such as grill meat, meat and chicken combo, or a veggie and fruit box. There is no limit to how many an individual can order and receive.

Signature Box: 2.5lb. Lean Chopped Beef Steaks, 5 lb. Leg Quarters, 2 lb. Chicken and Corn Bread stuffing Casserole, 28 oz Salisbury Steak Entrée, 1 lb. Boneless Pork chops, 1 lb. Corn Dogs, 12 oz. Deli sliced Ham, 5 oz. Chunk Light Tuna in Water, 32 oz. French Fries, 1 lb. Sweet Corn, 15 oz. Musselman's Apple Sauce, 15 oz. Pears, 8 oz. Dinner Roll Mix, 7.5 oz. Mac'n Cheese, 32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk, and Dessert. Cost \$30.

Other options: Senior & Convenience Meal Box, Allergen Free Food Box or Seafood Box.

Everyone may benefit. There are no qualifications, minimums, income restrictions or applications to place an order.

Find a host site near you www.angelfoodministries.com. Orders may be placed online for most host sites. Don't have a computer? Contact Torrey Morse for assistance in find a host site near you.

PRAYER LIST UPDATE

For healing and prayers to all:

Anlte Wilson – is doing the same, please keep her in your prayers.

Jack Pierson (baby) – is doing better but is still in the hospital. With some help from God, he will soon go home.

Paul – a friend of Jean & Joe Perrone had surgery on May 4th and is going through chemo therapy.

Tommy – an 11-year-old boy and student of Joe Perrone's. He needs to have surgery on his eye. As of now he is doing as well as can be. God help us to pray for his healing.

Shauna – the meds are helping her and she is doing better.

Katelyn Scott – has not been feeling very well. She has been very sick and will undergo chemo therapy next month. The family is trying to keep her as happy as they can. Keep her in your prayers.

Steve Dest – he is hanging in there doing better. Vinnie thanks all of you for your prayers and support.

Teresa Frost – Mike said his mom is doing okay. She needs to be watched over and meds supervised.

Katey Chatfee – She was in the hospital with lung cancer. Lori Taft said she is feeling better and went back to work.

Nancy Barcki – is in the later stages of Alzheimer's and is doing the best she can. Lori would like you to keep her in your prayers. Thanks and blessing to everyone in the healing of your prayers.

Jay Faber – Marion said Jay is doing fine. That is music to our hearts. "Thanks, be to God." She said we can take him off the prayer list. All our prayers, as a family, helped heal Jay. Praise to the Lord. Amen.

Edith Feriolo – is doing well. She is home and getting around. God bless her at age 94. Thanks be to God.

Bobbie Buckley – is doing well and is at home. Keep her in your prayers.

Myrtle Cunningham – is home with home care. Go and see her, she loves company. We all need to keep her and her family in our prayers. We all love and miss you Myrtle.

Frank Stoddard – is doing well and attended the 8 a.m. service on Sunday.

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Come one, come all to eat, visit and recognize Father Martin, Father Moses and Eburn on June 7th following the 10 a.m. service. This appreciation luncheon will be held at Bradford Manor Hall in East Haven from 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Directions to the hall from D.C. Moore School are as follows: Take a left out of the parking lot onto Elliott St. Take a left at stop sign onto Henry St. Immediately after the second stop sign, take a right into the parking lot of Bradford Manor. Entrance to the hall is in the rear of the building.

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