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From the Rector's Desk

HOLY WEEK

It was the spring of 1978, we (Pam, Gilbert, Julie, Cat Wilkes III, and I had been assigned to a new construction submarine being built at Newport News Shipbuilding & Drydock Company in Hampton, Virginia. We had been attending a local Episcopal Church whose Rector was really into Easter; The Rev. Howard Saunders used to say, "You can't understand Easter until you have lived through Holy Week." I remember thinking that Easter is Easter, what more is there to understand?

That year though, I had no excuses the ship was in construction and I thought that I/we would give walking through Holy Week a try.

Palm Sunday was ok, except that the service was a little long in order to make sure that all of us who were too busy to come during Holy Week would hear the Passion Narrative.

Maundy Thursday began like every other Communion Service, except that after Communion the church lights began to dim: someone in the back began reading psalm 22 "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me?" The Altar was stripped and a hymn, "Ah Holy Jesus" was sung as a dirge. In the dark, I seemed to be there with Jesus as he was led away to be 'tried' and killed. I found to my dismay that I also had tear ducts.

Good Friday and Holy Saturday came and went in a blur I think to some small extent, I shared in the feelings of desolation, defeat, and hopelessness that his followers must have felt.

On Sunday Morning, the joy was palpable the stone was gone, the tomb was empty . . . all of a sudden, I understood that which I had never taken the time to understand before.

I wish for each of us the desolation and hopelessness of Holy Week . . . and the joy of the resurrection.

— Gil

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God's Work in Progress

INVITATION TO JOIN VICKIE AND MARGARET

Vickie Manfredi and Margaret Morse would like to extend an invitation to join them as they present and share their experiences when visiting Fr. Martins in Nigeria. In their words: Our two week stay was an incredible adventure and we have this captured in pictures and want to share the stories that go with them. We come back as witnesses to a testimony of evangelism and outreach that will be hard to relate in words. We hope to show you what we captured with our cameras and what has captured our hearts on a journey through remote villages in Northwestern Nigeria. Here we ministered to Muslims and Christians praying in the Name of Jesus.

We also were honored to be at the dedication of CCA Women's Sewing Center. This center for the empowering of women stands as your testimony and outreach and will enable widows and single mothers to learn a skill and earn a living. We were so proud to be part of this church family as it was dedicated and blessed.

Join us on Sunday, April 18th at Bradford Manor (where we celebrated the farewell luncheon for Fr. Martins last May). We have rented this building and will provide a coffee hour and celebration of our trip following the 10 a.m. service at CCA. Come join us.

Date: April 18, 2010 Time: Following the 10 a.m. service at CCA Place: Bradford Manor, 85 George Street, East Haven

You are all invited! Come see missions in action. Come see to what CCA contributed. Oh Happy Day!

ADV THANKS ARCHBISHOP AKINOLA FOR HIS SERVICE AND WELCOMES ARCHBISHOP OKOH AS THE NEW PRIMATE OF THE CHURCH OF NIGERIA

FAIRFAX, Va. (March 26, 2010) – The Anglican District of Virginia (ADV) thanked Archbishop Peter Akinola, primate of the Church of Nigeria, for his pastoral service to ADV as he retires today, and welcomed the new primate, Archbishop Nicholas Okoh, who was installed today. ADV is affiliated with the Church of Nigeria through the Convocation of Anglicans in North America, which was founded by Archbishop Akinola in 2005.

“We are grateful to Archbishop Akinola for his vision in creating a home for orthodox Anglicans through the Convocation of Anglicans in North America and ADV. He has been a tremendous leader during a time when it was desperately needed, and his passion for spreading the Gospel has been and remains an inspiration to us all,” said ADV Chairman Jim Oakes.

“At the same time, we also welcome and congratulate Archbishop Okoh on his installation as the new primate of the Church of Nigeria. Archbishop Okoh is a Godly leader and we look forward to having the opportunity to work with him to further accomplish ADV's mission to make disciples by engaging in evangelism, working in international ministries and strengthening families and our community.”

MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER

by Michelle Viesselman & Nancy Perez

Our next scheduled serving date at the Men's Emergency Shelter is **Sunday, April 25th**. Please look for the sign-up sheets located at the CCA entrance and add YOUR name to the list. We'd love to get you involved in this wonderful project.

Please consider donating one of the following non-perishable items that are needed each month: Napkins, Paper/plastic cups, Dessert-sized paper plate, Non-carbonated beverages, and Italian salad dressing.

Thank you so our volunteers & contributors!

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY: DR. ROWAN WILLIAMS

Rowan Williams calls the election of Bishop-elect Glasspool to the episcopacy as “regrettable” and that there will be “implications and consequences” for the decision of The Episcopal Church to elevate to the office a bishop a non-celibate homosexual woman, despite promises to show restraint and pleas from the Anglican Communion to not tear apart the fabric of the communion.

It is regrettable that the appeals from Anglican Communion bodies for continuing gracious restraint have not been heeded. Following the Los Angeles election in December the Archbishop made clear that the outcome of the consent process would have important implications for the Communion. The Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion re-iterated these concerns in its December resolution which called for the existing moratoria to be upheld. Further consultation will now take place about the implications and consequences of this decision.”

NOTES

- 1 - Please continue to pray for the healing of Myrtle Cunningham, Anthony Bates, Bobbie Buckley, Frank Stoddard, Jeanne Perrone, Karl Swanson, Dan O'Conner, Carlos Sanchez, Diane Spadacenta, Debbie Morgan, Beverly Rega, Jane Sammarco, MaryJo Dunn, Maryjane Bell and Chris Peel. (Names on this list will be removed after one month unless there is a request to renew them.)
- 2 – We support Fair Haven Parents Ministry as one of our outreach efforts. Please bring in food donations for FHPM; the offering taken at coffee hour also goes to FHPM.
- 3 - Stop and Shop gift cards available every Sunday after 8 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services.
- 4 – The Sunday school children are collecting pennies to be given to a charity of their choice. If anyone has any extra pennies, please feel free to throw them in their jug.
- 5 – The annual Easter egg hunt for the children will take place following the 10:00 a.m. Easter service. All children are invited to participate. Please see Nancy Perez if you are interested in donating individually wrapped candy for this event.
- 6 – We will be serving a meal at the Emergency Men's Shelter on April 25th at 5:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. If you would like to volunteer, please see Michelle Viesselman or Nancy Perez. Thank you to all of our volunteers.
- 7 – Small Groups/Bible Studies:
 - Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 At Church between Services: “Book Of Prophet Daniel”
 - Sunday, following the 10:00 a.m. service: Additional Prayer in the music room
 - Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., at 47 Prospect Rd [the Heermans]: “Intercessory Prayer”
 - Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at the Hagaman Memorial Library: “How To Read the Bible for All It's Worth”
 - Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., at 672 Townsend Ave., NH: “Lenten study of Christian Morality”

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. We depend on your input; without it there is no newsletter.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR — JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK

April 1	Maundy Thursday Service: 7 p.m. at the school
April 2	Good Friday Service: 7 p.m. at the school
April 4	Easter Sunday Services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the school
April 18	Testimony of Evangelism & Outreach by Vickie Manfredi & Margaret Morse
April 20	Vestry meeting
April 25	CCA serves dinner at Men's Emergency Shelter, 5:30 p.m.
May 23.....	Bishop Bena's visit
July 22 – 24	CANA Council 2010
Oct 10 – 11	ADN Annual Synod (clergy & lay delegates) at Christ the King Center

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Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?

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