



The Herald

January 17, 2010

Second Sunday after Epiphany

From the Rector

Of Death, Life and Water

K got up early with the puppy this past Saturday morning. I heard a portentous moan from the kitchen.... We have no hot water, the voice said.... (we were told that hot water pipes freeze first because they are smaller... I have no idea if that's true or not). The outside thermometer read twenty degrees. By early afternoon the cold water pressure dropped to a trickle... I could hear water running under the house.... sure enough a pipe had burst.... We cut off the water at the street, called two different plumbers, and waited wondering about how and why our life had taken this not so pleasant turn.

Life and death, and the entire cosmic order for that matter depend so much on the elemental... the mysteriously mundane basics... water, a simple and basic compound... two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen... simple, mundane, basic... we will die without it... life in any form, as far as we know, can't exist without it... and water can be our undoing... the sailor swallowed by the deep... the unreckonable floods of Atlantic hurricanes... "full fathom five your father lies." death and the inevitable rebirth, the creative artistry of water... shaping canyons and glaciers... bringing the new... over eons and in a moment.

Water has always been a powerful symbol in the human religious psyche... the earliest religions we know of practiced water rites... holding up as holy this unpredictable element... life bearer and death bringer... We say in our own water Rite... that in it we are dead to the world of sin, shame and indignity... and in it, alive as well, transformed for the way ahead... empowered and emboldened for the good of the whole... a sea change for the soul... Water the mystic means of the death and life cycle... the universe cycling towards its marvelous completion to the tune and rhythm of H₂O.

Water is both grave and womb... we are forever in and of that knowledge... and we must trust that knowledge and love it as well... for it speaks of a profound reality that holds the secret... a secret that has everything to do with life and death and love and hope... and at last, quite elementary.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, January 12

12N Finance Committee

3:30pm Training choir rehearsal

6pm Integrity Eucharist & supper

Wednesday, January 13

12N L'Arche (Stirling Hall)

12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

4pm Girls' Choir rehearsal

6pm 15 Place Board Mtg (Saad Rm)

7:30pm Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, January 14

12N Al-Anon (Smith Rm)

5:30pm AA (Smith Rm)

Sunday, January 17

8am Holy Eucharist

9am Breakfast

9:20am Christian Education

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Reception following

Monday, January 18

Office closed: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

All Saints' Food Share Program will continue on Friday and Saturday, January 22 & 23. We need helpers on both days: at 5:30pm on Friday to pack the food, and on Saturday morning to distribute the food. If you are a Saturday morning helper, please arrive by 7:15am so we will know if we have enough help or not to do certain tasks. If you have never



been to Food Share before, why not give it a try? You will have a good time, you'll feel good about yourself, and most importantly, you will help keep up your end of the Baptismal Covenant by feeding the hungry!

Lenten chefs wanted! We need folks who would like to provide meals for the Wednesday programs during Lent. If you or your group would like to volunteer, please call the church office to tell us the date you want (438-2492)!

Web (Interrupted) As many of you have noticed, All Saints' web site has not been working for some weeks now. The office is aware and is trying hard to return it to its former state of grace. The problem resulted when we switched to a different telephone/email/internet company in order to save money. Somehow, the internet was not switched along with everything else, and now it has to be reconstructed. Thank you for your patience as we continue to lay hands on it. And thank



you for letting us know by your questions that you read the website in the first place!

Mardi Gras decorations are up, so Lent can't be far behind!

Ash Wednesday is February 17. Services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held at 12N and at 6:00pm in the church.

There will be a Lenten Event on the next five Wednesdays — February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24 — beginning at 6:00pm with Evensong in the church and followed by supper and program in Stirling Hall from 6:30-7:30pm.

For our program this year, we are going to read and discuss the book *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace...One School at a Time*, by Greg Mortenson. Books will be ordered and available in the church office for a cost of \$8 each; if you would like to reserve one, please call or email the office as soon as possible (438-2492 or asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org). There is also a young reader's edition of the book, intended for readers 8 years and up, available on line or at local bookstores.

From a review: *This is an as-told-to biography of American Greg Mortenson, who has devoted his life to building schools in the remotest mountains of Pakistan. After a failed attempt to scale the earth's second highest peak, K2, he stumbles into an isolated mountain village, where he resolves to repay the generosity of the village leader and his people by building them a school. Mortenson's struggle to fulfill that promise and then committing himself to fund raising and building many more schools is the central subject of this well-detailed book. The book is a lesson in how a real field of dreams comes into being, and it is a quiet rebuff to those who seek change and order in the world's trouble spots through shock-and-awe military might.*

Please mark your calendars now for Lent. This promises to be an exciting and timely conversation!

EYCPAGE

“You’re a marionette in the center of,
the twisting strings coming from above.
It may seem too deep to recover from,
It’s so easy to see, everyone can agree,
So just let go.”
---Siversun Pickups

We are all literally made of the cast off remnants of stars. In the first few moments after creation (within 1×10^{-15} seconds) all of the matter in the universe had cooled to a point where fusion reactions could no longer take place spontaneously. By that point the entirety of the universe was hydrogen and helium. Elements heavier than those two (carbon, for example) were formed in the intense fusion reactions that take place in the centers of stars, and then sent streaming into space when those stars went nova. So, every atom in your body that is not hydrogen or helium came from a star somewhere out in the universe. In all likelihood, the matter found on earth came from the same star or group of stars.

So, next time you meet someone, think about the fact that the matter that makes up your body and the other person’s body most likely came from inside the same celestial body.



JANUARY 17th **BOWLING!!!**

Meet at Florida Bowl at 2:00 p.m.
We will wrap up around 4 p.m.
BRING \$10.00 for bowling plus any money
you want for food and drinks.

JANUARY 24th **ROCKBAND AT THE GREENES!!!**

Junior and Senior EYC Join us at the home of Doug and Renee Greene
to play Rockband on the Wii and for supper.
5:30 – 7:00

JANUARY 31st

Junior and Senior EYC meet at the home of Clark and Kim Kelly for **dinner and games**.
5:30 – 7:30

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Sunday Lectionary: 1st Sunday after Epiphany

[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Psalm 29](#)

[Acts 8:14-17](#)

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory, Kim Gray, Laura Williams

Flower Guild: Claudia Zimmermann, Betty Bentley

Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester

Reception: Rosemary Williams, Kim Gray

8:00

Lector: Pete Wilson

Intercessor: Jeff Clearman

Chalice bearer: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Mark Taylor, Caroline Coker

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Rob Gray 2) Amy Hunter

Intercessor: Hank Caddell

Chalice bearers: Louie Wood, Foy Hannum

Acolytes: Hendrik Snow, Emma Gray, Nyirou Kuot, Forrest Brewster

Ushers: Marion Elledge, Michael Morrison, Ricky Bradford, Paul Webb

Music for Sunday, Jan. 17

Voluntary Healey Willan *Prelude on 'Gardiner'*

Processional Hymn 7 *Ratisbon*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

John Goss *Psalm 36:5-10*

Sequence Hymn 440 *Liebster Jesu*

Offertory Anthem W. K. Stanton *Christ is the World's True Light*

Presentation Hymn 138 *Carlisle*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit*

William Mathias S-165 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 132 *Erhalt uns, Herr*

Motet George Frederic Handel *Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor*

Post Communion Hymn 371 *Moscow*

Processional Sigfrid Karg-Elert *Allein Gott in der Höh*

Our prayers and sympathies are offered to Margaret Winkler and family on the death of her niece, Jamie Dawn Whitley, who died on January 9. *Let light perpetual shine upon her.*

Jamie was the mother of Austin Thompson, who has been on our military prayer list for some time. Austin has been sent home as a result of her death and will not have to go back. *Thanks be to God for his safe return.*

Please keep in your prayers:

Dick Baade
Robert Cozad
Diane Petersen
Muriel Cherney
Tim Holston
Blake Wingard
the White family
Bill & Lida Bowman
Royce Ladnier
Linda Irby
David Reeves
Laura
Bonnie Roberts

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot
Matt Abbot
Sean Paul Naylor
Joseph Willcox
Christopher Hume
Steven DeWeese
William Wesley Pollard
Daniel Robert

The policy of this church is to keep people on the prayer list for one month. After a month, they will be removed. If you want someone to be on the list longer, please call the office; the request will be updated and s/he will be kept on for another month.

Pantry Items

The items for this week are: hand lotion and toilet paper.

Friday night supper club

will meet at Margaret and Keith Winkler's, 9601 Three Notch Rd, 666-0984, on January 22 at 7:00. Anyone is welcome to attend.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18, in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will reopen on the 19th at 9:00am.





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Return Service Requested

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Clark Kelly, Treasurer
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Matt McDonald
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All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
Altar Guild: Melanie Petithory
Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Chris & Emily Conte
Finance Committee: Clark Kelly, treasurer
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers
Food Share: Susan Meztista, Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling
Hospitality & Events: TBA
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster
Lectors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary C. Robert
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Youth Christian Education: Renea Greene

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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:20 a.m. Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)