The Grapevine

February 2009

Even after the historic event, the sounds of our recent presidential inauguration ring in my ears. Of course, these are difficult times; this is an age of struggle, not only in our country, but across the world. President Obama takes office in a remarkably tumultuous time which he addressed in his inaugural speech. He acknowledged the challenges we face as a nation and encouraged us to move forward with, "*hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism.*"

I couldn't help thinking, as the new president spoke about our nation, that American Christianity is also facing a time of struggle; we feel it in the Church as we feel it in the nation: the ground has shifted beneath us. The American Christian Church laments the loss of a time long gone when our churches were are the center of civic lives, when pews were full, and parishes were expanding and growing.

We live in a time when sporting events, tee times, and birthday parties conflict with Sunday worship, when people seem to prefer self-sufficient spirituality over communities of faith. In our culture, practicing Christianity is no longer the norm. Yet, even though we face challenges, we are called to bear the faith into the world. Even though it is more difficult now, the call to follow Jesus Christ remains just as strong and clear for us.

The Christian Church in American can no longer enjoy the power and privilege that it once enjoyed; now we must find new intersections between our faith and culture. But I think this new age will be a great one for our Church. We see throughout the course of history that people and institutions that become too comfortable begin to lose their spark and their relevance. There is no longer a comfort zone for our Church to rest in.

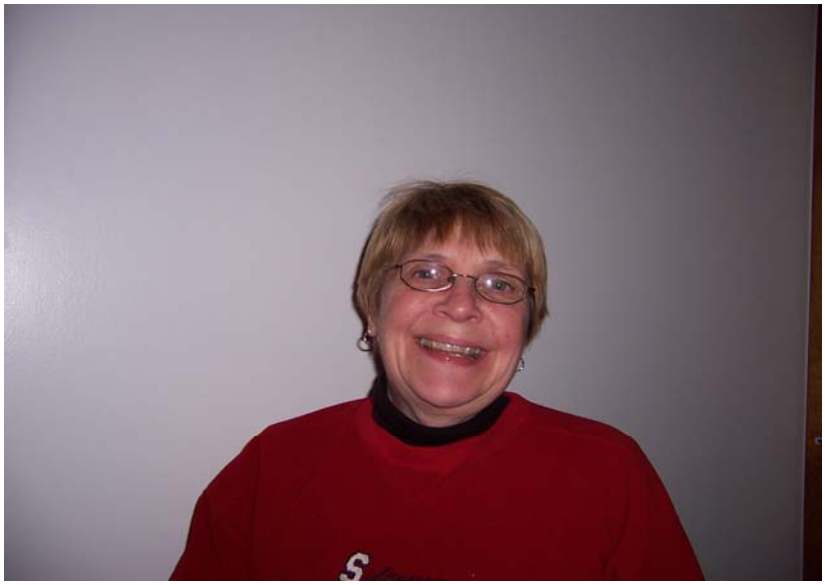
As we say goodbye to the old church, we may feel nostalgic, we may feel uncertain or fearful about what the future holds, but God has entrusted this Church into our care and has given us gifts to care for it, nurture it, enjoy it, and pass it on to generations to come.

I think that the key to our Church moving forward into this new age with hope, confidence and faith lays in us being open to new ideas and the Spirit of change, while still holding fast to the core of our faith that makes us strong. I think that the Church that moves forward will be a Church of spunk and pluck – full of the Spirit of God and moving forward with faith, rather than fear.

Just as President Obama has called our nation into an age of responsibility, I believe the Church is being called similarly. We are to be the change we long to see. We are called to be the Church we dream of. If we long for a Church that has priority in people's lives, we must fashion our own lives accordingly. If we long for churches that are relevant, engaging and Spirit-filled, we need not look any farther than our own church and the ministries we're involved in. If we dream of a Church rooted in prayer, integrity, and compassion, we need to be that Church.

At St. Matthew's there are so many ways that we are moving forward as a church in this new time. We are a community who cares for one another, a community of prayer and worship, a community of service. But we cannot rest on the blessings we enjoy. We are called to move forward and bear the faith that we have been given to generations yet to come.

WHAT IS MEANS TO BE A "PIP!"



Carrie has asked me to introduce myself to the people of St. Matthew's and also explain a bit about the process in which I am participating. I have often been told that I am a "pip," but that character trait is not what is referred to here!

A PIP is a "Person in Process" in the Central New York Diocesan Formation Program. This is a local three year training and discernment process for those seeking ordination either as vocational deacons or priests. We attend one instructional weekend a month that lasts about 24 hours and is usually held at St. Margaret's House in New Hartford, New York. Each June, we also attend a five-day intensive session. We are expected to do much reading and studying on our own and have papers to do almost every month.

Having explained the program, I can tell you that I am in my third year as a candidate in the process. As part of my training, I am assigned to St. Matthew's at this time in an internship. Carrie will be working with me as I develop my preaching skills, improve my pastoral care and liturgy planning abilities and learn the ropes of running a parish.

On a personal level, my husband John and I have been married 36+ years and have three grown sons: Tim, an attorney, his wife Emily and my newest grandchild Liam live in Ballston Spa near Albany; Brian, the youngest, lives in Albany, works at whatever suits his fancy at the moment and is applying to graduate school; my middle son Eric, a civil engineer and his wife Katie live in Syracuse and have a set of 16-month-old twins, Meghan and Benjamin. John is retired from the New York State DEC and works part-time delivering flowers - he loves it! I am a graduate of Syracuse University, where I earned a B.A. with a major in music. I was a stay-at-home mom most of my life, but did work a bit outside the home at various and sundry occupations when the boys went to college. I keep VERY busy doing volunteer jobs and am presently chair of the Episcopal Church Women's Ministries Commission of this diocese, as well as president of Province II ECW. I also volunteer once a week at a local food pantry. Because I am a 14-year breast cancer survivor, I try to participate whenever possible in fund-raising events for the American Cancer Society. In my spare time, I like to cross-stitch and knit, do crossword puzzles and read light fiction.

I am grateful to the people of St. Matthew's for the warm welcome I have already received and to Carrie for her willingness to take me on! I look forward to this time with all of you and know that God will surely bless our time together.

Jennifer Kenna

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ST. MATTHEW'S IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Funded by a Vision Grant from the Diocese of Central New York, our new site was designed and built by Tom McCaffery of Two-Fold Design.

www.stmatthewsliverpool.org

Please book mark the page and check back often for updates and announcements. We also welcome any feedback you might have.

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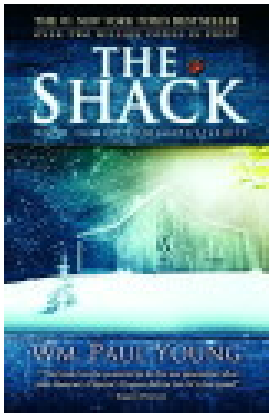
ST. MATTHEW'S BOOK CLUB



On Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm, we'll gather to discuss the best-selling book, *The Shack* by William P. Young. The book is available almost everywhere. If you've ever wondered, where's God in the midst of suffering? this book is for you. Feel free to invite your friends!

"*The Shack* is a one of a kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God. Through my tears and cheers, I have been indeed transformed by the tender mercy with which William Paul Young opened the veil that too often separated me from God and from myself. With every page, the complicated do's and don't that distort a relationship into a religion were washed away as I understood Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the first time in my life." --Patrick M. Roddy, ABC News Emmy Award winning producer.

"Finally! A guy-meets-God Novel that has literary integrity and spiritual daring. *The Shack* cuts through the clichés of both religion and bad writing to reveal something compelling and beautiful about life's integral dance with the Divine. This story reads like a prayer--like the best kind of prayer, filled with sweat and wonder and transparency and surprise. When I read it, I felt like I was fellowshipping with God. If you read one work of fiction this year, let this be it". --Mike Morrell, zoecarnate.com

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ANGEL TREE

Once again this parish has had one more successful Angel Tree program to provide gifts for the children of prisoners. I can't thank all of you enough. A special thanks to Andrea Brown and Sandy Davis who made phone calls to the caregivers to try and get sizes and gift ideas. Also a special thanks to the Boylan's, the Croyle's, the Gates', Lee Wheeler and Vivian Silliman who delivered the gifts. See you next year!

Cathy Labucki
Angel Tree Coordinator

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LENTEN SERVICES AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Shrove Tuesday, February 24th

6:00pm Festive Mardi Gras pot luck dinner and "Farewell to Alleluia" Service with Imposition of Ashes (This will be geared toward children, but all are welcome)

Ash Wednesday, February 25th

7:00am Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

ST. MATTHEW'S SINGERS INVITED TO AREA PERFORMANCES

Liverpool First United Methodist, Plymouth Congregational, Syracuse University Methodist, Hendricks Chapel, and St. Matthew's choirs are joining up for a performance of the **Requiem Mass by Gabriel Fauré**. The approachable piece, one of the pillars of 20th century choral music, will feature members from these choirs (your neighbors), professional area vocal soloists, and an accompanimental chamber orchestra. The project helps foster community and inter-faith outreach in St. Matthews, and is an excellent excuse to do some great music making! Any members of the congregation who have some musical experience are invited and encouraged to participate in this excellent, fun opportunity. Membership in the St. Matthew's choir is not necessary; music will be provided. Rehearsals for the performances will be a few Thursday rehearsals between now and the performance dates, Friday March 27th at 7:00pm and Saturday March 28th at 4:00pm. If you would like to participate, know someone who might, or would like some more information, please contact Tim Laughlin, at talaughlin@gmail.com or 814.932.7251.

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SEEKING NEW ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS

Have you thought of how easy it is for you to donate some time to your church? With stewardship time at hand, have you decided how to give time and talent? We have a solution for you. Join the Altar Guild. Make that New Year's re solution to do something for your church and its membership. We ask you to give it a try. You don't serve alone and it is easy to learn.

As a member, you serve on the Altar with another person once every 10-12 weeks for a period of two weeks. It is approximately two hours every 10-12 weeks. What a vital service you would be contributing and what a unique way to serve your church and God.

We need new members and are looking for you to join from both services, especially the 10:15 members. We have recently list members of our 10:15 service and need your help. Ask any 0resent member of the Build questions you might have. If you are interested, please contact Mother Carrie or me and we would be glad to get you on board.

It is as simple as saying yes. Give it a try. Do it today.

Jackie Gates
Directress

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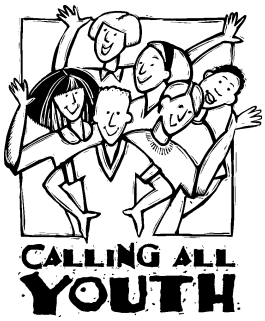
ST. MATTHEW'S YOUTH GROUP UPDATE



St. Matthew's has a youth group? We do now! For the past two months, we've met on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We plan to have social and service events in the coming year. For now we're targeting our junior high group. Our leaders are:

Matthew Schiller and Beth Dubeck
315-699-4817
matthew.and.beth@gmail.com [emails both leaders]
mschiller@alum.mit.edu [Matthew Schiller]
bdubeck@alum.mit.edu [Beth Dubeck]

So how can you help?

Well if you're a teen: come! Or at least let Matthew Schiller or Beth Dubeck know when might be a better time for you.

If you're a teen at heart, it would be nice to be able to provide a simple meal for each of our meetings. Nothing goes better with teens than food! This could be by volunteering to cook a meal on a Sunday evening for the group or by providing pizza or other takeout for the evening. Contact Matthew or Beth if you're interested.

Upcoming Events: Youth Group - At our **February 8th, 2009** meeting, we'll be listening to our favorite faith inspiring music and discussing what the music means to us. Mother Carrie plans to join us. Bring lyrics, MP3's and/or CD's of your favorite faith inspiring music. We'll meet, as usual, from 5-7:00pm.

ENJOY IT – IT IS TEMPORARY

To me, one of the privileges of life is living in this part of the Northeast where one can enjoy the changes of season and the awesome beauty of the hand of the Master. But with this privilege comes also some temporary inconveniences such as the snow and cold weather. But this too, shall pass.

It depends on how you treat the winter conditions as to whether they are a deterrent to your lifestyle or a tool for enjoying this period of the yearly life cycle. What do I mean by this?

St. Matthew's has quite a large lot, nice and flat, that never sees any activity during the month of winter (and the rest of the year also). I cannot see why this area would not be suitable for a Saturday or Sunday cross-country area for the young and their parents, plus anyone else wanting some ski or snowshoe exercise. The area is lit and the warmth of our church is just a step away (plus parking is free, as is the lot). And hot cocoa, plus some religious orientation could follow afterward.

I feel there is too much emphasis on the necessity of spending the "buck" and the resources at hand are being ignored. And in the above instance, winter will move on and the chances to make use of what it brings us will have been wasted.

Milt Oatman
I Love NY

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DISTRICT MISSION COUNCIL

At our last District Mission Council meeting, we all agreed that it's time our gatherings take on a different shape. We spent the past year building relationships, getting to know one another, and establishing better connections between our parishes. Now, we felt it was time to move on to "the next level." One person suggested that each District Mission Council meeting focus on a particular topic that would be of use to our parishes and parishioners. Suggestions included: Vestry ministry, Outreach, Communications, Stewardship, Children's Ministry, etc. All who were there agreed that we would try that. So, we're shifting our next meeting back a week. Our next District Mission Council meeting will be on **Thursday, February 5th from 7:00-8:30pm**, at All Saints', Fulton. The session will be led by the Rev. Holly Eden; rector of Resurrection, Oswego and president of our diocesan Standing Committee. We extend this invitation to all is our district parishes, and especially to the people who serve on vestries. Please don't hesitate to contact Mother Carrie or Penny Dugas if you have any questions.

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WHILE THE BISHOP'S AWAY…

As some of you know, our Bishop is away for his Sabbatical until March. While he is gone, he will be studying church leadership. As companions on the journey, and as partners in the mission of the Church, Bishop Skip has asked all clergy, vestries, parish leaders and congregations to read the following book: ***Transforming Congregational Culture*** **by Anthony Robinson.**

The Rev. Robinson will be with our diocese this spring as the keynote speaker and facilitator of a **Leadership Conference on Saturday, May 16th at the Hotel Syracuse.** (Please make a note of that on your calendars; I'd like everyone who is at all able to go.)

I've found the book (for $12.24 + shipping) at Amazon if you like ordering online. I also will have some copies available for $18.00 at church. (I got them on consignment from Cokesbury, that's why they're a little more expensive.)

The Bishop will also be working with Sherri McArdle and Jim Ramerman, founders of "Leadership Rising" www.leadershiprising.com who wrote the book, *Why Dogs Wag Their Tails: Lessons Leaders Can Learn about Work, Joy, and Life.* Their work comes from a business perspective, but they'll be working with Bishop Skip about connecting some of their learnings and teachings to the life of the Church.

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NEW BEGINNINGS

The spring New Beginnings session is coming right up! What is New Beginnings?

· A fun, lively retreat weekend designed for youth in the grades of 7–9 (ages 12–15).

· Is a unique weekend experience designed to respond to the unique issues, concerns, and needs of teenagers.

· It is run by a team of motivated Christian youth dedicated to serving all on the weekend by living the gospel of Jesus Christ.

· A chance for youth to reflect on the important relationships in their lives and consider making a "New Beginning."

· Songs, snacks, skits, games, old friends and new friends.

New beginnings is offered twice a year by the Diocese and is held over a weekend at Vanderkamp. **The next session is March 27th – 29th.** Applications are available from the diocese.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

The following thank you note was received from Wetzel Road Elementary:

Dear Rev. Carrie, Mrs. Balduf and Ms. Silliman,

Thank you so much for the wonderful food baskets for my families. Some of the parents commended how big your baskets were!! Your generosity is overwhelming, but especially helpful this lean year. A special thanks to Mrs. Balduf for coordinating all of us!!

Thanks again for thinking of us for this project!

Brenda Zavaski, Principal
Pat Mattessich, Nurse

IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE WORLDS OF THE DESERT FATHERS AND MOTHERS
A Lenten Quiet Day of Reflection Saturday, February 28, 2009,
from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Wisdom House,113 Chapel Street, Fayetteville
A spiritual outreach ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Fayetteville.
The cost is $40 (checks made out directly to David Keller).

We begin Lent by letting go of expectations and control, entering a desert of radical openness to God through self-knowledge, discovering a rich and challenging Christian oasis of experience and wisdom, and responding to the lure of Divine Love that will transform our lives.

The day's reflection will begin with a photo meditation created by David Keller as he traveled with Bedouins in the Egyptian desert and the Sinai visiting ancient Coptic and Greek Orthodox monasteries.

David G. R. Keller is the former Steward of the Episcopal House of Prayer at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota. He is author of Oasis of Wisdom, an Introduction to the Worlds of the Desert Fathers and Mothers and Adjunct Professor in Spirituality at the General Theological Seminary, New York, NY.

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SERVICE OF QUIET CONTEMPLATION OFFERED TO COMMUNITY

An ecumenical service of Compline, the final orders of the day in the Christian tradition will be held at Liverpool First United Methodist Church on **February 22nd at 8:00pm.** The quiet contemplative service will invoke God's presence for a restful sleep.

James O. Welsch, Director of Music Ministries at Liverpool First will be the cantor. He has trained an ecumenical choir to sing chants, responses and hymns as worshippers pray and meditate in the silent, candle-lit sanctuary.

"This service is for everyone in the community who seeks a peaceful time of worship and contemplation," says Welsch. "We live busy lives in a noise world. Compline gives us an opportunity to come in quiet reverence to hears God's 'still small voice' speak in our hearts."

The word "Compline" comes from the Latin for completion of the day. Additional services, all scheduled for 8:00pm at the church will be offered on March 29th, April 26th and May 31st and they are open to all.

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2009 "JOYFUL NOISE" CONCERT SERIES

Liverpool First United Methodist Church will offer "Joyful Noise" concert series to be held on Sundays at 4:00pm at the church (the church with the purple doors). A free will offering will be taken to provide the artists with an honorarium.

The schedule is as follows:

February 15th
Kelly Covert, Flute, with Rob Auler, Piano
Brenna Ardner, Liverpool Student of Ms. Covert, will also appear

March 8th
Jonathan English, Tenor
"An Audio Biography – The Life of a Tenor"

March 22nd
Setnor Brass Choir and Setnor New Music Ensemble
Directed by James O. Welsch

(All of the above have Joyful Noise Narration artist talk with refreshments at Liverpool Public Library at 3:00pm on the day of the concert. Performances follow the artist talk at 4:00pm at the church).

April 26th
Setnor Chamber Ensembles
Directed by Caroline Stinson

May 17th
Caroline Stinson, Cellist

Please join us in making a "Joyful Noise" in Liverpool.

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FRIENDS OF REFUGEES

With another month or two of cold weather, our program finds itself urgently short of blankets! Can you help? We would appreciate donations of gently used blankets and comforters. The resettlement of refugees in Syracuse is successful because of the assistance that congregations like you provide. In January, we will have 31 refugees arriving in Syracuse. They are coming from Burma, Bhutan, Iraq and Somalia. Each is provided with a bed and bedding donated from people in our community. You can drop items at our office or call me at 474-1261 x 208 to arrange for blankets to be picked up. Your help is a blessing!

Deb Virgo, Sponsor Coordinator - InterFaith Works of CNY, 3049 E. Genesee Street , Syracuse, New York, 13224
dvirgo@interfaithworkscny.org, Phone 315-474-1261, x208, Fax 315-474-0038, www.interfaithworkscny.org

HOLY LAND PRESENTATION

You are cordially invited to join us on **Sunday, February 15th, from 2:00-4:00pm at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 25 Oxford Road, New Hartford, NY** to hear a presentation given by Dr. Jay Williams on the "Holy Land: Past, Present, and the Future." This is in preparation for a group that is going over to the Holy Land in March.

However, the presentation is open to anyone and everyone and is sure to be of great interest to all of us considering what is happening over there at this time. Dr. Williams has extensive knowledge about the Holy Land and has traveled there many times as well. Dr. Williams is the Professor of Religious Studies from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY and we are delighted to have him with us.

Please plan on joining us for a wonderful afternoon.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR…...

A Two-Day Workshop with Diana Butler Bass
April 27-28, 2009
Downtown United Presbyterian Church
121 N. Fitzhugh Street
Rochester, New York

Dr. Diana Butler Bass An expert in American religion who works as an author, speaker and independent scholar, Bass adopted the title of her recent book -- *Christianity for the Rest of Us* -- as the theme of her lectures.

Theologian Marcus Borg referred to her work as "the most important book of the decade about emerging Christianity and the renewal of mainline congregations."

The author of six books on American religious practice, including *The Practicing Congregation: Imagining a New Old Church*, Bass earned the Ph.D. degree in religious studies from Duke University. She was project director of a national Lilly Endowment-funded study of mainline Protestant vitality from 2002 to 2006. Senior fellow at the Cathedral College of Washington National Cathedral.

Bass is currently working on a new book – *Episcopalians in America* -- slated for publication in late 2008. Part of Sojourner's Progressive Religious Communicators Group, she is a regular contributor to the group's God's Politics blog.

Sponsored by: The Gene Bennett Program for Life Long Learning @ CRCDS, American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region, Episcopal Dioceses of Rochester and Central New York, Presbytery of Geneva More details to follow shortly. If you would like to get on our mailing list for this event, please send your request to the Rev. Dr. Denise Yarbrough @ dyarbrough@crcds.edu or LLL@CRCDS.EDU

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THE HOUSE AT 807

Thanks to everyone who helped with Sunday meals at The House at 807 during the month of January. We were asked to fill in for the month and once again, the parishioners of St. Matthew's came through and we filled each Sunday with at least two people.

The month of March is one of our regular months to serve The House at 807 each Sunday. We will need volunteers for March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Please watch for a sign-up sheet to be posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. This is an easy way to contribute a couple of hours of your time and the ministry is so rewarding. Questions? Please speak to Pat Boylan. Thank you in advance for your continued assistance with this program.

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SIMPLE ACTS OF HOSPITALITY

It's been said that those who want their church to grow:

Park in the back and sit in the front

We can extend hospitality even with small gestures like leaving the closest parking spaces open for visitors, those who have difficulty ambulating, and those who are running late. Similarly, we can save the pews near the doors for newcomers and for those who may need to scoot in late.

E-MAIL UPDATES

If you would like to receive our weekly "St. Matthew's E-mail Update," please give your e-mail address (and your name) to an usher, Mother Carrie, call the office or place it in the secretary's mailbox.

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LIVING IN HOPE

Barbara Kingsolver

Here's what I've decided: the very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof. What I want is so simple I almost can't say it: elementary kindness. Enough to eat, enough to go around. The possibility that kids might one day grow up to be neither the destroyers nor the destroyed. That's about it. Right now I'm living in that hope, running down its hallways and touching the walls on both sides. I can't tell you how good it feels.

Source: *Animal Dreams*

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SOUND BITES

LAVABO: It must appear strange to the uninitiated when the celebrant at Holy Eucharist pauses between the Offertory and the Eucharistic Prayer and washes his hands. The practice, known as the Lavabo, is of great antiquity and serves practical as well as spiritual ends.

There is an ancient tradition of ministers washing their hands before vesting, which was largely practical (to keep vestments clean). The first mention of the celebrant washing hands before the consecration is found in the 4th century. This is described as an act of piety, symbolic of the cleaning of one's self before approaching the altar of God.

The ceremony may derive in part from the Old Testament where the Jewish priest were required to wash their hands before going into the Tent of the Presence or approaching the altar to make a sacrifice (Exodus 30:19-21). Or it may derive from the first century Jewish practice of ritual hand-washing before meals. St. Mark explains that the Jews always washed their hands before eating, in obedience to a long-established tradition (Mark 7:3-4).

Some authorities believe that the practice arose during that ancient time when the celebrants received all sorts of gifts at the offertory and needed to wash their hands before the consecration.

The ceremony normally involves the celebrant stepping near the credence table. A deacon or acolyte holds a lavabo bowl in one hand and a cruet of water in the other. The server pours the water over the celebrant's hands so that it falls into the bowl. The celebrant then takes a towel from the server's wrist, dries his hands, and returns it.

Some priests say a portion of Psalm 26:6 during this ceremony: "I will wash my hands in innocence…" The name lavabo comes from the first word of this passage in Latin: "Lavabo inter innocents." The Roman ritual appointed Psalm 26:6 for use during this ceremony until 1969 when it adopted part of Psalm 51 in its place. Howard Galley's Episcopal ceremonial manual recommends Psalm 51:11 for use during the lavabo: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

This ceremony is mentioned in the pre-reformation missals of York, Salisbury (Sarum), and Hereford Cathedrals. Some English church manuals call it "the lavatory" which carries an unfortunate connotation in modern American usage.

Marion Hatchett, in his manual of ceremonial for the *1979 American Book of Common Prayer*, suggests that the ministers who will handle the elements wash their hands before the Eucharistic prayer. His suggestion includes those ministers other than the celebrant who will distribute communion.

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SHOPPING CART SUNDAY
February 15th

THANK YOU!

March *Grapevine* Deadline

February 15th

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FEBRUARY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **8:00am-HE+** **9:15am – Adult Forum & Sunday School** **10:10am - Nursery** **10:15am-HE+**	2 *6:45am – AA 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watachers	3 **7:00pm** **Choir Rehearsal**	4 **12:00 Noon-HE+**	5 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers **6:30pm** **Outreach Commission Meeting** **7:00pm** **District Mission Council**	6 **Parish Office Closed**	7 9:00-3:00pm Cursillo Teaming Meeting
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15 **8:00am-HE+** **9:15am- Adult Forum** **No Sunday School** **10:10am-Nursery** **10:15am-HE+** **Shopping Cart Sunday** ***Grapevine* Deadline**	16 ***President's Day Holiday*** *6:45am-AA 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	17 **7:00pm** **Choir Rehearsal** **Mother Carrie's Vacation** **School Winter Break**	18 **12:00 Noon-HE+**	19 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	20 **Parish Office Closed**	21
22 **Rev. Perry Mouncey, Officiating** **8:00am-HE+** **9:15am – Adult Forum & Sunday School** **10:10am - Nursery** **10:15am-HE+**	23 *6:45am-AA 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	24 ***Shrove Tuesday*** **6:00pm** **Festive Mardi Gras Pot Luck Dinner & "Farewell to Alleluia" Service with Imposition of Ashes**	25 **7:00am-HE+** **12:00 Noon-HE+** **7:30pm-HE+**	26 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	27 **5:00-7:00pm** **Fish Dinner** **Parish Office Closed**	28

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+HE: Holy Eucharist
°HB: Holy Baptism
^MP: Morning Prayer