

The Herald

January 22, 2012

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector: Of Forests and Trees

This past Monday I was returning from the grocery store listening to NPR. It was Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the topic on the news magazine on the radio was of course all about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement of the nineteen sixties. I could still hear echoing in my head, the tune of *Lift Every Voice*, the so-called Black National Anthem, which we sang as the post communion hymn the day before at All Saints. Pundit after pundit had their say, most of whom were young, and admitted that their knowledge of the great civil rights activist was second hand, the life and ministry of Dr. King occurring either before they were born, or before they could remember. Finally Andrew Young, former U.N. ambassador for the United States, and a high ranking participant in the civil rights movement, and close friend of Martin Luther King Jr. spoke up, and the banter of the guests hushed. He said that we must remember Dr. King, as we remember each of our heroes, those who changed for the better the course of history...we must remember Dr. King as a great tree among a great forest of trees...that movements, not individuals, change history...not that there aren't those who are leaders, but history is changed by the spirited movement of the many, he said.

If one were to observe a thousand acres on the side of a mountain of aspen trees, chances are the entire forest would technically be one organism. Aspens are *stoloniferous*...that is, they reproduce by producing shoots horizontal to the ground, and the shoots set down roots and then grow into a new tree...the entire forest then is intimately interdependent. All forests are interdependent, for pollination, for seed bearing, for protection from disease. Forests, consummate metaphors for community. And finally, in forests the living stand alongside the dead with equal dignity, in mysterious primeval communion...a cosmic metronomic pulse bringing death to make way for the living...the old making way for the new...the dead not lost, but nurture for the young. We humans in truth are not so different, the wisdom of our ancestors still informing us along the way. We stand still together, the living and the dead, a great forest of souls.

I would say the same thing about Jesus of Nazareth as Andrew Young said about Martin Luther King Jr. We must see him as a great tree among a great forest of trees. He, the exemplar of the other trees of the forest. A great exemplar of same genus and species, remembered in our human lore. For us who follow him, he is the pattern of what it means to be truly human...and we can only be truly human when we own the intimate interdependence for which we are made...all of us a part of the same living organism whose purpose is quite essentially to serve the good of the whole. Someone posted on Facebook one of Dr. King's last speeches before he was assassinated. I didn't listen to all of it, but I marveled at its relevancy today. In the speech, which was actually a sermon in a Memphis church service, he quoted John Donne:

"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as if a promontory were, as well as a manor of thy friends or of thine own were; any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."

Forests, trees, continents, clods, we humans of earth....we are all a part of the glorious Same.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, January 18
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecilia Choir canceled
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 19
9am Food Share prep
12N Al-Anon
5:15pm Food Share Packing
6:30pm Conde Explorers
7pm AA

Saturday, January 21
8am Food Share distribution
12N-3pm L'Arche in Stirling Hall

Sunday, January 22
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
5pm Conde Explorers

Monday, January 23
6pm Vestry mtg

Tuesday, January 24
3:30pm St. Michael Choir

Wednesday, January 25
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
12N Debtors Anonymous (DA)
4pm St Cecilia Choir
7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 26
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, January 28
9am-12pm Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, January 29
8am Holy Eucharist
8:30am-1:30pm Blood Drive
9am Breakfast
9:20am Sunday School
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
5pm Conde Explorers

Our prayers are offered for the families and friends of Robert Wayne Taylor and of Richard Howarth. *May the souls of all the departed rest in peace.*

The January Vestry meeting is next Monday, January 23, at 6pm. Please let the office know if you will be unable to attend.

Food Share is this week! The food will be packed this month on Thursday, Jan. 19, beginning at 5:15pm. Distribution of the food will take place on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 8am. We will need extra help that Saturday since several 'regulars' who carry bags for our guests will not be able to help that day. If you can lend a hand, please arrive by 7:30am. Thanks!

There are still some pledge envelopes on the back pew of the church. If you ordered envelopes, you will find your name on one of the alphabetically arranged packets. Please take them and save us the price of the postage. Thanks!

Help Needed! Abraham Kuol, a member of the Sudanese family here, has been diagnosed with end-stage renal disease. He has moved back in to the Kuot's house, so the family can help care for him. Someone is helping to get him qualified for disability and Medicare since he can no longer work. He is doing daily peritoneal dialysis and has to be on a special diet. This puts a strain on the family's limited food budget. If you are willing to help, please bring any of the foods (fresh or frozen, not canned) listed below to the church during the week and they will be delivered. Bring smaller amounts more often so the fresh food won't spoil. Thanks!

- proteins (meats: foods like fish, beef, poultry)
- dairy (primarily milk, cheese, ice cream)
- carbohydrates (carbs: starches like bread, cake and pasta)
- vegetables (examples: spinach, corn, carrots, tomatoes, broccoli)
- fruits (examples: apples, oranges, pears, bananas,)
- fats (examples: butter, margarine, oils)

The Rector's Forum, a discussion group preceded by potluck supper, is going to read a book and discuss it together. The books will arrive this week and can be picked up on Sunday. Cost is \$13. To give everyone a chance to get started with the reading, the next Rector's forum will not be until Wed, Feb. 1. After the 1st, the regular every-other-week schedule will resume. Supper begins at 6pm and discussion at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Friday Night Supper Club meets this week, Jan 20th, 7:00 p.m., at Gwen and Edgar Hughes' home, 1050 Palmetto. Please let them know (433-5881) what you can bring or if you are unable to attend. All are welcome.

The Christian Living Today class continues its discussion of world religions this Sunday with guest, Shawn Liu. Liu is a descendant of the 31st master of the Shaolin Temple, practices Confucianism as well as Buddhism, and is involved in many cultural exchanges between the US and China. He is the owner of the Liu Institute International of Shaolin Kung Fu which has 5 locations, one of which is here in Mobile. He is pleased to be able to continue the open dialogue that he believes will ease all tensions.

The Bishop will visit All Saints on Sunday, Feb. 5 to preach, confirm and celebrate. Everyone is invited for breakfast in Stirling Hall at 9am to meet the Bishop. Any adults or youth in 6th grade or higher who want to be confirmed should contact Jim Flowers: rector@allsaintsmobile.org or 438-2492.

A Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 28, at All Saints from 9am-12 noon. All youth and adults who want to be confirmed should plan to be there. Breakfast will be served. Please let Mary Robert know if you will attend: 438-2492 or asstrector@all-saintsmobile.org.

Refugee Pantry news: Thanks to all who have donated soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste. We still need toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and laundry detergent. These items cannot be bought with food stamps. Please drop them off at the church office during the week or put them in the basket in the Ann St. entrance on Sundays. Your help is always appreciated!

Blood Drive LifeSouth Blood Centers will hold a blood drive in Stirling Hall on Sunday, January 29, from 8:30am to 1:30pm. More info will follow. Mark your calendars!

The Chat and Chew Supper Club

Hungry for a night out? Then join award-winning playwright (Gee's Bend, The Furniture of Home, The FlagMaker of Market Street), new mom and amateur chef Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder for THE CHAT AND CHEW SUPPER CLUB -- where the kitchen becomes the setting for an intimate evening that is part essay, part performance, part dinner with friends.

After spending a year at home being a mom, Elyzabeth found herself missing all of the things that were once an integral part of her daily life: a bowl of cereal



passed as dinner, entertaining took the form of playdates with the non-verbal set, dressing up meant wearing something other than yoga pants, adult conversation was scarce and writing was non-existent. When her daughter turned one, she knew it was time to put away her purple velour track suit and reclaim her life. She

put her daughter in daycare part time, bought herself a pair of sassy boots, and started cooking and writing again. However, the opportunity to entertain remained non-existent. That's when THE CHAT AND CHEW SUPPER CLUB was born.

You're invited into the kitchen to hear Elyzabeth talk about all the things we hunger for, while she cooks supper. At the end, hang out to share in the meal and the conversation that follows.

The Supper Club event will take place in the Stirling Hall kitchen at All Saints. Performance dates are: March 1-4 and March 8-11 and the show begins at 6:30pm. Please arrive early; there is no late seating. Tickets are \$40 each. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/221748>. For further information, go to <http://rockethub.com/projects/4612-the-chat-and-chew-supper-club>.

Hate Crimes Summit

The U.S. Attorney's Office of the Southern District of Alabama is holding a Summit on Hate Crimes on Monday, Feb, 6, at the History of Mobile Museum, 111 South Royal Street, in Mobile. The Summit begins with registration at 8:30am and concludes with a reception from 4:30-5:00 pm. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is encouraged as seating is limited. Email summit.reservation@usdoj.gov with your name and the number of seats you want to reserve.

Speakers will include members of the Dept. of Justice, the FBI, the Mobile County DA's Office, the Anti-Defamation League, the Southern Poverty Law Center and more. For more information, contact Gary Moore at 251-415-7104.

The 2012 Men's Conference

will be held March 2-4 at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. The Conference title is "Remembrance is more than a Greeting Card." Speakers will be the Rev. Neal Goldsborough, Rector of Christ Church, Pensacola and the Rev. Don Smith, Associate Rector, St. James, Fairhope. Celebrating the Sunday Eucharist and leading conversation afterward is the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. Brochures are available on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

News from Habitat for Humanity:

The Habitat ReStore is now open at our new location: 3712 Airport Boulevard. (In the old Rooms To Go building across the street from Olive Garden.) There are the usual best sellers for all of your home improvement needs, and we have also taken advantage of our additional space by adding a Book Nook and an Art Department! Operating hours are Tuesday - Friday, 9AM - 5PM and Saturday from 9 AM - 2PM.

The ReStore provides funding for Habitat's mission to serve more families in Southwest Alabama. Money is raised by selling new and used items that have been donated to the store by home improvement companies, contractors and individual supporters of the Habitat mission.

Donations are always needed to keep the ReStore stocked with unique items. We will take gently used items for the home that can be resold. Our stock consists of appliances, flooring, paint, home decor, hardware, plumbing, lighting, doors, windows and anything else intended for the home. Donations are tax-deductible. Please stop by to check out our newest additions!

ReStore Wishlist: Books of all kinds, including children's books; Interior and exterior doors; Light fixtures and ceiling fans; Miscellaneous trim and molding; AC and Heating units; Windows; Tools

Restore Recycling Program: The ReStore can help you dispose of old, not working or unused appliances. You can drop them off at the ReStore to help us promote responsible recycling and disposal. Remember, less in the landfill means a cleaner environment!

CAN WE TALK?

**A dialogue between South Alabama legislators
and their constituents**

Monday, January 23, 2012

6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Dauphin Way United Methodist Church

1507 Dauphin Street

Mobile, AL 36604

Sponsored by South Alabama Arise members and friends

PURPOSE

- ♦ A chance to enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and the company of our legislators.
- ♦ An opportunity for our legislators to talk to their constituents about the 2012 Legislative Session.
- ♦ A chance to hear our legislators' priorities, their take on how the process works and what constituents can do to have input.
- ♦ Time for questions and answers about issues of concern.

For More Information Call (800) 832-9060

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The Lessons

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#)

[1 Corinthians 7: 29-31](#)

[Psalm 62: 6-14](#)

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

The Collect of the Day

Lord of time fulfilled, who was not born an angel but walked the common earth: with those you called by the lakeside may we share your mission to bring good news to all, to let the world know that God is among us; through Jesus Christ, the one who reigns. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Barbara Evatt, Barbara Caddell, Kathy McKenzie, Bill Evatt, Rose Ellen Stanbery

Bread bakers: Nancy Lancaster, Bruce Rockstad

Flower Guild: Suzanne Drew, Kathy McKenzie

Breakfast: Charlotte Hall, Amy Hamilton, Karen McDonald, Amy Thompson

Reception: Beth Hardaway, Kim Gray

8:00am

Lector: Elyzabeth Wilder

Intercessors: Larry Hallett

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30am

Lectors: Bruce Barrett, Diana Nichols

Intercessors: Beth Hardaway

Chalices: Skeeter Robertson, Andy Mitchell

Acolytes: Darrel Williams, Emily Kelley, Emma Gray, Atong Kuot

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Brewster, Thomas Locke

Music for Sunday

Voluntary Edward Elgar "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations*

Processional Hymn 408 *Mit Freuden zart*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

George Thalben-Ball *Psalm 62:6-14*

Sequence Hymn 661 *Georgetown*

Offertory Anthem Charles H. H. Parry *Dear Lord and Father*

Presentation Hymn 375 *Du Lebensbrot Herr Jesu Christ*

William Mathias S-128 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

Mason Martens S-152 *Christ our Passover*

Communion Hymn 469 *St. Helena*

Motet Martin How *Day by Day*

Post Communion Hymn 537 *Moscow*

Processional Philip Moore *Sarabande*

Please keep in your prayers

✚For healing:

Curlie May Pigford

Dusty Roberts

Nick Simpson

JoAnn Pappas

Monica Ventress

Buck St. John

Tripp Tate Diedrich

Martha Rose Hester

Dunn Chandler

Lynn Hastie Bozone

Elizabeth Smith

Geoff Peach

Frances Reed

Joy Russ

Jami Salac

Jerry Kozart

Taylor Merry

Scott Podstata

Abraham Kuol

Terry Godwin

Ethan Fisher

Logan Barnhart

Becky Bouler

Katie Hammond

Roy Muth

Jim Gray

Jane Arnau

Taylor Parton

Jessica Montalvo-Lopez

Butch Boyington

Gregg Pounds

Evina Valera

Ed Givhan

Iris Prosch

Jerry

Richard Melton

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Sharon Cleverdon

Mike Downing

Patsy Childress

Anna Marie Brown

Laura

✚For those who serve in the armed forces:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Wes Parks

Jonathan Carter

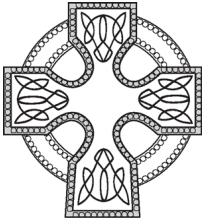
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Elizabeth Doyle
Rob Gray
James Hamilton
Woody Hannum
Amy Hunter
Emily Kelley
Don Mosley
Diana Nichols
Jean Tucker
Darrel Williams

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Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers
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Choirs: Jeff Clearman
Communications: The Rev. Mary Robert
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey
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Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres
Parish Development: Clark Kelly
Property: Michael Morrison
Refugees: Martha Harris
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood
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Service Schedule

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