

The Herald

February 13, 2011

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector: Of Maturity

Europeans often speak of the American ethos as immature, that collectively we behave as a culture like a spoiled child; and in our defense, we are indeed a very young nation compared to other world civilizations, but I think that in many ways the criticism is apt. We only have to look at what passes for entertainment on the airwaves, the incivility of our public discourse, our hyper-consumerism, our obsessive penchant for individualistic competition, most apparent among our children. As a culture I think we fit the archetypal term coined by the Roman poet Ovid: the *puer aeternis* which means, the

eternal boy...the one who never grows to adulthood... *Peter Pan* is a modern retelling of this myth. It is a myth about the necessity of leaving behind youth and becoming wise.

We know intellectually that one must grow into adulthood...life forever about change and transformation; life forever about acquiring wisdom necessary for the very recreation of the world; a wisdom that must be handed down to the next generation for the next generation's maturity, but in our culture and perhaps others, there is resistance to this process... This was a high priority in the Greek Academy, which was a model for learning for centuries in the ancient near east and Mediterranean basin. Learning equaled maturity. We read in Paul's letter to the Corinthians that we are to grow in wisdom and put away childish things, to stop thinking as a child...We hear from Proverbs from the figure of Wisdom herself, the ancient goddess, who challenges us to learn from her and to lay aside immaturity and live.

In American culture there has always been a swath of an anti-intellectual attitude among some people, a minority I think...but an attitude that resists growth through the rigors of learning and discovery...the "My child beat up your honor student" bumper sticker comes to mind...fundamentalism is another example...we see the attitude in extremist movements wherein knowledge of facts, knowledge in general are ignored in deference to an exclusive and narrow agenda. I have been told before, "that I don't have to read and study to be a Christian." But the fact of the matter is, yes we do.

The word disciple literally means "learner", and learning is the way by which we people of faith lay aside immaturity and live into the profundity of the gospels and into the knowledge of ourselves and of God Godself...one lifelong process...It is in our nature to be curious and to develop a learning discipline to grow into the ability to speak and enact the faith with authority....(not authoritative)....but authority to enact and speak of the faith with an acquired knowledge that is credible and real and embodied. I don't mean for this to be a shameless plug for adult Christian education, for there are many ways to learn...but in conversation and in collaboration is the proven best way....But that we continue to learn is the point.

To be effective disciples, to be disciples at all of this faith of ours we must become consummate learners...we must employ our intuition and intellect and curiosity and doubts and hopes for discovery; because God is on the move offering new knowledge, old knowledge made new, that will allow us to mature into ones useful for God's vision for a world made new....a world already in renewal if we would but see with the eyes of discipleship...with learned sight.... It is hard work....but even so let us lay aside immaturity and live...and perhaps on the seventh day we'll rest.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, February 9

12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
6pm 15 Place Board meeting
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

Thursday, February 10

12N Al-Anon
6pm Opening Service & Ordinations, Diocesan Convention, St. James, Fairhope
7pm AA

Friday, February 11

Diocesan Convention, Beckwith
5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, February 12

Diocesan Convention, St. James
10am Flower Guild, Stirling Hall
10:30am PFLAG, Smith Rm
1:30-4:30pm L'Arche, Stirling Hall
6:30pm Brady/Wall wedding

Sunday, February 13

8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Christian Education
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following

Tuesday, February 15

12N Golden Circle
3:30pm St. Michael and All Angels choir rehearsal
6pm Supper & Rector's Forum

Wednesday, February 16

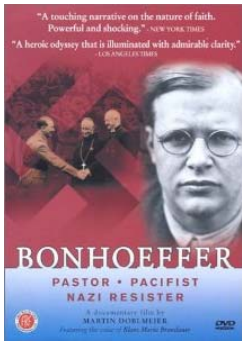
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5:30pm Conde Explorers, Stirling Hall
7:30pm Adult Choir rehearsal

The Rector's Forum, a new class lead by the Rector continues next Tuesday evening, February 15, with potluck supper at 6pm and class to follow from 6:30-7:30. The topic this week is "Episcopalians 101," good conversation for newcomers and old-timers alike. We'll talk about such questions as 'where do we come from, exactly' and 'what do we believe in as a church.' Everyone is welcome to this bi-weekly event. Please bring a dish to share.

Adult Education Class

For the next two Sundays (Feb. 13 & 20), the Christian Living Today adult education class will watch a documentary entitled Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister, about the famous German Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who participated in the attempt to assassinate Hitler and was killed by the Nazis. The class meets in the Walter K. Smith room at 9:30 a.m. and all members of the congregation are welcome. Here's what one reviewer said about the film:

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1906, to wealthy, privileged and well-connected parents. He



received his doctorate in theology in 1927. At a time when Germany was reeling from her humiliation at the hands of the Allies after World War I, the proponents of National Socialism began to capture the loyalty of Germans who were desperate to recover their economic, cultural, political and military glory. Bonhoeffer searched his soul, his conscience and his Bible in an effort to decide where his responsibilities lie.

His decision to risk his freedom and his life by actively resisting the Nazis will forever set him apart as a man of valor.

"Bonhoeffer" is a superb documentary. It is informative, well-researched and intensely moving. Rare archival footage includes a scene in which Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli (the future Pope Pius XII), and Germany's vice chancellor, Franz von Papen, formally sign a concordat between the Holy See and the German Reich on July 20, 1933. The surrender of the Roman Catholic Church to Hitler's might at the expense of the helpless victims of Nazi terror makes Bonhoeffer's sacrifices all the more remarkable. There is also hard-hitting footage of Hitler and Goebbels spouting their venom before thousands of cheering and ebullient German citizens.

This ninety-minute documentary, in both black and white and color, includes comments by survivors, historians and theologians who knew Bonhoeffer; their words lend gravity and verisimilitude to the film. These individuals describe Bonhoeffer as an inspiring teacher, a thoughtful writer of theological treatises, and finally, an active resister who took

part in a failed conspiracy to assassinate Hitler. Bonhoeffer had an opportunity to stay in America, where, from a safe haven, he could have attempted to inspire resistance to the Nazi regime. However, Bonhoeffer could not bring himself to abandon his homeland at a time when she was under siege by an evil dictator.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer believed that religion is not an abstraction, but a way of life. It was his opinion that a man of God must care for all of his fellow human beings, and reach out to support them when they are in need. His example will forever inspire men and women of conscience as they continue to fight for the freedoms that we often take for granted.

The February Vestry meeting will be held on Monday, February 21, at 6pm in the Saad Room.

Lent 2011

This year during the Lenten season our focus will be on contemplative worship. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel each Wednesday evening of Lent beginning on March 16 for a Taizé service.

Taizé is an ecumenical community of worship founded in France in the 1950's which became principally a community of youth in its early history. Since then it has become a place of pilgrimage for all ages who seek a very intentional form of reflective and contemplative worship.

There has been a genre of beautiful music written for Taizé services... It is easy to sing... often repetitive... sometimes in canon... contains beguiling harmony... but it is meaningful for the singer and non-singer alike. There will be readings... periods of silence... reflections... and of course beautiful music. The service will last about forty minutes followed by supper and informal conversation. We hope this will be an effective means to "keep a holy Lent."

Our sympathy goes to Suzanne Drew at the death of her husband, Pinky, last week. Pinky was buried from All Saints on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Prayers are also offered for the family and friends of Betty Coan, who died recently.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Friday Night Supper Club

meets next on February 11 at the home of Gwen and Edgar Hughes, 1050 Palmetto Street at 7pm. Please call 433.5881 to let them know if you are coming. Everyone is invited and newcomers are welcome.

Golden Circle will meet next Tuesday, February 15. Join us at 12N for a wonderful lunch and bingo afterwards. Call Mary Hunter Slaton at 479.2692 if you are interested in attending.

Thursday Night Supper Club

meets on February 24 at 6:30pm at Susan Mosley's home, 6 Schwaemmle Drive. Please call Susan at 344.2337 to let her know if you are coming. All are welcome!

Food Share Distribution for February is on Saturday, 2/19. This month, to avoid conflict with a Mardi Gras parade and the Acoustic Music Concert Series at All Saints on Friday, 2/18, the food preparation is being moved from Friday night back to Thursday, Feb. 17 at 5:30pm. Everyone is invited to help that night, or on Saturday morning at 7:30am.



President Barack Obama announced Feb. 4 that Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori would be joining his administration as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. "I am grateful for the opportunity to be of service to the larger community in this way," Jefferts Schori said, according to a press release from the Episcopal Church's Office of Public Affairs. "The ability to build partnerships between civic and religious bodies can only expand our capacity to heal a broken world."

In February 2009, Obama established Council to "work on behalf of Americans committed to improving their communities, no matter their religious or political beliefs." He said, "I am pleased to announce that these experienced and committed individuals have agreed to join this administration, and I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

Do You Have Gently Used Furniture?

Abraham Kuol needs furniture for his new apartment. He needs living room furniture: sofa, chairs, tables & dining room/area furniture: a small dining table & chairs. Other needs: shelves or a bookcase, a radio, a TV if possible. If anyone has items to donate, please contact Abraham:421.3221 or Martha Harris:342.4458.

Mark your calendars! Garage Sale Ahead!

The EYC is planning to hold a garage sale in May to raise money to help them on their summer Mission Trip to Mexico. This is to give you PLENTY of notice so that you can begin to put aside items you would be willing to donate to the sale.



Stay tuned for further announcements of date and time, and when and where you can start bringing these items to church. The EYC will be very appreciative of your help!

Southern Sudanese celebrated the birth of a new nation as election officials confirmed that nearly 99% of voters in the referendum had chosen independence from Sudan. The turnout of registered voters was 98%.

Sudan now enters a transitional period with the official start of a new nation scheduled for July 9, although there are many issues still to be resolved, such as the sharing of oil revenues and border demarcation between the north and the south.

Ayen and Thomas, daughter Agum and son Atem, and cousin Abraham (all age 18 and older), recently traveled twice to Nashville, TN -- first to register to vote, and the second time to cast their ballots. Nashville was one of a handful of locations across the country where Sudanese could come to do those things.

Robin Denney, an Episcopal Church missionary based in Juba, told Episcopal News Service, "The people of Southern Sudan recognize the many challenges ahead but have great hope and great vision for what their nation will become." The Episcopal Church of Sudan -- with its four million members, the vast majority of whom are based in the south -- is considered one of the largest non-governmental organizations in Southern Sudan and is strategically placed to serve its people as the country looks towards the future.

Please keep the Sudanese people and The Episcopal Church of Sudan in your prayers.



HandsOn South Alabama

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SOUTH ALABAMA

A Call to Action: Community Forum on School Funding

HandsOn South Alabama, Mobile United and Leadership Mobile are hosting a forum for community stakeholders to learn more about the March 22 vote to renew existing funding for education.

Join us on February 24, 2011 at 8:30 am at the Alabama School of Mathematics and Science located at 1255 Dauphin Street (Please park and enter on Caroline St.) in the Auditorium. Registration starts at 8:00 am. Program begins at 8:30 am.

A YES vote on March 22 will:

- ✓ Avoid layoffs of over 400 public school teachers and will prevent reduction in student services.
- ✓ Continue to fund additional teacher units for sports and the arts.
- ✓ Avoid loss of \$25 million per year for capital projects, maintenance, renovations and new construction
- ✓ Secure the majority of funding for special needs schools and allow continuance of vocational schools for workforce development.
- ✓ NOT increase taxes.

For more information, call 251.433.4456 or visit www.handsonsal.org.



The University of Mobile Center for Performing Arts presents:

Struck by Cupid's Arrow A Night of Love Songs

Joanie Brittingham - Soprano, Faculty Recital
Sharon Hudson - Piano

February 14, 2011, 7:00pm
Moorer Auditorium
Free Admission

A collection of 20th Century American Love Songs
from classical to musical theatre

(Ed. note: Joanie and husband, Mike, are new members of the All Saints choir)

The All Saints Acoustic Concert Series resumes on Friday, February 18 at 7pm with a



concert by Kathryn Scheldt and Tom Morley. Admission is \$10. Kathryn Scheldt is a Nashville recording artist who grew up in South Carolina and now lives in Fairhope, AL. Her Lamon Records CD, "Southern Wind," her fourth and latest, is deeply rooted in the Gulf Coast South, with shining stories and honest love songs and lyrics that range from fun-filled to poetic. "Kathryn Scheldt," says Grand Ole Opry legend George Hamilton IV, "is a wonderful songwriter who is also blessed with a beautiful voice. 'Southern Wind' may be her best CD yet."

In recent months, Kathryn has played the Rutledge and the Bluebird in Nashville, Moonlight on the Mountain in Birmingham, and Thacker Mountain Radio in Oxford, MS. She has shared the stage with such Americana stalwarts as Peter Cooper, Marshall Chapman, Matraca Berg, Amy Speace, and Australian singer-songwriter Keith Glass. For more information, log onto: www.southerngirlmusic.com or www.lamonrecords.com.

Tom Morley is a member of the Celtic music group, *Mithril*, and the Mobile Symphony, and has a solo career as well. He will perform with Kathryn and by himself. You won't want to miss this fabulous concert!



The Flag Maker of Market Street is a new play opening at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery on February 4. The playwright is Elyzabeth Gregory Wilder (an All Saints' parishioner) and it tells the story of George Cowles, a respected Montgomery merchant who is asked to make the very first Confederate flag. However, at night Cowles is secretly running Unionist meetings out of his backroom. When a customer becomes suspicious of his activities, Cowles' life and the lives of everyone close to him are placed in jeopardy.

Elyzabeth has agreed to coordinate a trip to see her play on **March 19**, a Saturday, at the 2pm matinee. If there are 10 or more who want to go, the ticket prices will be \$33 each or \$25 for people under 25. The show will run approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes with one intermission. Afterwards, there will be a discussion with the playwright that will last about 30 minutes for those who are interested.

For more information, email Elyzabeth at elyzabethw@aol.com. Reservations must be made and checks received by **March 1**.



EYC NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The high school EYC Mission Trip will be to Tulum, Mexico with Hands and Feet Ministries from June 5-12!!!

Email Catherine for more details.

I will be gone from January 2nd - March 3rd. I will have limited access to email, but will be checking periodically. There will be a different person to contact each week for questions regarding EYC.

I will miss you all, but will see you in March!

February 13th

Taylor Park. Meet at the park from 2-4.

Contact: Kate Kelly 251. 487.0525

February 20th

Mulherin Home. 3-5pm Contact for this week: Renea Greene 251.533.1536

February 27th

NO EYC!

March 6th

Joe Cain Day- No EYC- Happy Mardi Gras!

March 13th

Taylor Park

March 20th

Mission Trip Fundraiser

March 27th

Mulherin home

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Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Breakfast
9:25 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)