

The Herald

February 20, 2011

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

From the Rector: Of Illness and Health

One of our sons is suffering from depression...twenty years ago perhaps, and certainly fifty years ago, one wouldn't speak of such a thing...the taboo of mental illness was just unmentionable. I had a great aunt who had serious mental health issues way back when, before we had heard the term bipolar, and when she was really in the throws of her so-called eccentricity her family would say she was just having one of her *spells*. There were no health insurance questionnaires back then, but had

there been, when the question arose: "Have you been diagnosed with mental illness?" the family would have certainly answered, "certainly not."

In my son's case I have chosen to look at it this way... and I don't mean to be blithe about the weight upon him right now, nor do I intend to be about the process of denial...I recognize that this is a crisis in his life and in the life of our family...but I have chosen to see this as a watershed event...an opportunity for his transformation, and perhaps ours...not so much about health or illness, but about a process of wholeness, a process of becoming who one is made to be...the so-called polarities of illness and health but an illusion...illness and health both parts of one sacred process of becoming whole and mature...illness perhaps a necessary evil, as it were, to move us towards a deeper humanity. Thinking this way doesn't lessen the pain of the process, but certainly in seeing things this way there is cause for hope for all of us when in the "winter of our discontent," a winter that will surely come in its own time.

T.S. Eliot says it in *Four Quartets*: that we are to obey the dying nurse who reminds us that to be restored our sickness must become worse....I think this is an admonition that we must at some time in our lives grapple honestly with our mortality....grapple with the ashes and dust of our being....grapple with the reality that death and life play their respective dramatic roles even while we live out our brief period of existence on this earth....and that means that there are times in our lives wherein there is pain....but the pain is a part of a greater process...pain that can in its time be transformed by hope....This is counter-cultural in a world in which pain is an alien intrusion...(and I'm not arguing here against the responsible use of modern medications) But I have this notion that our individual dealing with pain, might have ramifications beyond ourselves, certainly within our families and possibly within the greater community.

This is not to say that we suffer for suffering's sake....but that when our time comes, as it surely will....we bear the pain of transformation with sure and certain hope that there is life waiting for us....and that it is a life renewed and perhaps more meaningful than before....at least we can hope as much....for sometimes hope is all we have.

On the Calendar:

Tuesday, February 15
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels
choir
6pm Supper & Rector's Forum

Wednesday, February 16
12N Golden Circle
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir
5:30pm Conde Explorers, Stirling
Hall
7:30pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 17
12N Al-Anon
5:30pm Food Share Packing
7pm AA

Friday, February 18
7pm Acoustic Music Concert Series:
Kathryn Scheldt with Tom Morley

Saturday, February 19
8am Food Share

Sunday, February 20
8am Holy Eucharist
9am Breakfast
9:25am Adult Christian Ed
9:50am Praise & Worship Music,
EYC Room
10:30am Holy Eucharist
Reception following
3-5pm EYC @ Mulherin Home

Monday, February 21
6pm Vestry meeting

Tuesday, February 22
3:30pm St. Michael & All Angels
choir

Wednesday, February 23
12N Holy Eucharist (chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir
7:30pm Adult Choir

Congratulations to Joe Basenberg, who was elected President of the Standing Committee at the end of the recent Diocesan Convention! The committee is made up of lay people and clergy from the diocese, and it serves as a vestry of sorts to the Bishop. Joe's term lasts one year.

The Rector's Forum will continue next on Tuesday, March 1, with potluck supper at 6pm and class to follow from 6:30-7:30. The current topic is "Episcopalians 101," which covers a multitude of general questions about the Episcopal Church. Conversation is lively. Everyone is welcome to this bi-weekly event. Please bring a dish to share.

Food Share Distribution happens this weekend! In a change of schedule for this month, 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.



Important Upcoming Dates

- * The church office will be closed at noon on Monday, March 7 and all day on Tuesday, March 8, Mardi Gras Day.
- * Ash Wednesday is March 9. Services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be held at 12N in the Chapel and at 6pm in the Church. Nursery will be provided.
- * On the Wednesdays of Lent (March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 and 13), a Taize service in the Chapel will begin at 6pm followed by supper and conversation. (See article below) Nursery will be provided. Children over 4 are encouraged to take part in the table meal and informal talk.

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. 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."

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

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!

Have you lost keys? A set of keys was found Saturday morning, Feb. 12 in the women's bathroom in the Parish Hall. There are car keys and what look like house keys. Describe them and collect them from Mary Holbrook.

Gently Used Furniture Needed

Abraham Kuol needs furniture for his new apartment. He has acquired a sofa, chair and bookcases; thanks to those who donated them. He could still use a small dining table and chairs, a radio, and a TV if possible. If anyone has items to donate, please contact Abraham: 421.3221 or Martha Harris: 342.4458.

Sunday School Schedule

During the next several weeks, the Sunday School children and youth will meet together for the following activities:

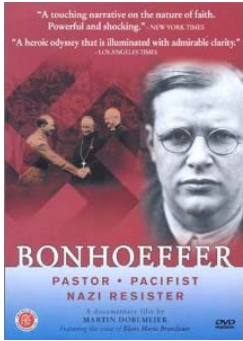
- Feb. 20 Praise and Worship music in the EYC room, 9:50am
- Feb. 27 Mardi Gras Parade visit to Murray House, meet in Stirling Hall after breakfast
- Mar. 6 Praise and Worship music in the EYC room, 9:50am
- Mar. 13 Arts and Crafts in Stirling Hall after breakfast

IHN/Family Promise week will be March 13-20. Please mark your calendars and plan to help our guests as a meal preparer, an evening host or an overnight host. Henry Brewster coordinates the schedule. If you want to help, contact him at home: 479-9781; work: 338-0630; or hbrewster@brewsterlaw.net.

Plates, platters and other dishes are piling up in the small kitchen of the Parish Hall. Please claim yours and take it home!

Adult Education Class

On Sunday, Feb. 20, the Christian Living Today adult education class will continue to 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 Flag Maker of Market Street is a new play which opened 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 discount tickets for the 2pm matinee on Saturday, **March 19**. (The trip to Montgomery is on your own.) 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 Wilder at elyzabethw@aol.com. Reservations must be made and checks received by March 1.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you



In Concert

Friday, February 18 • 7 pm

*Kathryn
Scheldt*

Nashville recording artist and
Fairhope resident

with Special Guest

Tom Morley

Mithril fiddler



Tickets \$10 at the door

ALL SAINTS
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For more information, please call

438-2492 All Saints

379-2223 Mark Williams

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Fund • Family Promise • Penelope House • McKemie Place •
L'Arche • Alabama Arise • South Alabama Cares

HandsOn South Alabama

(Formerly Volunteer Mobile, Inc.) with
Mobile United and Leadership Mobile



HandsOn
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.

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 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

Contact Info

Catherine Mackey - SCatherineMackey@gmail.com

Sunday Lectionary: 7th Sunday after Epiphany

[Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18](#)

[Psalm 119:33-40](#)

[1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23](#)

[Matthew 5:38-48](#)

Lay Ministers for Sunday

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Danny Moreau, Julie Praytor, Ellen Wingard

Flower Guild: Diana Nichols, Carol Mackey

Breakfast: Jean Tucker, Burl Ratcliffe, Robert Rodriguez

Reception: Frances Rouse, Kathy McKenzie

8:00

Lector: Mary Hunter Slaton

Intercessor: Joe Basenberg

Chalice bearer: Serena Willcox

Ushers: Fred & Barbara South

Greeter: Renee Dillard

10:30

Lectors: 1) Martha Hennessy 2) Thomas Locke

Intercessor: Kay Montgomery

Chalice bearers: Andy Mitchell, Louie Wood

Acolytes: Louie Wood, Liam Ayres, Gillian Ayres, Brewer Ayres

Ushers: Don Mosley, Hank Caddell, Jim Ayres, Skeeter Robertson

Music for Sunday, Feb. 20

Voluntary George Shearing *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

Processional Hymn 657 *Hyfrydol*

William Mathias S-278 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

John Jones *Psalm 119: 33-40*

Sequence Hymn 656 *Franconia*

Offertory Anthem William Bradley Roberts *In All These You Welcomed Me*

Presentation Hymn 424 *East Acklam*

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

Mason Martens S-167 *The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus*

Communion Hymn 395 *King*

Motet Thomas Attwood *Teach Me, O Lord*

Post Communion Hymn 604 *San Rocco*

Processional Théodore Dubois *Grand Chœur*

Refuge Pantry Items

We need items such as **toilet paper** (multi-packs), **paper towels**, **laundry soap** and **garbage bags**. Please put them in the church office or the Ann St. narthex. Thanks!



Please keep in your prayers for healing:

Martha Mason

Sylvia Spann

Richard Melton

Connie Robert

Mel Manning

Pete Gaillard

Hank Caddell

Whitney Atkinson

Richard Bridges

Larry Lake

Agnes Lambert

Martha Murdock

LaNiece Bland

Lamar Elledge

Anna Marie Brown

Doris Tant

Wesley Emerson

Sharon Cleverdon

Danny Moreau

Mike Downing

Celeste Taylor

Pauline Oliver

Cheryl Peach

Pauline Danner

Butch Boyington

Betty Torbert

Devanie Ellison

Barbie Driver

Patsy Childress

Marion

Debbie Davis

Chris

the White family

Brenda

Tillye Semple

Laura

Serving in the military:

Spencer Abbot

Matt Abbot

Glenn Foster, Jr.

Soren Rodning

Zack Hadley

T. J. Sherman

Jamie Pontious

Haley Jones

Theford Daniel Jones, Jr.

Daniel Taylor

Daniel Robert



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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)