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March 1, 2014 (his 75th birthday)

Fr. Mike's Memorial Service at Christ Church was extremely moving. For those unable to attend, I want to share with you a little of the service and the celebration later. Bishop Edwards was the Celebrant. Banners from Fr. Mike's previous parishes were used in the procession.

It was maximum capacity in the church; every space in every pew was taken. The service began with the first procession to "Lift High the Cross". Christ Church's beautiful processional cross was flanked by torches and then behind that were the five beautiful banners of the churches most associated with Fr. Mike, followed by the attending clergy.

Tristen was Crucifer 1 carrying the massive silver cross. He also served at the altar, serving the bishop. A second processional cross was carried by Collin Weires (Fr. Mike's grandson). Jeremy & Zavian were the torch bearers. Zia carried the banner for Trinity Episcopal from Waterloo, Iowa, and Emily carried Epiphany's banner. Epiphany's acolytes were joined with St. Timothy's and together helped facilitate the service. They all did an amazing

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SEEKING TO
KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
MAKE CHRIST
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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



As always when one gets to eat lots of stuff that is not good for you, the 45 people who attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper had an excellent, and filling, time. The pancake races in the parking lot were a hit with the younger folk, cheered on by the rest of us who chose to watch. The big winners were Brendan, Ryan, and Zavian. The girls were shut out this year. Following supper, the palms from last year were burned to provide the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service the next day.



The Winners

And Good Food!

MORE PARISH NEWS

Save the Dates

April 19—Holy Saturday Once again The Episcopal Community will host a Quiet Day at Epiphany from 10am – 2pm. A Mediation Room will be available for quiet time before one walks the Labyrinth. Information on the Labyrinth will be available again this year.



April 26—Italian Dinner at the Valentine's. Don't forget to buy your tickets; they are almost gone! Last year's sold-out event was terrific. Proceeds will be used for operating expenses.

May 13—Nevadans for the Common Good Rally at Cashman. (See pg. 4)

May 24—SMD Picnic 12—5 pm at Sunset Park. Stay tuned for more details.

Baptism

On March 9, Mike Snyder and Carolyn Reinheimer were baptized by Fr Dale

Let us welcome the newly baptized



A Request

Mike and Kelly Snyder are newcomers to Epiphany. Their son, Jack, is in Ms. Betty-Jeanne's class and they are attending the Confirmation/Inquirer's class.

Mike and Kelly are trying to expand their family through adoption and would appreciate your prayers. Because almost 50% of all private adoptions are a result of word of mouth, the Snyder's would like your help spreading the word.

If you know someone who is pregnant and contemplating adoption or abortion, consider telling her about the Snyder family. The Snyder's would be happy to talk with her. They may be reached at 702-419-9883 and their family adoption profile can be seen by visiting www.premieradoption.org/waiting-families/mike-and-kelly/

AND STILL MORE NEWS

The Vestry



On February 16, Fr. Dale installed the new vestry. This year's Vestry members are: Betty-Jeanne Cousins, Senior Warden, Elsa Torgerson, Junior Warden, Susan Baker, Treasurer, Sandra Miller (1 yr term), Kristen Makhathini, Laura Canon, Cindy Borg, and Carolyn Sabo. We thank them all for taking on this important responsibility at a critical time for our parish.

Nevadans for the Common Good

May 13th 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Cashman Theater
850 N. Las Vegas Blvd

This event will build on the successes of the past year and lay the foundation for our work addressing issues related to the elderly, immigration reform, education and human trafficking.

Remember one person can make a difference – together we got **AB-67** passed and made a huge impression on our law makers. May 12, 2012, we had 1,500 in attendance. Our goal for 2014 is **2,000**. We need to keep putting forth legislation and continue the good work we have started. We have made headway, but together we can change the world for our children and for **those less fortunate than ourselves**. Isn't this the "Great Commission" from our Lord?

Bishop Edwards has stated that the Episcopal churches will send at least 300 to the rally. Let's not disappoint ourselves or him. Epiphany is committed to send **30 people. We can do it!** If we get 50 we can get a bus to and from Cashman. Perhaps we can network with St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's in order to reach 50. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex right outside my classroom. Betty-Jeanne

A LETTER FROM KATHARINE JEFFERTS SCHORI

Epiphany 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I thank God for the witness of the clergy and people of The Episcopal Church as the faith we share expands hope through the various ministries of our parishes and institutions. As you read this I hope you take to heart how important your role is in bringing God's hope and peace to those whose lives you touch.

You may be aware that the theme of our recent House of Bishops meeting in September was Transforming Loss into New Possibilities. This theme continues to shape my prayers and thoughts of our ministry. The Church and the world are wrestling with many losses in terms of trust, hope, and opportunity as the world continues to polarize along economic, political, and religious lines. It is one thing to be comfortable at home musing over theoretical notions of transforming loss into new possibilities. It is quite something else to stand in solidarity with people who know loss at the deepest levels and who embrace that pain and loss yet do not descend into the abyss of hatred and resentment.

I continue to be inspired by the Christians who are a small fraction of the population of most of the nations throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. This past May I had the privilege of participating in a conference held in Beirut, Lebanon, sponsored by the WCC and the Middle East Council of Churches, which focused on the serious challenges facing indigenous Christians throughout that region. Time and again in quiet conversation with Christian leaders and in public statements and presentations I witnessed the pain of loss expressed with passion and grief by so many on account of political and social pressures and the cycles of violence that continue in Syria, Israel/Palestine, and Egypt. While there was great sorrow expressed about loss, there was also great hope and expectation that peace and prosperity are possible. Is it possible? In human terms, some doubt and wonder. In divine terms, I join our sisters and brothers of the Christian churches in the Middle East and say, "Yes, not only possible, but inevitable because it is God who has the last word."

I encourage you and your congregation to join in supporting our sister and brother Anglicans throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering. Good Friday Offering materials will soon be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and French: www.episcopalchurch.org/goodfridayoffering.

I am deeply grateful for your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Your support of the Good Friday Offering helps transform what is loss today into tomorrow's possibility.

I remain

Your servant in Christ,

+KJS

Fr. Mike's Celebration of Life, cont.

job working in a space they had never been in, with equipment they had never used, in addition to being unacquainted with each other. Connie Barlow did an excellent job of instructing the Acolytes and they were magnificent.

Epiphany's choir members joined St. Timothy's choir and sang from the choir loft.

The Psalm was read by Shawn Woolworth. The gradual, "Abba, Father!", played on the guitar, was extremely moving – the words touched everyone: "Mold us, mold us and fashion us into the image of Jesus, Your son, of Jesus, Your son."

Karen Weires (Fr. Mike's daughter) was wonderful as she thanked everyone for coming, and as Fr. Mike would have done, told one of his favorite stories about warm fuzzies. Karen has been a tower of strength to her Mom during the last 10 months. She commented that the hymns were favorites of her Dad's.

We then broke bread together. The Recessional Hymn was, "I am the Bread of Life".

As the doors opened onto the patio, a Dixieland Band was playing, Father would have loved it! We then went into the Parish Hall where Ginny had readied a banquet for us all to enjoy. Joyce commented, "I am so happy with the large turn out for Mike."

The number in attendance: **316**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".



Letter to the Parish from Joyce Annis

I want to say thank-you to all that have sent words of comfort, stories about Mike, and to all who came to his Memorial service, and helped my family celebrate the life of the man I loved and was married to for 48 years. We were all overwhelmed with the love and support that was shared during his illness and his passing on to be with Jesus. The kindnesses that were shown help to ease the sadness. At the memorial service I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the assurance of life eternal. I know that there are hurdles for me to go through because I will miss Mike forever, but knowing that I am not alone is a comfort. Thanks so much for your love and support.

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Saturday
Walk the
Labyrinth
At
Epiphany**