

Good News from Epiphany

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Keep Haiti in Our Hearts



Again this year the Church School children offered for sale heart shaped lollipops for Haiti. It was bedlam on February 9th as the Narthex was busy with children holding lollipops and adults donating dollars to receive their heart shaped lollipops from the excited children.

This is the 3rd year for the Church School to have this fund raising event for the children in Port au Prince, Haiti. Each dollar given allows a child in Haiti to have lunch. This year's event raised **\$250.00**. That is 250 lunches!

Our special thanks to the 8 a.m. parishioners who donated \$113.00 towards the lunches even though they did not get to see all the excited children with their lollipops.

Thanks also go to the middle and high school kids who helped the younger ones and all our Church School teachers with this event.

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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Jan 26, 2014, with 53 in attendance.

Outgoing Vestry members Melissa Farr, Shawn Woolworth, and Carol Thoreson were thanked for their hard work, and the incoming Vestry members were elected: Kristen Makhathini, Laura Canon, and Carolyn Sabo for 3 year terms, and Sandra Miller for a 1 year term.

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention in Ely on Oct. 9 – 11, 2014, were also elected. They are Susan Baker, Anne Oney, and Nydia Segal.

Contemplative Prayer

What is Contemplative Prayer?

Contemplative Prayer, or Centering Prayer, is a spiritual practice based on ancient Christian tradition. Originally begun by the Desert Fathers (3rd century monks who went out to the Egyptian desert to pray) and later incorporated into aspects of Eastern Orthodox worship, centering prayer was revived in the 1970s and continues to grow in churches around the country.

How do you practice Contemplative Prayer?

Close your eyes and breathe deeply. Chances are, within a few minutes, you will be thinking about something you have to do tomorrow, something you just saw on TV or something you should have said to someone yesterday. In Contemplative Prayer you learn to turn your mind away from these thoughts by repeating a word, and returning your focus to that word when your mind drifts. The idea is to clear your mind so that you can come into touch with the presence of God.

Wow! How can I learn this amazing spiritual practice?

Contemplative Prayer was founded at Epiphany by Father Annis and is currently held on Monday nights at 7 pm under the leadership of Bob Knox. We sometimes listen to weird music, but that's optional.

Submitted by Laura Canon

Diocesan & Parish News

Project LUCI

In Sub Saharan Africa, 589 million people do not have electricity. That's more people than in all the people in the United States, Canada and Mexico combined. Imagine the North American continent completely dark after nightfall.....That's Africa.

The Diocese of Nevada and the Diocese of Makueni (Kenya) are united to bring light to rural Kenyans through Luci lanterns. Luci is a solar lantern with a rechargeable lithium ion battery. For every hour in the sun, it provides one hour of light. It's designed to be independent of the power grid in places where electricity is inaccessible or unaffordable.

The gift of a Luci lantern is life-changing. Each will cost \$9.50.

Please help bring light to Kenya by either sending donations to:

The Episcopal Diocese of Nevada Put LUCI in the memo
9480 S Eastern Ave., Ste 236
Las Vegas, NV 89123

OR

Write a check to Epiphany with the memo LUCI and we will send one check to the Diocese.

DEADLINE: Sunday March 2, 2014

Save the Dates

March 4 – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 5 – Noon - Ash Wednesday – Imposition of Ashes
6:30 Bishop Edwards - Anglican Tradition & Identity (Church History)

March 13 – 6 p.m. – Lenten Studies with Soup & Bread. Led by Sheila Smith. Sign up in Narthex.

March 22 – Rummage Sale to benefit Camp/Mission - start saving your items

April 26 – Italian Dinner to benefit - Operating expense

May 13 Nevadans for Common Good rally at Cashman Theatre

May 24 – Southern Mission District (SMD) Picnic, Sunset Park, Noon to 5 p.m.

August 3 – 9 – Family Camp at Camp Galilee. It's sign-up time. The Oneys are going. Why don't you join them!! <http://www.galileetahoe.org/>

Other Items of Note

God of Our Silent Tears

If you haven't heard, our very own Bishop Dan Edward's first book was released in print in 2013. The title, **God of Our Silent Tears**, is a verse taken from "Lift Every Voice and Sing", by James Weldon Johnson, and reads:

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might,
 Led us into the light,
 Keep us forever on the path, we pray.

There is nothing clear, simple or enticing about the subject of God and suffering. Bishop Dan Edward's book brilliantly approaches this subject and explains how the two are related through his logical, spiritual, and in my opinion, supreme intellect. The overall message being delivered is, "God comforts us with his own eternity" as he "leads us into the ways of wisdom and compassion". Each chapter ends with questions to explore your own personal feelings. I found them very challenging, as I have never spent enough hours contemplating God, God and suffering, and clearly formulating my opinions.

I intend to re-read the book, maybe with some others, and write out answers to the questions, as this effort will certainly invoke personal spiritual growth. Even without answering the questions this first time through, I found myself making considerations with the new material I was introduced to. This may be that the book's focus is on God, rather than Jesus. It feels easier to discuss Jesus, and I think that is why I found this book urging me toward individual exploration about God so challenging.

I am so grateful that Bishop Edwards took the challenge to craft this book that shares his deeply personal and learned experiences about God. This shared insight is truly a gift.

The book is available in paperback at amazon.com.

Submitted by Gina Kistle

Bishop Katharine to receive Honorary Degree

Archbishop Justin Cantuar of the Anglican Communion has welcomed news that the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, is to be awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity by the University of Oxford.

He said: "This award reaffirms Bishop Katharine's remarkable gifts of intellect and compassion, which she has dedicated to the service of Christ. Prior to becoming ordained, Bishop Katharine pursued a career in oceanography, and her enduring deep commitment to the environment has evolved into a profound dedication to stewardship of our planet and humankind, especially in relieving poverty and extending the love and hospitality of Christ to those on the edges of society."

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Clerk	Gina Kistle	Liaison – Education
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Laura Canon	Liaison – Hospitality	
Sandra Miller	Liaison – Care & Calling	
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**Don't forget the
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper!!**

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