



Embarking Together on a Lenten Pilgrimage

Our whole life is a pilgrimage. We are pilgrims on a journey, passing through territory that is sometimes unfamiliar and frequently challenging. We aim towards a destination. Some call it heaven. Some call it Union with God. Christians believe that we have Christ's own promise that where he is, he invites us to come.

In Lent we embark on a pilgrimage together, a pilgrimage that ends in Easter, mirroring our "big pilgrimage" which ends in Resurrection. Here are some things that form the journey:

- A Lenten guide to daily prayer, study, and action compiled by a group of parishioners and available on the "For This Week" table in church.
- Some suggested activities for families to do together as we prepare ourselves to renew our Baptism at Easter. Look for a handout later in Lent.
- A Friday evening knitting group, making prayer shawls. Contact Carla Crocheron at (301) 627-0763.

•A Lenten art exhibition of images of community and pilgrimage by members and friends of St. Stephen's, formally "opened" with Evensong on Thursday, March 9 at 7pm.

•A glorious new set of Stations of the Cross by artist Jorge Somarriba, made in a Latino style, celebrating and enhancing our fledgling Latino ministry here, and providing a devotional way to retrace the steps of Jesus from arrest through burial.

•Sunday Liturgies that reflect in music and spoken word the theme of pilgrimage.

•"Faith Mysteries," our Adult Forum series for Lent, led by a number of parishioners telling about their particular journeys in faith (see below).

•And on Palm Sunday, our Adult Forum topic is "Looking at the Whole of Holy Week."

Join us for the journey, won't you?

-Frank Dunn, Senior Priest

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Faith Mysteries: Sharing Our Journeys

March 5: Years of the Cicadas, My faith Emergence-Sees, or, I gave my life to Jesus but He never calls... *Sharon Anderson*

March 12: Jesus in the World of the Negro Spiritual... *James Laws sings and teaches*

March 19: Coming Out to the Truth ... *The Rev. Michael Lohmann*

March 26: My dates with God at Barnes and Noble... *Mkwasi Mcharo*

April 2: What does feminist faith look like?... *Jane Lincoln*

Adult Forum: Every Sunday at 9:15am (prompt!)

WIN ACTIVITIES

March 12, 1-5pm, All Souls Church: **WIN members walk the streets to listen** to residents on priorities for neighborhood improvement.

Monday, March 13, 7-9pm. **WIN commissions election workers** dedicated to Get Out The Vote efforts.

Contact Meg Herndon (336) 207-0231.

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Letter from Ireland

This is a story about Julie Quinn, our near-neighbor in Drogheda, who is now about three weeks short of her hundredth birthday.

I visited her late this afternoon at the Cottage Hospital. She was there on what she and others here call a “respite”—a fortnight of health monitoring, nutritional fortification and sociability. Like many other elderly people still living at home, she spends quite a lot of her time alone.

Julie’s eyesight is now very poor. She can’t read at all, and the hearing is not great either—except in direct one-to-one physically close interaction. But she is in mentally very good shape.

I asked how her memory was. I wanted to talk to her about the market square where we both live as it was when she was young. She’d seen so much change and, without elaborating, she said things were indeed very different now. Julie is a nurse. She worked in England for many years but she grew up in the market district and when she retired this is where she returned. But, also, she plainly liked the hospital and the company of the other guests.

Julie’s fairly religious, and I think she assumed that I am not. I said to her that, when I left her, I’d probably stop at the nearby Scholar’s Inn (once the residence of the local Christian Brothers) and have a pint of Guinness. She tells me that she’s never had any alcohol. Took the pledge as a young girl, “and I never broke it.”

She also tells me, at one point, she thought I was a priest. Easy enough mistake for an old lady with failing eyesight to make. Besides, I’m wearing a charcoal wool jacket over a black fleece pullover, to keep the cold at bay.

I correct her, but the exchange seems to have freed her to talk about the things that, in her present condition, bring a sense of comfort. Mass is one of them, and when she’s on the respite she’s at Mass every Sunday—which doesn’t happen when she returns home. The rosary too. A man—evidently not a priest—comes to the hospital after his work to lead the rosary quite often.

The old people here like that, she says. We all grew up with it. We look forward to it now.

One of the ironies is that we speak of such things in a Protestant hospital. No longer, of course—the church-owned hospitals all now belong to the state. But the symbolism is all around to remind us of the former ruling class that erected the buildings where Julie and I pass this exquisitely sweet moment.

—Gerry Fitzgerald

Drogheda, Ireland, 15 February 2006

Samaritan Ministry Is 20!

The Samaritan Ministry’s 20th Anniversary Gala takes place Saturday, April 8, from 6-10pm at Fannie Mae’s Great Hall on Wisconsin Ave, NW. This fun-filled evening will honor special guests including our former rector the Rev. Jack Woodard, under whose leadership Samaritan Ministry began as a St. Stephen’s outreach program in the 1980s. The evening includes a buffet supper, live music and dancing, raffle prizes, and live and silent auctions. For more information or to purchase the \$95 tickets, contact SMGW’s Development Director—and St. Stephen’s worshipper—Diane Aten at 202-722-2280, ext. 304, or daten@samaritanministry.org.

People News

Louise Dyer is spending a month in Yap, where her friend **Falan Yinug** hails from.

Linda Kaufman has started a new job with the Lohman Group, a consulting company to health care and human services organizations. She leaves the DC Department of Mental Health, where she has been director of Adult Services for the past two years.

Judith Timol is recovering well from knee replacement surgery.

Edith Eder has recovered enough from her knee surgery to have rejoined us in church on Sundays. Let us bless the Lord!

Leota Lawrence spent February in Guyana.

Christina Way reported in mid-February that she and **Jim Stipe** continue to do well in Pakistan. They plan to write an article for BREAD on their experiences, including what they've experienced and learned being near protests over anti-Muslim cartoons.

The Rev. Eugene Sutton, canon pastor of Washington National Cathedral and a frequent guest preacher and celebrant at St. Stephen's, is one of five nominees for Bishop of California. The election takes place May 6 at Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.

Latino Ministry Report: "Grupo Semilla" Takes Shape

The old adage "when it rains, it pours" quite aptly describes God's blessings on our Latino ministry these days. Two days before Christmas, Frank blessed a couple's civil marriage in a lovely ceremony at St. Stephen's. We never expected that in this event would be the seed that would help our Spanish language service to take root. That seed was the groom, Hugo Perez. Hugo told us he would like to help in the effort to develop a Latino congregation here.

I met with Hugo in early February to discuss our vision for ministry. Last Saturday, we met again. Hugo came with eight more people. After a discussion around the most pressing needs of the Latino community, I answered questions about the Episcopal Church and about St. Stephen's in particular. The group liked the thought of coming together to form a community—a family in Christ. There was a common expression of a de-

sire and a need for God in their lives. They were willing to commit to building this community. The speed with which this happened took me by surprise.

Palm Sunday, the original date for starting the Spanish language eucharist, seemed like a long way off to most. The group decided that Sunday, March 5th at 5pm seemed like a good date to begin. One person said that we may start small, but if each person brings five more, we will grow. (Now, that is a true spirit of evangelism.) We now have our "grupo semilla"—our seed group. What lies ahead is cultivating the soil. Pray that God may give abundant growth.

Yet again, I find myself singing that wonderful hymn, "We've come this far by faith leaning on the Lord, trusting in his Holy Word, he's never failed us yet!" For blessing upon blessing I say, "Thanks be to God."

-The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin

WORSHIP at St. Stephen's

Sundays

8:00a—

Holy Eucharist,
Rite I

10:30a—

Holy Eucharist,
Rite II with
Children's
Spiritual
Formation

Celebrants and
Preachers

3/5: The Rev.
Ronald Conner,
Celebrant, The
Rev. Frank
Dunn, Preacher
(8:00); The
Rev. Linda
Kaufman,
Celebrant, The
Rev. Frank
Dunn, Preacher
(10:30)

3/12: The Rev.
Linda Kaufman
(8:00); The
Rev. Frank
Dunn,
Celebrant; The
Rev. Linda
Kaufman,
Preacher
(10:30)

LECTIONS

1st Sunday in Lent
(March 5)

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

2nd Sunday in Lent
(March 12)

Genesis 17:1-7,
15-16

Psalms 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-
25

Mark 8:31-38

THE SAINTS

Tuesday, March 7

PERPETUA AND HER COMPANIONS,
MARTYRS AT CARTHAGE, 202

Birthday: Joan Bennett

Thursday, March 9

GREGORY, BISHOP OF NYSSA,
c.394

Saturday, March 11

*Heavenly Birthday: Julia
B. Reynolds, 1983*

Sunday, March 12

GREGORY THE GREAT, BISHOP OF
ROME, 604

Birthday: John McMullen

Monday, March 13

*Birthday: LaGrande
Lewis, Larry Couthern*

Tuesday, March 14

*Birthday: Romel Dick,
Jr.*

Wednesday, March 15

*Birthday: Julian
Drumwright*

Thursday, March 16

*Birthday: Shirley
Evuoma*

Friday, March 17

PATRICK, BISHOP AND
MISSIONARY OF IRELAND, 461

Saturday, March 18

CYRIL, BISHOP OF JERUSALEM,
386

THE PRAYERS

Here's who we've been praying for recently:

- Craig Eder, Elizabeth Palmberg, Judith Timol, and all who desire to be restored to health; those who are home-bound; and all who care for aging relatives, the sick and the homebound;
- Bill & Evelyn Andrew (parents of Jane Bishop), Duane Bonds, Bob Broadwater (friend of Cam Crockett's), Martha Carty, Mallan Casey (father of William Casey), Romel Dick, Stephanie Holodnak (daughter of Martin Padarathsingh), Carol Ann Mericle (mother of Patricia Davis-Muffett), Barbara Oldland, Bri Teneza, (daughter-in-law of Gay Gellhorn; she is an Army doctor stationed in Iraq), Willard Webster (brother of Ellen Baynard), Kawthar Zeraouli (friend of Susan Kyle), and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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