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Reflections of a Pilgrim's Heart

The Cathedral Church of the Nativity

321 Wyandotte St. Bethlehem, PA

Saturday, June 27 at 5 P.M.



Featured Meditation by The Ven. Richard I Cluett

Prayers of Quiet Hope, Healing, Peace

Live Celtic Music- Harp, Flute, Piano

Meditation, Healing and Hope for Mind, Body, and Spirit

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From the Dean's Desk... Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Book of Common Prayer, Collect for Pentecost)

The picture above portrays two grave markers uncovered by archeologists on the northwest shoreline of Wales. These grave markers are located now in the parish church of St. Hwynn's in Aberdaron where I visited with pilgrims from the Cathedral.

The grave markers are those of two Roman Priests who had travelled to this distant land in the 5th century to take their place as part of the monastic communities that were forming in Wales. On the pilgrimage I titled "Celtic Discovery", I was struck by the power of the Gospel and the call of Jesus on these two Priests (and many others) from Rome who travelled literally to the "end of the earth" preaching and living the Gospel.

I was drawn to these markers. I needed to touch them. I felt drawn to be in communion with these fellow presbyters whose lives were handed over to the Holy Spirit which had clearly driven them far from what would have been the far more modern and comfortable world they had known, to the far more rugged and wild lands of small villages and clans for the sake of sharing the life offered in the Gospels of Christ. I was moved by their witness. I was encouraged by their courage. I was longing for their adventure. I was drawn into a communion when I realized their witness continued even now as pilgrims from across the "other end of the world" visited the land they spoke Gospel in and was again speaking to us with a spirit of renewal.

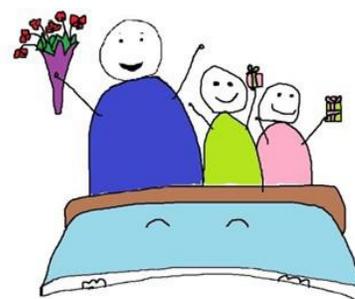
FIVE WISHES # 4: MY WISH FOR HOW I WANT PEOPLE TO TREAT ME

I ask you the question: How many people do you want at the end of your bed when it seems death may come at any time? Some folks do not want anyone with them; some want everyone they love including pets. Do you want your hand held? Do you want loved ones to speak to you or even sing to you or pray with you? Do you want to pass in your home or in a hospice care facility?

In my chaplaincy work as I ask these questions I often think of my father-in-law who was no nonsense kind of guy. When death was near to him, the entire family stood surrounding his bed (much like the picture below); we prayed; told funny stories; kissed him and then left him alone with my mother-in-law. As soon as she stepped out to use a restroom he pulled his oxygen off and his tubes out and passed quickly. This is how he chose to die! It was his wish not ours. I encourage you to make this last important decision for yourself-what do you want?

If anyone needs assistance with filling out a Five Wishes Advanced Directive, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at judi.painter@yahoo.com, by phone or text at 610-241-4532 or by calling the Cathedral at 610-865-0727. I have packets I can mail out to you or there is an online version available at: www.agingwithdignity.org

Blessings to all, *Judi*



A MESSAGE FROM MOTHER KIM

What has sprouted? I was so very excited when I came into the office in April and the little seeds I planted during GIFT earlier in the month had, seemingly, magically, grown. I just added a little water and those buggers grew into seedlings seemingly overnight. A few weeks later Audrey, Holly, and I planted some seeds in the garden as well. We did the same thing, put some seeds in the dirt, watered them and waited. Those seeds didn't seem as fruitful.

I found myself thinking about those seeds this month. The ones that magically seemed to grow and those which struggled to take hold. What was different between the two sets of seeds? Well the magic seeds, the ones that seemed to sprout overnight, they were protected, they were supported, and they weren't exposed to the cold nights, or the dry days, or the scorching sun's rays. The magic seeds, they were safe on my window sill. No wind or rain or snow. The sun shone through the window and I remembered to water them regularly, but not too often. The garden seeds, they were not so protected, they didn't get the warm office sun, or the fresh clean water. They were exposed to wind and animals and frost and even a snow warning in early May. But they were from the same packages, they both had just as much of a right to exist and grow and be planted and bear fruit as the magic seeds.

Jesus talked about seeds. In his parables seeds surface as a theme quite often, there was that mustard seed, and the seeds on good soil, rocky soil, and shallow soil. One of my favorite sermons I ever preached, was in my seminary preaching class, and it was about "irregular seeds" and the fruits they produce. (You can watch that sermon here <https://youtu.be/YhU2tuNHcuc>). But what I found myself thinking about on the warm spring day that I wrote this article is what seeds were planted this year? What seeds are we cultivating, supporting and watching grow? Which seeds are lying dormant and which seeds will surprise us in the future?

The seeds which we planted this year are many- we started the regular Celtic Service, which has taken off like a rocket. We started the GIFT program which is already changing into something more sustainable which has less of a direct involvement of me leading all the programs (for which I am grateful). We have continued with our lifelong Christian formation program providing instruction discernment mentoring and fun educational experiences for everyone from our littlest nursery babies and toddlers through our adult forum.

The fruits of what we have planted this year have yet to be seen. But we can see the fruits of past planting all around us. This year allowed us to witness the ordinations of two faithful females from our midst: Canon Michelle Moyer and Elizabeth Yale's ministries here and in Texas are perfect examples of how this community continues to provide support and guidance to the faithful. But ordination is not the only, and I'd argue not the most esteemed, yield that we have been witnessing the harvest of in the past year. Rather I think that those who we sent out into the world to pursue the pilgrims way- our youth who journeyed to New Orleans and our Welsh wanderers- who have gone out of their comfort zones who have encountered the holy in expected and unexpected ways are a better indicator of our seed spreading.

I know that there is a lot of naysaying in the church at large - we are shrinking- we are dying- we aren't relevant. Yes it's true that half of the people in the United States claim no religious affiliation. Yes our congregations are aging and yes our members are dying. Yes our liturgies aren't exactly the same as our evangelical brothers and sisters, but that doesn't mean we don't have something real and valuable to offer the world. But shrinking congregations, aging parishioners, and complaints about our worship style are not the end of the church. Seeds are being planted. Fruits will be harvested. Who knows what the future will hold for people who encounter our pilgrims in the world? Who knows what the church's future will look like? Who know -- God knows.

Do not lose faith brothers and sisters. Seeds are being sown here. Some are hardy and already have been planted in the world. Some are being cultivated in the relative safety of our cathedral walls. Some are scattered in our south side neighborhood, others are in the 4 corners of the valley, while more are in the diocese and church at large.

I pray I will witness the fruitful seasons yet to come. Don't you?

VESTRY SNIPPETS

The Vestry met in retreat on Saturday May 16, at the Barnabite Retreat Center. We built community, organized ourselves, and we given instruction about being a Vestry.

We welcome our newest members: Don Appleton, Cathy Bailey, Mary Mulder, Susan Sartoretto, and Meg Seltzer. Learn more about Cathy Bailey in next month's Parish Visitor. She will be spotlighted in the Vestry section.

Dick Guyer was elected as the Senior Warden. Kris Warner was elected as the junior warden. Barbara Iannelli was reelected as the clerk.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Dwight Zscheile is coming to the Cathedral. October 10 and 11. It will be an exciting weekend devoted to mission. You won't want to miss it.

The Vestry will meet again on Monday, June 15, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.



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May 21, 2015

Cathedral Church of the Nativity
c/o The Very Reverend Anthony R. Pompa
321 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Dear Reverend Pompa:

I would like to thank the Cathedral's congregation and vestry for awarding ShareCare a \$5,000.00 grant. Your support is very much appreciated and is much needed to enable ShareCare to continue our caregiving ministry of offering free services to people in need. We can never give you enough thanks for all the giving and support we receive from you.

On behalf of the many people we serve, we offer a heartfelt thank you.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn M. Heiney".

Lynn M. Heiney
Executive Director



NEW HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS'

I have fond memories of Lala Leach. In the early days of the private part of the fund raising campaign, she boldly asked, "How much for the naming of rights of a school?" She accepted the challenge and then went on to help us raise more pledges by using her social network. And it was fun watching her work the room. We named our second school in Kajo Keji at Gaderu for Lala. That school has classrooms named for Archdeacon Cluett, Dick Guyer and Jan Beers' mother. In many ways it is the school the cathedral, or individuals from the cathedral, sponsored. Out of 126 primary schools in the county it ranks fourth academically. The highest ranked math student amongst all county fourth graders attends to Lala's school. These pictures are of the twenty students who receive a scholarship to the school. Cost of a scholarship, \$30 per year.

Over the next year, I am going to introduce you to Lala's students and school and trust to the Holy Spirit that they might touch your heart. They surely have touched and changed mine. The Cathedral community has a history of supporting our mission in South Sudan, most recently dedicating the Christmas offering to scholarships of other schools in Kajo Keji. I hope that we will adopt this school and these beautiful children as our own. Jesus came to earth to change lives. Let's follow in his footsteps.—*Charlie Barbero*

GADERU VICTORIA LEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL - SPONSORED PUPILS' PHOTOS

Below and on the next page are the photos of the New Hope scholarship recipients from Gaderu Victoria Leach Primary School.

Prepared by Stephen Tomor Kenyi



1. Joel Loburi Kenyi, P8



2. Betty Kiden Bosco Lodu, P8



3. Sijore John Emmanuel Dumo, P8



4. Scovia Yobu Peter, P7



5. Longa Alex Julius, P7



6. Anthony Anyundo Thomas, P7

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7. Tomba Charles Ezra Peter, P6



8. Piona Juan Charles Loku, P6



9 Jada Moses Wolyan, P6



10. Nancy Kade Loku, P4



11. Evaline Yangi Ladu, P2



12. Mercy Gire Lomoro, P2



13. Bosco Wani Yuggu, P3



14. Nelson Kwoji Lodiong, P4



15. Vesta Kiden Sokiri, P6



16. Robert Lupai Wolyan, P5



17. Betty Keji Moju, P5



18. Joyce Nyarsuk Soro, P5

New Hope
Scholarship recipients
from Gaderu Victoria
Leach Primary
School



19. Wolo Emmanuel Ladu, P6



20. Isaac Ladu Lodu, P6



JUNE LECTIONARY

June 7

1 Samuel 8:4-11,
(12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,
(11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

June 21

1 Samuel 17:

(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

or

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16

Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

PARISH REGISTER



Confirmations:

Leann Ruth Beatty
Katherine Grace Hogan
Maxwell Cooke Johnston
Hani Kirkwood Kitabwalla
Lucy Grace Kitch-Peck
Isabella Rose Pompa
Julian Cerveris Savage
Emma Gray Scattergood
Bailey Baker Storm
Phoebe Neet DeVoe Tompkins
Henry Whitelaw Vorosmarti
Andrew Pierpont Warner
Anna Lillian Wescoe
Joseph Lee Mazingo
Stephen C. Williams

Received:

Kathryn Estelle Novogratz

DR. ELIZABETH DRUM RECEIVES HONORS

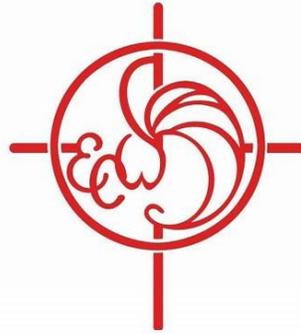
Presented by LocumTenens.com, the MedicalMissions.org Physician of the Year Award honors physicians who donate their time to help underserved patients in the United States and abroad gain access to critically-needed healthcare services. Each honoree will receive \$10,000 to donate to the medical missions-related charity of his or her choice.

The Drum Family wanted to share with the Cathedral parish that Dr. Elizabeth Drum is this year's International Service Honoree. She is being honored for her work in such places such as Haiti, India, Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa.

You can read more here:

<http://www.locumtenens.com/about/physician-of-the-year-honorees.aspx>

<http://www.fpcgermantown.org/news/first-church-member-dr-elizabeth-drum-honored-for-charitable-service/>



Episcopal Church Women Project 2015

The Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) presents a new fund raising project for parishes to participate in prior to Diocesan Convention in October.

The Diocesan ECW will raise money for scholarships for girls in primary schools and young women in secondary school in our partner Diocese of Kajo Keji.

The scholarships are:
\$30/girl/year and \$325/young woman/year.
Any amount will be welcome.

Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Bethlehem and mailed to:

Diocesan House
333 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem PA 18015
Attention: Deacon Charlie Barebo

Designation for the disbursement of money should be written in the memo line.

Questions may be directed to Diocesan ECW President Dorothy Shaw at (570) 836-2049.

CATHY BAILEY - NEW VESTRY MEMBER:

I joined the Cathedral about 10 years ago, but have been active in the Episcopal Church most of my life. I came looking to hide in a large congregation after getting a bit burned out. Well, I couldn't stay hidden for very long, I guess that is just not in my nature. My first involvement was with the Cathedral Welcoming Ministry. I have since had to give that up due to my work schedule, but still feel that it is a very important part of our life. I am currently on the Board of the ECW and am the Diocesan Coordinator for the United Thanks Offering. I am also an Education for Ministry mentor and the Diocesan Coordinator for EfM. Both of these jobs allow me the opportunity to visit parishes around the Diocese and share these important ministries.



I work at Lehigh Valley Health Network in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit as a Nurse Practitioner and Patient Care Specialist and am beginning to plan for my retirement within the next 5 years. My family consists of two daughters, their husbands and a granddaughter. I also have about 40 "grand-animals" including dogs, cats, pigs, chickens, ducks and bunnies.

I am looking forward to serving as a vestry member and finding a place where my gifts and talents can be used to benefit our church and its ministry in the world. *-Cathy*

A TASTE OF EFM

The Bible speaks clearly to our condition in modern life: *We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every kind of doctrine...we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.* (Ephesians 4:14a,15b).

In all aspects of our lives, there are bewildering choices to be made and none more than in the area of spirituality. We need practical tools that can help form us as Christians and enable us become more effective in our lives, which will also make us better able to reach others with the Good News.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is one very effective tool for formation and growth - actually, a whole toolkit. A program developed and overseen by the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, EfM uses a multi-pronged approach to help us "grow up in every way into Christ". Sewanee provides study materials and trained leadership. As one EfM-er in our group put it, "being in an EfM group gives a place where you can discuss things of a religious nature in a friendly and caring environment. Your thoughts can be openly discussed without having to worry about judgment."

How does EfM work? Each EfM group meets together weekly for a short worship session or meditation (selected and led by a different student each week), time for each student to discuss what he or she has discovered in the week's lesson (scripture, theology or church history), fellowship and, most important of all, TR or theological reflection - a process for integrating what is learned into day-to-day living.

Theological Reflection is the heart of EfM. It's a way of turning a problem or situation over in the group's collective mind, delving deeper and deeper into the matter. Toward the end of the reflection we identify implications for future action and sometimes build a group prayer about the reflection. One member says, "Hearing other people's responses in a given reflection often opens whole new avenues of insight to me." Another says, "When we created our first prayer via theological reflection, it was a mind-boggling experience, made me feel closer to my fellow EfM-ers and to God. It was a magnificent way to pray."

Our classes invite you to consider whether EfM might be right for you. We have two established EfM groups in the Lehigh Valley, that meet on a weekly basis, on Wednesday mornings and Wednesday evenings. There are no prerequisites except an open mind and the ability to come to class on a regular basis during the next year. We will begin our next EfM course year in September 2015 and finish in May 2016.

Contact Cathy Bailey for more information at cbnmp@rcn.com or 610-442-1189.

CATHEDRAL NIGHT AT IRON PIGS

Friday August 14, 7:05 P.M.

Get your tickets now for Cathedral Night at Iron Pigs!

Cost: \$10 per person includes seat and \$1 toward concessions

We have 200 tickets reserved. Come for a great night at the Park.

Fireworks to follow and the first 2,000 children under the age of 12 receive a giveaway growth chart!

For ticket reservations please contact the Church office or James Reader at jim_reader@hotmail.com



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