



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

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Rector's Rambling

As I sit down to write the Eastertide edition of this column, Quincy, the West Highland White Terrier, sits belly deep in the overgrown red clover behind our home surveying his domain. Rawley, the Cairn terrier, languishes with me on the back porch in an exile which is completely lost on him. Last night's encounter with some local wildlife led to a brouhaha which lasted very audibly until about one o'clock in the morning. Like most of his breed, he is not to be trusted. Faithful old Pat, the white hound, sleeps behind me. His arthritic and bony frame reveals his age and condition, but he is still a good friend of long acquaintance. And so here, in the midst of the beauty of the countryside, I sit with my friends to write about the possibilities afforded us by the risen Christ.

Several recent conversations with parishioners have focused on the very issue of possibilities in Christ. Last night at Nicks over pizza, I challenged our middle school youth to be thinking about a service project they could do to show the love of Jesus to someone. We talked about the possibility of doing some yard work for an elderly member of our church, or volunteering to do some painting for someone who can't afford to have it done, or planting potatoes and pulling weeds for the Common Friars in Athens (and then staying to pray Evening Prayer with the community!) Ivan and I met after last week's mission committee meeting and talked about how many of our folks are involved in prison ministry, and what we as a church might do to help released prisoners to reintegrate into society. I received an e-mail today from a friend about how we might support the work of Wycliffe Translators, whose purpose is to provide the Scriptures in every known language on the planet in this generation. Jenn e-mailed over the weekend to ask if I knew anyone who might like to usher at the 10:30 service. I was contacted this week by the Gideons about how we might support their work to provide Bibles free of charge to those who cannot afford them around the world.

I met recently with Mike and Barb about how we might continue to support our community's National Day of Prayer observance where people of faith come together at the behest of our leaders in Washington to pray for and support those individuals and institutions which bring us stability, opportunity, and security. I was on the phone yesterday when Paul came in to collect our weekly donation of food for the local pantry, but his faithfulness reminded me that we can do much to help our neighbors in need. Today, I received a gift catalogue from Food for the Poor, and have been thumbing through it to see what Rebecca and I might donate on behalf of Margaret and Helen, our grand daughters, to help our friends in the Caribbean and Latin America. Perhaps this year we will donate a swarm of bees or some pigs.

The possibilities around us for living out the Easter message are endless. I hope that all of us at St. John's and beyond might prayerfully consider what God would have us to do to show the love of the risen Christ to those who are made in the image of God, to those for whom Christ died. It is through concrete expressions of our love for each other and for the people around us that those outside the church will be drawn to hear our teaching, to experience our worship, and to give their hearts and lives to Jesus, who by his resurrection offers to us the gift of eternal life. If you are having a hard time making up your mind, I invite you to call me at 740/215-3900, or e-mail me at rector@stjohnlancaster.org. And of course, you can always catch me after church. I would like nothing better than to sit down with you and prayerfully seek how God might have you to serve him.

Faithfully,
Bill+

Vestry Highlights

- * St. John's will do the community meal in Logan on Thursday, April 26th.
- * A new outside door will be installed soon on the education unit.
- * The Christian Education program is under review.
- * Two new priest's stoles will be purchased using memorial funds.

Community CPR Day

Community CPR Day is Saturday, May 19th from 8 am—5 pm at the Fairfield Medical Center. The classes are hosted by the Snider Community Heart Watch with the goal of trying to teach as many people as possible in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Go to fmchealth.org for a registration form or call 687-8000.

Prayer Changes Things

A woman purchased an antique plaque that fitted nicely into the décor of her home. It read simply, "Prayer changes things!" She brought the plaque home and hung it above the mantle over the fireplace. The next day, she noticed that the plaque was missing. When she inquired of her husband about the matter, he told her that he had taken it down. "What's the matter?" she asked. "Don't you believe in prayer?"

"Sure I believe in prayer," he replied. "I just don't like change."

Change disrupted the life of my wife and me on a cold winter night in 1994. A violent auto collision occurred, shattering her hip and foot. The other driver was D.U.I.

The next twelve to eighteen months were more difficult than any we had ever known. My wife suffered excruciating pain. My own disciplined, ordered way of doing things was significantly altered.

Without question, prayer was the undergirding power for both of us in the face of change. Prayer sustained us: Prayer for bodily healing, for injured bones and tissues, for restoration of blood flow; prayer for patience while the healing power flowed; prayer for inner healing of the memories of that night.

Prayer changes things. Prayer releases a flow of divine energy. Prayer changes lives. Prayer changed our lives.

—Brian K. Bauknight in *On a Wing and a Prayer*

From the Dohns

☐☐ Easter morning began with a walk at 6 AM along the seafront. Having moved to within four blocks of the Caribbean, the morning walk has become a routine (and the dogs love it).

☐☐ Several new patients appeared at the Clinic this week whose prior care highlighted deficits in the quality of medical care here. Problems can arise from the lack of training, the lack of resources, and the lack of professionalism (that is, somebody just didn't care to do it right). It is frustrating for us and our Dominican colleagues at the Clinic to see people who have suffered avoidable consequences.

☐☐ The Clinic's newly formed Board had its second meeting. Christian Connections in International Health identified one of the principle reasons for the failure of Christian clinics and hospitals in developing countries as the difference in orientations between the health centers and the institutional church. Concepts such as 'development' and 'sustainability' may be understood differently. For example, a time-limited grant that results in an increased capacity of women to care for their families resulting in long-term improved health may look like a failure to the institutional church because it has not resulted in an identifiable growing ministry and was obviously unsustainable because it ended. Further meetings are planned ...

☐☐ A survey of Clinic patients began toward the end of the week. The form was adapted from a customer satisfaction survey used by a local bakery. Many of the underlying concepts are the same: cleanliness, promptness of service, quality of product, etc. "All things begin with borrowing," Thoreau wrote in *Walden*.

☐☐ Later in the week we heard the story that after the Easter eggs for the children were hidden before the Easter service, a street dog had come into the churchyard and eaten three Easter eggs before being chased out. Consideration is being given to setting-up a guard network next Easter morning.

Keep praying, Anita and Michael

Birthdays

- 2 Gitta Sadoni, Milton Taylor III
- 3 John Furlow, Ivan Smith
- 5 Jeane Mast, Julie Meenach
- 6 Sandra Travis
- 7 Emily Campbell
- 8 Nancy Clyde, Ruth Palo
- 10 Zoe Leonard, Tristan Pursley
- 13 Valerie and Megan Bockman
- 17 Jennifer Spires
- 20 Kathy Heim, Alma Priddy
- 23 Brianne Davidson, Susan Snyder
- 26 Bryce Burton
- 29 Julia Taylor

Wedding Anniversaries

- 11 Andy and Cindy White (02)
- 14 Marty and Robin Harris (82)
- 20 Chuck and Kathy Canter (78)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Alma Priddy (40)
- 5 Zoe Leonard (96)
- 6 Matthew Canter (01)
John Eyman (62)
Meredith Fath (79)
- 7 Sebastian Burton (00)
- 15 Richard Davis (11)
- 16 Anna Burton (04)
- 23 Gary Rowley (48)
- 28 Caroline Rockwood (22)
- 29 Tristan Pursley (88)
- 30 Elizabeth Baker (10)
Edward Baker (10)
Brian Davidson (54)
Rachel Young (93)

Best Wishes, Gail

Our dear friend and faithful servant Gail Porter is relocating to Arizona April 27th. We wish you Godspeed and many happy years as you enjoy the Arizona sun and the proximity to your son's family.

Gail's new address is: 12853 E. Moreno St.
Dewey, AZ 86327

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, May 6th in the undercroft following the 8 am Eucharist. Please join your parish family for good food and fellowship.

Attention, Parents of Graduates

We would again like to honor our graduating seniors by publishing their bios and future plans in the June issue of *The Eagle and the Lamb*. Please submit this information to the church office or to:thammer1@columbus.rr.com by May 17th.

Thanks from the Altar Guild

Thanks to all those who made donations for Easter flowers. The church was beautiful. Thanks also to all Altar Guild members who decorated the church.

Parish Health Luncheon

The next parish health luncheon will be May 16th following the noon Eucharist.

Happy Mother's Day



The Easter Flowers were given to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of

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In Thanksgiving for

Fred & Maryland Adkins

Robert E. Adkins

Debby Mathias Angle

Gerald & Esther Ansel

William K. Berry

Vern & Eunice Boggs

Michael Came

G.E. "Doug" & Shirley Joan Carr

Jenny Chamberlain

Ray Chamberlain

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Cochran

Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Cochran

Howard & Orlita Dishon

Alma Donohue

Janet England

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Evans

Hubert & Marie Eyman

Hubie & Jenny Eyman

Azile Guisinger

Jacob Guisinger

Albert & Jane Haken

Thomas & Elizabeth Hall

Fred, Dorothy & Howard Hammer

Russ & Christina Harman

Robert & Betty Harris

Dr. & Mrs. Wm. F. Hewitt

Mary Beth and Jay Hollaway

William Hoops

Howard Hurdley

Thelma & Welsey Janes

Chadwin & Edith Jury

W. Thomas Leckrone, Priest

Maurice & Stevie Lindley

Avenell MacDougall

Quint & Oda Meyers

Robert C. Mathias

Matilda, Beloved Pet

Noah Thomas Meenach

John "Jack" E. Nelson

Nels Nelson

Grace Norris

William Norris

Albert & Cora Orndorff

Rodger & Shirley Osborne

Forest & Ethel Osborne

Donald & Rosemary Paini

Robert H. Rhodes, Jr.

Christopher Roshong

Gerald Allen Schafer

Mr. & Mrs. George E. Schlemmer

Maurine M. Schlemmer

Edna Schmelzer

Joe Schmelzer

Ron Schmelzer

Mr. & Mrs. John Schulenberg

Gerald A. Schafer

Eleanor & Ivan Smith

Hugh & Douglas Stephens

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Stephens

Valentina Stoughton

Paul Avery Stradtman

Russell & Mabel Taylor

Sara Jane Trotter

Sherry Walker

Mr. & Mrs. Paul R. Walker

James & Sarah Walpole

John S. Whiley, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. John S. Whiley, Sr.

Elizabeth Ann Wright

Robert Sinclair Wright

Thomas & Mildred Wright

Jeff & Jennifer Angle & their Family

The Beck and Dick Babcock Family

Craig, Lori, Lia, Valerie, & Megan Bockman

Lynne Came

Margaret & Helen Canter

Matthew & Ashley Canter

Asher & Joanna Carr

Kim & Tierney Carter

The Thomas Clareson Family

The Families of Paul and Nancy Frick

Kenton Robert Harris

Martin Harris

Tyler & Amelia Harris

*The Hatcher, Forbes, Gordon, Baker
and Shook Families*

Caitlin, Alanna & Hannah Hurdley

Todd, Julie, Keith, & Jackie Kasler

The Eberhard Kriege Family

Mark & Sheli Mathias and their Family

Sandy & Jenine Mathias & their Family

Michael F. Mathias

Emily E. Perlow

Merrill Perlow

Stuart & Emily E. Perlow

Tristan Pursley

R. Anne Rhodes

The Ivan Smith III Family

The Jason Smith Family

Jennifer, Ty & Morgan Spires

Harold & Jason Uhl

Jon & Julie Whiley

Mike & Ruth Ann Whiley

*The Altar Guild would like to thank
all who contributed to the beauty of
our Easter services. The office staff
offers apologies for any omissions or
errors on the published list.*

Back to the Table

Cooking Classes

**Taught by Susie Cork
at St. Johns' Episcopal Church**

Celebrate community & fellowship as we learn to cook together.

Meet new people or get to know your spouse and family all over again.

Classes are held the first Thursday of the month at 6:15pm to about 8:30pm in the kitchen of St. John's. All classes are hands-on style and require participation in the cooking and clean up. We pair wine with the menu and it's available for a reasonable fee with the meal. Every participant receives a set of typed recipes and will have dinner during the class. Class size is limited to 14 participants.

A percentage of the proceeds benefits St. John's Church.

The Classes -2012 first half

June 7: Family Night Class - Entertaining Alfresco**

Grilled Homemade Flat Bread with Artichoke Spread, Argentinean Beef Skewers with Chimichurri Sauce,
Fresh Apricot Almond Open Tart. \$35/person

August 2: Kids Class* - Pizza Party

Homemade pizza dough, Grilled Vegetable Pizza with basil cream, Pepperoni Calzones with marinara,
\$35/person. Children under 10 years of age receive a \$10 discount.

Details

*The Kids Classes are for kids 8-17 years of age.

**Family Classes are for any age group or combination of family members,
provided the children under 17 are accompanied by an adult.

***Adult classes are for 18 years and older.

The Instructor

Classes are designed and taught by Susie Cork, who is also the General Manager of Shaw's Restaurant & Inn. A Lancaster native and member of St. Johns', Susie is a graduate of The Culinary School at Kendall College in Chicago and honed her skills at Chicago's top restaurants for 17 years. She has taught cooking classes at A La Carte Gourmet Kitchen in Chicago, The Chopping Block Cooking School in Chicago

and currently at Sur La Table at Easton in Columbus & at Shaw's every Saturday.

Payment & Cancellation Policy

All classes require a prepaid reservation by cash or check made payable to St. Johns'. Reservations can be made at St. Johns' Church Services or by calling St. John's Monday-Thursday 9am-1pm. 740-653-3052.

Paid reservations are non-refundable. You are welcome to send someone to take your place in the class.

Reservation Deadline: Payment must be received the Sunday before the day of the class.





May 2012 Serving Schedule




May 6 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Doug Carr & Jim Hall	Acts 8:26-40
Acolytes		Milt Taylor, III & Asher Carr	Psalm: 22:24-30
Lectors		Nick England & Ivan Smith	1 John 4:7-21
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Jenn Spires & Morgan Spires	John 15:1-8
Altar Guild	Cathy Forbes	Judie Miller, Sarah Perlow, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Jean Hammer
May 13 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Ivan Smith & Nick England	Acts 10:44-48
Acolytes		William Eyman & Andrew Eyman	Psalm: 98
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Charlie Voss	1 John 5:1-6
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	John 15:9-17
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
May 20 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Robin Rhodes & Chuck Canter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Acolytes		Alex Shook & Katie Shook	Psalm: 1
Lectors		Joy Malinski & Sarah Perlow	1 John 5:9-13
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	John 17:6-19
Altar Guild	Frances Mathias & Carol Ralph	Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Heather Perkins
May 27 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Frances Mathias & Jim Hall	Acts 2:1-21
Acolytes		Alanna Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 104:25-35, 37
Lectors		Diana Turpin & Richard Bailey	Romans 8:22-27
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Chris Hurdley & Nick England	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall

Truths About Life Learned from Children

- No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- Never ask your three-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic Tac.
- Never hold a Dustbuster and a cat at the same time.
- School lunches stick to the wall.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.

May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 8:00P AA Meeting	2 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	3 3:30P Pickering House	4	5
6 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC	7 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	8 8:00P AA Meeting	9 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	10 3:30P Pickering House	11	12 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg.
13 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Serv.	14 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	15 8:00P AA Meeting	16 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30 Luncheon 6:15P Education For Ministry	17 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House 7:00P Vestry Mtg.	18	19
20 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC	21 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	22 8:00P AA Meeting	23 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	24 3:30P Pickering House	25	26
27 Pentecost 8:00 HC 9:00 Christian Education 10:30 HC 2:00P Carriage Ct	28 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	29 8:00P AA Meeting	30 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:15P Education For Ministry	31 3:30P Pickering House		

Still Looking for Artistic Talent

The Vestry continues to investigate the possibility of presenting our artistic talents to the community during the evening of The Lancaster Festival Art Walk. If you have an interest in participating, please contact either the church office at 653-3052 or email office@stjohnlancaster.org or call Father Bill at 215-3900.

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