



THE EAGLE & THE LAMB

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Rector's Rambling

I can't say that I was stunned- perhaps saddened and sickened would be better words. I had logged on to check my e-mail and the Anglican news servers before going to our October Vestry meeting. What I had dreaded had at last happened. My friends in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina had left the Episcopal Church. In the words of one of their own officers:

"October 17, 2012

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Monday, October 15, 2012, Bishop Lawrence was notified by the Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, that on September 18, 2012 the Disciplinary Board for Bishops had certified his abandonment of The Episcopal Church. This action triggered two pre-existing corporate resolutions of the Diocese made on November 1, 2011 and October 2, 2012, which simultaneously disaffiliated the Diocese from The Episcopal Church and called a Special Convention. That Convention will be held at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, on Saturday, November 17, 2012.

The clergy of the Diocese are consequently called to gather for a special Clergy Day this Friday, October 19th at St. Paul's, Summerville. Our meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. The clergy of the Diocese are asked to RSVP electronically...

Our time will be spent discussing the significance of the actions taken by the Episcopal Church, our response as a Diocese and the plans for the immediate future. You may read related documents [on the diocesan website].

In Christ,

--(The Rev. Canon) Jim Lewis, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina"

The event, so long anticipated with dread, now seems to have been eclipsed by a strange sense of calm. In the midst of that calm, I picked up Love's Redeeming Work: The Anglican Quest for Holiness, edited by Geoffrey Rowell, Kenneth Stevenson, and Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, and published by Oxford University Press in 2001. I believe with all my heart that the Holy Spirit led me to this 788 page anthology of Anglican spiritual writings through the ages. As I read, the question began to take shape in my mind, "what is the church, what is the real nature of Christian community?" For me, this is not just about South Carolina. It is about friends and family members who have followed their consciences (and I believe the leading of the Holy Spirit) to the Eastern Orthodox or Roman Catholic Churches. I will never again be able to receive Holy Communion with them. It is about friends and family members who have left Anglicanism to attend Evangelical or Fundamentalist churches. (I believe that they too are following God's leading in their lives.) Never again will we share that wonderful sense of awe and unity of Spirit which has so often flowed from prayer book worship in ancient buildings dedicated to God. And as the general introduction to the cited work points out, what of those neighbors and friends and others who seek God with their hearts, minds, souls, and strength who have been alienated from formal church structure by the behaviour of us who bear the name of Christ?

I do not believe that "The Church" can be defined as any mere denominational structure- particularly if that structure can only manage to draw a bit over a half million people on any given Sunday morning for worship. But such structures may well be localized expressions of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, and without organizational and institutional structures, it does not take long until the "faith received" develops into mere folk religion and good intentions.

It first ceases to be catholic, and the loss of orthodoxy, order, and loving unity are usually not long in coming.

And so what am I to do? What are we to do at Saint John's? I don't have all of the answers, but here are a few things which cross my mind:

1. I will continue to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and that all who are reconciled to the Father receive that gift by his grace. I will define the terms of this foundational belief in the terms set in Scripture and in the three historic creeds of the Church.
2. I will order my moral life, with God's help and to the best of my ability, after the example and teaching of Holy Scripture, and of our holy Mother the Church.
3. I will worship according to the forms and traditions of The Book of Common Prayer.
4. I will accept and affirm as fellow Christians all who exhibit in their profession of faith the threefold Johannine test (from the First Letter of St. John) of belief in Christ as defined in Scripture and Holy Tradition (the test of Doctrine), of godly behaviour as defined by Scripture (the test of Obedience), and of mutual love- which is modeled for us by Christ and his saints in Scripture and Holy Tradition (the test of Love).
5. I will honour and respect the decisions of those Christians who believe that our sacramental fellowship and interchangeability of orders must be limited for reasons of doctrine or conscience, and at the same time, I will maintain our open sacramental ministry at St. John's to all who have been baptised in the Name of the Holy and Blessed Trinity.
6. I will work to remain friends with adherents of other Christian denominations and non-christian faith groups, whatever events may occur, and whatever organizations to which we belong may decide to do.
7. I will not participate in or condone any actions, conversations, or gatherings public or private which exacerbate the divisions which plague the people of God. If I find myself in a place where such things are going on, I will physically leave the gathering without any expression of anger, and will pray for all those involved in the situation, myself included.

Honestly, I don't know what else to do. The Church will prosper and accomplish the mission given her by Christ, but she looks less and less like the beautiful church I once embraced. That brings me some real sadness, but it also calls me to see real opportunity for the Bride of Christ to engage the world in new and exciting ways in a new millennium. I pray for strength to make the transition to what will be, in the full knowledge that Christ is Victorious. But I will always treasure in my heart the vision of what might have been.

To Christ- the true King!
Bill+

Vestry Highlights

- * The Diocesan Convention will be Nov. 8th and 9th. Delegates will be: Fr. Bill, Tom Hammer, Mike and Barb Parker, and Kathy Heim. Carol Baily will be an alternate.
- * First draft of the 2013 budget was presented.
- * The Stewardship Campaign will begin soon.
- * We continue to gather estimates for either the repair or replacement of the main church steps.
- * The lease for a new copy machine and maintenance agreement was approved.
- * \$530.00 was donated by St. John's parishioners following the Gideons' presentation.

Editor's Correction

The following should have preceded Ray Hollaway's testimony in last month's Eagle and Lamb.

A few days ago, I asked Ray Hollaway to write a brief testimony of the blessings he has found through the ministry to which God has called him. Pray you will find his story encouraging and challenging. If you have a testimony you would like to share with your Christian family in the Eagle and Lamb, please call me at 215-3900. If you would like help in discerning a ministry in the Name of Jesus Christ, call me as well. It takes many members to make up one body, and God has something for all of us to do.

Birthdays

- 1 Lynn Stevenson
- 2 Bob Suhr, Max Wildermuth
- 3 Richard Baily
- 10 Hannah Hurdley
Carl Roshong
- 12 Bob Wright
- 15 Merrill Perlow
Stuart Perlow
- 19 Savannah Crawford
Wendy Garbrandt
- 22 Lillian Douds
- 24 Michael Garbrandt
- 25 Kim Carter
- 28 Muriel Breining
- 29 Nick Powell
- 30 Jim Miller

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Paul and Kathy Heim (05)
- 26 Don and Linda Eager (97)
Harold and Carol Uhl (66)

Baptismal Anniversaries

- 1 Asher Carr (01)
- 3 Morgan Spires (00)
- 5 Sarah Young (89)
- 6 Ashley Canter (83)
Nancy Taylor (60)
Derek Wright (81)
- 7 Michael Garbrandt (08)
- 15 Sean Wright (81)
- 23 Cindy White (78)
- 25 Mark Perrine (66)
- 27 Katie Walker (05)
Lynn Stevenson (42)

Congratulations!!

Amanda Hartman and John Mambourg were married at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 29, 2012.

Josiah Xzavior Wilson, son of Katie and Jordan Wilson, was baptized at St. John’s on September 30, 2012.

Sanctuary Light

Parishioners are reminded of the opportunity to have the sanctuary light burning “in memory of” or “in thanksgiving for” a loved one. A \$5.00 donation is asked. Your remembrance will be printed in the Sunday bulletin. Your information may be placed in the alms basin or you may call the church office.

Attention, Altar Guild Members

A refresher class for regular services plus Christmas plans will be the order of business for the next meeting of the Altar Guild to be held at 9 AM on November 11, 2012.

Fellowship Breakfast

The next Fellowship Breakfast will be Sunday, November 7th after the 8 am service. Join your parish family for good food and fellowship.

Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be at Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church this year on Tuesday, November 20th at 7 PM. Stay tuned for details.

Remember to Pray!

Remember to pray for our Bishop and Convention on Nov. 9th and 10th in Columbus. Our delegates are Fr. Bill, Tom Hammer, Mike and Barb Parker, Kathy Heim, and Carol Baily, alternate.

All Saints’ Day Remembrances

If you would like to have deceased Christian loved ones remembered in the prayers on All Saints’ Sunday, November 4th, please place the names, legibly written, in the alms basin or bring them to the church office by Monday, October 29th.

November 2012 Serving Schedule

November 4 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jim Merton	Ivan Smith & Chuck Canter	Ruth 1:1-18
Acolytes		Hannah Hurdley	Psalm: 146
Lectors		Robin Rhodes & Paul Heim	Hebrews 9:11-14
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Ray Hollaway & Nick England	Mark 12:28-34
Altar Guild	Bobbie Beebe	Judie Miller, Sarah Perlow, Ann Canby & Deanna Roshong	Set-up: Cathy Forbes
November 11 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Jean Hammer	Nick England & Robin Rhodes	Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Acolytes		Katie Shook & Alex Shook	Psalm: 127
Lectors		Richard Bailey & Joy Malinski	Hebrews 9:24-28
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	Mark 12:38-44
Altar Guild	Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl	Amy Eyman, Mid Hall & Jesse Smith	Set-up: Anna Adkins & Judie Miller
November 18 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Tom Hammer	Nick England & Jim Hall	1 Samuel 1:4-20
Acolytes		Morgan Spires & William Eyman	Psalm: 16
Lectors		Sarah Perlow & Diana Turpin	Hebrews 9:24-28
Ushers	Mike Whiley & Anna Adkins	Nickie Lekrone & Diane Downard	Mark 13:1-8
Altar Guild	Carol Ralph	Barb Parker, Julie Meenach & Kathy Canter	Set-up: Jean Hammer & Carol Uhl
November 25 th	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	Readings
Lay Readers	Alma Priddy	Ivan Smith & Doug Carr	2 Samuel 23:1-7
Acolytes		Milt Taylor & Asher Carr	Psalm: 132:1-13
Lectors		Charlie Voss & Nick England	Revelation 1:4b-8
Ushers	Tim Hall & Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley & Hannah Hurdley	John 18:33-37
Altar Guild	Peggy Merton	Chris Hurdley, Reda Kittle & Sally Stallsmith	Set-up: Mid Hall

Weight loss

She said that she felt fine during her routine follow-up visit. However, she had lost 20 pounds since last seen two months ago. Carmen is an AIDS patient on treatment for several years and had been doing very well. But her rapid weight loss concerned me. Did she now have a resistant form of HIV? Had she abandoned her treatment? And of course there are the non-HIV things here: parasites, intestinal infections, tropical sprue, or some other tropical disease. Not to mention new onset diabetes or cancer...

Part of what I enjoy in medicine is thinking through all the possibilities, prioritizing them on likelihood and severity, and then planning an evaluation that yields a correct diagnosis at a minimal cost and in a timely way. Here in the Dominican Republic, it is frequently only a mental exercise, though. Some tests or studies are simply not available. If available, our patients mostly can't afford them. There are delays. Finally, it is uncertain whether I can treat what I diagnose – the patient may not be able to afford therapy. I asked Carmen why she thought she had lost weight. She looked down at the floor and mumbled that no one was employed in her household, there was no food, and there was no money for transportation. She was walking everywhere looking for a job (had walked several miles for this appointment). Fewer calories and more exercise – I had the cause of the weight loss. The solution – eat more – was simple, but not possible for Carmen.

An important topic internationally is the social determinants of health – food, transportation, education, environment, etc. Although sometimes I feel like I have to practice “simplified” medicine using just my stethoscope and my brain, at other times I feel as though the complexity of the patients’ “social determinants” have put me in way over my head. Health promotion includes attention to social conditions, social relationships, and spirituality. May the Lord grant the global society wisdom to advance in ways that will promote physical, mental, spiritual, and economic well-being.

Keep praying! Anita Dohn

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 monthly 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 second half

December 6: Family Night Class - Holiday Breads**

Danish Almond Kringle, Chocolate Loaf with Kahlua Glaze, Parker House Rolls

We will have Soup with our bread for dinner. \$35/person

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 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.



November 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 3:30P Pickering House	2	3
4 8:00 HC 9:00 Fellowship Breakfast 10:30 HC All Saints Sunday	5 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	6 8:00P AA Meeting	7 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	8 3:30P Pickering House	9 Diocesan Convention	10 9:00 Evangelism & Renewal Mtg. Diocesan Convention
11 8:00 HC 9:00 Altar Guild Meeting 10:30 HC 2:00P Lanfair Service	12 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	13 8:00P AA Meeting	14 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 12:30P Luncheon 6:00P EFM	15 1:00P E & L Deadline 3:30P Pickering House 7:00P Vestry Meeting	16	17
18 8:00 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 10:30 HC	19 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	20 7:00p—Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - 6th Ave. United Methodist 8:00P AA Meeting	21 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	22 3:30P Pickering House Thanksgiving 	23	24
25 8:00 HC 10:30 HC 9:00 Adult Forum 2:00 Carriage Court Service	26 5:00P Pizza and God Talk 7:00P Evening Prayer Service	27 8:00P AA Meeting	28 10:30 Bible Study 12:00 HC 6:00P EFM	29 3:30P Pickering House	30	

Parish Health Luncheons Date Change

Please note that the Parish Health Luncheons usually scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday after the noon Eucharist will be the second Wednesday in November and December.

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