



LORICA

October 2007

priest's message

The Future of St Hilda St Patrick

In the next three or four years I think we must have a full-time priest. I have done my best to cover the ground necessary to maintain our community. However, I know my efforts are not enough for this congregation to grow. We cannot do this with volunteers. Although you are all very willing to help, and you want to make this community a success, you don't have any more hours in the day to take on much more. During this last year we have had a number of families join us and be very excited about the community, the services, the music etc., but then decide to attend another church. Why, if we are doing such a good job, don't they stay?

The simple reason is they don't get looked after. It is no good us feeling guilty about it. I think we do a lot that is right, and, yes, we could do more, but the real problem is you have half a priest who lives over 20 miles away. I know I am doing a good job, but you need more than I can give. In particular, the younger families need someone nearer their own age who can spend the time with them and help them integrate their faith into their lives. I try to do it through sermons, but it is not enough.

This year I want to challenge you to begin the long march to putting this church on the map. To demonstrate to you the difference and to begin this next step in the life of the church, I have asked the Bishop's Committee to approve having another priest to help on a part-time basis. They have agreed and have dedicated some funds to pay the person, and I have been given the green light to ask amongst our people and a few people outside to contribute to the salary. So far I have received the promise of a \$1,000 to make it possible to have this person on board during the next 3 months. I want you to experience the difference. The Bishop's Committee and I are going to petition the Diocese for a grant to meet this challenge. They will certainly expect us to meet their contribution.

I have asked the Rev. Cynthia Espeseth to join us on a part time basis beginning September 30th. She was recently one of two finalists the Cathedral of St. Mark was considering for their Congregational Development Minister. There had been quite a list, and they chose the other finalist. So I decided the possibility was too good to lose. I think you will find her not only a lovely person, but also a very creative presence. We are going to do our best to put her on a half-time salary in 2008 with the help of a Diocesan grant. Until then we will do our best to pay her what is appropriate. For so long I have tried to do so much with so little. I know the time has come to expand our expectations of ourselves and think outside our box.

- Fr. Peter

The Lorica's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ through communication, information, education, and wholesome entertainment.

We intend to make quality and substance a priority and to provide a safe forum for dialogue on the spiritual and social issues of the day in which divergent views are treated respectfully and without judgment.

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senior warden's message

This month I am going to just offer you a question that has been raised to me three times recently that is quite thought provoking. These few words have gotten me thinking, questioning, talking, and now typing. "Who do I think God is?" Following is the tip of the iceberg from my questioning: Charlton Heston from the 10 Commandments, an energy, a floating entity, your emotions and compassion, some combination of the above or something totally different? We each have a personal lens that we see God through. For some this lens is crystal clear and never changes, to others it is a kaleidoscope catching and changing with the light rays. This lens is a result of our own history and environment which give us many different opinions as to who God is. As a Charlie Brown cartoon best demonstrates - this summer when you were looking at the cloud formations with a friend, are you the one who sees far off obscure foreign lands and great people of history or do you see a ducky and horsy?? Both are correct!!!

Peace
Debbie

Senior Outreach Ministry

Senior Outreach Ministry is a new group at St. Hilda St. Patrick Episcopal Church. We will meet in the parish hall beginning Tuesday, Oct. 9th at 11:30. There will be an autumn lunch of pumpkin soup, sandwiches, apple pie (ok, ice-cream too), apple cider and coffee.

We are inviting you to become a part of the Senior Outreach Ministry. Our mission is to develop spiritual friendships while we deepen our faith through outreach ministry.

For more information please join us at our first meeting titled "Emotions and Spiritual Understanding" presented by Fr. Peter Snow. We promise it will make a difference in your life!

Everyone is welcome, young and senior. For more information please contact Nancy Smith, Senior Outreach Lay Minister.

Fun, Fun, Fun! Hey Diddle Diddle – Friday October 12th

It will be a memorable evening not to be missed. This is the third year for us to gather together to share friendship while enjoying music, gourmet food, beverages and wine, prized dessert tasting and auction, a fun raffle, a country store stocked by church members and a silent auction.

Our first event in 2005 was held to raise money for the installation of our organ. Last year funds were directed to start a summer music camp for kids and other community outreach programs plus an organ maintenance fund. In accomplishing all of the above, the church congregation worked together to provide St. Hilda St. Patrick more recognition

in our community. These efforts have raised over \$17,000. Everyone on the auction committee and in our congregations deserves a big pat on the back for our success in making a dream a reality.

We need your help again this year! Make reservations for yourself and your friends by October third. This is important as we need a head count for food preparation. If you need more invitations contact Mary in the office.

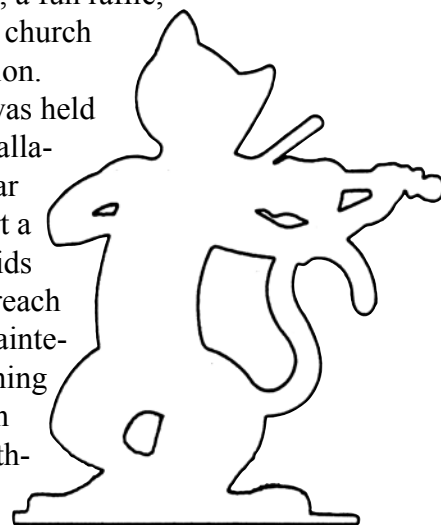
To make your reservations contact Nora Cheek or April Cooper.

This is a bargain evening at \$15 per person. See you on Friday October 12th.

Committee members:

Dolores Dean – chair
Carol Lewellen
Carol Rypkema
Debbie Lindhardt
Janet Kowalski
Rosemary Stapleton

More about the auction on pages 8 & 9



The Parade!

September brings us the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival, and included in the weekend of activities is the Grand Parade. For the third year, on Saturday, September 8th, St. Hilda St. Patrick participated in the parade in an effort to continue to remind Mukilteo that we are a vibrant enthusiastic group of folks. If you were not able to be with us on that day, this is what transpired:



Giles and Sue Shepherd showed up with their Alfa Romeo rigged up in Giles' style with loud music. Sue had Julia decorated with pink bows. Richard Lee and his wife Kathy drove up in his hot yellow sports car. Nancy and Ray Smith in their Cougar brought Rosemary Harris and Betty Lofgren who were decked out in red hats and feathers. I came with Dave Eaton's new Jaguar (he was out of town, heh, heh) which I trusted Mike



Rizzotti to drive more than me, and out of the trunk we ate muffins and drank coffee. Sue Rizzotti's van was full of the goodies and during the parade seemed to be like Santa's sleigh full of gifts.

But this wasn't all. Martha Walker and Mary Gates arrived. Martha was escaping cleaning duties. You never know what Mary will have on and I won't tell you what she said to me but it was hysterical. Melanie Rizzotti had on inline skates with Chloe pulling her around with the leash. Robert Shewey, one of our Boy Scouts, came in full uniform and helped me carry our new St. Hilda St. Patrick banner. Pam Gaspers and her two girls, Klara and Gretchen, got lost but found us by accident. Kelly Wittenborn came with Gracie dressed like an angel. Eileen Bernat got there with Alex ready to hand out candy. Gwynne Briggs showed up with surprising striped red rubber boots and capri pants.

Thanks to Debbie Lindhart's creativity, hard work and vision, we had twelve blue and yellow laminated posters with a twist on the parade's theme, "Celebrate by the Bay." Each poster



had our name, St. Hilda St. Patrick and our activities with clever lines such as "Come and pray up from the Bay" on a poster declaring our Labyrinth, for example. Each vehicle carried the posters in clear view.

Most importantly, we distributed about 1,000---yes, 1,000---tiny gift boxes with a tea light. Thank you all who helped put these together. On the outside it said, "Celebrate the light in you, up from the Bay." Our name, service times, address, and website were listed on each little present. And we could have handed out even more than 1,000. Also, we spread 2,000 pieces of candy to Mukilteo's children.

The result is more than a 1,000 people in Mukilteo received gifts from us. All who participated had terrific fun, and we heard the crowds sensed our energy. Guess what? We won a first prize blue ribbon in our category of walkers/vehicles.

The Spirit of St. Hilda St. Patrick---that's what it is.

Join us next year!

-Janet Eaton,
Communications Coordinator

Outreach and Charity – is there a difference?

Your Bishop's Committee has been struggling with defining the difference between charity and outreach. Some think they are the same, others are not sure. However, I want to think through the functions of each of them. We use the words charity and outreach loosely, without knowing the history or scriptural support for either. There are many sides to this issue; therefore, I am going to try to make a distinction between the two.

Charity is giving to those in need, without any involvement in their condition, or relating to them beyond the immediate encounter. I may give a panhandler a dollar, and that is charity. People come to the church for financial help, we give them \$20 and they leave. I give \$1,000 to help fight against AIDS in Africa. These encounters are not outreach, but charity. Such actions are a part of our personal response to those in need.

Is charity one of the tasks of the church?

The expectation that the church will act charitably goes back to medieval times when the church, as part of the social order, was responsible for looking after those people who fell through the cracks. As our society has grown more complex, the need to look after large groups of people who fail to do so themselves now falls on government agencies of one type or another. There are many people who fall through the cracks with needs that are very great. They turn up at the church asking for help. There are many, though, who make a career of begging from churches and other benevolent groups. The assumption of many of these professional beggars is that we are in the charity business.

The early church was a commune: they held everything in common. (You can read about this in Acts of the Apostles, chapters 3-6.) Deacons were first appointed to distribute fairly to those in need who were part of the community what each person needed on a daily basis. (Acts 6: 1-6. Stephen was among those chosen to be the first Deacons.) This view of what the church was has

colored our understanding of what we ought to be now. Essentially, the experiment in communal support failed then and subsequently, each time it has been tried. The early church expected history to end, the Lord to reappear, the last judgment to begin and, therefore, the people thought they did not have to provide for the future. These events never happened. When famine hit the area in 39-43 AD, the members of the early church had already spent their capital and began to suffer serious

malnutrition as a result of the spiraling inflation. Paul, who was an outsider, took the Gospel and began to spread it outside the area of Jerusalem, and, as he did so, collected money from the new churches to send to Jerusalem to relieve the suffering of the "poor saints" in Jerusalem. Was this charity on behalf of Paul or was it a political move to gain the support of the Jerusalem Church for

his mission? (Many of the Jerusalem churches did not agree at all with Paul's interpretation of their gospel.)

In Acts 20:35, Paul says, "All along I showed you that it is our duty to help the weak in this way, by hard work, and that we should keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, "Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving."

In other words, charity is a part of the Christians personal spiritual discipline. I, as a Christian, have to cultivate generosity in myself as part of my response to God's call to me. Thus, charitable works originally belonged to the individual as part of his or her spiritual discipline.

Outreach is a different animal entirely. Here we need to separate the idea of the church as a part of the body of Christ from the non-profit organization that is recognized by the IRS. As the body of Christ, we are a collective noun describing the relatedness of a large group of individuals,

Charity is giving to those in need

Ministry means spreading the gospel one way or another

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all of whom have by definition of membership in that body, responsibility for ministry. Ministry means spreading the gospel one way or another. Various ministries take different forms, some are within the church, some outside. One constant is that the member is involved in the activity. Their presence is a witness to the gospel even though a word is not spoken. The creation of such opportunities for ministry comes from several sources,

but chiefly the call to ministry comes from individuals or groups of individuals who are strategizing about the spread of the gospel and the values associated with it. We put together a music camp to reach young people beyond our congregation; we put together the organ so we can have performances to give people an experience of our worship

music; we support Jim Lofstrand in his work with Habitat for Humanity because it will involve a number of our people in active ministry. Thus, outreach beyond our boundaries is a part of the strategy for spreading the gospel. As such it is different from charity

The money we raise at auctions is for outreach. This means we support ministries that have as their core reason the sharing of the values of the gospel, either implicitly or explicitly. Sometimes there is a gray line between charity and ministry. It is no good trying to tell a starving man that God loves him. You will need to feed him first before he can hear you, but your actions will shout louder than any words.

The biggest challenge we are up against when we deal with this subject is guilt associated with being middle class and very comfortable financially. “Noblesse oblige” was a term coined in the 17th century to encourage the upper classes to

take responsibility for the poor. The main reason for it was guilt, and that a modicum of charity allowed them to go on supporting an insufferable caste system that oppressed the hordes of starving people. Revolutions, the trades union movement, socialism and communism were responses to the horrendous exploitation of people in the 18th and 19th centuries, in particular. Revolution broke out all over Europe as people threw off the classist societies that essentially enslaved large portions of the population of European countries. The United States welcomed those who fled from those terrible conditions. The real issue here is social justice, and not a modicum of charity to ease our guilt, to keep the lid on an explosive situation or maintain the status quo.

Beware then, the giving of charity to relieve your guilt. It doesn't count. Give because you care; because you want to build; because you are outraged at injustice. In all of these you will be changed. Giving out of guilt only confirms you in your sense of privilege, and the sense that privilege is your right. Charity is the response of the Christian; it is a personal response to encountered need. When we as a part of the body of Christ decide to act in unison to go out and feed the hungry or some other “good work” then the action passes beyond charity and becomes something else. We call this outreach, a catch-all for very complex responses to the world in which we live.

The Church and how we should respond to people coming to us for help.

I do not know what is best. I have been ripped off and taken advantage of so often, still I am can be a soft touch. My personal response is spotty. This is very problematic for us all.

I have asked Mary Gates, who answers the requests for help from people not of this community, to make a log of every request for help, including how much people want or expect from us, where else have they sought help, and how often have they come back. What is the level of need out there? Can we make any real dent in it? Is this a job we should be doing?

-Fr. Peter

Yes, Virginia, there is a Sunday School

The look of our church education may have changed, but we still have Sunday School before the 10:00 service on Sundays. We hope all adults and children in the church will come at 9 a.m. to eat a light breakfast, learn more about our faith and help create a vibrant Christian community.

Why did we change?

- To explore learning and celebration among all ages
- To integrate Christian education with liturgy
- To provide community-building experiences
- To learn about and experience our faith by doing
- To encourage the family's role in Christian education

What's new?

- We don't separate age groups into different rooms
- We do have activities for all ages (that means kids and teens as well)

Sometimes those activities will be together, and other times they will be separate. On Sept. 16, for example, we moved through the church learning about the choir, the altar, the credence table, the sacristy, and what acolytes do. We held the cross and touched the linens, and both adults and kids participated in the teaching and learning. Every week the education activities will be a little different, but expect them to be hands-on and stimulating. Here's what's coming up in the next few weeks:

- 9/30 Church Seasons and the Lectionary
- 10/7 Pet Blessing and St. Francis
- 10/14 The story of Ruth; Healing
- 10/21 The Prayer Book and Prayer boxes (full breakfast)
- 10/28 Prepare for All Saints Day
- 11/4 All Saints Day (celebrated)

See you at 9 a.m. on Sunday!

Top 10 Reasons Why Children are Welcomed in Our Church:

10. Repeated exposure to the sights, sounds and symbols of Eucharist help form all Christians
9. Children actually LIKE sitting in those usually empty front row seats so they can see and hear what's going on.
8. It would be expensive to repaint all those signs to read "The Episcopal Church Only Welcomes Adults"
7. Practice Makes Perfect - Teaching young children to enjoy and participate in the service helps them become active and receptive worshipping adults
6. There are no pop quizzes at the communion rail! We all experience the Eucharist as a mystery... you don't have to be able to explain it in order to benefit from it.
5. Children have their own unique relationships with God. Being in church helps them learn how to pray, sing, worship and otherwise strengthen that relationship.
4. If children aren't in church, who are the candy-unwrapping, restless, coughing, whispering adults going to blame for the noise?
3. Sunday services make great family-togetherness time. Use the quiet space for extra handholding or snuggling time that may get lost during a busy week.
2. Children teach us what absolute joy looks like - and what better place to experience that than in church?

And the Number One reason why Children are Welcomed in our Church:

1. The Circle of God's family is incomplete without them!

From the National Association for Episcopal Christian Education Directors

Welcome Andrea

Andrea Brown is excited to be our new music director. She arrives after a brief retirement as music director of Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Duvall where she served for 11 years. She also directed our small but successful and very unique music camp this past summer.



Andrea was born in New York City and grew up in Queens. Her love of music comes from her maternal grandfather who was too poor to purchase concert tickets, but befriended the ushers at Carnegie

Hall and was allowed to stand in the back. He was always humming a tune. Andrea began piano lessons at age 5 and continued later on to also study flute, tuba and classical guitar. Andrea is thankful for her very indulgent parents.

Andrea arrived in the Pacific Northwest 28 years ago. She is married to Tod, a biochemist, and has two gorgeous daughters, Sarah, 25, and Philby, 17. Andrea teaches music by day with a very busy schedule that currently includes 41 students. She also is active performing with the Cascade Brass Quintet and the 188th Street Klezmer Band. Andrea loves all styles of music and is especially knowledgeable about contemporary Christian worship styles. When not playing music, Andrea loves to hike, swim, garden and cook.

Labyrinth Education

Sunday, October 7th, we are fortunate to have The Rev. Dr. Sandra Bochonok join us to preach at the 10 a.m. service about labyrinths.

The Rev. Dr. Sandra Bochonok is an associate member of the Little Sisters of St. Clare and president of the Bremerton Ministerial Association. A former Navy Chaplain, she now serves

as an international internet pastor and provides ecumenical and interfaith ministry and labyrinth events locally. During her 2004 sabbatical, she walked more than 45 outdoor labyrinths in the Puget Sound area. Next year, she has been invited to lead a small group of pilgrims to France to walk the beloved labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral by the Poulsbo-based travel company, Bei Pelligrini.

Organ Committee Report - Fall, 2007

We are close to a landmark in this long project: placing the pipe organ in regular service as a part of our music ministry. As of now, the organ is fully enabled, except for preset stop selection and programmed crescendo. Brant Duddy was here in August for his annual visit, and we accomplished the remaining leather action repairs, voicing, tuning, and tempering in a remarkably short time. In the process, Brant taught Giles the essentials of action repair sufficient for future needs. The major acoustical detail remaining is thoroughly silencing the blower noise, which will require some trial and error. In the weeks to come, we will be working on that and finishing some trim around the

screen sections. We will obtain samples of acoustically transparent fabric in seasonal colors to see if such might be an improvement over the "basic black" of the screens.

Nancy Gosen, former music director for the church, and one of the folks who was key to acquiring this instrument, has enthusiastically volunteered to recruit recitalists from among her organist friends for a festive event sometime this fall. Regular players of the organ may come from among our own keyboardists, who are interested in extending their skills (its about all those pedals and stops!), or the students of local organ teachers and university departments.

-Giles Shepherd



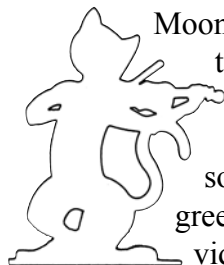
October Birthdays

- 2 Bryn Kelley
- 6 Bob Levy
Sam Magill
- 10 Tappy Schonenburg
- 14 Rick Davis
- 16 Katie Walker
- 22 Kathy Mindt
- 24 Alex Bernat Arnone
Joe Kowalski
- 25 Jane Pendergrass
- 28 Rob Skidmore
- 31 Helen Cottrell

Men's Group...

...meets at Marcos Restaurant in the QFC shopping center, Lynnwood, Hwy 99 and 176th, every other Saturday at 8:00 a.m. The next meeting is October 6th. For information, contact Mike Rizzotti.

Over the Moon Country Store



Some of the items that will be available in the Over the Moon Country Store at the Hey Diddle Diddle Auction are: jams (blackberry for sure), pumpkin butter, flavored vinegars and oils, biscotti and breads, candies, chutneys, pickles, salsa, pesto, homemade soaps and candles, lovely napkins, and handmade greeting cards...and more. All of these are being provided by members of our congregation.

Episcopal 2008 Kalendars Available

Church Kalendars are available. These calendars have all the information you need to keep track of saints days and readings for each day, besides having the days of the months in the proper colors. They are a bargain at \$3.00. Find them in the Narthex.

We Will Stand with You

Thank you! On Sunday, August 26th, our community donated over \$300 to WE WILL STAND WITH YOU, which supports St. Paul's Episcopal Church and School and community in New Orleans. According to Carl Knirk, the WWSWY chairman, our diocese is closing in on \$345,000 in funds raised. On September 23, a check for \$20,000 was presented in person by our Bishops Nedi and Greg, at St. Paul's where the House of Bishops had convened. Your continued prayers and support are appreciated!

- Sue Shepherd

Classifieds

Help Wanted: Can you balance a checkbook? Are you able to use spreadsheet software? Do you have an hour or so a week to give to St. Hilda St. Patrick? Then you might be the one to become the church's treasurer! The current treasurer's term is up January, 2008 and we are looking for a replacement. For more information contact Chris Kelley.

Cat Ministry Update

On Friday, September 14th, Désha Davis picked up five feral kittens from the farm next door and took them to N.O.A.H., a dog and cat sanctuary in Stanwood, for their spay/neuter surgery. The kittens did well and were returned to the farm late the same afternoon. A donation of \$125 was given from the Farm Cat Faith Ministry Fund. The folks at N.O.A.H. were very appreciative as the sanctuary relies on volunteers and donations. There is a flier on the Rotunda bulletin board with more information on the Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic.

We will be using N.O.A.H. because Purrfect Pals no longer has a vet on site.

Thank you, Dorothy

Some are satisfied to sit back and listen to music without wanting or needing to develop the skills to create music for themselves. Others are born with a love for music in all its different forms and presentations. These people are blessed with natural skills and creativity which, when time and resources allow, enable them to devote their entire lives to composing, practicing and honing their musical skills for the enjoyment and enrichment of others. If you add the ability and desire to teach the skills, knowledge and appreciation of music, you would be describing Dorothy Harwood.

Almost every Thursday night for the last three years, Dorothy gave the choir voice lessons, starting with different warm-up routines, then went on to the correct way to accent and enunciate vowels and consonants. Discussions of how the music related to the seasonal and or specific scriptural message of the service would follow. Dorothy's devotion to musical style and excellence was balanced with a remarkable patience when it came to the limited numbers and skills of the members of the choir. We all grew and developed our ability to sing, often far beyond our wildest expectations.

Do you remember Amahl and the Night Visitors? We had props and costumes. Dorothy somehow enticed singers, including a young boy who sang the part of Amahl, who were not members of St. Hilda St. Patrick to come and join the production. And, most wonderfully, Dorothy enlisted members of our congregation to sing in the chorus. A few members of our choir sang in lead roles. Working together to perform a joyful production enveloped the congregation and choir with a wonderful feeling of accomplishment and spirituality!

We at St. Hilda St. Patrick wish to thank Dorothy for the wonderful music she contributed to our church. We thank her for all the training and encouragement she gave to the members of the choir. We remember the times she sang solo and played the piano. Many in the congregation responded with astonishment at the uplifting beauty with which she sang. We will remember her often and pray that she continues to enrich the lives of others with her music. We pray for her happiness and well being, and know she will always be an important part of our community.

Yours in Christ,

Ray Smith, Choir Member

Hey Diddle Diddle Silent Auction Preview as of September 30

Pizza Basket \$23.99 Jet City Pizza gift certificate, poker set and beer

Perrinville Animal Hospital Canine or Feline check-up and vaccine Package - \$100 value

Coffee Basket - \$35 Tazza Di Vita gift card

High Tea for Two Willows Edge Tea Room \$50 value

Lindhardt's Camano Island Beach Cabin long weekend sleeps 4-6, based on availability - \$350 value

Long weekend at the Ripley Beach Cabin South Puget Sound. June or September based on availability - \$600 value

Puget Sound fishing trip with the Stapletons. If you get skunked you get 3 salmon filets donated by the Torres Family. Date to be mutually agreed upon.

Lake Serene Massage Therapy 3 one-hour massage packages \$165 value

Mexican Basket Dinner for Two at Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant

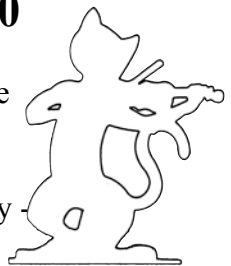
Dinner at Peter and Lisa's - fantastic dinner for 8 overlooking Lake Washington

Ikebana floral container Handmade by Giles Shepard of eastern black walnut - \$50 value

Hand painted apron \$50 value

Dessert Auction Items

Cheesecake, Chocolate Mousse, Nancy Reagan Persimmon Pie, Avocado Pie, English Trifle, Chocolate Decadence, Cream Puff Tower, Pecan Pie, Crepes, Lavender Ice Cream and Cookies



Update on Robert Pennington

For over four years, since the onset of the Iraq war, I have asked prayers for Rob “Bobby” Pennington. Rob is a Marine. He graduated from Kamiak High School in 2002. I have known Rob from the time he was five years old because his family lived immediately next door to us for 14 years in Mukilteo. My son, Lucas, grew up with Rob playing video games, super soakers, and on the same sports teams. Upon high school graduation, Rob decided to join the military against his mother’s wishes.

Not long after, the Iraq war was in full swing, and, as a Marine, Rob was a part of it. Rob’s parents are our good friends and needless to say, we were so scared for them and for their son. The worry that they have endured is unimaginable to me. One night before Christmas during one of Bobby’s tours of duty, I took a plate of Christmas cookies to his parents. I made the mistake of not calling first and when I rang the doorbell, they thought the absolute worst. I have never seen friends so happy to see a plate of my cookies. From the beginning, our church has prayed for him. He survived his first tour of duty, but it was not to be his last.

Rob was sent to Iraq a second time and took part in the bloody and violent battle of Fallujah. He suffered the loss of his best friends, one of whom was blown up right next to him in a vehicle. Rob fell off a two-story building, but luckily the only visible injury is a scar above his right eyebrow. I say visible because the Fallujah experience left him with post-traumatic stress disorder.

We know how this war has been. The battle of Fallujah was not to be Bobby’s last. Even though he was suffering from PTSD, Bobby was sent for a third six-month stint in Anbar Prov-

ince. Half way through this experience, Rob became tangled up in the murder of an Iraqi civilian. His squad believed the Iraqi was responsible for planting the IED’s that were exploding and killing their fellow Americans. He entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to eight years in prison. In open court, he apologized for what happened. Bobby did not pull the trigger that killed the man but he was involved in the entire process.





Unless we have been in the horrific situations that our kids are facing in Iraq every day, we can’t know what they are thinking, what their fears are, and what they think they are expected to do. Bobby spent over a year incarcerated in military prison for his role in all of this. Luckily, upon review of his case by a general who had personally served time in Iraq and understood the circumstances, Bobby was released. His lawyer is now working on obtaining an Honorable Discharge for his service to our country.

On Friday, September 21, I had the joy of seeing Bobby, now 23 years old, and giving him a big hug. He has been here in Mukilteo on leave for a short time. His Mom tells me he will continue to need help to deal with PTSD, which she believes to be quite severe. Of course, she is relieved he has survived all of the ordeals. I cannot even imagine. Bobby’s family knows our church has prayed for them and they are extremely grateful. Prayers and support from friends have helped all of them enormously.

I will continue to pray for him following that little armed forces prayer toward the end of our service, so if you hear me say “Bobby” out loud, you will know what it is all about.

-Janet Eaton

October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ministry Meeting 1:30 pm •Music Lessons 1:30pm •Al-Anon 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Morning Prayer at Chateau Pacifica 1:30pm •Via Media 7pm •Scouts 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •LDTOGICCC*, Sanctuary, 6 pm •Camp Fire Group, parish hall, 6:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Music Lessons 4pm •Choir Practice 7pm •AA 7:30pm 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group, Marcos Restaurant, 8am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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**Schedules for Hospitality Teams, Greeters, Ushers and
Altar Guild for October, 2007**

	Pentecost 19 October 7	Pentecost 20 October 14	Pentecost 21 October 21	Pentecost 22 October 28
Ministry				
Altar Guild - 8:00	Rosemary Harris	Rosemary Harris	Rosemary Harris	Rosemary Harris
Altar Guild - 10:30	Team A Déscha Davis Pam Gasparis	Team A	Team B Maria Han Paige Seaborg	Team B
Hospitality Team	Jane Tuttle Light Breakfast	Don Kelso Light Breakfast	Altar & Flower Guilds Full Breakfast	Martha Walker Light Breakfast
Greeters	Gwynne Briggs Maria Han	Nora & Jeff Cheek	Melody Oxley Mary Helen Roberts	April & Glen Cooper
Ushers	Valerie Higgins Martha Walker	Janet Eaton Valerie Higgins	Pat & Jim Allendoerfer	Maria Han Don Kelso