

JOYFUL NOISE!!
REFLECTIONS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

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Pentecost Window from the Queen's College Chapel at Oxford

What follows Pentecost? The rest of the Book of Acts!!! – which contains some of the best known stories in the New Testament: the choosing of the first deacons, the stoning of Stephen, the conversion of Saul, the speeches of Peter, the conversion of the first Gentiles, Paul's journeys, the spread of Christianity from Jerusalem to Rome – we know the stories, even if we do not always know where they fit into the larger story. But the thing that strikes me about the way the author relates the stories is the vocabulary: the great events happened **suddenly** and were brought about by rushing wind, fire, earthquake, bright light – words of power, words of high voltage. The spirit descended **suddenly** and filled its subjects with energy. The preaching was so energized that people were converted by the thousands. They were inspired to arduous journeys and the endurance of persecution. They were relentless in their preaching. They were so charged up!!!

“ **suddenly** from heaven there came a sound like a rush of a violent wind.....”

“ **suddenly** a bright light from heaven flashed around him.....”(Paul)

“ **suddenly** a man in dazzling clothes stood before me.....”(Peter)

“**suddenly** a bright light shone in the cell.....”.

“**suddenly** there was an earthquake and all the doors were unfastened.....”

MEET LINDA WATTS, NEW VESTRY MEMBER



Linda Watts' first Sunday at Emmanuel Episcopal was not an auspicious beginning for a future vestry member. In August, 2007, Linda arrived at 10:00 a.m. for the second service. When she walked up the stairs to the nave, she found the church full and the congregation singing a hymn. She didn't see a seat in the pews, so an usher set up a folding chair in the back. Linda thought it strange that the parish did communion at the beginning of the service, but soon it was her turn for the meal. A lifelong Presbyterian, she had never knelt at an altar rail. Then she saw people drinking out of the cup. "These are people of indeterminate health!" she thought. But she observed others dipping the bread, and, relieved, she decided, "I can do that." So she dipped and lifted the bread to her mouth. An inexperienced dipper, Linda soaked too much wine into the bread, and it ran down her arm into her sleeve. She discretely cleaned up the mess and returned to her seat.

After the meal, the congregation read from The Book of Common Prayer, which page Linda couldn't find until the reading was over. During the following hymn, the rector processed to the back of the nave, gave the benediction; "then everyone went to breakfast in the Parish Hall." As Linda tells the story, "I felt so confused that there was no way I was going to breakfast. By the time I got to my car, I started laughing." She had been at the church for only ten minutes; and in her hurry to leave, she had absconded with The Book of Common Prayer. Linda remembers, "I had to give it back." Later in the week, she called the church office. She decided that if the person who answered the phone laughed when she described her experience, she would go back. Happily, Noel answered, and Linda learned that she had arrived at the end of the first Sunday, 9:00 a.m. service. Linda came back, and so did her book.

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Linda and her partner, Mark, frequently vacationed on Orcas before they moved here. Like so many of us, they loved the island—"the sight, the sound, the feel." When they were looking for a place to retire, they thought of Orcas. "We saw property we liked and said, 'It's an adventure. If we don't like it, we don't have to stay.'" Looking back, Linda muses, "It has turned out to be a very good choice." Mark, a former attorney, loves life on the island. "He is outside every day, chopping wood, clearing ..."

Linda grew up in Salem, Oregon, and majored in education ("there are lots of teachers in my family") at Oregon State University. But she was fulfilled as a mom and homemaker, working part-time as a teacher's aide, until her first son (she has two sons, now 41 and 38) began college, when she renewed her teaching certificate and began teaching kindergarten in Lake Oswego, Oregon, where she taught for 18 years. Remembering her years as a teacher, she remarks, "Five-year olds are the sweetest and funniest. They want so badly to please their teacher. I had a ball; I loved going to work."

Linda was a life-long Presbyterian until she moved to Orcas. She describes her childhood family as "church-going," but in college, she dropped away from church, not to return until she became a parent herself. She attended Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego for thirty years; still, she remembers that for a long time, she was a "milque-toast" Christian, with no particular passion for religion. Upon arriving on Orcas, "One of the first things I read in *The Sounder* was an interview with Craig [Anderson]. I was interested in his background and the things he cared about." Linda began attending the Rector's Forum soon after its inception: "We have the best talks, and I covet a sense of community. I need the community."

Speaking of Sunday worship, Linda remarks, "Despite the fact that the liturgy is difficult, I go because it feeds me. I'm listening better. What I hear when I listen is God's purpose. The way I gauge what God wants me to do is what Jesus did. It's not so much what you believe; it's what you do. Caring for each other is the most specific direction we get. I want to be Jesus' person in the world."

Linda admits to being "a marathon reader"—fiction, some non-fiction. "I'm redefining my faith." She is reading a lot of Marcus Borg, as well as political texts. "I have become interested in what being a Christian means politically. I'm quite excited by it."

Speaking of her role on the vestry, Linda described that she wants to learn what's involved in the vestry before she speaks up. "I'm just getting my toes in the water. It's a steep curve."

Early in our interview, Linda described that her greatest concern at leaving Lake Oswego for Orcas was the loss of valued relationships. She remembers thinking, "All the people of my life are there [in Lake Oswego]. Is there time to make the kind of relationships [on Orcas] I had there?" At the bottom line, Linda remains relational: "I enjoy people, relationships. And I've made some wonderful friendships here. Friends are such a good reflection of what I'm like...the relationship itself provides a perspective that I can't get from myself. The perspective I get from other people is like unto a perspective from God."

- Margaret Payne

NEW ACOLYTES IN TRAINING



Four of Emmanuel's young people are currently in training to be acolytes. They are Eliza Diepenbrock, Christian Heisinger, and Emily and Maggie Toombs. Acolytes have a variety of duties including the lighting and tending of the altar candles, processing with the cross and book, handling the collection plates and helping the priest prepare for the Eucharist. On special occasions, they may have additional duties such as carrying a banner or being the boat bearer; the boat being the container for incense.

In the next few weeks Christian, Eliza, Emily and Maggie will start participating in the 10 o'clock services. They are carrying forward a 2000 year Christian tradition. Please welcome and encourage them as they start their new ministry as acolytes. We are blessed to have them.

Betsy Nelson
Acolyte Master

BIG QUESTIONS

'Kids say the darndest things' as we all know, but they also ask big, important questions. Want to know what the youngest members of Emmanuel have been asking? See below.

What can you, God, do to help the world?
 Can we keep the Earth clean?
 Can kids change the world?
 What caused the Big Bang?
 I wonder why the seagulls can't get cold in the ocean?
 I wonder if I'm really dreaming and will wake up soon?
 What's it like to be dead? Where do you go?
 What can you do when you're dead to help people?
 What happens to bad people when they die?
 Wasn't Jesus baptized a Christian?

Please submit any answers you might have to Cheryl's box in the church office and better yet, please share your big, important questions and we'll let the kids know what you wonder about.

PARISH MATCHING GAME

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How much do you know about your fellow parishioners? Look at the names below. Can you match the names with the facts? Answers are found at the bottom of the page.

Cathy Clemens	"I have a grandson named Calvin"
Jan Titus	"I love to make paper airplanes"
Kate Kinney (our supply clergy)	"I read 56 books in 2 months"
Don Pritchett	"I was conceived in a brothel"
Tom Murdock	"I raise sheep and do weaving"
Christian Heisinger	"I crashed on an aircraft carrier"
Lois Sheedy	"I was a contestant on the Dating Game"
Harlan Pedersen	"I used to do the newspaper delivery as a child to the house I now live in"
Margaret Payne	"I enjoy caning and caned my own chair"

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Answers: Cathy Clemens raises sheep and weaves
 Jan Titus has a grandson named Calvin
 Don Pritchett crashed his airplane
 Lois Sheedy enjoys caning
 Kate Kinney was conceived in a brothel due to the WW II there being no room in the inn.
 Tom Murdock was on the TV show the Dating Game
 Harlan Pedersen was delivered newspapers as a boy to the house he now lives in.
 Christian Heisinger loves to make paper airplanes.
 Margaret Payne recently read 52 books on spirituality as a judge for awards

RECTOR'S RUMINATIONS FOR JUNE 2011

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

My reflections this month are a continuation of some concerns that I expressed in my ruminations last month regarding paying taxes. I stated that beyond the legal requirement, we have a moral opportunity and imperative to pay taxes given the tax "benefits" and "dividends" that we enjoy as citizens. Much of what informed my thought was how our government through fair and just policies of taxation should support and ensure the common good.

In April concomitant with the debates about deficit spending, budget cuts and the need to address fiscal responsibility loomed the possibility of a government "shutdown." Part of the political melodrama included the need to define what essential government services would need to continue in the event of such a shutdown.

However, the political rhetoric and financial crisis surrounding a possible government shutdown begs the deeper question of what should our government provide as essential services for its citizens? The IRS provides one answer, "Essential services or essential governmental functions are basically services that would normally be provided by a nation to its members...and perform in its daily operation. The statutory interpretations of what constitutes essential services and essential government functions have continued to evolve, with court cases addressing these concepts." (ITG GAQ #3)

Drilling down beyond the legal to the philosophical, I suspect most of us would argue that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness provide the basis for government or public services through either the public sector or by financing private provision of such services; such services agreed upon by social consensus and usually expressed through democratic elections and that these services should be available to all citizens regardless of income. Such public and essential services include, education, electricity, environmental protection, fire service, gas, health care, military, police service, public information, e.g. libraries, public transportation, social housing, social services, telecommunications, urban planning, waste management, water services to name a few; In short, our national security, domestic infrastructure and human welfare.

Going deeper, essential services as public services point to the public or common good. It is interesting to note that historically the nationalization of essential public services followed both World Wars of the first half of the twentieth century in Europe and here in the United States. Following the Second World War many countries began to implement universal health care and expand education under the funding of the state.

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In addition there are various examples of how different countries have privatized public services to include free market corporations managed and owned by private investors. Which raises a host of questions as to how essential services should be funded, operated and managed to support the common good.

All of which brings us back to the question, what do we consider to be essential in service to the common good? Much of what we profess as a nation, e.g. democracy, free enterprise, capitalism, equality of opportunity, human rights, religious freedom and those truths that we espouse as “self-evident” require persons, structures, services and money as the means to ensure our esse or being as a nation. Political office, public service, community volunteerism, taxation as well as philanthropy are ways in which we support the ideals and practical concerns that we think and feel to be essential to our identity and character as a nation. Next month I shall offer some thoughts on how the Church as a “tax exempt” institution provides “essential services” in working for and embodying the common good.

In conclusion, I bid your prayers for the nation and sound government:

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth.

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties.
Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations.
Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served.
Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name.
For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. Amen.

(The Book of Common Prayer, p. 821-2)

E pluribus unum,
+Craig

June birthdays

1 Eliza Diepenbrock
3 Fountiene Prince
3 Michele Keys
6 Heidi Hudlet
6 Andrew Ross
7 Marilyn Erly
7 Douglas Ellis
9 Diane Keller-Batter
9 Emily Diepenbrock
9 Taylor Diepenbrock
13 Penny Hawkes
15 Marilyn Parman
15 Sally Elliman
19 Fritz Kraetzer
20 Duff Andrews
20 Megan Heisinger
22 Susan Krieger
22 John Erly
26 Carol Tully
29 Anne Pedersen

June anniversaries

9 Tony & Nancy Ayer
14 Tom & Diane Keller-Batter
16 Fritz & Midge Kraetzer
19 Erv & Norma Jo Harlacher
20 Harlan & Anne Pedersen
26 Scott & Lisa Heisinger
28 John & Fountiene Prince

Homily schedule during Bishop Craig's absence

June 5 The Rev. Wray Mackay
June 12 The Rev. Kate Kinney
June 19 The Rev. Kate Kinney
June 26 The Rev. Peter Snow **
(* a book-signing will follow both services)



BLESSING OF THE LABYRINTH – MAY 15TH, 2011

Under rainy skies over 100 members of the Orcas community and Emmanuel Episcopal Parish gathered for a dedication and blessing of the Community Labyrinth on Sunday, May 15. The labyrinth is the dream fulfilled of Emmanuel parishioner Nancy Ayer who led a 17-member committee to raise funds and manage the installation of a permanent stone labyrinth on the east lawn of the 125-year-old waterfront church. Last fall, the land was first blessed by elders of the Samish nation to honor the ancestors for whom this land was once home. Earlier this year, stone for the labyrinth was cut and laid by island mason, Steve Cohan, with the labyrinth ground prepared by island landscaper, Robin Kucklick. Last week, the completed labyrinth was dedicated by the island community with a blessing by Emmanuel's rector, Bishop Craig Anderson. The labyrinth is represented in a painting created and donated by island artist, Frank Loudin, unveiled at the dedication. Gift cards of the *Labyrinth at Sunset* are available at Emmanuel Parish Hall and are a donation to the ongoing care of the labyrinth.

Orcas Island resident and Samish nation elder, Betty Hall, famed across the island for her beautifully patterned quilts and work as the Eastsound postmaster, represented the Samish nation at the ceremony. After the blessing and dedication, guests retreated from the rain into the parish hall where event coordinator, Heidi Hudlet, and her kitchen gang presented a buffet of alder-roasted salmon (Thanks, Duff Andrews!) and blackberry pies from Heidi's own kitchen. The joyful feast celebrated the inspiration, labor and spirit of the unfolding labyrinth journey these last four years.

The labyrinth as a single path is an ancient archetypal design that relates to wholeness; it combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. It represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools, but also serve as a means for problem solving, conflict resolution, stress management, modern day pilgrimages and healing. Emmanuel's permanent labyrinth, modeled after the 12th century labyrinth, in Chartres, France, is a gift from Emmanuel Parish to the community and visitors to Orcas Island.

LABYRINTH PRAYER READ AT THE DEDICATION ON MAY 15TH, 2011

Today, the Emmanuel Church Community Labyrinth is dedicated to all walkers on The Path. May it fulfill a divine mission. May it shine and light up those darkened places, both internally and collectively. May it be a temple, a healing place, where all who come to walk it shall be lifted above the insanity of a desperate and frightened world. May it bring hope to the hopeless and peace to the distraught. May it bring answers to the unanswered and renewed spirit to the weary. May it open all to Nature, Love, and Beauty.

By Nancy Ayer and Amerita Vegas

SPECIAL THANKS

The skies may have been raining but spirits were joyful as we blessed the labyrinth. I want to thank the many hands that so willingly worked to bring the celebration about. The people of the celebration committee: Beth Jurgensen who ran an efficient kitchen along with Jan Cleveland; Denise Wilk from the Community Church who put together the photographs; Mary Poletti from St Francis who did invitations, bookmarks, Frank Loudin cards and who was instrumental in bringing the Frank Loudin painting to us; Catherine Ellis who made and donated the beautiful tile inlaid gift boxes; Cheryl Danskin who lent her ever unwavering support and clear sightedness; Millie Vetterlein for the gift of the beautiful flowers and center pieces; Margaret Payne who did our publicity; Bishop Craig Anderson for his support and guidance, and most of all, Nancy Ayer for the labyrinth images and her vision.

A special thanks to Duff Andrews for coordinating and cooking the delicious salmon and to the many people who stepped forward to help, not only on the day of the event, but also the day before during the setting up, sharing their ideas, humor, enthusiasm and labor. A big thank you all, it was truly a blessing to work with you.

Heidi Hudlet

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You get the idea!!!! **Suddenly** lives were changed. The people were so newly empowered they couldn't contain the energy. **Suddenly** something happened or was said that went straight to the heart and then expanded outward and needed expression. They wondered what to do. Peter told them, "Reorient your lives!" Break out of old patterns! Open up to new possibilities! For Peter it meant breaking away from the Jewish dietary laws and being able to eat with Gentiles. God gave him a vision that changed everything he ever believed about who he was and how he was supposed to live. Paul was changed from persecutor to brilliant preacher, teacher and advocate.

The "suddenlies" energized the spread of Christianity to the Gentiles:

"The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy; and blaspheming they contradicted what was spoken by Paul. Then both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken first to you. Since you reject it and judge yourselves to be unworthy of eternal life, we are now turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us."

Suddenly signals breakthrough. Breakthrough to new understanding. Breakthrough to empowerment. Breakthrough to change.

Expect the unexpected! Be ready!

I like **suddenly**. **Suddenly** changes lives! Sometimes mine!

Catherine Clemens

2011-2012 VESTRY MEMBERS

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS

It's a community effort! **Please submit your newsletter contributions in a Word .doc file to Karen Blinn at: parishoffice@orcasepiscopal.org.** (Since you would type it anyway, submitting electronically saves the office staff from needing to retype – Thanks!)

Your photos of Parish Events are appreciated! Photos are gratefully accepted and may be submitted electronically to Karen B. as well, preferably in .JPG file formats.

Please note that **the deadline for submissions to Emmanuel's Newsletter is 12 Noon on the 25th of every month.**

**FOR YOUR SUMMER READING & VIEWING
A SUGGESTED LIST:**

- **The Other Jesus, Greg Garrett**, Westminster/John Knox, 2011 *Recommended by Bishop Rickel*
- **Of Gods and Men**, 2010 French drama *Recommended by Wray Mackay in his sermon May 29th*
- **The Coming of the Cosmic Christ**, Matthew Fox, Harper Row, 1988 *Mentioned in Bishop Craig's Easter sermon*
- **Original Blessing, Matthew Fox**, Bear and Company, 1983 *Mentioned in Bishop Craig's Easter sermon*
- **An Altar in the World, Barbara Brown Taylor**, HarperOne, 2009 *Recommended by Cathy Clemens, Margaret Payne*
- **Friends for the Journey, Madeleine L'Engle and Luci Shaw**, Regent College Pub., 1997 *Recommended by Cathy Clemens*
- **Things Hidden, Scripture as Spirituality, Richard Rohr**, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2008 *Recommended by Cheryl Danskin*

Do you have a good book that has nurtured your spirit, deepened your understanding or opened your eyes? Please pass it on for the next newsletter. You can leave the information in the church office or send to the webmaster. Leave your name and recommendation.