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At the United States Army Chaplain Center and School at Ft. Jackson is a window dedicated to George L. Fox (Methodist and Graduate of Illinois Wesleyan), Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Clark V. Poling (Reformed), and Fr. John P. Washington. All of these men were recently minted Army Chaplains holding the rank of First Lieutenant when they boarded the SS Dorchester in 1943 bound for Greenland.

On February 3, 1943 the Dorchester was torpedoed by a German U-Boat. As the ship was being abandoned it was discovered that there were an insufficient number of life jackets for the 900 men aboard. The Four Chaplains each gave up their own life jacket, and helped as many men as possible into the lifeboats. As the ship slipped below the icy waters of the North Atlantic, the Chaplains linked arms, prayed, sang, and died together. These men embodied the greater love spoken of by our Lord in John 15.13. They gave their lives for their friends.

It is appropriate that on this day I have the honor to announce the completion of the interior window project by the Columbarium. The designs have been installed, and are a tribute to those of our community who have embodied the same willingness to offer themselves for others as the Four Chaplains.

The center window contains the Episcopal Service Cross that is given to members of the Armed

The Good News

February 3, 2017



Annual Meeting Results and Changes

At last week's Annual Meeting several important changes were made. After good debate the proposed amendments to the Constitution were passed. This brings our documents into conformity with the Diocesan Constitution and Canons.

What this means initially is a change in our terms: Vestry is now the MISSION LEADERSHIP TEAM; Shelley Brenneman Carter is now the SENIOR WARDEN; Roy Laws was elected by the Mission Leadership Team to be the Junior Warden; our PARISH is now McLean County and St. Matthew's Church is a EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY.

There is much to still work through regarding the implications of the change, and your Mission Leadership Team will need your prayers, patience, and input as we move forward

Congratulations also to those who were elected to the Mission Leadership Team: Liz Gordon, Roger Hollis, and Jeff Clark. Also congratulations to Susan Long as Synod Delegate and Sandy Kohlhasse as Deanery Representative.

Parish Education

We are currently studying Revelation. All are invited to study this work together and discover the history and meaning of this most enigmatic of books.

Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and

Services. The cross is a stylized Jerusalem Cross with the words "Christ Died For Thee" on the arms of the main cross. I, like many, have worn that cross proudly on my "dog tags".

The flanking windows hold, respectively, an icon of St. Margaret and St. George.

St. George, patron of England, links us to our heritage as members of the Anglican Communion. St. George is also among the patron saints of soldiers. He is often depicted on horseback (a cavalryman!) slaying a dragon.

St. Margaret of Pisidian Antioch (modern Turkey) was martyred in 289. She is symbolic of those who hold to the faith of Christ in the face of terror, trial, and death. She too is portrayed with a dragon, having, in a vision, conquered the demon with the power of the cross.

Both of these saints represent the struggle against evil and oppression for the sake of Christ. They also stand for valor, honor, and faithfulness to Christ in the midst of struggle.

They are appropriate saints to remind us of our need for valor, honor, and faithfulness.

The location of these windows is also appropriate as we remember those who have gone before us in the faith at our Columbarium altar.

These windows were joyously designed and donated by four members of our community who proudly served our nation in uniform. Their donation was gratefully approved and accepted by the Vestry.

Fr. Dave
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Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is often Holy Eucharist.

Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 12:15.

Guild of the Holy Rosary

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning and Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Prayer List Update

The active prayer ministry at St. Matthew's is ready to update the printed list - found each week in the Good News Daily. On the 12th of February, we will be updating the list. If you want to move someone to the Thanksgiving category, please let us know. Please fill out a prayer slip for anyone who should remain.

Outreach Opportunities

Change of Date - Outreach Committee meets Sunday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m.

January & February Items of the Month

During the cold winter months of January & February 2017, the Outreach Committee will be collecting items for the Salvation Army, with emphasis on products for its local shelter. The shelter houses and feeds men, women, and children in need of a warm place to sleep and a good breakfast and dinner.

You can help by filling the outreach baskets with such items as: 1. Cleaning Products: laundry detergent, dish detergent, bathroom cleanser, bleach; Paper & Plastic Products: toilet paper, napkins, 40-45-gallon garbage bags, latex gloves; Personal Hygiene Products: razors, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, foot powder, lotion; Miscellaneous Products: dish towels, face towels, coffee, gift cards from Sam's Club (for general operation of the shelter).

Many, MANY thanks for your marvelous generosity to those in need in our community. The Outreach Committee

Faith in Action - Annual Fundraiser "Sweethearts 2017 Auction & Carnival"

Date: February 11, 2017

Time: 5 PM, Cash Bar & Silent Auction 6 PM

Dinner (Choice of Chicken Marsala, Pork Tenderloin, or Vegetarian Lasagna)

7 PM, Live Auction

Cost: \$65 per person, or a table of 8 for \$455
Location: Parke Regency Hotel & Conference Center, 1413
Leslie Drive, Bloomington
RSVP by calling the office @ 309.827.7780 or ONLINE at
bnfia.org by 2/1/2017 If registering with Faith in Action,
designate St. Matthew's as your table choice,
or contact: Linda Thomas, FIA liaison 309-242-7160,
lthomasheyworth@gmail.com

FAITH IN ACTION Make a Difference - Drive a Senior! Faith
in Action (FIA), an ecumenical ministry served by volunteers
from 22 local congregations, is one of St. Matthew's principal
outreach ministries. FIA serves senior citizens with special
needs for transportation to medical appointments, shopping
assistance and light home repair. It also provides "Friendly
Visitors" for care receivers with issues of loneliness and
isolation. Currently several St. Matt's members volunteer to
assist FIA with a base of 564 seniors. Faith in Action needs
more drivers especially for the winter months! Qualifications
include a simple background check and attendance at a short
orientation session. Upcoming orientation sessions are
scheduled for February 16th from 10:30-12:00, March 28th
from 1:30-3:00 and April 20 from 10:30-12:00 or by
appointment. If interested, contact Faith in Action (309-827-
7780/ bnfia.org). For questions or more information, contact
Linda Thomas, 309-242-7160, lthomasheyworth@gmail.com.
FIA Liaison

Parish Schedule for the week of February 5th

*Coffee Hour included in the Annual Meeting following worship in
the parish hall.*

Sunday-11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Sunday-5:30 p.m.-Evensong

Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-pot-luck supper

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd &
Adult Bible Study

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & Breakfast

Thursday-6:00 p.m.-Cub Scout pack meeting

Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Friday-6:00 p.m.-Brownie troop meeting

Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Women's breakfast

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or
announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email
reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

Good News Daily

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

Readings & Music for February 5, 2017

Hymns: #126, #536, #508, #488

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;

they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

[10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come
proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or

wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him"-

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.]

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is

accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Ministry Assignments for February 5 & 12

5-February

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Liz Gordon

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Sarah Halt

Crucifer: SB Carter

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: SB Carter

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Laws

12-February

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Noels

Birthdays & Anniversaries February 5 - 11

Anniversaries

Kathie & Loren Dyson

Birthdays

Donna Dyson

June Gault

Collect for February 5th

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and

reigheth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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