



The In Touch

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Our Mission: To Seek, Know, Love and Serve Christ in all Persons and in all Creation

RAMBLINGS from the Rev...

As I write this is mid-March I find I'm still in a Lenten state of mind. The piles of snow outside the window are nearly head high in places, at least on me. While I'm as anxious as the next person to have spring arrive, I can't quite believe in it just yet.

I'm still mulling over an article I pulled out of the New York Times on March 9th. Written by Graham Hill, it's called Living with Less. A Lot Less. The author, due to a sudden success in business, wound up living in a four-story, 3,600 square foot house in Seattle. Of course, he then had to fill it up with furniture, technical gear, etc. and drove a turbocharged Volvo. He was so busy he didn't have time to shop, so he hired a personal shopper. Then he wound up working in New York and did the same sort of thing all over again, now owning two places full of stuff.



Then he met a lovely lady from Spain. They lived in a tiny flat, with only a few clothes and eventually left that to live a life on the road. In the long run, the love affair fell apart, but Graham Hill returned to the states. He now lives in a 420 square-foot studio apartment. He owns 10 shallow bowls that he uses for salads and main dishes. He can entertain 12 people at a pull out table. He has no CD's or DVD's and only 10% of the books he used to have (OUCH!).

He argues rather persuasively that all his stuff ended up owning him. And he quotes some rather drastic bits of information:

- In one study, 75% of the participants, all middle-class families, couldn't park their cars in the garage because it was full of stuff.
- The average size of a new American home in 1950 was 983 square feet and was occupied by 3.37 people; by 2011 the average home was 2,480 square feet and was occupied by 2.6 people. (We take up more than 3 times the amount of space per capita than we did 60 years ago!)

- Yet, our country has a \$22 billion personal storage industry. (Don't you sometimes wonder what's IN all those storage spaces???)
- 40% of the food we buy end up in the trash.

Sorry, but this is material for our Lenten self-examination, which, by the way, need not be limited to Lent. I'm finding the idea of a small space and way less stuff to take care of more and more appealing. I hope you will all give this some of your noodling time too. It isn't only our spiritual lives that need straightening out! Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter,

Lynn +



happy
Birthday

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Birthday's

4/2 ~ Kay Herman

4/3 ~ Andrew Kennedy

(son of Dale & Sara, grandson of George Schlieff)

4/22 ~ Bradley Davison

*(son of Jim & Cori, grandson of Gary and
Carolyn)*

4/29 ~ Donna Day

4/30 ~ Angie Davison

*(daughter of Jim & Cori, granddaughter of Gary
& Carolyn)*



Wedding
Anniversaries

Baptism

Anniversaries



4/1 ~ Kelly Franko

4/14 ~ Jay Noland


4/15 ~ Ladd Corrin

4/17 ~ Karen Walls (Day)

4/19 ~ William B Corrin



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Altar Guild Carolyn Helen
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Altar Guild Mavis Tricia
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m.	9:30 a.m. Coffee @ Coffee Landing 6:00 p.m. – Total Ministry Meeting 7:00 p.m. Life Cycles				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Altar Guild Mavis Tricia
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	Newsletter Deadline	Community Café Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Serving 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Altar Guild Georgeann Donna
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Community Café Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Serving 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. Life Cycles				
28	29	30				
Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.		Community Café Doors Open @ 5:00 p.m. Serving 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.				

Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

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Dates	Lay Officials	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 2nd Easter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Erik Strand Jeanne Corrin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Andrew Strand Erik Strand</p>
<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 3rd Easter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Deacon: Lee Grim</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lee Grim</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kay Herman Mavis Tanem</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kay Herman John Shewchuk</p>
<p>21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 4th Easter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rev. Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jeanne Corrin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Jeanne Corrin Melanie Mattsen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Donna Day Flossie Knutson</p>
<p>28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. 5th Easter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rev: Deacon: Lee Grim</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tessa Walls</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mike Brennard Tricia Brennard</p>