



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.

First, most importantly, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for everything you've done for me and taught me during this journey. The closer it came to ordination, the more I knew the feeling rather than had an understanding of Total Ministry. When I knelt in front of Bishop Prior, each of you was there with me. Thank you.



I'm writing this in advance of Advent Voice but feel confident that it was wonderful. The Christmas Kids' Shop served about 35 children. The kids, some shy, some not, were all excited to pick out gifts and to find out that doing a good deed can be as easy as smiling at someone who is sad.

The idea of the shop was an epiphany for me. I was driving by the old Snyder's when the idea struck. It actually wasn't an original idea, last fall at convention I saw that another church has been doing it for a while now and I'm fairly sure I'd seen their booth at previous conventions. But, the experience of having an epiphany was real for me. Somewhere between Holiday gas station and the vacant lot next to Family Dollar, something dramatic and wonderful happened.

Then, when the epiphany is past, the commitment starts. For me, the first step is usually procrastination and progresses thru all the usual emotions that go with any undertaking. I wonder about those three men. The more I learn the more there is to be learned it seems. Did they feel the things I did? Did they have their moments of 'what if's'? Did their journey provide moments of self-discovery as mine did (don't run when you see me coming, but, wow, did I learn that I need to learn to ask for help).

This year, instead of boxing those three figurines up, I'm going to start them on a journey. A few inches a day thru the house to remind me to be mindful of the journey and the mini moments of realization that are so easily brushed aside. Maybe some of you will invite them to stay for a while.

Peace,
Mel

January Birthday's



1/6 ~ Jeanne Corrin

Selected quotes from, 101 Reasons to be Episcopalian, by Louie Crew

“We don’t quiz you on your beliefs before worshipping with you.”

“We have a faith not afraid to reason and reason not ashamed to adore.”

“The Prayer Book bids us to come to God’s table for strength and renewal, not for solace and pardon only.”

“When asked if he was saved, an archbishop replied, “I have been saved, I am being saved, and I hope to be saved.’ That understanding of faith, hope, and humility reinforces me as an Episcopalian.”

“Where a woman’s place is in the House of Bishops”

“Asking questions about our faith is expected. In the Episcopal Church, God doesn’t get upset if I wonder why some things are as they are. And God doesn’t get upset if I suggest that some things should not continue as they are.”

“Ours is the perfect church for people who are not perfect”

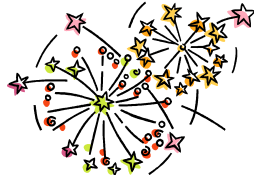
“I love the fact that I can have stimulating conversation and yet disagree with the priest, or even the Bishop, and not get kicked because it is all right to use your mind and not be a rubber stamp for anyone. Christ died to save us from our sins, not our minds.”

“We don’t have all the answers, and we welcome others who love the questions.”

“We leave neither our minds, nor our hearts, nor our bodies at the church door.”

January 2014 – Sunday Service Lay Responsibilities

Dates	Celebrants	Acolytes	Lectors & Lessons	Greeters
5 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Epiphany	Rev. Deacon: Lee Grim	Melanie Mattsen	Melanie Mattsen Georgeann Wright	Gary & Carolyn Davison
12 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Baptism of our Lord	Rev. Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Jeanne Corrin	Kay Herman Mavis Tanem	Kay Herman John Shewchuk
19 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany	Rev. Deacon: Lee Grim	Erik Strand	Georgeann & Andy Wright	Georgeann & Andy Wright
26 Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany	Rev. Deacon: Melanie Mattsen	Tessa Walls	Mike & Tricia Brennard	Mike & Tricia Brennard



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