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FAITHWAY – Advent 2013

The Church of the Holy Faith

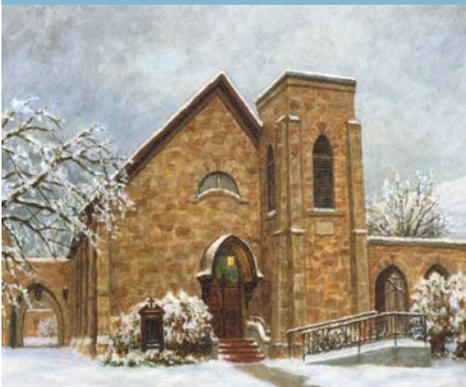
welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the Authority of Scripture.

We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with Solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit.

We strive to live as a community with compassion for one another and the world around us.

We worship together in peace to praise and thank God, to transcend division, and to celebrate the mystery of faith.

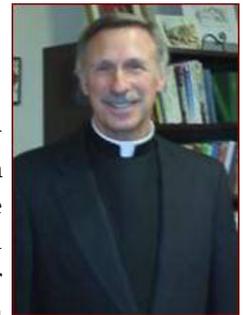


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A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Some months ago, we formed a task force to review parish communications. The committee is working in several areas, on several fronts, not least on the celebration of 150 years of Episcopal worship in Santa Fe. For some years I have been seeking some person or people to edit a newsletter that conveys more than just a list of what is happening in the parish. This Advent edition of the Faithway marks the first edition of our newly formatted newsletter. I am most grateful for those who are working on the committee as well as on this project: Cathy Gronquist, Jim Overton, Janet Sanders, Alexandra Ward and Fr. James.



Not long ago someone reminded me that we used to refer to the season of Advent as “a little Lent.” Indeed, there are a few things that Advent and Lent have in common: both are seasons of preparation, one for the coming of the Lord in flesh, the Incarnation; the other for the Resurrection of the Lord. Both are seasons where fasting, quiet time for prayer, and the sacrament of confession (now called “reconciliation”) are appropriate. At Holy Faith we initiate both seasons with the chanting of the Great Litany (B.C.P., p.147) on the first Sunday. But Advent is a season that is distinctive in several ways: vestments are blue, following the ancient practice of Salisbury Cathedral in honor of the Blessed Mother of our Lord. (Salisbury or Sarem, from the great Cathedral in England, set the tone for Anglican worship from the earliest days of the Anglican Church.) The general tone of the liturgy is more festive

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than Lent: we retain the Kyrie, for example, and do not veil the crosses in the penitential color of purple. We continue to use “alleluia’s” throughout the season (Hebrew for “praise the Lord”).

DID YOU KNOW?

- **THE FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY SERVES 90 HOT LUNCHESES EVERY MONTH FOR LESS THAN \$75?**
- **JOHN GAW MEEM AND FAITH MEEM'S ASHES ARE BURIED IN THE WALL ABOVE THE ACOLYTES' SEATS ON THE ALTAR?**
- **HOLY FAITH WAS FIRST CALLED THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?**
- **150 PARISHONERS SERVED AT THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SHELTER RECENTLY?**
- **THE 2013 ST. NICHOLAS BAZAAR WILL BE THE 131ST?**
- **PARISHONER ELAINE COLEMAN WAS A RECENT RECIPIENT OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE 2013 AWARD OF MERIT?**
- **THE SHEEP IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW HAVE HUMAN FACES?**



DETAIL FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD WINDOW

As a parish seeking to welcome all people and to lead us into a deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, it is my prayer, that all people who think of themselves as “members” of the parish, will be in attendance throughout the four Sundays in Advent and greet the Incarnation of our Lord with joy and thanksgiving. When you are not in community worship, we are not complete. All of us have responsibility to be in Church for this holy season, and throughout the entire Church Year.

Blessings and love for a Holy Advent,

Kenneth J.G. Semon

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TRAVELS IN FRANCE: A JOURNEY OF PILGRIMAGE AND FRIENDSHIP

BY SHARON COOPER

To say that the trip to France with Dean Peggy Patterson wasn't fabulous is like saying that diamonds aren't forever and that's just silly. Leaving Albuquerque on September 14, 2013, we flapped to Atlanta for a lengthy layover allowing ample time for dinner, drinks, and bonhomie. Still somewhat spritely, we flew the next leg, arriving in Paris the following morning. Then, abandoning spritely altogether, we landed and made our way to the waiting bus which drove us to the small town of Chartres.



As one approaches, the Cathedral comes into view riding the horizon like a great ship and that sight alone turns travelers into pilgrims. We limped off the bus (it was too large for narrow streets) and rolled our baggage up an incline to the Hotel St. Yves, a "Maison Dieu," located a brief step or two from the Cathedral. There, we entrusted ourselves to the mercies of this pilgrim inn – and, blessedly, there were many.

The visitor never gets accustomed to the startling perceptual shift that occurs when one suddenly sees the Cathedral when stepping to a window or around a corner. Your balance goes odd as your vision tries to instantly accommodate the sheer size of the Gothic wonder that is Chartres. For the following days, against that backdrop, we attended classes, danced, sang, and ultimately walked a candlelit path down through the great crypt to rise into the huge, shadowed space of the Cathedral itself. Our group was the *only* one there that night plus there was a huge storm which boomed and sang from the roof tops 10 stories above us. Gothic redux – yikes! Candles lit our way as live medieval harp music guided us to walk the 13th century labyrinth, the last of its kind in France. It was an experience beautiful beyond description and a gift beyond recompense.



From there, like fallen angels, plunging down from the heady experiences of life at arguably the loveliest cathedral in the world, we beetled off to Paris to firmly knock off any holy bits which may have adhered to our persons. We stayed at a sweet, small hotel on the Left Bank within walking distance of the Seine, Notre Dame, the Luxembourg Gardens, the Marais, museums, and all of the other countless wonders of France's imperial city. In every block, there were small restaurants (all marvelous unless you are utterly insane and don't like French cooking). Each shop was different and unique. Daily, we walked the streets of Paris until we felt an odd belonging there. The city became our friend as our girlhood French crowded back into our memories. We shifted into "Paris time" which gently made room for everything we wanted to do. Vespers at Notre Dame, the tapestries at Cluny, Eggs Mayonnaise for lunch, The Pompidou served up cheek and jowl with the Musee D'Orsay and, dare I say it, the possible sneaking of communion at some of the great churches of Paris. There were organ concerts, attending services at the American cathedral, and shopping at the incredibly different boutiques (with the incredibly hysterical prices).

Over our trip, our group came together, broke into smaller individual excursions, reformed and broke again. At the end was a group who had come to know and like one another very much after having shared this lovely span of days together. To say we are grateful is to understate the case. Thank you, Dean Peggy. Let's go again.

The Pilgrimage to France took place September 14-24, 2013 and was led by Dean Peggy Patterson. Trip participants were former parishioner Jane Amos, Karen Aubrey of St. Bede's, and parishioners Linda Barthuli, Kathleen Christison, Sharon Cooper, Chris Frenk, Mary Dale Gordon, Susan Kropschot, Phyllis Lehmberg, Ann MacVicar and Janina Szpotko-Green. Photographs in this article courtesy of Dean Peggy.



STILL GOING STRONG AT 131!
BY CATHY GRONQUIST
PHOTOGRAPHS BY TIM ROBERTS

Wednesdays at Holy Faith are filled with sounds of laughter, conversation, sewing machines and knitting needles as members of The Guild prepare for the 131st Annual St. Nicholas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, December 7th. It's a remarkable feat of dedication and service to the Community that this Santa Fe Christmas institution thrives long after it was first started in 1882. Over the years, the Bazaar has seen many changes. Before Palen Hall was built, the Bazaar was held in any empty store downtown that was

available when the sale was scheduled. Current members of The Guild recently speculated that 100 years ago their predecessors might have been more "prim and proper" in their dress, than the comfortable garb sported by Guild members for the work-a-thon preparation that is underway.

This week saw the making and baking of a "bunch of homemade K-9 biscochitos (aka, dog biscuits)" by Anne Jones, Sue Kropschot, Ruth Rael, Van Swift, Jacki Walker, and Paulette Yonker in the kitchen. Meanwhile in the Guild Room, Sue Angel, Kathleen Bonewitz, Carol Geiger, Mary Louise Graw, Harriet Hehr, Martha Jones and Renata Lewis were hard at work putting finishing touches on quilts, dolls and making gift cards.



Upstairs in Conkey House, Betty Lou Dent, Judy Talbott and Pat Farr were knee-deep in lightly used cast-offs, pricing sorting and preparing the donated items for the Twice Blessed part of the sale which is in an integral and much-anticipated part of the Bazaar. This year's treasure includes a Lava Lamp, a full old fashioned wash and chamber pot set and many other delights.



Last year, an astonishing \$24,960 was distributed to sixteen, mostly local, nonprofit organizations supporting the neediest members of the Community; the Interfaith Community Shelter, the Food Depot, Adelante, Girls Inc, Boys and Girls Clubs, Habitat for Humanity and Food for Santa Fe were amongst the recipient organizations. Whether they do it because of the fellowship,

camaraderie, friendship, artistic release, to just feel good or for the weekly potato chips and cookies, the members of The Guild know for sure that the end result is worth the hours of toil. As Jane Amos once jokingly said, "it's amazing to see what 15 old ladies can do in a year!"

The 131st Annual St. Nicholas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Palen Hall. The Twice Blessed Preview Party will take place in Palen Hall from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Friday, December 6, 2013; a \$10 donation at the door is requested.



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH COMMEMORATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY WITH STATUE OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

BY JIM OVERTON

As part of the year-long celebration of our 150th anniversary celebration, the Church of the Holy Faith will honor St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the parish, with the installation of a monumental sculpture by Arizona artist Buck McCain. The committee in charge of the anniversary celebration commissioned the bronze with money remaining from the former Holy Faith Gift Shop's sales and private donations.

"The statue will be installed in front of the bell tower in September 2014 and dedicated as we celebrate the Feast of St Francis, the first weekend in October," Fr. Ken Semon said after McCain's submission was accepted for the statue. "The bronze will be a significant work. The artist plans to pour the sculpture in Tesuque at the Shidoni foundry, and we will have a party to watch." The Holy Faith parish has a historical link to St. Francis.

Santa Fe's full name is La Villa Real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis, or The Royal Town of the Holy Faith of St. Francis of Assisi. In 1880, at the first convocation of the missionary district of New Mexico and Arizona, a resolution to name the Episcopal Church on Palace Avenue "The Church of the Holy Faith," based on the English translation of Santa Fe, was adopted unanimously. "The idea to celebrate our 150th anniversary with sacred art that portrays our Christian principles in tangible form was inspired by the 100th anniversary when the parish commissioned our altar," Fr. Ken said.

In his submission for the St. Francis commission, McCain said, "My idea had several false starts, and then one day in Santa Fe while eating a bowl of not particularly good green chili, the image hit me. I sketched on a napkin the image I submit to you today."

McCain described his inspiration for the sculpture. "On a calm, peaceful day our humble St. Francis, servant of God, raises his hand to his beloved birds. Having no fear they come in close, for everything is drawn to love, is it not? To St. Francis every creature, all of manifestation throughout the universe, was not just a reflection but also the direct work of the Master Sculptor, God. This central idea is real, concrete and obvious; it is not a dry, theological argument. "

As visualized by McCain in the wax maquette of the sculpture, St. Francis' right hand holds a cross close to his heart, symbolizing his complete devotion to Christ. "Here is a man of God who accepts Christ's instruction to go out and proclaim the Good News absolutely, literally without reservation," McCain said.

Francis is arguably one of the most popular and admired saints, but possibly the least imitated. Few have embraced his total identification with the poverty and suffering of Jesus Christ. Through the centuries, sculptures have depicted the many facets of St. Francis, including poverty, humility, poet, nature's caretaker, servant of the poor, holy simplicity, outdoor preacher, God's juggler, self-renunciation and disciple of the Christ.

"In front of The Church of the Holy Faith, St. Francis summons us to the house of God," McCain continued. "He draws our eyes up to the circling birds, the realm of Heaven. Holding the cross to his heart, he reminds us of the promise of Christ. He talked of spiritual joy, and I believe my sculpture caught that joy."

Watch for further installments to the story of St. Francis and his significance to the Church of the Holy Faith in future Faithway newsletters. Photograph of the maquette courtesy of Buck McCain, McCain Studios. Used with permission.



A FIRST-TIMER REFLECTS ON SERVICE AT THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SHELTER

BY EMMA SMITH
PHOTOGRAPH BY MARTY BUCHSBAUM

Recently I volunteered at the Interfaith Shelter. I had always wanted to serve there and finally, the chance came around. I went into the experience with low expectations, thinking I would just serve food to hungry people. I had never given deeper thought to the situation, as I came from a home in which dinner consists of multiple courses.

When I first walked into the Shelter, an ordinary looking building with a sparse inside, a warm and

inviting feeling hit me. Before any of the guests arrived for dinner, all the volunteers gathered in a circle. I looked around to see many unfamiliar faces, except those of fellow parishioners. The guidelines and expectations of the night were discussed, and then we all held hands to pray. I embraced the hands of strangers and bowed my head, realizing that this unfamiliar group of people were going to help change lives in just a few short moments. After prayer, we went back to the kitchen, and decided who would be serving each dish. I stood there in an apron, with a serving spoon in my hand and a smile on my face, awaiting strangers that I so desperately wanted to help.

As the people began arriving, I instantly noticed the range in personalities. Some were picky and did not want onions or anything spicy on their plates. Others were just purely thankful, saying, "God bless you" once I handed them their plate of warm food. Initially, I did not even think about the reaction people would have, but as the night progressed, I realized what a great thing all of us volunteers were doing. After serving all the guests, I had a chance to just observe them. I noticed some were not in a right state of mind, which made me realize just how low some people's lives can be. Others looked normal, just dealing with a rough stage in their life, I assumed. I promptly stopped myself, as I noticed my judgments were unnecessary. I realized all that mattered at that moment, was that I, a 15 year old girl, who would normally be watching some dreadful reality TV show, was doing something to give back to a community I so faithfully loved. I was simply putting food on a plate, saying, "Hello". I never would have thought, that a simple act of genuine kindness would be so meaningful to a person I had never seen.

Later that night my mom put everything I had experienced into perspective. She explained that in today's society, judgment and pity is put onto those are less fortunate. When "normal" people see a homeless person, they do not think about that person's past only that they are dirty and tattered, so they make many unnecessary assumptions. What many people don't realize is that a homeless person might have come from a home similar to yours or mine. Serving at the Interfaith Shelter, I got the opportunity to put aside all my judgments and realize that I was just helping another person out and sharing a smile. I plan to make regular visits to the Shelter, helping in any way I can. That one night experience truly opened my eyes and made me realize how important the simple things in life are, that I so often take for granted.

Emma Smith is a sophomore at a local High School where she enjoys playing soccer. At the Church of the Holy Faith, Emma is an Acolyte and along with mom, Laura Finlay, an important member of the Cookie Ministry.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER 21 VESTRY MEETING

BY ALEXANDRA WARD

New Vestry Member

Walter Sterling (pictured right, with wife Meaghan and boys), a familiar face at the 8:30 service where he has been active over the years as a lay reader, acolyte, and sub deacon, was appointed by the Vestry to fill out Molly Lott's unexpired term. Molly resigned from the Vestry due to upcoming medical treatment which she felt would make it difficult to meet her Vestry responsibilities. During the week Walter is the Dean of the Santa Fe campus of St. John's College, a position to which he was named during his sabbatical year in 2010-2011. Passionate about languages and travel, Walter spent time in Italy during graduate school, returned to Rome to teach at the Rome Institute of Liberal Arts, and recently studied biblical Hebrew in Jerusalem. A trail runner, Walter completed an Ironman Triathlon in Idaho in 2006. Walter and his wife Meaghan have two young sons.



Capital Improvements

There has been considerable work done to upgrade Holy Faith's electrical system, and new lighting in the Nave will be completed this Saturday. The relief on each Station of the Cross will be brought out by soft lighting, and the steps up to the chancel will also benefit from this improvement.



A New Face at Holy Faith

David Paul (pictured, left) did not have to go across the country to change jobs - only across the street. David left La Posada and became our new Facilities Manager on November 11. Unlike most of us at Holy Faith, David was lucky enough to be born and raised in Santa Fe. He is a proud graduate of Santa Fe High, an avid horseman, and a long-time volunteer for Challenge New Mexico.

David has already proven himself to be a pro-active and energetic presence at Holy Faith, and his previous experience managing various government buildings and the Santa Fe Animal Shelter has prepared him well for the many challenges of getting our aging plant running like a priceless Swiss watch.

Finances

The treasurer's report was a mixture of good and not-so-good news. Plate offerings are ahead of budget and expenses are right in line. The balance in the operating account is healthy and the endowment is at a robust \$4.1 million dollars. The deficit, however, continues to be a matter of concern. Pledges of close to \$250,000 have come in already, and the Stewardship campaign winds up on Sunday the 24th with the traditional in-gathering.

The Statue of St. Francis

Buck McCain, the sculptor, is coming this weekend to work on the first 24" bronze maquette of St. Francis, which he hopes to have at Holy Faith in early December. This maquette will be available for \$3,500, \$1,000 of which will go to Holy Faith. The artist will also give us a line drawing of the statue, which may be incorporated into some of our graphics.

Vestry Slate at the Annual Meeting

There will be four nominees on the slate for the Vestry in January - three running for three year terms to replace the outgoing members, and one running for a one year term.

Vestry Minutes

The minutes for the October meeting were approved. Copies of Vestry meeting minutes are available in the Parish office to parishioners upon request.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS OF NOTE

January 6, 2014 at 6:00-7:00 pm or January 10, 2014 at 10:00-11:00 am, Palen Hall

YOUR Church of the Holy Faith Experience

As part of its charge to enhance Holy Faith's messages and media both internally and externally, the Communications Task Force is conducting a series of one-hour meetings during December and January. While some groups have been pre-selected to represent particular segments of the congregation such as Clergy and Vestry, parents of small children, the entire Parish is invited to participate during two sessions in January. Participants in each session will be asked to identify: channels and media they used to first find their way to Holy Faith; aspects of the Holy Faith experience that inspired them to return; and outcomes of their Holy Faith experience they value and cherish. While all responses will be submitted anonymously, there will be opportunity during the sessions to reflect and comment – without judgment -- upon those anonymous responses. The Task Force will report back the outcomes of sessions during a January Forum, and will use the results to improve our internal and external communication. Please mark your calendars now for these important sessions. For more information please contact Fr. James

January 7 at 12:00 pm or January 8 at 3:00 pm, both for eight weeks:

Forty Days with Julian of Norwich

Dean Peggy will lead a small group study of Julian's writings with journaling, contemplative prayer and study of this medieval mystic. Tuesdays from 12:00-1:15 pm, beginning January 7 and Wednesdays from 3:00-4:15 pm, beginning January 8 in Dean Peggy's office. Limit 9 women in each class.

Email revpeggy@gmail.com to reserve your spot. The book for this class is available from Dean Peggy for \$11.

March 1, 2014, 8:30 am-4:00 pm, Palen Hall

“And Also Some Women”: *New Testament Encounters with Jesus*

Women's Spirituality Quiet Day lead by Deborah Smith Douglas

From the beginning of Jesus' life, throughout his ministry, at his crucifixion and Resurrection, women were not just present but central: swift in response, steadfast in support, courageous in witness---“first at the cradle and last at the cross”. (Dorothy Sayers) These women whom Jesus touched and called and sent can be powerful companions on our own journeys—as Jesus ever more deeply heals and calls and send us, too.

Holy Faith will host women from around the Diocese for a contemplative prelude to our Lenten Journey. The Day is free and open to all Women of the Diocese and Community.

The Quiet Day begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 am in Palen Hall. At 9:00 am we continue with alternating sessions of Deborah's presentations and time for meditation, journaling, and contemplative prayer. Please bring your Bible, journal and your own bag lunch; drinks are provided. The day will conclude with a quiet Eucharist at 3:00 pm. The Retreat is a free gift to us from Deborah Douglas and Holy Faith. Register by emailing revpeggy@gmail.com or calling 505-982-4447, ext. 119.



Deborah Smith Douglas, presenter, holds degrees in literature and law, is a trained spiritual director and member of the Episcopal Church. She is also a Benedictine Oblate who leads retreats and conferences throughout the United States. Her books include *The Praying Life* and, with her husband David, *Pilgrims in the Kingdom: Travels in Christian Britain*.

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