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## FAITHWAY – Pentecost 2023

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### *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.*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Faithful and Friends of Holy Faith,

The Feast of Pentecost was Fr. Jim's last Sunday as Holy Faith's Associate Rector before retirement. We give thanks to God for Fr. Jim's, and his wife Andi's, ministry among us these many years. As I said at his retirement reception, Fr. Jim is a fine priest, a faithful pastor, a gifted preacher, a wonderful liturgist, and one of the best colleagues a rector could hope for. We shall miss Fr. Jim and Andi.



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Regrettably, Fr. Jim's pastoral and administrative duties at Holy Faith will end upon his retirement. According to diocesan policy, upon retirement Fr. Jim may not officiate at any baptism, wedding, or funeral at Holy Faith. This is to prevent divided loyalties in the parish and pressures on either the retired, current, or future priests. After a season, we look forward to welcoming Fr. Jim and Andi as worshiping members of the congregation, if they so desire.

With Fr. Jim's retirement, there will be a shuffling of responsibilities between Mother Lynn and me. We will have to get reacquainted with having just two full-time priests again to encourage the ministry that is carried out by many of you in and from this busy parish. Expectations may need to be adjusted. Reliance on lay Eucharistic visitors and the Faith Family in-reach ministry may need to be increased. Priorities may need to be changed due to fewer resources.

This also is a wonderful opportunity to gauge what parishioners appreciate about Holy Faith and which Holy Faith ministries and services they most value. Especially mindful that the lay of the land has changed since the pandemic, your Vestry has established a task force to survey the parish about what the congregation would like to see in terms of worship services, Christian formation offerings, outreach opportunities, and social gatherings, as we plan for the future.

The task force is in the process of developing a series of questions asking for your thoughts, ideas, questions, and comments, so that we might be better stewards of God's work in our community. When the survey is ready for distribution both electronically and by post, your Vestry would like very much to hear from as many of you as possible. Your responses will help refine and enhance our mission to encourage everyone into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, celebrate God's love, and transform lives.

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Yours faithfully in Christ,  
Fr. Robin+



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## ECHOES OF A PRIESTHOOD INSPIRED BY THE 23<sup>RD</sup> PSALM

STORY BY JAMES OVERTON, PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMES OVERTON, MTR. LYNN FINNEGAN AND OTHERS

*"He restoreth my soul..."*

Under the watchful visage of angelic servers and acolytes in a stained-glass window honoring the Altar Guild, Fr. Jim Gordon fixes his gaze on the altar and reredos that illuminate the beauty of worship at Holy Faith. Sitting in the pew with his constant companion, Woodsy, his miniature Schnauzer, he reflects on his journey in faith and a priesthood that concludes formally on June 1, when he reaches the age of 72, the milestone for mandatory priestly retirement in the Episcopal Church. "This is where I came from. This is where I sat when I first came to Holy Faith. This is my church home. Holy Faith is my home," he said in the stillness of a nave vibrant with the transiting sun through stained glass. "This is where I sat when I had the sense I was being called to holy orders. It's also where my wife and I will be interred."



A "late-call" priest, he entered the priesthood in 2011, after working as a newspaper editor and columnist for more than 35 years. Many Santa Feans knew him well as the author of "The Anti-Fan," an award-winning sports column published for more than a decade in The Santa Fe New Mexican. Through his ministry, it has not been lost on him that journalists and priests find inspiration in a shared calling — the search for truth.

He was drawn to Holy Faith in the late 1990s, after an earlier interest in Zen Buddhism and Eastern spirituality, then into adulthood as an "agnostic with edge," and ultimately to the Four Gospels. In 2010, while still a working journalist, Fr. Jim



was ordained to the diaconate. The following year he was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Holy Faith. Fr. Jim was serving as assisting priest at Holy Faith when, in 2012, he was called to be the curate at St. Thomas of Canterbury, the Episcopal Church associated with the University of New Mexico. In 2013, Fr. Jim was called to lead St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a mission serving a few dozen people in Marfa, a town of fewer than 2,000 in far West Texas.

In Marfa, he and his wife, Andi, literally hit the ground running, arriving in the ranching and artist community just before Holy Week. "It was a different ethos, and being there was both painful and gratifying. It was a great learning experience for a green priest," he said. "But I learned a lot about how mission parishes and small churches work. I made mistakes that, if I had been more experienced, I might not have made. I tried to bring the feeling of Holy Faith down to this small but very beautiful church."

After nearly two years, our late rector, Fr. Ken Semon, reached out to Fr. Jim and Andi about returning to Holy Faith — in and of itself a somewhat unorthodox turn, as priests infrequently return to the parish from which they pursued holy orders. "It was a blessing from God to become a priest, then going to St. Paul's in Marfa and then coming back here," Jim said. "But it's been a total blessing being a priest here." In the critical early years of his priestly formation, Fr. Ken served as a mentor, Jim said, including in the celebration of the Eucharist. "Over the years I've also picked up things from Fr. Robin. Priests borrow from each other." Fr. Jim said he was grateful for the kindness Fr. Robin has shown him over the years, including, as he has neared retirement, allowing him to chant the Great Litany and assigning him to celebrate the Maundy Thursday service, Fr. Jim's particular favorite.





Looking back at his eight years as associate rector at Holy Faith, Fr. Jim is loath to point to one area of ministry that was the most important to him. “Celebrating, preaching, pastoral work — they are all connected, so it’s hard to choose one over the others,” he said, though “I must say that preaching at the Mass of the Resurrection of so many people I knew and cared for over the years was a special privilege.”

And when it comes to preaching, Fr. Jim said, he thanked his wife, a writer and artist, for not only discussing readings with him, but also for giving him the best piece of sermon advice he had ever received. “She told me that however I felt about a particular sermon, to give it with a full heart. And that’s what I’ve tried to do.”

Fr. Jim describes himself as an introvert. “I’m not by nature a toucher or a hugger. But I put the collar on, and people come through the line and it all changes. You feel the Holy Spirit come through you. It makes you a different person. In here, I become a different person,” he said, touching his heart.

Contemplating retirement, Jim and Andi plan to do some traveling in the fall. Having Fr. Robin’s blessing, they will return to Holy Faith as parishioners — possibly by Christmas. But parishioners who come to Sunday service and see the couple in the nave will notice that Fr. Jim is usually without the priestly collar. “The church believes in apostolic succession. When you become a priest, you are a priest forever,” he said. “But I won’t be a priest on staff at Holy Faith anymore, and I think attending without the collar will help make that clear.”



In the meantime, Jim also has plans to spend time wordsmithing. “I want to do some writing. I have a faith book I want to write that I’ve been thinking about for some time. And a mystery I want to write which has to do with the language of Hamlet, as I love Shakespeare so much,” he said. “Of course, that depends on what He wants,” pointing his index finger upward. As the clock ticks to retirement, one of Fr. Jim’s final priestly observances ended with a two-part forum: “A Farewell — with Psalms.” Psalm 23, pivotal on his journey, reminds us that in life or in death — in times of plenty or want — God is good and worthy of our trust. The psalm uses the metaphor of a shepherd’s care for his sheep to describe wisdom, strength and kindness.

“The Psalms are so rich,” he said in our interview. “Certain Psalms have meant a lot to me, starting with the 23<sup>rd</sup> because that’s how God began calling me back to Him. One day the words suddenly began playing in my mind. They came out of nowhere, especially the words, ‘he restoreth my soul.’ That was the first thing that began turning me back to God. I think in many ways that’s what my priesthood has been all about. Who knows exactly the inner working of God and what His ultimate purposes are? ‘He restoreth my soul.’ That’s what He does for all of us. “



## SCHEFFLER LECTURE SHINES NEW LIGHT ON MARY

STORY BY LORA MORTON AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY BONNIE HARDWICK



The late spring snowstorm moved out and the sky cleared up on April 28<sup>th</sup> in time for the annual Scheffler Lecture, presented by the Holy Library Committee, featuring the Rev. Dr. Bonnie Thurston. Formerly a professor of the New Testament, Bonnie Thurston is an experienced retreat leader, writer and poet. She is the author or editor of nineteen theological books and five collections of poetry, as well as a founding member of the International Thomas Merton Society. Maybe more important for the 70-plus people who took a seat in Palen Hall to hear her talk about “And the Angel Departed: Mary’s Responses to Change and Crisis” is the fact that her lecture was very entertaining, thoughtful and thought-provoking.

Inspired by the expression “May you live in interesting times,” Rev. Thurston proposed that recently we have lived in times more negative than interesting, confusing and even frightening. In such a period of change and crisis, what Biblical figure comes to mind who would give us hope? For our speaker, it was Mary, and within an hour we were given a fuller understanding of the holy mother.

Quoting author Caryll Houselander, Rev. Thurston said, “It is the purpose for which something is made that decides the material that is used” —so female flesh was deemed by God as the proper material to incarnate human salvation. And yet, the earliest reference to Mary, in Galatians, doesn’t even mention her by name. Then Luke introduces her as being of “marriageable age”, probably 12-14, a more accurate translation than virgin. The angel Gabriel delivered his message to her and she replied, “Let me be a slave,” the true meaning of the word we’ve heard translated as servant. Slaves had no ownership over their own bodies, and Mary surrendered hers completely to the Lord, a passivity we don’t value today. Mary “wasn’t asked to do anything but to let something be done to her.”

Then the angel left her to face the consequences of the fiat she had made. “We all face moments of great spiritual significance,” Rev. Thurston said, “and we have to decide, and then we’re left with consequences of the decision” to deal with in our ordinary, daily lives. She suggested that after Mary made the choice to say yes, she gave us four models of what to do next.

The first, and maybe the hardest one for us, is allowing and accepting vulnerability. Or, now what? Mary was vulnerable at every level —spiritually, religiously, psychologically, physically and socially—but to be vulnerable is not to say that she became helpless or a victim. Mary was not forced; she chose to allow things to happen to her “and choice is always an act of strength,” Rev. Thurston said. “Her acceptance of vulnerability and the humility from which it sprang become the turning point of human history. Sometimes we serve best by accepting our weakness or by accepting what is God’s will for us even if we don’t know quite how that’s going to work out.”

In Mary’s case, she was asked to receive a gift, and then she acted by seeking advice from her cousin Elizabeth, or now who? Elizabeth was a good, religiously observant older woman who also had an unusual pregnancy, and she blessed her cousin for believing something that hadn’t happened yet, simply because God had told her it would be so. This illustrates the importance of community because we can’t go it alone.

Third, there is the contemplative dimension of Mary’s response, as she pondered these things in her heart: Now how? In his gospel, Luke uses three slightly different Greek words that give us glimpses into her interior life. With the angelic announcement, she considered things intellectually. When visited by the shepherds, she put pieces together for comparison, and when Jesus stayed behind in the Temple, she treasured what she heard him say. She didn’t wait for someone else to explain things to her; she took an active part by thinking, reflecting and considering what mattered. In Mary’s nearly complete silence in the New Testament, she was one of the most eloquent characters, a paradigm of Christian contemplation and faith.



Finally, and ultimately, the very core of Mary's response to change and crisis was to trust. Mary's chief glory was the pure obedience of faith, says Thomas Merton. She moved forward in trusting God, St. Joseph, her religious community and later she trusted Jesus to do something about the lack of wine (Rev. Thurston's favorite miracle). "The remedy for fear is blind trust in God although that's infinitely easier said than done," our speaker said.

Rev. Thurston closed by leaving us several things to ponder ourselves. For example, good is not always rewarded and evil punished. Taking on God's assignments doesn't guarantee a sense of God's presence and consolation, but God's love is a constant, whether or not we feel it. In the big, decisive moments of our lives, when the metaphorical angel departs, what will we do then, how and with whom will we respond? The angel's departure might be an invitation to a deeper surrender and a way for God to protect and maintain mystery. "I don't want a god I can figure out," Rev. Thurston said. During a question-and-answer period, she offered this advice. "You have to learn to listen if you're going to know a friend. We have to listen for God and in order to do that, there has to be a modicum of silence in our lives." And we need to have a wider sense of where God might show up. "God is resident in lots of places and I think we need to train ourselves to expect to see and hear God in some of them."

The Library Committee provided refreshments after the Lecture, and on Sunday, everyone at the latter two church services heard her deliver the sermon. Then during the forum, she spoke about her poetry that centers on West Virginia and New Mexico. If you would like to get to know Bonnie Thurston better, the church library has several of her books. You'll like what she has to say, including "we have the best church library she's ever seen anywhere!"



## IN MEMORIAM: MOLLY LOTT 1944 - 2023

STORY BY JAMES OVERTON AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY LORA MORTON AND JOKE CINADER



Holy Faith has bid a solemn and heartfelt farewell to one of the pillars of our parish.

An overflow crowd gathered May 2 for a Mass of the Resurrection to honor the memory and celebrate the life of Molly Lott, pictured left with the late Arthur Cinader. Molly died April 20 after suffering complications from an apparent fall.

A native of Tyler, Texas, Molly was a graduate of Texas Tech University. Before moving to Santa Fe in 1995 with rancher husband Jack Lott, she described herself as a West Texas cowgirl. This, while teaching English and other subjects for 20 years. "She felt like she was blessed by God, had a great sense of humor and

prided herself on frequently being the first person to greet a new parishioner," Fr. Robin said in his homily. She also wasn't afraid to disagree with the rector – "or even St. Paul."

Molly spearheaded any number of stewardship drives, was a leading force in gathering construction funds to add the second floor to Conkey House when Holy Faith's growth required an expansion of facilities. She and Jack also toured considerable parts of America on motorcycles!

More importantly, she was also the first woman at Holy Faith to serve as Senior Warden of the Vestry in 2000. "The best way (to describe) how Molly Lott impressed me while working with her in various committees, as well as the vestry at Holy Faith, is to simply list her qualities, skills, and demeanor," said a former member of that vestry of Molly's leadership. "Molly was confident and prepared. She always asked questions with purpose, and often would considerably challenge answers. Respected and loved, she separated 'business' from 'personal' with sensitivity. Molly had admirable communication skills - she spoke directly but not without genuine warmth. She was definitely task-oriented, organized, and thus goals were not missed, and on time. And her faith was clear and strong."

Fr. Jim Gordon echoed that observation: "She was a force of nature and one of a kind. Totally unafraid to speak her mind. I don't think I'll ever meet anyone like her again. She was just very, very honest," Fr. Jim said during a recent interview.

"We all loved Molly," Fr. Robin said in closing the service.



## MISSION TRIP TO CIUDAD JUÁREZ

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY MOTHER LYNN FINNEGAN

*"Our teams build more than structures. We build communities, relationships, faith, and hope."*  
Missions Ministries website

This past March, Holy Faith parishioner Annie Laurie Coogan and I joined a mission team from St. Bede's Episcopal Church and traveled to the *colonias* outside Ciudad Juárez to build a home for Jesus, Yessica, and their children Cristal (14) and David (6). The family emigrated from Vera Cruz for lack of work. Both Jesus and Yessica are factory workers, earning the equivalent of eleven dollars each per day. As Missions Ministries, the nonprofit organization we partnered with states, however, we built much more than a house.

I have been building houses in Juárez since 2005. In reality, the trip begins long before the travel dates. Each team is responsible for raising the funds needed to build the house, a minimum of \$15,000. Additionally, a team may choose to "add on" much needed items: paint for the house, a refrigerator, stove, beds, or a cistern for water. Most people in the *colonias* still walk to local "tiendas" to purchase bottled water - there is no public water supply - so a cistern is a welcome addition.

Each build has its own joys and challenges. The team we joined from St. Bede's had many members who had been to Juárez multiple times and several, like Annie Laurie, who





were on their first mission trip. A special challenge this time was . . . snow! Our first day on the job site brought snow, freezing temperatures, and wind. Annie Laurie reflected, "The inclement weather of the first two days was a powerful reminder to me of how hard it is to live in a shelter that does not provide much protection against the cold." Jesus, Yessica, Cristal and David were currently living in a small wooden room cobbled together from wooden pallets, tarp, scrap wood and metal, much like most homes in their community. "My heart went out," Annie Laurie continued, "to those who are outside or have no warm house for weeks at a time."

Miraculously, a 24 x 24 ft house with three rooms and a porch is built in a day and a half. In addition to raising walls and a roof, we put in windows, wire for electric, insulate, drywall, and paint. A crew of Mexican workers assists, and the family members help. Some of my favorite memories come from working alongside the Mexican crew, laughing about my poor Spanish skills, or alongside the children, who often wind up covered in paint. The team members, too, form a special bond over the space of three days. Some volunteers know a lot about construction, and some have never driven a nail before. It doesn't matter. "The acceptance of all and tolerance for inexperience made for a nice sense of community and cooperation," Annie Laurie noted. We are building community, building relationships.



A highlight of the trip comes when we dedicate the house. Team members, our Missions Ministries leader, the crew, and a local pastor gather around the family. Before handing them the keys and a Bible, before opening the house door to surprise them with the gifts we have purchased, we each take a turn (with the help of an interpreter!) to offer a prayer or word of gratitude or encouragement. Tears flow! We are building faith, building hope.

Missions Ministries has been building houses in Juárez since 1992 and is a well-oiled machine. The non-profit agency situated in Highlands Ranch, Colorado has hosted hundreds of teams from around the country and built thousands of houses. In addition to their secure, well-kept team housing, they have a medical clinic and school, and are building a new trades center. I have never, ever felt insecure or threatened in any of my many trips to Juárez. "I was amazed at the organization of the project and the very competent team in Juárez," first-timer Annie Laurie remarked. And, by the way, the food is amazing!

It is my firm belief that living and worshiping in the Diocese of the Rio Grande comes with a responsibility to our close neighbors across the border. As Annie Laurie reflected, "There is a feel-good quality, great joy that comes from being part of a solution." We don't go to Juárez with a savior complex, though. Participating in short term mission trips has blessed me in countless ways. I am humbled by the lessons in faith, hope, and love the impoverished people of Juárez have taught me. My prayer is that one day Holy Faith can raise the money, form a team, and more members of our congregation can be part of this transforming experience.

To help with a mission team from Holy Faith, contact Mother Lynn. For information about Missions Ministries, visit <https://www.missionsministries.org/>

## **LESLIE DILLEN BRINGS "ACTION JESUS" TO THE LIBRARY**

STORY BY LORA MORTON AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY LORA MORTON AND MARK CHILDERS

Can a spiritual journey involve a plastic Jesus figure, Saks Fifth Avenue, purple tulips, and a piece of cake? It can, and it did, for parishioner Leslie Harrell Dillen who shared this experience in her solo show called "Action Jesus", presented at the Holy Faith Library Committee's Open House on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Leslie is an award-winning actor/playwright who has performed in New York, Boston, LA, San Francisco, and Santa Fe. In our library, her reading was accompanied by much laughing out loud from the audience. Not that a spiritual journey is necessarily funny... but hers was, full of coincidence, as only she could tell it.



Some of the CHARACTERS and CATALYSTS



Leslie: Storyteller. Episcopalian from Oklahoma, now looking for a spiritual advisor in Gloucester, MA. “I pray to God for the big things, and Jesus for parking spaces and stuff like that.” Her chi is blocked.

Tatiana: Leslie (and Alfredo’s) daughter who unblocks the chi and starts the story rolling.

Fred: Leslie’s husband who then inherits some money and wants to ski for three months, thus leaving Leslie alone in the big dark of New England winter.

Father Bob: the Jesuit who becomes Leslie’s spiritual advisor and who says, “Think of the movement of God’s Spirit coming to you in new and different ways. Like through coincidence.”

Doug: friends’ houseguest who, on Christmas Day, gives Leslie an Action Jesus figure. Plastic, 5” tall, on wheels, with moveable arms. Doug says, “A spiritual experience is that we can all be angels for each other without even knowing it.”

Chloe: friend who offers Leslie her apartment in New York for the month of February (while Fred’s gone. How convenient!) Leslie has not been alone in NYC since she was 19 and in acting school.

Alfredo: fellow student way back when, looked like a young John Lennon but half-Columbian, half-Russian. Deep blue eyes. He had taken the 19-year-old Leslie to his apartment on Waverly Place and, well, Tatiana was conceived.

Saks Fifth Avenue: the place where Leslie goes (with Action Jesus in her purse) to take advantage of a 75% off sale and scores a Comme des Garçons skirt. (Japanese, very deconstructed.) Important for the inner creative freedom it inspires in her. Also, where Leslie overhears women from Texas who make her question her decision not to return to Oklahoma City after living in NYC.

Roger: an old playwright friend with whom Leslie has dinner (in her Comme des Garçon skirt, with Action Jesus in her purse). He believes that coincidence is just coincidence. She replies, “Finding meaning in coincidence not only brings joy into my life but brings me into a deeper and more personal relationship with God.”

The Performing Garage: where Leslie goes to see a play and hears, “The brain likes to create all these patterns. However, if it stays in a pattern too long it gets bored and shuts down. That’s why I keep changing the patterns,” and she realizes she needs to be willing the change the deeper patterns inside herself and allow the Movement of the Spirit the space to move freely inside her.

Ash Wednesday: Leslie goes to church and after the service, she is filled with a kind of epiphany that God speaks to her — changes her patterns—through her creative life.

Waverly Place: where Leslie goes after the church service, ashes on her forehead, and stares up at Alfredo’s building. She thinks, “All right, Movement of the Spirit. I’m here. What do you want from me? To feel more guilt and shame? Hey, it is Lent so bring it on.”

Tatyana's Cleaners: Leslie suddenly sees the sign for the business beside Alfredo's building. She'd never noticed it before, but it's right next door to where her daughter Tatiana was conceived...out of love, the child that was meant to be. She realizes there's no need for guilt or shame. Only forgiveness.

Jane: Leslie's goddaughter with whom she has dinner on her last night in New York (wearing you-know-what and with you-know-Whom in her purse). Jane tells her godmother, "You're a true Bohemian," which is exactly what Leslie wanted to be at age 19, living in the Village. "In Jane's words, I hear God's blessing and a call to embrace the person I've always been."

Author's note: Leslie is a lay reader and a member of the Women's Bible Study, among other things, so her journey continues at Holy Faith. We hope her performances do too.

## WE LOVE AND CARE FOR GOD'S WORLD

STORY BY MARK EVERETT AND JANET SANDERS

At November's diocesan convention, Bishop Hunn announced a Creation Care initiative. We at Holy Faith were delighted and couldn't wait to get started. With prompting from former Senior Warden, Van Swift, a committee was formed, and we swung into action. The Creation Care's early meetings were focused on the theme "What does Creation Care mean to me?" Collectively, we settled on one of the core practices of Creation Care, as defined by the Episcopal Church: "Life-Giving Conservation." For God's sake, we will adopt practical ways of reducing our climate impact and living more humbly and gently on Earth as individuals, households, congregations, institutions, and dioceses."

So, what goals have we identified so far? Committee members John Barton, Scott Bernard, and Mark Everett discussed ideas such as putting motion sensors on the lights in Conkey house to reduce electricity use, increasing recycling while possibly moving back to using ceramic cups and reusable utensils during coffee hour (we will need help with the dishes!), installing solar to reduce our carbon footprint, harvesting rainwater or enhancing infiltration to recharge our depleted aquifer, and a host of other schemes. In March, Rebecca Jensen caught wind of what we were up to and joined the team. Rebecca brought fresh ideas, such as expanding Creation Care to include education, both for Holy Faith youth and adults, and fun activities that we could develop at the Church and possibly at Camp Stoney.

Where do we go from here? Bishop Hunn's vision for Creation Care, in addition to conservation and teaching (outreach, fun activities, etc.), also includes advocacy at the local, state (NM and TX), and regional levels. We as Episcopalians should support and initiate policy actions that are consistent with our commitment to being good stewards of the earth. As the diocesan Creation Care meetings reconvene in the late summer, we will gain a better vision of what this means for our parish.

Get involved. Do you have other ideas you would like to bring forward or, even better, help implement? Get in touch with one of us and we will gladly invite you to our meetings, which are usually held the last Tuesday of each month. To learn more about the Episcopal Church's Covenant for the Care of Creation, go to:  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/#:~:text=The%20Episcopal%20Church's%20Covenant%20for,%2C%20congregations%2C%20ministries%20and%20dioceses.](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/#:~:text=The%20Episcopal%20Church's%20Covenant%20for,%2C%20congregations%2C%20ministries%20and%20dioceses.)





## TOO GOOD TO BE PACKED AWAY

STORY AND PHOTOGRAPHS BY KAREN GAHR

It was an experience too good to be packed away. So, when parishioner Bonnie Hardwick brought her exhibition of icons created in the Ethiopian Coptic tradition back from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, she unpacked them for Holy Faith. At a forum on February 26<sup>th</sup>, a large and enthusiastic group of parishioners was treated to an array of her icons. It was supplemented by photos taken while she was in Ethiopia in 2012, a map of northern Africa, and a timeline of Ethiopian Christianity dating from the early third century. In a



PowerPoint presentation on the big screen in Palen Hall, Bonnie provided the “backstory” of over twenty of her icons from the original exhibition, “Conversations: Engaging Ethiopian Iconography,” plus several new creations. She told how she searched for prototypes, why she selected particular subjects, and what their significance was for her and for the Ethiopian Christian community.



## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY COMES ALIVE FOR PARISH “SHROVE SUNDAY” CELEBRATION





PILGRIMAGE TO CHIMAYÓ  
PICTURES BY CATHY GRONQUIST







**PALM SUNDAY**  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY CATHY GRONQUIST







**EASTER VIGIL**  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM  
VAUGHAN





**EASTER SUNDAY**  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY JAMES L. OVERTON





## LAST, BUT NOT LEAST – EVENSONG RECEPTION HONORING FR. JIM AND ANDI

PHOTOGRAPHS BY JIM VAUGHAN AND REBECCA TOBEY



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