



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SAINT DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MCLEAN, VIRGINIA

A Season of Stewardship

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods they gave to anyone as had need." —Acts 2:42-4

This passage from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles describes the characteristics of the first Christian community. The community was marked by faith, prayer, fellowship, and growing deeper in the knowledge of God's love. With the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in their hearts, these early Christians were moved to do extraordinary things. Perhaps most astonishing to us 2000 years later is the act of selling all their possessions so no one in the community would be in need. Living in the overwhelming presence of God's grace motivated these faithful disciples to be "all in" for Christ and the mission. They experienced the difference God was making in and through their lives and they responded in thanksgiving.

Saint Dunstan's is a Christian community not that dissimilar from that first gathering of Christians 2000 years ago. We know the difference

God has made in our lives and we have known the power of God working through a community of believers. Our mission is the same as their mission. We share the Good News of God's grace and love through Jesus Christ by our words and actions. The biggest difference is that the culture we live in is vastly different than the culture of the early church yet the human brokenness hasn't changed. We give thanksgiving that God is acting in wonderful ways in us and through us to bring hope and wholeness where there is brokenness.

I see the numerous ways Saint Dunstan's is making a difference in the lives of parishioners and in the world.. I see our children growing in the faith through our Sunday School programs. I am excited to see a group of adults learning more about their faith through the Education for Ministry program. I hear the stories of the importance having a community for support and prayer is to people going through challenges in their life. I've seen the look of joy in the eyes of people in Haiti and Tanzania when I tell them our church will be praying for them. I can't wait to see the joy in all our eyes as we deepen these international relationships and children are being educated and the hungry fed. There are many buds of

ministry that have taken bloom or are beginning to take bloom at Saint Dunstan's. There are opportunities locally and far away where in relationship God can be known through us and we can see Christ in ways we haven't yet experienced. It will take all of us in faith serving together to nurture these buds to fruition. I have just touched upon a few of the many ways Saint Dunstan's loves God and serves the world. I'm sure each of us has a story to tell about what the Saint Dunstan's community means to them or how we have known God through service.

We are entering the season of stewardship when you will be asked to make a financial commitment for 2014. Your pledge sustains our church and allows us to continue our wonderful current ministries and to develop new opportunities for us to share God's love with the world and making a difference. Your financial pledge along with the sharing of your time and talents opens the space for God to work through our lives and through our church community. We do all this in thanksgiving for the blessings and grace we have received from God through Jesus Christ. Thank you for your commitment to Christ and his Church.

—Stephen +

PARISH NEWS

Tanzania, Carpenter's Kids Luncheon on Sun., Nov. 17

Join us on Nov. 17 as we welcome the Rev. Canon Emmanuel Madinda, who is from the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, Tanzania and is currently an international student at Virginia Theological Seminary. After the 10:15 service we will host a luncheon to learn more about Tanzania and the Carpenter's Kids program. The Outreach Committee will provide sandwiches. Please bring a dessert to share.

Lunch Bunch Heading to Kazan on Wed., Nov 13

Once again we return to the Kazan Restaurant for fine Turkish cuisine. It is located next to the Giant in McLean. All are welcome bringing a friend. The carpool leaves the church parking lot at 11:45 AM
 - Helen Vogel (703) 534-4877

Bookworms to Meet Sat., Nov. 23 at Hopkins'

We will meet at 10:00 AM at the Hopkins' home. Our book for November is "And the mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini. Khaled Hosseini is the author of "The Kite Runner" that we enjoyed so much in the past. This is a multi-generational novel revolving around not just parents and children but also brothers and sisters, cousins and caretakers. Hosseini explores the many ways in which family members love, wound, betray, honor and sacrifice for one another. We will follow its characters in their lives and choices and loves around the globe... from Kabul, to Paris, to San Francisco to the Greek island of Tinos. Hosseini is a born storyteller!
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Christmas Craft Fair Coming Dec. 8

The Women of St. Dunstan's will be holding their annual craft fair on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 9:15 a.m. to noon in the Parish Hall. Our parish artisans will show their wares for your Christmas shopping enjoyment. Please bring your friends. The fair is open to the entire community. All proceeds from the fair go to support the Falls Church McLean Children's Center. See you Dec. 8!

A Way to Give More to Samaritan Ministry

Usually in the fall we host a Mini-Walk to Help the Homeless. There is more flexibility now about when to hold this event, so we will be having it in the late spring instead. If you are interested

in donating to Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington there is a way to make that donation count for more. From now until Nov. 15, if you write a check out to "Help The Homeless CFNCR" and send it to Samaritan Ministry, they get 100% of your donation plus an extra amount from Fannie Mae.

Needed: Parish Reps for Samaritan Ministry

We need 1 or 2 parishioners who are interested in becoming a partner parish representative for Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington. Partner parish representatives are organizational leaders who represent both St. Dunstan's and Samaritan Ministry. There are "job descriptions" with more information in the vestibule. You can also contact Rev. Anna Scherer. ■

Learn to Pray with Scripture!

What is the difference between studying Scripture and actually praying with Scripture? If you are curious and would like to learn to pray with Scripture, here is a wonderful opportunity for you!

WHAT: Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading"), Praying with Scripture

WHEN: Saturday, Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Registration starts at 9 a.m.)

WHERE: Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna, VA

LEADER: Sister Maria Tasto, Benedictine nun, theologian and spiritual director, excellent teacher

WHY: Learn the ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the person listens to the text of the Bible with the "ear of the heart," as if he or she is in

conversation with God and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. The method of Lectio Divina includes moments of

- READING (lectio)
- REFLECTING (meditatio)
- RESPONDING TO (oratio)
- RESTING IN (contemplatio)

The aim of this reflective reading of scripture is to nourish and deepen our relationship with the divine. Register via Contemplative Outreach of Northern Virginia at contemplativeoutreachnova.com.

Contact Isabelle Robinson at injrobinson5@gmail.com or Lynn Heaton at sassyfive@comcast.net

Maureen Jenkins from St. Dunstan's is going and hopes to see many of you there! The cost is \$35; bring your own bag lunch. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. ■

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS: OCTOBER 2013

Report from Executive Committee: Common Room – We will be contacting a design firm to help with layout and purchase of furniture and window coverings for it. We have a budget of \$10,000.

Jr. Wardens Report: Tree Removal – We have budgeted \$3,000 and will spend it on those trees most in need of being removed.

Parking Lot sealing and repainting – The parking lot will be sealed and painted Oct 30th- Nov 2nd at a cost of \$5800. The sealing will extend the life of the parking lot.

Group A (Finance Stewardship, Communication): The Directory is almost finished, just finishing a few things. The new Bell Ringer design and content has gotten good reviews. The Vestry discussed Website updating and the need to keep it current. The audits for 2012 and 2008 are completed. St Dunstan's is now up to date with all of its audits. A draft of the 2014 budget will be prepared for the November meeting.

Group B (Outreach, Christian Education, Adult Faith Formation): Outreach – Samaritan Ministries is rescheduling the mini walk to May. We need one or two representatives from St. Dunstan's for this ministry. On November 17th, the Dean of the Cathedral of Dodoma, the Very Reverend Immanuel Madinda will be joining us for both services and a parish luncheon.

He has made a video of the village we are sponsoring through the Carpenter's Kids program and will share it with us. There was discussion about doing a video of our children that can be sent so that they can see us as well. There is work towards a group from St. Dunstan's going to Tanzania next summer with people from St. Mary's. Thanksgiving in July for SHARE made \$935 in cash, approximately \$150 in gift cards and a large amount of food and supplies were donated.

Rector's Report: We will be working with Chesterbrook Assisted Living to provide a Sunday worship service once a month. The service will be led by our senior high youth group with adult supervision on the second Sunday of each month.

New name tags have been created and new stands to store them in have been installed. We need to have a basket in the Parish Hall for folks to deposit name tags after services and before going home. Stephen will ask Barbara about how we might implement this.

The Women of St. Dunstan's is having a special meeting on Oct 26th with Carrie Chirico as a special speaker. She has spent time in both the Congo and in Haiti. She will be sharing where she's seen opportunities where empowering women can impact the world.

The next Vestry Meeting is Tuesday November 12th at 7:00 in the Common Room. ■



On Sunday, Oct. 27, St. Dunstan's fourth-to-seventh-graders carved and sold pumpkins, raising \$620 for the Carpenter's Kids program. (More on page 6.)

November Birthdays

1 Maddie Cunnion
 3 Alden Irons
 4 Kathryn Derby
 8 Maggie Taishoff
 9 Joanna Rider
 11 Annika Yungner
 12 Grant Thompson
 14 Jim Henderson
 15 Paul Raehn
 16 Erika Postelle
 16 Jacob Shue
 16 Ryan Shue
 21 Kevin McCarthy
 21 William Vogel
 22 Judge Chalk
 22 Kaitlyn Irons
 22 Kevin Postelle
 27 Connor Scanlon
 27 Keri Weppler
 29 Flannery Hourican

PATHS TO GOD: JUSTIN IVATTS

An Excellent Fit

My name is Justin Ivatts, and I grew up an only child in London, England, to a mother who was an active churchgoer and a father who was an agnostic. Not surprisingly, then, it was my mother who was instrumental in introducing me to religious practice from a young age, praying with me at night and taking me to Sunday-afternoon children's services led by the local curate and his guitar. Later, I attended a Church of England boarding school, at which I was encouraged by my school chaplain. Among the others who figured in my early religious life were my maternal grandparents, who were also big churchgoers; I used to attend adult church when staying with them. I was also influenced much by my parish priest at my church in London, as he encouraged me along the path towards ordination. While I never entered a formal process in the Diocese of London, I carry his influence with me, including the prayer I start every sermon with: "The Lord Jesus Christ, give us eyes to see thee, ears to hear thee, hearts to love thee and lives to enthrone thee, for thy holy name's sake. Amen."

I first sensed a call to ordained ministry after my confirmation at age 14. I embraced it and found that it energized and motivated me to do well academically. When I left boarding school for college, I was already exploring a vocation, and I had learned to articulate my faith.

My family tended towards a more old fashioned brand of "broad church" in which the main Sunday service was Morning Prayer and



Justin with Miles and Katrina

communion (once a month) was more seen as a memorial. During my time at college I met some Anglo Catholics and under them developed a more sacramental theology with a belief in "real presence." I would still describe myself as "Broad Church," but I believe the middle ground has shifted to what people like my mother might consider to be a little higher but not Anglo-Catholic. In fact, I find St. Dunstan's to be an excellent fit with where I currently am both liturgically and theologically.

So I have always been an Anglican, and when I left England to come to the U.S., it was quite nice to find that at a great time of change in other parts of my life, my religious tradition did not have to change.

If pressed to choose a favorite Bible passage, I would settle on the first chapter of St. John's Gospel. I love

how St. John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation: "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God," and so on. This is a very popular lesson at Christmas Carol Services, and I especially enjoy it when it's read at the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" from Kings College, Cambridge. No Christmas is complete in our household without listening to this service on Classical WETA.

I think my favorite passage from The Book of Common Prayer would be The Prayer of Humble Access in Rite 1: "We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But

thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen." Thomas Cranmer gave us some of the most beautiful prayers in Christendom.

I think the thing I like most about Anglicanism is the fact that we welcome everyone regardless of where they are on the religious spectrum—low, high, liberal, conservative, and everything in between. I remember a rector of mine once saying "We are a big tent, and there are just two rules to be in the tent: You can't push anyone else out, and you can't try to tear down the tent." ■

TWENTY QUESTIONS: KELLY OLER

Eternitywear: Comfy PJs

What is your full name?

Kelly James Oler

How long have you been an Episcopalian? Sixteen years.

How long have you been a member at Saint Dunstan's?

Sixteen years.

Where were you born?

Fairfax, Virginia.

Where did you grow up?

McLean.

Where have you gone to school?

Trinity Preschool, Kent Gardens Elementary, Longfellow Middle School, and McLean High School, where I am a junior.

How many U.S. states have you visited (not including airport stopovers)? Ten.

What would be your ideal trip?

I would love to go to a tropical island, like the Bahamas with my three cousins and sister.

What are your guilty pleasures? I love frozen yogurt! I could eat it everyday if I were allowed to.

If you could eat any single meal, what would it be? I would want to eat a Thanksgiving meal, with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, green beans and a buttered roll. Yum.

If you could choose one outfit to wear through eternity, what would it be? Comfy pajamas.

If you could choose one playlist to listen to, what would be on it?

All Beyonce. It's hard to choose my favorite Beyonce song because they are all so good, but my top two are "Freakum Dress" and "Crazy in Love," because when I went to her concert in August, those were my two favorite performances.

If you could wave a magic wand and immediately be masterful at a sport, which one would it be? Volleyball.



Top left, Kelly with her mother, Nancy Pierpont; top right, with Carolyn Dougherty; left, serving for McLean



If you could wave a magic wand and immediately be masterful at a hobby or pastime, what would it be? Yo-yo. When people are good at it, it looks so cool.

Do you have any favorite quotations or mottos? "Greatness has no peak." It's a quote I saw on a Nike Ad.

Do you have any favorite books or movies? My favorite movie is "Remember the Titans." My sister, Jen, and I can recite every line of it.

What is the most dangerous

thing you've ever done? I biked across the Brooklyn Bridge. Not sure if that counts as "dangerous," but that is all I can think of.

Who would be any famous—or infamous—persons you've met?

I met the cast of the show "Cake Boss". My cousins and I waited in line to get into the bakery for 6 hours. The cupcakes weren't even that good!

If we asked your family what your most irritating trait is, what would they say? How much I mumble when I talk.

What is your favorite color? Purple!

If we turned on the TV after you were watching, what channel would it be on? The Disney Channel—I still haven't grown apart from it.

What do you like best about Saint Dunstan's? I love the people and all the fun activities that go on during the year. My favorite memories have to be running around during the Easter egg hunts or tasting all the recipes during the chili cook-offs. ■

PHOTOS: PARISH WORKDAY & PUMPKIN-CARVING



From left: Martha Taishoff, Senior Warden Perry Williams, and Joan Loizeaux hard at work



From left: Alex Horenstein, Junior Warden Jim Buttz, and Jane & Brad Landmaid pitching in



From left: Connor Scanlon, Lily Veccia, and Lena Vogel enjoy scraping pumpkin guts for a worthy cause.

NOVEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 8:30 PM AA, Common Room	2 McLean Youth Orchestra
3 8:15 AM HE Rite I & Healing 9:15 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Sunday Schl. 10:15 AM HE Rite II, Healing, & Holy Baptism 10:00 AM Confirmation Class Lay Comm. Meeting	4 7 PM, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall	5 7 PM Centering Prayer, Chapel 6:30 PM Outreach Meeting	6 10:30 AM Bible Study / Conference Room 6:30 PM EFM 6:30 PM Bible Study/ Seely	7 6:15 PM Praise Choir, Parish Hall 6:45 PM Joy Choir 7:30 PM Alleluia Choir	8 8:30 PM AA, Common Room	9 McLean Youth Orchestra
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