



St. Patrick's Shamrock

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Update from Kate

Dear friends,

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

What joyful words those are, as we emerge from the solemnity of Lent and the bleakness of Good Friday. What hope and encouragement we find in that reassurance that all is not lost, that death is not the end.

What I find especially encouraging in our life of faith, is the daily – even moment-by-moment – effect of the resurrection. Christ's victory over death guarantees eternal life to everyone who accepts that gift, but it also gives us the opportunity to transform and renew our life in *this* world.

And yet many devoted Christians, while accepting that God offers full and complete forgiveness for our sins, are unable to be that generous with themselves. Things we have done years ago may continue to plague us – even though, as far as God is concerned, the slate has long been wiped clean!

What I long to see this Easter season is a wholehearted and liberating acceptance of the fresh start that God gives us all through the remarkable events of Easter. When our time on earth is over, death will *not* be the end for us, and nor should we suffer the daily death of guilt and self blame in the meantime.

I urge every member of our church family to let go of any burdens from your past life that may still be weighing you down. There is no place for them in this life of faith. If you need help letting go of something, please don't struggle alone. Dave, Jim and I are available and willing to help you in any way we can.

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ST. PATRICK'S UPDATES...

Thank you, Laurie.

For twenty years, Laurie Meyer has been a familiar sight in the Church Office, serving first as a volunteer, then Church Secretary, and latterly as Treasurer/Bookkeeper. It is always difficult to say goodbye to someone who has devoted time, effort, love and dedication to a job – and that is especially true in Laurie's case.

Of course, Laurie continues to be a valued member of our church family, with particular responsibility for our Outreach program and the United Thank Offering. She is also involved as a worship assistant at our Wednesday healing service as well as Saturday Night Alive and Sunday services, and she will be a delegate to Diocesan Convention in October.

We thank Laurie profusely for all she has given – and continues to give – to St. Patrick's, and we wish her every joy and blessing in her future endeavors.

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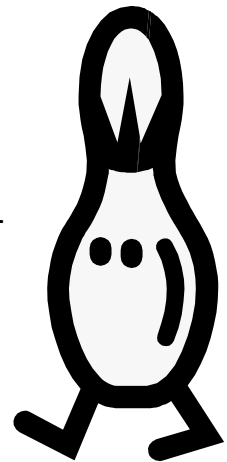
A Must-Read Book: *Hansi, The Girl Who Left the Swastika*. Remember that amazing visit we had from Hansi last year? You can read about her amazing life in Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, her blind devotion to Hitler and the atheistic Nazi system. Her story will take you through the horror of WWII, her escape from the Communists, her chance at romance, and the reawakening of her love for Jesus Christ. You will see the United States through Hansi's eyes when she immigrates to this country with her small family. Through it all, you will see the hand of God. We have a limited supply of books for sale in the church office. Donation is \$20.

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And on another front...

Remember the Bowl-a-thon?

Last November a team from St. Patrick's took part in the Incline Village Rotary Club Bowl-a-thon at Bowl Incline. We have now received a check for \$284 from Rotary – which represents 50% of the money we received in sponsorship plus a \$50 bonus from Michael Atkinson's strike on a colored headpin. Well done, team!



If you would like to take part in the 2005 Bowl-a-thon this Fall, it's not too early to start practicing!



MUSICAL NOTES

My thanks to all the singers and instrumentalists who made the Holy Week worship services extra special.

About our new organ: The Allen Q385 organ has been delivered! Our first service with the new instrument is planned for Sunday, May 1st at 10:00am. During the first several weeks, the organ will be undergoing initial voicing adjustments. Unlike earlier generations of digital instruments, this state-of-the-art instrument is highly programmable. There are four libraries (or suites) of sounds accessible on the instrument, each with a different coloration. They are named American Classic, Neo-Baroque, French Romantic, and English Cathedral, and they are each representative of different styles of organ construction. Each of the Quad suites (the Q in Q385) has a total of 80 different sound samples, each of which can be adjusted, or changed out. So there are 340 sounds to be programmed and balanced to work in the room, and with each other. You will have a chance to hear most of these sounds, but not all in the first week or even the first month!

Our dedication concert will be given on Sunday, June 5th at 5pm by internationally-known organ virtuoso and recording artist Roger Nyquist. Please plan to come and share this wonderful moment in our church's growth.

Our final service for the choir this year will be on Sunday, May 22nd, at 10am, which is Trinity Sunday. A special service of thanksgiving is being planned and details will follow when everything is finalized.

David H. Brock, Director of Music





An Everflowing Stream Amos 5:24

This article is one in a series on social justice, and a call to live out our baptismal vows. You are encouraged to read this and follow your conscience in prayer and in action. Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori

A year has passed since Midgene Spatz and I initiated *An Everflowing Stream* to bring attention to social issues which the Episcopal Church has addressed in its legislation at triennial General Conventions. Articles have been distributed throughout the Episcopal Churches in Nevada on the subjects of capital punishment, health care, hunger, Christian responsibility in politics, peace, the environment, a proposed peace tax, racism, homelessness, immigration, medical ethics and Native Americans.

The responses to an evaluation form which was circulated at our Diocesan Convention in October 2004 indicated a desire for the continuation of shared information regarding social justice issues, as well as some interest in the formulation of a social justice network within the Diocese. This possibility will be explored with the hope of network participation in expanding and increasing the involvement in, and commitment to issues of social justice throughout the Episcopal Churches and communities in Nevada.

In the next months we will be organizing this network. There will be no articles offered during June, July and August.

We invite your reflections and ideas toward strengthening the effectiveness of this effort to raise awareness of the unmet needs in our pain-filled world and we request your continuing prayers. Our prayers are with you as you continue the ministries you are being given day by day. May you be richly blessed with love, joy, and the peace that passes understanding.

If you would like to be a part of the network or have any ideas please contact me at 4413 Mark Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108 or email millsr007@aol.com.

To be continued next month

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Chittister, Sr. Joan D. in *New Designs: An Anthology Spiritual Vision, Benetvision, 2002*

(For further information about this issue or if you would like to share your social justice ministry contact Annette Mills or Midgene Spatz at millsr007@aol.com)



Community Knitters Guild

Do you love to knit, or want to learn?

*Come join the Knitters Guild, which meets every
Wednesday at 1:00 in the Church Library.*



40 Days of Purpose Campaign Successful

St. Patrick's took the first major step in implementing its vision, *Sharing the love of Christ*, with the successful completion of the *40 Days of Purpose* campaign, based on Pastor Rick Warren's best-selling book, "*The Purpose Driven Life*." Celebration Sunday was held at the conclusion of the 40 days of study and sharing on Palm Sunday, March 13, 2005, with approximately 100 attending a pot luck luncheon organized by Nancy and Dave Marriner and members of their small group.

More than 100 copies of "*The Purpose Driven Life*" book were distributed (including two in Spanish); a total of 90 people participated in nine weekly home discussion groups, including one for elementary school children, another for middle school, and a roving group for the folk mass musicians. Several of the home groups and Linda Brown's group that meets between Sunday services have elected to continue meeting weekly. In the spirit of *Sharing the love of Christ*, 14 of the 90 participants were invited friends and not members of St. Patrick's.

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We're still looking for a Parish Administrator



For a brief period, we had a wonderful Parish Administrator working for St. Patrick's. A huge thank you to Barbara Corbett for the tremendous contribution she has made to the work and ministry of our church during her time with us.

Regrettably, Barbara is unable to remain in the position on a permanent basis so we are once again in the market for a Parish Administrator. We hope to fill the position before the end of April, and we are very grateful to Barbara for her willingness to help us out in the meantime.

As always, we welcome any clerical assistance that our church members can give on a voluntary basis. If you can help with folding bulletins, preparing the Newsletter for mailing, assembling mailings, and other similar tasks, please let Kate or Dave know.

MISSION DISTRICT NEWS

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There will be a follow-up discussion of this topic at the next Mission District meeting in the early fall featuring a presentation of Brett Olson's findings on this topic of growing congregations.

Second, Rev. Jon Davidson, from St. Paul's (Sparks), discussed the "Multiple Uses of the Diocesan Website." He distributed a questionnaire and went over all the features included in the website.

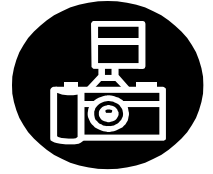
Third, Luke Sorensen from St. Stephen's, presented a review of "Youth and College Ministry within the Diocese." This presentation included information on the summer camp Galilee program as well as the announcement of a "Work Weekend" at Galilee on April 29, 30 and 31.

Regular attendees from St. Patrick's include Kate Atkinson, Nancy Joslin, Jim Kelly, Dave Mussatti, and Connie Skidmore. I would hope that more members would attend future Mission District meetings. We will host a meeting in either spring or fall of 2006.



PROFILE PHOTOS

Parish profile photos are now available for viewing and purchase through the Strotz Photography website. To see the pictures, simply put this address in your internet browser window:



<http://www.strotzphotography.com/>

Once at the website, click on "Special Events" and then on "St. Patrick's Parish Profile." Here you'll be able to enjoy a slideshow gallery of photo highlights, and you'll find a link to "Dot Photo" where the complete album of profile photos can be viewed and/or ordered.

The photos that were taken for the profile have been contributed to the church as a small fundraising effort. St. Patrick's has their very own account with the photo printer, so all profits from photo sales are sent directly to the church.

If you have not yet had your photograph taken, the next dates for the church directory photos will be June 4th and 5th.

If you would like to place an order for prints on superior photo paper, art paper, or canvas, please place your order directly with Joy Strotz. If you are in need of assistance in placing your order, or if you do not have internet access, feel free to call Joy at: 775-848-8898 or email her at: joy@strotzphotography.com.

Enjoy the photos!

From the Organ Working Group:

Much thanks to many people, and most of all our Lord, Jesus Christ, for our new Allen Q385 organ which arrived on April 18th. All things come through Him for which I am eternally grateful every day. This project was conceived in 2001 when it was discovered that the current organ was failing and could no longer be repaired. The first donation of dollars, and the faith that this was a worthy project, came in 2001 also. Here we are in 2005 about to reap the rewards and benefits of all the work of many.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL!

Barbara Edwards



Update from Kate

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As Easter brings us the fresh reminder of the empty cross and the empty tomb, take the opportunity to empty yourself of guilt and shame and self-recrimination. God longs to see you standing free and unfettered before him, radiant in your acceptance of his gift of forgiveness and renewal. I urge you to receive it joyfully – and permanently.

Yours faithfully,

Kate

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Packets containing further information about St. Patrick's and the community, plus the DVD that was shown at the Annual Meeting, were mailed to the 11 candidates that we are considering. In an enclosed letter we asked them to answer some questions about themselves, giving them the deadline of March 18th. The Search Committee has met several times to consider the responses as they come in. We met with Mike Link, the Deployment Officer, on April 13th, and selected seven (of the 11) candidates to further dialogue with. Telephone interviews with the candidates will begin in the next three weeks

We appreciate your prayers and we will update you as changes occur.

Nancy Joslin, Chair,
Search Committee

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Bishop of Nevada

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Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. David J. Mussatti
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Landscaping Chair

Suzanne Gollery
Minute Secretary

****Vestry Member**



40 Days of Purpose Campaign Successful

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The six weekly Biblically-based themes for *40 Days of Purpose* are

1. What on earth are we here for?
2. Worship – We were planned for God's pleasure
3. Fellowship – We were formed for God's family
4. Discipleship – We were created to become like Christ
5. Ministry – We were shaped for serving God
6. Evangelism – We were made for a mission

One of the more dramatic events associated with the book occurred as we were finishing our *40 Days of Purpose* campaign. As reported in *The New York Times* on March 15, "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, a California pastor, has sold more than 22 million copies around the world, none more important, perhaps, than the one owned by Ashley Smith, the Duluth, Ga., woman who was held hostage in her apartment by Brian Nichols, the man accused in the courthouse killings last week in Atlanta.

"Ms. Smith said on Sunday that while she was being held, she retrieved a copy of "The Purpose Driven Life" from her bedroom, read parts of it to Mr. Nichols and discussed with him the book's themes of finding God's purpose for oneself. These discussions, she said, led her captor to release her unharmed and to his later surrender to police." Although under less spectacular circumstances, the reviews of the program were no less enthusiastic about its transforming experience.

In response to requests by some who were unable to participate during Lent, and some who have requested that we repeat it, and to accommodate our many summer residents, we shall do another *40 Days of Purpose* campaign beginning July 16 through August 28, 2005. Once again we will encourage members to invite friends and family in the spirit of *Sharing the love of Christ*. To signup and to volunteer to help with this summer campaign, please stop by the *40 Days of Purpose* table. You can also get more information on St. Patrick's website.



Easy, Painless Fund Raising with No Time Involved!!

Sound too easy? It is! But we are not taking full advantage of two programs that are available to anyone who shops. You do shop! I know you do. So why not sign up to benefit St. Patrick's while you shop?? What's stopping you? We have two programs in place from which we are getting extremely anemic returns. **We can do better! Much better!** No money out of your pocket, but money into St. Patrick's pocket – how can you resist?

First, Raley's Quality of Life Card program

If you haven't gotten a card yet, just call the office and ask for one. Then, each time you shop at Raley's, or down the hill at Belair or Nob Hill Foods stores, just hand the cashier your card. That's it! You just handed St. Patrick's some much-needed cash at no expense to you. What could be better? The cards are free, the registration is free of charge, and the cash is a percentage of what we as a congregation already spend when we shop.

Then, eScrip

This is an even easier way to help us raise money and has greater potential, because it's any store or online site or airline or whatever where you use your credit card. You register your cards with eScrip, and you're done! Any store or business that is an eScrip partner sends us money! Again – at no cost to you.

Just go online at <http://www.escrip.com>, Click on "sign-up," and follow the instructions. Every time you use your card at any participating retailer, we get 3-10% of the purchase amount donated to the church. Our group name is St. Patrick's Church Incline Village and our group ID is 155036115.

Or go to our Web site at <http://www.tahoeepiscopal.com>, and click **Current Topics -> Our scrip programs are enabled**, and follow the instructions and links. Don't have a computer? I'll meet you at the church office, and we'll do it together. Worried about security, identify? Don't be: eScrip has been around for a long time and is a very trusted group.

Why not?

If you still have questions, concerns, hesitations, call me (833-9156) or email to website@tahoeepiscopal.com. I truly want to know why everyone, and I mean every-one, isn't participating in both these programs. I'm embarrassed to say how little we are getting back from them.

Karen Barney



Mission District News

by Rev. David Mussatti

St. Patrick's is one of eight Episcopal churches in Northwest Nevada that belong to the Northwest Mission District. Members include St. Peter's, Carson City; St. John's in the Wilderness, Glenbrook; Coventry Cross, Minden; St. Stephen's, Reno; Trinity, Reno; Elm (Episcopal-Lutheran-Methodist) Community Church, Lemmon Valley; and St. Paul's, Sparks. Quarterly meetings are held at the various churches throughout the Mission District.

There are four Mission District in the Diocese of Nevada, and they were created by Bishop Katharine in order to encourage dialogue and collegiality among the parishes in the state. They function in order to (1) enhance cooperation and communication between parishes;(2) provide a platform for interactive dialogue on broader issues facing the church; (3) create a venue for providing information on Diocesan programs and projects; and (4) provide a place to discuss business which will come before the Diocesan Convention. The fellowship among the churches is really great.

On April 2, the Mission District met at Trinity in Reno. Plans were made for the next year as the first item on the agenda. Each of the eight parishes has selected a representative to be on the steering committee. Our representative for this year is Connie Skidmore who brings her wide experience with the Episcopal Church on a national level. The next meeting will be held in early September and will be hosted by Coventry Cross and St. Peter's. Topics will include a summary by Rev. Britt Olson of her sabbatical leave where she studied ways congregations grow their membership. Also we will discuss items to be considered at the next Diocesan Convention to be held on October 7-9 at St. Paul's in Sparks.

Dick Snyder, who is now the Pastor of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Brigham City, Utah was presented by Rev. Elizabeth Tattersol, Rev. Deacon Betty Ihfe, Ben Turner, Bill and Jane Laughlin and Stewart Tattersol of St. John's in Glenbrook. Also, presenting him was Rev. Canon David Bailey, the Clergy Deployment Officer for the Diocese of Utah. Dick graduated from CDSP in May of 2004. He has been active in the Diocese for many years at Episcopal churches in Battle Mountain, Elko, Winnemucca and Yerington. For 10 years Dick was the editor of the Diocesan Newspaper. He came to St. John's, Glenbrook in 1996 where he was a lay reader, preacher, and senior warden.

There were three interesting topics covered at the April 2nd meeting. First, Rev. Karl Gustafson from All Saints Church, Las Vegas, discussed the "Purcept Program's Use in Growing Congregations." This program focuses on the demographics of those zip-code areas that are served by each parish. St. Patrick's used this service in developing the church profile and

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CAMP GALILEE REGISTRATION STARTS

Camp Galilee's summer program schedule has been released – dates will be June 19 to August 13 with six youth camps. A counselor “get acquainted/training” session will kick off the summer on June 19-21. Then a four-day session for grades 1 through 4 will be held on June 21st to June 25th. This is an opportunity for first-time campers and younger children to get used to camp in a shorter session. The rest of the summer program is as follows:

June 26 – July 2	Elementary II (grades 4-6)
July 3 – 9	High School I (grades 9-12)
July 10 – 16	Middle School I (grades 6-9)
July 17 – 23	Middle School II (grades 7-9)
July 24 – 30	Family Camp I (The Rev. Dr. Philip H. Whitehead)
July 31 – Aug. 6	Family Camp II (The Rt. Rev. Charles Farmer Duvall)
Aug. 7 – 13	High School II (grades 9-12)

Adam Dawkins and his group of highly qualified counselors will again direct the youth program. Mitchell Tufts will be back in the kitchen serving outstanding meals. The Rev. Kay Rohde of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Boulder City will be coordinating chaplains for the camps.

Galilee Family Camp I (at Lake Tahoe) – Sunday, July 24 to Saturday, July 30, 2005

An exceptional chance... The Rev. Dr. Philip H. Whitehead has taught in Haiti, studied in Israel and served as a Vicar at St. John's, Morecomb, England. As a commissioned chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve, he had assignments in Vieques, Puerto Rico, Camp LeJeune, Paris Island and Washington, D.C. Some of his other varied chaplain experiences were at Riker's Island Prison and at Bellevue Hospital in New York. Fr. Whitehead was Assistant Headmaster at St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Virginia until 1978 when he was called to be the rector of St. Michael and All Angels in Columbia, South Carolina. Upon his retirement last year, he was named Rector Emeritus at that parish. Fr. Whitehead has been a chaplain at the Diocesan summer camp in Florida and is bringing his notable talents to Galilee. In his program, *Film and Religion*, campers will view and discuss the ways modern film challenges and defines our ideas of Christianity today. His program is appropriate for older youth and all adults. Younger children will be able to enjoy many recreational activities that will be conducted by a Galilee Camp Counselor.

Galilee Family Camp II (at Lake Tahoe) – Sunday, July 31 to Saturday, August 6, 2005

A unique opportunity... The Right Reverend Charles Farmer Duvall, is a story teller and teller of “The Story”. He is noted for his interpretations of the stories in the Bible for the modern ear. Bishop Duvall will bring his unique abilities to Family Camp II. For those who participate in this session, it promises to be an inspiring experience as he shares his gifts with Galilee's family campers. Bishop Duvall was consecrated in 1981 as the second Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the Central Gulf Coast, which is composed of Southern Alabama and Northwest Florida. While his parish work was primarily in the Carolinas, his teaching and preaching expertise have garnered him recognition and distinction on the congregational, diocesan and national levels. Bishop Duvall has a special interest in Episcopal camps having served on the Board of Directors for six years at Kanuga, a camp and conference center in North Carolina. He served as Kanuga's chair in 1992 and 1993. Bishop Duvall's sessions are appropriate for youth and adults alike. Younger children may participate in a wide variety of activities conducted by a Galilee Camp Counselor.

All young people in the Diocese, their friends or family members in or out of the Diocese are welcome to attend camp. If you have not received the registration materials, please contact Joanna Morris, the Camp Registrar, at 775/747-2260 (voice mail) or info@CampGalilee.com.

St. Patrick's has a fund to provide scholarships for those who cannot afford the registration fee. Contributions to this fund are always appreciated. Dave Mussatti will be coordinating this fund. Please feel free to contact him.

