



ST. HUGH'S NEWS & VIEWS

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Gift of the Garden

On a recent Sunday, I harvested stubby little carrots, dark green kale, and lettuce from the garden plot John and I planted (our first one ever) at St. Hugh. The veggies all tasted home grown and delicious, and so did the showy Nasturtiums! It was a blessing to be in the garden with others that day, in the midst of sunshine (yes), and some of the many things the earth provides us. Each time I visit the garden, I'm reminded that the gifts of others surround and encourage me:



Dreamers among us imagined that a garden was possible and was a good idea and kept the dream going until it became a reality;

Builders gathered lumber, made and filled the beds, extended water to the soil, erected a deer fence and did other things unknown to me that gardens require;

Gardeners from church and elsewhere sowed the seeds, tended the fragile new growth, weeded, and watered for themselves and for others and shared advice,



experience, tools and anything needed. Some gardeners added colorful flowers and benches for sitting.

Poets in the form of children from Sunday School class, provided beautiful small garden signs

pointing to the ways that God is at work in the garden. Large beautiful, bright signs identifying the garden, suggested there is a punster on the loose—who probably wasn't part of the Sunday School class;



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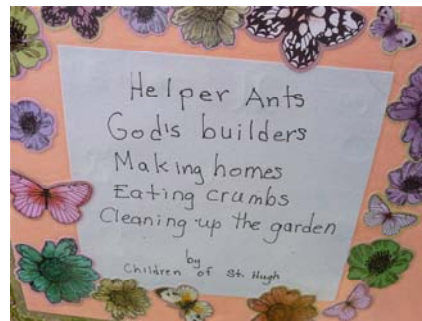
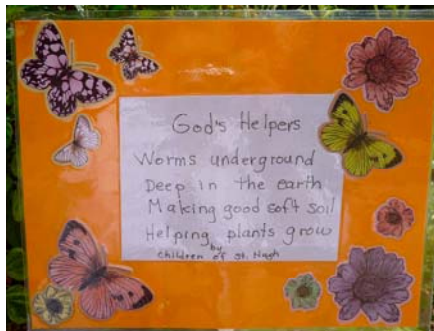
Enthusiasts who are not necessarily gardening a plot cheered on the efforts of those weeding and watering, and shared (and continue to share) in the amazement and delight at the ripened tomato, the little peppers coming along, peas growing every which way and strawberries that look quite delectable.



Many have contributed to the St. Hugh garden in remarkable and loving ways. In the future, the garden may even be expanded, so that all who are interested in raising food for themselves or others might have a way to do so.

When I am in the garden, I feel the surprise of discovering something that is growing, the joy of working with the soil, and a sense of God's magnificent abundance. And I feel the immeasurable gift of community that grew the garden—the community that the garden is nourishing in return.

Brooke Quigley



Our Stewardship of God's Gifts Gratitude - Grace – Generosity

Last October, Maryellen Young gave a Stewardship talk on a new way of looking at stewardship, our awareness of God's gifts to us and our response to that awareness. She introduced the concept of viewing Stewardship through Gratitude, Grace and Generosity. This month I would like to focus on Gratitude. In the October News and Views we will focus on Grace and in November on Generosity.

Maryellen stated, and I quote, "All we have comes from God and we should be thankful for His many gifts. We give our most profound **gratitude** when we realize we have been blessed with something very special and unconditionally given. This is the **grace** of God given freely to us. But, He's not interested in just our gratitude. He's also interested in what we do with our gifts. That's where **generosity** comes in; because generosity is the action we take from our gratitude for the grace we have received.

The definition of **gratitude** is a feeling of thankful appreciation for favors or benefits received; thankfulness. God wants us to appreciate and respond to the love he offers. This is part of our relationship or walk with God."

Do we really believe that everything we have belongs to God? If so, we are given the privilege of being a caretaker, or a steward, of these many gifts: Creation – the sky, the earth and the sea; Nature – the trees, the animals, flowers and sunsets; Family – parents, children, love and life to share with others; Intellect – knowledge, wisdom, curiosity, appreciation. Do we really believe that God is that intimately connected with our daily life? Yes; Maybe; Sometime?

Last week I was standing on top of Crystal Mountain on a beautiful clear day looking out at Mt. Rainier with the White River lacing its way through the valley 3000 ft. below. This was truly a mountain top experience for which I give thanks.

On August 13 I celebrated my 70th birthday with family and friends: my two sons and their families; friends I worked with at IBM; friends with whom I have shared many spiritual, life changing experiences; many friends from my St. Hugh family. It was a joyous time of thanksgiving and contentment. Again, I give thanks to God.

In our prayers on Sunday mornings, we pray for the church, the world and those who we know are

struggling with health or relationship issues. We pray for those who are grieving, for those who are hurting and those who are hungry or lonely. It challenges our faith to be confident that God is with each of those for whom we pray. We must remember we are mortal, we are human and each person has been given free will. Bishop Desmond Tutu, in his book "Made for Goodness" wrote: We have the freedom to choose right. But that would be meaningless if there were not also the possibility that we choose wrong... that choice was a part of God's gift to us in creation."

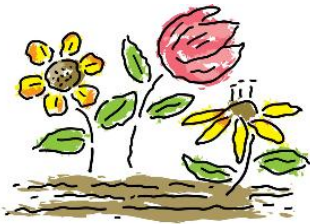
We live in a fragile world where some people do terrible things. We see it, at times, in our families, in our neighborhoods and throughout the world. When we cry, God cries. When we hurt, God hurts. But, when we laugh, God laughs, when we are joyful, God is joyful and when we give gratitude to God for the many gifts we do enjoy, God is grateful for us and our willingness to persevere and share His love with each person with whom we come in contact. Being grateful is a frame of mind and a habit we each can practice and develop as a way of life.

I encourage you to take some time each day to be aware of the wonder and beauty that surrounds you. What are you especially thankful for at that moment. Give thanks to God, but just as important, tell those you encounter that you are grateful for them being part of your life. Our Labyrinth Above the Bay now has a Gratitude Bowl containing small rocks. I invite you to walk the Labyrinth and select a rock to hold and use to provide focus for something you are especially grateful.

The path of Gratitude is the path God has laid out before us and is there holding our hand as we take each step.

Submitted by Jim Neal, in gratitude for each of you being part of my life.





A D O P T A

Garden Area

Lay Weeders Needed

Do you appreciate the gardens at St. Hugh?

Do you like caring for plants and flowers?

If so, we need your help. Would you adopt a garden area at our church? Several are well maintained but others need some loving care. A few hours a month and a walk around once in a while to see if anything is needed.

Weeding? Planting? Pruning? Fluffing or spreading some bark? All at no expense to you.

Also, we would like to create a Lavender Garden by the office walkway this fall. Are you able to help?

If so, please contact Jim Neal and choose an area you would like to adopt.

Jim

St. Hugh Finance

St. Hugh has changed banks with the intention of utilizing Bill Pay as the primary vehicle for processing bill/expense payments. The former bank wanted a monthly fee plus an additional fee per transaction. This, in addition to other issues, was unacceptable and we moved from Kitsap Bank to Peninsula Credit Union.

Beginning next month all checks will be processed thru Bill Pay and sent to your mailing address by the bank. This saves time and the expense of stamps, envelopes and checks. If you don't want Karen to process your reimbursement checks in this manner, make note on your check request form or please contact her at 275-8450, she will then prepare your checks in the previous manner and distribute as before.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Niles at lniles@centurytel.net or 253-884-2437.

July Financials

Income: \$6671.00

Expense: \$5980.35

We give thanks for the many ways God so richly blesses our St Hugh family and all who are assisted through our outreach programs. We are blessed in so many ways through the grace, gratitude and gifts of all who are a part of this praying, sharing and worshiping community. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ECW August 2011 Meeting is Relaxing and Fun

The churchwomen met on Monday, August 8, at Sylvia and Gina's house. Thank you again Gina and Syl for providing such a lovely setting for a relaxing meeting following the Patio-Bake Sale. Some of the women enjoyed digging for clams while others had a chance for leisurely conversation. We all appreciated the varied salads, fresh strawberry dessert and fellowship.

Sunny reported the proceeds from the Patio Sale to be **\$5,101.51!!!** We did a great job. **Thank you to everyone and congratulations on a job well done!!**

Next year's Patio Sale is July 21st. It will be somewhat simplified from this Year.

WE HAVE STORAGE AVAILABLE NOW TO BEGIN TO SAVE ITEMS FOR NEXT YEAR'S SALE (Lucy's garage, Carol Robinson's garage). We will not be taking electronics, small household appliances, empty picture frames, photo albums, or furniture.

The ECW allocated \$140.00 for shelves for the small room in the basement so we will not be storing items under the stairs, which is a fire hazard.

We discussed upcoming events:

- ◆ Jim Neal's 70th Birthday party, August 13th at the church
- ◆ Planning Meeting for the Holiday Bazaar, Wed. Aug 17 at church at 10:00
- ◆ Coalition of Churches Sunday Supper: we will be cooperating with Christ Lutheran to prepare and serve the meal Aug 28 at Theler. Stay tuned!

Gina and Sylvia were thanked again for hosting our meeting!

Our next meeting is Monday September 12 at St. Hugh; Helen is hostess.

We adjourned for more good times!

Brooke Quigley, President

Memorial Committee Meeting

July 21, 2011

In attendance: Jim & Wilma Neal, Linda Niles, JoAnna Meyer, Roy Ferguson, & Donna Fisher.

Minutes were read and the total for the general fund was corrected to read \$4,690.74 by the treasurer Linda Niles. The current report for the Memorial General Fund is \$4,690.74, \$2,453.76 in the Memorial Garden Fund., \$1,260.06 in Landscaping and \$976.92 in a restricted account for the community Garden.

The committee gave thanks to JoAnna for her attention to decorating the Memorial Garden for the many occasions we celebrate during the year.

Also there is a need to update the garden's design to designate future areas to be developed within the Memorial Garden for additional burial spaces.

Memorial Day plans should include a table with information sheets, Durable Power of Attorney forms and life planning manuals for members.

Jim is in the process of ordering new in house memorial plaques. We need to order name plates for Doree Thompson, Margaret Barnard, and Floyd and Maudie Mathis, (Donna to obtain correct dates for Floyd and Maudie). Also one chair plaque for Phillip Pratt.

The outside memorial kiosk and plans for it's design are still on the planning table, George Riddle has submitted a design which can be adjusted to the site on the southeast side of the church. There was a general agreement that individual name plates would be difficult and less cost effective than larger plates with names grouped according to designated donations.

The distribution for the Tod Pritchard Scholarship for the three recipients will be made at 10am during the July 31st service at St. Hugh.

Submitted by : Donna Fisher

Centering Prayer with Cynthia Bourgeault

Centering Prayer is a simple, no-frills form of meditation in the Christian tradition. Since it was first developed by Christian contemplative monks in the 1970s, it has allowed tens of thousands of practitioners worldwide to “return home,” developing an authentically Christian meditation practice which not only delivers the healing and quieting of the mind typical of all meditation paths, but also reconnects directly to Christianity’s hidden treasury of mystical and transformational wisdom.

In this one-month online retreat you will learn everything you need to know to get your own practice of Centering Prayer up and running — or if you’re an old hand, to learn some new approaches to refresh and reboot your practice.

The Centering Prayer Online Retreat consists of the following elements:

- Emails on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for one month in which Cynthia Bourgeault will discuss what Centering Prayer is and what it is not, the value of intention, the four guidelines to the practice, and the fruits of the practice.
- Audio recordings from Cynthia's workshops.
- A guided Centering Prayer meditation with step-by-step instructions.
- One-hour teleconference with Cynthia, which will also be recorded.
- Online Practice Circle for community sharing and Q&A with Cynthia.

For more information or to register,

<http://bit.ly/CenteringPrayer>

Cynthia's course is one of a three-part online series on Contemplative Practice, starting August 29th. Also offered is “Practicing Spirituality with Richard Rohr”, hosted by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat and based on the teachings of Richard Rohr, as well as a course created by Gail Fitzpatrick-Hopler and Fr. Carl Arico on "Contemplative Discernment".

For those interested in taking all three online offerings, Spirituality and Practice provides a discount of 15% off the cost of the courses purchased individually. This discount is only

available until August 29th. For more information or to register for this three course package,

<http://bit.ly/ContemplativeRetreats>

Submitted by Robin Moore

Fall report from CCC.....

School Begins, Lunchboxes End and Food Backpacks Begin!

Thanks to the use of the Christ Lutheran Lodge, and their Narthex when that was not available, our Coalition of Churches & Community has been able to feed 76 kids who would otherwise have been hungry this summer! (The next set of lunchboxes will be prepared and delivered during the Christmas Vacation.) The Coalition's CANNING CORPS looks forward to their turn using the Lodge kitchen to preserve gleaned products and teach others how it is done.

Our Summer Lunchbox crew members were happy to deliver one more time, so school supplies and a set of school clothes provided by the Northwest Children's Outreach Center here in Belfair could be delivered to those kids whose parents ordered them. This last, extra delivery will be on Tues., Sept. 6th, the day before school begins. Kids will have their supplies and a set of nice school clothes on that important FIRST DAY of SCHOOL!

Fundraising and planning for the FOOD FOR KIDS backpacks is now in full swing. Parents fill out federal forms to qualify for free and reduced lunches and a small percentage of them will undoubtedly qualify to receive food for their kids for the weekends. The number of kids needing food has increased each year, with 88 receiving the extra food last spring. The 2011 - 2012 food backpack program will begin on Thursday, Sept. 22.

Many thanks go to our church members for their donations of money and food to help feed the kids in our local community who would otherwise be going to bed hungry. WATCH FOR FUTURE FUN FUNDRAISERS!



**Violets are blue
We had fun at Jim's party
Sure hope you did too!**



Talk about Gratitude! Thank you all so very much for being part of our day for Jim's 70th celebration (70 of you were with us). The salads and snacks you brought were delicious to accompany Troy's famous Western Steak Sandwiches and Jim's Fresh Smoked Turkey and snacks. AND..... thanks for all the help in kitchen, cleanup, and putting tables away, etc.



The birthday carrot cake was yummy and entertaining. I hope you are able to wash the red coloring from your clothing. I don't think anyone



escaped without some red decoration on clothing or body, but I can testify that it does wash out.



Our local recording artist, Jesse sang some of the songs that we grew up with entertaining all of us and



especially the grandchildren in a fabulous manner. If you haven't yet received one or more of his DVD's, arrange to get one and treat yourself and grandkiddos to this special music.

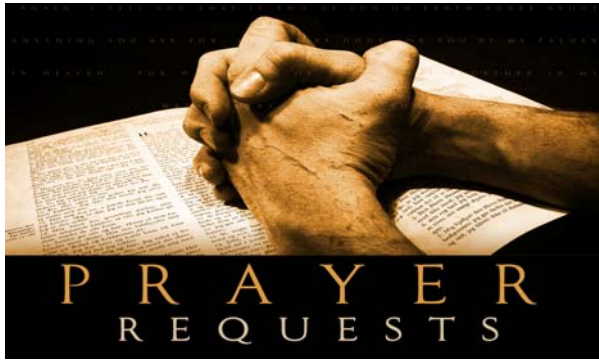


It was a joy to be with you all and we give thanks for the beautiful day spent outside in St. Hugh's garden. Thank you God!

Hugs from Jim, Wilma and family







Baby James, Kristi, Craig, Boe, Baby Brady, Mick O'shaughnessy, Sherman, Arlone Jones, Brenda, Jesse, Steve Wood, Van Diest Family, Don G.

People in disaster torn areas, Japan, Somalia, All the people of the world,

Formation Circle 2010, especially those called to Holy Orders Kim, Vicki, & Karen

those in service to our Country

Chris, Gary, Ian Larson, Jed, Nick, Richard, Tony, Zach, Malcolm McDonald, David Bean, Mark Bjorgen

those who have died

Ron Matthews, Elwin Dietel, Willie Lee, Marc Avery

those who mourn

Janie Mathews & Family, Family of Elwin Dietel, Wendy Lee, Anne Avery

Prayer List Change

Names requested to be shown in the Prayer List will be shown for 30 days, then removed. They may be resubmitted for an additional 30 days.

September Lectionary Readings

September 4, 12th Sunday after Pentecost:
Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149, /romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

September 11, 13th Sunday after Pentecost:
Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

September 18, 14th Sunday after Pentecost:
Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 10:1-16

September 25, 15th Sunday after Pentecost:
Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32



Jerry Ecklund	9-7
Michael Hays	9-21
Cindy Swanson	9-22
Gwen Runyan	9-26
Susan Kipp	9-29

Please let us know of any birthdays we missed or listed incorrectly. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	 <p>CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Wed. & Thurs. 10-2</p>			1	2	3
4 Worship 10:00 Palestinian Children Youth/Food Bank	5 	6 Liturgy 3:30 2010 Circle 6:30	7 Alzheimer's Support Group 10:00	8 Choir 10:30 Admin 12:00	9	10
11 Worship 10:00 	12 ECW@ church 10:30	13 Circle 3:30 2010 Circle 6:30	14	15 Choir 10:30 	16	17
18 HEALING SERVICE  Worship 10:00	19	20 Clergy 3:30 2010 Circle 6:30	21 P. E. O. Meets @ St. Hugh 11:00	22 Choir 10:30	23 	24
25  Worship 10:00	26	27 2010 Circle 6:30	28	29 Choir 10:30	30	

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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 Wednesday's & Thursday's
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

September Schedule

	Presider	Preacher	Deacon	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Guild	Flowers	Coffee Hour	Lectors
September 4	Robin	Kim M.	Sylvia	Barry Vicki	Hazel Barbara	Lucy Mc.	Hazel Donna	Vicki Barry
September 11	Kim F.	Kim F.	Sylvia	Karen Carol R	Donna Brooke	Donna F.	Bill Smith	Connie Roy
September 18	Christie	Christie	Sylvia	Kim M. John	Helen Ginny G			Lee Paddy
September 25	Jim	Dick	Sylvia	Hazel Karen	Cheryl Ginny W	Betty L.	Jinx	Don G. Ginny G.