



News and Views

Sunday, February 5, 2012

TODAY

Today is the Fifth Sunday After Epiphany.

ABOUT US

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Today, following the 10 a.m. service, we will conduct our annual meeting of parishioners (the meeting formerly known as the AGM).

50TH ANNIVERSARY VIDEO

Gus Van Helden has created a video collage of photos from our 50th Anniversary celebration. We will show it again at the Annual Meeting.

THE SHOW MUST AND WILL GO ON

Our parish administrator, Vanessa Jollimore is on six weeks of medical leave. Please, keep her and her family in your prayers. While Vanessa is recovering, we can be grateful that Tammy Hopkinson will be stepping in to handle many necessary administrative tasks. And Jamie Dodds, our treasurer, will be handling the bookkeeping and financial chores while Vanessa recuperates.

NEED REIMBURSEMENT?

We are happy to reimburse parishioners who make expenditures on behalf of the parish. Please, let us know when prompt reimbursement is desirable, and we will be happy to provide a reimbursement check upon receipt of a receipt for the expenditures.

PLEASE, PUT YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBERS ON YOUR CHECKS

Accurate accounting of contributions is important to us and to you. Our process of counting and data entry will be more accurate and more easily accomplished if we all put our envelope numbers on our

contribution checks (even if we put them in our numbered envelopes). The counters, envelope secretary, administrator/bookkeeper, and treasurer would be grateful, too.

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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: MYSTICISM, EMPOWERMENT & RESISTANCE

Our Wednesday evening Bible study continues this week with one of the lectures from the 2006 event entitled "Mysticism, Empowerment & Resistance," which features Marcu Borg, John Dominic Crossan, and Joan Chittester. We will have another video from the same event this week and then a special pre-Lenten motion picture on February 15. Each session begins at 7:15 p.m. and concludes by 9 p.m. On the Wednesday following Ash Wednesday, we will begin a new Scripturally-based series on prayer, which will continue through the week before Holy Week.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Sunday, March 18, our Sunday Brunch Forum will take the next big step in taking our Strategic Plan from paper to pavement. We will focus on *how* we are going to get where we want to go as a community of the faithful – including plans for renovation of our church physical plant. Plan to be here.

TWO DIOCESAN SYNOD CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED

The diocese has scheduled two synod meetings for 2012. A Regular Convention of Synod will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The purpose of the convention is to appoint the new Diocesan Council and elect delegates to Provincial and General Synods and to conduct any other business that may arise. A Special Convention of Synod (Electoral) will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 to elect the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary. For more info: http://www.calgary.anglican.ca/events_synods.html. Anyone wishing to be nominated as a synod delegate should be prepared to attend both synods. At the annual general meeting we will elect three

synod delegates, one of which must be a member of the Parish Council.

CRAFTS & CHATS QUILT RAFFLE

The Crafts and Chats ladies will have quilt raffle tickets for sale in the music room following the 10:00 a.m. service every Sunday until the draw on February 14, 2012. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Proceeds from raffle will be donated to Outreach.

PROGRAMS & GROUPS

CHILDREN & YOUTH

YOUTH PROGRAM WILL HAVE SPECIAL SIX WEEKS

While Vanessa is on medical leave, our youth group will continue to meet most Sunday's with "guest speakers." This morning the youth are invited to attend the service.

HOSPITALITY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMING SOON

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (February 21), the March Sunday Brunch Buffet, the Strawberry Tea, the Stampede Breakfast, the Fall Fair, the November Dinner, and more to come.

LEFT BEHIND

Dishes and containers left behind in the kitchen are not raptured to kitchen heaven. They clutter the kitchen counter yearning to return to their true homes here on earth. Please, rescue any of your dishes and containers before they are raptured to a place you where you will never see them again.

LIFE EVENTS

THE BEAT GOES ON

We hope never to stop a service or meeting and attend the needs of a parishioner who has collapsed. But we do want to be ready. So if you

are certified to perform CPR or other basic first aid skills – or if you are willing to be trained in CPR at the church's expense –, please, let Jim know. Our sidespeople are prepared to call 911 in an emergency, but in the precious minutes before help arrives, we want to be able to provide as much assistance as possible.

DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE CHURCH

If you are having surgery or otherwise find yourself headed to the hospital, please, let the church office or Jim know. After hours, please, do not hesitate to call Jim at 403-891-3706. Please, respect that this number should be used only for true emergencies.

LINKS

KAIROS CALGARY

KAIROS Calgary invites you to spend a morning with Chris Turner author of *The Geography of Hope* and of *The Leap: How to survive in the Sustainable Economy*. The venue is Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, 4612 Varsity Drive, NW, Calgary. The date is Saturday February 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (registration begins 8:30 a.m.). The cost is \$15 which includes refreshments throughout the morning. For more information and to register visit <http://www.kairos-calgary.ca> or email pwrdfcalgary@telus.net, or phone Alison Longson 403-243-5478.