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### *Our Mission (What we do)*

*All Saints' is committed to being a church community in which Christ's love is experienced and shared.*

### *Our Vision (Where we are going)*

*We wish to help people grow in their faith and trust in God. Our vision is to help people recognize their God-given talents and to use them to serve God and their neighbor.*

## *From the Rector...*

What evidence do we have of God's existence? In last month's Reading in the Rectory, we read neurosurgeon Eben Alexander's *Proof of Heaven*, in which he claimed a personal and direct "supernatural" encounter with God as one kind of evidence for God's existence. Others have claimed "near death" experiences as well. But alongside this supernatural evidence for God's existence, we have more widely accessible evidence from nature, including Creation itself.

This month I'd like to talk about another kind of evidence that God exists. And that is, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. At Pentecost, the Risen Christ breathed the Holy Spirit on his disciples and ushered in the Age of the Church, the age in which we still live. In this age, it is we everyday Christian people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, who God asks to provide the evidence of His existence. We ourselves provide this evidence by living 'Christ-like lives.'

In Acts, we read that the early church grew because people were attracted by the generosity, sharing and love they saw in the lives of the early Christians, and this is still true.

Recently I attended a conference where people were asked about the experience that had most profoundly drawn them to the Christian faith and belief in God. Many said it was in the Christian community. This has been my own experience as well.

This opposite is also true, on both the grand and the small scales. On the grand scale, think of how many people have turned their backs on God because of the Crusades or the recent abuse scandals.

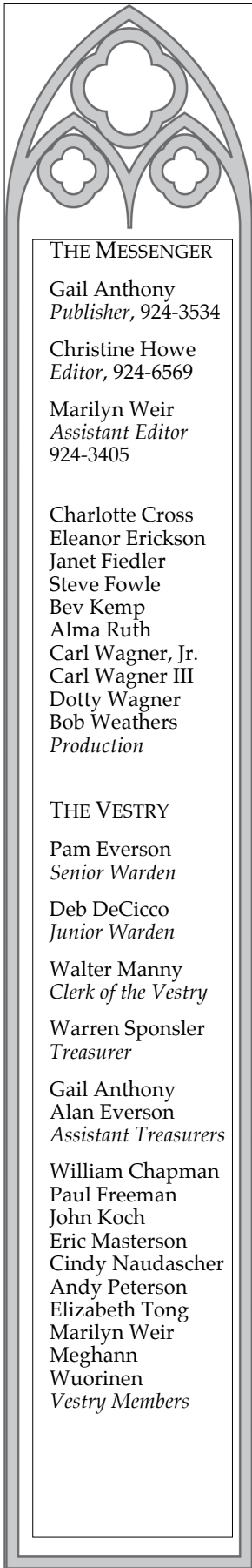
How we live our lives matters just as much on a smaller scale. How we behave matters. We are ambassadors of Christ, in all that we do. Our lives provide the most potent evidence – or not – for the existence of God to our friends, neighbors, and family including our children and grandchildren. Let's be walking evidence, empowered by the Holy Spirit, of God's existence through our faith and love.

Yours in Christ,

*Adrian*

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**From the Associate Rector...**

*Fruits of the Holy Spirit*

I know that the Holy Spirit is ever present with us, but I cannot help but feel that there are things that we do that increase the intensity of the Holy Spirit's presence – or perhaps our awareness of it. One of those things is healing. I am here at Camp Kieve's Veterans' Camp for my second time. I am here to teach yoga and to lead chapel occasionally. The purpose of the camp is to 1) thank veterans and their families for their service to our country, and also 2) to allow veterans and their families to relax, refresh and heal.

A couple of years ago, PBS did a piece on this camp for NewsHour. The director at the time said to the journalists, "I am not sure how you are going to capture what goes on here, because if you blink, you miss it. It happens around the tables during meals, it happens around the pottery wheel, it happens on the climbing wall and it happens whenever people are truly present to each other. When people are truly present to one another, that's when the connection and the healing happens."

This morning I was sitting at breakfast with a beautiful young veteran who served in the military for six years. She has a handsome young son with deep, soulful eyes like his mother. We talked about her struggles and what she has been doing over the last few years since she left the military. We talked about our mutual admiration for Joyce Meyer, the television evangelist who shoots from the hip and offers firm and useful Christian advice and teaching. We also shared parenting stories, talked about things that inspire us, and useful life lessons we had gleaned along the way.

After every meal someone who feels so moved stands and offers an inspirational quote, and this is what this young woman shared with the gathering:

*So often, it's the little things in life that make the biggest difference... Sometimes a word offered at the perfect moment can bring someone comfort. A hug wrapped in loving arms sends a caring message to the heart and one smile can chase the blues away and make you smile again too.*

*A little time shared with someone who cares about you can sprinkle sunshine into lonely moments by letting someone know how much they mean to you.*

*Life offers many opportunities to give away a little of ourselves each day – to share the joy of life and living in this world together, to widen that circle of friendship wherever we go.*

*If we could all make a point of remembering those little things, we could all make a difference every day.*

*A well-placed word, a tender touch, a heartfelt hug, a sincere smile... are ways to spread sunshine all along life's path. Barbara Hall*

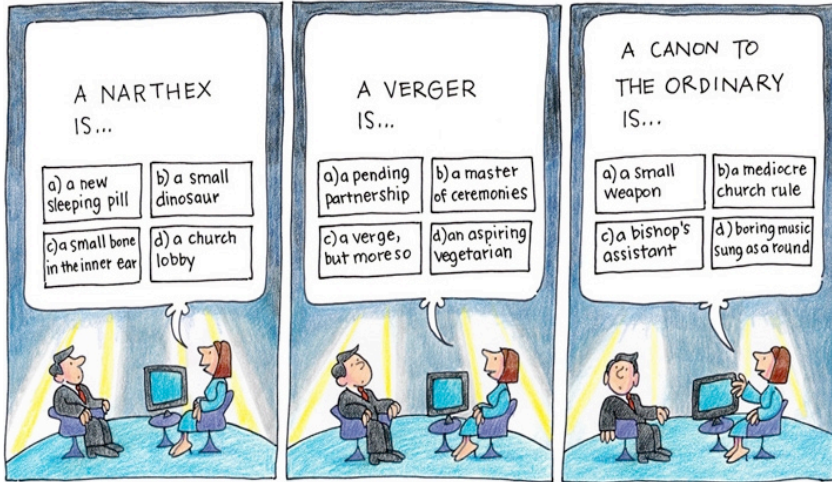
This season as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, I am going to try to be more mindful of those chances to do those "little things" that make the Holy Spirit feel more present for others, and by divine implication, also for me.

Maybe if we put on the top of our to-do list everyday, "1) Do that little thing," we will be able to experience what St. Paul said about the fruits of the spirit:

*What happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard – things like affection for othes, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. Galatians 5:22-23 The Message Bible*

Sarah

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## Poem

Music envelops like soft velvet  
 It warms us,  
 Soothes and smooths away care  
 Oh, what a blessed gift  
 Giving our spirits a lift  
 A foretaste of what's to come  
 When we reach our heavenly home.

With love and thanks to the choir,  
*Alma Ruth*



## Faith In Action

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
 I'll be there when you are old.  
 I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
 To see your life unfold.  
 I was there when you were but a child,  
 With a faith to suit your will,  
 In a blaze of light you wandered off  
 To find where demons dwell.  
 In the middle ages of your life,  
 Not too old, no longer old.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
 To complete what I've begun.  
 When the evening gently closes in  
 And you shut your weary eyes  
 I'll be there as I have always been,  
 With just one more surprise.

*John Ylvisaker*

I've been inspired by Ylvisaker's hymn "Borning Cry" since I first heard it in the 1980s. As I sing it and reflect on its meaning, I realize that when I was born, God was there whether I knew it or not, as he is throughout all of our lives. He was certainly there when I spent a year with my French aunt in the Alps. God used her, a devoted Christian, to show me the way to a Christian life.

Fifteen years ago my father got Alzheimer's disease and God sent a devoted Christian caregiver for him. God continued to support me though the upsetting time after his death when I was executrix of my father's will.

As I grow old I know he will be there to the end.

*Amedine Bella*

## Community Meetings Each Week at All Saints'

### **Mondays:**

9-10:15 AM RSVP Senior Exercise, Reynolds Hall  
 10 AM-noon Monadnock Area Food Bank Open  
 7-8 PM Al-Anon meeting, OPH Room 1

### **Tuesdays:**

10 AM-noon Monadnock Area Food Bank Open  
 5:30 PM Community Soup Supper, Reynolds Hall  
 7-8 PM AA meeting, OPH Room 1

### **Wednesdays:**

10 AM-noon Quilters, OPH

### **Thursdays:**

9-10:15 AM RSVP Senior Exercise, Reynolds Hall  
 Noon-1 PM AA meeting, OPH Room 1  
 1 PM-4 PM Serendipity Shop Open  
 8-9 PM AA meeting, OPH Room

### **Fridays:**

10 AM-4 PM Serendipity Shop Open  
 7PM Open Meditation Group, OPH, Room 1

### **Saturdays:**

10 AM-noon Serendipity Shop Open



## The Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Recently, I have felt the Holy Spirit in action through our own Healing Ministry.

Healing Ministry is an initiative started by Sarah over a year ago. Parishioners in groups of two pray for anyone who feels the need for prayer in their life. Though it is called "Healing," the prayers we offer up do not actively cure a medical condition. Instead, we are praying to God on our fellow parishioner's behalf. We offer up our words in support of those members of our congregation who want or need our prayerful support, and every request for prayer is as anonymous as possible. We may know who is asking for the prayer, but we will never mention the issue again unless the person who asked brings it up first.

When Sarah initially proposed the idea for the Ministry in a *Messenger* article, I approached her and said I liked the concept. She asked me if I was interested in joining, and I knew right then and there that this was an example of the Holy Spirit in my life. In this case the Holy Spirit was issuing me a challenge, because I hadn't originally intended to actually do the Healing Ministry. So here I was, being asked by God (through Sarah) to put my money where my mouth was and help the other people in my church!

I am very glad I accepted. Since becoming involved, I have prayed for physical sickness and injury, mental or spiritual wellness and even joyous things. In effect, Healing Ministry acts as a kind of spontaneous Prayers for the People – we ask God to remember or bless or intervene in some way for someone in our immediate church family or for the people in their lives.

The second time I really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during Healing Ministry was Palm Sunday of this year. I just wasn't feeling it that day. Whether it was the frustration of trying to get my family out the door and to the service on time, irritation over the constant 18-hour days my wife and I put in by working opposite shifts or just general discontent with the world, I just wasn't in "The Zone." I was grouchy, and was barely in the mood to pray at all, much less pray for anyone else.

However, when the time for Healing Ministry came, I knew that my troubles were just my own and didn't need to be shared, but the troubles of my fellow parishioners were a burden they needed help with. I realized the Holy Spirit was showing me that prayer for others, whether their joys, woes or sorrows, is an important thing and should never be ignored just because of my mood.

The Holy Spirit can and does work in the most remarkable way. Especially when we least expect it.

*Patrick Armstrong*

## All Saints' Ministries

All Saints' Ministries are the many expressions of our mission and vision. The ministries create communities where Christ's love is experienced and shared and help people recognize their God-given talents and to use them to serve God and their neighbor. We encourage you to think about joining a ministry that interests you. Please get in touch with the leader listed below or call the office for more information.

Worship: Acolytes – Arthur Eldredge, 924-3066  
 Altar Guild – Carol Walsh, 924-7506  
 Lay Eucharistic Ministers – Pat Row, 924-7887  
 Lectors – Ellen Avery, 532-9922  
 Ushers – Diane Callahan, 924-3202  
 Hospitality, Coffee Hour, Deb Rogers, 924-7645 (8 AM services) Dottie Wagner, 924-7574 (10 AM services)  
 Choir – Jeff Fuller, 924-3202  
 Christian Education for Children and Young People – Becky Goodwin, 924-3202  
 Christian Education for Adults – Sarah Robbins-Cole, 924-3202  
 Pastoral Care – Meghann Wuorinen, 924-2174  
 Parish Life – Diane Callahan, 924-3202  
 Outreach – Sarah Robbins-Cole, 924-3202  
 Buildings and Grounds – Paul Freeman, 654-3210  
 Communications – JoAnn Munro, 784-5010

## Treasurer's Report

Since we have just completed the first quarter of 2013, I'll give you a brief summary of where we have been and where we stand year-to-date. In January we got off to a good start from an income standpoint, and expenses came in as expected.

February, on the other hand, was not so good. The cold, snowy weather played a big factor. It negatively impacted church attendance, which in turn, affected what was contributed through pledges and other normal income sources.

The net result was that, even though expenses were as expected, in order to pay our bills, we needed to tap a source of income that we don't normally access until later in the year. We promise our vendors to pay our bills on time, and this step enabled us to maintain our pledge to them. Moving on, we recovered nicely in March.

Income, especially from pledge contributions, was very strong, and Holy Week contributions were much better than forecasted. The result is that, overall, we are just slightly behind where we should be at this time of year, but in a strong position. April and May performance will be key as we approach the slower financial summer months.

As I mentioned last month, as we move forward, reducing our costs will play a key role in our financial picture. To support that effort, we recently signed a

contract with an outside firm to maintain the exterior landscape of our entire campus. This contract includes spring cleanup, general maintenance of the lawns, weeding and mulching the gardens, and other services.

This new contract, coupled with the services being provided by Ken Callahan to maintain the interior of our campus buildings and perform sidewalk snow removal, will result in significant savings. In addition, our Building and Grounds Ministry has recommended we modify our electric service agreement by using an alternate company for our electric supply, which over the course of the year will provide a significant savings.

In addition, we received some good news from the Diocese regarding our recently approved loan for the new furnace for the Old Parish House. Because the new furnace is considered to have a significant energy savings over the replaced furnace, the Diocese has agreed to offset a large portion of our loan principal repayments with matching funds. What a gift!

To summarize, we have experienced some financial ups and downs for the first quarter of 2013. We've had to overcome some significant hurdles, but we have been able to weather the storm quite well. The due diligence and hard work by our staff, ministries, and Vestry and, especially, the response and support of our parishioners, have put us in good stead financially as we enter the second quarter.

*Warren Sponslor, Treasurer*

## The Red Sneakers

And he wore red sneakers!

It was Easter Sunday. We were away from home, and feeling somewhat bereft. Not keen about missing Easter at All Saints', we picked a church, the only Episcopal church on James Island, South Carolina, where we were visiting David's son. We found ourselves among a wonderfully warm and welcoming congregation. And best of all, the rector wore red sneakers. We chuckled when he drew attention to them. It was a delightful moment, and though we were visitors, somehow the very wackiness of those sneakers made us feel right at home.

Since our return I've wondered why the rector wore red sneakers on Easter. What was his intention? I thought it had to be a symbolic act, perhaps a reflection of the pope's red shoes, Dorothy on her way to Oz or even an obscure theological point. Looking for answers, I headed for the Internet. I checked out red shoes, the color red, things that are red, sayings that include red, words that reflect red, and then I went on to angels, saints, martyrs. Nothing connected. Determined now, I called the church. It turned out that the rector's red sneakers were not just any sneakers, they are therapeutic sneakers for sore feet.

I was disappointed. It was the last thing I expected to hear, so sure was I that the rector's sneakers held some sort of exotic meaning. Not being one to let go easily, I continued to ponder the matter.

Several days later it dawned on me. The sneakers weren't about the color red, or the pope or theology, they were about what happens when you do something unexpected. The thing is that no one expects the clergy to wear red sneakers at Easter services. No one. Throw in red sneakers and it upsets the way things have always been done. It's unsettling to say the least. But maybe that's a good thing. Who knows, we might just begin to see in new ways.

Easter is a high holy day. On Easter Sunday the clergy wear their most elegant vestments and the Altar Guild brings out the best silver. The music, the acolytes, the choir, the congregation, everyone and everything down

to the last pew is polished and gleaming and beautiful. And we do it to glorify of God. And that's as it should be.

But here's the rub. While we rejoice in the beauty of our Easter celebration, it's not the whole story. The Day of Resurrection and its glory grow out of Holy Week: Jesus mocked, arrested, crucified and buried. But then he walks away from the tomb. Yes, he is alive, alive with a new kind of life for us, but it's unsettling.

It was an unexpected and very costly way for God to gather us, each one, into his love. We need new eyes to see it. I think that's why God asks us to love as he loves, because love changes our perspective.

Now hang on to your sneakers: God has one more equally amazing and unexpected revelation, a Helper for us. After Jesus' ascension, on the day of Pentecost, a mighty wind blew into town and tongues of fire hovered over the head of his followers. Thus were their lives transformed by the Holy Spirit, giving birth to the church and the spread of the gospel. The same Spirit of God dwells within us and leads and guides us today, and everyday.

We can barely get our heads around all of this. It's a bit like looking through the wrong end of a telescope where the lens, as C.S. Lewis notes, allows you to see, "small and clear, something that otherwise would be too big for you to see at all." As humans living in a time-space continuum, we see through the lens of time, and what we see he says, "is a picture of one moment following upon another and yourself in each moment making one choice or another."

Thus we live in a kind of eternal reality, a rich heritage and blessing that we cannot always understand or figure out. It's definitely red sneaker country. As followers of Jesus we see only the small version of a much larger picture. But for now, we have the assurance of God's love and the ever challenging and transforming presence of the Holy Spirit within. Thanks be to God.

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## Saintly News

*Congratulations to...*

\*Montana Schultz for receiving a summer internship at the Peterborough Players.

\*Catherine Condella McCosker on her acceptance to study a year abroad for a Master of Science in Evidence Based Social Intervention at Oxford University in England.

\*The Rev. Gerald Belanger, our friend and pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, for receiving a promotion to Monsignor.

*Gloria Schultz*

## The Holy Spirit and Silent Prayer

Almost every morning I sit for 30 minutes in silent prayer or Christian meditation. I try to silence the thoughts that come up by returning to the sacred word or phrase that I've chosen. That word might be love, or peace within, God with me, or simply the Jesus prayer (*Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, a sinner*).

There are moments in this practice, when there are no thoughts of my own and no sacred word, just me and God and the sacred silence.

When the 30 minutes are over, I open my eyes, take a sip of tea (now barely warm) and get ready to pray out loud. Sometimes I begin with thanksgiving for the many blessings in my life. Sometimes I start out sobbing in my current distress. Sometimes I present my petitions logically and carefully. And sometimes, names of people I haven't thought of in years, or people I barely know or people I've seen in passing but don't know at all, will come to my mind and I know I need to pray for them. I don't know their particular need or why their name came to me on that day, but I pray for them anyway, asking God to bless them with exactly what they need at this time, as only He can know.

Sometimes, a clear-as-a-bell truth about myself will surface. These have been, by turns, comforting, horrifying, encouraging, embarrassing and enlightening. I pray about these also.

It seems that these names and situations and undeniable truths, are brought to me by the Holy Spirit in order for me to lift them up to God in prayer. There are times when I open my eyes and think I'm going to start to pray but the tears start rolling down my face and words that I didn't expect come pouring out to God. Other times, I'm completely surprised by joy and peace and begin praising and thanking God for his love and kindness and forgiveness. I think it's the practice of silent prayer that helps me be more open to the voice of the Holy Spirit, giving me the prayer that God wants me to pray, at that time.

If you haven't tried silent prayer, please join us every Thursday evening from 6:30 – 7 PM in the church. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me – 532-7827 or [debdecicco@gmail.com](mailto:debdecicco@gmail.com).

*Deb DeCicco, Jr. Warden*

## Help Wanted: Share Your Gifts with the Children of All Saints'

Over the past year, many tremendous things have happened within the Sunday School classrooms and beyond. You may have heard about some of our bigger events, especially those connected to our Youth Group – CityReach in Boston, the Christmas Pageant, the Stations of the Cross, the 30-hour Fast. However, there is much more that happens that isn't front page news but makes a big difference in the lives of parishioners here at All Saints' and positively impacts the faith and development of our children and young people. For example, young people in our community helped an injured parishioner move to a new home, we stacked wood for another parishioner in need, and have even attempted to help identify some of the wooden pieces in the Church as part of an ongoing effort to catalogue the art and architecture here. We have done collaborative projects within the classrooms, designing games to play with the youngest children, and working together on bake sales and fundraisers. We have had ongoing movie nights, retreats, trips to the movies, Earth Day projects, and so much more.

**However, in order for all of this to continue, we really need your help! We need teachers, chaperones and door keepers to keep all of our Sunday School and Youth Group programs Safe Church compliant. This is crucial to protect the safety of our children. No previous experience necessary!**

We all say that one of the most important things we do is Christian formation for our children! Now is the time to step up and help out. The Holy Spirit blesses each one of us with various gifts. Every single person has something to give and something to learn by helping to ensure a wonderful church experience for our children. We need YOU now!

If you have a passion for children and are willing to give just a couple of hours each month (or less) to teach, chaperone, be a door keeper or assist in another capacity, please, please consider volunteering your time. You do not need to have formal teaching experience and the lessons are all written ahead of time so you can look them over and come in prepared. What you do need is a willing heart and the desire to embrace the natural curiosity and energy of young children as they progress along their own journeys of faith. Please contact Becky by email at [becky\\_goodwin02@hotmail.com](mailto:becky_goodwin02@hotmail.com) if you would like to take part in our Christian Formation program. We look forward to hearing from you!

Your spiritual gifts can be found and expressed through this essential ministry. We need you today!

*Becky Goodwin, Christian Education and Deb DeCicco, Jr. Warden*

## Calendar

## Those for Whom We Pray

Ryan Weddle, son of parishioners Matt and Roxane Weddle, is a Foreign Service Officer (FSO) working for USAID (United States Agency for International Development). He is currently on post in Islamabad, Pakistan and will be there through the end of this year. Ryan works as a contracting officer and administers our foreign aid projects in the economic growth, agriculture and education sectors. He operates in a highly charged environment, managing challenging relationships with the host government and faces severe terrorist threats, delayed assignments, harassment and restricted mobility. USAID promotes peace and stability by fostering economic growth, protecting human health, providing emergency humanitarian assistance and enhancing democracy in developing countries.

*Matt Weddle*

## Book Note

I seem now to be old enough to read theology with appreciation. This was not always the case. What is called "systematic" theology, and for that matter philosophy, has for the most part been difficult for me to focus on long enough to become excited by the direction of an argument. Many people loved to read Tillich in their 20s: such people impressed me, but I was not one of them.

A few weeks ago, however, my attention was drawn by a lecture on environmental reconciliation to a short work Paul Tillich wrote in the early 1950s. Entitled *Love, Power, and Justice* (Oxford, 1954), it is happily back in print. It was written in response to a request for a series of lectures on that topic, first in England, then in America. (The subtitle is *Ontological Analyses and Ethical Applications*, but don't let that frighten you; since ontology is the backbone of the book, it is described very thoroughly.)

In this mostly lucid, sometimes unexpectedly fizzy and engrossing book, Tillich, one of the most influential

Protestant theologians of the twentieth century, charts a course through the thickets of confusion surrounding these three terms. He discusses their relationships with each other, with God, with us, and with the created order. In the midst of the Cold War, with Nazism a recent event, he leads us through the problems of self-definition, social cohesion, and the need for what might be called a discerning humility as we make our way through a world marked, often unawares, by the Cross and the power of Resurrection.

Along the way, he has provocative and refreshing things to say about retributive and creative justice, the place of power in justice and in love, the difference between any earthly utopia and the Kingdom of God. It is rigorous, thorough, invigorating, and deeply Christian, within the classical tradition but prophetic. It reverberates with both passion and acumen, and is well worth savoring along the way.

*Cassius Webb*

## EfM: An Adventure

As a fourth year student about to graduate from EfM (Education for Ministry), I want to tell you that I have had a wonderful adventure. In the first year of EfM, we studied the Old Testament. EfM filled in lots of background and information that I had not learned from bible study or church school through the years. In EfM the second year, we studied the New Testament, which tells the glorious story of Jesus and His ministry.

In EfM the third year, we studied Church History, and this was my favorite year. We learned how the budding church affected the politics of all of Europe, and how the power dynamics of the time changed the world. It was fascinating to learn how the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and Lutheranism shaped the church as we know it today. From these great churches sprang the numerous denominations of our current world. In EfM the fourth year, we studied theology including the great philosophers and theologians who shaped our modern churches. Many of these great people went to their deaths defending the church. My favorite Christian martyr is Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who died during World War II giving the Eucharist to fellow captives in prison. He was hanged four days before the liberation of Germany.

I strongly urge people to take EfM and to join the great adventure that I have had in studying the church and history that shaped the world we live in today. It has made me feel whole in the knowledge that was missing in my religious training. Enjoy!

*Patricia Anne Row*

(Ed. Note: For more information about Education for Ministry, talk to any participant, mentors Marilyn Weir or Christine Howe, call the Church Office at 924-3202, or go to <http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/>. Enrollment for the 2013-2014 school year continues through August.)



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## Editor's Note

I am editing this issue of *The Messenger* while I'm hunkered down in my daughter's living room in Cambridge, Mass. with surveillance helicopters flying overhead, four days after the Boston Marathon bombing. There is a manhunt going on in this neighborhood for the surviving perpetrator. Is this real?

The theme of this issue is "The Holy Spirit in Our Lives" and nothing could be more relevant to this surreal situation than the words of comfort and testimony found in this newsletter. Adrian starts off writing about how our behavior, our actions, the love we show each other is proof of God's existence. Sarah speaks of all the little ways we demonstrate the presence of the Spirit as we reach out to each other in love and support.

Cassius writes with his usual clarity and wit as he introduces us to a work by Paul Tillich on love, power and justice – the major issues of today. We are lucky to have a column this month from JoAnn, who reminds us of God's call to us in the Holy Spirit.

Deb's comments on her practice of contemplative prayer reminds us that God is always there for us: we need just become aware of that great fact. Amédine speaks of how God's love has always sustained her.

Our parish family thrives, thanks to such work as the Healing Ministry that Patrick writes about and the prayers we regularly offer for loved ones, as Matt reminds us. Again we are grateful to have a poem by Alma and news from Gloria.

We have a couple of calls to action in this *Messenger*: Becky and Deb write of our urgent need for workers in our Christian ed program, and Pat tells us about how EfM has enriched her faith and ministry.

The deadline for the June *Messenger* is May 15. The theme will be *Growing in Faith*. Please send your contributions to me at [chow6569@gmail.com](mailto:chow6569@gmail.com).

With much gratitude and great joy,

*Christine*