

Voice of the Swan Newsletter

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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff

Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Cherry Babo, Treasurer

Mary Baumrind, Asst. Treasurer

Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday!!

Shirley Rauschenberger	12 - 1
Fay Kitchin	12 - 2
Jeremiah Reynolds	12 - 8
Catherine Rayner	12 - 14
Brooke Transue	12 - 14
Nigel Mills	12 - 15
Ele Proctor	12 - 21
John Adams	12 - 22
Jayden Rowe	12-27
Ingeborg Johnson	12 - 30

December Anniversary

Happy Anniversary!!!

<i>Keith & Cindy Rauschenberger</i>	<i>12 - 12</i>
<i>Larry & Jewell Graves</i>	<i>12 - 15</i>
<i>Don & Jane Watson</i>	<i>12 - 21</i>
<i>Bert & Denise McConnell</i>	<i>12 - 21</i>

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December 2013

The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

**Volume 16
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Dear Friends,

"Give thanks to The Lord, for He is good; God's love endures forever." So begins Psalm 107 and an appropriate response at anytime, not just during the Thanksgiving season, but also as we enter Advent, the beginning of a new season in the church. Advent marks the beginning of a new church year as we await the second coming of Jesus and as we prepare to celebrate His Incarnation. We have much to give thanks for, especially the life and witness of Jesus! During Advent this year, we will be using the Living Compass devotional entitled *Living Love*. There are copies for everyone available at the church. I hope and pray these devotionals will be a gift to you throughout the season of Advent. While the world is caught up in an economic and retail frenzy may you set aside some time and space to remember what this season is all about. We'll be sharing our thoughts on these devotions during the rector's class at 9AM the four Sunday's in Advent and also devoting our Adult Education evenings in December to the reflections in this booklet. The reflections are brief but thought provoking and tie in the scriptures of the Advent season. The evening adult education classes will be held on Wednesday December 4th 7:00PM-8:30PM and on Thursday December 12th at 7:00PM-8:30PM. Whether you can make it to class to discuss or not, these devotionals can help you prepare for Christ's coming anew. I look forward to sharing this season of Advent with you!

We have teamed up with the folks from the Church of the Redeemer for a new book club which will meet every two months. Our first read is Bishop Chris Epting's book *John Mark*. We will meet here at St. Hugh on Thursday December 5th at 7:00PM. to discuss it. Light refreshments will be provided and a new selection will be picked for the next read. We are also offering another joint retreat with them on Saturday December 7th at Church of the Redeemer from 8:30AM-3:00PM. The theme for the retreat is *The People Who Have Walked in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light*. There will be both reflections presented as well as quiet time for your own personal reflections. We will close the day with a Eucharist. Hope to see many of you there for both events!

As I drove to church this Tuesday, following our celebration of Jim Brubaker's life those words "Give thanks to The Lord, for He is good; God's love endures forever" were in my head. As I reflected on yesterday's service and luncheon, my heart was filled with gratitude for the many hands that helped make a wonderful day for Lillian and her family as they celebrated Jim's life. Thanks to Linda Imhof and Jane Watson for coordinating the luncheon and thanks to all who brought food and helped with set up and clean up and with the service. I had many grateful comments from family and friends alike. Once again, the love and hospitality of this community shone through as it did on Sunday November 17th when Scott Stoner came out from Living Compass. I saw him at convention and he told me he had a wonderful visit with us and when I saw Bishop Lee he commented that Scott had told him how much he enjoyed his visit with us and that he had said there was much joy and love and laughter in our community!

And so there is! So we continue to "Give thanks to The Lord, for He is good; God's love endures forever!" Thanking God for each of you and the love you freely share!

Blessings and Love,
Marion+

Senior Warden Report

Hopefully, by now, we've all pushed ourselves away from the Thanksgiving table and welcomed the Advent season with open arms and an open heart. We really had our share of banquets in November at St Hugh, haven't we? We first had our Newcomers Brunch and later the Thanksgiving Brunch. Thanks to all who helped by bringing a dish, setting up, breaking down and, of course, all those who attended. And, most of all, a huge "Thank You" goes out to Peola Alleyne-Mills who coordinated BOTH events. What a great job she always does!

The annual Diocesan Convention was also held in November. Many thanks to Jane Watson and Jewell Graves for attending along with Marion and yours truly. This was my first Convention and I must say I hope it's not my last. The Rev. Albert Cutie` was the keynote speaker and spoke about the growing Hispanic population in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Lee was his usual self....inspirational, dynamic, down-to-earth, funny, relevant...I can go on and on. If you have a chance, go on the Diocesan website and take a listen to both men. You and your Faith will be glad you did. The Convention comes up each and every year. Why not do yourself a favor and experience it?

We also were privileged to have Rev. Dr. Scott Stoner from Living Compass come out to St Hugh and talk to us about the exciting things brewing on the 5th floor of St James Commons. Those of us that went to convention were lucky enough to hear more about the project. There are some pretty exciting things happening down there and we at St Hugh will be looking to participate. Once again, if you missed Rev Stoner when he was with us, go to the Diocesan website.....you'll like what you see.

Make sure you check the Church bulletin and the bulletin boards in and around Wiedrich Hall for upcoming fellowship events in December. There will be something happening for all the age groups.

And lastly, the Christmas season is fast approaching and our schedules will fill up just as fast. Don't forget to spend some time reflecting on the true meaning of this Holy season. We have the chance to fill our hearts with the peace and joy that is offered to us in the birth of Our Lord and not only hold on to it but pass it down to our children and grandchildren like a family treasure that is near and dear to our hearts. If we do that, the Christmas season will be a joy. I can remember going to Church with my Mom and Dad after a morning of opening gifts. And after seeing the Nativity scene, singing Carols, and participating in a High Mass full of pageantry, my Mother would lean over, look into my eyes and whisper in my ear, "If you don't sit still and pay attention you will NOT be playing with your toys when you get home!"

HAVE SAFE, HAPPY AND BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

Dan Dolney
Senior Warden

RELICS Annual Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday, December 4, 12:00 Noon
Wiedrich Hall

Join us for RELICS' Christmas luncheon as we make decisions about dispersing the funds we have raised this year through the craft sale, cookie dough sales and from our generous anonymous benefactor. We will also receive our cookie dough orders and organize them for pick up.

This year instead of a gift exchange we will bring an item to donate to Little Angels.

So bring a salad or dessert to pass and a gift for Little Angels. (See the list in the newsletter for Little Angels' needs).



Cookie Dough Pick Up Reminder
Wednesday, December 4

Please pick up your cookie dough orders from 2:00 – 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 4, at St. Hugh. Contact Juanita Brook, 847-695-5409, if you need to make alternative arrangements.

We are continuing to support the Community Crisis' Food Pantry. Non-perishable donations can be brought on Sunday, December 1st to the services.

Save the date.... St. Hugh's Annual Parish Meeting is
Sunday, January 12th after the 9AM service.
Only one service that day.

Giving Opportunities at St. Hugh

Once again we are collecting socks to give to the folks who come for soup kitchen in December. Please pick up both men and women's socks which we can share with those in need! Also, if you'd like to donate cash toward chocolate, we'll include chocolate bars with the socks. Marty Owens said she'd be happy to pick up the chocolate if you want to give Marty money for that. Please bring socks to church by the 4th Sunday in Advent, December 22 and we will bag them with the chocolate when we gather to have lunch and "green the church." Many hands will make the work light!

Thanks in advance for your generous outpouring of support. Thanks as well for your continued outreach throughout the year. We had a nice collection of things to bring to PADS and our continued support of the Crisis Center is much appreciated! This year at convention, the "Deacon's Challenge" for the year was to call on churches to designate a Sunday to collect food for local food pantries. I am pleased we do this each month and with the cutting of the SNAP program, the need for food has increased greatly! Thanks for making a commitment to feed those in need on a regular basis! Remember, the first Sunday of the month we collect nonperishable food items along with diapers, toilet paper, shampoo, etc. which food stamps can't buy. Thanks for sharing God's love in tangible ways. Remember Jesus said, "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me."



Sign up for the Thursday, December 26th Soup Kitchen
at Church of the Redeemer 5 – 7PM
See the bulletin board.

Ministry of the Month
Feature: Fellowship

Fellowship is a big part of what we do at St. Hugh! It provides opportunities for our parishioners to gather and be social. In addition to our annual Thanksgiving Brunch, Church Picnic, Early Easter Brunch, Pentecost celebration and Annual Meeting brunch, the fellowship committee at St. Hugh serves to plan and coordinates events throughout the year. Some of our past events include family movie nights, children's' holiday parties, bowling (always a favorite!), roller skating, and "parents' day out" functions (supervised activities for the youth which provide a day of free time for busy parents). Many of these events are geared toward our young families, but it is our goal to provide events which appeal to all members. If you have an idea for an event, or would you like to assist in the planning of an upcoming event, please contact me for more information!!

Katie White: (904) 703-7180 or katiwhite@knights.ucf.edu

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Please donate to the Christmas Flower Fund by acknowledging someone special

Please use the envelopes in the pews and designate as Christmas Flowers.



Dear Parish Family,

Mark your calendars: Sunday, December 22nd... It's a St. Hugh Family Christmas!
After the 10:30AM service, we will be hanging the greens in the sanctuary, decorating our St. Hugh tree in the narthex, enjoying Christmas Carols and having a light lunch. Please join us!

We'll be making grilled cheese sandwiches and warming up some soup. If you'd like to bring Christmas Cookies to share, that would be great. We need to know how many to plan for, so please RSVP with your family and count ASAP. Either respond to this e-mail or sign up on Sunday at church.

We'll be packing up the donated socks from the Wiedrich Hall Giving Tree that day too to give to the Soup Kitchen participants on the 26th. Hope to see you then~

Blessings,
Marion+

St. Hugh's Christmas Service times

4PM Family Christmas Eve Service

10PM Carols

10:30PM Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day 10AM



The 2014 Sunday Flower calendar is up on the bulletin board.
The flowers each Sunday are \$30.

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting of St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church Parish

Please be advised that the Annual Membership Meeting of the St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church Parish shall be held on Sunday, January 12, 2014. The Annual Meeting will be held in Wiedrich Hall, and will be preceded by a potluck luncheon. The luncheon will begin immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

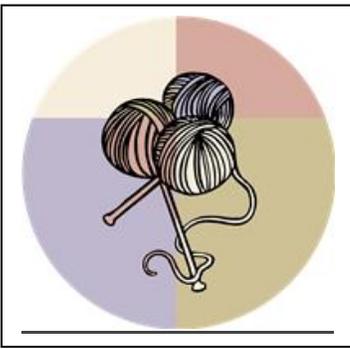
The Order of Business for the Meeting shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes of the Preceding Meeting
3. Presentation of 2014 Budget
4. Reports of Officers
5. Reports of Nominating Committee and Election of New Vestry Members
6. Reports of Committees
7. Vestry Election Results
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

The business of this Parish is managed by the Vestry, consisting of twelve members. At the Annual Meeting, four members' terms shall end, and four new members shall be elected. Members of the Vestry must:

- Worship at St. Hugh at least seven months of the year:
- Be communicant members of this Parish
- Be sixteen years of age or over
- Be duly enrolled as such in the Register of our Parish
- Be regular in their attendance at our services
- Make stated contributions of record to the parish's general support.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 847-695-7695.



The Shawl Ministry will be meeting at 10:30AM on Wednesday, December 4th prior to the RELICS meeting at Noon. All are welcome to join in and learn to knit.



The Altar Guild will be cleaning and polishing for the Christmas Season on Saturday, December 21st beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome to join in this special project. Please contact Jeanne Rayner if questions 847-695-1369

From the St. Hugh Music Director

December Rehearsal Calendar

Choir Rehearsal -
Wednesday December 4 7PM
Wednesday December 11 7PM
Wednesday December 18 7PM

Dear St. Hugh Family:

It's hard to believe that we are here in Advent and Christmas. There are many opportunities to share your gifts. We have both choir and band for singing during December. If you have young children at home or visiting family from college or out of town and they might like to share their gifts, we would be delighted to have them. If you also have an interest in the other arts, I would love to give you an opportunity to share. Let me know how you might wish to be involved and how I might support you. Many thanks and thanks be to God! Margaret margaretmbrady@gmail.com 847 508 6337

ADVENT RETREAT

Everyone is invited to an Advent Retreat on December 7th, 8:30AM to 3PM
at the Church of the Redeemer. Our theme this year is

*"The people who have walked in darkness
have seen a great light"*

There will be sessions led by priests and lay leadership
from St. Hugh of Lincoln and the Church of the Redeemer.

We will share a meal together and at 2PM,
we will celebrate the Eucharist.

Everyone is welcome; please invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Childcare is available for children registered by December **1st**.

There is no registration cost for the Retreat. If you would like to order lunch, the cost is \$10 which includes coffee, snacks and a lunch from *In The Neighborhood*. There is no charge for children to attend. If parents wish to purchase a lunch for their child, the cost is \$8. Otherwise, parents will bring food for their children. Please submit your registration form and money to the church offices by **December 1st**. See you there! Registration forms are on the bulletin board by the nursery. Please place completed forms and lunch money, if applicable, in the mailbox on the office door.



*Goods collected as our Thanksgiving Offering for PADS.
Additionally cash donations were given.*

Little Angels List of Needs

ACTIVITY SUPPLIES

Batteries (AA, C - name brands please)
Portable CD Players
Audio Books- teen/adult oriented
Books with large colorful photos/illustrations- teen/adult oriented
Hand held massagers
Battery operated toys that sing, dance, talk and/or vibrate
Gift Cards (Sweedway Gas, Wal Mart, Target, Jewel, Aldi, Marcus Cinema, Classic Cinema, Meijer, Michael's, Hobby Lobby, local restaurants)
3M hooks and adhesive pads
Tacky Putty adhesive
Blue painters tape/ solid & print duct tape
Poster Board (white, color)
Party balloons (assorted sizes and colors)
8½ X 11 photo paper
Aroma Therapy Kits
Aroma therapy neck pillow
Pillow massager
Bath and Body Wall Flower plug in and scents (Spearmint/Eucalyptus –a favorite!)
Motion lamps
Tie Dye kits
Disco ball light
Decorative paper plates
Milk Shake Maker

OFFICE SUPPLIES

#10 white envelopes
Assorted size post-it notes
8 ½ x 11 Legal pads
White copy paper
Black permanent markers-broad tip
Ink Jet cartridge –CLI-221 (Canon or store brand), black, cyan, magenta, yellow
Fine point Sharpie
Highlighters-broad tip
Clip Boards-standard size

Little Angels List of Needs (continued)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Scented seasonal lotions
Men's lotion
Make up (eye shadow, lip gloss)
Nail files
Nail clippers
Body Wash for men/women
Liquid Neutrogena Soap
Dandruff Shampoo
Purpose Gentle Cleansing Formula
Children's Flavored Toothpaste
Toothbrushes-adult, **soft**, compact head
Rubber coated elastic hair bands
Clinical strength stick/roll-on deodorant-men and women
Sea Breeze
Eucerin Original Moisturizing Lotion
Baby Oil Gel-unscented
Vaseline Lip Therapy-4 oz tube only please
Diaper Wipes-Equate Brand 40/pack (WalMart)
Centrum Chewable Vitamins and Children's Chewable Vitamins, no gummy vitamins please
Liquid Acetaminophen-pediatric or adult, no infant or extra strength please
Liquid Ibuprofen-pediatric or adult, no infant or extra strength please
Gold Bond Powder
Debrox Eardrops
Claritin (no redi tabs please)
Calcium with Vitamin D 600mg, crushable tablets (no capsules please)
Zinc 50mg, crushable tablets (no capsules please)
Vitamin D 400IU, crushable tablets (no capsules please)
Magnesium 250 mg, crushable tablets (no capsules please)
Diaper Relief Ointment
Children's Liquid Cetirizine
Saline Nasal Spray
Zyrtec
Desitin Original Ointment
Bacitracin Ointment
Hydrocortisone Cream
Miralax
Flat bed sheets, white, single bed size

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THANK YOU!!!