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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

Dr. Margaret Brady, Director of Music

Sue Campbell, Senior Warden

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden

Sue Diebold-Martin, Treasurer

Ash Emmanuel, Vestry Clerk

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Cheri Walter, Altar Guild

Debbie Wild, Children's Ministries

February Birthdays

Happy Birthday!!

Jose Padilla	2 - 2
Richard W. Rayner	2 - 2
Leslie Scheffel	2 - 5
Joanne Clevenger	2 - 8
Beverly Hopson	2 - 10
Pat Moeller	2 - 17
Scott Campbell	2 - 20
Nick Mavros	2 - 25
Caroline Onischak	2 - 26
Jeanne Rayner	2 - 26

***February Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

Jason & Heather Woertendyke 2 - 28

Fay Kitchin & Jeff Maliszewski 2- 29

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Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank you all for your ongoing generosity toward feeding the hungry. We collected food two weekends in a row in January, both to support the Crisis Center as we do each month and for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Food drive. Sadly, 25% of children in our community are living below the poverty line and going to bed hungry. Thanks to Kim Gebala, along with Lindsay and Casey for giving their "day off" on MLK day for a day of service. The aim for the MLK Jr. food drive this year was eight tons of food. We helped sort, stack, and distribute six tons of food with more expected to come, so hopefully by the end of the drive they will have reached their goal due to the generous support of many, including you!! As we continue to feed the hungry, we share the love which Jesus has so freely given us. Those helping sort food today we're all given a t-shirt with a picture of Martin Luther King, Jr. and a portion of one of his quotes: "Non-violence is the answer....the foundation of such a method is love."

I got curious about the rest of this quote and looked it up and it seems particularly appropriate today, fifty-two years later when our country is still as divided as ever. The full quote is as follows:

Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time; the need for mankind to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

Martin Luther King Jr., December 11, 1964

Love is the only force that has the capacity to change the world. It is the work of the church and Christians everywhere to follow Jesus' command to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) May we be ever on the lookout for ways to share God's love with others. This is something we need to spread beyond our inner circles. It is important to remember that Jesus challenges us even to "Love [our] enemies and pray for those who persecute [us]" (Matthew 5:44). What a different world this would be if believers everywhere took Jesus' command to heart and put love into action!

On February 8th a number of us are signed up to assist packing food at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg from 5:45PM - 7:45PM. There is a sign up for this event in Weidrich Hall. Children are more the welcome to assist if they are 5 years old or older. They are a well run organization and it is amazing how much gets done in a short time. If you can't join us, they appreciate monetary donations to help cover the cost of the food we'll pack.

Lent begins late this year on March 1st so we will be offering our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper on February 28th from 5:00PM-7:00PM. A free will offering will be collected. Hope to see you there!!

With Love and Gratitude,

Marion+

Senior Warden Reports

Here it is February already, even though the weather would have us believe otherwise! I'm a little afraid that my spring flowers are being fooled and are starting to poke their leaves up through the soil. I hope they retreat with the coming snow!

It's been a busy month at church, starting with Epiphany, then de-greening the church, 2 baptisms, and the annual meeting. Always something going on! Thanks to everyone who has helped keep things running smoothly! The altar guild has really been busy with the baptisms, and Cheri Walters has done a great job in her new position as head of this excellent and busy group.

The Vestry has also been busy as we've had to deal with many decisions, from a new copier to a new security system. There's a lot that goes on behind the scenes that keeps things running smoothly and up to date. The sign and the electrical connection to the sign has been another issue, and Karen and Steve and the Walters are currently working on the solution.

This is the end of my term on the Vestry, and I leave with mixed emotions. This Vestry and the congregation are wonderful to work with, and I have really enjoyed my time as Senior Warden. It has been a privilege to serve such a loving, caring, and giving community!

Debbie Wild
Senior Warden 2016

We should all thank those who served St. Hugh the past three years as vestry members: Bert McConnell, Sue Diebold-Martin, Debbie Wild, and Katie White. This parish is grateful for your energy, faithfulness, and commitment. Thank you. We enter the year with four new members whom Rev. Marion and the rest of the Vestry are certain will bring their all to the table with faith, new ideas and new talents. Let us welcome Catherine Balassie, Judy Calderon, Susan Crowley, and Victor Moeller. We are grateful for your commitment to fulfill the mission of St. Hugh.

Also working everyday with St. Hugh's mission in mind is the staff. Please remember that this parish would not be the same without Karen Warner, Dr. Margaret Brady, and Leslie Scheffel. As a parish, we ask a lot of these ladies and they answer our call with perseverance, confidence, and joy.

Hopefully, most of you are familiar with who I am. If not, I wish to make your acquaintance soon. I, my husband Scott, and our two daughters, Scottie, 8, and Ruthie, 5, became a part of St. Hugh very shortly after first setting foot in the front door in July of 2013. The swift welcome we received was so inspiring that we were quickly filled with love and admiration for Rev. Marion and the parish. Please joyfully join me in saying: "I belong at St. Hugh".

In a relatively short time, I have been so moved by a feeling of belonging here. We are seven months into the celebration of St. Hugh's 50th year! The parish has set high the priority to duly celebrate and honor not only St. Hugh's history and its founding members, but also its future. We are well on our way to doing just that thanks to Dan Dolney at the helm of the 50th planning committee.

My hope during my duration as Senior Warden is to become an advisor, encourager, and supporter of Rev. Marion as she answers her call as our Rector and rabbi who enables and empowers us to fulfill ourselves spiritually. As each of you considers your role in St. Hugh's mission: To Know Jesus, to glorify Jesus, to share Jesus, I will ask the Vestry to make important the same. With this mission in mind, we will outline strategies, develop initiatives, and then select actions that will support Rev. Marion's vision to lead us.

I am humbled and grateful for this responsibility I have been called to. Your prayers for grace and wisdom are most welcome and I look forward to this coming year of service.

Only by grace,
Sue Campbell
Senior Warden 2017

FLOWERS

Please remember to sign up to remember someone or a special occasion on the Flower list in the narthex. The cost per Sunday is \$30. Envelopes are available near the list. Please drop the completed envelope in the offertory plate or the mailbox on the office door.

2016 YEAR –END PLEDGE STATEMENTS ARE IN YOUR WIEDRICH HALL MAILBOX. CONTACT THE OFFICE, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION/CONCERN.

**Soup Kitchen at Church of the Redeemer
Thursday, February 23 5 – 7PM
Sign up to volunteer on the bulletin board by the nursery.**

Outreach Project – Feed My Starving Children

We have 25 volunteer spots available for an upcoming food packing event with Feed My Starving Children (Schaumburg, IL) on Wednesday, February 8th, 2017 (6:00 - 7:30 pm). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in Wiedrich Hall if you wish to join our team. We're also accepting donations for an offering to FMSC, which will cover the cost of the food that we pack (learn more at www.fmsc.org). Please make sure to indicate on your checks or envelopes that your donation is for FMSC.

For volunteers, please remember that: (1) you MUST arrive by 5:45 PM to be present for orientation; (2) no jewelry or open-toed shoes are permitted; and (3) FMSC requires volunteers to be at least 5 years old to participate. If plans change and you can no longer attend, please let Katie White know as soon as possible so that your spot can be offered to someone else!

**Sunday, February 5th:
Prayer Partner and Food Pantry Sunday**

**Monday, February 6th:
Great Books at Victor Moeller's home 7PM**