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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

Roland Hopson, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Cherry Babo, Treasurer

Mary Baumrind, Asst. Treasurer

Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk

January Birthdays Happy Birthday!!

Jeremy Reynolds	1 - 2
Sharon Wendorf	1 - 8
Larry Brook	1 - 13
Mitchell Lauber	1 - 14
Cindy Rauschenberger	1 - 15
Derek Rayner	1 - 17
Lance Puccio	1 - 18
Rita Padilla	1 - 22
Stephen Wendorf	1 - 27

January Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!!!

<i>Cherry & Donald Babo</i>	<i>1 - 9</i>
<i>Mike & Marion Phipps</i>	<i>1 - 23</i>

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Dear Parish Family,

It's hard to believe that the New Year is upon us! I hope and pray you and your families are all enjoying this Holy Season. Thanks to Margaret Brady and the choir for their beautiful music enhancing our worship! And thanks as well to all our altar guild members, lectors, greeters, ushers, acolytes, chalice bearers, and all who provided donations for flowers and to all who helped decorate the church! Thanks, also, to Karen Warner, for all her extra work at this time of the year. She keeps things on track and I am grateful to each person who shares their gifts in this place! Thanks to each one of you who came to worship and celebrate the grand miracle, the Incarnation! What a joy to serve God and you here at St. Hugh! Don't let the commercial world cut your Christmas short; in the church we celebrate the twelve days of Christmas through Epiphany, which is January 6th. So keep celebrating the wonder of the Incarnation, Emmanuel, God with us!

We have a couple of exciting things on the horizon - first of all, we have been invited to participate in the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Food drive. The goal this year is to collect 8 tons of food which will be collected in the weeks leading up to January 21st and culminate with a day of service and activities on the 21st. I hope we can get a number of our young people involved to spend their "day off," as a "day on" serving the community in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and his work for social justice. I'll keep you posted with details as I get them, but wanted to get the information out so you can save the date and start buying some extra food when you get groceries in the next few weeks.

The other exciting thing is we've been invited to participate in the Episcopal Spiritual Life Renewal program sponsored by the diocese. It is a program that begins with an online survey that individuals complete to measure our spiritual vitality. A core group will process the results and then have a series of four workshops, two in April and two in May to assimilate and utilize the findings. We need 10-12 members willing to be in the core group doing the follow up work and can have as many as 25 if folks are interested. Please let me know if you'd like to be a part of this core group. I am hoping everyone will participate in the survey which will be available sometime in February. If you want to know more, visit the diocesan web page:

<http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work-in-the-church/episcopal-spiritual-life-renewal/>

Please welcome Fr. Bill McLemore who will be celebrating Eucharist on December 30th while I make a quick trip down to see my folks. I look forward to celebrating Epiphany with you upon my return! We will hold our annual meeting January 20th at 9:00AM over brunch between services. Watch for sign ups in the weeks ahead! I hope and pray you have a Happy, healthy and joyous New Year!

God's Love, Joy, and Peace to you!

Marion+

Senior Warden Report

I hope this holiday season has been one of joy and filled with many blessings for all of you and your families. As you can imagine, December was jam-packed with activities at St. Hugh. We gave the parents a chance to do some shopping without the little ones and talk about a Win/Win situation!! The parents got to shop without distraction and the kids had a great time. Thanks to Marion, Mike, Katie White and all who helped out. It was such a hit there will be others planned in the future.

Many thanks to all who helped decorate the Church for Christmas. As usual, a great team effort with a beautiful end result, along with a delicious soup lunch. Many thanks to all.

The Food Pantry Sunday, Prayer Partner Sunday, the Taize Healing Service, the Soup Kitchen, and our Military service all continue to be successful. Speaking of the Military Service, if you haven't been to one yet, make a point in 2013 to attend. What a wonderful and spiritual way of praying for the safety of our military men and women, but also a great way to just say "Thank You". Come on out and join us.

And here is 2013. Weren't we just worrying ourselves about the Y2K "problem"? We have a lot to look forward to in the upcoming year. As every New Year approaches we see it as a new beginning.....a fresh start. 2012 gave us more than our share of loss and grief. But we also have so much for which to be thankful. The St. Hugh Family with Marion as our Rector is, by far, the warmest, most generous, loving and giving community that I, for one, have ever been a part of. Thank God for Marion and the St. Hugh Family! We have a wonderful and spiritual 2013 ahead of us. St. Hugh of Lincoln is more than just "that little church on the corner". Let's bring people into our lives and hearts and show them who we are. "They will know we are Christians by our love.....". Thanks to all and all you do.

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Pledge envelopes for 2013 are available on the table in Wiedrich Hall starting on December 30th.

If you are missing a box, please let the office know.

Save the date...

January 8th Annual Committee Reports are due

January 20th Annual Parish Meeting

January 29th February Newsletter articles are due

Please advise the office of the current College Students that should be on the prayer list. We'll start with a clean slate in January.

**Please add names to the prayer list for the bulletin,
we'll start fresh for 2013.**

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

Time and Talent.... Recap

Thanks to all that responded to the request for your talents and time.
There are a few areas that are needing additional help...

- ✝ **The nursery...** those that are trained in Level I of Keeping God's People Safe or willing to be trained
- ✝ **Sunday School volunteers** – same Keeping God's People Safe training as above
- ✝ **Acolytes**
- ✝ **The Church Library** book maintenance

ACCESS TO ST HUGH

Once again, I'd like to remind everyone about the different ways to get into the Church. We know the main stairway from the parking lot to the Church can be difficult for some so once again, here are the other access points:

* The driveway close to the entrance off Highland Ave that goes UP and leads to the side door to Wiedrich Hall OR to the side door right next to the entrance to the Chapel.

* The ramp close to the entrance off Highland Ave. that goes DOWN to the doorway to the downstairs classrooms and meeting rooms. You can also park in one of the handicapped parking spaces if it's easier. At this point, you can either go up the step INSIDE or take the elevator.

Whichever way you choose, someone will always be ready to help. If driving up the ramp is easier, don't worry about your car. We'll park it for you. If you need me for elevator instructions.....I'm your guy!

We have something very special going on in this place and we won't let any PHYSICAL barrier hold you back.

Vestry Nominations

The business of St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church Parish is managed by the Vestry, consisting of twelve members. At the January 20, 2013 Annual Meeting, the following four members' terms shall end:

- Roland Hopson
- Jeanne Rayner
- Tom Youngren

At the Annual Meeting, four new Vestry members will be elected to take their places.

Please use the form below to nominate a candidate for Vestry. **Forms should be turned in to the Parish Office by January 6, 2013.** For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 847-695-7695.

Vestry Nomination Form

Nominee's Name: _____

By submitting this form, you are affirming that you have obtained this nominee's consent and that you know this nominee to:

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

Please share any relevant information regarding this nominee including current or past involvement in St. Hugh's Church and the unique talents and gifts which this nominee possesses:

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 20, 2013. The Annual Meeting will be held in Wiedrich Hall, and will be preceded by a potluck luncheon. The luncheon will begin immediately following the 10:00 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 2013 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.

Nominations for the four vacant Vestry positions are now being accepted. To recommend a nominee for Vestry Member, a Nomination Form must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by Sunday, January 6, 2013. Nomination forms are available in this newsletter, and in the Parish Office. The nominating committee, which according to our parish by-laws is comprised of the Rector, Senior Warden and the four outgoing Vestry members, will meet in December to prepare a recommended slate of candidates. The nominations will be presented at the Annual Meeting. During the Meeting, additional nominations from the floor can be considered provided the name and consent of the nominee has been given.

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



Welcome to St. Hugh of Lincoln!



2012 Tree dedicated to the USA Military



Bags stuffed with socks, chocolate and fruit for the Soup Kitchen guests are ready to go!