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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
Dan Dolney, Senior Warden
Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden
Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant
Ed Jamrog, Treasurer
Katie White, Vestry Clerk
Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

January Birthdays Happy Birthday!!

Jeremy Reynolds	1 - 2
Marsha Markham	1 - 6
Victor Moeller	1 - 7
Sharon Wendorf	1 - 8
Larry Brook	1 - 13
Cindy Rauschenberger	1 - 15
Derek Rayner	1 - 17
Lance Puccio	1 - 18
Jason Woertendyke	1 - 19
Rita Padilla	1 - 22
Stephen Wendorf	1 - 27

January Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!!!

Cherry & Donald Babo	1 - 9
Ben & Jocelyn Manderico	1 - 18
Mike & Marion Phipps	1 - 23

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church



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Dear Friends,

As this year draws to a close, I want to express my gratitude to each and everyone of you who choose to make St. Hugh of Lincoln your spiritual home. I feel so blessed to be serving God and you in this place! While it was sad to have another goodbye in our parish family, we give thanks for Shirley Rauschenberger's life and presence among us! Please continue to hold her son Keith, his wife Cindy, along with Kacy and Karl, and the rest of the Rauschenberger family in prayer. It is never easy to say goodbye to those we love, but as Christians it is good to remember Paul's words to the Thessalonians, that we grieve, but not "as others do who have no hope." (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

As we close the book on 2014, I want to thank everyone who helped to make our Christmas services so special! So many things happen behind the scenes and I want to be sure to express my appreciation. Thanks to Karen who turned out all the bulletins and Shirley's funeral booklet as well. She put in a lot of extra hours during a busy season and I so appreciate all she does for us! Thanks to Margaret and the choir for all the beautiful music and thanks to the altar guild for making the church look especially beautiful! Thanks as well to Sue Campbell and Jody Rowe for vacuuming all the cushions and cleaning all the pews and thanks to Bert McConnell for polishing all the brass! Thanks to all who donated money for the altar flowers to add to the beauty of our worship space! Thanks to all our acolytes, greeters, ushers, lectors and chalice bearers! And to Marty Owens, Ele Proctor, and Karen Warner who schedule them! So many hands pitched in to honor our Lord's birth and Incarnation and I am grateful to each one! Finally, thanks to all who took time to worship and celebrate the Grand Miracle!! I pray that you continue to ponder the love of God as we continue in this Holy Season. While the world has stopped celebrating Christmas, we, in the church, celebrate Christmas for twelve days until it culminates with Epiphany.

Jesus's birth cannot be confined to a single day celebration; the Incarnation was such an incredible event, that it needs to be remembered and celebrated daily! God's love for us is so great that He came to live among us and show us how to live in relationship to God. May we take Jesus up on His invitation to "have life and have it abundantly!" (John 10:10) Each day is a precious gift and I feel challenged to embrace Jesus's invitation to abundant life. I want to live out the words of Kahlil Gibran, "Awake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving!"

I am not big on New Year's Resolutions, but I am a big believer in the power of gratitude and conscious living! As we begin this new year, I pray that we pay attention to the many gifts we have and are constantly being given. How different might this year be if we made gratitude a priority?

Since we are at the start of the New Year, it is time for our annual meeting. Mark your calendar and plan to join us at 9:00AM on Sunday January 18th. We will review the year that has just past and plan for the year ahead! Thanks to all who have pledged their time and talent and money to God's continued work in this place! If you haven't turned in your pledge yet, there's still time! The sooner the better as the finance committee is working on the budget for 2015. God's richest blessings to you in the New Year!!

Love and Peace,
Marion+

Senior Warden Report

I'd like to thank the entire St Hugh family for your incredible generosity and participation in our roof fundraisers and the 2015 Pledge drive. To date, we have approximately \$27,000 for the roof which means we're ready to talk to contractors. I see no reason that a new roof in the spring shouldn't be in our sites. Many thanks to all who helped with the fundraisers and all who contributed thus far.

We started the 2015 Pledge Drive early this year so we don't find ourselves scrambling come budget time. Financially, 2014 has been a challenging year and we all appreciate everyone "catching up" after vacations and such. With the help of the Rainy Day Fund we will make it. While the response to pledging for 2015 has been outstanding, we still find that we're running at a deficit. Monthly income is at \$11,500 with expenses coming in at \$15,000. Pledging is a very important part of any Church, but with less than half the families at St. Hugh pledging it becomes even more important. Knowing ahead what we have coming in each month allows us to budget accurately and responsibly. If you have pledged, we thank you from the bottom of our heart. If you haven't pledged as yet, please consider it. Practically speaking, it makes the job of budgeting so much easier. If you've pledged and can make it larger, let us know. We want to be able to fund all the St. Hugh ministries in the manner they deserve. Marion, Margaret, our choir director, Karen, our administrator, and Leslie our nursery director are absolutely vital to the success and growth of St. Hugh and deserve our total support.

Let's NOT give until it hurts, let's give until it feels GOOD. When we call Marion "my Priest" or St. Hugh of Lincoln "my Church" it will be said with a feeling of ownership that will be another way that describes who we are.

Who are you?

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

NO RELICS meeting in January!

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Pledge envelopes for 2015 are available on the table in Wiedrich Hall.

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

Save the date...

January 5th Annual Committee Reports are due
January 18th Annual Parish Meeting and Brunch **9AM**
January 27th February Newsletter articles are due

Please advise the office of the current College Students that should be on the prayer list.

Please add names to the prayer list for the bulletin, we'll start fresh for 2015. Please note if they should be on the weekly list (short term) or on the perpetual (long term) list.

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

From the Music Department:

In the moments of silent reflection during our December Taize Healing Service, I paused. I closed my eyes and let the beautiful sound of Catherine's harp bring healing and rest. The candlelight reflected off the windows to double the light as we shared advent evening prayers. I thought of the services only a few hours earlier. The congregation sang ancient hymns and new songs with passion and reverence. The choir sang the Magnificat and fresh settings of traditional Advent carols. The band lifted up our songs from Renew. The children rehearsed for Christmas Eve, busy minds focused on the words. I am very grateful for my St. Hugh family. I am grateful for the fellowship and music share by the choir and band who share their time and talents so generously. I'm grateful for our children who are finding joy and service in sharing their voices. I'm grateful for Marion's leadership and friendship. I'm grateful for Karen's friendship and skills in putting together bulletins for so many services, including the beautiful funeral booklets that help us celebrate lives. I'm grateful for Dan's leadership and friendship and the work of our Vestry. But most of all, I'm grateful for each of you. Everything you are and do here at St. Hugh makes a difference in my life and I thank God for you. Thank you for a transforming Advent and Christmas season and I can't wait to see what God has in store for the next year!

Dr. Margaret Brady

RELICS Disperse Outreach Funds

At our December meeting, RELICS made decisions to disperse \$3300 in funds raised this year for outreach. The charities supported are as follows:

- \$300 Tuition for Manouchea Sinrilus, a Haitian nursing student
- \$300 Jericho Ministry, Honduras
- \$200 McGregors' Madagascar mission

- \$300 PADS of Elgin
- \$300 Northern Illinois Food Bank for the Soup Kitchen
- \$300 Community Crisis Center
- \$300 Well Child Center
- \$300 Little Angels
- \$300 Taylor YMCA for at risk children

- \$500 Marion's Discretionary Fund
- \$100 Transfer to Shawl Ministry Fund
- \$100 Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Chicago

We again thank the members of St. Hugh for your continued support of our fund raising projects, which make this outreach possible.

There will be no RELICS meeting in January.

Episcopal Book Club Members and Friends,

According to our tally, our next book to read is:

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

As far as a date, we must postpone our next book club meeting until the first Thursday in March 2015. Apologies for this, but the voting took a while so it would be too soon to meet in January. Also some of us are traveling in February, so I take the blame - to go with March.

Also, not everyone voted - or some voted for books not on the list. Whatever you can do, please plan to come to the meeting and if possible talk about the assigned book and add comments about any other book you are reading. (Or come and look smart~!)

Other books suggested that you may want to preview at your leisure:

- Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
- Louise Penny. How the Light Gets In
- In the Bleak Midwinter (Episcopal mystery) by Julia Spencer Fleming
- Me Before You by JoJo Moyes (Linda Youngren liked this one - about euthanasia)
- Any mysteries by Phil Rickman (except for the "Wine" title)
- Lila by Marilynne Robinson
- Silence by Shusaku Endo (Larry recommends this fine Japanese novel)

Thank you!

Larry Brook