



Cares, Prayers and Current Affairs

March 2020

To all our brothers and sisters in Christ;
SALUTATIONS!

We have nearly come to the end of winter with a sprinkle of spring mixed in here and there. Last Sunday we had the pleasure of celebrating Black History with a TWIST. We generally honor our ancestors but Saint Joseph's highlighted the individuals who are present today. We generally end a celebration with a feast. This time, being that we are so diverse, each family was asked to bring a dish common or unique to their culture. There was so much delicious food, we had to set 4 tables for the food alone. The tables were beautifully decorated in African fabric runners a top, red green and gold table cloths with ebony figurines for accents with a red candle lit vase in the middle of each table.

Kudos to Olu-Orondava Mumford for his creative contribution. Our Historian, Mrs. Vernell Hamilton, welcomed all and introduced special guest from FSU who specialize in

History. The theme of the day was “Getting to Know You”. We were entertained by the Angelic voice and skilled actress Mrs. Sharon McNair with a rendition of “Getting To Know You.” Mrs. Wanda Vaughn guided us through introductions of each family represented to tell where they are from, and how they came to be at St. Joseph’s and why they remain as church members. Two families hale from the continent of Mother Africa, various families are from the Virgin Islands as well as others, through the military hale from various parts of the United States. In all stories told, there is the common denominator of the warm welcome, the genuine hospitality and the love of family as a community that was the factor in joining St. Joseph’s. The message for the day was given by Eucharistic Minister, Jan Mumford.

Now that the mood of the day has been set. I will share the message.



Black History Month Celebration

2020

Being the last Sunday of the month of February marked to celebrate black history ... we generally recognize, honor and remember the

accomplishments of those who broke down barriers, forged new boundaries and put a new face on social injustice. We generally reflect on the those whose backs we have climbed to be where we are today to enjoy the freedoms that we too often take for granted.

Today, Sunday, February 23, 2020 is a day to be marked in History of Saint Joseph's! For today ... we add our story to the history of St. Joseph's by getting to know each other.

We have gathered today to highlight not the Lamp lighters but the keepers of the light, the guardians of the doors, the keepers of the grounds the shepherd who provides spiritual substance for his flock, the governing of this body of believers, the angels who stand in the wings to fill in the gaps and all who come in to worship and go out to serve.

How well we know the events and actions that brought us to this place in time.

Our contributions may not be as profound or life changing as those who came before us but are none the less our contributions are noteworthy.

We keep the home fires burning, keep the doors open, keeping the light on in the window... letting the world know that we

are yet still alive and very much still a very important part of this community of Fayetteville and a part of the world wide Anglican church.

A place where we all gather to serve the one Almighty God! The architect of the universe, Master of Creation, The Alpha and Omega, The Almighty, The all powerful and all knowing, God. In His magnificence he has uniquely fashioned each of us, all different, yet in many ways...the same. We come from all corners of the world bringing a mixture of cultures. We have different talents and strengths .and we gather as one body in Christ Church Each of us has purpose, and are a part of a plan not fully to our knowing.

When God has a plan....there are no coincidence, no pretense, mayhems or perhaps and no accidents.

Our existence as one body has purpose. I believe it is by design that our Bishop Curry's instructions or message to the world is to Walk in the Way of Christ. It is not just a catchy phrase to say.... 'If it's not about love.... it's not about God.' I believe it is part of the plan for our Bishop Skirving to instruct our Diocese to 'See the Light...Be the Light'.

The guest speaker of the convention a year ago had the message to take the message to the world and the world to the church. this past convention speaker stressed a theme for growing the church and bringing the world back to the church was “Invite, welcome, connect,” all falls in with other messages and instructions. And let us not forget our Historian who has diligently worked towards this celebration, who did not attend the convention unknowingly had very similar message for today’s event. Who are you? Where are you from? What brought you to the Episcopal Church? What keeps you here? We are all singing from the same sheet of music for the kingdom at hand.

In conclusion... I believe that there is a reason why this coal miner’s Daughter from rural Kentucky finds herself in this great Church at St. Joseph’s at the corner of Moore and Ramsey St. NC. When I say church... I do not mean the physical building but this body of people...I call family.

What’s Happening at St. Joseph’s



Condolences

The St. Joseph’s family is grieving the loss of a shining light, our beloved sister, Carol Graham. The laughter, the joy she brought to all who knew her and

loved her will be sorely missed. She shared her story of the love for St. Joseph's and its family with everyone she met. For the many stories that were told by church family on our day of celebration, it was her warm, loving greeting that was one of the deciding factors in joining our church. Carol truly lived her Christian journey. She took care of her beloved Gene, her neighbors, her church family and always put herself last. She served with such pride her duties at the altar beside Rev. Clark. She read with perfection as a lector. When called upon, prayed with such sincerity. Her laughter was infectious. She was loved by all upon just meeting her. Though she has gone from our presence...she will remain in our hearts upon which time we meet again. Her bright light now shines in heaven.



ECW

Spring Meeting : April 22 at 9:00 at
St. Pauls in Wilmington, NC

August Gathering: Aug. 19 at
Trinity Center at 9:00



DOK

Spring Meeting

April 16: St. Timothy's in
Greenville



Brotherhood of St Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew are now serving the children relocated to W.T.

Brown school in Spring Lake.



New Vestry Members

Congratulations to all new members of 2020 Vestry Procedures for electing new vestry member began in

November. Nominations were asked in advance if they were willing to serve. It was well advertised and three Sundays were designated for members to vote. The ballots were counted by a committee to include a non patrician individual. The results are as follows:

Sr. Warden: Mr. Tyrone Francis

Jr. Warden: Mr. Carl Vaughn

Administrator: Mr. Samuel Lloyd

Clerk: Jan Mumford

Mrs. Vernell Hamilton

Mrs. Chandra Francis

Mr. Tony Ferguson

Mr. Carlos Flores

Some members will serve 3 years while others will serve 2 or 1 year. leaving 2 seats to be filled 2021.

Our new members hit the ground running for 2020! The ceiling of the Butler Parish Hall is being repainted. Construction is taking place to repair and secure areas that have been destroyed by transients to gain shelter from the elements. Next on our agenda is to refurbish our kitchen! To God be the Glory !



The month of March is Women's Month as well as a month to Honor the Disabled.

To honor the month of March devoted to women we will have a guest speaker, Dr. Donna Fowler-Merchant ,on Sunday March 22, during morning service. This Sunday is also Mothering Sunday. Please invite your friends and family.

Our newest member, Ms. Jane Dunhamn will have a display at Fayetteville City Hall on Disability Awareness and the Disabilities Rights Movement and Equal Rights.



Birthdays

March

- 2nd Christine Flores
- 10th Martha Carswell
- 14th Carlos Flores
- 20th Herbie Hill

Hervie Hill
22nd Stella Nebolisa

- Lent/Easter schedule
 - 22 March Mothering Sunday (Guest)
 - 5 April Palm Sunday - Liturgy of Palms /Passion Narrative
 - 9 April Maundy Thurs – Agape Meal Stripping of Altar
 - 10 April Good Friday – Stations of the Cross. At 12 noon with St. John's
 - 12 April Easter Sunday
 - There will be a Lenten Study Group meeting at St. John's at 10:30 every Monday in March. Lunch is included.



Bible Trivia

What did Jacob do all night before God changed his name to Israel?

- A. Wrestle
- B. Fast
- C. Sleep
- D. Pray

ANSWER: A. WRESTLE

BIBLE HUMOR

Whose Chariot did Jesus not trust?

Judas's chariot

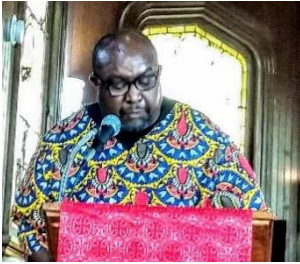
Chuckle Corner

Sleep Walking

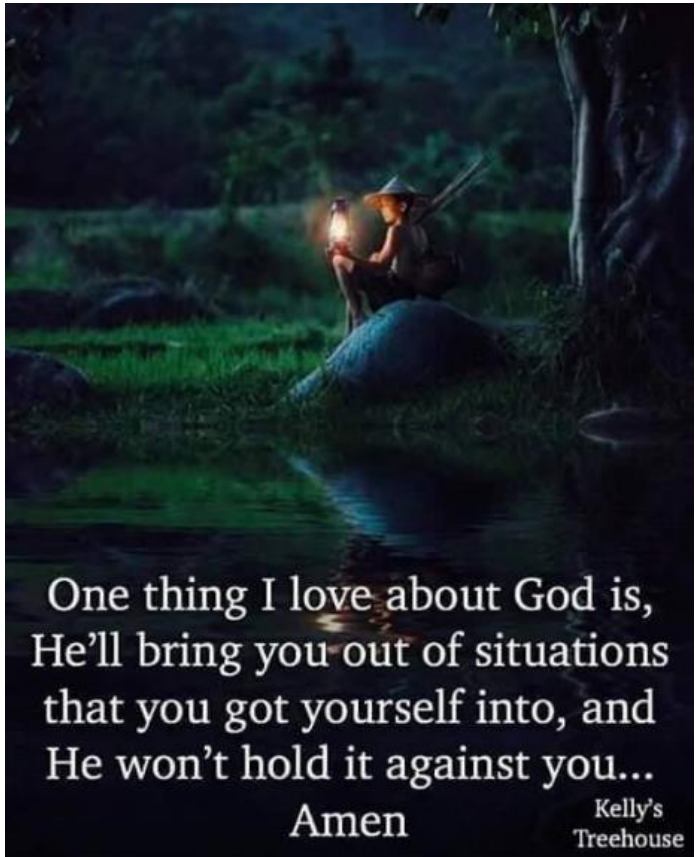
To my knowledge I never really sleep walked but did eat walk while not being mentally awake. The culprit was a result of taking Ambien.

(I no longer take this prescribed medication)

Usually I would in a mental fograid the refrigerator. This night in particular night the pantry was the intended target. I felt a familiar bag on the shelf containing snacks, Grabbed a hand full and began to chew... PHEEW!
THE TASTE AND FEEL JOLTED ME AWAKE AND FULLY COHERENT! I had grabbed a handful of MEOW MEOW CAT FOOD!
Yuck! needless to say.... I stopped putting the cat food on the shelf and no longer keep a cat.



Senior Warden's Quote.



One thing I love about God is,
He'll bring you out of situations
that you got yourself into, and
He won't hold it against you...

Amen

Kelly's
Treehouse

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