

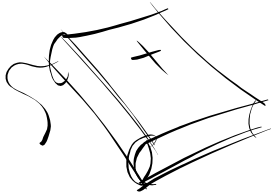
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Dear Friends in Christ—

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I think the last time I wrote you in the newsletter, it was snowing as hard as it is today, and so it continues... But, as I said on Ash Wednesday, we now have the right liturgical season to match our weather. We are now in the midst of our 40 day journey through Lent. I hope you are finding practices to take you deeper in your life in God. We can't do much outside, so maybe this winter, in particular, we are being invited to go inside and dwell with the Presence who awaits us there. Maybe as you shovel snow for the 45th time, you can find a rhythm in your breath that brings you in sync with the breath of God, almost like a mantra.

Maybe these days when you can't get out and go are providing you time to read for the first time in a long time. Several books have been particularly powerful to me the last several months—Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, Greg Mortenson and

David Oliver Relin's *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time*, Cynthia Bourgeault's *The Wisdom Jesus: A New Perspective on Christ and His Message* and Shane Claiborne's *The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical*. All of these books have opened me up to new understandings of Jesus, radically new ways of looking at the gospel, a new vision of my neighbors, both near and far, and have opened my eyes to what it means to follow in the Way. If you are more at home on the internet, then you might go out to YouTube and search for videos by Shane Claiborne and listen to one of his talks. He certainly is walking an authentic walk, and I find his teaching delightful, refreshing, and piercing in its clarity.

Then there are the practices that are more about making space than taking something on. Simply spending time in prayer being present to God. Taking a walk in the quiet of the snow and taking in the beauty of the world.

This might be an especially hard discipline right now since we are tired of the weather, but the Creator is still magnificent nonetheless.

The old proverb says that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. As March marches on, we will be led to Holy Week when the roar of the crowds, in their brokenness, will offer up the Lamb. As we turn the corner toward April and the promise of spring, the promise of resurrection will start to push its way up through the earth and out from the stones. Neither death, nor the winter that just won't end, will be able to suppress God's life for long. Our longing for this life won't make it come any sooner, but our longing will serve to open our eyes so that we won't miss it when it comes. So, in this month of March, let us start to awaken, in our souls and in our beings, so that when Easter dawns, we will be ready to rise. In the peace of Christ, Cyndi+

The 10th Annual Extravaganza....Save Sunday, April 18th on your calendars.

The J2A Youth Group's 10th Annual Talent Extravaganza & Silent Auction is just around the corner.

Belinda Pardue and Shelton Caldwell will once again work their artistic magic in beautifully coordinating, presenting, and heading up the silent auction. We ask people throughout the congregation to offer their creations for this event. If you are artistically and creatively inclined, please consider what you might be able to offer. If artistic items aren't in your repertoire, is there a good or service you might be willing to offer? Do you know of someone in the local community who might be willing to offer a good or service for this effort?

As for the talent portion of the evening, **Susan Owen and Barbara Talmán** will serve as co-chairs. They will be working with **Karen Robertson** to put together a show that is sure to entertain you! If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact these people. We are blessed with an amazing array of entertainers from a variety of genres, and we expect this year's showcase to be as fantastic as previous events. **Robin Lowe** will be working with the J2A parents to coordinate food. If you want to lend a hand, please let her know.



Presiding Bishop's Lenten Reflection
 "Take on something new" this Lent, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori challenges in her Lenten video reflection.
<http://www.ecusa.anglican.org/index.htm>



The Community of Hope-News...*submitted by Deacon Greg Erickson*

We are starting a new class for the Community of Hope center at St. Luke's.

The Community of Hope creates communities committed to pastoral care, shaped by Benedictine spirituality, equipping lay persons to be present in a compassionate, listening, non-controlling manner in order to make a difference in the health and well-being of those in need. In this ministry of presence, The Community of Hope serves in any setting where adults, youth or children are sick, in crisis, at risk, or underserved – especially the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned and the elderly.

The Community of Hope began in 1994 in the Pastoral Care Department at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Texas. This ministry then moved beyond the hospital walls in 1998 to serve the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Many other centers in over 13 states have chosen to use this model and the materials developed. St. Luke's-Boone is the first Community of Hope center in N.C.

The entrance into this exciting community is through the door of the Initial Training. Training will be held weekly at St. Luke's beginning the week of March 14 until the near the end of June timeframe. The group will decide when to meet. There are fourteen training modules. After training you will be asked to serve in a variety of ways in our community, offering a listening, compassionate presence to those in need of pastoral care. You will meet periodically, after training, with other lay pastoral caregivers providing opportunities for encouragement, prayer and worship, sharing, and continuing education.

We live in a society in which few people really listen to others. People who are ill, suffering, lonely, and/or in pain need someone to listen and to respond appropriately to their spiritual needs. Medical research shows a significant relationship between attending to people's spiritual needs and better outcomes in mental and physical health.

This will be an exciting adventure – “listening with the ear of your heart.” By entering The Community of Hope, you would be joining hands and hearts with thousands of people from coast to coast who are learning to listen: to God, to co-laborers with Christ, and to people in need. You will discover that you will be changed into a deeper spiritual person as you show compassion for others in need.

More information is available at www.coh-international.com

If you are interested in The Community of Hope please contact one the leadership team at St. Luke's: **Lila Petersen, Linda O'Neal, Dawn Shepler-Hamilton or Deacon Greg Erickson**. Also feel free to contact any of the first class that was commissioned in November. They were: **Don Baucom, Greg Erickson, Jane Erickson, Catherine King, Lila Petersen, Mary Reichle, Peggy Setzer, and Faith Wright**.

Interested persons are invited to attend a Community of Hope, Circle of Care meeting with the recent “graduates” at 1:00 PM on Sunday, March 7.

Listening Post at Appalachian State University....*submitted by the Rev. Tommy Brown*

The Listening Post at Appalachian State University, an outreach ministry of Westminster Canterbury Fellowship and our six partner congregations. The Listening Post enjoyed a successful first semester in the Fall of 2009 and continues successfully in the Spring of 2010. Nine volunteers from our partner congregations attended our initial training session in August and worked various shifts throughout the semester.

The Listening Post is held every Tuesday during the semester at Plemmons Student Union, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Two volunteers work each 1.5-hour shift. A table, bearing the Listening Post signature red-and-white checked table cloth and Listening Post sign, is set up with four chairs – two for Listeners and two for Visitors – and some refreshments. In keeping with the original plan for Listening Posts, we provide apples and roasted peanuts in the shell. Volunteers from our sponsoring churches often supply home-baked goods.

Our Visitors included ASU undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and staff, who talked about classes, courses of study, jobs, career planning, instructors, family, religion, hobbies, pets, vacations, outside activities, shooting off campus, diet. Their emotions ran the gamut from interest, confusion, frustration, sadness, and anticipation, through aggravation, boredom, and fatigue. While campus helping agencies are available for

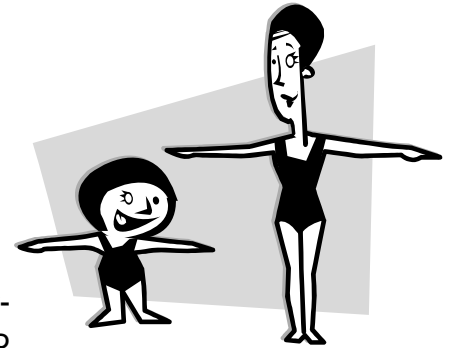
referrals, none have been used to date except for an ASU Counseling Center's representative who spoke to our initial training group about their services. The university's administration and support services enthusiastically support our ministry, and a favorable article with photo appeared in *The Appalachian*, the student newspaper. The article can be found on-line at <http://theapp.appstate.edu/content/view/5614/40/>.

Our first semester as Listeners at ASU was low-key and rewarding for the volunteers. We seem to be positively accepted by those who do talk with us. While there were some periods of inactivity, most Listeners had from 2 to 4 Visitors during each day's 1.5 hour shift. This means that the Listening Post served approximately 6 Visitors a day. The Listening Post was open for 15 days in the Fall Semester. Some of our Visitors returned regularly, but it would appear that we listened to approximately 90 unique Visitors. Many passersby stop for a bite to eat and move along. Some simply ask what we're doing, then move on. To this point, we've had no Visitors with serious issues, with the exception of one student who was experiencing serious conflict with a professor and another who didn't stay to share her problem.

Looking to the future, a second training session was held in December, where we gained two new Listeners. Volunteers are so enthusiastic about the listening experience that we now are considering to continue our Listening Post through the summer and may advance to a 2-day/week schedule for Fall 2010. If you are interested in serving as a listener please contact Jinx Miller jinx@alumni.ufl.edu. We look forward to continuing this outreach ministry on the Campus of ASU.

It's Camp Henry Time! *submitted by Cyndi Banks*

I started going to church camp in the summer when I was in the fourth grade, and it was a formative piece of my growing up. We are incredibly blessed in this Diocese to have such a wonderful camping program in Camp Henry. Many of our youth go to camp, and many have served as counselors over the years. I have long thought that church camp does some of the best Christian formation our young people get—it's an opportunity to focus for an extended period of time on the core values of our faith and to do that formation in the company of wonderful friends. I would like to see every young person from St. Luke's experience Camp Henry. If money is a barrier, scholarship assistance is available through St. Luke's and through the Diocese. The deadline for registrations is May 1st (there is also a price break if you register before May 1st). If you are interested in applying for financial assistance, please see me.



Camp Henry Regular Sessions

June 13-19 - Senior High

June 20-26 - Grades 6-8

June 27-July 3 - Grades 3-5

July 7-10 - Mini Camp (Grades 2-3)

July 11-17 - Grades 7-9

July 18-24 - Grades 4-6

CIT June 20-July 3 or July 11-24

Camp Henry Outdoor School

June 27-July 3 - Middle School

July 11-17 - Senior High

(Grade listed is the grade in *which* the camper is presently enrolled in for the 2009-2010 school year.)

Costs	Early Bird Discount By April 30	May 1 and After
Regular Camp Sessions	\$495	\$535
Mini-Camp, Grades 2-3	\$385	\$425
Counselor in Training (2 week session)	\$770	\$810
Outdoor School (one week session)	\$520	\$560
White Water Option	\$60	\$60

White Water Option is offered for 5 sessions of camp. It is offered during the Senior High Camp, Grades 6-8 Camp, Grades 7-9 Camp, both CIT Sessions, and both Outdoor School Sessions.

INVITATION TO HOLY WEEK

Later this month, we will find ourselves catapulted into an amazing week. Our Lenten journey takes us through many twists and turns, but we still have the most challenging part of the journey before us. Sunday, March 28th, is known as Palm Sunday in the Church's calendar. On this day, we join Jesus as we, together, make that decisive turn toward Jerusalem and the last week of our Lord's life. For Christians, this week is known as Holy Week, and it has been observed by Christians since at least the fourth century. The services we participate in are much like the steps our ancestors in the faith would have walked as they sought to walk with their Lord. For us, in our day and time, we mark these services, not just to remember

something that happened long ago to a man named Jesus, but rather, to experience the power of our Crucified and Risen Lord who seeks to make himself known to us in new ways. Each year that I live into Holy Week, I come to understand the depth of our Lord's love for me in ways that are simply beyond words.

Holy Week is supremely a journey that we walk together as a community of faith. The services hold power because we move through the progression of the week together. Here at St. Luke's, we will mark each day of Holy Week, including the major observances of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Vigil of Easter, and Easter Sunday. In **"A Glance at Holy Week"**, I have

tried to describe the tone of each day so that you may understand better the invitation our Lord is extending to you in this most holy of weeks. As always, please participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable, but I feel compelled to add that there is a progression to the week. If you are up for an adventure and a renewal of your faith, I would encourage you to participate in as many of the services as you can. It is the experience of a Holy Week well-lived that makes for an Easter joy that no heart can contain!

Know that my prayers will be with you as we walk this journey together.

In the peace of Christ,
Cyndi+

A GLANCE AT HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday—Palm Sunday is a day of colliding images. On the one hand, we remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when the crowds hailed him as king. But before the day is out, we walk through the Passion of our Lord—that story that recalls all that Jesus suffers as he makes his journey to the cross. It is the mystery of faith that in his sufferings, our sufferings are somehow taken up into God and redeemed.

Maundy Thursday—Maundy Thursday is the traditional English name for the Thursday before Easter and comes from the words 'mandatum novum' meaning 'new commandment.' In the Gospel of John, Jesus shares a meal with his friends during that last week of his life. During that meal, Jesus gets up and from the table, takes off his outer robe, and ties a towel around himself. Then he pours water into a basin and begins to wash the disciples' feet.

After this incredible show of love, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment—*"that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should also love one another."* This liturgy moves through the foot washing to the Eucharist and ends with the stripping of the altar. The sacrament is removed to the Chapel that is overflowing with plants and flowers where one can keep vigil with our Lord as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.



Good Friday—Our walk through Holy Week continues with the observance of Good Friday. This is the day when we remember the crucifixion of our Lord. It is a day to meditate on the worst that humanity can do, a day to meditate on all the ways that the human race has found to say "no" to God. It is a day to meditate on all the unjust suffering in the world. All of these meditations take us to the foot of the cross, and the Lord who hangs there proclaims that all that sin and suffering—all of our "no's" to God—are now taken into his broken body. We can only bear to look at our sin and the suffering of the world in the light of day because the Easter dawn throws its light backwards to Good Friday. No matter how strong our "no's"—God's resurrection "YES!" is stronger! Even so, that "YES!" only makes sense when we live through Good Friday and stand at the foot of the cross.

Holy Saturday—The liturgy that marks this day is brief, but powerful. Holy Saturday is a day of waiting—Jesus has died, but has not yet risen from the dead. It's an in-between time, a waiting time. Sometimes, we find ourselves in seasons that lie between Good Friday and Easter, between the cross and the resurrection—our worship on this morning gives us a way to mark that reality.

The Great Vigil of Easter—The Great Vigil of Easter is the first service of Easter Day and can be celebrated any time after sunset on the evening before Easter. In the

early church, this was the service when those adult converts to the faith whose preparation for baptism had intensified during the season of Lent were finally baptized into the faith and welcomed into the community of believers. This service is full of symbolism and falls into four parts, including the lighting of new fire—the paschal candle which represents the Lord Jesus' passing over from death to life—the recalling of our salvation history through the reading of sacred scripture, the renewal of our baptismal vows, and **the first Holy Communion of Easter**. It is an extremely powerful service full of Easter joy, made all the more joyful for having walked with our Lord through his passion and death. The Easter Vigil will be followed by an Alleluia Party to celebrate the breaking of the Lenten fast. This is first of our Easter celebrations, and its tone is pure JOY!

Easter Sunday—The fast is broken, the tomb is empty, and nothing can contain our joy! The celebration we began

last night in the Easter Vigil continues to ring out in the light of this new morning. On this day, we join Christians the world over as we rejoice in the new life that shatters death knowing that this new life is ours to live as well. We come together as one community on this day to celebrate with a Festal Holy Eucharist. This service pulls out all the stops as alleluia's ring out in Easter joy through our prayers and praises. Our journey through Holy Week has reached its culmination as we celebrate that the life and love of God is stronger than death—resurrection joy simply cannot be contained. Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!



MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL

“Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Mark 14:37-38

Holy Week is a time to walk through the events surrounding the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. At St. Luke's, we offer an additional way to spend time with our Lord as we journey to the cross and the empty tomb beyond. During the stripping of the altar at the close of the liturgy on Maundy Thursday, we will remove the reserved Sacrament to the chapel. We invite you to keep watch with our Lord, as he did that night in Gethsemane, by committing yourself to spend time in prayer in the Chapel keeping vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. Then at 7:00 a.m., we will gather for the Good Friday Liturgy with Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament for those who wish to receive.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Great Hall to sign-up for times of prayer. We would like for at least two people to sign-up for each slot, so that each person's security can be assured. If you are unable to pray at the chapel, you might wish to set aside some time at home during this night to keep vigil. May this time of keeping watch with Christ draw you deeper into his Passion that you may know the joy of his Resurrection.

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 28—7:45, 9* and 11:15 am*
Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist

Monday of Holy Week, March 29—5:30 pm
Holy Eucharist

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30—5:30 pm
Holy Eucharist

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31—12:15 pm
Holy Eucharist with the Ministry for Healing

Maundy Thursday, April 1—7 pm*
Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar followed by Prayer Vigil

Good Friday, April 2—7 am, Noon, 5:30 pm*
Good Friday Liturgy with Communion from Reserved Sacrament—7 am

Community Good Friday Service— Noon
Good Friday Liturgy with
Veneration of the Cross—5:30pm

Holy Saturday, April 3—10 am
Liturgy of the Word

**The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday,
April 3—7:45 pm***

The Great Vigil of Easter followed by Alleluia Party
7:45 pm *Lighting of the New Fire Outside*
8:00 pm *The Great Vigil of Easter*

Easter Sunday, April 4—10 am*
Festal Holy Eucharist: Rite II
with Combined Choirs—10am*
Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt—11:30 am

* Childcare available

Vestry Notes....submitted by **Bob Oelberg**

There was no meeting in February due to none other than the.... Weather! We'll make it up at the Vestry retreat scheduled for February 27 at Road's End. The 2010 liaison assignments follow.

Sr. Warden, Jett Murphy	Adult Formation, Bob Goddard	Stewardship,
Jr. Warden, Bill Marr	Children and Youth Formation,	Jim Shine
Clerk, Jim Shine	Robin Lowe and Fiona Shine	Outreach & Social Justice,
Secretary, John Whitehead	Young Adult and College Forma-	Chris Harmon
Treasurer, Bill Fioramonti	tion, Lynn McNeil	Fellowship, Suzie Parnell
Pastoral Care, Susan Beasley	Building and Grounds, Bill Marr	Finance, John Whitehead
Communications, Bob Oelberg	Liturgy and Music, Annette Pacilio	

VALLE CRUCIS CONFERENCE CENTER PROGRAMS FOR MARCH

Friday, March 12, Program Day: A Patchwork of Prayer, Cost: \$35, includes lunch, **Facilitator: The Rev. Jeanne Finan...**

There are so many different ways we can pray. Come away for a day in the beautiful mountains of Valle Crucis and experience a taste of a variety of prayer forms: Praying with beads; praying with icons; Ignatian prayer; centering prayer; breath prayers and more. This day welcomes those who are just beginning their practice of prayer as well as those for whom prayer is already their way of life

The Rev. Jeanne Finan serves as the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Asheville. She also leads retreats and offers spiritual direction. She is the author of *Remember Your Baptism: Ten Meditations* (Cowley Publications).

March 12-14, Weekend Writers Workshop, Cost: \$180.00, includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, all material and program, **Facilitator: Katerina Whitley....** [Writing for spiritual enrichment and for understanding](http://sites.google.com/site/vallecruciswriters/) <http://sites.google.com/site/vallecruciswriters/>

We welcome other serious writers to join us. We concentrate on retrieving memories, on paying attention to the inner self, or listening to what words tell us, and on expression all this in poetry or prose, according to the individual's inclination. We value epiphany and treat one another with gentleness.

--Katerina is a noted author of many books and a speaker who does workshops, programs and monologues. If you have questions please write to Katerina Whitley at katewhitley@charter.net --This workshop is limited to the first 14 registrations received so we encourage you to send your deposit of \$50 to hold your place early!

Monday, March 15 - Wednesday, March 17, Workshop: Courage to Live Your Authentic Life, Cost: \$240, includes 2 nights lodging, 6 meals, all materials and program **Facilitators: Ann Holtz and RaRa Schlitz....** This workshop is about transforming our lives into who we are meant to be. In her book *When the Heart Waits*, Sue Monk Kidd asks if I am not mother, daughter, wife, author, Sunday School teacher, church outreach chair - who am I? She talks about the masks that we live behind - masks that have served us well but may not be so useful to us now. Debra Farrington, in her book *Seasons of a Restless Heart*, says for women "being born again" isn't about dying to self but about embracing the true self - the self that has been hidden by masks for years. Being born again is about being and celebrating the unique person that God created you to be. It is about being you and sharing your gifts with the world.

The retreat will be led by **RaRa Schlitz** and **Ann Holtz**. RaRa is a mother, wife, artist, author, physical therapist and spiritual director. Ann is a mother, wife, congregational consultant, business consultant and spiritual director.

The retreat will offer opportunities for personal work. There will be elements of worship, storytelling, guided meditation and quiet reflection. RaRa's thought-provoking, emotion-stirring art will surround our time together.

March 26-28, African Drum Building Workshop, Facilitator: Tom Harris, Cost: Ashiko \$370 or Djembe \$470, includes all materials to build your drum, drumming class on Fri and Sat, 2 nights lodging, and all meals.... Come spend a weekend immersed in the sights and sounds of building your very own African Drum. Under the expert guidance of master drum builder Tom Harris you will sand, stain, oil, wrap and shave your very own drum of your choice. You can choose either an Ashiko (from Purple Heart, Oak, Walnut, Cherry, Ash or Heart Pine) or a Djembe. This has always been one of our most popular workshops and Tom, who has built more than 1,200 drums, will delight you with his stories and knowledge of African Drums. No previous woodworking experience necessary and all ages are welcome!

The drum you make is yours to take home with you. Limited commuter space available: please call for prices. Class size is limited so please register early. Except for Djembe whose shell is imported from the Ivory Coast please indicate your choice of wood on your registration form. **Please Note: A deposit of \$200 is required by March 5, 2010 for this workshop**

SPECIAL NOTE: In conjunction with this workshop we will also offer two additional drumming class's for those not building a drum. The cost for each drum class will be \$25. We would encourage early registration but will accept payment at the door for these extra classes. The first will be on Friday evening from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM and the second will be on Saturday evening from 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. These extra classes will be held in the Apple Barn and are all for all ages and all levels of experience. Bring your own drum.



Comments....submitted by **Karl Doege**

Ever hear of Robin R. Meyers? No? I hadn't either until I took his book off the Johnson City Barnes & Noble shelf and looked at the back cover leaf:

"Every once in a while, a book comes along that changes everything. This is the book. *"Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus"* is scholarly, pastoral, prophetic and eloquent – all in equal measure. The invitation to follow Jesus instead of worshiping Christ could not come at a more important time, or be issued by a more credible source. Robin Meyers has spoken truth to power, and the church he loves will never be the same. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

"In the pulpit, Robin Meyers is the new generation's Harry Emerson Fosdick, George Buttrick, and Martin Luther King Jr." (Bill Moyers)

"Robin Meyers emerges as a national voice for a new Christianity. He is a well-read scholar and a superb communicator. He writes with a refreshing honesty and a disarming authority. This book is a treat." (John Shelby Spong)

"The time is right for this book and this book is right for the time." (Fred B. Craddock, Professor of Preaching and New Testament Emeritus, Emory University)

"With crisply prophetic joy, Meyers calls seekers and believers alike to leave belief about Christ behind in favor of becoming imitators of Jesus. We can save Jesus from the church, and in doing so, re-create faith communities freed from hypocrisy and filled with hope." (Diana Butler Bass)

(All of the above are well known personalities in the field of Bible study and writing. All speak with authority.)

Want to know what to expect from reading the book? Here are the chapter headings:

Prologue: A Preacher's Nightmare: Am I a Christian?

1. Jesus the Teacher, Not the Savior
2. Faith as Being, Not belief
3. The Cross as Futility, Not Forgiveness
4. Easter as Presence, Not Proof
5. Original Blessing, Not Original Sin
6. Christianity as Compassion, Not Condemnation
7. Discipleship as Obedience, Not Observance

8. Justice as Covenant, Not Control

9. Prosperity as Dangerous, Not Divine

10. Religion as Relationship, Not Righteousness

Epilogue: A Preacher's Dream: Faith as Following Jesus

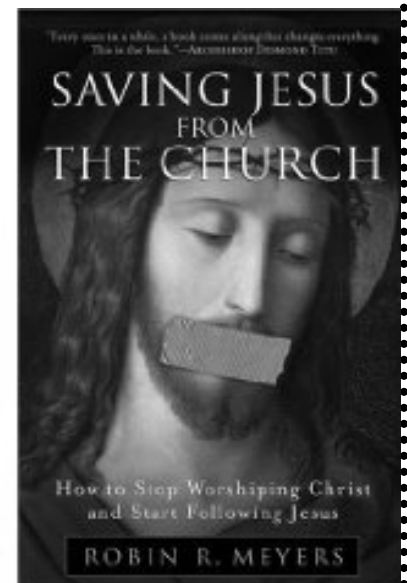
Here's a provocative paragraph from chapter 5: (Referring to what characterizes much church teaching)

"Ours is a theology of entitlement, not communion. Ours is a culture of irresponsibility, not responsibility. Ours is a strategy for victory, not a journey toward wisdom. If we continue to believe that we did not come up out of the earth, but were dropped from the sky, then Jesus will continue to be understood likewise as an invader – a harpoon shot from God's bow to reel in the perishing. He will not be a teacher but an elevator operator. He will bring us not wisdom but self-aggrandizement. He will not give us an assignment but deliver a certificate."

This is a book for people who take the church and what the church teaches – week after week, month after month, year after year until it dies – seriously. Buy the book! Read it! Think about it. (Is Meyers talking about what your church teaches?)

(I know, I know. There I go again! "You ought to read what I'm reading." While I do try to restrain myself from saying it, this time I just couldn't help myself.)

Read the book and mine it for ways in which you think the church (your church) might regain its life and meaning for you if, indeed, your church has lost its life and meaning. Read it so that you can articulate where you think the church (your church) fails to deliver life and meaning as well as where it offers both.



EXPERIENTIAL WAY OF THE CROSS **In the Great Hall**

Saturday, March 27-Saturday, April 3

This is a great way to walk through Holy Week devotionally, and a wonderful way to engage children in the events of this week.

Each station has something to do and something upon which to meditate. The Great Hall will be open during the day throughout this week. We invite you to come and spend some time walking the way of the cross.



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The Messenger is available by email or by postal mail. Please send changes in subscription or address to admin@stlukesboone.org or to the church address listed above. Thank you.

Worship Schedule

Sunday

- 7:45 a.m. **Holy Eucharist: Rite I (Chapel)**—*no music*
8:00 a.m. **Family Choir Practice (Sanctuary)**
8:50 a.m. **Gather in the Great Hall**
9:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Sanctuary)**
Wonder, Love & Praise/ Hymnal 1982—Family Choir
10:15 a.m. **Christian Formation**
10:30 a.m. **Chancel Choir Practice (Sanctuary)**
11:15 a.m. **Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Sanctuary)**
Hymnal 1982—Chancel Choir
12:30 pm **Centering Prayer**

Wednesday

- 12:15 pm **Holy Eucharist w/Ministry for Healing**

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