



Spiritual Leadership

BY REV. DANIEL C. GREEN

I recently gave an interview for an Episcopal Church publication about leadership for the church of the future. When the author gave me the opportunity later to review a draft of the piece, I was interested to see which of the many things I said over an hour-long conversation he had picked out for direct quotation. Two of them stood out for me, because taken together, I think they summarize pretty succinctly what spiritual leadership in a church community is all about.

First, it is about communicating faith in God's leadership in our lives and in the church: "Everything that has taken place [here at St. John's] has formed us into a community with a unique identity. God has a purpose for this community, and if we are faithful to that purpose, then God is going to continue to be faithful to us and guide us further down the road." And second, it is about helping people respond faithfully to God's call: "There really isn't anything better than seeing people discover themselves as spiritual leaders and disciples of Jesus in ways that they never imagined that they could be."

We don't tend to think of Lent as advanced leadership training, but that's what it is; from the solitary temptation in the wilderness to the high public drama of the passion, the scriptures of Lent instruct us in what leadership is not, in order to correct our false notions about it with the model of Jesus' faithfulness to God's vision. The purpose of our own disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving alms, is to open our hearts to receive these lessons deeply, to prepare us for what is coming. And what is coming is not just the vindication of Jesus and his exaltation as our eternal head, "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith," but our transformation into his witnesses, his apostles, those who are sent to spread the word of his life and his teaching.

This issue of our newsletter speaks to the remarkable diversity and excellence of gifts for spiritual leadership that are present at St. John's. We have a theological reflection by our Senior Warden on the desert

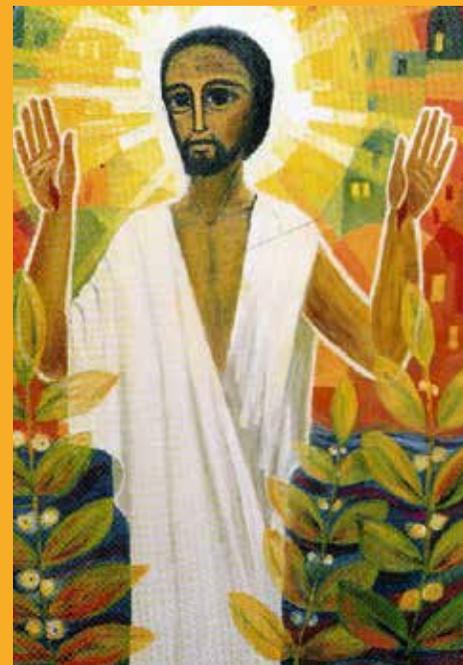
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Holy Week & Easter 2015

Saturday, March 28

10–12 pm Palm Sunday Work Party

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29

8 & 10 am Palm procession / Passion Liturgy

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1

12:15 pm Holy eucharist with prayers for healing

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:30 pm Communion supper with footwashing, Stripping the Altar and Vigil

Good Friday, April 3

12–3 pm Good Friday Vigil
7 pm Labyrinth Walk in Parish Hall

Holy Saturday, April 4

9 am Holy Saturday Liturgy of the Word

Easter Sunday, April 5

8 & 10 am Feast of the Resurrection
11:15 am Easter Egg Hunt

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 journey, as we experience it in difficult familial relationships. We have an invitation to connect all aspects of our material wealth to our faith in God's future for this parish, and another to consider how we might do more to care for members of our congregation who are in need; we have news about Lenten programs of Lectio Divina and Evening Prayer, to support the deepening of our readiness to respond to God's call. Each of these is an example of spiritual leadership by lay ministers of the Gospel, giving faithful witness to the leadership of God in their lives, in a way that encourages a similar response in others.

This is how to unleash, gradually but powerfully, the tremendous potential energy of the Gospel in our community. In being present to suffering and heartbreak with steadfast compassion, in giving generously and fearlessly to the mission of the church, in caring for one another in large ways and small, in supporting each other to maintain beneficial religious discipline, we acknowledge that we have heard God's word of grace and love, that we are looking here and now for the Kingdom of Heaven, and that we are resolved to follow Jesus' lead. Our own personal commitment to this way of life, renewed every day, but especially in this holy season, influences others in ways they may not even consciously perceive. It looks more like servanthood, like authenticity and inner strength, than what often passes for greatness. But that is exactly what gives others the confidence that they can be leaders, too.

GREAT THREE DAYS

The Triduum at St. John's

The services of the Triduum form a single liturgy. Their meaning and power is cumulative, bringing participants deep into contemplation of the mystery of Christ's passion and resurrection. That said, there is spiritual benefit in attending even one part of one of these services. Note that the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are continuous, and that the times given after the starting times are approximate. Feel free to join the services in progress if you are unable to arrive at the beginning.



MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER: THE NEW COMMANDMENT

- 6:30 pm Potluck Mediterranean-themed Communion supper in Cram Hall with foot-washing
- 7:30 pm Procession to the Church and Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, Stripping of the Altar
- 8:30 pm Vigil before the Reserved Sacrament in the Sacristy

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL: THE THREE HOURS ON THE CROSS

- 12:00 - 1:30 pm Liturgy of the Word, including the Martyrology and chanting of the Passion according to St. John, sermon, and the Solemn Collects
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 2:15 - 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY: THE GREAT SABBATH

- 9:00 am Liturgy of the Word

Maundy Thursday Vigil

This year we will continue a practice we began last year of keeping vigil before the Reserved Sacrament following the Maundy Thursday service. At the conclusion of that liturgy, following the reading of the 14th Chapter of John's Gospel, the consecrated bread and wine from our communion supper will be carried in procession for reservation in the Sacristy, just off the sanctuary. It is traditional in many places to watch and pray through the night of Maundy Thursday, as Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane before his betrayal and arrest. The vigil continues until the liturgy of Good Friday, where the bread and wine are consumed, leaving the church empty of the consecrated elements until the first Eucharist of Easter.

A continuous 16-hour vigil may be beyond what our parish can manage, but all are invited to sign up for a 1-hour time-slot. The time may be spent in silent prayer, meditation, holy reading, journaling, or any combination of the above. To sign up, contact the parish office at office.sjecp@gmail.com or 762-8872, or use the editable form on-line. ■



Good Friday Labyrinth Walk Taize

7 PM | FRIDAY, APRIL 3

FEATURING ST. MATTHEW'S PASSION BY BACH

St. John's and the Mythica Foundation for the Arts will co-host a special evening Good Friday Labyrinth / Taize Service that will bring together excerpts from the St. Matthew's Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach with chants of Taize and original songs by **Kayleen Asbo** in a devotional evening of music and meditation. Kayleen will be joined by **Julija Zibrat**, violin, **Christopher Love**, **Robin O'Brien** and our own **Sue Makovkin**. Donations gratefully accepted to support the musicians. ■

LENTEN OPPORTUNITY



The Socks Project

"... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, ... I was naked and you gave me clothing."

Matthew 25:35-36

What do you do when cold, rainy weather leaves you with wet shoes, wet socks, and cold feet or after you have been out on a long run or walk and your feet are tired and blistered? Those of us who are fortunate, go home, bathe, change into some dry socks and shoes or slippers and possibly turn up the heat. Our brothers and sisters who live on the streets do not have that luxury. They may not even own a second pair of socks. According to public health reports, socks are often the #1 item that men and women living in shelters and on the streets need, and access to them is limited. Rain-soaked feet, ill-fitting shoes, constant standing, and diseases like diabetes take their toll on the feet of homeless people and can lead to a variety of serious health conditions, pain and discomfort.

Please consider donating to "The Socks Project". Every year students from the School for Deacons in Berkeley coordinate this effort during Lent. This year, St. John's and all of the churches in the Russian River Deanery have been "personally" invited to participate by a Postulant of the Diaconate, Mary Taggart, a member of St. Paul's, Healdsburg. Mary will collect the socks and distribute them to local shelters throughout the diocese. Please donate any size men's or women's new white socks. A collection box will be available at the Sunday coffee hours and church office through Palm Sunday. Questions? Call **Laurie Warren**, (707) 775-1884 or email lewarren@gmail.com. ■

A Passiontide-Lenten Lectio Divina

The Lenten *Lectio Divina* circle continues in March on Wednesday evening during Passiontide-Lent. Facilitated by **Larry Temple**, this "sacred reading" will take place on **March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 at 7:00 pm**. We will meet in the chapel, by the choir, in front of the altar. Feel free to participate as often as you find possible. Each week we will contemplate readings from the Gospel and share from our hearts and minds. All are welcome. If driving in the evening is a problem for you, call Larry at 707-628-9870, there may well be a ride for you, door to door! ■



Lenten Evening Prayer

AND HOLY
HOUR WITH THE
BLESSED
SACRAMENT



All are invited to participate in Evening Prayer and a quiet, self-directed Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament as part of your Lenten observance. **Laurie Warren** will lead the Office of Evening Prayer, after which you are invited to stay for a Holy Hour praying with the Blessed Sacrament. During the Holy Hour you are welcome to meditate, pray, reflect on a sacred text of your choice, devote the time to a specific prayer intention, or simply be present with other faithful people in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We will meet on **Friday evenings from 7:00-8:15 pm** in the sanctuary on **March 13, 20, and 27**.

If you would like more information, please email Laurie at lewarren@gmail.com or phone (707) 775-1884.

FROM CLIF HILL

Taking Care of Our Corner of the World

One of our goals at St. John's this year involves a conversation about how we are going to take care of our precious jewel at the corner of 5th and "C" into the future. And, as everyone is aware, that issue inevitably boils down to how we obtain the funds required to provide the care. So, let's begin the conversation by describing the formal programs for giving at St. John's.

While anyone can give almost anything at any time to the church (I don't believe Bill Reid has ever turned down a check), in the Episcopal Church there are three different types of giving: ordinary, extraordinary, and ultimate. Although we refer to three types of giving, in the aggregate they all serve to support the mission and ministry of the Parish

Ordinary (or annual) giving is the one we are all most familiar with. It is the type of giving associated with our stewardship campaign where we acknowledge God's daily gifts to us. Ordinary giving comes from cash flow, most frequently a portion of our monthly income. This is the giving that addresses the routine cash flows of the church and funds the annual operating budget. It is how we fulfill our mission on a daily basis. Ordinary giving enables the life of St. John's from year to year.

Extraordinary (or capital) giving is most commonly associated with specific projects, often related to our buildings. This type of giving comes from our assets and acknowledges that they are likewise God's gift. Extraordinary giving is tied to the medium-term future of the Parish and allows us to grow our mission and ministry. It is the giving that ensures the life of St. John's for the next decades.

Finally, ultimate (or planned) giving is our legacy. This is where we give from our estates. There are many ways to do that and we will be talking about them in the coming months. For now it is sufficient to note that ultimate giving funds the church's endowments that enable the continuation in perpetuity of our mission and ministry. Endowments are the guarantors of the life of St. John's for the next century. ■



Summer Camp Opportunities

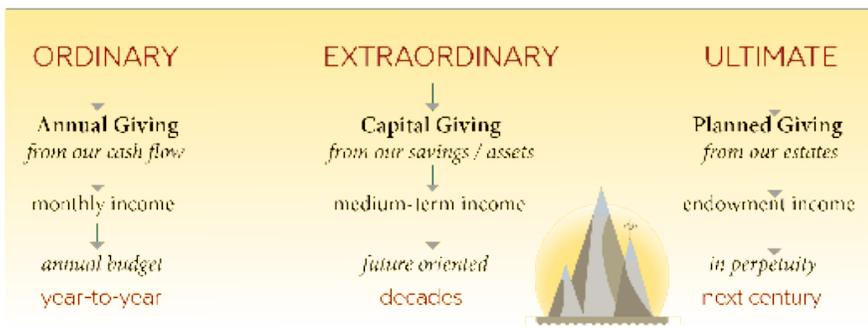
There are several Episcopal camps in our region that offer summer programs for children and youth.

The camp of our own Diocese of Northern California, Camp Noel Porter, is on the West Shore of Lake Tahoe. There are age-graded camps beginning June 24 and running through July 25, including a three-day Beginner Camp for grades 2-4, and a Counselors-in-Training Camp for grades 10-12. New this year is family camping, July 26 through August 1. More info is at <http://www.campnoelporter.org/>

In addition, the Episcopal Diocese of California, based in San Francisco, has two camps in Sonoma County with summer children's and youth programs. The Bishops Ranch is outside Healdsburg, and offers age-graded camps for children 4th through 12th grade and intergenerational family camps: <http://www.bishopsranch.org/programs-retreats/summer-camps/>

St. Dorothy's Rest, at Camp Meeker near Occidental, is the longest running summer camp in California, and offers programs including ABC (Ankle Biters Camp) for one parent and one child aged 5-7, week-long camps for ages 8-12, and a Counselor-in-Training camp: <http://stdorothysrest.org/camp/diocesan-summer-camps/>

TAKING CARE OF OUR CORNER OF THE WORLD



PASTORAL CARE

On-line Prayer Group

Each week 10-12 people pray for people whose names have been submitted to our on-line prayer group. There are no rules. We pray when and as often as we choose.

We keep names on the list for one month. The on-line prayer list is coordinated with the white three-ring binder in the back of the church, so all names are included. New names can be written in the binder or submitted to **Joanna Butler** at jmbutler@sonic.net.

If you would like to join us please contact Joanna. This is a ministry that is easy to adapt to your days in whatever way works best for you.

Invitation to Inquirer's Day

AT SCHOOL FOR DEACONS



Explore a deacon's ministry at the annual Inquirer's Day at the School for Deacons on Saturday, March 21 at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, in Berkeley.

Learn about the ministry and the curriculum available for those interested in developing gifts for ministry. The day's program begins at 7:45 am and ends with lunch from 12-1, with an opportunity to sit in a selection of afternoon classes. Questions? Speak with Father Daniel.



Next Bach Church Service

WITH KAYLEEN ASBO

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 AT 5:0 PM

The Annunciation: Welcoming the Unexpected

A monthly interfaith candlelight gathering of poetry, meditation and the music of J.S. Bach.

Floating the Idea...

Is anyone out there interested in putting together a float for St. John's to participate in **Petaluma's Butter & Egg Days Parade** on April 25? Got ideas? Could be fun! Contact **Larry Temple** by email at onezself2@gmail.com.

Community Care Committee

Our vestry has set a goal for 2015 to "support our members with effective guidance and the necessary information to care for one another in times of need." On February 25, **Father Daniel, Joanna Butler,** and **Marti Shortridge** met to plan and organize to meet that goal. An important step in this process will be to build a list of parish members who are willing to help out, on occasion, when a need arises. If there are areas of assistance listed below where **you think you'd like to help, please contact one of us** using the email addresses listed at the end of this article.

1. Visits in a private home, hospital, or other care facility:
 - in person
 - on the phone
 - Eucharistic
2. Transportation; either short-term or on-going:
 - to church
 - appointments; medical or otherwise.
 - grocery shopping
3. Meals for individuals and families where there's been a death, birth, illness, or surgery:
 - prepare & deliver
 - purchase & deliver
 - ordered and/or delivered
4. Intercessory Prayer: new participants are always welcome to the parish prayer circle.

It is also very important that, if you know of someone in our parish community who needs assistance, you will let us know. We will always contact that person to verify what is needed, and all information will be kept confidential until such time as the subject gives permission to disclose it.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish and willingness to be a part of this ministry.

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WISDOM of the Ancients

From the March 1900 edition of *The Instructor*, the monthly newsletter of St. John's, Petaluma, along with an advertisement for Hitchcock's Violet Toilet Cream, "nothing so good" to "keep the hands soft and white."

Life is a way...and Lent is the rest by the way. As Christ said to the Apostles, "Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile," so the Church would bid her faithful children to come apart for a while from the enjoyment of pleasure in its many forms, as we count pleasure, and rest, rest the soul and feed it, strengthening the Christian life.

Lent is the special season for drawing nearer to God. For special acts of charity and devotion, for giving up certain things that might tend to draw the heart away from God, for the deepening of the religious life, for placing the heart in a purifying process to cleanse it of sin, for the uniting us with and drawing us nearer to the Christ. ■

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

The Spiritual Wilderness

BY KATHRYN DAYTON

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.
Mark 1:12



Jesus was cast out into the Jordan plain north of the Dead Sea. The Holy Spirit was with him throughout all of the temptations that he endured.

Many of us, including myself, have found ourselves aimlessly walking through the spiritual desert during a period of our life. Without the comforts of home and familiar faces the time seems unending. Jesus walked for 40 days alone, so we have periods of time in our lives that we walk through a desert of fear, sadness, alone without a map or guide to let us know what the outcome will be. The unknown is the most difficult of fears to deal with as we walk not knowing when the desert will end and the promised oasis will appear. Not knowing which path to take, who to trust and how much you can physically, emotionally or spiritually endure.

Life sometimes takes us on a path where we need to make decisions, avoid the temptation of taking the easy way out. Holding on to the belief that God has the answer and only he knows the reason for this journey can be a true test of faith.

I have experienced a rough journey with my son. I have seen what the devil could offer my son and the journey back to faith and God was an uphill battle for him as well as for me. Sometimes I wondered what the reason was for "me" to experience this "desert?" Wasn't this my son's challenge and why did I feel the pain? My thirst for some resolve and peace was not seen and I questioned my devotion, but still no answer. My son had to make this journey through his own desolate wilderness to find his way back to me by leaving the temptation that cast him into that desert. I found that the Holy Spirit was with me all this time, teaching me to be patient, listen and watch for God's miraculous work. By giving up, feeling helpless and alone, just stopping to listen, I found my bond, my heartfelt belief in God's love for me and my precious son.

My friends in faith, no matter where you are or who you meet along your journey through the wilderness, believe that God is with you to guide and protect you because we are loved unconditionally, Amen. ■

FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Guild Welcomes New Members & Leaders

Please welcome **Pam Hiller** and **Sue Makovkin** to the Altar Guild! They are currently being trained by their partners, Victoria Temple and Joanne Woodland. Also welcome **Kate Klarkowski** who returns to a leadership role in the the Guild this year, partnering with **Rebecca Smith** (Planning & Scheduling) and **Joanne Woodland** (Supplies Manager), taking responsibility for Training and Standards. This leadership team is always happy to talk with anyone interested in joining the Guild. ■



NEWS FROM **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL** **MARCH 2014**

BY
ALISON ADAMS

CALLING ALL ST. JOHN'S KIDS!

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday | April 5 | Following the 10:00am Service

* Are there any Easter Bunnies (of any age!) out there willing to hard boil and dye some eggs for our hunt? Please contact **Alison Adams** at Alison_adams@comcast.net.

The season of Lent finds the children hearing the Godly Play stories of *The Faces of Easter*. There are six stories titled as follows: "Jesus' Birth and Growth", "Jesus Is Lost and Found", "Jesus' Baptism by God", "Jesus' Desert and Discovery Experience" and "Jesus as Healer and Parable-Maker". It is important for our children to get a sense of the journey from Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Good Friday to finally understand the meaning of Easter. ■

Resurrection Eggs

1. Palm Branch- Represents the triumphal entry
2. Bread- Last Supper Jesus broke bread with disciples
3. Praying Hands- Jesus praying in Garden of Gethsemane
4. Coin- Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 silver coins
5. Rope- Jesus was bound up and led away by soldiers
6. Feather- Peter denied Jesus 3 times & rooster crowed just like Jesus said it would happen
7. Fish- They placed a crown of thorns on Jesus head
8. Purple Robe- Jesus robe was taken away from him
9. Cross- Jesus died on a cross for our sins
10. Tomb- Jesus was placed in a tomb and rose on the 3rd day
11. Fish- Jesus ate fish with the disciples
12. Cloud- Jesus went up to Heaven

Happy Easter

Help Clean & Decorate the Church for Holy Week & Easter

You are warmly welcomed to help clean the church together with the Altar Guild members who will be busy polishing silver, brass, and wood on Saturday, March 28, from 10:00 to 12:00 pm. Then on Holy Saturday, April 4, we will be decorating the church for Easter from 10:00 to 12:00 pm. Please join us. *Everyone welcome!*



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, PETALUMA EASTER FLOWER DONATION

Your Name _____ Amount _____

Dedication (please print legibly) _____

Please place completed form in the offering plate on Sunday along with your payment. Write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. You may also deliver the form and payment to the parish office. The deadline for dedications to be included in the Easter service bulletins is March 31.

FROM EVA COOPER

Sharing Our Stories

GETTING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU

The Beauty of We

Some of you may know I came to the United States as a political refugee from communist Czechoslovakia. Some of you may remember how, perhaps even the year, and where I lived before I came to Petaluma. Some of you do not know me at all. Please allow me to share a bit of my life with you and, in particular, something beautiful that I experienced recently.

Since 2009, I had been traveling back and forth across the Atlantic, to resolve an inheritance my great-grandmother left when she died in 1949. Many thorny legal issues, family conflicts, and pains surfaced again. When I finally got hold of our family court case file and read yellowed pages of documents from that past era, my heart broke.

On the bright side, I savored fabulous home-cooked meals prepared by those who invited me back to their homes. I made rounds, and sampled their best baking: traditional kolacky. To boost my morale, the hosts kept pouring treasured home brandies: slivovice (plum), orechovice (walnut) and medovina (honey). Between the legal paper chase and court hearings, I squeezed in playtime with my late brother Matthew's grandchildren. I re-connected with my childhood friends.

During one of our chats, I mentioned to my friends that I would like to meet relatives of my favorite teacher. I wanted to share with her descendants the meaning of a precious gift she gave me when I was in the fourth grade. I needed to tell them in person what it meant, then, and how grateful I continue to be, today.

Why?

For years, I kept yearning to give a pearl of my life to someone who might appreciate it. I had that deep desire in my heart, for someone to hear and understand my testimony of what that gift was. And in a roundabout way, to explain what were the bequests of my teachers' lives. As my new life in America began to unfold, it was revealed to me how our lives were and continued to be inter-connected, even after the death.



EVA COOPER

Imagine my shock and delight on Easter Sunday 2012, when my friend Jitka called me. Out of breath, from the top of her lungs, she screamed:

"Eva, we found the teacher! She is still alive, and lives in an old people's home in Velvary!! Here is her phone number!!!"

Thus began my journey back to another chapter of my life.

What a privilege it was to speak again with my favorite Class Teacher Olga Krizova. Coincidentally, her last name means cross in Czech. And, what a priceless moment it was to see her later that year, face-to-face!

We met in her bright, sunny, small room. Along with customary flowers, I brought her a Czech edition of Oswald Chambers' *My Utmost for His Highest*. Her mind was as sharp and curious as ever. Sadly, her eyesight was almost gone. She asked me to read to her a dedication page I had written for the book.

I still brush away tears, as I recall when she asked permission to touch my face. Still feel her gentle fingers touching first my nose; then circling around my cheeks. Her warm, loving hands capping mine; ever so tightly. Still hear her voice pitched to a higher octave of unfiltered gladness.

Imagine! I had a rare chance in my life to thank my elementary school teacher. It was a sacred moment, as I told her in my native language, and in person, how much it meant to me when she penned verses into my Memento Diary, back then in the fourth grade.

"...seek the truth, love the truth, hold the truth, defend the truth, 'til death."

Famous words of the Bohemian martyr, Master John Hus, burned at the stake in 1415.

As my Class Teacher, she understood. It indeed was a turning point in nurturing my mind, heart and soul. The compass implanted into my heart, pointing the way when days got foggy. The key that later unlocked many mysteries of life, brought forth the fruits of transformation of one life for sure, my life, beyond anything anyone could have imagined, back in the Stalin era of the Cold War.

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Sharing Our Stories

This January 2015, my beloved school teacher turned 91.

I called her to wish her Happy Birthday. As usual, she was interested in how I was doing, how my life in America is going on... We talked about disconcerting current events in the world. We shared our love for humanity, and deep concerns for the next generations.

We discussed spiritual matters. She asked what my opinions were. I explained my various points of views. She listened, shared her observations, and posed more questions: "What is my theory of life?"

In the midst of it, it dawned on me. My teacher kept asking me questions, seeking answers to what was perplexing her mind. She reflected what was in her heart. She respected me! Most of all, she revealed to me her teachable heart. What a precious gift!

In the days that followed, I pondered gems revealed in our conversation. Another epiphany came to me, when I began to string my thoughts together:

"We" begins with "I."

"I" and... who else...?

O the Beauty of, We...shall see...

If...

And, if I cannot change the past, why do I care...?

Perhaps, that is a theme for another time of sharing.

In closing, I would like to hear from you. What are your reflections, what is meaningful to you? ■

Art of the Annunciation

APRIL 18, FROM 10 TO 12 NOON
with BRUCE ELLIOTT, Ph.D. in the PARISH HALL

Some of the most evocative art work of the Great Masters such as Duccio, Botticello, Leonardo da Vinci, Titian, Tintoretto and Rubens, has been on the theme of the Annunciation of the Virgin. As we come into the season of springtime and the Festival of the Annunciation, cultural historian Dr. Bruce Elliott will give historical commentary on some of the most outstanding examples of art on this theme.



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Eva G. Cooper is a retired Senior Investigator of the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA). She conducted complex civil and criminal investigations of "white collar crimes" in the broad arena of employee benefits and pension trust funds. One of her high profile criminal case took nine years to investigate and prosecute, and included the first murder of an indicted co-defendant. Her passionate interest in truth finding led her to research collaborative methodologies of team building, non-violent communications, and the principles of Justice that heals. In addition to her role as a case agent, she served in a collateral position as a manager of the Federal Women's Program (FWP) for the San Francisco Region IX, and was honored, along with two hundred women from all walks of life to be invited to the White House by then the First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. This historical reception, held in May of 1995, was to celebrate the 75th anniversary of women's right to vote, establishment of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor, and that year's project, Working Women Count!

As a Christian, over the years, Eva dared to deliver an individually imprinted gift, Oswald Chambers' daily devotional *My Utmost for His Highest*, to many high level federal officials in U.S., and Europe. The Czech edition of this book is dedicated, among others, to Master John Hus, her hero since childhood.

HOLY SATURDAY



PAINTING RETREAT

with VICTORIA TEMPLE
APRIL 4 10-1 PM CRAM HALL

Come spend this extraordinary day in the cycle of the year in community and creative process.
INFO > 707-628-4322 newarts2@sonic.net

The Renewal of Ministry

AND INSTITUTION OF A RECTOR

St. John's Episcopal Church, Petaluma, CA | February 13, 2015



Rev. Daniel C. Green
*Twenty-Third Rector
of St John's, Petaluma*

