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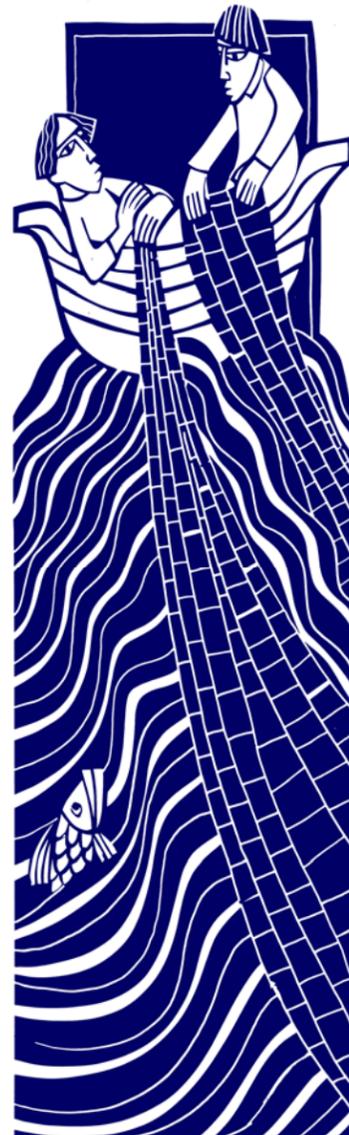
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DIRECTION MATTERS

James Monroe Smith was the son of Scottish immigrants who first settled in North Carolina. He grew up to be a Southern Methodist circuit rider in Illinois and Indiana, and was said to have won more converts than any other itinerant preacher in those states. And he was my great-great grandfather. While growing up, I heard stories of this dynamic and broad shouldered man who hunted rattlesnakes and saved more than a few souls from damnation as well as from drowning in the local rivers, his swimming apparently as powerful as his preaching. He thundered fire and brimstone in his sermons and proselytized the audience to repentance, not hesitating to publicly rebuke his own children when they took to the sin of occasional dancing. Unlike the common lot of many circuit riders, James Monroe Smith lived into old age, continuing to ride and itinerate with the aim of winning new believers.



There are quite a few other ministers, priests, and preachers in my family history, such as Lord Jackman, a minister of the Church of England who settled in Virginia during the 1600's. But as far as I know, I am the first female exercising the vocation, at least "officially." And though I certainly am not an itinerant preacher the likes of my great-great grandfather, there is an element of itinerancy—more than a few miles clocked in my car—in the ministry that takes me back and forth from Southwest Harbor to Bar Harbor, St. Andrew's and St. John's, to St. Saviour's.

It can be a special grace to be a traveler, journeying from place to place; a predictable rhythm develops, one that is both routine and a bit erratic. It seems to me that it is in these "unsettled" spaces of our lives, however small or large, that the Holy Spirit does her finest work, breezing or blustering through such gaps or openings; for "the wind blows where it will, and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8).

What this tells me is that the Holy Spirit is itinerant in nature, and that all of us "blow" somewhat unpredictably—and that our course or direction is as important as what we "do." Direction matters. By compass, sun, or stars, the map of the heart and our conscience, we navigate through life the best we can, following the trail, circling back around, ever looking to find and get our bearings.

Christians pray at east or west facing altars; Muslims face east toward Mecca when they pray; Jews pray in the direction of Jerusalem.

Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem.

To "sin" means *to miss the mark*—the mark or target being God. And though we may aim in that holy direction, we do of course miss the mark, unintentionally and even intentionally. It is not always so easy to find our direction or set our course. Things may be metaphorically cloudy or actually dark, and we lose our proverbial or literal way. Sometimes, we wander and meander aimlessly, or perhaps purposely, in no particular direction. The good news is that detours, and even getting lost, can indeed yield surprising treasures and wonders by the power of the Spirit, many great discoveries and art made precisely in this way.

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Deadline for articles for November *Net Tender* is Nov. 1

SAVE THE DATE!

The parish families
of
St. Saviour and St. Andrew & St. John
are warmly invited
to the celebration and blessing
of the marriage of
The Reverend Kathleen Killian
and
John Allison
on Saturday, October 17th
at 3:00 pm
at St. John the Divine
in Southwest Harbor

A champagne and cake reception
will follow in the undercroft

The Reverend Tim Fleck will be presiding

In lieu of gifts, prayers are welcome!

THE COMMON GOOD CAFE

Bunny Watts

When Larry Stettner heard in March that he was going to have to vacate the premises at Seawall that had been the home of the Cafe and soup kitchen since 2009 it seemed impossible to even imagine how to continue. But the gods were smiling! The owner of Chow Maine had already been thinking that the Common Good Cafe would be a valuable asset to the downtown area and called Larry to tell him that the facilities in the Post Office Building and the attractive outdoor seating area were available. After a few hundred e-mails and great efforts on the part of dozens of loyal volunteers, the equipment was transferred to its new home and things began to take shape. By June the Cafe was up and running, with the attractive red and tan umbrellas drawing the attention of both locals and tourists.



Now, 55,000 popovers later (yes 55, 000 - and that means an equal number of little covered cups of homemade strawberry and blueberry jam) the Common Good Cafe is firmly on the map as THE place to go in Southwest Harbor. People are drawn not just by the inviting ambience and the delicious popovers and oatmeal but by the mission: to fund the soup kitchen that operates primarily in the winter but which also has a summer outreach. Articles have appeared in the Boston Globe as well as the Bangor Daily News, Trip Advisor gives it a high rating and people come from all over to see how it works. Many of them ask "what is a popover?" My favorite answer is "a vehicle for butter and jam;" if they are looking for a more accurate description I point out the similarity with Yorkshire pudding or an unfilled cream puff. However you describe them, we are fortunate to have this unique Cafe as a neighbor. Daily popovers continue through Columbus Day; the Thursday soup set-up will begin in November and the Sunday popovers (yes, with ukuleles!) will resume then as well.

SEPTEMBER 30TH FORUM

Anne Wetzel and Bunny Watts

On Sunday, September 20, we were introduced to Cathy Lewis, interim Principal of Pemetec Elementary School, our very close neighbor, I came away thinking, "Oh, I wish, when growing up, that my Head Mistress had been as engaged with her students as Cathy Lewis is with hers." Every Morning she greets each student as they arrive and this glimpse into each student's face gives her a quick picture of how the day might go for that student. It puts her in a position to alert the child's teacher if she senses there might be a rocky road ahead.



She shared with us some phrases from Margaret Wheatley's "Turning to One Another" - phrases that apply to the life of a church every bit as much as the life of a school. A few examples: Ask "what's possible" not "what's wrong?" "Talk to people you know. Talk to people you don't know. Talk to people you never talk to." "Real listening always brings people closer together."

Our Question to her: what can we do to become more connected with the school? We have space that could be used by them. First she told us a story about one of her younger kids, a very hyper- active little boy, who when he was separated from the other kids, asked if he could go into the church next door. Holding his hand, she walked with him up and down the isles carefully looking into and under the pews. A few weeks later she saw him and asked if he would like to go into the church again. He promptly replied "No, I haven't been good enough...how about Monday?" She followed this story with her comment that connecting with any community organization, requires that the children and their families should not be separated from each other, that there must be more activities that include both kids and families. We must not just provide a place for some families to park their kids.

FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Stephen Sampson

Two Musicians

by Sarah Orne Jewett (1849 – 1909)



When one with skillful fingers swift as wind
Swept to and fro along the glittering keys,
I said: I wish I were away from these
Clattering and noisy players! but resigned
Myself to listen, and I tried to seize
Upon some meaning in the tune I heard.
But in my ears the harsh notes rang and whirred;
It was as if I listened carelessly
Among a crowd of people coarse and rude,
Who talked in shrillest tones of grudge or feud,
Though only seldom one could catch a word.
Even their voices were a bore to me;
I pictured their dull faces, till released
From such companions, when the music ceased.
But when the second player struck a note
And fingered softly out a gentle air—
It was like coming from that turmoil where
I waited, to a light Venetian boat,
Idly to glide among the shadows, there
Where one may drift and dream; and suddenly
One deep sweet voice sang such a song to me.
I listened, and I followed far away—
No music ever sent me so astray,—
I never could call back the tale it told,
But all the world seemed lost, as when, one day,
I laid me down upon a high cliff's crest,
Warm with the sunshine, there alone to rest,
While far below the great waves shoreward rolled.



SEPTEMBER VESTRY BULLETS

- ◆ Upcoming vacations of Tim, Kathleen and Michele were reported.
- ◆ The women of St. Saviour and St. John are hosting a shower for Kathleen on September 30.
- ◆ The Westside Food Pantry will be celebrating its 25th year in October.
- ◆ St. Andrew's electrical project may begin this Fall.
- ◆ Send invitation to Kathy Lewis, interim principal at Pemetec, for another Forum in the Spring.
- ◆ Report on Diocesan Council meeting on September 19.
- ◆ 2016 is the 100th anniversary of St. Columba which was an Episcopal mission chapel on Gott's Island. Perhaps a worship/picnic/fun day could be planned.
- ◆ FIC information regarding budget process will appear in the Net Tender.
- ◆ Vestry Dialogue is scheduled for September 27 forum.
- ◆ Delegates to Diocesan Convention, October 23-24, will be Bunny Watts, Rita Redfield, and Ted Fletcher.

Birthdays

OCTOBER
 5—Chloe Hatcher
 7—Wanda Fernald
 12—Bob Stanwood
 12—Neela Zinsser
 29—Anne Wetzel

Wedding Anniversaries

OCTOBER
 1—Alice Downs & Dean Henry
 16—Carl and Jean Storage

St. Francis Blessing of the Animals!

Co-hosted by St. Saviour's Episcopal Church & Bar Harbor Congregational Church, UCC.

On Saturday, October 3rd at 11am

Bring all creatures great and small to Bar Harbor Congregational Church
 29 Mount Desert Street



The service and blessing will be outside on the lawn in the front of the church

Everyone is welcome!

WESTSIDE FOOD PANTRY RECITAL SERIES

Susan Buell

Summertime was "music time" at St John Church. During June, July, and August we hosted four performances for the Westside Food Pantry. In mid-June, we were happy to again welcome the Sears Family, David, Permelia, and Rebecca, whose program included pieces from the Romantic period for piano, violin, and organ. Late in the month, the ACADIA TRAD SCHOOL joined forces with our food pantry recital series for their first ever ACADIA HALLS concert. July brought us soprano, Caroline Homer (Southwest Harbor native) and pianist, Ben Havey who stunned their audience with their youth and exceptional talent. Organist Andrew Mead wrapped up our summer season with his exciting performance on our Hook and Hastings organ.



Looking ahead: Baritone, Joshua Miller (SWH native) and his quintet; pianist, Ann Sears have each offered to perform at upcoming Westside Food Pantry Recitals.

We are very, very grateful to each of these performers. They have given their gift to music lovers and to our food pantry.

"COFFEE'S ON" AGAIN

Greetings everyone:

Unfortunately, summer's over and it's time to think about the fall/winter season ahead. One of the highlights of last winter was the warm and pleasant time we spent with Island seniors aged 60 to 90 at "Coffee's On" every first and third Tuesday of the month at the Maine Sea Coast Mission. The Mission is happy to be able to offer this program once again from this upcoming November through April 2016. And I am pleased to report that Ruth Grierson will again be providing our toe-tapping background music.



We would like to invite you to a breakfast meeting at the Mission, 127 West St., Bar Harbor, on October 20th at 9 AM to plan for the upcoming season. What did you think worked last year and what changes would you suggest going forward? Would you (or your organization) like to sign up to host one of the sessions? Do you have a game or activity that you think would be of interest? Are there new developments at your organization that you would like to share with others who work with seniors?

If you can't make the meeting but have suggestions, please let us know. You can also sign up now for hosting duties, with priority of dates given to last year's hosts who want to repeat.

As a reminder, hosting responsibilities include providing and helping set up coffee and healthy breakfast snacks by 9:30 AM, greeting, making comfortable and intermingling with our guests (plan for 15 to 30 people, depending on the weather) and, around 11:30, helping clean up. The Mission staff is here to help you.

We would appreciate your calling Terri Rodick at 288-5097 to let us know if we will see you on October 20th.

Best to all,

Patsy Fogarty

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Westside Food Pantry on Sunday, October 25th at St. John's in Southwest Harbor!

Dean Henry will be speaking at both services, with a festive coffee hour fellowship following the 10:00 am service. Proceeds from non-pledged donations on this day will be contributed to the Westside Food Pantry. Please join us in marking the cooperative sharing of the Westside communities and St. Andrew and St. John Episcopal Church!

"It always takes two to share—the giver and the receiver. What we discover is that we are BOTH!"

Direction Matters (continued)

When we have missed the mark, we are called to "repent," meaning to turn around or turn back towards God. Direction matters, and so the psalmist sings: *I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you. . . make your way straight before me Lord* (Psalm 5).

In my personal devotions, I often pray in reflection of Psalm 5 something like this:

*Make straight the crooked pathways of our feet Lord,
 that we do not stray too far from you.*

*Make straight the crooked pathways of our bodies Lord,
 that we may be healed and whole.*

*Make straight the crooked pathways of our hearts Lord,
 that they are not hardened or divided.*

*Make straight the crooked pathways of our minds Lord,
 that we do not harbor grievances and judgments.*

*Make straight the crooked pathways of our souls Lord,
 that we are ever changed into your image and likeness.*

*Make your way straight before us Lord,
 that we may bow down toward your holy Christ in awe of you.*

Jesus said: *I am the way*. No matter which way we go, whether we itinerate or remain planted, where we are—*here*—in every direction—is God's Christ and blessed Spirit.

Faithfully,

Mother Kathleen

MDI MARATHON — Sunday, October 18th

The marathon starts on Main Street in Bar Harbor at 8:00 a.m. and ends in Southwest Harbor. You are invited to cheer on the runners in front of St. John's as they finish their race. There will be one service that morning at 8:00.

FROM THE FINANCE & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

As we have done in the past, the Finance & Investment Committee (FIC) will be happy to accept requests for new budget proposals for 2016, so we can begin to put together budget recommendations to the Vestry this fall.

We encourage those of you responsible for any of our various parish ministries to communicate with me by email. If you believe your present budget is workable for another year, I would find it helpful to know that, too. You should email me your recommendations for increases or decreases to the 2014 budget prior to **October 1** (please email requests to me at the following email: elizabeth.ericson@maine.edu).

The Vestry will conduct personnel reviews this fall and shape requests for personnel compensation changes.

By way of background, our budget for 2015 on the income side is \$161,466 with expenses estimated at \$177,613, leaving a budget deficit of \$16,147 for our current calendar and fiscal year. To date, we are running close to this projection so we anticipate a deficit of approximately \$16,000 (last year our year-end deficit was \$3,641). We were aware that our deficit for 2015 would be higher given our commitment to hiring the Assistant Rector, and the full year cost will be borne in 2016.

If you have questions or thoughts about the 2015 or 2016 budget, I invite you to join our FIC meeting to be held on Oct 13 at 5:00 pm where we will start the process of drafting the 2016 budget line by line. If you plan to attend and could let me know, I'd be most grateful.

As ever, minutes of FIC meetings are available to all (through Michele Daley); anyone can attend FIC meetings (generally the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm); and we report regularly to the Vestry and to the entire parish at the parish's Annual Meeting.

On behalf of the entire Finance & Investment Committee, many thanks to each of you!

Liz Erickson, Treasurer

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 4, Pentecost 19

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 26; Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
The Rev. Lynn Orville

October 11, Pentecost 20

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 22:1-15; Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
The Rev. Kathleen Killian

October 18, Pentecost 21

MDI Marathon—one service only

8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b; Job 38:1-7, 23-41; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
The Rev. Timothy Fleck

October 25, Pentecost 22

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist at St. John the Divine
Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22; Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52
The Rev. Kathleen Killian

Thursdays at 12:00 p.m.—Holy Eucharist

October 1 (Michael and All Angels)

The Rev. Kathleen Killian

October 8 Morning Prayer

John Allison

October 15 (Teresa of Avila)

The Rev. Timothy Fleck

October 22 (Luke the Evangelist)

The Rev. Timothy Fleck

October 29 (James Hannington)

The Rev. Timothy Fleck

SUNDAY FORUMS at 9:15

October 11 — Video of New Presiding Bishop

October 18 — No Forum (MDI Marathon)

October 25 — Convention Report

November 1 — FIC Budget Discussion, Liz Erickson, Treasurer

November 8 — At Home Mount Desert Island (*see below for more information*)

November 15 — Vestry Dialogue

November 22 — Acadia Family, Dan Johnson

AT HOME MOUNT DESERT ISLAND

At Home, a program of Washington Hancock Community Agency, is a member-based, volunteer supported program designed to provide older residents of Mount Desert Island with core services, empowering them to continue to live independently in their homes for as long as they are able. Responding to members' requests for services across Mount Desert Island is based on the willingness of residents of all towns on Mount Desert Island to volunteer. You may obtain information regarding volunteering from Program Manager, Kara Janes at 374-5852 or kjanes@whcacap.org

THE LIGHTER SIDE...



A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

