



## *The Font*

*Fostering connections within the Order of Saint Luke*

*May/June 2012*

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Dear Sisters and Brothers, Easter greetings. Yesterday Sr. MO and I made a pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral to drink in the rootedness of this place so important to our Anglican and Methodist Christianity. After walking through the impressive, high vaulted nave of the space, I was amazed to find myself, after going up many steps, entering the quire space. It was almost as large as the nave. Here the cathedral community prays Morning Prayer and Evensong.



On the bus returning to London, I reflected on how the great tradition of hallowing time with the daily office lives continues around the world in concert with Canterbury and Rome and Constantinople, and thousands and thousands of other places, where Christians of many stripes pray the *Opus Dei*, the Divine office. In this shared practice, we Christians enact a great unity, one that I find encouraging and comforting. Even on days when time does not allow me to pray some or all the round of offices, others are carrying the church in its prayer.

Still, I am not sanguine about where the global church is with respect to this form of prayer. The daily office is one of the unrealized elements of more than a hundred years effort toward liturgical renewal. The monasteries carry it on. Cathedrals honor the tradition, but may not truly engage in daily morning and evening prayer. Some of the ordained clergy pray the office alone or with a few of the faithful. The fact is most Christians, even if they are aware of the daily office, do not pray it in concert with the church's prayer. Here, I suspect, the Order of Saint Luke "hovers" with good intent, but still seeking to incorporate it into our actual daily practice in actuality.

The daily office is part of "living wet": living the Christian's baptismal union with Christ. Daily prayer is a necessary and rich counterpoint to Word and Table on the Lord's Day. It is hallowing all time in the name of the risen Lord known around the Word proclaimed and received on Sundays.

Still there is hope of a deepening "common prayer." In the daily office with differing degrees of simplicity and complexity, there is a great unity. Unlike the Eucharistic table around which Christian communion is deeply broken, there is no exclusion or disagreement. In the daily office we are all one in the church's praise and intercession. Here at sunrise, zenith, sunset, and night we discover ourselves being of one heart and voice. Here we transition from individual piety to common prayer in small parish groups, cathedral quires, seniors living alone, seminary students in liturgical formation, Sisters of Charity, Benedictines, Franciscans, Jesuits, Carthusians,

Lukans, and a host of other orders. I think many ordinary Christians are hungry to for introduction and support in this substantive, ordered communal prayer.

Let us continue the *opus dei*—the divine work of prayer. This is not tangential to our life or our vocation as the baptized. It is central. Is it difficult in a digital, hyperactive, noisy world? Yes. Is it immediately valued by bishops, superintendents, laity and pastors of our churches? No. Is it central to the church's prayer? Yes? Is it deeply forming of our minds, imaginations, and orientation to the hopes and hurts of the world? Yes. Could broad recovery of the daily office bring real substance to churches lost in fluff and bother? I believe it very well might.

If you struggle with daily prayer, don't give up. If you have done this for years, continue. If you haven't started yet, begin. Consider making use of last summer's issue of *Sacramental Life* dedicated to the daily office and precursor of the new edition of *The Book of Offices and Services* due out in the fall of this year. Or use the Book of Common Prayer or some other solid resource for daily prayer.

In the grace of Jesus Christ,  
+Br. Abbot Daniel

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*From the Prior General*

Sr. Sue Moore, esmoore@alum.mit.edu

An important goal of the Order of Saint Luke is to promote worship and sacramental education. One way we do that is through the Hoyt L. Hickman Awards, given to graduating students who have demonstrated excellence in liturgical studies. It has been our honor to provide this award to deserving recipients in the past, and we continue the tradition this year. I have received confirmation from 14 seminaries that they will be presenting this award to one of their outstanding students this year,



The Order of Saint Luke provides the gift of a handmade ceramic chalice and paten to each recipient of the award. These are custom made for us by E. Preston Rice, a potter in Tyrone, PA (not far from where our sister Carol Gathagan lives).

This award is named for our brother, Hoyt Hickman. Brother Hoyt is a retired United Methodist elder. He served as Director of Worship Resources for the General Board of Discipleship for more than two decades (1972-1993) and is a beloved member of the Order of Saint Luke. He played both visionary and strategic roles in the development and adoption of our current United Methodist ritual (Services of the Baptismal Covenant, Services of Word and Table, Service of Christian Marriage, Service of Death and Resurrection, and the services of daily prayer) and related resources in *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The United Methodist Book of Worship*.

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*From the Chancellor General*

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I am receiving a new appointment this year...Colonial Park UMC in Memphis, TN. From what I have heard, seen, and experienced already about the congregation, life will be FULL there. As I make that transition, I ask for your prayers - for me, for First Church (the congregation I'm leaving), and for Colonial Park.



Further, you will need to update all of my contact information. My email will remain the same, but effective June 10, my new address and phone number will be...

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### **In the Communion of Saints**

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Traditionally, Christian religious communities have kept necrologies of their members in order to remember each brother or sister on the date of his or her death. Such a commemoration displays the community's belief that Christ is victorious over death. If, indeed, Christ defeated death on the cross, then death cannot truly separate all who are members of Christ's body. We are all, no matter what, one in Christ Jesus.

May 18 Br. Larry Seybold (1999)  
June 2 Sr. Kimberly Ann Echols (2002) California  
June 5 Br. Gerald Mann (2007)  
June 12 Br. Clark A. Walz (2004) Pennsylvania  
June 16 Br. Jerry Wilson (2009) West Virginia  
June 19 Br. Richard Hoffmann (2008) Florida  
June 20 Sr. Karen Chrisley  
June 27 Br. Kenneth Hill (2004) Indiana, Br. Stephen Fraser-Soots (2009) Michigan

A request: If you or your chapter are aware of other deceased members of the Order, I'd be grateful if you could send me information ([hjosselyn@hotmail.com](mailto:hjosselyn@hotmail.com)) so that they may be included in the list of siblings for whom we give thanks to God.

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*From the Companion for Inquirers and New Members:*

Br. Matthias Tanner, O.S.L. [br.matthias@gmail.com](mailto:br.matthias@gmail.com)

In the past two months, The Order has welcomed these new members: Sr. Marilus Rodriguez of Pennsauken, NJ; Sr. Bronwyn Yokum from Berwyn PA; Br. Nick Roberts from Johnston City, IL.



As you have opportunity, please add your voice to mine in welcoming them to our fellowship and drawing them in relationship with others in The Order. Where possible, I have notified Provincial Companions and nearby Priors.

When there is a change of Priors in local chapters or when Priors and Provincial Companions change email addresses, please share the new information with me. This will help in making these contacts and giving the opportunity for new members to know others in The Order.

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***From the Provincial General–***

Br. George R. Crisp, Provincial General  
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As we prepare for the spring Council meeting in Pittsburgh, we have received a Covenanting Document for the re-organized Philippines Chapter. They plan on an annual meeting around St. Luke's Day, October 18, and quarterly regional meetings in three sub-chapter areas. The Council will take action on their request for chapter status.

Here is other news from local chapters and associations based on reports prepared for the fall 2011 General Chapter meeting or updated reports for the Spring 2012 Council meeting:

Reporting for this spring, Br. Bob Davis reported that the California-Pacific Chapter began the calendar year with a February retreat that resulted in effective planning for the year to include "regular" meetings in March, May, September and November. Our March meeting included a discussion of Br. Dwight Vogel's article in *Sacramental Life* on "Two Ways of Praying." A "breakfast meeting," for members and inquirers, is set for Annual Conference in June. The Claremont sub-chapter eats a noon meal together on the first Monday of the month and sponsors Morning Prayer at 7:30 a.m. on the Fridays of Advent and Lent and the Friday after Easter. We are attempting to vary meeting locations around our large geographic sprawl. We are reaching out to newcomers as well as lapsed members. We are frustrated by the challenge of relating to students at Claremont School of Theology because of difficulties in scheduling. Officers include Prior, Br. Bob Davis; Sub-prior for the Claremont Sub-Chapter, Br. Dwight Vogel; Chancellor, Br. Bill Kintner.

As reported last October, the Northern Illinois Conference Chapter sponsored the services of Holy Communion at the 2011 annual conference sessions at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois. The services were well received with an average of 35 participants at 6:00 a.m. each morning. Since Br. David retired and moved to Pittsburgh, the chapter has met only sporadically. The Spirit is moving; new plans and energy are emerging. Our chapter is gathering on Saturday, November 12 at First UMC in Lombard, Illinois to organize ourselves for monthly retreats beginning in January 2012; we have invited those in the Illinois Great Rivers Chapter to join with us for these monthly retreats. Br. Daniel Diss is working with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to receive continuing education units for those who participate in the monthly gatherings. We have been in conversation with the Illinois Great Rivers Chapter to co-host future gatherings of the Order for retreat. Br. Daniel Diss will speak with Prior General Sr. Sue Moore

at the national gathering in Dallas about this offer. At the moment the chapter has four persons under care in preparation to make profession or re- profession in the Order. Officers are: Br. Daniel Diss, Prior; Sr. Jean Rhodes, Sub-Prior; Sr. Deena McGuire, Chancellor.

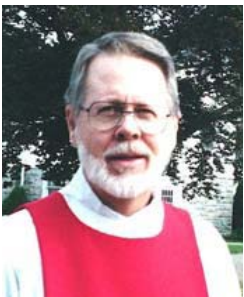
According to Br. David McMahon's report a year ago (and reiterated last fall), the St. Stephen Chapter (Abilene, Texas) was imploding with members scattered from Abilene to San Angelo and Brady due to retirements and new appointments. The chapter was suspended in October 2011. Members are welcome to regroup and request reinstatement as a chapter or association.

Lat fall, the West Virginia Chapter reported that it meets quarterly (fall, winter, retreat in spring, and at Annual Conference). We have discussed commitment to living a sacramental life, how to recruit new members as well as how to retain current members, our topic for retreat, etc. Our officers are: Br. Tim Bleigh, Prior; Br. Tim Allen, Sub-Prior; Jim Reed, Chancellor. Perpetual Reminder (especially at "moving time") . . .

Please notify the Provincial General (1) if the contact person for your chapter or association changes due to an election of new officers, (2) if you are the contact person and you if you have updated contact information, and (3) if you change your e-mail address.

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#### ***From the Pastoral Care Officer***

Bro. Tom Beveridge, OSL [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com)

Sisters and Brothers:

General Conference is meeting as I write. Major restructuring and downsizing are on the table. Central Conferences may become independent members of something like a Methodist Communion – and this at the same time as earthquakes continue to shake the Anglican Communion. Disputes over “liberal” vs. “conservative” theologies and social policies are in the mix in both cases. As a confirmed “ecumaniac,” I find it painful to see the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns on the chopping block. Full Communion negotiations that the Commission has had responsibility for begin to appear as something akin to rearranging the deck chairs while the ship is taking on so much water.

So it is that an aphorism from Steven Covey has resurfaced in my mind: “The main thing is keeping the main thing the main thing.” This reminds me that church politics, while compelling, even important, are not the main thing. Thank God for that! Jesus put it differently: “Seek first the Kingdom of God and all the rest will be added unto you.” In this he points us to the main thing.



I've loved serving as Pastoral Care Officer for the Order. I take Jesus' words to heart: "By this shall everyone know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." Seeing how this community of ours, when gathered but most of the time dispersed, lives into that way of being disciples gives me hope. It speaks to me of how caring for one another is so essential to living a sacramental life. Being in a position to call attention to that on a regular basis has been a privilege. I am humbled by that.

I doubt that I will write another of these columns. But perhaps it says something about the importance we as an Order place on pastoral care that this issue contains more items of news and concern than any before it. Read on, and you will see what I mean. Meanwhile, I am forging ahead as Provincial Companion for New England – a new way of striving to keep the main thing the main thing. Also, it is my hope to write for the Order via other venues.

Until the appointment of a new Pastoral Care Officer has been confirmed I encourage you to continue being in touch with me when you have news you wish to share or if you desire pastoral conversation with me. Write me at [tandaosl@yahoo.com](mailto:tandaosl@yahoo.com) or PO Box 891, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0891. Or call me at (860) 243-3388. Also, be sure to relay news to me that I might not learn about outside of Cyber Chapter posts. Then I can make direct contact via telephone or email.

Peace,

Br. Tom Beveridge, Pastoral Care Officer

"All are to be welcomed as Christ."

*The Rule of St. Benedict*

## **News:**

**Br. Taylor Burton-Edwards** sent us a link to a YouTube piece for Holy Week called "Holy Monday: Virtual Choir 3."

It can be accessed at: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=V3rRaL-Czxw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=V3rRaL-Czxw)  
This is the work of composer, conductor and compositor, Eric Whitacre. It brings together 3746 separate videos of persons singing individual parts of his composition, "Water Night," with a text based on a masterful translation of a remarkable Spanish poem by Octavio Paz. You can read more about the poem and the poet, here: <http://ericwhitacre.com/music-catalog/satb-choral/water-night>

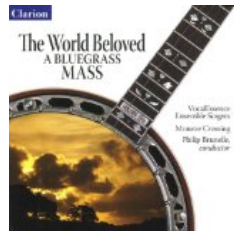
Br. Taylor's son *Will* contributed two videos to this project-- one tenor, and one bass part. He's credited under each, and he even appears singing one of these parts between 4:20-4:25. Br. Taylor says, "Yeah, I'm proud of him!" [burtoneidwards@gmail.com](mailto:burtoneidwards@gmail.com)

**Br. Mike Rayson** preached in London's Westminster Abbey on Good Friday. This was an ecumenical service between the Abbey congregation, Westminster Methodist Central Hall, and Westminster Cathedral (the Roman Catholic Cathedral for England and Wales). The service was preceded by a march through the streets of London with 1000+ people. Br. Mike wrote that this invitation was a very great honor, and added that, "I believe I will certainly be the first United Methodist to be invited to preach in the Abbey at an Easter weekend service. After London, Br. Mike joined **Br. Joe Stobaugh** and **Sr. Lydia Munoz** on the General Conference music and worship team. [mike.rayson.ministries@gmail.com](mailto:mike.rayson.ministries@gmail.com)

Hau'oli Pakoa! (Happy Easter!) **Br. Dan Benedict** sent some pictures of **Sr. Mary O** and himself at Easter in Hawaii. Beautiful flower arrangements that Sr. Mary O worked on with love and joy at the Font and Paschal Candle. Br. Dan and others with a young man in alb and leis whose name is *Ryan Manning-Kapuniiai*. Ryan is a neophyte, newly baptized and a new son of God in Christ. Sadly, something about the formatting frustrated efforts to copy any of these picture here. Perhaps Br. Dan can find another way

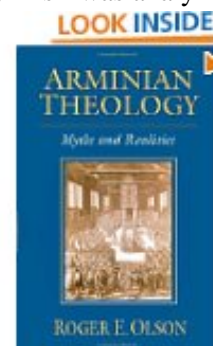
to share them if you ask. They are wonderful! The Benedicts have since been to England to be with family there, and returning via Pittsburgh for Spring Council. [stlukebysea@yahoo.com](mailto:stlukebysea@yahoo.com)

**Br. Bill and Sr. Mabel Doser** send us the following Easter message: “After a very difficult year with health issues, we are most grateful to be a home and able take care of ourselves. Bill drives to church in Charlotte and Mabel drives home--80 miles round trip. God has answered many prayers in our behalf and we give thanks daily. We wish for you a Happy Easter. Love, Bill and Mabel” [wrloser@aol.com](mailto:wrloser@aol.com)



Since Christmas, **Br. Ron Freyer-Nicholas** has had some serious health issues. Fortunately, so far they have only slowed him down. In spite of all that, in April he presented a master class lecture on the general structure of the liturgy and the specific structure of the Roman Mass in connection with the Central Florida Master Choir's performance of "The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass" at their Spring Concert. The concerts, therefore Br. Ron's lecture, were presented three times in different locations, on April 15, 22 and 29. Of this, he wrote, "As I was analyzing

the Bluegrass Mass to prepare my lecture I realized that it is probably the purest expression of Arminian theology I've ever seen (besides Roger E. Olson's book [\*Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities\*](#)) and is free of the Calvinist misperceptions and slanders usually leveled against Arminians." (Ed. Note: The book, also CD and MP3 download of the mass are available via amazon.com) Br. Ron concluded his latest message with these words: "As I approach Inga's 2nd *yahrzeit*, my spirit is good and I have good support around me, though the alone-ness does occasionally attempt to overcome me." [www.cfmasterchoir.org](http://www.cfmasterchoir.org) [ashes2fire@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ashes2fire@cfl.rr.com)



**Sr. Jennifer Woodruff Tait's** book [\*The Poisoned Chalice: Eucharistic Grape Juice and Common-Sense Realism in Victorian Methodism \(Religion & American Culture\)\*](#) was released in October, 2011 by The University of Alabama Press and is available via amazon.com. In this book Sr. Jennifer discusses the reasons why Methodists use grape juice in the Eucharist. [profjenn@juno.com](mailto:profjenn@juno.com)

**Br. Bill Olewiler** has been serving since March as interim pastor at Asbury UMC, Orange Park, FL, following their pastor's departure on medical leave. Br. Bill will be there through the month of June. Also, please remember Br. Bill's wife Nancy Payne Olewiler in your prayers. After consultation at the Mayo Clinic, she will have surgery on her lower back on July 5. She has had back surgery before; this time it will be more extensive. [billrev@comcast.net](mailto:billrev@comcast.net)

**Br. Robert Duran** will be commissioned and become a Provisional Member (PE) of the Oklahoma Annual Conference in May. His appointment will be changed from Antlers/Soper UMC in the McAlester District to the Cherokee UMC near Enid, OK. Br. Robert clearly has a pastor's heart. Even as he forwarded this news he asked prayers for those who have experienced the devastation of tornadoes in the area where he will serve. [rev\\_robert\\_duran@yahoo.com](mailto:rev_robert_duran@yahoo.com)

**Br. Julio Vargas-Vidal** has completed three months of training in the Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course (CH-BOLC) in the US Army. He will serve as an Army Reserve Chaplain in Puerto Rico. Congratulations, Brother Julio! [nakan@prw.net](mailto:nakan@prw.net)

We have received word that **Br. Larry Stookey** has been diagnosed with Lewy Bodies Dementia by a neurologist at Johns Hopkins Hospital. This involves abnormal protein deposits in the brain, particularly around the brain stem. Symptoms can mimic Parkinson's Disease. Unfortunately, there is no treatment or cure. Br. Larry has taken the diagnosis well. He continues to pastor, and he wanted us to know the facts rather than deal with rumors. This is being shared with his permission, relayed via Sr. Carol Gathagan. He continues to check email and would welcome hearing from you. [yekoots@aol.com](mailto:yekoots@aol.com)

On Tuesday, March 6, **Br. Roger Baker** underwent surgery at Bethesda Naval Hospital for removal of a cancerous brain tumor. This was extremely risky surgery. Among other things, going into it there was a question as to if, or when, he would be able to speak again. The outcome was very favorable. He was, indeed, able to speak and was home within a week. More important yet has been the spirit in which our brother has emerged from this experience. He thanks us for our thoughts and prayers. In his own words: "I feel more alive, more joy, and more happiness than ever. I will pray beside you often in the morning and evening hours. I love our Order and the lovely time we have together, both in prayer and in person. I will post occasionally on how things are working for me, and will share your prayers." The time ahead will be very challenging for Br. Rog as it involves ongoing, aggressive treatments. Yet, again in his own words: "During the cancer treatments I am finishing up a doctorate thesis as a way to stay focused on a project, and still serve a local UMC church as a part-time associate. It will be a busy spring & summer!" Please continue in prayer for Brother Rog, his wife *Sue* and their family. [Roger.Baker@rogerbaker.net](mailto:Roger.Baker@rogerbaker.net)

**Br. Howard Cherry** underwent surgery on March 7<sup>th</sup> which, as it turned out, was more extensive than originally expected. He has been at home since the surgery however and is continuing to recuperate nicely. [Hcherry418@aol.com](mailto:Hcherry418@aol.com)

**Br. Don Brown**, an active member of the Order of Saint Luke for 50 years, and a faithful attendee at New Jersey Chapter meetings, underwent cancer surgery on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The surgery went well; however, as a precaution he is undergoing a short course of radiation treatment. Please hold Don and his wife *Gayle* in your prayers during this time of waiting. If you wish to send him a note, his email address is [dgbrown6@optonline.net](mailto:dgbrown6@optonline.net).

Please be in prayer for **Sr. Carol Gathagan** and her family. She has been carrying an extraordinarily heavy load of care. On Monday, April 23, 2012, Death found that it had no dominion over her sister *Mary Ellen Downing*. A Service of Death and Resurrection was held for her on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in Salisbury, MD. Sr. Carol wrote earlier that, although critically ill, Mary Ellen was in "a very healthy spiritual condition." She had planned to visit Mary Ellen later in April. Sr. Carol's sister-in-law *Martha Downing* is undergoing treatment for brain cancer and awaiting results of her latest tests. Sr. Carol writes that she "is amazing." Meanwhile, Sr. Carol's daughter *Suzanne Moore*, who is a cancer survivor, just got a clean bill of health for another year. And another sister *Judy Marvel*, also a cancer survivor, has received her "all clear" for another year. As for herself, Sr. Carol says that, considering all that is happening in her family, she has been keeping focused on the Light of Easter. [cgathagan@susumc.org](mailto:cgathagan@susumc.org)

**Br. David A. Eichelberger** was privileged to preside at a committal service for his uncle *James C. Dittmar* in the little town of Loysburg, PA on Sunday, April 22 2012. Loysburg is the home town of Br. David's mother's family and the location where his great great-grandfather located after emigrating from Obervorschuetz, Hessen in central Germany. Br. David was a participant in his uncle's memorial service at the Abington Presbyterian Church, Abington, PA in August. A portion of his uncle's ashes were transported to the town where he was raised by his daughter, *Kathy Joslyn* who lives in Elmhurst, IL. They were laid to rest between his parents and sisters' graves, among about 20 other relatives in the small cemetery next to the St. John's Reformed Church (CCCA) which our ancestor *John Dittmar*, helped to build and where the family has both a memorial window and pew. Attending the ceremony were Br. David's parents, *Donald* and *Winifred Eichelberger* and *Robert* and *Kathy Joslyn*. The principal burial site is near Reading, PA. A third portion will be taken to China, where James served with his identical twin brother, *John*, in the U.S. Marine Air Corps during WWII. Both of James' great uncles were ordained ministers of the German Reformed tradition. One of whom, *Rev. David Nevin Dittmar*, is also buried in Loysburg. Psalms 133 and 121 were read in tribute to Jame's strong connection with his twin and to the Tussey Mountain which shadows Loysburg and the cemetery. [davideosl@aol.com](mailto:davideosl@aol.com)



Condolences to **Br. Joe Phillips** in the passing of his *Aunt Marie Wilson*. On March 1, 2012, Death found that it had no dominion over her. Br. Joe knew her all his life; remembers her fondly and writes that he is “saddened but happy she had a good life with Uncle Wiley.” She is survived by Br. Joe’s *Uncle Wiley Wilson*, her husband of 63 years, a WW2 veteran and Power Company Lineman retiree. They have 4 daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. [jphil300@gmail.com](mailto:jphil300@gmail.com) [jphil32@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jphil32@columbus.rr.com)

Condolences to **Sr. Heather Murray-Elkins**. On Friday, March 9, 2012, Death found that it had no dominion over her mother *Winnie Murray*. She lived this earthly life for 93 years, was active in social gospel ministry to the very end. A Service of Death and Resurrection was held at Elizabeth UMC, Elizabeth, WV on March 17<sup>th</sup>, attended by a host of family, friends, clergy and laity of the West Virginia Annual Conference, and members of the Order of Saint Luke. [helkins@drew.edu](mailto:helkins@drew.edu)

Condolences to **Br. Thom** and **Sr. Stephanie Malcolm**. On Thursday, March 22, 2012, Death found that it had no dominion over their brother *Robert Malcolm*. Messages may be sent to the Malcolms’ at 39 Township Road 1281 Proctorville, OH 45669.

On Friday, March 30, 2012 Death found that it had no dominion over *The Rev. Herman Hayes*, father to **Br. Gregory Hayes**, father-in-law to Br. Greg’s wife **Sr. Diane Hayes**, and grandfather to *Scott* and *Eric*. He was 88 years-old. There is so much to tell about his life. **Br. Brent Sturm**, whose home church was served by Herman Hayes before Br. Brent was born and later by Br. Greg, has written a very moving tribute in which he describes Herman Hayes as “an avid golfer, a sharer of deep wisdom, a profound preacher, a noted evangelist, and a world-renowned artist. It was eight years ago that Br. Greg called on me to help him fulfill a long-time promise to his dad. Br. Greg had told Herman that, if he lived to 80 years of age, he’d take him golfing at The Greenbrier for that milestone birthday. One of my many happy jobs while serving in White Sulphur Springs was to arrange for that triumphant golf game. If memory serves, Br. Gregory had his clock cleaned that day. <G>” A Service of Death and Resurrection was celebrated at Forrest Burdette Memorial United Methodist Church in Hurricane, WV on Tuesday, April 3rd. Greetings will reach Br. Greg and Sr. Diane at 120 Brentwood Road; Nitro, WV 25143-1141 or via e-mail at: [ghayestcb@suddenlink.net](mailto:ghayestcb@suddenlink.net)

Condolences to **Br. Richard Miller** and his brother *Denver Miller* in the death of their father *Henry C. Miller* in Clearfield, Utah on April 13, 2012, when he was just short of his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. The service was held in the Millers’ hometown of Hopwood, PA. Br. Richard wrote, “We rely on God’s tender mercies for Dad, and ask for your prayers for ourselves.” [richmil2@gmail.com](mailto:richmil2@gmail.com)

## **No Ordinary Holy Communion**

**by Br. Matthew Landry**



On an ordinary day of ministry, I went to our local retirement facility to administer Holy Communion to the residents who would like to receive. This day was a little different. As I walked into the common's room of the facility, which stands as our makeshift chapel, I noticed that only one man was present. There was another activity going on at the time, so I recognized that the low turnout of the service was expected. The man who was present was a 91 year old man who has become my friend since coming to my new church. I have visited him many times and was with him the week he laid the love of his life to rest.

Since this visit for Holy Communion was just the two of us, he started to share memories of his life with his wife. As he shared, it was recognizable that his love for her is still so strong. He talked about how he proposed, or more accurately, how she proposed. He talked about how they raised five children together, one who passed away many years ago. He talked about how every night before they would fall asleep, they would hold hands. I was already holding back tears as he continued to share about the night she passed. Late one night, my friend's wife woke him up and held his hand. That would be the last time they would hold hands. It was evident that my friend still has much pain in his heart from the loss of his wife, but every time I visit him I remind him of the promises of God and that she is with God in heaven in this very moment.

As I started preparing Holy Communion, that only he and I would receive that day, I started telling him that as we receive the bread and wine, we are united with all of God's saints in the Communion of the Saints. I told him that we call on the Holy Spirit to be with us and in the elements of Communion and in doing so, we are transported from the present into the mystical body of Christ found in the Kingdom of God. We are present in the Kingdom as we receive this sacrament and that means that the Communion of the Saints are with us as we are given a foretaste of the coming Kingdom that is present, yet to come. He said that he had been a member of the United Methodist Church his entire life and he had never heard the sacrament explained in such a manner.

We went on to pray and give God thanks for family, church and Jesus, but we also gave God thanks for the Communion of the Saints. I knew my friend was thankful for that reminder, as we gave thanks for the two saints that he knew in his life, his wife and daughter who have passed on before him. As we received the Holy Eucharist that day, that is what it truly was, a moment of thanksgiving. We gave thanks to God for the saints who have run their course and who now rest with God in God's Kingdom. We were also present in a Kingdom moment, when we recognized that we were surrounded by so great cloud of witnesses as we received the sacrament.

This is way in which I pray we all receive Holy Communion; with great thanksgiving and reverence for the divine mystery of God's Kingdom that is present, yet still coming. I pray that the next time we come forward and open our hands to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood, that we come forward ready to receive Jesus Christ and the hope of being present in the Kingdom here and now and in the life to come. This story is gives an example of what the Order of Saint Luke stands for and represents. We proclaim the importance of the sacraments, because in them we are drawn into the beautiful Kingdom of God.

## Ordo for the Order of Saint Luke

### MAY

<b>T</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Philip &amp; James the Less R</b>
W	2	Athanasius W
T	3	Thomas Coke W
F	4	Monica W
S	5	Olof Gustav Hedstrom W
<b>S</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter W</b>
M	7	W
T	8	Julian of Norwich W
W	9	Gregory of Nazianzus W
T	10	W
F	11	W
S	12	W
<b>S</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter W</b>
M	14	W
T	15	W
W	16	William Nast W
		<b>Eve of Ascension W</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Ascension Day W</b>
F	18	Jacob Albright, Mary McLeod Bethune
W		
S	19	W
<b>S</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter W</b>
		<b>Ascension Sunday W (Optional)</b>
M	21	W
T	22	W
W	23	W
T	24	William Edwin Robert Sangster W
F	25	The Venerable Bede W
S	26	W
		<b>Eve of Pentecost R</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Pentecost R</b>
M	28	G
T	29	G
W	30	G
<b>T</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>The Visitation W</b>

### JUNE

F	1	Justin G
S	2	The Martyrs of Lyons G
		<b>Eve of Trinity Sunday W</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday W</b>
M	4	G
T	5	Barnabas G
W	6	G
		<b>Eve of Thanksgiving</b>
		<b>for Holy Eucharist W</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for</b>
		<b>the Holy Eucharist W</b>
F	8	G
S	9	Columba & Aidan G
<b>S</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Barnabas R</b>
T	12	G
W	13	G
T	14	Basil the Great G
F	15	Evelyn Underhill G
S	16	G
<b>S</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
M	18	Matthew Simpson G
T	19	G
W	20	G
T	21	Thomas Bowman Stephenson G
F	22	Alban G
S	23	G
<b>S</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost G</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Nativity of John The Baptist W</b>
		(Transferred)
T	26	G
W	27	G
T	28	Irenaeus,
		Peter Jones or Kahkewaquonaby G
<b>F</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Peter and Paul R</b>
S	30	G

Please note the following:

- All Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts are in **bold** type and followed by the proper liturgical color for the day or part of the day.
- Commemorations are noted but the seasonal color is kept. Those who wish to solemnize a particular commemoration should use Red for martyrs and Holy Cross Day and White for all others.

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- The color code is: W- White, R- Red, B- Blue, P- Purple, G- Green. Gold may be substituted for White.

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