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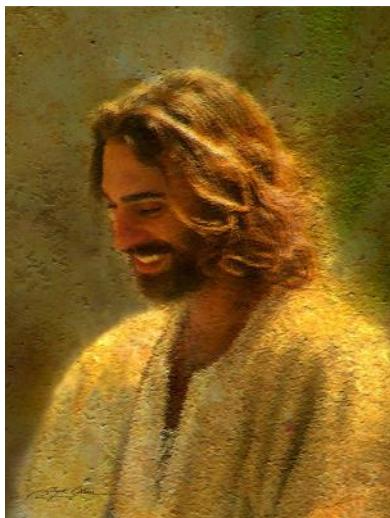
The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit: Joy

This is the second of my articles on the fruit of the Holy Spirit. In this article, I write of the virtue of joy. In the list of the fruit of the Spirit in *Galatians* 5:22-23, St. Paul mentions it second to divine love. It is very closely associated with divine love, as it is with peace. Since the Holy Spirit is the origin of all these virtues comprising the harvest of the Spirit, we might say they are companions of one another.

Though this is so, joy is not encountered as much among Christians as it ought to be. The same could be said of all the other virtues to a greater or lesser degree. If joy is lacking in anyone's life, we can be sure that Satan is at work to discourage that person in some way. Just as the other virtues of the Holy Spirit must be cultivated and nourished in our lives, as we would take care of a potted plant to make sure it grows and flourishes, so the virtue of joy must be nurtured

and encouraged in our lives. How do we do this? We must live a life of daily prayer and Bible reading to remain close to the Lord, and we must, in that closeness, follow His will in all areas of our life. Communion with the Lord, fellowship with Him, is what we need



most of all for joy to grow. We must live continually in a right relationship with Him, assured of our forgiveness, having the peace of that assurance given to us through God's written word and confirmed by His Spirit's testimony to us.

What is joy? We need to ask this question since joy can so often be confused with transient happiness, or temporary gladness, based on the fleeting pleasures of this world. Joy is a deep, lasting happiness based on the Holy Spirit's life in us, intercession for us, and new creation of our life and character to conform to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. All this flows from the repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ that marks the beginning of Christian life. Joy is not the thrill of a roller coaster ride nor even the sense of satisfaction that some may draw from having a full bank account or great material wealth. Joy, like peace, flows from a right relationship with God and from receiving the forgiveness of all our sins through believing in the Lord Jesus Christ Who died on the cross to reconcile us to God. With joy we rejoice in the "hope of the glory of God" we have received through the Lord Jesus Christ (*Romans* 5:2), and

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we even rejoice in our tribulations, or trials, since these produce patience, experience, and hope, which do not disappoint us because God's love has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (*Romans 5:2-5*). Therefore, St. Paul can also write about apostles as workers for Christ "as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (*II Corinthians 6:10*, italics mine). How, then, can one be sorrowful yet always rejoicing? A paradox indeed! The answer to this, in St. Paul's life and ministry, was surely that there were many causes for sorrow in terms of opposition to the Gospel message, disobedience among Christians, the trials of imprisonment and persecution, and many other things. But through all this, and in all this, he continues rejoicing at all times, since the fountain of his joy and rejoicing is the Lord Himself. The secret of his attitude is that he never let the sorrows have the last word, but always found in the Lord the strength and power he needed to overcome his sorrows and continue rejoicing in the

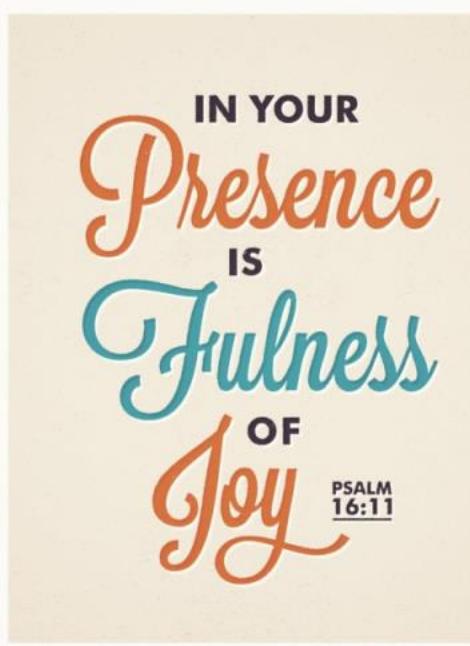
Lord.

Faith in the Lord God Almighty as the Source of our life and our Sustainer is necessary for growth in the joy of the Lord. Consider some instances of joy and rejoicing in the *Book of Acts*. In *Acts 2*, the Christians who have newly come to faith worship frequently in the temple and "breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with glad-

performed miracles in their city were filled with joy (*Acts 8:8*). The Ethiopian official who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ after Philip's preaching to him and his baptism goes on his way rejoicing (*Acts 8:39*). After coming to salvation, performing an act of repentance by washing the wounds of Ss. Paul and Silas, and being baptized, the jailer brought them into his house, set food before them, and rejoiced that he and his household had come to faith in the Lord (*Acts 16:34*).

Joy, for the Christian, springs from the depths of Christ and all that He has done for us in bringing us salvation and all the countless benefits that follow from it, including our reception of the Holy Spirit. However, since there are so many obstacles to faith and so many trials for most

Christians, again and again in Holy Scripture God calls His people to rejoice in Him. For example, St. Paul exhorts us, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (*I Thessalonians 5:16-18*). In fact, the key to being filled with the



ness and singleness of heart" (*Acts 2:46b*). The apostles, after being rebuked by the Council of the Jews and beaten for preaching the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, rejoiced that "they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name" (*Acts 5:41b*). The Samaritans who had witnessed the grace of the Lord when Philip the Evangelist preached and

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Holy Spirit is speaking in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs and making melody in our heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God (*Ephesians 5:18-20*).

Abiding in the Lord by keeping His commandments also ensures that His joy remains in us and is complete (*St. John 15:10-11*). It is this joy of the Lord that we must nurture in our lives, for it is based on the life of the Lord Jesus Christ in us through the indwelling Holy Spirit. It is the joy that no one can take away from the disciples of the Lord (*St. John 16:22*). Being in the presence of God is a source of joy, as *Psalm 16:11* tells us. Being in God's presence during this life does not mean that we see God physically, but we experience

His presence by faith in Him, and this is cause for joy even during times of trial. St. Peter writes to his Christian readers:

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need

be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not

course require faith, especially when times are hard in our lives. As we rejoice in the Lord daily, so our feeling of joy will increase. Too often, Christians may say, "I don't feel happy. I feel miserable. Why should I rejoice?" The answer to this is that joy and rejoicing arise not from our own circumstances, or as the Prayer Book puts it, "all the changes and chances of this mortal

life," but from the Holy Spirit Who has poured into our hearts the love of God which itself brings joy. Therefore, not only when we are feeling happy with life, but even when we are feeling low and unhappy with ourselves, or with others, or with life, then we must actively rejoice in God. In fact, we should always rejoice in the Lord.

I end this article with a blessing from *Romans 15:13*:

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

— The Reverend Christopher Parrish

seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.
I Peter 1:5-8

We ourselves must take the initiative in rejoicing in the Lord, and of abiding in His presence by remaining obedient to Him. This action of rejoicing in the Lord does of

On the Future of the Diocese of the West

To

All the
Faithful of the Diocese of
the West

As many of you already know, I will be retiring as of August 31, 2016.

This raises questions regarding the future of the Diocese. The Standing Committee met this past weekend at the Holy Cross Retreat Center in Mesilla, New Mexico, to assess the viability of the Diocese and chart a way forward for the future, as mandated by a motion of Synod passed last July. Also, it is the policy of the Anglican Church in North America to initiate a “sustainability review” when a diocesan bishop resigns. This means both an external and internal review is taking place.

Options include continuing as a Diocese, transitioning into a “convocation,” which is a semi-autonomous organization within another diocese, or simply dissolving, with congregations each finding a diocese appropriate to them.

A major question is the ability of the Diocese to function financially. Annual income, which is primarily from parishes, has been about \$25,000 for the past few years, which is somewhat higher than it had been previ-

ously. There is a reserve balance roughly equal to one year’s income. The two diocesan bishops in the Diocese’s history have been able to serve for no or minimal compensation beyond expenses. A request for an estimate from parishes as to what they planned to give to the Diocese in 2016 received a response from only a quarter of the parishes. The parishes that responded indicate an increase of about a third over 2015, which if it is

cease for those of us involved. Can other dioceses serve the needs of our parishes and clergy as well, or is there a unique character to our Diocese, at least in our geographical area? Many of our clergy and some of our laity have bonded as a community and value its benefits. What is the best structure to enable that to continue? Would another diocese accept and support the worship and practice of our parishes or would it seek to conform it to other standards?

How much input would we have in selecting a bishop sensitive to our needs? These and other considerations occupied the time of the Standing Committee.

As may be imagined, the Standing Committee had an intense meeting as it wrestled with these issues. Its conclusion is as follows:

- 1) The decision was to continue as a Diocese within ACNA/ REC, after reviewing many other options, some of which are listed above. While all were aware of the limitations of the Diocese, it was felt that it had been sustainable for more than a quarter century and therefore there was a reasonable prognosis that it could continue to be.

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indicative of all parishes, would mean a revenue of about \$33,000 for 2016. While this is a heartening increase, it still means finding a bishop with other sources of income. This has been possible in the past and may be again. Being a convocation would also require revenue, although not to the same level, and without the same scrutiny from ACNA.

Other questions relate to the need for the Dio-

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It was also the view of most that continuing as a Diocese would be the best way to continue the benefits presently available by being in this Diocese. That decision has been conveyed to the ACNA and REC leadership, and we await their response.

The process if we go forward to elect a third bishop for the Diocese is that the ACNA College of Bishops would authorize the election by the Diocese at their January meeting. A synod of the Diocese would then be held within a few months of that decision, which would elect one, two, or three candidates. The candidate or candidates would

then be chosen from the names submitted to the College of Bishops at their June meeting and also consented to by the REC dioceses. Consecration would be schedule within several months after that, unless the chosen candidate is already a bishop.

- 2) Should ACNA conclude that the Diocese is not sustainable, the Standing

Committee will move to petition another diocese, of our choosing, to accept us as a convocation of that diocese. In preparation for that eventuality, a list of questions was developed which will be put to the three dioceses selected for consideration and, based on the answers and possibly further discussion, one of these will be selected. To repeat, this option

Requests for clarification on any of this can be addressed to me or any member of the Standing Committee. Your prayers, of course, continue to be needed as we seek to have the spiritual wisdom to discern the right course. At the same time, it is important to remember that jurisdictional structure should never eclipse the more important concerns of the Church and her people in proclaiming the grace and love of God through the resurrected Christ, by both word and deed.

On this eve of St. Michael's and All Angels, we are reminded of the mostly unseen heavenly power surrounding us, and we are comforted and empowered by it.

Your bishop,
+Win Mott



will only activate if the first option, as above, is not possible.

Your input is welcome, and will continue to be welcome, as we move forward. Both options, but especially the first option, assume the continued participation of the great majority of the parishes currently in the Diocese. If this is not the case, it is important to know that sooner rather than later.

Worship Schedule Changes

The Reverend Christopher Parrish has announced the following changes to the worship schedule at St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills:

- Instead of offering Holy Communion on first, third, and fifth Sundays and Morning Prayer on second and fourth Sundays, a second worship service will be offered so that those who desire

weekly Holy Communion may receive it. This



second service will occur only on second and

fourth Sundays; it will take place at noon and be a said service with sermon. Please note that there will be only one fellowship hour each week.

- Third Fridays Evensong services have been cancelled.

Parishioners are invited to share their opinions on these schedule changes with the Rector or any member of the Vestry.



St. Luke's Patronal Festival

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will celebrate its patronal festival with the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist on Sunday, October 18. In honor of Saint Luke's work as a physician, the celebration of Holy Communion will include a healing service. Afterward, we will enjoy a potluck luncheon in McNeely Hall.

The Chapel in the Hills adopted Saint Luke as our patron because, as a physician and evangelist, his life models our work as a hospital for the soul. Here are a few details about him:

- He was born in Syria and was

probably a Gentile.

- He worked with Saint Paul to spread the Gospel to both Jews and Gentiles.
- He was with Saint Paul in Rome prior to Paul's martyrdom.
- He researched and wrote the *Gospel according to St. Luke* and the *Acts of the Apostles*. Though Saint Paul wrote more books of the New Testament, Saint Luke's books have a higher page count.
- Only his Gospel records the Annunciation, the infancy of Jesus, and His teaching in the Temple during His childhood; it also includes parables and miracles not found in the other three Gospels.
- Saint Luke is often pictured with an ox or a bull (a symbol of our Lord's sacrifice for all the world). This reminds us that, just like Saint Luke, we must combine spreading the Gospel with all our other work and interests.



Craft Fair to Benefit Nursery

Bridgitte Parrish is spearheading a Craft Fair to benefit the Chapel's Nursery, and there are any number of ways you can be involved in this project:

- **Calling all crafters!** Your special projects are needed to stock the fair. Please clearly mark each item with its price so that the cashiers will know how much to charge at the check-out counter.
- **Cooks, don your aprons!** Home-made cookies, candies, and other treats may also

be bagged and priced for sale at the Craft Fair. (Please consider including a list of ingredients so that those who have food aller-

their purchases. She will gladly accept your clean bags each Sunday.

- **Help spread the word!** The Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, November 1, from noon to 2:00 PM in McNeely Hall, kicking off the Christmas gift-buying season. Please pick up flyers to post on bulletin boards at work, libraries, grocery stores, and other places you frequent where such flyers are welcome. These flyers are available on the small table in McNeely Hall.



gies will not suffer adverse reactions.)

- **Save your paper bags!** Bridgitte is collecting paper bags so that shoppers may easily transport



A Note from Dean Penfield

Dear Parishioners,

I just wanted to thank you for the lovely luncheon and the generous gift of the picture of St. Luke's. I was deeply moved by your kind words and will always cherish this picture. Please believe me when I say that it was never a

duty but always a pleasure to serve you all.

God bless,
Fr. Michael



A Passing Thought

One afternoon I was talking with my neighbor Bonnie. Somehow we got on the subject of God and Church. I remember she asked me why I went to Church every Sunday and I told her. I then asked her why she didn't go to Church.



She told me that she did believe in God and talked to Him all the time but she honestly could not see the reason to go to Church. My response to her was, "God likes to come to your house, but He sometimes likes it when you come to His."

— Julia McNeely

Parish Postings

Please join us for our patronal festival on **Sunday, October 18**, the Feast of Saint Luke the Evangelist. There will be a healing service in conjunction with Holy Communion at 10:00 AM and a potluck luncheon after the worship service. Invite your friends!



Did you miss your September issue of *The Hillside Messenger*? There wasn't one—because there wasn't enough content. Our parish newsletter functions best when it features several voices from our Chapel family. If you have a news item, book review, announcement, or photograph to share, please e-mail it to Kim

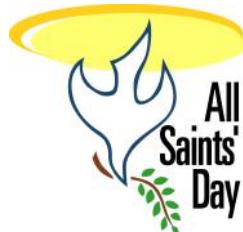
Vogel. Please send submissions for the November issue by **Tuesday, October 20**. Thank you!



Sunday, November 1, so please remember to set your clocks back one hour.



It is our custom at St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills to remember all our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord by name in our prayers on All Saints' Day (Sunday, November 1). Please be sure to give Father Parrish your list of memorials by **Sunday, October 25**. Thank you!



Daylight Standard Time resumes at 2:00 AM on

St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills will host a Craft Fair to benefit the Nursey on **Sunday, November 1**, from noon to 2:00 PM. (See page 7 or contact Bridgitte Parrish for more information.) Please bring your priced crafts and baked goods to McNeely Hall by **Friday, October 30**. Thank you!



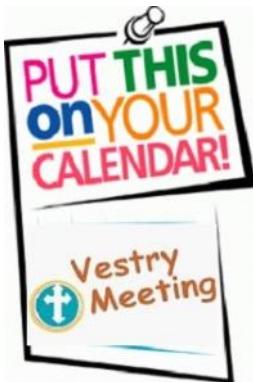
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Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Registered voters, cast your ballots!



The next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 8**. The meeting will begin immediately following the noon Holy Communion service.



The Vestry has chosen to raise funds for Doctors without Borders as the Chapel's fourth quarter Community Missions Project. Doctors Without Borders works worldwide to provide emergency medical aid to those affected by conflicts, epidemics, disasters, and exclusion from medical care. Eighty-seven cents of every dollar raised is spent on providing this medical care. For more information, please visit:

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DoctorsWithoutBorders.
org

If you wish to donate to this Community Missions Project, please make a note of your contribution on your check memo line or offertory envelope so that our Treasurer may know how to allocate your donation. Thank you!

As for our third quarter Community Missions Project to purchase sweatshirts for needy schoolchildren, the Vestry is happy to report that 62 black full-zip sweatshirts with hoods have been ordered and will soon be given to Dean Penfield for distribution to shivering pupils at the school where he teaches. Thank you very much for your generous donations to the Chapel's Community Missions Projects!



Here are three important things to remember in the McNeely Hall kitchen:

- If you open the refrigerator or freezer door, please double-check that it is fully closed again before you walk away.
- If you wash a dish in the sink, please be certain that the dish drainer hangs over the edge of the sink so that water does not leak into the cab-

inet below and cause mildew or rot.

- If you see that kitchen supplies are depleted, please make a note of the needed item(s) on the Cupboard Keeper's list attached to the refrigerator door.

Thank you very much!



A Bible Study class meets at 9:15 AM in McNeely Hall, and all are welcome. Our current study is **Hosea**, the story of God's faithful love and redemption of His people in the face of our unfaithfulness to Him. Bring your Bible!



Kindly take a few minutes each Sunday to sign greeting cards and to scan the small table for new issues of Chapel DOW, and REC newsletters. Please also consider signing up to provide refreshments on an upcoming Sunday. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 4th

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Hosea
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM

Sunday, October 11th

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Hosea
9:15 AM

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion
noon

Sunday, October 18th

The Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Hosea
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM

Potluck Luncheon in celebration of our Patronal Festival
immediately following the worship service

Tuesday, October 20th

Deadline for submissions to *The Hillside Messenger*

Saturday, October 24th

Joanna's Circle
9:30 AM

Sunday, October 25th

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity
Deadline for submissions of All Saints' Day remembrances

Bible Study: Hosea
9:15 AM

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Holy Communion
noon

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Sunday, November 1st

All Saints' Day

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Daylight Standard Time change – set your clocks back one hour

Bible Study: Hosea

9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service

10:00 AM

Craft Fair

noon to 2:00 PM

Tuesday, November 3rd

Election Day

Sunday, November 8th

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Hosea

9:15 AM

Office of Daily Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Holy Communion

noon

Vestry Meeting

immediately following the noon worship service

*Rejoice
IN THE Lord ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
Rejoice!
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4*



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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition ***Book of Common Prayer***. We invite you to join us for worship soon!

*"A place
where the Bible is taught."*



Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.

First Sunday of each month

Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Said Holy Communion
noon

Third and fifth Sunday each month and Feast Days

Holy Communion
10:00 AM