

On the Road to Emmaus

April 16, A.D. 2010

Being a ghost is no picnic. Whether we're dealing with "nearly headless Nick" of Harry Potter fame, with Jacob Marley's ghost in Dickens' "Christmas Carol," or the strange things on Ghost Hunters, ghosts don't have picnics. Which is to say, if there is such a thing as ghosts, if there is such a thing as the disembodied soul of a human being haunting the earth, one of the defining aspects of ghostliness is, ghosts don't eat. Of course they don't eat, because something without a body cannot take in, chew, and digest a *body*. They may haunt a picnic, but they don't have or share in picnics. So, being a ghost is no picnic.

"And Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'" (John 19:12) There's food for thought.

Fr. Theron †

Announcements

New Time for Weekday Communion Plus Bible Study

The Wednesday celebration of Holy Communion that was moved to Tuesday will move back to **Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Bible Study is from 9:45-10:45**. We will spend Eastertide studying the Emmaus story in depth.

New Evening Schedule for Emmaus

Wednesdays: Leadership/Meeting Night

First Wednesday 6:00-6:30 Light Supper; 6:30-8:00 Board Meeting.

Third Wednesday 6:00-6:30 Light Supper; 6:30-7:30 Leadership meeting—if you're in charge of something, anything, please be there! 7:30-8:30 Board Meeting

Thursdays: Formation/Worship Night Starts This Thursday

6:00-6:30 Light Supper

6:30-7:30 Formation to include Bible study with Fr. Theron

7:30-8:00: Vespers Eucharist.

This Sunday

9:00 a.m.: Lector Training.

10:00 a.m.: Worship

11:15-11:30: Fellowship

11:30-12:30: Formation

1:00-2:00: Acolyte Training

Sunday Scripture: Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Sermon: Fr. Theron on John 21—"Ghosts don't Picnic."

Serving Sunday

Lector: Lisa Bender

Acolytes: Jake, Cullen, and Jacob

Chalice: Erin Cook

Prayer Team: Mary Renton, Denise Walker

Ushers: Joe and Janice Clements

Community Service

I have been asked to coordinate the community service endeavors for Emmaus Anglican Church. Our first such effort began last Saturday when some of us volunteered at St. Francis Center in Denver. That will be an ongoing Emmaus activity the first Saturday of each month.

I would like to identify community service activities closer to home, here in Castle Rock or somewhere else in Douglas County. One suggestion has already been made - bringing the Word to those serving time at the Douglas County Jail. Do you have an idea of a community service we, as a group, might provide locally? It could be either an ongoing activity or a one-time event.

If you have an idea, please give me a call. Once we have a few ideas, we will decide how to proceed. Joe Clements - 303-660-9033 JMCMSM@aol.com

A Time for Vision: Sunday April 11

Thank you to Nancy Newton who co-ordinated our vision compact retreat. It was a treat for me to work with the children on the amazing Emmaus story. The kinds of things they reflected upon, the danger of traveling at night by foot, companionship, the wow-factor of meeting Jesus in communion, were echoed in what the adults had to say. One thing they paid more attention to was Jesus' "poof" disappearance after breaking bread. I didn't hear that from any of the adults. Anyway, participants really engaged the exercise, both to learn about the story, and to think in terms of our calling. I am thinking and praying over the results of the exhaustive notes and summary produced by Nancy. I will talk this over with the Interim Executive Council, but my belief is, its now up to me, having heard you, to articulate the vision.

Friends of Cleopas: Thank yous go out this week to Mary Renton for taking on some of the bookkeeping responsibilities, to the Ciafones for cleaning, to Tom Cook and Ben Contreras for helping assemble our NEW ROADSIDE SIGN.

From Bishop Guernsey The bishop called me today from the airport as he heads to Singapore for a major meeting of the global south bishops of the Anglican Communion. He is eager to visit us in the near future! Please keep bishop John and the bishops in your prayers.

On the Road to Emmaus—Inked Version of Robert Zund’s classic painting by Denise Walker

