

THE WEEKLY WORD

EPIPHANY PARISH OF SEATTLE . JUNE 11, 2012

Shootings in Seattle

Dear Epiphany,

I remember when Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon on September 11th, 2001. I was living in Alexandria, Virginia, just four miles from the site of the terrorist attack. The event scarred my memory like a meteor carving a rut in my brain. Fear was my visceral response that day. I was afraid for my life, the life of my child, and the life of my wife. My focus was on our safety as I raced from the tire dealership where I was having my tires rotated when the plane hit. I picked up my daughter Margaret from daycare, swung by the house to get the dog, and then drove to Manassas, Virginia where my wife was practicing medicine. Margaret and I played in a nearby park for hours as we waited for Kristin to get off work. I remember sitting with Kristin when she finally came to meet us and asking, "Now what? What do we do now?"

We asked the same question when the anthrax attacks were happening around Washington D.C. in the fall of 2001.

We asked the same question when John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were carrying out their killing spree around Washington D.C. in the fall of 2002. One man was shot dead at the gas station where Kristin always bought gas.

We asked the same question when Ian Stawicki was on the loose in Seattle just the other day after his shooting rampage at Café Racer.

What do we do now?

The question is always answered the same way, because we are who we are when the crisis hits. We do what we were trained to do when it happens, and we act in its wake as we were formed to act before the crisis occurred. That was true with Lawrence Adams. He made a commitment when his brother died in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, that he would never be the kind of person who ducked under a table or ran out the door when a crisis hit. He vowed to be the kind of person who stood his ground and fought, which is what he did Wednesday, May 30th at Café Racer.

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He let his brother's death reform him.

There was a scheduled prayer vigil at St. James Cathedral last Sunday night. It was modestly attended I was told. The question asked to me was why. My response is that we do what we are trained to do when the crisis happens, and we act in its wake as we were formed to act before the crisis occurred. I am surprised when people are surprised by how people respond. It is about as surprising as a person asking why he can't run a marathon if he has never trained.

A mob may form around anger, anxiety or fear. I am told those were strong emotive expressions among the people gathered at the Garfield Community Center in the immediate wake of the Stawicki shootings. But crowds don't spontaneously form around peace, prayer and love. These are kingdom of God perspectives that are built over a long period of time. When they do express themselves, they do so through communities that are formed with great intention. When they do express themselves it is magnificent and powerful.

That is why the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa worked, and why the Civil Rights Movement in the United States worked. They grew forth from communities that prayed together Sunday after Sunday after Sunday. Not just on Sundays when it was raining or when there was no snow in the mountains or Sundays that fell between Labor Day and Memorial Day. They gathered every Sunday because that is what they did as community. And these communities were strong. They were strong because there was trust. There was trust because people knew each others' stories. And when they went out, they went as the body of Christ. That is powerful. That is magnificent. And that changes things.

When we gathered at Epiphany between the 8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. services on Sunday June 3rd, the question was not "What do we do?" The questions were "who are we? How are we formed? What is our commitment to this formation and the community in which it takes place? Do we know one another? Why or why not? What is our level of trust? How do we share our stories? How do we invite others to join us?"

What we do today determines how we will respond in the future. Will we respond in fear or love, anxiety or presence of mind, anger or prayer? It is foolish to think we can run a marathon if we have

never trained, and likewise, it is foolishness to think the people of a community can come together in times of fear, anxiety, and anger if they have not trained together in peace, prayer, and love. Communities that make a difference are communities that know one another and trust each other. The questions then are, “who is your community, how are you invested in it, who do you really know, and who really knows you?” The answers to these questions will determine how a community can and will respond when the crisis hits. And it will hit again.

After the attacks of September 11, 2001, Epiphany Parish was full. It was full through the months of September and October. Then the attendance began to wane, and from then until December of 2008 there was a slow and steady decline. My questions are “why? What opportunity was missed in building community after 9/11? What have we learned? How are we different today?”

If you are not sure how to answer these questions, try this... Ask someone you see Sunday after Sunday at church to go out for coffee. Ask about their story and listen. Building community starts just that simply.

Time after time and crisis after crisis, when Kristin and I lived in Alexandria VA, we responded in the same simple way. We went to the Seminary Chapel. Everyone was already there. We cried, we hugged, we prayed. We listened to each other. Maybe it made a difference in the world, maybe it didn't; but it sure moved our hearts from fear back to love.

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ANNUAL CALENDAR MEETING

Thursday, June 14

6 pm—9 pm

CH Library

Open to all ministry leaders and anyone interested in hearing what happens on the Epiphany campus throughout the year.

*Please **RSVP to the Parish Office if you plan to attend.***

An invitation to Guided Meditation and Silence:
Wednesday and Friday in the Chapel, 8:30 am

*distractions fragment every moment
the diversion of bells and whistles
bring about growing denial
you care less
you see less
you feel less
your life gets dry*

*hardening your heart
as a way to make sense
of unbearable events
silence allows you
to renew*

*push aside the fast food of empty diversions
take time to be still and renew
spiritual practice is living toward
an unflinching engagement through vulnerability*

*refuse to deny situations of severity and
grow sensitive to recognize flickers of real hope
in the smallest moments of levity.*

I look forward to seeing you.

In Peace,
Pieter Drummond

Dear Epiphany,

The clergy will be occupied with Sunday worship services, but we'd love to see a group from Epiphany join the diocese in the parade. Please RSVP to the parish office if you're interested in attending or leading a group from Epiphany.

Pride Day Parade 2012 Episcopal Presence

On Sunday, June 24, you and your parish are invited to walk with a diocesan-wide Episcopal group in this year's Pride Day parade. We will walk with a banner up front proclaiming the Episcopal Church's welcoming message. Parishes can have a placard displaying their name or bring their own banners.

We will celebrate the Eucharist at our gathering spot before we begin the walk. The route runs about a mile downtown along 4th Avenue from Union to the edge of Seattle Center. Please publicize in your parish and register with Deacon Earl Grout via email at deaconeg@gmail.com:

- * If you or a group from your parish plan to go
- * If you would like a placard printed with your parish name
- * If you can't go, but would like updated information for your parish.

Deacon Earl will send updated information as it becomes available to all who register.

Be there and be proud of your faith and your truly welcoming church.

A message from Bishop Greg Rickel

EPIPHANY'S SUMMER READ

Jesus, Man Not Myth

The Reverend Peter Snow presents on his novel and Epiphany's Summer Read

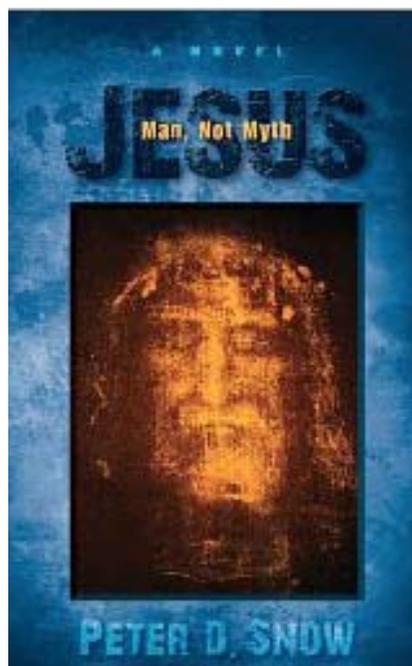
Presenter: The Reverend Peter Snow

Sunday: 6/17

Time: 9:15-10:15 am

Location: Great Hall

This summer, The Reverend Doyt Conn is recommending *Jesus, Man not Myth* by the Reverend Peter Snow as Epiphany Parish's summer read. This novel reveals the familiar bible stories as one narrative. It's told from the point of view of the disciple John as he looks back from his last days in exile on the Island of Patmos. John reflects on the many characters he's known, and the novel provides fresh and sometimes startling historic context. The centerpiece, though, is the extraordinary character and development of Jesus as a man who came to understand his own divinity and "...humbled himself and became obedient, even to death on a cross." After the presentation, books will be available for purchase, and Reverend Snow will be available to sign them.



EVENING PRAYER - St. Barnabas

Monday, June 11, 6:00-6:30 pm in the Chapel

A 30-minute service celebrating the **Feast Day of St. Barnabas** with prayers, readings, silence, and hymns.

"It was Barnabas who brought Paul to the apostles, and declared to them how, on the road to Damascus, Paul has seen the Lord, and had preached boldly in the name of Jesus (Acts 9:27). Later, Barnabas, having settled in Antioch, sent for Paul to join him in leading the Christian Church in that city." From Lesser Feasts and Fasts

Epiphany Choir Corner

Diversity - Unity - Harmony

An informal series about the individuals in your choir...

• ***Pam Harman***

Musical experience, activities: No formal training, but was lucky to grow up with a musical Dad (clarinet/voice) and to attend public schools in the late 50s and 60s when music was an integral part of education (pianos in K-2 grade classrooms, teachers had to have basic piano skills). I was raised in the Episcopal church and joined children's choir at age 6, progressing through Junior and Senior choir until it was no longer cool to go to church. Continued to sing in school choirs through high school and a bit in college. Took piano and flute lessons as a kid, but now only play in seclusion.



How long at Epiphany: Christmas and Easter attendance since 1980 joined the church in 1989, in the choir for many of those years. Have also served on the Altar Guild, as Chalice Bearer, Teen Feed, Pastoral Care, the Vestry and on the Board of the Episcopal Retirement Homes.

Where you are from: I grew up in New York, Vermont and Cape Cod. I came to Seattle to spend "a year or two" 32 years ago. Eventually my sister and family and my parents moved here.

Currently my day job is a nurse case manager for a regional health insurance management company. The best part is working from home full time with my loyal golden retriever, Lucy, sleeping under the desk. Previously worked in intensive care units, ambulatory care and as a home health/hospice nurse for 21 years. Hobbies include gardening, walking, music, friends and family.

Editor's Note: Pam has been a stalwart choir member for many years as well as a valued ambassador for the cause of music. *TF*

LIBERATION UCC IS HOSTING A STAGED READING IN EPIPHANY'S CHAPEL—PLEASE JOIN US!

Date: Monday, June 18

Time: 7:00 pm

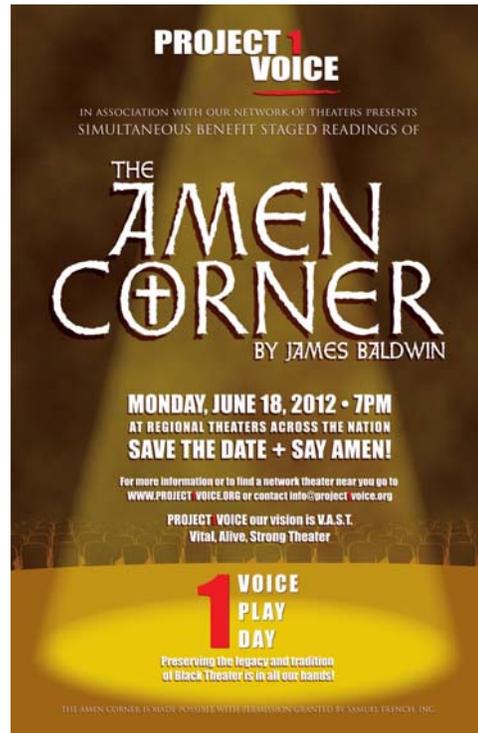
Location: Chapel

Cost: Free, RSVP required
at Brown Paper Tickets

[https://www.brownpapertickets.com/
event/251094](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/251094)

Project1VOICE: 1VOICE! 1PLAY!
1DAY!

Seattle, WA Brownbox Theatre in association with Liberation United Church of Christ is proud to announce its participation in Project1VOICE – www.project1voice.org, joining 25 theatre companies across the country in nationally staged readings of *The Amen Corner* by James Baldwin. The Seattle reading of Project1VOICE will be held on Monday, June 18th at Epiphany Parish at 1805 38th Avenue. The Project1VOICE goal is to facilitate a national conversation about the challenges facing Black theaters with a focus of identifying “next steps” toward solutions, compelling ideas and innovative approaches to audience development, community outreach, and fundraising are needed for sustainability. This year James Baldwin’s three-act play *The Amen Corner* was selected as the nationally staged reading. In selecting this piece Project1VOICE honors a prolific novelist, essayist, playwright, poet, and social critic on the 25th year anniversary of his passing. The Seattle reading of *The Amen Corner* is directed by Tyrone Brown and features the talents of local 12 Seattle actors. The stagemanager is Mandy Bower. Brownbox Theatre is a Seattle-based theatre company recently re-founded by theatre director and producer Tyrone Brown. The company’s mission is the creation, development, and production of re-imagined Black theatre. Stay tuned for future announcement of the company’s 2012-2013 season.



Dear Epiphany,

We, Liberation UCC, would love to see you on our 5 year anniversary celebration day, Sunday, June 24th starting at 1:30 pm. It's a big day for all of us and as you can see below for a couple of people it's a really big day— Pastor Darrell is getting married! Some of you may have met Pastor Marshan already. We are very happy, and count ourselves blessed, to welcome him to our community and Seattle from California. Please come and share this day of worship and celebration with us. *Emily*

5th
ANNIVERSARY
LIBERATION UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST
Come celebrate with us!



JUNE 24th, 2012

THEME

The Love Affair
Romans 8:38-39



1:30pm

GUEST SPEAKER

Pastor Alex Byrd
Senior Pastor
Living Faith Covenant Church
Dallas, TX



4:00pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO

**Pastor Darrell
& Pastor Marshan's
Wedding Ceremony**



Free to Love & Live

OUR LOCATION

1805 38th Ave,
Seattle, WA 98122

PASTOR & FOUNDER

Rev. Darrell L. Goodwin

WEBSITE: WWW.LIBERATIONMINISTRIES.NET



JULY

- 6 . Brass Band Northwest
- 13 . Sambatuque
- 20 . Anzanga Marimba Ensemble
- 27 . Genesee Ramblers:
Old Time Barn Dance

FREE

Food
Trucks
Cash Only

**Fridays:
6-8pm**

Directions: Epiphany sits just North of downtown Madrona. From Madrona take 34th Avenue down the hill and it will turn into Denny. (1805 38th Avenue). The concert will be in the courtyard.

What to bring: Bring your kids, friends and family, lawn chairs, drinks, **PICNIC**, and maybe a blanket. (All are welcome!) Questions: call Epiphany Church @ 206.324.2573

PARISH PRAYER LIST

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE BIRTHDAYS FALL BETWEEN June 10—June 16: Piper Simmons, Noreen Frink Jr, Sophie Melin, Brett Miller, Kristin Conn, Rene Henry, Hal Clemons, Barbara Himmelman, Jeannine Jones, Alexandra Renn, Birgitta Renn, Vicki Reed, and Alice Wanamaker.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR CYCLE OF PRAYER: Kathleen Fujino; Connie Gaines; Kathryn & Geoffrey Garrison; Mimi Gardner Gates; and Michael & Janna Giles. We pray for the communities served, parishioners, staff, volunteers, Vestry, and Priests of Church of the Apostles (Fremont) and Episcopal Mission to Seafarers.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR CONTINUED HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL OR GRIEVING: Paul, Bette Sprague, Beth Briggs, Coralie Swanson, Connie Gaines, Barbara Ward, Barbara Himmelman, Rosemary Callison, Kay Schack, Veronica, Ashle, Ruth Ingham, Bob Bergman, Piper Simmons, Sherry Taylor, Kory, Carin Barnes, Lou, Morgan Brinley, Helen Wisdom, Sid Malbon, Gregg Waddell, Andy, P.J., Tom Pelphrey, Jamie, Kathy, baby Baush Twins and family, Yamy Xolocotzi, Ginger Ackerley, Dougald MacMillan, Anne, Bruce, Adrian, Cyril Urwyler, Tim Murray, Alice, Laura, Anthony, Cassie, Cindy, LaVerne Green, Erik Grafe, Hannah Moderow, Ryan Michael Eaton, John Baker, Ethel Patton, Lou Lorton, Tritia Ryhter, Lisa Close, Rob Hundley, David & Diane Libbey, Jack Roberts, Gretchen, Mary Cecile, Eitan Benjamin Sayir, Carl Putnam, Nikki, Peter, Ellen Gimbel, Edwina, Eileen Riley, Georgia Decamp, Peg Sherwood, Bonnie, Bill Bultmann, the Alviar family, the Eland family, the Hoff family, John & Ida Anthis, Susan Torrance, Bill Williamson, Rennebohm family and Ruth Barnes.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Kelsey Rennebohm.

Dear Epiphany,

Occasionally we review and cull the prayer list. If we have removed someone in error or you would like to have someone removed or added please contact Emily in the Parish Office. The same invitation applies for birthdays.

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