

Pure Michigan

My vacation plans were to visit Pittsburgh for a few days and then to spend time in Michigan and to travel to as many of the small towns with interesting names here in Indiana as I could. I have wanted to travel to Michigan for ten years, and it has finally happened, and was better than I could have expected. The small town plan? Maybe next time.

I spent three days in Pittsburgh, seeing four of my most beloved cousins (Who are you old people and what have you done with my cousins?) and their wives. My sister and I also visited the National Aviary, ate at a lovely marina on the Allegheny River, saw *Once on This Island* by the Civic Light Opera, and had a great visit with one another.

After days at home to do home things, my friend Ann offered use of the cabin her grandfather built himself near Rush Lake, Michigan. You haven't heard of Rush Lake? Not surprising. It's a smallish lake among thousands of grand and even Great Lakes. But it is home to Ann, a 100% Michigander who moved with her family to Indianapolis to further her daughter's promising figure skating artistry. She warned that the cabin is not heated (or even insulated, for that matter), and those 50 degree nights were glorious, because I was well bundled.

We traveled the area, up to Mackinaw City, over the Mackinac Bridge to the UP, ate a pasty, and came back south again. We saw Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and pontooned all around Crooked Lake and Pickerel Lake. It was too rough to try to get to Indian River, with its charming waterway through towns. We saw a six-point buck, a bald eagle, a fox, bunny, osprey, loons, other raptors, and of course sea gulls and vultures, and also huge salmon at a fish cleaning station. No elk, though. We saw pitch darkness in the forest. Golden sunsets, towering pines and gorgeous birches, once we hit Clare, with its secret dividing line between the deciduous trees to the south and the evergreens and birches to the north. Ann caught and released 15 fish from a kayak in two hours. Then there were the beaches and does Michigan know how to maintain state parks and campgrounds. Beautiful and spotless, even as the summer dims.

The best parts, though, were the people. Ann has been friends with people for thirty years and we stayed with two in Traverse City. We attended their church for a joint service of Trinity United Church of Christ, Bethany Lutheran, and St. Christopher Episcopal. Bethany and St. Christopher share a pastor, a Lutheran minister who serves both congregations. (I called Jennifer Phelps to see if any Lutheran pastors might be tempted to come to Bean Blossom.)

They had a rousing choir of the three churches and a



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lovely (Lutheran) Eucharistic Prayer we will use in September.

I was surprised that a friend of mine for 24 years, a fellow Episcopal priest who is the rector of a church in Bellingham, Washington, was in a town 10 minutes from the one I was staying in for a single night. She was depositing her third son into college. Unbelievably, we were able to meet face to face for coffee and a joyful catch up. We haven't seen one another for 13 years.

The trip ended in Michigan City, Indiana, with dinner with two friends of mine I have not seen in over 30 years. It was a huge blessing and a huge joy. I suspect you will hear more about God's blessings of family, silence, nature, sunshine, no internet and no news, and instant new friends and good friends of many years in sermons to come.

Oh, about those small Indiana towns? Both my knee and my hip decided to go on strike, bringing my wonderful trip to a close. Fun for weekends ahead!

See page 7 for pix of Kate's vacation!

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Don Jones Tells Us About Collects

This Sunday (August 27) we had my best friend, Don Jones, filling in for Kate while she was enjoying a much needed vacation. He gave a wonderful sermon about collects. One of the first things he told us was that the Sunday Collect of the Day can be used every day of that week. What I had known about the collect was that it “collects” the themes of the Lessons and Gospel reading. This is true but Don talked about how the collect can help us all understand how we can connect with God on a daily basis. The first sentence of the collect addresses God and presents an attribute. We all got out a prayer book and looked at different ways we can “talk” to God. Don told us that if we all would read our collect of the week each day that it could really make a difference. I am always looking for a way to change the world so I will be whipping out that prayerbook every morning! Here are some of Don’s favorite collects demonstrating different ways we can see and understand God. Check these out!:



Page 214 (2nd Sunday after Christmas) O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature

Page 216 (7th Sunday after Epiphany) O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing

Page 217 (Ash Wednesday) Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent

Page 225 (Fifth Sunday of Easter) Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life

Page 231 (Proper 11) Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking

Page 234 (Proper 21) O God, you declare you almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity

Page 234 (Proper 22) Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve

Page 236 (Proper 28) Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning

I was really taken by the very first collect in the prayer book: Page 159 (First Sunday of Advent) Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light — I always wanted an armor of light!

—Jane Herr, ed.



Marylin has New Cards!

Can you believe it? Autumn is just around the corner! Actually I am happy this hot weather will be cooling down some, aren't you?

Just in time for Fall and Halloween, there are new greeting cards for sale on the Outreach table. Also, new birthday and get well cards. Do you have a family member or friend who loves Halloween or the Autumn season? If so, celebrate with a special greeting card. And everyone can use birthday or celebration cards...these are handmade just for your occasion.

Here are samples of a few Fall/Halloween cards now in stock. All cards are \$4 each or 2 for \$7.50. And, remember, ALL monies collected from the sale of these handmade cards is given to Outreach for ministries to our community and around the world. Thank you!

—Marylin Day



News from the Choir Corner

Choir Practice begins at 8:30 a.m. on September 10th. Feel free to come and sing with us! We usually work on music for that particular Sunday plus a couple of Sundays ahead. Be a long-range choir member or simply a “just that day” member. We’d love to see you there.

Vicki King, Choir Director

Mike Day Steps Up to Volunteer for Guardian ad Litum

When we hear stories about child abuse in our county we all cringe and say, "how can this happen?"

Unfortunately, it does happen and in many cases the court must remove the children for safety and security. This may be foster care or living with grandparents or other relatives. Custody fights often occur and the rights of the children are lost in the ensuing court proceedings. Who will speak up for these children?

An organization called Guardian ad Litum (they have an office here in Brown County) helps these children by providing a trained adult volunteer to act as an objective advocate throughout these issues of guardianship and custody. As an officially designated court representative for these children, the GAL advocate helps children with a voice in the court system.

Would you like to help these children by volunteering to be a voice for these children? If so, contact Mike Day at 317-695-0196 for more information. He is GAL 's newest volunteer advocate? Thank you



Mike Day being sworn in by Brown County judge, Mary Wertz, as the newest volunteer with Guardian ad Litum.



Save the Date!

We will be hosting our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th from 3-5 pm. If you are interested in hosting a trunk, please let Lauren Woodworth know at 317-965-5236 or woodworth.lauren2@gmail.com

The Hubers are in Oak Park.

Thanks everyone for the wonderful sendoff 2 Sundays ago. We really felt that your prayers were with us. We spent our last 3 nights in Nashville in our guesthouse. The moving truck and 8 movers came the next day, Monday, and the furniture flew out of the house. Tuesday a couple came and cleared out the rest of the stuff and left the house broom swept clean. We were on the road to Chicago by noon on Wednesday.

The moving truck came Friday morning as scheduled. We used to be 240 miles from family. It is very different now. Rob, my middle son, and his family helped us get settled that day. Otto, his son, walked the 3 blocks from high school, and Kristen, his wife, got off the El and walked the 100 feet to our place. Together we got the kitchen, dining room table, bed, and TV's all set up that first day. My son even brought stew for dinner. We were left with a sea of boxes. We have whittled it down to pictures and paintings; we must decide what goes on what wall. We don't have many walls but have ten windows. The beautiful gift vase you gave us is on the bookcase in the living room.

We have attended St. David's via Zoom the last two Sundays; we really enjoyed the Children's Choir today. It is nice to see old friends as they come up for communion. We are already noticing new faces.

Give us a call when you come up to Chicago; we are 10 miles due West of the loop. Our phone numbers and email have not changed. We will have some good conversation and great pizza.

Just so you have it handy, our address is:

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—*Jim and Judy Huber*



Photos from Kate's trip to Michigan: Sunset at Rush Lake, The Mackinac Bridge, a flock of Sandhill Cranes, Kate in a pontoon, Manistee North Pierhead Lighthouse.



I am the daughter of the longtime stewardship chair of the church I grew up in. My home parish of St. James, Roanoke, is like a taproot for me. It's where I went to Sunday school, youth group, and served as an acolyte. People in invested in me and gave me leadership opportunities. As an Asian American queer from the south, I never thought of God as judging me. I have been watered by living waters of people who've nurtured me. I pledge every year to my church because I want to tend and water others.

The legacy of family roots me in abundance. I was raised on stories of woman in my (Japanese & Korean) family who were boundary crossers. My ancestors crossed oceans because they had to. My parents were married not long after the Loving v. The State of Virginia case, so that was a boundary crossing too. They taught me that love is more powerful than racism: they showed me that you do what you think is right even when it's hard.



Questions for Reflection:

How do your practices of generosity come from and through your family heritage? What habits were ingrained in you?

I'm so motivated by wanting to do right by my ancestors. Both my family, and also my chosen/queer ancestors, some of whom died just so that I could live. Right now I work for Showing Up for Racial Justice to mobilize white communities for racial and economic justice. We don't have to be divided by racism. Like tree roots, we can be a network of solidarity.

The prophet Jeremiah reminds me "blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream." (Jeremiah 17:7). I am rooted in God, and in the belief in an abundant creator. I would stake my life on that. | tens.org



Grace Aheron is the Communications Director, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), former ESC intern, and cradle Episcopalian.



THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

Remembering the March on Washington

by Rev. William Morris, Jr.

Sixty years ago, a quarter-million people gathered in Washington D.C. to march for freedom. The large majority of this impressive audience was African American, but other nationalities were there too: First Nation, Asian, Latino, African, and European, all gathered to tell the world that the Dream of America was unjust and incomplete. The Dream was still a Dream. Still, it was a wonderful, sunny day, a day of grievance and hope and celebration. All day long, music and message filled the air. The late great activist and Congressman, John Lewis, told the crowd that far too many Americans have been banished from the Dream. Bob Dylan sang that the Dream was blowing in the wind. Mahalia Jackson wailed in Gospel tones how African Americans had been “buked and scorned” -- again and again. And, of course, Dr. King told us about “his Dream”.

Today, six decades later, we live in different times. So many things have changed. The world’s population has nearly tripled. Technology has touched practically everyone on Earth in communications, medicine, transportation, to name a few. From radio to television to Cable TV to internet, we’re all connected like never before – in ways both good (Mr. Rogers) and bad (gratuitous violence).

Yet, some things stay the same. We still see things that Dr. King saw. Inequality in education and opportunity. Outsized military complexes. Mutual fear between the police and those they serve. The abyss between the rich and the poor. The power of profit. However, we need to remember, Dr. King would remind us, that we are all still humans. We still need air, water, food, and shelter. We still need love, and we need each other. And, at the core of our common humanity, *we need God*.

We may, like Peter, try a few steps on our own – but we can’t stay atop the water - not without Jesus. “Save me,” we cry. And Jesus still offers a Holy Hand to save us. That has not changed. Sixty years later, we know that justice is not easy. Righteousness takes hard work. To love and serve the Lord takes courage and strength: not just of body, but of faith. And no one person can do it on their own. Not Peter. Not Mother Teresa. Not Martin Luther or Martin Luther King. Only Jesus.

As I look back on the March, I am reminded that -- despite time and technology -- we are all still part of a Dream, “[W]hen all of God’s children, black folk and white folk, Jews and Gentiles, join hands and sing the words of the old Negro spiritual: ‘Free at Last. Free at Last. Thank God Almighty, I’m Free at Last.’”



Bryan Furuness: A Short Self-Interview

Q: Who are you?

A: My name is Bryan, and I'm an aspirant, a fancy Episcopal word for "person who is in discernment about ordained ministry." The diocese wanted me to shadow a priest this summer, so I reached out to Pastor Kate, who is my spiritual director. Kate said, "Fine, I guess," so here I am!

In other areas of my life, I'm a writer and an English professor at Butler University. My wife and I have two boys in college and a dachshund named Pip, who is snoozing in my lap as I write this interview.

Q: What's your role at St. David's?

A: I'm here to learn. I like to learn by doing, so I've jumped into several different areas of ministry, including preaching, serving as a chalice bearer, and helping to design and lead Dinner Church on Wednesdays.

Q: What did you like about your time at St. David's?

A: My answer starts with the people. In John 13:35, Jesus says, "By this, all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." This church *embodies* that verse. Since I first stepped into the Gathering Place, I have felt welcomed and loved—and I have watched you welcome and love each other. You have a really special group here, a true community.



I'm also grateful to have gotten to spend time with Pastor Kate. Between working with her on dinner church and spending hours in the passenger seat of her Honda, I've gotten to know and love Kate more deeply. She is a gift to me and this church. On a related note: Until you have raced down I-65 with a pastor at the wheel and a trunk full of steaming enchiladas, you have not lived, my friend.

Q: Any parting words?

A: Thank you for your kindness and hospitality and good humor. I expected to learn a lot this summer, but I did not expect to fall in love with St. David's. I will miss you good people. But this isn't goodbye! While I'll return to my home church in August, I plan to drop by St. David's on the occasional random Sunday. In the meantime, if you'd like to keep tabs on me, friend me on Facebook or check out my free weekly newsletter about ways to connect with God: offerings.substack.com

Take good care, and I'll see you down the road—

Bryan

Dinner Church

The Glorious Dinner Church, by Pastor Kate

Bryan Furuness is gone from our midst, but definitely not forgotten. Dinner Church continues, now on the second Tuesday of every month. Dinner Church joins our other Wednesday opportunities to connect our souls to our Godly source:

First Wednesday: Eucharist
 Second Wednesday: Dinner Church
 Third Wednesday: Eucharist
 Fourth Wednesday: Pub Theology

And there is great news for all. Bryan decided to donate all the offerings for the meals to support future gatherings. We will use the \$410.00 by having \$50 available to anyone who wants it to create and host a meal. We will continue to receive donations for the future health of this joyful ministry. Thank you, Bryan! What a generous legacy.



Thanks to Gail Fields for these pictures.

Outreach News

Creation Care is Returning Pollinators to Brown County

Driving along the Brown County roads, do you see what I see? This September I am convinced we are making a difference for pollinator habitats. Along the roadway in ditches, in sunny areas, fields and yards, both swamp and common milkweed plants have popped up in lots of places after two years of donations of 100 acres each year in which to toss seed balls.

St. David's has been a part of the county effort to protect and restore pollinator habitats since the beginning of this community effort. Our story and efforts have been shared widely with the community as we've told the story of the donated acres which are not mowed and in the sunlight. At the 2023 Earth Day we promoted the Creation Care Project and Pollinator Day Camp. At the Touch-a-Truck event, we signed up children for the Pollinator Day Camp and found more land donors. We were present for the League of Women Voters Pollinator Fest. Debbie Kelly is hosting 54 second graders on August 31 at her "butterfly farm". The children will learn, explore Monarch butterflies and the Pollinator staff will help the group make butterfly crafts.

We have now begun the sign-up for land donations with a goal to have another 100 acres donated for 2024. Each landowner will receive handmade seed balls (40 per acre). Debbie has invited us to help on the "Monarch Project" at her farm on September 10th and September 24th at noon. These milkweed seed ball events include making the seed balls, pollinator discussions, a tour of pollinator habitat and introductions to her resident monarch caterpillars and butterflies. This is great fun—It is like making mud pies! We can carpool, maybe even have lunch and travel to Southern Brown County. Her address is: 5851 S. Hamilton Creek Rd., Columbus, IN.

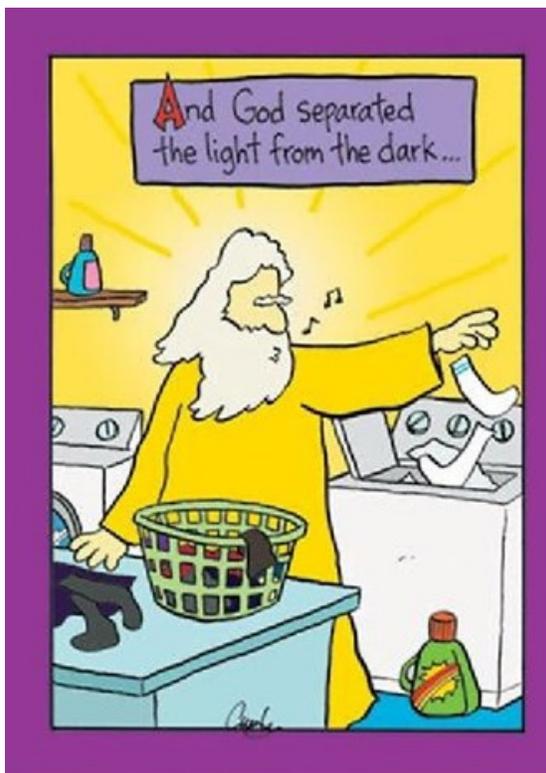
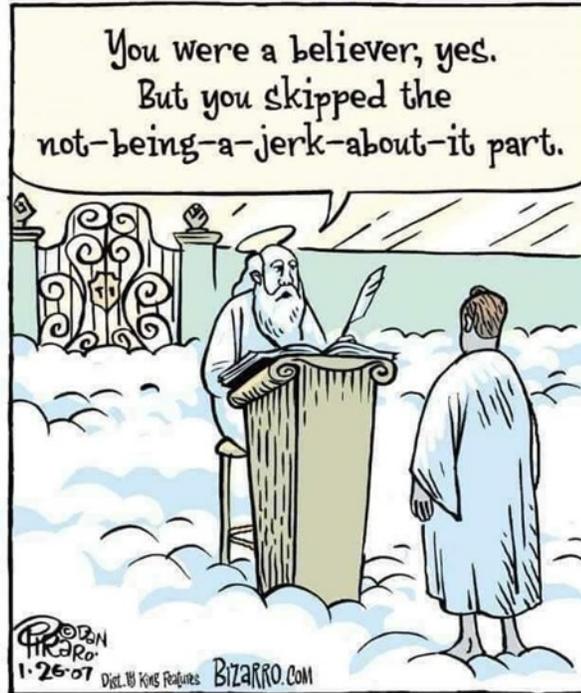
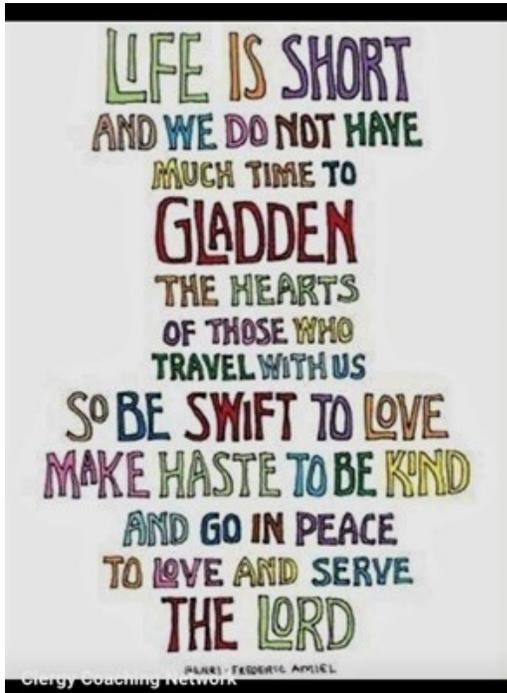


Outreach is also planning seed ball making at St. David's, inviting some of the Pollinator Day Camp children to make the seed balls. Of course, all adults are welcome. In October the land donors will be provided their forty seed balls per acre which will be delivered or be ready for pick-up at St. David's. We have a four-wheeler available to help spread if people need help.

We can celebrate this fall that Creation Care continues with pollinators in Brown County in 2024!

—Donna Niednagel

Fun from Kate



Fun with the Infant of Prague in Pittsburgh.

Inspiration

Brown November

*Do you feel sad, I asked her, being all brown:
brown leaves,
brown trees,
brown ground?*

*No, she said, it makes me calm and thoughtful
for Saints on the First,
for flags on the 11th and
for David's birthday.
and for Liz's
wondering what the coming year
will bring them*

*It makes me thankful for the interlude
between the brilliant warmth of Fall- passing
and the chill of hard frozen
Winter coming soon.*

*It makes me realize
that I begin my 31 days by remembering
all those who were
and for ending it by feasting
with those who still are.*

*Do you feel sad, I asked her again, being all brown:
brown leaves,
brown trees,
brown ground?*

No, said Brown November, I'm content.

Phyllis Sindlinger, November 4, 2022

Birthdays and Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

3 Ralph Linscott
 4 Len Glosque
 7 Ed McCabe
 11 Jennifer Heller
 11 Ben Herr
 13 Margie Hill
 13 Juniper McCabe (Ed & Cori's daughter)
 13 Sally Walker Simpson
 14 Jonathan & Deborah Hutchison - Anniversary
 16 Jan Benham
 24 Louis and Laura Wenzler - Anniversary
 27 Mary Studley

OCTOBER

4 Marilyn Day
 7 Bob Oliger
 7 Jonathan & Linda Lee Gosser-Anniversary
 10 Marge Steiner
 11 Westley Smith (son of Ben & Adie Smith)
 11 Jim Drum
 18 Adie & Ben Smith - Anniversary
 25 Gene Niednagel
 26 Jonathan Hutchison
 26 Yvonne Oliger
 26 Laura Wenzler

31 Jonathan Gosser

NOVEMBER

9 Joan Amati
 9 Tim & Laurie Stant - Anniversary
 10 Ed & Cori McCabe - Anniversary
 11 David Sindlinger
 12 Jan Holloway
 12 Jane Herr
 13 Andrea Barber
 15 Ben & Lauren Woodworth - Anniversary
 20 Ralph & Maggie Linscott - Anniversary
 23 Kate Nolan
 25 Skip Wood
 28 Carol Ruffin

DECEMBER

9 Quinn Cole (Bess & Eric's son)
 12 Donna Niednagel
 27 Jim & Jan Drum - Anniversary
 28 Phyllis Sindlinger
 29 Deborah Hutchison

Don't see your birthday or anniversary - drop me a line at jane@rjherr.com

Newsletter Submissions?

Please send your news items, stories of spiritual growth, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, recipes, etc. to Jane Herr (812)320-2340 or 4923 Stevens Rd., Nashville, 47448 or (the preferred method!): jane@rjherr.com

Next deadlines for submissions:

Advent: November 19, 2023

Lent: February 4, 2024



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SERVICES

Sunday 9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Wednesday 5:00 PM Evening Prayer

In-person services may be temporarily suspended when Covid cases increase in Brown County. You can attend our worship services via zoom and/or Facebook. Please contact the church office for more information.

Schedule of Special Services and Parish Events

Friday	Sept 1	Euchre	7pm	
			<i>(Euchre continues on 1st Friday of the month)</i>	
Saturday	Sept 9	Celebration of Life for Natalie Stant	2pm	St. David's
Sunday	Sept 10	Brown County Health & Living service	2pm	
Wednesday	Sept 13	Dinner Church	5pm	St. David's
			<i>(Dinner Church continues on 2nd Wednesday of the month)</i>	
Wednesday	Sept 27	Pub Theology	6:30pm	Out of the Ordinary
			<i>(Pub Theology continues on 4th Wednesday of the month)</i>	
Saturday	Oct 28	Trunk or Treat	3-5pm	St. David's
Sunday	Nov 19	Advent newsletter info deadline		