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The Jar of Life

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Last week, at the Clergy Conference, our speaker asked us to consider a simple, strong example of how to use our time. She noted that “Time is life given to us moment to moment.”

The story is from a class on time management. The teacher has large rocks, pebbles, sand and water— these represent what will be done in life; she also has a 1 gallon mason jar which represents life, this moment to moment gift we’ve been given. She puts in water, sand, then pebbles, and then turns to the large rocks to put them in.

Oh-oh! Well you know what happens. The sand and water take up all the space, and there is no room for the rocks. Maybe the water would fit, but the teacher dumps out all the sand, pebbles and the one rock she tried to get in the jar. She starts over

The large rocks represent the “big things” in our lives. And we need to put them in first. We can figure out what our large rocks are, and put them in our jars of life. Ask what gives you personal joy and connection? Walking outdoors? Reading? Silence? Meditation? Prayer? Ask what gives you joy in your community — family, friends, prayer in church, worship, Bible study, deeds of kindness, care and concerns for others, giving, reaching out? — these are the big rocks. But each person must put them in for themselves.



This life, this time given to us moment to moment is a sacred gift. I ask myself which are the large rocks, and do I put them in my jar of life first???



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Wood Bank Summary

In the month of April we gathered a total of 66 cords of wood: 6 cords from the Nygren Mill and 60 cords from John and Phyllis Erb. We delivered 40 boxes of kindling in the Dillon area, serving 14 families and a total of 40 persons.

Family size ranged from 1 to 7.

This work was accomplished by 34 volunteers: Rusty Lumberhand, Blake Crazy mule, Charles Timson, Jonathan Orotto, Val Neeley, Dorothy DeHart, Bob and Katy Bump, Dave Hooks, Jerry Meacham, Roger Pellitier, Ed Mooney, Monte Elliot, Sister Beckstrand, Sister Siufauna, Clay Edwards, BHC Greg and Robin Winden, Christian Tostotino, Luke Hammand, Jonathan Rade, Orin DeMore, Ava Duncan, Nicole Busk, Tia Freedman, DDR Erin and Richard Freitas, Don Snyder, Frank Ford, Phil Shackelton, George Rich, Grant Dunning, and Dave Hansen. In addition to our regular corps of volunteers The UMW Horseman's Club, participated in the first of their bi annual work parties at The Dillon yard this month. The total volunteer hours, this month, was 329 hours.

On the repair and maintenance side: the hydraulic trailer is back in service, the #1 splitter had the gibbs adjusted and a new head bolt installed, the number 2 splitter had a new wedge, new backing plates and a new head bolt installed, and all fuel and oil cans have had pre 2009 spouts installed (one big headache resolved in fueling!!)

Work wise we have had a very productive work day at the Sheridan facility processing about 70% of our wood stock. We will be delivering the pallet wood to The Sheridan work site as soon as we can get a heavy truck. The wood is currently stored at Beaverhead Home Center. Also we have had a good turnout of the Dillon crew for our Monday sessions at the Mill. We are using our Bobcat for stringing out our log decks for processing and splitting weekly. Regarding the Monday afternoon work party at The Nygren Mill in Argenta we sure could use some extra hands. The crew crummy leaves 325 South Pacific each Monday at 12:40 p.m. if you want a ride. Thanks for considering this gift of your time. God Bless you for your work for the poor. To work is to pray.
Faithfully, Fr. Harry

Senior Warden's Letter

Sandra Baril

As always, there are many good things happening in and around Christ Church. The new sidewalks are in; complete with wheelchair accessible ramps at the corner and in front of the church. Our Jr. Warden had the foresight to have pipe installed for a possible future underground sprinkler system before the sidewalk was laid, so when the time comes we won't have to dig under the walk – thanks Don! Other building and grounds projects underway soon will be the painting of the kitchen and the front door of the Parish Hall.

The annual Spring Cleaning of our buildings and grounds will take place on Saturday, May 24. If you haven't been to one of these events it might sound like a good thing to skip, but if you have ever taken part, you know it's not to be missed! There is always lots of fun, laughter, and food and great feelings of accomplishment and community at the end of the day. A very busy summer season is almost here. I hope your days will be filled with joy and thanksgiving for all the gifts we have in this community and in this beautiful place.

Shalom,
Sandra Baril
Senior Warden



Humor

Classified



SECRETARIAL POSITION to fill in when needed for weekly production of the Sunday Bulletin for Christ Church. The ideal candidate will have computer skills and keen attention to detail and accuracy. Flexible scheduling is available. To apply, send letter of interest to JJ Snyder at jjslug@3rivers.net

SCHEDULER NEEDED: Christ Church in Sheridan is seeking a volunteer to manage schedules for the Lectors, cleaning of the Church, and possibly Greeters (see ad below). Work is quarterly for Lector schedule and twice a year for cleaning schedule. Further information may be obtained by calling 842-5298 during normal business hours.

GREETERS NEEDED: Christ Church, Sheridan, MT 59721. Looking for candidates with great smiles and firm handshakes. Occasional work, Sundays only. Contact Senior Warden or any member of the Vestry.

NOTE: Compensation for above positions is in the form of smiles, hugs, the satisfaction of being part of great work, and laying up treasure in heaven.



Coming Events

Game Night- Will resume in the fall, enjoy the summer!

Children's Chapel. June 7, 2015 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.



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Sundays 9am
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INVITE people into our midst
INCLUDE people in the life of the church
INFORM people about past events that shape our present,
and current events that shape our future
PROCLAIM the gospel in thought, word and deed
REJOICE in a new life found in Christ Jesus.

Mission Statement

To be formed as the body of Christ, seeking to love and serve one another and those in need.

Vision Statement

To be Christ's continued presence in the Ruby Valley by welcoming those who seek Christ, offering varied forms of services, reflecting our diversity while maintaining our Episcopal identity.

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Service Leaders for April and May

Upcoming Service Leaders for May/ June

17 May: Morning Prayer – Don Snyder
24 May: V. Rev Steve Brehe
31 May: Rev. Canon Chris Roberts
7 June: TBD
14 June: Morning Prayer- Don Snyder
21 June: Rev Bruce McNab

Upcoming Lectors for May/ June

17 May: Alice Forwood
24 May: Sandra Baril
31 May: Tom Roberts
7 June: JJ Snyder
14 June: Frank Ford
21 June: Tom Roberts



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