



CHRIST CHURCH CHRONICLE

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Angus McDonald

Part 3

When Angus and his siblings were left with babysitters while their parents were out, the kids liked to watch the Jetson's which was beyond their normal bedtime. When they had a very strict babysitter, they would feed Susan, the ruling cat, icing which made Susan throw up. While the babysitter was busy cleaning up the mess, the kids then managed to watch most of the Jetsons before they went to sleep.

Christmas was a special time for the family. Angus's Mom was a very good cook. She made a special dish known as the Crown of Rolls. It was prepared with rolled up dough balls placed in an angel food pan with butter, cinnamon and brown sugar and a maraschino cherry on each roll. Besides the family, the Crowns were shared with other family and friends. Angus's Dad loved them and hoarded them for later. On one occasion, brother Bob got the angel food pan stuck on his head. Angus's Dad had to leave a business conference in a local hotel and come home to cut it off with tin snips. Angus's father always took pictures and movies of the holiday starting at 4:30 AM when they got up to open presents. One Christmas Eve when Angus was four years old, he was left at home with his sister, Jocelyn, and brother, Bob. Angus got out of bed, snuck downstairs and opened all the Christmas presents. The wrapping and tags were in disarray, but his siblings rewrapped everything before their parents came home. Each gift had to be sorted out once they were opened. Angus's Mom often hid the presents prior to Christmas and sometimes they weren't found until several months later. Angus's sister Jocelyn was good at finding the hidden packages. Over the years, Angus managed to pull the Christmas tree down on many occasions. After the Christmas celebration at home, the family would pack up and go off to Bozeman for a couple of days to share the holiday with his great Aunts and Uncle, Helen and Henry Walker and Helen's sister Margaret.

Angus's father was a very good family man and valued his family time. While farmers and ranchers worked twenty-four seven, his father kept his weekend time with family private. He would have the kids answer the phone and ask, "Dad are you here?" to screen his calls. He only took calls if it was a very close friend.

A side story on falconry: Angus's brother Bob and friends were invited to the Montana Senate Chamber to give testimony about a bill dealing with falconry. As part of the testimony and to demonstrate what a falcon was, Angus's brother Bob and a friend, Bruce Nelson, brought prairie falcons into the Montana State Senate Chamber on their arms. Falcons were known to land on individuals. If the individual held still, it was not an issue. Falcons like to sit at the highest place. On this occasion Bob's falcon, Chief, landed on a lady's head. When Chief flew off, the lady was fine, but it took her wig with him. Bob was the youngest person to give testimony in the Senate Chamber at that time.

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Coming Events

Sunday, October 15th...Celebration of Phil and Cynthia Shackleton's 70th

Sunday October 29th...Visit from Bishop Marty Stebbins

Sunday, November 5th...Celebration of All Saints Day

What it means to be a Bishop

Janis Hansen

So, the word "Bishop" evolved from the Greek "episkopos." (Does that last Greek word sound familiar?)

To break that down: "epi" means over (thus we get "epic.") And "kopos" means guardian, watcher, or spiritual overseer.

The title bishop may have thus evolved from something like "piskop" in Anglo Saxon times to another form of the initial consonant, moving from "p" to "b."

Had enough of that word origin, already? OK!

So, what does a Bishop in the Episcopal Church do? A lot!! Presides over Dioceses is the priest to all the priests. And BTW, all Deacons, like our Deacon Steve DeHart, report directly to the Bishop. She sits in the role of one responsible for the doctrine, discipline and worship of the churches. She conducts such meetings as Diocesan Council (Dorothy DeHart was just elected at convention to that council) which oversees the actions designate by the Convention, looks at programs and determines budget police.

Another BTW: the Council makes final decision about expenditures in the diocese, but the Finance Committee is really the brains behind Council, and Sherry McCormack serves, with all her great talents on that board in our diocese.

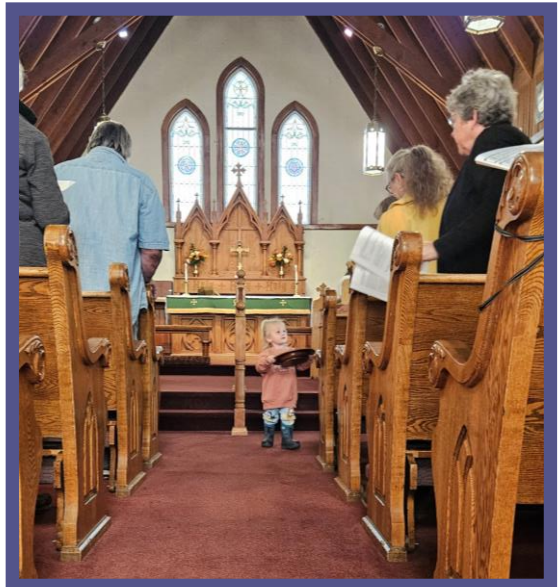
The bishop attends these meetings, plus the Standing Committee, which advises the bishop on many matters, and act as bishop in her absence, the Foundation Board, which reviews investments and endowments held by the diocese and churches. The bishop also visits each parish annually, attends national meeting of bishops, and has numerous other responsibilities.

Check out these many and varied overseer boards at [this link](#) and photos of the members.
Being a Bishop is a big job!

We are blessed to have the wisdom and competence of Bishop Marty Stebbins — here's her Wikipedia headliner: "American epidemiologist, zoologist, mechanical engineer, veterinarian, and Prelate of The Episcopal Church." To those competencies she brings spiritual wisdom, deep care and guidance to our Diocese.

We rejoice that she will be with us, celebrating on 29 October!

Future Acolyte



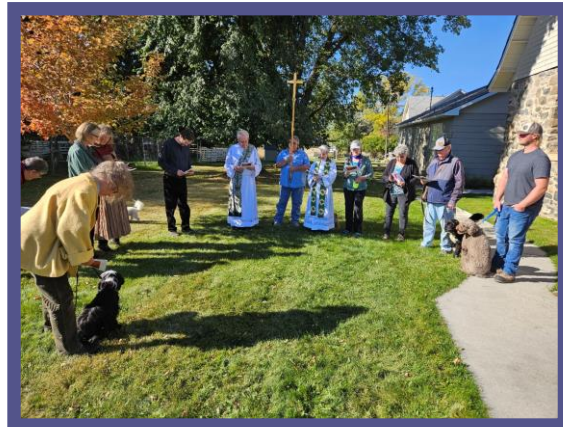
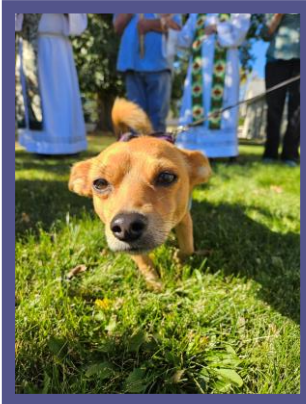
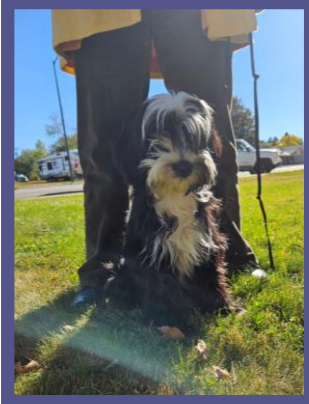
Prayer for Towns and Rural Areas

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 825

Lord Christ, when you came among us you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. *Amen*

Blessing of the Animals

Brianna Harbor





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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.

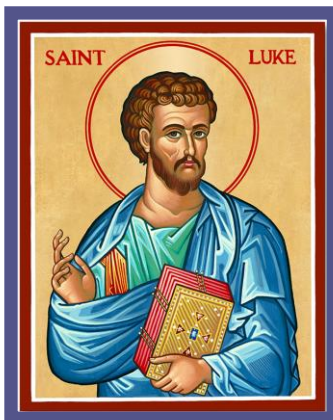
Mission Statement

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.

Service Leaders for June/July



[Saint Luke](#)

Upcoming Service Leaders for October/November

1 October: Eucharist – Rev. Janis Hansen
8 October: Eucharist – Rev. Janis Hansen
15 October: Eucharist – Rev. Janis Hansen
22 October: Liturgy of the Word – Dorothy DeHart
29 October: Eucharist – Rev. Janis Hansen
5 November: Eucharist – Rev. Janis Hansen
12 November: Liturgy of the Word – Ron Tussing
19 November: Eucharist – Rev. Janis Hansen
26 November: Eucharist – Rev. Janis Hansen

Upcoming Lectors for October/November

1 October: Brianna Harbor
8 October: Dorothy DeHart
15 October: Caleb Harbor
22 October: Laura Cooper
29 October: Alice Forwood
5 November: Robert Brown
12 November: Darlene Tussing
19 November: Sandra Baril
26 November: Dorothy DeHart