

ST. AIDAN'S

*St. Aidan's Mission:
Spread the promise of Jesus Christ in and beyond our
community through worship, education, and outreach*



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ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GRESHAM OREGON
NEWSLETTER:
APRIL 1, 2008

From the Rector's Desk

When we began our Lenten journey, we began, once again, to work on our relationship with God. If you are like me, your success has been spotty, lurching forward, slipping backward. Of course, that is why the church wisely comes back to this season again and again. It seems that humans are only able to mature spiritually by inches, even when we would wish to achieve a union with God much faster and more directly. Perhaps our rush is like the young teen who dreams of driving before he or she fully appreciates the costs and skills associated with that dream. But true intimacy does take time; true union with God is a gift that is found not by learning *about* God, but by knowing God and God's ways intimately. While many avenues offer opportunity for such knowledge, pain, anguish, suffering (all part of the growing process) are just the kinds of apertures through which we are meant to enter closer to God.

Those who studied *Following Francis: The Franciscan Way for Everyone*, got a treat this year, benefiting from insight and wisdom of a Third Order Franciscan. The author tells about her journey into a deeper faith, following the path of the Franciscan Rule; about how she struggles with the everyday issues and conflicts we all face. Most of us moderns have to sort through our attitudes about authority, for example. Or simplicity. Or our own egotistical behavior. Or we can work harder on how well we see Christ in other people's faces; whether we see them as images of God or use them for our own purposes. Or, how well do we discern God's call and then stick with our promises given at such times as marriage, confirmation or baptism? These are just some of the issues churned up in our discussion this Lent. They are all part and parcel of our human condition, our mortal nature.

Each year we see the empty cross of the triumphant Christ through a veil. The joy, the triumph, seems so far away, not even possible. But now, the veil is stripped away, Jesus is gloriously risen, and we have come closer to that ineffable joy than ever before. One Lent closer, one pass closer. We have been in touch with our human condition and can taste of that river of compassion that flows from the side of our crucified and risen Christ. It is where true joy is to be found.

Joy is such an abstract concept when in the hands of theologians! Modern monastics agree that joy is a mark of spiritual maturity. Our study this Lent reminded us of the difference between happiness and joy; how we can be joyful without having a smile on our face. In fact, profound joy may be found by entering into the pain, anguish and suffering with others. Joy is not about escapism; it does not ignore human misery. Rather, when we enter into that suffering with as much compassion as possible, we enter into closer union with God. Jesus showed us that joy; how it works and what it looks like. We see Jesus fall under the

weight of the cross, or suffer the spitting, screaming, mocking or denial, or feel the searing pain of nails and spear and still, he wanted to be present to those whom he was sent to love. He was offered gall and wine, but rather than escape into the haze of anesthesia, he went on. He was brought to trial, where he could have justified his teachings, but he went on. He was reminded that he could call on God to take him down from the cross, but he went on. He chose to be present in ways most of us could only imagine in our own experience. He chose not to escape physically, emotionally or spiritually. He was where he needed to be and he knew that, as St. Theresa says, "all will be well, all manner of things will be well." That is the gift of joy: perfect fidelity to God's greater purpose in our lives.

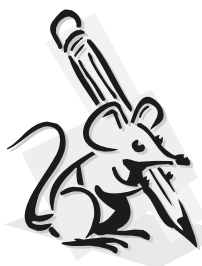
When Jesus was on his way into Jerusalem on that exhilarating day that we celebrate as Palm Sunday, it must have puzzled his closest friends. He had said all along that his kingdom was not of this world, but the crowds hailed him as a king and treated him with fanfare. The disciples knew that Jesus told them that he would be handed over to be crucified when he went up to Jerusalem, but they must have seen this entrance, this reception, by the crowds as a turning point. And it was a turning point. Jesus was about to return to Abba, his Father, his Source. His purpose was about to be fulfilled. In the Tao Te Ching is written:

"Each being in the Universe returns to the common source. Returning is the source of serenity. When you realize where you come from, you naturally become disinterested, amused, kind-hearted as a grandmother, dignified as a king. Immersed in the wonder of the way, you can deal with whatever life brings you. And when death comes, you are ready."

Commenting on this passage, Edward Hays says, "Jesus, then, gentle-hearted as a grandmother, as dignified as a king, could ride serenely up to his death because he knew he was returning to his source. He knew he would mount not a royal throne but a rugged cross. He knew that not a crown of jewels but a crown of thorns would go on his head. That's what life had brought him, and he accepted it with serenity because he knew where he had come from and where he was going."

Without that gift of joy, our Lenten journey would not come to an end. Ever since the ashes of Ash Wednesday, we have been nose to nose with our mortal nature and our proclivities to go anywhere but back to the source, detouring perhaps to escape, perhaps to massage our own egos, perhaps to indulge this appetite or that. Then the veil is lifted and what is revealed to us is the Resurrection. Through the mystery of the Resurrection and the overwhelming compassion of Jesus we can celebrate the joy of Easter, and we say, "Alleluia!"

Fr. Scott Dolph



“’Tis the spring of souls today; Christ has burst his prison, and from three days’ sleep in death as a sun hath risen.” Wasn’t Easter glorious! The grounds were lovely. The flowers were beautiful, the services were inspiring, brunch was outstanding. We have to applaud the efforts of all those who put in extra efforts to make it so. The **Altar Guild**

had to put in lots of extra hours to ready the church for all those services. Holy Week involves a subdued but festive mass on Maundy Thursday—followed by the barren church for Good Friday—followed by the true festival of Easter. All those services also involved **Choir Members** and **Lay Eucharistic Ministers**. Thank you one and all!! I hear there were thirty-six people who got up nice and early to attend the six a.m. Easter Vigil. They were rewarded by a delicious brunch prepared by **Julie Kyer, Janice Erickson** and friends—who did it all over again after the ten o’clock service. There certainly was more than I could eat.

Mark Jones pulled together a great troupe of musicians, even including a string quartet. Parishioners **Leslie Hirsch** and **Marilyn Pierik** were there, assisted by **Ziktoriya** and **Leana Mikhaylov** on violin and cello, who have been playing with us for the past couple years. It was fun to see everybody that I hadn’t seen very often—and I’m sure I missed more than I saw, but **Pat Ashby** was there with her family including several grandchildren—making great-grandma **Sharon Weese** proud. I saw the whole **Ferguson** clan whom I hadn’t seen all together for quite some time. There were other families who made it a great occasion, as there were lots of little ones, who amazingly sat through the entire service before getting restless. **Moms**, you did a great job! – I did see a cartoon of a man standing at his door greeting the Easter bunny. “Go away and come back in two weeks” he said. But I hope yours was a joyful Easter. The Easter season will continue with our study of Christ’s life—up to Ascension Day in about six weeks.

The **Wednesday morning Bible Study** is in the middle of the book of Luke. Usually we cover less than a chapter, but gain good insights into the life of Christ. Another thing that I don’t often mention is that lovely quiet service on Wednesdays at ten –and the **Healing Service** on the third Tuesday. They are very renewing. The office activities are going along as usual—Office manager, **Rob Stoltz** is relieved that all the extra **bulletins** (there were three extra ones for Holy Week) are finished, and he says a big THANK YOU to the folk who came in to stuff and fold them: Regulars: **Mary Anderson** and **Louise Pfeiffer**, along with **Bill** and **Shirley Pratt, Noriko Sutton** and at least one other person. That’s a high-manpower job, too, and generally goes unnoticed by us all.

We are looking forward to the **Rummage Sale** on the first weekend in April – Big thanks to **Bonnie Buckmann** and her energetic crew! Guess the basement is getting pretty full already. It’s amazing how much stuff accumulates in virtually no time. This is one

activity that should help bring our finances into a little bit better shape—I hope that Easter brought some of our late pledges out of arrears, because there’s no cushion to back up our bills now. **Julie Kyer** has called a **Crab Feast evaluation** for April 6. If you don’t make the meeting, at least write your thoughts down and give them to her. You should also look for **Wintergarden** planning and activities to get in gear in the near future. We already have the donation of a beautiful full-sized hand-crocheted afghan. We need thoughts and suggestions of smaller crafts to make—and people should be thinking of foods they can prepare for sale also. Wednesday evening craft meetings will probably resume in May—talk to **Shirley Vidito, Tammy Sartwell** or **Marilyn Pierik** with your thoughts. The Federated Garden Clubs of Oregon are scheduled to meet in **Murdock Hall** in mid-April, then a crew is scheduled to **paint Murdock** near the end of the month. That should brighten things up a bit. Maintenance is a necessary thing — we are still playing catch-up after a long period of benign neglect.

Travelers for last month included **Gloria Trunk**, who made the trip to San Diego in mid-March to visit her son, Steve. It was a short visit, but much enjoyed. **Julie McGuire** subbed for **Marilyn Pierik** on Wednesday office calls while **Marilyn** and **Bob** spent a week on the coast of Washington at their time-share with oldest son, **Dave** and family. **Jan** and **Yvette Iseli** had planned to make their annual trip to the Oregon Coast with Jan’s mom (who is 98) during the Easter holiday, but **Yvette’s** health got in the way and she couldn’t even make it to church. She was barely out of the hospital after a severe asthma/allergy attack. That gal’s health is so fragile, but at least she’s home again. Also on the sick list is **Leslie Hirsch’s mom, Maxine Clark**,—who was recently put on hospice. Judie Cox had her eye surgery and all went well. We missed **Ron Salter’s** lovely voice at the Easter services. He just has not been healing from the crud he has had since January, and the doctor finally ordered a few days of absolute silence, to be followed by six weeks of no public speaking. I sure hope that does the trick for him. Of course by the time he is “in voice” choir season will be about over. Oh well. It will be great to have him feeling better.

Well, Happy Spring, everybody. I’m hoping April brings enough rain to make the flowers grow—but not the weeds. – Until next month — CM

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS

I would like to get all of us who have been to *Cursillo* together and see if we can start a group reunion. We could share our experiences, come together as a group, and then reach out to sponsor members of our church.



I am not sure when or where we want to meet but was thinking that right after coffee hour on a Sunday might be a good time except for the ones who go to the 8:00 service. Maybe we could meet at someone’s home on a Saturday.

Please give it some thought and call Shirley Bush or me with your input. I am excited for the benefits this experience will bring to St. Aidan’s. *DeColores*.



Judie Cox

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One never knows when one is called to do things, but when one is called, prayer and discernment are needed. With thought and prayer the Daughters of the King decided it was time to make some changes. **Joyce Robinson** who was the President of the Daughters of King has passed the title over to me, **Elizabeth Voss**.

We held elections last Tuesday the 18th of March and we came to a prayerful decision that I will be her successor. **Joyce Robinson** still stands as the secretary and the treasurer for our chapter. She has been a long standing President and the shoes that are being stepped into are big. I truly am honored to have been chosen to lead the women of our group and I am excited and hopeful for a bright future, while maintaining the traditions of the Daughters of the King. I am very grateful to have **Joyce** still with us and helping and guiding me to be the best that I can be. I am also very happy to have such supportive sisters, who are willing to also help me in my new position. In other words I could not have entered into a better group of people.

Time seems to move so quickly when one is having such a great time. I remember when I was taught by **Helen Rees** to be a Jr. Daughter. It was a very exciting time for me when I received my pewter cross because now it was official. I was chosen to work for God and this was my badge of honor, silly how things don't change much. I now wear the silver cross and am recognized as an adult Daughter and still feel the proud honor to serve God and my communicant order. God has seen me in many lights, but has always managed to be there throughout everything.

The Holy Spirit has guided me back to the Daughters of the King and I reread the vision statement that the DOK states, "Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world." Reflections of God's love, what a wonderful thing to strive for. In this day and age, there are so many people who still do not know what it is like to feel God's love and here we are, my Sister's and I as representatives; what an awesome call to have.

This Order introduces wonderful opportunities to be part of a community that helps strengthen the spiritual self and the relationship one has with God. It is an opportunity to do work on personal prayer as well as incorporating spiritual actions within the community. We welcome anyone to join us on our journey. This is not a call for everyone but for the ones who are called, we welcome them. As our motto states:

For His Sake...

I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?

FHS, Your faithful Sister in Christ
Beth Voss

Thank You!

The Vestry would like to thank **Doug Pfeiffer** and **Kevin Gibler** for helping us out with the banner signs. Thanks for all your enthusiasm with this project, it was greatly appreciated and because of it we made it on time for Easter. GREAT JOB!!!!

Sincerely, The Outreach Committee.

A CALL TO ARMS

As most of you know our Parish has been operating in the red for several years. The savings account and the parking lot fund have been depleted to cover expenses. For this operating year there are no more funds upon which we can draw to pay the bills. The current budget for 2008 is over \$13,000 short.

The Federal Government is giving us an opportunity to correct this imbalance through the rebate of \$300 to \$1200 which they expect to deliver in the month of May. We ask that each person give a portion or half or all of this rebate to the general fund. Each persons circumstances differ and it would be unseemly to ask that you deprive yourself and/or your family of necessary financial needs.

Each person must look inside of themselves and decide what amount that they can donate. If you look at the Parish as your second family, as Julie and I do, then I am sure you will make the appropriate decision. It is our hope that you will heed this call to arms to ensure that our church can continue to operate and serve our spiritual need. Thanks for considering this request.

Chuck and Julie Kyer

SEVEN CENTS FOR BRUNCH????

Facts: The groceries for the extensive Easter Brunch cost \$140.00. The **Kyers'** careful shopping and even though parishioners brought food for the brunch, expense was incurred. In our bare-bones Parish budget funding for this particular expense was of necessity deleted. All labor is free. 180 people ate after the two Easter services and there was \$16.00 left in the jar. The average donation was therefore seven cents. If each person had put in one dollar, the brunch would have broken even.

Facts: **Cathy Hoye** uses the weekly donations left in the jar to buy paper goods, coffee, tea, sugar and cream for the regular Sunday coffee hours. The next time you buy a soft drink or a cup of coffee somewhere, give a thought to the St. Aidan's coffee hour and contribute a small amount to the jar on Sunday, or perhaps you might make a contribution to the hospitality fund. Many people spend hours contributing by doing the shopping for supplies used at coffee hour, often contributing those costs out of their own pockets, as well as doing the cooking, serving and cleaning up afterwards. We still need more people to help in any way they can to support our generous coffee hours. **Cathy** is always seeking folks to help with the coffee hour. Some folks are no longer able to do that work and have had to drop out of doing that task. Call Cathy (503-666-5107) if you can help. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call. Thank you.

Diane P. Parker
503-558-1225

St. Aidan's Chapter of Daughters of the King

At its regularly scheduled meeting on third Tuesday of each month (March 18), the membership of St. Aidan's Chapter of the Daughters of the King voted to elect **Beth Voss** as president of the Chapter. We thank **Joyce Robinson** for her many years of service in this role, and we offer our thanks to **Beth** for consenting to serve in this role.

| Intercessions | Lectionary Readings |
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| April 6, 2008 Third Sunday of Easter In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for the Church in Hong Kong. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for East Timor, Indonesia, and Philippines. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer pray for the congregations of: St. Edward, Silverton; St John the Divine, Springfield; Christ Church, St. Helens; Christ the King on the Santiam, Stayton. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Greeters. | Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3,10-17 1 Peter I:17-23 Luke 24:13-35 |
| April 13, 2008 Fourth Sunday of Easter In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for Japan, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer pray for the congregations of: Holy Spirit, Sutherlin; St. Francis, Sweet Home; St. James, Tigard; St. Alban, Tillamook. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, pray for Healing Team. | Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10 |
| April 20, 2008 Fifth Sunday of Easter In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for The Church of Ireland. In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for Djibouti and Somalia. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer pray for the congregations of: Holy Spirit, Sutherlin; St. Francis, Sweet Home; St. James, Tigard; St. Alban, Tillamook. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer pray for the Choir. | Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 |
| April 27, 2008 Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday) In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Church in Japan). In the Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer pray for Eritrea and Ethiopia. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer pray for the congregations of: St. Francis of Assisi, Wilsonville; St. Mary, Woodburn; The Diocesan Staff, Lake Oswego; Pacific Gardens Nursing Home, Gresham. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer pray for the Vestry. | Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 |

2008 Camp Schedule Now Available

The schedule has been completed and is available now. The monthly schedule and program descriptions are attached to this message. This year we are proud to feature 29 Adult camps, 20 Family camps, 18 elementary camps and 22 camps for Middle School/High School ages. Some of the camps do have size restrictions so be sure and register early! Registration can be completed online at gocamping.org

New Ecumenical Camps Featured this Summer

One of our camping partners, The Presbytery of the Cascades, is sponsoring two ecumenical camps for elementary aged campers. Both camps, 3rd/4th and 5th/6th, will run concurrently at Suttle Lake Camp, June 29-July 4th. The camps will be staffed with experienced counselors from Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches and promise a safe and very fun week at camp! As Dean of the 3rd/4th Grade camp, I can promise the campers will have an awesome time!

Elementary Camp Deans Needed

The following elementary camps are still in need of Camp Deans :

- Beach Adventure, June 22-27 at Camp Magruder , 3rd-4th Grade
- Superkids, August 24-29 at Camp Magruder , 3rd-5th Grade
- Imagine It! July 20-26 at Camp Latgawa , 3rd-5th Grade

If you are interested in leading one of these camps or would like further information, please contact me as soon as possible.

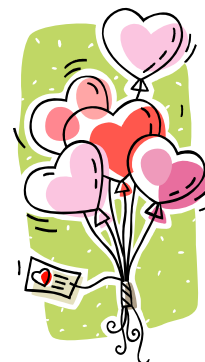
Beth Dieker

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Happy Birthday — Age is opportunity no less,
 Than youth itself, though in another dress,
 And as the evening twilight fades away,
 The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.
 ~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Morituri Salutamus

April

- 3 Angie Groce
- 6 Dan Hatala
Marianne Wallis
- 9 Malcolm Brewer
Floyd Gibler
- 12 Mary Hamilton
- 14 Cathy Hoye
- 16 Eric Udd
- 22 Matthew McCoy



April 2008

Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church Kalendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 1 | 2 <i>No Wednesday Eucharist Today</i> | 3 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 4 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Rummage Sale | 5 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Rummage Sale | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6 8:00 AM HE Rite 1 10:00 AM HE Rite 2 11:15 AM MP at Pacific Gardens Crab Feed Critique 9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. | 7 | 8 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts | 9 10:00 AM HE, fol. by Bible Study | 10 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 11 | 12 3:00 PM Memorial Mass (4th Year Mind) and Reception | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Rummage Take Down | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 8:00 AM HE Rite 1 9:15 AM Critique of Holy Week Schedule 10:00 AM HE Rite 2 | 14 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM OFG Set Up | 15 10:00 AM HE and Healing, Daughters of the King Meeting | 16 10:00 AM HE, fol. by Bible Study Torch Deadline (Shirley Bush) | 17 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal | 18 | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Oregon Federation of Garden Cl... | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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The Daffodil Principle

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead. "I will come next Tuesday", I promised a little reluctantly on her third call. Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house, I was welcomed by the joyful sounds of happy children. I delightedly hugged and greeted my grandchildren.

"Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!"

My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother."

"Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her.

"But first we're going to see the daffodils. It's just a few blocks," Carolyn said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this."

"Carolyn," I said sternly, "Please turn around."

"It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swathes of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron and butter yellow. Each different-colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn.

"Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking", was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration. That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires

one step at a time--often just one baby-step at a time--and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.

"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn.

"What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!" My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way.

"Start tomorrow," she said.

Use the Daffodil Principle. Stop waiting.....

Until your car or home is paid off

Until you get a new car or home

Until your kids leave the house

Until you go back to school

Until you finish school

Until you clean the house

Until you organize the garage

Until you clean off your desk

Until you lose 10 lbs.

Until you gain 10 lbs.

Until you get married

Until you get a divorce

Until you have kids

Until the kids go to school

Until you retire

Until summer

Until spring

Angels according to the children

All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it.

~~~Antonio, 9

My angel is my grandma who died last year. She got a big head start on helping me while she was still down here on earth.

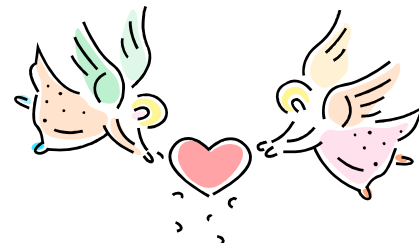
~~~Lynn, 9

Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it.

~~~Vicki, 8

What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.

~~~ Sarah, 7



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