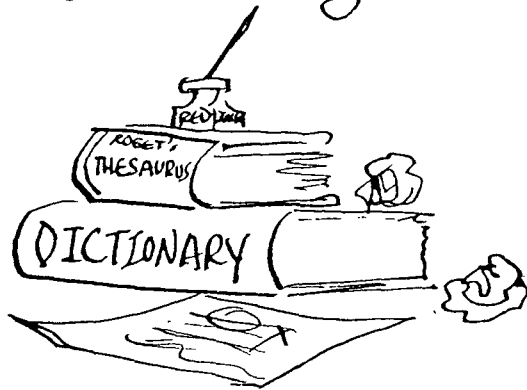




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Editor's Page



With the onset of Spring and the season of Easter comes new life. We experience the resurrection not only on Easter morning, but day in and day out of our ordinary lives. It is what makes each day unique. Our lives are a constant and continual process of dying and rising - sometimes to the seemingly most insignificant things. But each is significant to our growth.

It seemed that in my absence from campus during Easter break **that the** whole appearance of the campus took on a new look - flowers in full bloom, grass beginning to grow and green, leaves on the trees, sunshine warming the air enough to open windows wide and long.

New life comes in many shapes and sizes. And so it is, as we near the end of another semester. New life has begun for each of us in different forms. For some, the prospects of a summer of rest and relaxation, or time with our families, or anticipation of summer jobs that may bring new life to some very stunted bank accounts. For others, it means graduation, calls to churches, ord-

inations, and beginning new pastorates. For others, it means retirement, or seeking employment elsewhere. And for all of us, this season of spring signifies change.

As we near the end of the term (in a very loose sense, a sort of eschatological end time), we inherently begin to consider what is to come. In the process of looking ahead, let us take a look at the new life that has been before us, new life in the person of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy, both murdered 20 years ago this year. New life in the person of John F. Kennedy, assassinated 25 years ago. Consider how the world might be different today had any one of them not been killed. Consider how we might change the world.

At the Global Mission Seminar in March, Reuben Sheares led a series of bible studies. During one such gathering, he said, "Hope is a predicate of God. Hope is born of Easter, of the unexpected. It is born of illogical and unanticipated happenings."

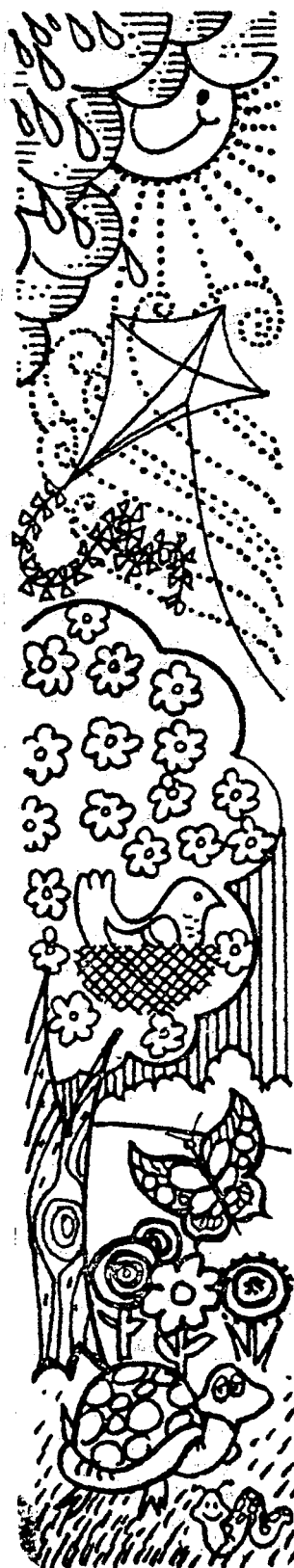
Reuben also said that it is "necessary to examine how we might be benifitting from the suffering of other people," for those who have a stake in the benefits will be opposed to any change in the way things are. It is these people who are the obstacles in the way things can be. "God raises up instruments. It is important to allow God to work through you - that alone may offset the stake you have in it. God said to Moses - I have seen the affliction; I see, I hear, I know, I care; and I intend to do something about it; and that's where you come in." Friends, that's where we all come in; let God use us as instruments to bring about the new life that can be.

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ARTS ALIVE! SCHEDULE



Sunday, April 17

* CHAPEL CONCERT

3:00 p.m., Santee Chapel

F&M CHORAL SOCIETY: SPRING CONCERT

3:30 p.m., Hensel Hall

Featuring: Adam and Eve and the Animals and King David. See the flyer from F&M or the Communicator.

~~*CANCELLED~~

Monday, April 18

CHAPEL

9:30 a.m., Santee Chapel

Featuring: Karl A. Forssmark, cellist and Pam Keckler, accompanist.

Tuesday, April 19

ART GALLERY

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Hafer Center

CHAPEL

9:30 a.m., Santee Chapel

Featuring: Movement; special pieces by the Seminary Dancers.

MEET THE ARTIST

12 noon - 1:00 p.m., Hafer Center

Featuring: Drew Willard, graphic artist. Brown bag lunch.

Wednesday, April 20

ART GALLERY

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Hafer Center

CHAPEL

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Santee Chapel

Service of Word and Sacrament

Featuring: John Laughlin and Jim Yoder, mime and puppetry in worship.

MEET THE ARTIST

12 noon - 1:00 p.m., Hafer Center

Featuring: Arts in Ministry/Arts Ensemble from Tour '88.

THE GARDEN SPOT

6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Refectory

Featuring: Pot Luck dinner with favorite ethnic dishes.

WHAT GROWS HERE?

7:45 - 9:15 p.m., Refectory

Featuring: A talent fair for the young and old.

HANDS ON!

7:45 - 9:15 p.m., Hafer Center

Featuring: a unique art experience for youngsters.

Thursday, April 21

ART GALLERY

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Hafer Center

COMMUNITY HOUR

9:30 - 10:30 a.m., Hafer Center

Featuring: Kathleen Collins, Director of the Fulton's production of Children of a Lesser God.

MEET THE ARTIST

12 noon - 1:00 p.m., Hafer Center

Featuring: Elaine Ward, storyteller. Brown bag lunch.

COMPLINE

9:40 p.m., Santee Chapel

CHAPEL

9:30 a.m., Santee Chapel

Friday, April 22

I ALREADY HAVE A NAME
by Susan Aghavni Minasian

When I was born
my sister named me.
Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.

People all around respected
my name.
Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.

Why do you call me
Sue, Suzi, Suzanne, Samantha???
Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.

I correct you over and over ...
now I am tired.
Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.

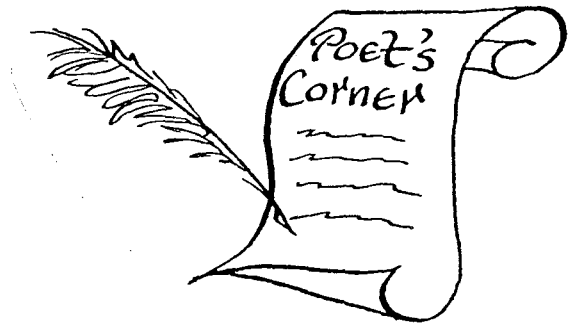
I try to be polite and say -
Please help me correct others
and call me Susan or SAM -
not Sue or SAM Minasian.
Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.

You ignored my request -
You are probably tired too.
You probably hear others use
those other names ...
Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.

When I was born
my sister named me.
Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.

Hello - it's nice to meet you;
My name is Susan,
What's your's?
Hi, my name is _____;
It's nice to meet you Sue ...

Thank you for the offer - but -
I already have a name.



SOMETIMES
Author Unknown

Sometimes I sing Alleluia, sometimes
I'm filled with pain,
Sometimes I reach the mountaintop,
sometimes I try in vain.

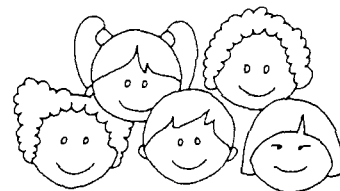
Sometimes I feel so close to God,
sometimes God's so far away.
Sometimes we walk and talk,
sometimes I cannot pray.

Sometimes I feel so confused,
sometimes I understand.
Sometimes I really need a friend, I
feel God take my hand.

Sometimes I'm really lost in doubt,
God helps my mind to see.
Sometimes I want to turn away, God
says, "Come follow me."

I feel that God is aware of my
struggles to be free, to break
away from sometimes and
to love God constantly.

God accepts me as I am, God looks
in my heart and sees,
God knows I try, but I am so weak,
God knows and loves me still.



From a Seeker of Truth
by Tabitha Haigh

God of life and creation,
Spread your wings in your lofty winds,
Where volcanos rise to meet the sky
And the quetzal joins you in a morning song,
As you watch the glow of a new dawn.

I saw you there, dear Jesus.
I saw you in Nicaragua.
You spoke through the voice
of a coffee-bean picker,
a student of sociology,
He said your Spirit lives in community,
In our solidarity in Christ.

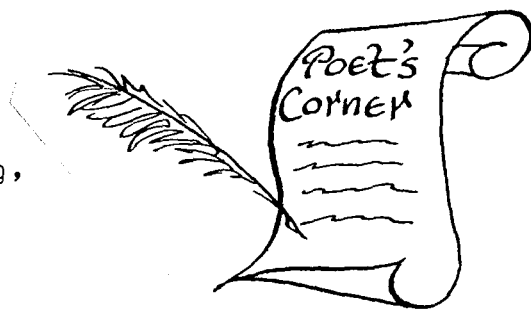
I saw you there, dear Jesus.
I saw you in Nicaragua,
In a network of people working
together, Christians, Indians, Latinos, Refugees,
Assemblypersons,
Working to proclaim liberty to the captives.

We, the whites, have separated them, dear God.
We have separated them from THEIR culture.
For centuries, we've said our culture is better!
Is it too late to cry?
Is it too late to cry?

I hear your voice, dear Saviour.
It says, "Rise up, sing a new song!"
Have I not brought a new message,
A Gospel of promise for the poor and oppressed?
Why then do you cry? Resist those who
Would hold my voice from being heard among my people.
Resist, make visible the poor of God."

Thank you God for the courage of Jerjes Ruiz, for Mr. Caun,
For Elena, and Witness for Peace volunteers.
Thank you for the bronzed skins and
dark eyes of your people in Central America,
Who call for peace on their own terms.
Thank you for calling me to speak against oppression,
Against white supremacy.
Thank you for showing us the truth,
For opening our ears to lies spoken for greed.

Artisans of Central America,
Farmers of Central America,
You have shown us not to be afraid.
Your bodies are broken and killed,
Your clothes are given as a sacrifice
on the altar of God;
Yet in death you rise to speak the truth.
God has risen you up before the people
And you shall live!
A new dawn brightens the sky of Central America.
Praise God!



FROM Judith Boswell....

I gave the following sharing at the Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship in State College in January about the death of Elizabeth Steinberg by beating from her adoptive parents. In preparing for this sharing, I thought of all the abused and neglected children I have worked with as a therapist, and my feelings about child abuse. I thought of my own children, two of whom are adopted. And I heard the "Jesus Song" on popular radio which is a little girl asking Jesus about why anyone would hurt a child, but that she's glad Elizabeth is now with Jesus, and that her Mommy hits her, too, and not to tell her Daddy.

I began to struggle with why Elizabeth's death received national coverage and attention when many other children are hurt daily. Then, I received my Time magazine for December and became haunted by the image on the cover of an Ethiopian mother holding her dying, starving child. The image, I'm sure, was meant to jar at a time when many of us have images of the Christ Child being held by Mary. Somehow, Elizabeth's death and this image of suffering in Ethiopia came together in my head, and I wrote this poem to share with my Fellowship. I would now like to share it with my seminarian friends ...

FOR ELIZABETH

Six years old, adopted, little brother tag along.
Cradling dolls, jumping rope, playing kick the can.
A first grader learning to write her name, how to read.
Living within a home that scared her, trying to be loved.



Listen. You can hear the screams. The battering. Her death.
Incomprehensible. Hard for the mind to grasp this reality.
Listen. A child suffers. Suffer not the little children.
The mind pushes away, seeking comfort elsewhere.

But my mind is caught.
There's screaming in my head. It won't stop.
I promise you, Elizabeth, to listen to the children everywhere
And do what I can to stop the screaming.

COMMENCEMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, May 13

3:30 p.m. McCauley Lecture
by Professor Robert Duke in
Santee Chapel
5:50 p.m. Alumni Banquet at the
Four Seasons Country Club

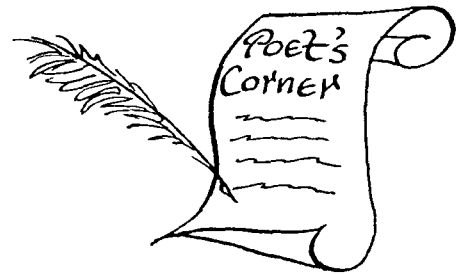
Saturday, May 14

8:00 a.m. Distribution of
Certificates of Appreciation,
Santee Chapel
8:30 a.m. Service of Word and
Sacrament, Santee Chapel
11:00 a.m. Commencement at Church
of the Apostles

PAUPERIZATION OF WOMEN

From the UN Commission on the Status of Women..."Women are half the world's adult population; they comprise one-third of the paid labor force, and they perform two-thirds of the world's work hours. For this, they earn one-tenth of the world's income, and they own only one percent of the world's property."

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYES OF THE BEHOLDER
(Name Withheld)



i look at you and see beauty
in green and yellow standing tall against it all
they say to cut you down
that you are a weed and we wouldn't want to ruin the neighborhood
if your kind were allowed to spread and increase and overpopulate the area
how many is too many - i say there are not enough
to me you are a thing of beauty a flower a creation of god
yes you are a flower except you are special in that you are stronger
it is not ours to feel bad that you are considered a health hazard
it is ours to feel sad that there are those who are prejudiced
(for you know they are like that with people too)
i will never cut you down - i want to be surrounded in a garden of weeds
garnished in strength in color in the image of god
spread your seeds and let them grow and god be in your midst

BROKEN WINGS CAN FLY
by Susan A. Minasian

When I heard
I was hurt;
Then I got angry
I was hurt.

What should I do,
say,
think?

Something
Nothing.... even
that's something.

If I speak
I become like you.
Again, you silence me.
If I am silent
I choke.
Again, I am oppressed.

You make assumptions;
tell others things in
words which are not true.
If I speak, am I
perceived as affirming
your words as the truth?
If I speak, am I
justifying?

Oh - in the womb
I had no idea ...
In my womb -
now - what will be ...

In that instant of doubt
I found hope;
You are not that hope;
I am not that hope.
Can you even fathom
what,
who,
is that hope?

When I heard
I was hurt;
Then I got angry
I was hurt.

Mother God, you
lifted me on your
wing and now I can
fly ...

When I hear
I get hurt
then I pray
I may get angry
then I pray
and
fly -----



CLARE HOUSE

by Mary K. Rice

(Editor's note: In an attempt to create a greater awareness of Community Programs within the Lancaster area, the Seminarian will continue to devote space to such program information. Feel free to submit information on programs with which you are involved, or desire to lift up to the community.)

In Lancaster County, if you are a woman with children, are abused physically and/or emotionally...where do you turn for assistance? TO answer that question fully, one would have to get involved in the various agencies and a sorting-through process.

Add another dimension: you are homeless, for whatever reason (You have not received your SSI or welfare check, or, having received your funds, even low income housing is beyond what your check contains, or, you're physically abused and cannot stand being beaten one more time. Or, you were living in a single residence with a relative because you have two children and are pregnant with a third; were reported to authorities and thus asked to vacate the apartment.). Where do you go??

One such place that may be able to accept you for 2 to 8 weeks is Clare House, located at 342 East Chestnut in Lancaster. I say may only because 95% of the time they are filled to capacity. They have room for 17 residents, including children.

Clare House is an active shelter and outreach program. Through the outreach program, once the women have left the shelter for their apartments, Clare House authorities (Board members, former residents, caring others) provide temporary support until each woman is able to make it on her own. Support might take the form of food baskets, furniture, clothing, staples, or limited counseling.

At this time, Clare House receives no agency funding from the local, state, or federal levels; it is operated entirely through donations.

ARTS ALIVE continued...

There will be brown bag lunches featuring Drew Willard, the Arts Ensemble group, and Elaine Ward.

On Wednesday evening, there will be a Pot Luck dinner to highlight the culinary arts. Everyone - students, faculty, staff, and administration, and FAMILIES are invited. Each is asked to bring a favorite dish of ethnic origin. This should give us a wide variety of foods to try, since we are such a diverse community. See Lori Eck to sign up or get more information.

Following the dinner will be a unique experience for the children - a Hands-on Experience in the arts. Hannah Gosling is coordinating this segment. For the adults - a talent faire - contact Lori Eck or Deborah Kohler if you wish to lend your gifts and talents to an evening of fun and fellowship.

Besides the featured works of many of our own resident artists, we will have the privilege of having in our midst, Kathleen Collins, director of the recent Fulton production of Children of a Lesser God. Kathleen will be with us during the Community Hour of Arts Alive! week to share her experience of the theatre, and most especially her experience in producing Children. Children of a Lesser God creates a greater awareness of the constant and continual struggles of the hearing impaired in our world, as well as brings into focus how sign language is and can be used as an art form. It also lends itself to bring the hearing impaired into inclusion of drama and theatre.

The Art Gallery will again be in Hafer Center. The Gallery will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There are forms in the Communicator for those who wish to display art pieces in the gallery. Susan Minasian is coordinator for the gallery, so it will surely be an exciting arrangement. Contact Susan for more information on the Gallery, and by all means, be sure to stop by!!

So - mark your calendars - and be sure to experience ARTS ALIVE!

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SEMINARY COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO CRISIS

by Deborah Kohler

The current "ugliness" in our community is cause for concern for each of us. Much of the community response to this ugliness is cause for even greater concern.

There is a fine line of balance between inappropriate behaviors and appropriate behaviors. Yes, we need to talk to one another about the issues and honestly understand what is happening among us. No, we do not need to engage in speculative gossip. In the dialogue on inclusive language, the point is made over and over again: we need a better understanding of the power of the spoken word. Every thought that is given birth in speech lives out a life in our midst.

So, how do we learn, together, how to walk that tightrope and keep the balance? I believe the answer is prayer. I believe that only the power of God can transform us away from "normal, typical human behaviors" to those actions which are reflective of our Christianity. The grace of God means that no matter how bad something looks, God can bring good out of it. I believe the current situation is a challenge to us to turn and ask for God for the presence of grace in our community.

Individually, and in groups, we can change the outcome of the story by overcoming evil with good. Our community needs the full power of the love of God right now. If we ask for it, we will get it. We need protection from the powers of evil as embodied in hatred, fear, doubt, and mistrust. We need the love and grace of God to guide our efforts at discernment of the truth. Most of all, we need the healing love of Jesus Christ in order to rise out of this brokenness and answer our call to live by and spread the Gospel of Love.

The most important element in this call to prayer is the belief that if we ask God for help it will be given. So, what can it hurt to ask? And, more importantly: who will it hurt to refuse to ask?

If at any time I say that I am going to uproot, break down, or destroy any nation or kingdom, but then that nation turns from its evil, I will not do what I said I would. On the other hand, if I say that I am going to plant or build up any nation or kingdom, but then that nation disobeys me and does evil, I will not do what I said I would.

(Jeremiah 18:7-10)

God will respond to us according to how we act toward God.

TRIP TO AFRICA

A group of eight persons from LTS will be travelling to Ghana and Togo for their Cross Cultural Seminar. They will be leaving May 7 and will return May 21. Those making the trek are: Henrietta Andrews, Lori Eck, Bob Callahan, Walton Burke, Cathy Coffey, Jack Davies, Charles Dorsey, Brenda Harcourt, and Gwynn McCoy. They will be the guests of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana, whose Moderator, Dr. Noah K. Dzobo is a graduate of LTS. Dr. Dzobo is making necessary arrangements for the group's stay. It should be a very exciting and enriching experience for this group!

Hitler laughed and said, "who remembers the Armenians?" -- Considering how many people have showed concern recently, I would say the answer to his question is nobody. sm

A STATEMENT OF FAITH
by Drew Willard

I believe God is;

and that things seen and energies unseen. all
originate from God's creative activity.

Therefore, God is good.

I believe Jesus of Nazareth is
the unique expression of who God is
in the form of a person,

who was brought into earthly life
through the faith and obedience of the
woman Mary and the purpose of God's
grace by the Holy Spirit; and that

Jesus prevailed against hate and lust to
show active love in relationship to
others as the right way to live; and that

Jesus lived this out despite human abuse and
death, being raised to life and mercifully
restoring humanity to communion with God.

Therefore, God is true and loving.

I believe the Holy Spirit is God's presence and action
to empower and guide people in the
building up of the Beloved Community;
and that the experience of fellowship
and individual talents are gifts of the
Holy Spirit who never quits creating and recreating.

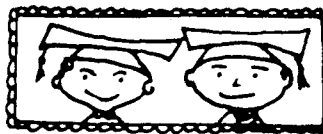
Therefore, God is with us in spirit
and will return in truth.

S O S

The Spouses of Seminarians have
formed a group as a means of support
for one another. Questionnaires have
been distributed regarding needs and
desires of the community. If wish to
learn more about the group, or find
out when their next meeting is, feel
free to contact Charlotte Whiting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

SPRING ARTS FESTIVAL - April 18 - 22
BOOK STORE SALE - April 25 - 29
MUG & SHIRT SALE - April 25 - 29
SCC MEETING - April 26, 10 a.m.
SENIOR BANQUET - May 6
COMMENCEMENT - May 14



SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

This semester, the Spiritual Life Committee is focusing on community participation, and the response has been quite encouraging.

Over the past several weeks, many seminarians have been sharing their gifts and talents in the Thursday evening Compline services. As various persons approach this opportunity to lead worship from various perspectives, each service maintains its own spirit of freshness. We have celebrated the faith out of the Book of Common Prayer, through Scripture teachings, by consideration of aid to the less fortunate, and in prayer and meditation services.

We have also been encouraged by the growing attendance at Compline and believe this is a reflection of the richness of the worship experience. Compline begins at 9:40 p.m., in Santee Chapel, and ends about 10 p.m., allowing for the chance to bring the day to a close in the peaceful presence of God. A special invitation to join us in worship goes out to commuters and families of seminarians. We are also looking for more community members to participate in the leading of Compline, as well as other Spiritual Life activities. Anyone interested in helping and providing new ideas can attend any or all committee meetings. We meet each Tuesday morning after chapel, 10 a.m., in the Refectory. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

We launched our Bible Study program a few short weeks ago. We especially encourage seminarians and their families to join us in fellowship in The Word of God each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. We get together in one another's homes, so watch for weekly announcements about where we will meet.

Other ideas we have been working on include a commuters' afternoon worship service, fellowship and worship activities (including Compline services) in association with

and led by Franklin & Marshall and Lancaster Bible Colleges. We are also working closely with the rest of the Seminarian Community Council on setting up counseling and/or ministry projects at Harb-Adult, Inc., a low-income housing facility in downtown Lancaster.

Exciting things are happening in the Spiritual Life at LTS and beyond. It couldn't be so without the commitment of everyone here!

AN INTERPRETATION OF
THE LORD'S PRAYER

by Drew Willard

Abba

Beloved Friend

Who is where beauty, truth,
and goodness meet
beyond time and place,
Splendid and life-giving
is your name.

Your Beloved Community,
may it happen;

Your purpose,
may it be accomplished
on this earthly place as it is
in the reality beyond.

Give us this day what we need
to live and

forgive us our intrusions as we
forgive those who intrude
upon us.

Lead us not into doubt, fear,
greed, or lust;
but deliver us from
self-centeredness and death.

For yours is all that is,
your power prevails,
and all that is worthwhile,
splendid, reliable, and
life-giving comes from you

always.

Truly it is so!

Amen.

REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

The week of April 11 - 15, has been designated to commemorate the Holocaust of the Jews during Hitler's regime. During the years that Hitler set out to exterminate the Jewish people, some six million Jews were murdered. Some were shot, gassed, or murdered in other gruesome ways, some placed in slave labor camps.

The world was outraged by such terror and inhumanity. And yet, we today, some forty years later, face the threat of annihilation - not only of one group of people, but the world population in its entirety - by that of nuclear destruction. This century has been plagued by inhumane treatment of the inhabitants of the world.

The brutalization of human life began in 1915 when the Turks began to exterminate the Armenian people. In a period of about seven years, more than half the Armenian population had been killed. The one-and-a-half million people that succumbed to genocide are remembered, too, during this week of commemoration.

We, as Christians, cannot allow such inhumanity to occur again. Yet, we see small versions of such actions in the daily news reports. When do we put a stop to it? How do we stop it?

For as many words that have been spoken and written about the Armenians and the Jews, how much do we really know of these peoples? How much do we chose to read? If we do not know about it, will the problem disappear? Can we stop the pain felt by the survivors and descendents of the Armenians and the Jews if we attempt to put the genocide into the obscurity of history. Or will we chose to remeber and lift up and learn and truly become people of Christ?

As we approach this week, let us pray for the victims, the survivors, and the descendents - not only of the Armenian and Jewish holocausts - but for all those whose lives are endangered because of thier identity.

Praise be to God in thanksgiving for the Armenians and the Jews, and most especially, for those among us.

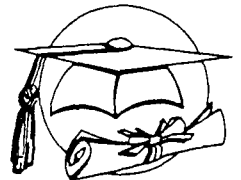
CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Sue Foster ('87 LTS grad) and Craig Stout as they are married on April 23 in Wallingford, CT.
- Keith Enty on his upcoming marriage.
- Wendell Yorkman on his upcoming marriage.
- Susan Minasian who has been extended a call by St. John's UCC in Harrisburg. Susan's trial sermon will be on the 17th of April.
- Dana Schlegel on his call to the pastorate at St. Luke's UCC in Lititz. Dana begins his duties there on June 1.
- The 1988 Graduating Seniors...those receiving Master of Divinity degrees:

Chet Carbaugh
 Dick Creamer
 John Freudenberger
 Will Gehen
 Suzi Getz
 Don Godwin
 Ralph Harris
 Paul Jones
 Oscar Lopez
 Susan Marseilles
 Susan Minasian
 Mary Jane Myer
 Elsie-Marie Niiler
 Chuck Sprenkle
 Craig Foster-Stout
 Elizabeth (Pixie)Whitehead
 Drew Willard

and MAR degrees:

Mike Berry
 Tabitha Haigh
 Gloria Hess
 Lanny Kilgore
 Larry Krebs
 Richard Kyerematen



BEST WISHES TO:

-Anne-Marie Salgat, our librarian, who will be leaving the LTS community at the end of this term. Anne-Marie, we wish you the best life has to offer as you journey forth from this place!



COFFEEHOUSE MINISTRIES

by Drew Willard

I had first heard of "The Potter's House" almost a year ago while talking with Rev. Allen Kroehler (He is the mystic professor in the Lancaster Theological Seminary catacombs who sends contextual education students out on quests into the "field."). We had been talking about "coffeehouse ministries" when he told me about The Potter's House which is sponsored by the Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C.

The Church of the Savior is an intentional Christian community formed in 1947. Servanthood is the essence of their faith expression. When someone has a vision to do something, they form a group, and the leader arises who has the gifts and the vision to accomplish the task. That is how their coffeehouse ministry was established. Someone got the idea in 1958 of putting Christian outreach and worship in the public market place from a winter's night comparison between the cold reticence of a solemn church and warm gaiety of a tavern. By 1960, The Potter's House was formed and has been operating ever since.

About a month ago, I had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., and see The Potter's House first hand. I stayed at St. Andrew's House, a hospitality house for visitors to this community-sponsored by the Church of the Savior. I had dinner and worshipped at Christ House, a hospice for ailing homeless people. The people that I met who were involved in this ministry were beautiful, committed, and practical Christians.

The Potter's House is open 11 A.M. - 3 P.M. on weekdays and 8 - 11 P.M. on Thursday and Friday evenings for non-alcoholic beverages, limited menu, table games, and discussion. There is a worship service on Wednesday evenings and entertainment on Friday evenings. The people that attended the coffeehouse were generally liberal (to radical) white, with some black "yuppie" types.

The concept of a "Christian coffeehouse ministry" has fascinated me since the 1960's when I was in high school. The idea is to get the Word into the marketplace of ideas in creative ways that we all have to offer (given a little encouragement). I heard in a Bible study recently that the part of the temple that Jesus cleansed when he drove out the money changers was the outermost courtyard where the Gentiles were permitted to enter (think of all the commerce in any church narthex!). Perhaps what Jesus was doing was clearing the way for what was inside to come out to the people ...

I encourage you to go down to The Potter's House and see what the Church of the Savior is doing. In the meantime, come to the Spring Arts Festival "talent faire" on Wednesday evening April 20th and the Agora - (Marketplace) coffeehouse on Friday, April 29th, both at the Refectory.

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The elections are now completed. A brief meeting of the SCC will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 10 a.m.

On April 7, the SCC voted to distribute funds to Harb-Adult, Quest for Peace, and the Student Emergency Relief Fund.

BOOK REVIEW

by V. Malek

Have you settled for a life of alternate failure and victory? Do you feel you have a duty or many duties? Have you tried to change yourself? Do you want to know the truth about ill will? Are you looking for inward life-principles? Would you like a glimpse of the love and grace of God?

If so, then here is a book for you. The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life by Hannah Whitall Smith (Word Books publisher, Waco, Texas, 1985) has been translated into every European language and some Oriental and tribal languages. Written in 1875, it sold millions and has since become a classic.

Open your hearts to Hannah and hear that God's will is the most blessed thing that can come to us. Hear of the unfathomable sweetness in the will of God. All that is good and sweet and lovely in life is poured out upon us from God's hands. Discover from Hannah the simplicity, power and relevance of the Christian's secret. Find out the blessedness, the joy, the depth, and the reality of God's Love. Be open to the newness and subtleties of what the Lord has to offer. Find out the inexorable rule. Discover ways to build up your confidence in the Lord. What may be at the root of most failure to follow Christ? Read Hannah. Hannah's words are as fresh as spring water to countless readers.

Find out from this worldly Quaker from Philadelphia how you can allow God to regulate the details of your life. Would you believe that God's care is infinitely superior in tenderness and thoughtfulness to any possibility of human care? God takes note of the most minute matters that can affect the lives of the Creator's children and regulates them if, If, IF we allow it. IF we choose. Would you follow gladly and quickly the sweetest suggestions of God's spirit day by day, hour by hour? Would you

have God reveal to you the deepest satisfaction and joy in us? God puts our blessings in our very laps, as it were; what prevents us from seeing them and going our way without them?

Hannah knew nothing of a real acquaintance with the goodness of God and what it meant to "trust Jesus." She had not the slightest concept of what the expression, "God is love," meant until her five-year-old, Nelly, died. She had not the faintest glimpse of all God's love and beautiful unselfishness. Hannah laid aside her preconceived notions of what God ought to be and arrived in simplicity to believe God. She came to recognize that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to God.

She did not know she was a Christian. She only found a piece of good news. This tall, beautiful blond, born in 1832, could not rest until she knew God. Hannah, who ran an exuberant household because of one great principle, "the children must have their fun," tells us what links us to the Savior, what is the gift of God, and what is God's purpose.

Hannah says we are bought with a price and are not our own. God who has planted us has planted a growing being. God transforms the very circumstances that surround us, the very things that are our greatest hindrances, into the chiefest and most blessed means of our growth. The Creator uses any tool as a means for the work of God to be done, and it is plainly not the business of the tool to decide what is right. We are the tools. It is not our skill that is needed to work for God, but only God's skills. Our chief fitness for God's work is our utter helplessness. God's strength is made perfect in our weakness.

How do you deal with misunderstandings, disappointments, unkindness, trials, and suffering? Have you taken your troubles to the Lord and left them there? Are you perfectly pliable in God's hands? Do you allow the Lord to carry your burdens and manage your

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affairs? Hannah lived an hour at a time and was kept free from anxieties, trusting all to the Lord.

A woman of strong passions, high spirits, and good humor, Hannah allowed the Lord to actually do the work entrusted to God. She allowed the Lord to accomplish her. Have you experienced what it is like when you keep your mind on the Lord? Have you placed your whole being in God's absolute control?

Worried about your shortcomings? According to Hannah, our very shortcomings, our very unworthiness are our most important claims upon God's love and care for us.

Would you have God's will be your desire? According to Hannah, the laws of God are written on our hearts and on our minds. Does your heart spring out to embrace God's will with enthusiasm, gratitude, and joy as your richest treasure? Would you pray to ask God to make it clear to you what is on God's mind? Hannah, who describes herself as a perfectly idiotic grandmother, believed that GOD IS. Therefore, all is under God's control. She clung stubbornly to this hard clear truth. We, simply, will to believe God.

Hannah became an internationally famous preacher, along with her husband, Robert Smith. With an easy, flowing style and simplicity of manner, Hannah told about unity with God, a blessed privilege of a relationship with God. She spoke of knowing an abiding experience of an entire abandonment and perfect trust in the Lord.

Would you be free? Continually surrender yourself to the Lord. Abandon your soul and yield yourself utterly and willingly to the Heavenly Potter. Deny yourself.

Are you looking for the end of uncertainty? Practice Hannah's steps to Divine Guidance. Find out how Divine Guidance is promised. Would you allow yourself to be enveloped by the presence of God? When all the small annoying things of life... a cross look, a harsh word, a petty

trial...pass through your life, be enveloped in this presence of God. Hannah says God brings the counsel of ill will to naught. God makes the devices of the people of none effect. The Lord, creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, nor is weary.

Let Hannah witness to you. She believed in keeping a sharp lookout for virtues and wise actions, and never failed to commend them. She is anything but stuffy. But her unwavering trust in a God of love and wisdom and her absolute certainty that God cares for us and ours, she would have been crushed with despair long ago... God was made manifest as an actual existence and she leaped to know God. She would rather God's will be done than anything else. God's way is the way. If the will of God is our will, and God way is the way, then we will always have our way also. She or he who sides with God wins in every encounter, every joy, every sorrow, every success, every death, every life, and every failure.

Thanks be to God!

Read also, Letters of Hannah Whitall Smith, by Logen Pearsall Smith.

A B C GROUP

Do you have problems trusting? Difficulty with relationships? A fear of being abandoned? Is it hard for you to identify feelings? -- These are some of the characteristics of individuals from families touched by alcohol. Many of these people enter careers in the helping professions, yet find themselves continuing to struggle with these basic life issues.

The Addictive Behavior Colloquy - ABC - has recently formed here at LTS. For more information, contact Charlotte Whiting, Dean of Students.