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FROM THE RECTOR

The folks who slyly and subtly distort history

THE philosopher George Santayana famously observed: "Those who will not learn from history are doomed to repeat it." They are words so wise they should be tattooed on the forehead of every aspiring politician.

And it would certainly do no harm to tattoo them on the foreheads of every journalist, opinion maker and movie director. They, after all, are the politicians' primary enablers when it comes to ignoring the lessons of history.

Indeed, television and the movies, aided and abetted by newspapers and magazines – slyly, subtly and with malice of forethought – reshape and remold our perception of historic events, even those we have lived through.

The Cold War, the Cuban missile crisis and Vietnam War – not to mention the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – were by no means entirely as presented to us in movies, TV documentaries and on the nightly news.

One might, of course, argue that they are subject to sufficient public discussion to counter the misinformation that abounds.

But that corrective is notable by its absence when it comes to general perceptions of less cataclysmic, but no less profound, issues that have framed the debates surrounding such issue as educational and social policies.

Take, for example, the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial" – the event that, above all others, led to evolutionists gaining the upper hand in the on-going debate with creationists.

The stage play/movie *Inherit the Wind* was the vehicle primarily responsible for molding public perceptions about the Scopes trial. But, in fact, it grossly distorts the circumstances in which the trial took place, the character of the main protagonists and the nature of the arguments presented.

For example, it represents Scopes as a young high school science teacher arrested and jailed for illegally teaching Darwin's theory. And it portrays the townsfolk in the small Tennessee community in which the trial took place as fundamentalist bigots, eager to do violence to Scopes and his defense attorney.

But, in reality, Scopes was never arrested or jailed: He volunteered to go on trial after responding to an American Civil Liberties Union advertisement seeking someone willing to challenge the law.

Far from being threatened, he and his attorney – as well as the whole prosecution team – were feted by the townsfolk, who hoped the trial would put their community "on the map."

Nor was Scopes fired from his school teaching post after his conviction. In fact, he quit his job to take up the offer of a graduate school scholarship in geology at the University of Chicago.

It was a handsome reward for a small town math teacher and athletic coach who couldn't be called to the witness stand because he wasn't able to remember whether he had taught evolution or not.

Truth to tell, *Inherit the Wind*, tells us far more about the mindset of its authors, producers and promoters than the Scopes trial itself.

They are folks who excoriate dogmatism and demand open

mindedness, while vilifying their opponents, falsifying reality, and distorting history in order to advance agendas that enjoy little public support.

Now where have I heard that before? **GPH✘**

An appeal for At Jacob's Well

THE first Sunday of each month is set aside as a time to remember the needs of the men and women served by At Jacob's Well, an organization that has been housing Baltimore's homeless mentally ill for over 25 years. Unfortunately the amount collected at our monthly in-giving has dwindled somewhat of late.

At Jacob's Well provides transitional housing for those who are homeless or about to become homeless, and permanent housing for those who have achieved some residential stability and are ready for a less structured living environment. They rely heavily on individual donors for many of the basic housekeeping items and foodstuffs their residents need.

Always in demand are trash bags, toilet paper, floor cleaner, dish detergent, bleach, light bulbs, bars of bath soap, bottled water, and non-perishable foodstuffs (pasta and sauces, mac and cheese, peanut butter, etc.) Please drop an extra item or two into your shopping cart to help fill the need for this

underserved community. You can bring your donations to church with you or drop them off during the week. We'll make sure they are delivered to those in need.

LENTEN STUDY

Questions about the BCP you never had the courage to ask

FOLKS familiar with Church history usually claim the first English Prayer Book is the First Prayer Book of King Edward VI, which was authorized for use in 1549. True, this wonderful book is the ancestor of all the Books of Common Prayer in use in the world of Anglicanism today – albeit a very distant one in many cases, with its literary and theological DNA scarcely discernible. But it cannot fairly be claimed that it is the English Church's first prayer book.

The English Church has played a major role in the liturgical life of the Church catholic for more than one and a half millennia. Yet most Anglicans are entirely ignorant of the fact. This year's Lenten Study will trace the development of the BCP from pre-Saxon times onwards.

Our Lenten Series "The Development of the Prayer Book" runs for four Wednesday evenings beginning after 6.00 PM Evening Prayer on February 27th and ending on March 20th. The presenter will be the Rector.

We are offering the usual deal – a hearty winter soup, the best bread in Baltimore and beverages. If you need more to eat, you are welcome to bring a sandwich. **GPH✘**

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Join us February 20th

THIS month the Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting at the Ashland Cafe at 12 noon on Wednesday, February 20th. Why not

Lenten Studies
Wednesdays, February 27th,
March 6th, 13th, and 20th
6.45 pm
(Following 6.00 pm Evening Prayer)
"The Development of the Prayer Book"

St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef Supper
Saturday, March 16th
6.00 pm

TIME CHANGE! JOIN US FOR A FRIENDLY GAME OF BRIDGE. SUNDAYS AT 2.30 PM

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

Being February 24th, 2013

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 4:1-8

The Gospel: St. Matthew 15:21-28

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 86, 142

The First Lesson: I Kings 8:37-43

The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17

join us for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal. Good food and good fellowship -- what more could you want? To reserve your place call Joyce Perlberg at 410-252-2680.

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Fr Guy✘, Ray✘, Kathleen, Michael, Morris, Charles, Dawn, Betty Jean, Elliot, Sharon, Paul, Andy, Michael, Rosina Donna, Diane, John, David, Richard, Bill, Charlotte, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Heather, Laurie, Lynn, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam,

Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Ray, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Gloria, Lee, Emily, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Maxine, Ann, Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Joanne, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Fran, Carol, and Suzie.

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ON ACTIVE SERVICE: PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes.

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FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Ruth and the Fox Family

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Sung Eucharist (*with Nursery & Church School*)

11.15 am: Choral Mattins (*1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist*)

6.00 pm: Choral Evensong (*1st Sunday only*)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

**COLLECTS FOR THE First Sunday in
Lent and the Ember Days**

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights;
Give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *AMEN*

Book of Common Prayer, Page 125

O almighty God, who has committed to the hands of men the ministry of reconciliation; we humbly beseech thee, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, to put it into the hearts of many to offer themselves for this ministry; that thereby mankind may be drawn to thy blessed kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Book of Common Prayer, Page 260

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