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FROM THE RECTOR

How quickly we've forgot the lesson of acid rain

The sight of a distressed Swedish teenager hysterically haranguing the United Nations assembly brought to mind the year our son Nicholas, then 9, tearfully begged us not to buy a Christmas tree.

"Why on earth not, Nick?" Charlotte asked.

"We are destroying our forests, mom," wailed Nicholas, "Trees are living creatures. If we keep chopping them down, there won't be any trees left on our mountains."

At the time, we were living in a small village in Germany's Taunus mountains and, aside from farming, forestry was our most important local industry.

"Where did you get that idea, Nick?" Charlotte asked.

"We learned it at school," Nick explained, earnestly, "My teacher says that every time we chop down a tree, we are helping to destroy the planet. If we keep it up there won't be any trees left and then we won't be able to breathe because trees make oxygen."

"Your teacher is quite wrong," Charlotte told him, firmly, "The trees on our mountains are crops – just like the cabbages, potatoes and barley that the farmers plant. Every time our foresters chop down a tree they plant a new one in its place.

"Pine trees like ours only live for about 25 years. After that, they die. If the foresters didn't chop the old ones down and replace them, the mountains would be covered with dead trees and that would be really dangerous. Dead pine trees are a very serious fire risk."

She went on to explain to him that there were no pine trees at all on our mountains until the late 18th Century when they were planted by followers of the Romantic Movement, who, in fact, made a habit of planting trees all over Europe. Many of today's European forests were, in fact, planted not by nature, but by people who believed they were making the countryside more beautiful.

Dissemination of this dishonest propaganda was spread throughout the West German school system thanks to the influence of the Green Movement, the most spectacularly successful Russian "disinformation" program since the creation of the fraudulent "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" by the Okrana, the Czarist secret police.

The original target of the Green Movement was the West German nuclear power industry – and it succeeded spectacularly. It also hampered forestry throughout Europe, halting tree felling and reforestation in many areas. By the late 1970s, the news media were filled with panic-stricken reports of large swathes of forest dying all over the continent.

Nobody seems to have asked foresters for their thoughts on the subject. Instead the death of the trees was blamed on "acid rain" rather than plain old age.

Who, under the age of 50, remembers the "Acid Rain" scares of the early 1980s? It made wonderful news headlines. Proponents of the theory claimed that it was caused by industrial pollution, And, they contended, not only was it going to kill all of the forests, it was going to poison the lakes and rivers and kill all the fish.

The acid rain scare provoked national and international hullaballos, setting rural states against industrial states and the Rust Belt, and, naturally, Canada against the United States. Nobody, of course, bothered to blame the Soviet Union – the biggest polluter of them all.

Today "Acid Rain" has gone the way of the dinosaurs – as have all the other apocalyptic scares of the century just past. Fortunately, the Nazis did not manage to divert the Gulf Stream, turning the British Isles, Canada's East Coast and all points in between into a vast sheet of ice. Nor, for that matter, did the Soviets.

Strontium 90, a by-product of nuclear testing, caused something of a recession in the dairy industry, but didn't result in an epidemic of human mutants. Nor did nuclear tests knock the earth off its axis and send it whirling into the sun. Nuclear winter did not freeze us and nuclear summer didn't bake us.

Yet all of these phony phenomena, in their time, were promoted as hysterically as "climate change" is being promoted at present.

Oh, don't get me wrong. I'm not that most evil of people: a "Climate Change denier." History teaches me that the climate is always changing.

When the Romans came to Britain, people could grow

Parish Prayer List

Our Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the prayer list, or visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office (410) 560 6776.

FOR RECOVERY: Catherine, Richard✘, Janis, Parisa, Daniel, Judy, Leona, Charlotte, Rachel, Elizabeth, Kim, Dorothy, Donna, Skip, Dan, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Heidi, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John Tom, Michell, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, David, Wade, Sifa, Eileen, Ravi, Theresa, Lisa, Larry Ricard & Scott

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IN MEMORIAM: Layla Evelyn Collins

THOSE WHO MOURN: Ed, Sonya & Tracey Collins

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Lt. Col. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; USAF; Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army.

wine grapes in Scotland. Until the Mini Ice Age of the late Middle Ages, Greenland was green and supported a thriving population.

In the mid 19th Century, England's River Thames used to freeze over and people would party on it for weeks. It hasn't done that for more than a century.

The issue is, in fact, how is the climate changing – and how much? None of the dire predictions made by former Vice President Al Gore and his ilk have come true. New York is still well above water and so is the east coast. The same goes for the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean. What's more, the polar bears and penguins are doing very nicely, thank you.

Truth to tell, a modest degree of global warming would do relatively little harm and an awful lot of good. Just think how much more land could be brought under cultivation – in northern Canada, for example, and the Russian steppes. Indeed, it might help the world to eradicate starvation altogether. That thought should surely be enough to put a smile on the face of even the most hysterical Swedish teenager. GPH✘

Scrumptious recipes from the Cookie Walk cooks

Here are some really great Cookie Recipes for you to prepare now and freeze ready for our big day. Maybe you could make a weekly batch whilst it's quiet before the Christmas rush. These 2 recipes are tried and tested and freeze extremely well.

Snickerdoodles

INGREDIENTS

1 cup Shortening, 1 1/2 cups sugar, 2 eggs, 2 3/4 cups flour, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1/4 teaspoon salt.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix shortening, sugar and eggs thoroughly. Measure flour by sifting. Blend all dry ingredients, stir in shortening mixture. Roll into balls the size of walnuts, then roll each one in a mixture of 2 tablespoons of sugar and 2 teaspoons of cinnamon. Place on cookie sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 mins. Cool, place in airtight container, label and freeze until ready to use.

Cowboy Cookies

INGREDIENTS

1 cup of butter, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup white sugar, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoons vanilla, 2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon baking powder, 2 cups rolled oats, 16oz pkt semi sweet choc chips, 1/2 cup chopped nuts.

Cream sugars, butter, eggs and vanilla until light and fluffy. Sift dry ingredients together and stir into butter/sugar mixture. Add oat meal, chocolate chips and nuts. Stir well. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F degrees for 12 minutes.

FROM THE TREASURER

Please help repair the roof

The time has come to replace the flat roof over the Cadwalader Room. The cost of replacing it will besome \$29,0000. The Vestry has appealed for donations to cover the cost. To date we have received checks and pledges totaling slightly more than \$9,000. So we still have a long way to go. Please prayerfully consider helping us keep the roof over our heads by sending your contribution to The Treasurer, St Stephen's Anglican Church, 11856 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21057.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8am: Said Eucharist

9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)
11 am: Sung Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)
Choral Services (as announced) – evensong.ststeve.com

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer
Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist
Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30pm: Bridge Club
Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle
Noon: Bible Study
Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

The Cookie Walk

Cookie Walk will take place in the Parish Hall at 9.00 AM, December 14th

The Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 7.00 PM, October 16th

Ladies Who Lunch

Noon, Wednesday, October 16th

Venue: The Peppermill, Towson

Information: Call Sara Douglas at 410-560-9026

Choral Events

As announced

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