



The Missionary

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What is Discipleship?

Bill Campbell

Too often, when we talk of discipleship, we turn to the root word “discipline,” or we talk about the suffering servant, or the things we must give up in order to devote our lives to Jesus. These things are important, but they are not the only image of discipleship that our Church needs to carry. The life of a disciple of Jesus is one of love, charity and hope. Not a perpetual Lent!

Rob Bell has an interesting video series that gained popularity in the early 2000s called “Nooma.” One of his videos, [“Dust,”](#) discusses discipleship in terms that many of us might not normally consider. It’s just over 15 minutes long and worth a watch, if only so that we can share a common language for this conversation. Rob Bell is not everyone’s cup of tea, but this idea of carrying Jesus’ dust is fascinating, and I think important, for how we think about discipleship in the 21st century.

Living like Jesus

Can this child of God do what I do? Jesus continually asks this question of us. And, importantly, Jesus

answers it as well – *Yes, you can be like me. You can be the hands of God on this earth.* Jesus tells us that our faith can move mountains, it can enable us to walk across the stormy seas of our life. Let’s not dismiss

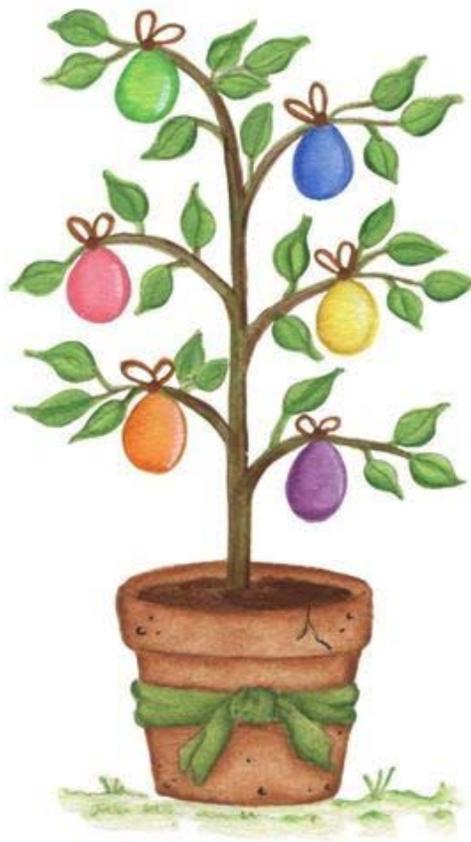
this as fodder for Hallmark cards. Let’s agree that when Jesus tells us something about our abilities, he means it.

It is these encounters with Jesus that we need to focus on. It is impossible to become a disciple of Jesus if you have never had an encounter with him. In essence, discipleship is responding to an encounter with Jesus by modeling your life after Jesus. Like all things in life, the details make all the difference. What does an encounter with Jesus look like, feel like, sound like? you may ask. It’s difficult to nail down. There are as many descriptions of an encounter with Jesus as there are people who have encountered Jesus. What is the best way to model my life after him? Well...if I had an answer that would satisfy everyone’s theology, lifestyle, culture and background, I would be

living a very different life.

Proximity to Jesus does matter though. The charge is, “May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi, Jesus.” That the dust that falls off your teacher would wind

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Joyfully Proclaiming, Living, and Sharing Christ’s Love

The Need for Healing

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis, Rector

Lent is the time that we do a spiritual self-inventory. We examine our consciences, ask forgiveness of our sins, and draw closer to God in prayer and self-denial. Sometimes this process either reminds us of or uncovers painful events in our histories. When these moments of pain come out, they can be shrouded in guilt and shame. The question to ask is, whose guilt and shame are we feeling? Is it truly ours?

If one has been a victim of abuse of any kind, the shame does not belong to that person as a victim, but to the perpetrator. For those people, the sin is not on their heads, but on their abuser's. What an abused person needs in that case is not absolution, but healing.

If you have been a victim of abuse, it is not your fault. I'll say that again. It is not your fault. I'll say it a third time. It is not your fault. Victims have no sin to confess, but a lot of healing to do. The guilt and shame do not have to be yours. They actually were never yours to begin with, but those of your perpetrator. Nobody asks for abuse. "(S)he was asking for it" is one of the things perpetrators say to justify their abuse. It is never true.

If your spiritual inventory contains abuse of any time, I invite you to expunge the guilt and shame. They are not yours. They are not helpful. They don't help you heal. Jesus came to save us, to heal, and to set the captive free. If you are held captive at all by abuse, let this be the Lent that you break free. Free yourself from guilt and shame that aren't yours. Ask God for healing, not forgiveness.

Why would this article be in a church newsletter? Current statistics are that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 7 boys will be sexually assaulted by the time they are 18*. Instead of pretending this doesn't happen, the church needs to reach out to victims and help them heal. With all of the abuse scandals in the news (church-related or not), we must not ignore the plight of victims, whether the abuse be current or decades old. We must recognize that church is here to serve, to call out injustice, and to act where it can. Placing an

invitation to heal in a church newsletter is one small way we can serve, offer healing, and set the captive free.

In Christ,

Mother Mindy

*Source <https://centerforfamilyjustice.org/community-education/statistics/>

Vestry Reports

Jr. Warden Report

The Walnut Street entrance will be painted sometime in April. We are the next job on G&B schedule.

The main room downstairs has been painted. Thank you Sandy Aliota for your help.

The next phase will be sealing the wood wainscoting and windows. It has never been sealed only stained. Kevin Carsner and Gerianne Kelly have offered to help with that

A Spring clean-up of the grounds will be scheduled for Saturday April 6th and a rain date of April 13. Please bring rakes and gloves. Please pray for nice weather. 🌻

- Joan Noren

Treasurer's Report

	Actual	Budgeted
Year to Date Income	\$ 44,040.00	\$ 26,949.00
Support from Diocese	8,759.00	8,281.00
Drawn from Investments	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 52,799.00	\$ 35,230.00
Year to Date all Expenses	\$ 54,198.00	\$ 50,517.00

Operations Investment income through February 22, 2019

Balance as of Jan. 25	\$ 107,648
Deposit	0
Investments Earnings	<u>3,321</u>
Balance as of Feb. 22	\$ 110,969

Glances from the Dance Floor

By Frankie A. Aliota

The night of Saturday, February 23, 2019 brings back many memories and joys from the dance floor set up at MOWA (The Museum of Wisconsin Art) for St. James' Adult Prom.

It was a night of a hard, driving rain. As we drove into the parking lot to park our car, we saw so many people dressed in their festive best hurrying inside. The building itself is a beautiful piece of architecture. Rain would not take away the warm glow of the attendees, pumped for a special night of fun.

There were bright decorations, a table with goodies to snack on, and DJs ready to play a great variety of dance music. A quick glance would find some holding a glass of wine, some munching on goodies, and people talking to each other. The crowd consisted not only of St. James Members (From both services – Yay!), but also others who joined us from surrounding communities. As I looked around, one thing that struck me is that we were not inside of the church walls, had no expectations of each other, no stress as to who is supposed to do what. We were all relaxed, being ourselves, and accepting each other as we were. What if this were to catch on in the outside world?

More glances found people walking around looking at all the beautiful artwork and that special scene of people dancing to a great variety of music. As Sandy and I were dancing to a nice slow song, I glanced over to see a fine gentleman from our parish asking a quiet lady parishioner to dance. Her smile was priceless as she twirled around to the music.

The night was now almost over, time for all to dash to their cars on this stormy night. Who cares about getting wet now? No amount of rain can wash away all our happy memories of this special night.

One last look, one last glance - When we all stop to look around and give a purposeful glance, what do we see? 🌸

Texas Twostep Dance Lessons and Possible Barn Dance

We are evaluating interest for Texas Twostep Lessons on Friday evenings, June 7, 14, 21, 28 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the church. The cost would be \$40.00 per person, which covers all four sessions. We need 10 individuals to make this class happen. In addition, we will provide childcare for any of our parishioners who would like to participate. Please indicate your interest by e-mailing the office at stjameswb@gmail.com or speaking with Deanna Gibeau. If you need childcare, please speak with Mother Mindy.

One of the reasons for these lessons is that we are in the first steps of planning a Barn Dance on August 30 at the Lac Lawrann Barn. If you are interested in helping plan the Barn Dance, please see Deanna, as we are looking for at least two more volunteers for planning to make the event happen. 🌸

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays

02	Henrick Petzold	20	Cheryl Scott
03	Bill Owens	24	Ivieosa Igiehon Jim Otten
07	Amy Pitrof	26	Corey Petzold
08	Jeff Simmelink	26	Dan Preisinger
14	Elisabeth Rusch Emily Rusch	28	Jim Opelt
15	Len Roecker	29	Phyllis Painter Brody Preisinger
16	Jim Knaak Don Rabe	30	Alice Branta
17	Steve Bransted	30	London Robertson

April Anniversaries

08	Gordon & Kathy Michaels
22	Kati & Steve Rusch



Women's Friendship Circle News

Due to snow and cold, the women of the church did not meet on Monday, January 28th to set the calendar for 2019. We held our meeting at The Idle Hour on Monday, February 11th to set our agenda for the coming year. The upcoming events are as follows:

- **Victorian Tea** - Saturday, May 11th (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)
- **Women's Night Out** (place to be determined)- Monday, June 3rd or 10th (tentative)
- **Salad Lunch** - Wednesday, September 25th
- **Heavenly Bake Shoppe** - Saturday, December 7th

We've been meeting the second Monday of the month at 9 a.m. for breakfast at the *Idle Hour* downtown on 6th Avenue off of Main Street. All women of the church are invited to join us. We have fun sharing stories and laughing a lot. It's great therapy!

Our meeting dates for the year are on the fourth Monday of the following months:

- **Friday, April 4** - meet with Vicki Knaak to set schedule for the "Victorian Tea"
- **April 22** - finalize tea and plan for our "Women's Night Out"
- **May 27** - meet to complete plans for "Women's Night Out"
- **August 26** - salad lunch planning
- **September 23** - finalize salad lunch details
- **October 28** - "Heavenly Bake Shoppe" sale planning
- **November 25** - finalize "Heavenly Bake Shoppe" sale details
- **December 16** - distribute funds from 2018

In December of 2018 we were able to distribute \$555 to the following out-reach programs: Rides for Reins, Haiti Project, Episcopal Relief and Development, Hospitality Center, Bo's Heavenly Clubhouse, Semper K9, Honor Flight and St. Frances Peace House. Note of interest: from 2008-2018 the Friendship Circle has given a total of

\$36,770 to local, national and international organizations. Thank-you to St. James Parish for helping us raise money for many worthy out-reach programs.

Our Friendship Circle group has been shrinking (and aging) over the past few years and will be looking at whether we can continue this ministry. Our three money making events have reached a certain degree of participation from the community that we hate to give up. With the participation of the entire parish, we've been able to continue. We would love your input and participation in our endeavors. ☀

Sue Opelt
President



Singing Rooster Coffee

Regular and decaf "Singing Rooster" coffee will be for sale in the Common Room after the 8:00 a.m. service and after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday morning March 31. The price is \$10.00 per 12 oz. bag. Singing Rooster is a fundraiser of The Haiti Project to help Haitians help themselves by growing coffee trees and processing excellent coffee. ☀

Alice Kegley
St. James coordinator for *The Haiti Project*

Announcements

Healing Service on April 7

The Eucharist at the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 7 will be a Healing Mass. We will have the laying on of hands and anointing at that service. Deacon TJ Humphrey will be here assisting with the healing and the table. Please be sure to invite those you know who need healing from anything, mind, body, or spirit, to come to service that day. ✿

Ushers Trainings

Ushers trainings will be held on Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 7 at 11:30 a.m. We need all ushers to attend a training or arrange to meet with Mother Mindy at a different time if one cannot attend a scheduled session. ✿

Good Friday Offering for the Holy Land

It is customary in the Episcopal Church that the collection taken Good Friday be designated for the Church in the Holy Land. We will once again send our Good Friday monetary offering to the Holy Land. Please be generous in your giving. ✿

Confirmations and Receptions

St. James will be joining All Saints' Cathedral in Milwaukee for the Easter Vigil this year on Saturday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m.. During that service, Margaret Rusch, Sophia Otten, and Leo Otten will be presented for Confirmation and Scott Eakins will be presented for Reception into the Episcopal Church. Please pray for all those who are making a commitment to the church that evening. If you are interested in being received into the Episcopal Church or would like to be Confirmed, please speak with Mother Mindy as soon as possible. ✿

Graduations and Promotions

Please notify the office of any students in the parish graduating from High School. Please also notify the office of any 8th Grade Promotions. We would like to get into the habit of recognizing those accomplishments as a community. The office e-mail is stjameswb@gmail.com and phone is (262) 334-4242. Thank you. ✿

Weekly E-news

Interested in receiving weekly updates from the parish? If so, please e-mail the office at stjameswb@gmail.com or call at (262) 334-4242 so that we can make sure your e-mail address is on the list. ✿



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up on your feet, your clothes, in your hair and that you might breathe it in. We not only have to have some sort of encounter moment, where we acknowledge Jesus in our life, we then have to find a way keep up with the movement that follows the moment! Too often, we think of a life devoted to Jesus where he is some sort of frozen leader that lived and died, and we know everything there is to know about him. This is a heresy. Jesus is risen. The Holy Spirit is with us as our guide. Being a disciple means movement. It means keeping up.

And good luck keeping up. It's my experience that Jesus moves fast. The Holy Spirit pushes and pulls at the same time. God is still in the creation business and is doing a new thing and wants you to get the work done!

Stop, pray and listen

This is a good time to address the dual (dueling?) nature of a life in Christ. I do believe that Jesus moves fast. I do believe that being aware of the movement of God is vital. I am also painfully aware that the best way to stay attuned to the movement of Christ is to find a way to stop, get quiet and listen. Silence, meditation, centering prayer, whatever you call it, the end result is the same – God is yanking at you hard, God has faith in you and wants you to get to work, God's directions come in the still small voice. I once worked for a Japanese chef who seemed impossible to understand. Things happen so fast in a kitchen. It's hot, fast, hectic and I loved it. This guy was adamant that if I couldn't understand him, it was my fault. He was right. I found that when I allowed the insanity to wash over me and put my focus on Chef Chen, I could hear him, understand him and deliver.

My own experience isn't nearly as interesting as Martin Luther's or Bishop Desmond Tutu's. Luther has been credited with saying, "I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer." In our own time, Bishop Tutu has changed the world through action, activism and prayer. He moved quickly with Jesus and yet spent hours each day in prayer. Look to the spiritual mentors in your life. Chances are that

they believe in prayer and take their prayer life seriously. Our friends at [RenewalWorks](#) have data on this actually. They know that people are far more likely to deepen their life with Christ the more they pray and read the Bible.

Just do it

So, I have some sage wisdom for you. Go and be a disciple. Go and talk to the people you think are already disciples, and ask them where they found Jesus. Chances are you are an Episcopalian, so I'm not asking you to go to the store and ask people there if they have met Jesus. I am asking you to go to your faith community and ask your faith leaders about living a life devoted to being more like Jesus. I am suggesting that a life in Jesus is exciting, wild, stable and peaceful.

God has already declared a great faith in you. Jesus has called you. The Holy Spirit is pushing and pulling you. I hope you get covered in the dust of the Trinity, I hope you get filthy in it. I really hope that our walks with Christ intersect and that we get to greet each other on the road. I'll stop and pray with you – I believe it helps! 🌻

Bill Campbell is the Executive Director of [Forma | The Network for Christian Formation](#). He is now a program director at ECF through a collaboration between ECF and Forma that combines the best discipleship practices and networks of Forma with the amazing leadership resources and networks of ECF.

Source: <https://www.ecfvp.org/vestry-papers/article/745/what-is-discipleship>



April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Open 10a-2p 6:30p AA	2 7p Al-Anon	3 12:15p Ecumenical Service @ Cabrini 6p Lenten Study 7:05p Eve Prayer	4 Office Open 10a-2p 3p OA 6p Usher Training 7p Choir Practice	5 9a Men's Break-fast @ Copper Penny 9:30a Morning Prayer at Church	6 11:30a Harvest House 9a Spring Cleanup
7 8a Rite I Eucharist 9a Youth Bible Study 10a Rite II Eucharist 10a Sunday School to Grade 5 11:30a Usher Training	8 Office Open 10a-2p 9a Women's Brkfst @ Idle Hour 10:30a Rite II Euch @Cedar Bay West 6:30p AA	9 9a Men's Breakfast @Cedar Ridge Cafe 6p Vestry 7p Al-Anon	10 12:15p Ecumenical Service @ 5th Ave United Methodist Soup Lunch Follows 6p Lenten Study 7:05p Eve Prayer	11 Office Open 10a-2p 3p OA 7p Choir Practice	12 9a Men's Break-fast @ Copper Penny 9:30a Morning Prayer at Church	13 11:30a Harvest House 9a Spring Cleanup (Rain Date)
14 Palm Sunday 8a Rite I Eucharist 10a Rite II Eucharist	15 Office Open 10a-2p 5:45p Youth Gathering 6:30p AA	16 12P The Way of the Cross 7p Al-Anon	17 10:30a Rite I Eucharist at New Perspectives 6p Lenten Study 7:05p Eve Prayer	18 Holy Thursday Office Open 10a-2p 3p OA 6:30p Maundy Thursday Service	19 Good Friday 9a Men's Break-fast @ Copper Penny 9:30a Morning Prayer at Church 12p Good Friday Service	20 Holy Saturday 11:30a Harvest House 7p Easter Vigil at All Saints' Cathedral Milwaukee
21 Easter Sunday 8a Rite I Eucharist 10a Rite II Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt Following	22 Office Open 10a-2p 5:45p Youth Gathering 6:30p AA 9a Friendship Circle Meeting	23 9a Men's Breakfast @Cedar Ridge Cafe 7p Al-Anon	24	25 Office Open 10a-2p 3p OA 6:30p Foundation Meeting 7p Choir Practice	26 9a Men's Break-fast @ Copper Penny 9:30a Morning Prayer at Church	27 11:30a Harvest House
28 8a Rite I Eucharist 9a Acolyte Training 10a Rite II Eucharist	29 Office Open 10a-2p 6:30p AA Missionary Deadline for May	30 7p Al-Anon				



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Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Rite I Said Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Rite II Sung Eucharist



Holy Week Services at St. James Episcopal Church

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday, April 17 - Wednesday in Holy Week

6:00 p.m. Lenten Study
7:05 p.m. Evening Prayer

Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday

12:00 Noon with Reserve Sacrament

Saturday, April 20 - Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil with Confirmation and Reception
at All Saints' Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Avenue in Milwaukee

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Easter Egg Hunt Following