

C S Family Weekend

On October 29 and 30, 1983 the "C S FAMILY WEEKEND" took place at St. Peter's. The Coordinator for the program was Montie Slusher who was ably assisted by the Church School Teachers and several parents and young people.

We gathered at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and began with a "hot dog" lunch in the Parish Hall Gymnasium.

Crafts: Saints of God

At 12:30 p.m. everyone went to the Lower Parish Hall for a crafts session preceded by an introductory explanation of the weekend theme, "Saints of God" by Montie. Banners of various saints were begun.

Field Trip to Trinity

From 1:30 p.m. it was hard to get the people to leave the crafts session, but we piled into several cars for a trip to Trinity Parish Church. We got there at length and were greeted by Mr. Mark Gralia who gave both young and old a detailed and interesting tour of the church where we saw and learned much about our Episcopal Church's heritage as well as the architecture of this particular church and the stained glass windows depicting the life of our Lord Jesus as well as the Apostles and many Saints. Yohko Matsumoto played the newly rebuilt pipe organ. Then Montie led everyone in a prayer for artists and musicians. After thanking Mr. Gralia for a wonderful tour we went outside and got into our cars once again.

"Ohaka Mairi"

We proceeded to I-90, crossing the Mercer Island floating bridge and thence to Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bellevue. After we had re-grouped we met at the grave of the first Vicar of St. Peter's, The Rev. Canon Gennosuke Shoji, and Fr. Tim led everyone in prayers of Commemoration and Thanksgiving during this 75th Anniversary Year. We placed flowers on many graves of family members and parishioners.

Treasure Hunt

Then we returned to the church for a Treasure Hunt planned and set up by the College Class for three groups into which the group was divided. Then there was the continuation of crafts.

Dinner, Pumpkins, Singing, Vigil, Dessert

A dinner of casseroles and salads was enjoyed. After dinner everyone participated in pumpkin-designing and carving. After some singing we went up into the church for a service - vigil in preparation for our All Saints Sunday. After the exchange of the Peace, we went to eat dessert - pumpkin pie and apple stroude.

Coffee Hour and Visitors

On Sunday the service continued the theme, "Saints of God", and a Coffee Hour followed. We welcomed to St. Peter's, Fr. Richard Young, Chaplain at the University of Washington, and his wife, and Amy Ogai from Good Samaritan Church, Honolulu, who is a

student at the UW. It was also good to see Richard Imai at the service and the Coffee Hour. The banners of the Saints and the carved pumpkins were on display.

Thank You!

Thanks to the many who contributed food and participated in the program: Helpers - crafts, Pumpkin-carving, Treasure Hunt; Meals - lunch, dinner; Drivers for the field trip to Trinity Church and Sunset Hills Cemetery --- Lynn and Montie Slusher, Stacy Terashita, Keiko and Tim Nakayama, John and Carol Mack, the College Class, Stacy Terashita, Toby Higashi, Tomo Shoji, Shea Aoki, JoAnn Asato, Haru Tsutsumi, Rose Yoda, Pat Kojima, Irene Takizawa, Mary Tsuru, Ethel Terashita, Barbara Edwards, Alycia Kojima, Yohko Matsumoto, Tamako Kitajo, Sue Okamura, Chuck Cantelon, Peggie Shoji, Betty Slee (names from the posted "Help wanted" list).

"Fukuin Gakko"

The "Fukuin Gakko" of the Domei was held at St. Peter's on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:30 a. m. to 3:30 p.m.

In the morning session, Dr. Yasuo Fukushi was the special speaker who addressed the topic of "Death and Dying" and brought a variety of experiences to the subject from his work as a medical doctor in Japan, and his faith and convictions as a Christian.

In the afternoon Fr. Timothy Nakayama spoke and showed slides of his journey to Brazil as an Evangelist visiting most of the Japanese Christian congregations of various denominations in the States of Sao Paulo and Parana in August of this year. He went at the invitation of the Japanese Evangelical Federation of Brazil, and the Episcopal Diocese of South Central Brazil.

"Shinto Kokan"

In connection with the Lay Pulpit Exchange of the Seattle Japanese Christian Church Federation (Domei), Dr. Yasuo Fukushi represented St. Peter's and went to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 16th. Mrs. Kadekawa of Japanese Baptist Church came to St. Peter's and spoke at the Issei Kai fellowship which was held at the Rectory after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

A Word About Stewardship

Once a year, we are all asked to put our relationship with the Church in perspective. We are challenged to prioritize our commitments.

Yes, I want to support my Church! How much, and in what ways? I can only decide that for myself.

Yes, I am grateful for the spiritual strength I've found in this Church. What can I do to show my gratitude?

I can give myself.