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HERMITAGE RENOVATION

By Sister M. Beverly, HSM



St. Helen's hermitage, built in 1986, was badly in need of renovation both exteriorly and interiorly. These photos, courtesy of Mary Chamberlin, show you before and after details of the building.



Besides new linoleum, we also installed ceramic tile on the woodstove hearth to dress up what was once just a crumbling cement pad. Notice the new boot bench by the door, very handy for seasons of mud and snow!



The new Hardi-board siding was chosen because it is so durable with regard to weather and critters. The new windows are more energy efficient and the large window in the main room now has two panels which allow for air flow from screens.



The linoleum was worn and torn in several areas. The new neutral flooring has a tile pattern. The recliner creates a nice "reading corner" in the main room with a view out the large window and the new overhead light and fan are great!

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We are grateful to Dan Duke for his diligent and excellent work. St. Helen's hermitage has been a favorite of past retreatants and will be even more so now. On a sad note, however, at the completion of this project, Dan announced his resignation as our maintenance man. We pray for him and his wife, Berti, to enjoy good health and their well-deserved retirement years together.

READERS' WRITE...

"In the presence of the unspeakable mystery of the Trinity, the highest praise is silence, the silence of the soul that adores, knowing that it is incapable of praising or glorifying the divine Majesty worthily." Divine Intimacy

The utter magnificence of this place can't be captured in human words, and so one can only enter into silence while the soul leaps up with praise to the Lord who made it all. See how God provides for every plant, animal, bird and insect—all without human involvement. They all seem to offer praise in their own ways and in their native tongues.

I thank the Good Lord for bringing me here and reminding me of my privileged spot in the palm of his hand. I thank him for rediscovered joy and the reassurance of his presence and action in my life. Thanks also to SMB and Mary for your hospitality and prayers!

In Jesus,
Father Kenny S.
May 22-28, 2016

The "Church of What's Happenin' Now"

By Heidi A. Gainan

"For your imperishable Spirit is in all things!" Wis. 12:1

Long, long ago, in the late '60's, there was a silly TV show called Laugh In. One sketch on there was comedian Flip Wilson as a wild and crazy preacher of the "Church of What's Happenin' Now." That's about all I remember about it, yet, oddly, the sketch came to mind as I sat on the porch of St. Helen's hermitage on retreat. In fact, much of my retreat took place right there, on that porch, attending the Church of What's Happenin' Now! What was happenin' was God's

bounty bursting forth right in front of me. New green foliage, adorable baby bunnies, birds, bugs—all with God's imperishable Spirit dwelling within. The church choir is made up of various bird chirps, cheeps and calls; not easy to sing along with but lively! One evening service, I could hear Mr. Sage Grouse go from one end of the draw to the other, singing his song, "Lookin' For Love." There were deer munching happily, crickets, lizards, and fat, furry caterpillars, inching along. It was a busy few days at the Church of What's Happenin' Now, since there was so much happenin'! Everyone, especially me, was just so grateful and happy to be there.

Fr. Richard Rohr calls it, "Just This". It is the instant you take in God's Miracle of Now, this minute in time, and really appreciate God's Presence in the moment. I had a great many Just This moments during this retreat. Just This view. Just This sunset. Just This Holy Hour. Just This crazy insect dive-bombing me. Just This incredible gift of being here. Now.

We had a beautiful celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi in Cambridge, too, while I was on retreat...including a lovely procession with the Blessed Sacrament outside the church. To me, it vividly symbolized all of us who receive the gift of Corpus Christi are called to take it out to a hungry and waiting world. But, truthfully, so many of my Just This moments this retreat took place while I was sitting on my porch in my pajamas, attending the Church of What's Happenin' Now. You should come sometime! The music is great and you can come as you are!

May 28-June 1, 2016

A gift was made to Marymount Hermitage by Debbie and Eddie Johnson in honor of **Elise Kemnitzer** on the occasion of her reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.

MEMORIALS

James Wm. Cook

of Boise, ID

father of Father Rob Cook

William Edward Rosman

of Wilbur, WA

Please remember in the charity of your prayers the repose of the souls of these benefactors who died recently. We pray for consolation and peace for their families.

God bless you!

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