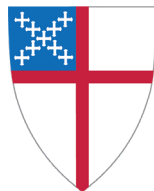


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Georgine Steude: Pioneering woman of medicine, mother, and disciple of Christ.

Pastor Andrea recently visited with Georgine to talk about her life, her faith, and her pioneering career as an anesthesiologist.

Know someone at Holy Faith whose story should be told? Is there someone you wish to interview? If so, submit the transcript of your interview (with the person's permission) to Office Manager Laurie Tikkanen for inclusion in a future newsletter: office@holy-faith-church.org

You've told me before how important your faith is. Tell me, if you would, about your memory of your first awareness of God.

I don't know if I remember ... As a child I always had a father in heaven as well as on earth. I believe I thought of God as a father. We prayed each night to "Our Father in heaven." We also always prayed before and after dinner (before we could leave the table.)

I do remember stories my parents told me. I asked one day if there were telephones or beds in heaven, and my mother said, "Oh, I don't think we'll need them there." And then also, I would hide behind a chair and say, "Can God see me here? Can God see me there?"

I also remember in Preschool there was a dead bird on the playground one day, and my teacher said matter-of-factly, "That bird is dead." Later I asked my mother if she was going to die. And she said something truthful but also reassuring, like, "Well, old people do die, but don't worry. I'm not old yet."

Because you mentioned it (worrying about loved ones dying), what has that turned out to be like, and what role has your faith played in coping with the death of loved ones?

Well, each grief is a little different. My father died first. I was very close to my dad. I still remember now things that he said that have followed me all my life. When I was young and my friends' parents died [before my dad died], I'd think, "I don't know if I could live through that."



The way it happened was that my parents had been living in Tokyo for quite some time ... from the time I graduated high school until after I'd graduated medical school, so I hadn't been daily dependent on my parents. I'd gone to medical school and all that without them. That helped. The Lord, though, sustained me. Especially at [husband] Bill's death. His death had taken a long time. He'd been terminal for six weeks, not eating. The Lord really sustained me. I felt He was keeping me from absolutely dissolving, keep-

ing me going, and was with me. I didn't have a sense that He was talking to me.

I was trying to think of things that Bill would appreciate in those last eight weeks [and the Lord helped me]. I read the last rites from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, and we listened to many hymns. Bill died Friday before Christmas. Christmas Eve was Monday. He'd preached a sermon about people dying close to holidays. I remembered that sermon of his, and it brought me comfort. He was ready. The funeral and burial were on Christmas Eve day. Carolyn [Schneider] provided our Christmas Eve dinner.

You met Bill where?

I met him at Valpo (Valparaiso University). We were married two days before we graduated from Northwestern. He graduated Law School and I graduated Medical School on the same day.

Tell me a little about what it was like to go to medical school as a woman in the 1950s. How did it occur to you that you could go?

Because my dad mentioned it. I was always interested in medicine. When I went to camp, I took all the First Aid classes. I also remember watching a movie about Lou Gehrig and pestering my dad about it: "Why can't they do anything for him? Why is there no cure?" And he said, "Well, you're just going to have to become a doctor, because I

don't know." He also said at another time, "You'll make a terrible nurse ... you should be a doctor."

When I registered for college and put down Pre-Med, one of the professors there said, "You can't do that," and I thought, "Well, I'll show him!"

So your dad encouraged you.

Yes, and my father (I didn't say this earlier) was a professor of Greek and Latin at Concordia College in Oakland, California when I was growing up. He was also pastor of a small, black mission congregation in East Oakland. I lived two blocks from Zion Lutheran Church (a 2nd church) where many of my thirty cousins went and where my parents were married, so Zion was the big Lutheran Church and a formative place for my family.

I was baptized in the smaller church, and my father baptized me. My sponsor was Episcopalian and a close friend of my mother's. I was a P.K. [Preacher's Kid]. At the first school I went to in Oakland, my uncle was the pastor. The good thing was that I loved church. I would go with my dad. My father took me to church, and I loved it. I loved the people and they just spoiled me rotten. I had a doll, and I would pretend I was bringing the doll to church. I always had a nickel to put into the offering plate. I was in that congregation until I was nine when we moved to Chicago.



Dr. Georgine Steude (Top) During her term as Interim Director, University of Michigan Anesthesiology Department and at right, her 1957 graduation (2nd from right) from Northwestern University Feinberg Medical School in Evanston, Illinois.



Back to your medical career, how did you decide on anesthesiology?

I fell into it, or I should say, the Lord lead me into anesthesiology. The University of Michigan (UM) was a good place for Bill to obtain his Masters in public administration, and then I applied for an internship at UM. The matching was all over, but there was an opening in anesthesia. I took the year of internship, and I liked it.

You have 3 children?

Our children are adopted, another of God's answers to our prayers. Jeannie is the oldest. Then John, then Mark. I have 4 grandchildren. Jeannie has one son, and Mark and Beth have 3 boys. John isn't married.

What role has faith played in your motherhood or your medical career?

Faith was critical to both, and in retrospect, I believe it truly was the Lord's will because through the years there were many blessings as our family grew and in our professional life. These were also, of course, different times, but the Lord remained at our side.

My practice of medicine was my way of being of service to people. I was able to work part-time until the late 1970s. During the years my children were very young and until



Entire Steude family enjoying New Year's Eve at Shanty Creek, 1999.

the youngest was a baby, I worked only every other week at Saline Hospital where surgery rarely lasted until noon.

Then I went back to the University of Michigan on half-time for about the next 15 years. When I finally did resume full-time work, it was busy, challenging, and I loved working with peers, residents, and the patients. Only our heavenly Father and the love of Christ could make all this turn out so well.

My husband Bill was also very supportive of my career. He helped with the children while I tried to be a good cook, baker, and mom. Last, but not least, we were all healthy during those years. So much to be grateful for.

How do you like to spend time in your retirement?

I retired in 1996, but then worked part-time until 2008. Before I had the [medical] problem in October, I volunteered for Hospice. That was the last official thing I did. During the earlier years of my retirement, while working part-time, I also volunteered as Medical Director for individualized hospice.

I've always missed working; I still do. And we traveled some. We always enjoyed a few weeks every winter in Hawaii. We had a marvelous trip to Italy. The first trip we enjoyed was to Germany, and that was when the Wall was still there. It was a Luther trip.

And you have a lakehouse where you were this past weekend.

It's in Indiana. It's a lovely no-motor lake ... a kind of a secret. We have a kayak, a sailboat, and a paddle boat. I use the paddle boat. My youngest son and his family live closest to the cottage and enjoy it frequently.

And you're committed to many social justice issues. Tell me about the fair trade coffee you stock in the parish hall.

It's an easy way to do a little something for people, and most people think it's pretty good coffee. Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and many other churches partner with Equal Exchange to help small coffee farmers get good prices for their coffee. Each church receives a small sum of money for each pound of coffee bought by churches and members. LWR uses the funds to help farmers improve their land and agriculture to get out of poverty.

I've been reading [Dietrich] Bonhoeffer. He makes a big point about doing Christ's work in the world ... you've got to get involved in the world and try to do God's will on earth, even when we would rather hide out. You pray that you're on the side of God's will.

Where in the world is the Church needed most right now, do you think?

Certainly the racism issue. Personally, I think the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) does very good work. They provide legal services to people who have no money to hire good representation when they have been unjustly accused, or just need legal help.

They provide free, lifesaving resources to law enforcement and policymakers to help them combat violent racists. They research the growth of hate groups in our country and track their activity and locations. The white supremacist movement and Neo-Nazi hate groups have grown in the last three years, so I support SPLC in my very small way.

Speaking of legal representation, your husband Bill was an attorney who became an ordained Lutheran pastor. How did you feel about that?!?

I was supportive. I knew before we were married that it was something he might do. He was always very active at church. And he was a Lord of Light [UM's Lutheran campus ministry] board member (as was I) early on.

Tell me about Faith Lutheran when Bill was pastor in the 1990s.

The Synod wanted to close us. Then the congregation took a stand, and Bill supported them. He felt there was a place for small congregations with part-time or non-stipendiary pastors who had another professional position. The powers-that-be thought we were too small and that we should close. He and the Episcopal priest always worked well together.

Where do you feel a spirit of adventure or exploration here at Holy Faith now? What excites you about the present?

It's nice that we're big enough that people can do what they enjoy doing and feel called by the Lord to do. The garden is exciting, the Paper Pantry, too. Some people care deeply [about these ministries] and some prefer other ministries,



and that's okay. And I think Bread for the World will be that way. [BFW is an anti-hunger organization with a letter-writing campaign which Georgine hopes HFC will participate in this October.] Some people will love it, and some won't, and that's okay. BFW probably does more for hunger than any other group.

There are so many wonderful and faithful people in our congregation. I do very little compared to them and would like to be able to do more. While my husband was living, he did the "church work" and I tried to support and do God's will beyond the church.

Thank you, Georgine!

Call to Action

Speak out against family separations at U.S. borders.

You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.
– Exodus 22:21



Families at a humanitarian respite center

Both Presiding Bishops of the Episcopal Church and the ELCA Lutheran Church signed a public statement on June 13, 2018 imploring the Administration to end the practice of separating children from their families at the border. Bishops Michael Curry and Elizabeth Eaton urge us to call our representatives demanding an immediate end to separations at the border.

If you need words, here is a script you might use:

My name is _____. I call / write you as a Lutheran / Episcopalian and as a constituent to ask that you speak out to protect our nation's asylum system and to end immediately the separation of children from their parents at the U.S. border.

Recently, the U.S. government has stepped up its practice of separating families seeking asylum in the U.S. Please urge the Administration to stop practices that harm families seeking protection along the U.S. southern border.

For your convenience, here are mailing addresses and telephone numbers for lawmakers representing the 48176 zip code.

U.S. Senators

Senior Senator:

Senator Debbie Stabenow
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 202-224-4822
Fax: (202) 228-0325

Junior Senator:

Gary Peters
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 202-224-6221
Fax: (202) 224-7387

Possible U.S. Representatives

Congressman Tim Walberg (MI District 7)
2436 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: 202-225-6276
Fax: (202) 225-6281

OR

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI District 12)
116 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: 202-225-4071
Fax: (202) 226-0371

(A street address is required to determine who is your representative.)

Pastor Andrea on vacation in July.



Rev. Ian Brown



Rev. Barry Osterbur



Rev. Don Dersnah



Rev. Elizabeth Friedman

While my family and I are on vacation (July 2nd-30th), communion will be celebrated each Sunday I am away. Thank you to our own pastors Ian Brown, Barry Osterbur, and Deacon Don for making that possible. We will also welcome the Rev. Elizabeth Friedman to preach and celebrate one Sunday. Pastor Elizabeth serves as UM's Lutheran campus minister. I hope you enjoy the different voices.

Chris, Blaise, Augusta, and I are thankful for the time. We will be spending most of it visiting family on the East Coast: Chris' in Charlotte, North Carolina, and mine in the Boston suburbs. We'll have a week (just the four of us) at a family camp on Lake Fairlee, Vermont.

Deacon Don will be here if you have a pastoral need. His cell phone is: 734-355-8671. My phone will work, too, of course (though I may not see messages immediately). My cell is: 571-282-5449.

I hope you, also, get time with important people in your life and time for recreation and restoration.

Andrea+

SASS and Meijer Simply Give program.



On June 1, HFC purchased Simply Give cards at the Ann Arbor-Saline Road Meijer store which had been collected in our Saline Area Social Service (SASS) special offerings.

Since this was the double-match day, our \$1,050 collected became \$3,150 in Meijer gift cards for SASS to buy perishables to stock their food pantry.

What a wonderful way to stretch our giving to assist our neighbors! Thanks to everyone who made a contribution!

Sanctuary Refresh Update.

HFC parishioners have contributed generously and quickly to the *Sanctuary Refresh* project. To date, we have received gifts totaling more than \$19,000, just shy of our original, \$20,000 goal. That is very encouraging. Your contributions came in so quickly that within weeks of the PLT's request for donations, we had the funds needed to paint the nave. By contracting with the painters in March, we earned a winter discount.

So, what's happening now? The short answer is: a lot. The PLT has been coordinating behind-the-scenes legwork and research to find carpet that will be durable, attractive, and within budget. Similar time has been spent researching options for our exterior doors. The PLT now has bids to consider. Though we will not meet in July since I will be away, we hope to make a decision at our August meeting.

Thank you for your patience as the PLT strives to be good stewards of your contributions. I am excited. I hope you are, too, and we'll keep you informed.

Andrea+

Parishioners

HFC parishioners in the news.

Many of our parishioners are active in groups and our communities beyond the walls of HFC. We salute them!

Do you know other Holy Faith newsmakers? Let Office Manager Laurie Tikkanen know at the Church Office: Office@holy-faith-church.org

Jim Mangi

As an advocate for people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, on March 7th, Michigan Public Radio's State-side program aired an interview with Jim and his daughter, Charlene. During the interview, Jim and Charlene talked about their family's Alzheimer's journey while caring for Kathleen Schmidt, Jim's wife and Charlene's mother. To listen to the interview, or to read a transcript, go to: <http://michiganradio.org/post/what-it-s-watch-loved-one-early-onset-alzheimers-slowly-slip-away>.



From left: Charlene, Kathleen, and Jim

Christen Mitchell

Christen has announced her intention to run for re-election this November for a second term on the Saline City Council.



Christen Mitchell

Kurt Schneider

Kurt, who serves as a Saline firefighter, received Saline's "First Responder Award" on March 27th at the annual Saline Salutes awards program honoring Saline's most dedicated citizens. Kurt and other honorees were recognized by U.S. Representative Tim Walberg, City of Saline Mayor Brian Marl, and by Saline Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director John Olsen.



From left: Kurt Schneider with Mayor Brian Marl

Parishioners

Holy Faith celebrates our graduates.

HFC honors all our graduating students as they advance into their next phase of study or pathway in life.



Nels A. Erickson



Storm Curtis

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Nels A. Erickson

From Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor. Nels will attend the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis to study Chemical Engineering. Over the summer he will work at Magna International, an automotive supplier, in their GM engineering unit.

Storm Curtis

From Greenhills School, Ann Arbor. Storm will attend Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts to study and earn a double major in Vocal Performance and Environmental Science..



Bethany Mitchell



Elyse Narbut



Ashley Schneider

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES

Bethany Mitchell, Elyse Narbut, and Ashley Schneider from Saline Middle School. They will attend Saline High School in the fall.



Blaise Martin

PRESCHOOL GRADUATE

Blaise Martin from The Discovery Center, Ann Arbor. Blaise will attend Kindergarten at Woodland Meadows Elementary School, Saline.

Worshiping at HFC

Welcome to Holy Faith! We're glad you visited with us.

A long-time HFC greeter offers her wisdom and tips for all parishioners in providing a warm welcome to visitors and regulars alike.

On Sunday mornings, you can find Tish, or one of our other greeters, inside our front doors, smiling and saying hello to everyone. If you're interested in becoming a part of this important ministry, contact Deacon Don Dersnah or Office Manager Laurie Tikkanen to be added to the greeter schedule rotation.

Greeting guests is an important part of our church's inreach and outreach ministry. Pastor Andrea asked Tish Dersnah, one of our greeters, for any tips she may have, not just for greeters, but for everyone in the parish to keep in mind when encountering someone new to them.

What does a visitor need when they walk through our doors?

Visitors need different things. You have to be aware of each person. If they keep their eyes kind of averted and then walk past you, then that's all they want is a quick hello. They want a hello, and then they want to keep going. If someone stops, then says hello, pauses there [in front of you], then you can ask some questions or engage in some dialogue.

What kind of dialogue?

I might say, "I don't think we've met." That usually leads further. If the person says, "No, I don't think we have, but I used to go here a long time ago," then you're set to take off from there. If they say instead, "Oh we're just visiting the area," I'll say, "Oh, where are you from?" Just something easy, something unobtrusive. Some people, if they are visiting their [adult] kids, they want you to know that. They want to give you truth in advertising. They're not here, looking for a new church. They're visiting. And you should give them some space.

The one thing you never, never, never ask is, "Are you new here?" Because no one wants to stick out. You just say, "Good morning!" Or you say, "I don't believe we've met."



What about sitting with visitors in church? Does that help a person feel welcome, or does it scare them away?

I would let them go in and seat themselves. Because you can tell a lot about what a person needs by where they sit. People who don't want to talk to anybody will sit in

the back. They want an easy exit. If they sit closer to the front, they may be open to more interaction. Once they sit (wherever they sit) if you feel moved, you could sit near them. Maybe not right next to them, but near enough to shake hands at the Peace.

After the service, you might say, "Will you be able to join us for coffee hour?" They don't want to disappoint you, so this way they can say, "Oh sorry, we have to leave," and that's okay. If, on the other hand, they say, "Yes, I'd like to." You can say, "Let me show you where we get the food," or "Would you like to sit with us?" Just be friendly. But if someone is leaving, don't try to stop them. Really, you do just as you would if you were inviting someone into your home.

Was there a time when you were a visitor and you felt you received a welcome that was just right?

We went to a church in Benzie County. They were very nice. They didn't overwhelm you. They were used to visitors because they're in a touristy area. They didn't introduce us or make us feel self-conscious in any way.

Anything else that comes to mind? Any tips for the rest of us who might notice a visitor?

Well, this is a tip for anyone (greeter or not). If you happen to be standing near the entrance or near the bulletin board, help the greeters by helping to keep the flow of traffic moving. Keep your greetings short. Take longer conversations further inside.

Also, avoid involving me or other greeters in conversation. The greeter wants to have his or her face toward the door, ready to say hello to all who come inside. I don't want to miss someone. So if you want to talk longer, just say, "Let's talk later at coffee hour."

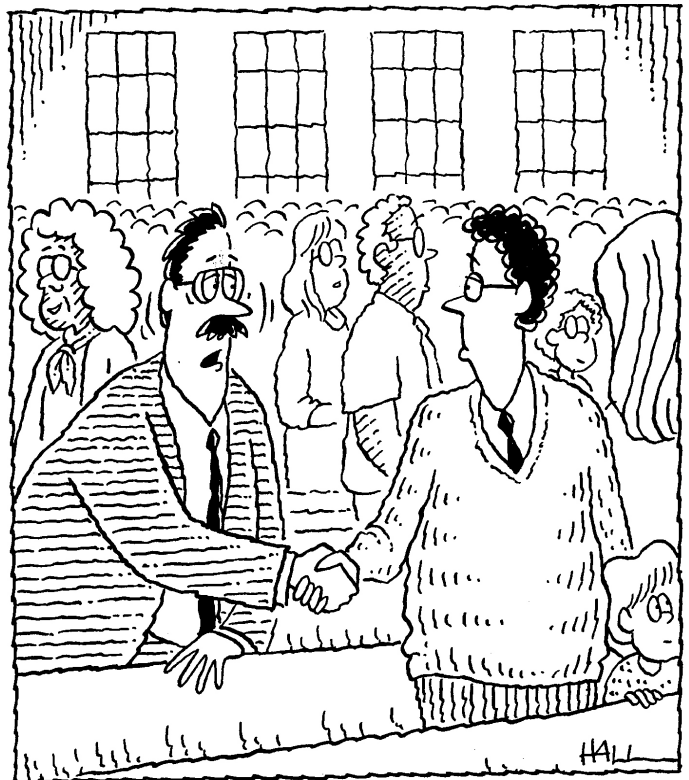
Thank you to all our wonderful HFC greeters:

- Barbara Arnold
- Jane Darling
- Tish Dersnah
- Clarke Flewelling
- Katie Garvey
- Dan McGraw
- Norlaine Tinsey

6 Things You Can Always Say to Someone You Think is Visitor to Holy Faith:

1. Good morning!
2. Hi! My name is _____. I don't believe we've met.
3. It's good to meet you. Thank you for coming to my church.
4. Do you live nearby?
5. May I show you to coffee hour? (or show you and your children to our soft, play space?)
6. Please sign our guest book.

And, if you're still not sure, just *smile* and say, "Welcome! We are so glad to have you here with us today." This can go a long way to offer a friendly welcome.



"Oh . . . pardon my familiarity. I thought you were new."

Fair trade Equal Exchange coffee is on sale in the HFC social hall.

Georgine Steude introduced HFC to fair trade coffee and organizes this ministry. Here, she tells us why it's important to her.

By: Georgine Steude

If you have any comments or suggestions that might make this mission more appealing to our members, please let Georgine know.



Coffee is big business around the world. In the USA alone, coffee is the largest food import. Yet many of the world's coffee producers live in poverty, with many families farming on small plots of land. They are forced to sell their coffee to large commercial companies and the supply chain involves many processors and exporters. The farmer who does most of the work receives a disproportionately low amount of the profit. Equal Exchange (EE) is a democratically organized, worker-owned cooperative founded in 1985 to promote a new model of trade built on fairness and stronger relationships between farmers and consumers. EE buys their coffee direct from the farmer.



Equal Exchange is the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Coffee Project. Both the Episcopal and Lutheran Church promote fair trade coffee projects. We use this coffee for our congregational functions and offer it to our members to purchase. By buying fair trade coffee as we enjoy our cup of coffee, we make a difference in the lives of small farming families in Latin America, Africa, and Indonesia. Through the project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term partner they can trust. Through cooperatives they learn sustainable farming. The LWR Small Farmer Fund receives a small contribution from each pound of Equal Exchange coffee we buy and is used to help coffee farmers develop sustainable and organic agriculture and lift themselves out of poverty.



We have regular and decaf breakfast blend coffees from Latin America. All our coffee is organic and shade grown and the best price available at the time it is ordered. Enough coffee is ordered to avoid shipping charges. We can, however, order special requests. The coffee is available in the bookcase in the fellowship hall to the right as you enter. You may put cash or a check made out to me in the large yellow envelope.