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November 18, 2015

## The One Hope

*... you were called to the one hope  
that belongs to your call ...  
Ephesians 4:4*

### ***Hilda of Whitby***

Today is the commemoration of Hilda, Abbess of Whitby. She spent all of her adult life working tirelessly for the spiritual growth and strength of the church. She became the Abbess of Whitby where she had oversight of nuns and monks in that celtic style monastery. She was a friend to many leaders

of the church offering wisdom, counsel and encouragement as they face the challenges of leadership. She was a key figure in bringing disparate factions in the church into much needed reconciliation so that the mission of the church could go on unimpeded. She was true to her calling because of the hope that belonged to that call. That was the hope of a united, mature, strong church extending the kingdom of God throughout the kingdoms of this world.

### ***The Hope That Belongs To Your Call***

There is a hope that belongs to the call God has placed on your life. That hope is Christ in you. It is being filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is doing what God has asked you to do under the power of the Holy Spirit. It is working on the dreams from deep within your own heart in the power of the Spirit of God. It is knowing that the day will come when those dreams are completely fulfilled. You work for what God has placed in your heart because you know that God will bring those dreams to complete fruition. This is how I imagine Hilda had the ability to oversee a monastery, mentor leaders and kings, work for reconciliation between factions of the church, and see to her own personal life. She yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit making clear the hope that belongs to her call. That same Spirit does the same thing with you and me. What is the call of God on your life? What is the one hope that echoes in your soul when you hear that call?

## **Coming Attractions**

***Wednesday, November 18, 2015*** Caritas at 7:00pm at Christ Church, Glen Allen. Contact Jenna Nelson for more information [804-334-6285](tel:804-334-6285). Show up early to help set up.

***Sunday, November 22, 2015*** Worship at 10:00am

***Sunday, November 29, 2015*** Worship at 10:00am

***Please bring non-perishable food*** to worship to be donated to the Goochland Food Pantry.

***To participate with the Christmas Mother*** outreach please contact Janice Nelson [cnelson2610@comcast.com](mailto:cnelson2610@comcast.com)

### ***Our Missional Communities***

***The Parke*** will meet at 5:30pm on November 29th for pot luck and worship at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com)

***Symphony*** will meet on November 22nd at 9:00am at Symphony Assisted Living for worship. Contact Bobbie Leviness at [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com)

### ***The Garden***

Gardeners cut kale Sunday afternoon (11/8). The kale was exceptional: crisp, clean, and bug free--just beautiful. We gathered three and one half tall kitchen bags of greens. The greens were packaged in smaller bags for

the food pantry, then delivered Wednesday morning in time for the pantry to offer them that same week. Assuming the weather and four legged critters cooperate, there will be another harvest in three to four weeks. If you have kale recipes to share with the pantry clients, email them to MJ Weatherford at [mcats2@aol.com](mailto:mcats2@aol.com).

### ***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

For the Virginia ABC store, Adrianna Elizabeth Carpenter store manager, that all customers would be free of addiction and abuse of alcohol.

### ***The Diocese of Virginia***

For the clergy and people of Grace, Bremono Bluff; Meade Memorial, White Post; St. Andrew's, Burke; Christ Church, Millwood; St. John's, Columbia.

### ***Metropolitan Richmond***

For advocates who put thier lives on the line for the sake of others; for all who fight for the rights of persons who cannot fight for themselves.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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