

TidBytes – April 2021

CHM internal community news to CHM sisters, associates, and staff

Des Moines – Sr. Jeanie Hagedorn

This month has been one of celebrating life, death, and new life! Springtime and the re-emergence of green grass, a rich variety of colorful flowers, blossoming trees (and *allergies!*), and hope for better control of COVID-19. Easter Resurrection and Jesus's promise of new life is symbolized in creation all around us. This month we experienced the deaths of too many friends and family, our Sister Kathleen Hanley, theologian Fr. Hans Kung, so *many* victims of racial injustice like George Floyd, tragically just one among a continuing number each day. We watched these events and memorialized deaths virtually.

After a long year we all long for in-person times with our Sisters, families, and friends, but realize that cannot happen safely until this painful pandemic is under control. So, we support, comfort, and encourage one another in whatever ways we can. Community gatherings via Zoom and regular updates via email are much appreciated especially by those of us not in the Davenport area.

We continue to be grateful for virtual Mass daily on www.catholictv.org/catholictv-mass.html, the countless webinars e.g. from www.berkeleycenter@georgetown.edu, Catholic Theological Union, and Future Church; and occasional entertaining TV programs like the NCAA basketball tournament games (not *always* relaxing but fun to watch!). But as we count our blessings like extra time for quiet reflection, reading and prayer, let us also be in solidarity with our suffering world even those in our own cities, the children at the border and the parents separated from them, the leaders of our country struggling to find solutions to all the “deaths”. May all of us commit to the healing of our world and continue to pray that someday soon we will see that “new life” for which we long.

From HMC – S. Mary Rehmann

CHMs at HMC were happy to have in-person Holy Week services on Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday, and the Easter Vigil all celebrated by Father Bob McAleer. Father Ed O'Melia celebrated on a beautiful Easter Sunday. CHMs and associates from the area were also welcomed for these events and were invited to a fantastic Easter brunch as well. Kendra and staff presented a baked eggs-Benedict casserole, scrambled eggs, bacon and ham, fresh fruit bowl, crudité's and sour cream dip, several flavors of miniature muffins, with fruit juices and hot beverages of choice. On the buffet table was an Easter bunny cake with brightly-colored frosting that was cut and shared for as long as it lasted during the week. Masses resumed during Easter week on Tuesday through Friday celebrated by Father Wally Helms from Iowa City. Msgr. Frank Henricksen and Fr. George McDaniel have also returned.

Sr. Lillian Stevens had a visit from granddaughter, Jennifer Hatfield, on Easter Sunday. Lillian said she gave Jennifer all the jewelry she had on hand. They visited outdoors near the north pool entrance.

Services for Sr. Kathleen Hanley, who died unexpectedly on Saturday, March 26, in Lewistown, MT, were celebrated at the Center during Easter week – the “Office for the Dead” on Monday a.m. & p.m.,

rosary on Monday afternoon, live-streamed vigil service on Tuesday afternoon, and Memorial Mass on Wednesday. Her classmates Sisters Judith Carrara, Kathleen Henneberry, Catherine Linnenkamp, Rosie Restelli, Johanna Rickl, Nancy Schwieters and Mary Penelope Wink participated. Srs. Johanna Rickl and Kaye Holland were in Montana to celebrate with family and friends at the Funeral Mass in St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings on Thursday, April 15.

NETWORK'S new Executive Director, **Mary Novak**, was blessed in a live, virtual event on April 9 by members and friends of NETWORK. She follows **Sr. Simone Campbell, SSS**, who headed the Catholic sisters lobby organization for 16 years. Simone, too, was blessed as she begins a sabbatical with a story "to be continued".

Sisters can give their preference among choices of materials – floor tile, carpeting, cabinet doors, wall paint – to be used in the "Pool-Infill Remodel" that is in motion. Shane Larson discussed the materials and answered questions in a ZOOM session on April 20.

CHMs and associates enjoyed a live-streamed "Song Bath" by a New York-based women's chorus of which Liz Stanton is a member. Liz is a niece of former CHM Benita Moore who hosted an online celebration for Benita's 90th birthday last month. In addition to a range of selections performed by the members, viewers could join in on familiar songs including "When the Saints Go Marchin' in".

A prayer service recalled the history of the swimming pool, with pictures, videos and sharing of memories during a live-streamed event on April 26. **Srs. Kathleen Henneberry and Lynn Mousel planned the service.** Women friends who have enjoyed the pool over the years joined online. They were invited to contribute stories that Sr. Kathleen read.

CHMs and staff will miss Diana Gray who resigned as Associate Team Co-Leader and Resident Life Coordinator recently. Residents were glad to see and visit with her, and offered prayers for her next steps.

Kelly - Administration

CHM Ministry and Associate Recommitment forms have been mailed. You should have them in your mail by now. Please contact Kelly if you have not received them. kbell@chmiowa.org.

In this April 2021 community mailing, please check the Occasional Papers Summer 2021 flyer and the list of people who are on the subscription list. The deadline is May 14.

Sister Kathleen Hanley, CHM. July 21, 1942 – March 26, 2021.

<https://www.chmiowa.org/about/sister-stories/view/109>