

# The Toilet Paper

Odd fact and obscure thought to read...*as you have time*

## Thoughts On Preaching

In the middle of a long-winded sermon, a small child was overheard asking his mother in a whisper that we heard for a few pews around: "Mommy, are you sure this is the only way we can get into heaven."



A pastor friend put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church but after two weeks he had them removed. A colleague asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in one of the restrooms, hung by the hand dryer was a sign that read, "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button." 



"The class on prophecy has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances."

## Your Pastor Is Friendlier than Mine

After the birth of their child, an Episcopal priest, wearing his clerical collar, visited his wife in the hospital. He greeted her with a hug and a kiss, and gave her another hug and kiss when he left. Later the wife's roommate commented: "Gee, your pastor sure is friendlier than mine." 

## For a Common Good

"If leadership serves only the leader, it will fail. Ego satisfaction, financial gain, and status can all be valuable tools for a leader, but if they become the only motivations, they will eventually destroy a leader. Only when service for a common good is the primary purpose are you truly leading." —Sheila Murray Bethel

## The Quarrel


Two hermits lived together for many years without a quarrel. One said to the other, "Let's have a quarrel with each other, as other men do." The other answered, "I don't know how a quarrel happens." The first said, "Look here, I put a brick between us, and I say, 'That's mine.' Then



## What's a Deacon?

*Diakonos* is the Greek word from which we get our word "Deacon." It referred to "one who serves at table" specifically or "a servant" more broadly and came to refer to those in the church charged with caring for the poor, sick, lonely, those in prison, etc. as a sign of the care all Christians are to have for those in need. It is an order of ministry equal to that of priesthood, but with a special call as a servant of those in need who brings to the church the needs and concerns of the world.

you say, 'No, it's mine.' That is how you begin a quarrel."

So they put a brick between them, and one of them said, "That's mine." The other said, "No; it's mine." He answered, "Yes, it's yours. Take it away." They were unable to argue with each other. 

"We must be silent before we can listen. We must listen before we can learn. We must learn before we can prepare. We must prepare before we can serve. We must serve before we can lead."—William Arthur Ward