

From the Diocese—A note by Barb Hagen

We receive newsletters from our churches and the link is at the bottom of this article. Before posting them, I always read them and often find comfort and wisdom. Sometimes, they take me on an amazing and whimsical journey.

Last summer I read the newsletter from Trinity, Ennis and there was a piece about what people were doing that was new and what they were learning during the pandemic. One of the people mentioned in the article was Marti Hoag and she had just started painting again. I know Marti and her husband and her brother in law and sister in law. They are all very dear people. So I went to Marti's Facebook page and browsed through her paintings and they are delightful! So I purchased one painting of some wildflowers in a mason jar for Bishop Marty for her one year anniversary as our bishop. Then, I asked Marti if she ever did special commissions. I told her I would love some "laundry art" for my laundry room. I like my laundry room to be filled with fun pieces of art to look at and enjoy since I spend so much time in it! Marti painted a delightful painting for me of fanciful ladies hanging clothes on a line. I

adore this painting and hang proudly next to my great Grandma Brown's washboard.

One day on a staff Zoom call, we started talking about the new washer and dryer at camp. I asked our camp site manager if there was wall space in the camp laundry room and how he would feel about laundry art. He liked the idea and so I contacted Marti again. She made the beautiful, whimsical paintings that now adorn the camp laundry room and are featured in another article in this newsletter. She and her husband donated the paintings and framing to camp. What a wonderful gift to those who will be working hard doing laundry at camp – they will have a chance to smile at these wonderful paintings and see what story is revealed to them.



## Follow-up from Marti

When Barb Hagen asked me to paint something to hang in the new laundry room at Camp Marshall, I was intrigued by this commission. I wanted the painting to tell a story, so I decided to paint three watercolors instead of just one. It is my hope that these watercolors will invite the children at camp and their counselors to use their

imaginations to laugh and giggle and tell their own stories about the silly frog who appears in each of the three watercolors; the woman who is worn out and is resting atop the folded towels; and the dancing campers accompanied by the silly frog, playing his guitar near the Camp Chapel.

I paint what I see and feel.



In this commission I painted for all those lucky campers who attend Camp Marshall. My watercolors are displayed on Facebook.

Marti Hoag

