

# The Briefly

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# Rector's Letter

by The Rev. Steve Keplinger

The category for today's *Final Jeopardy* answer is Religious Observances. Are you ready? Here we go.

"It is always the Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or after the spring equinox on March 21, a date which is fixed in accordance with an ancient ecclesiastical computation, and which does not always correspond to the astronomical equinox. This full moon may happen on any date between March 21 and April 18 inclusive. If the full moon falls on a Sunday, it is the Sunday following. But it cannot be earlier than March 22 or later than April 25."

Did you get it? That answer did not really appear on *Jeopardy*, because it is of course too long-winded and too cryptic, even for a religious scholar. That is an exact quotation from our *Book of Common Prayer* and it is explanation for how the western church calculates the date for...

Easter Sunday.

Congratulations if you figured it out. If any of you actually recognized the words as coming from the *Prayer Book*, you are a certified Anglophile...and you also have way too much time on your hands.

This year, that full moon comes early in the cycle, which means that Easter is early and therefore Lent is early. This means that February is a big liturgical transition month for us. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 13, marking the beginning of the 40 days of Lent as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a time not of self-mortification at Grace St. Paul's, but an opportunity to take part in our own Vision Quest. The activities during Lent here are geared toward giving each of us the chance for reflection and meditation, to help us all discern direction in our own lives. Our Lent is modeled after Jesus's time in the desert, as we search together, as a church community and as individuals, in determining our own life mission and direction.

As you peruse this newsletter, you will note many opportunities

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Lent gives each of us the chance for reflection and meditation, to help us discern direction in our own lives.



Calvin, a visitor from Utah, was mesmerized during the candlelit portion of the Christmas Eve service as he sat with his grandma, Kitt Cordero.

## Submissions to *The Briefly*

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The deadline for the March issue is Monday, Feb. 18.

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at GSP this year geared toward experiencing Lent as a journey. I make particular note of the special Lenten retreat your education group has planned. Be sure to check it out. Another new activity this year will be a special Lenten morning prayer practice every Tuesday morning during the season. This is in addition to our Tuesday evening prayer service and Tuesday evening meditation activity. All of these are excellent ways to discover what Lent is really all about. Another is our Friday evening Film fellowship time, a great way to relax and hear the Spirit in community.

But before all that happens, we need to properly end the season of Epiphany. That occurs on Tuesday, Feb. 12. In some parts of the world, that day is known as Mardi Gras, in others Carnival, and still others Fat Tuesday. Whatever you call it, we will have a big old party on that day, the last day before Lent. In honor of Fat Tuesday, we will be eating

pancakes and lots of other fat-laden foods. In honor of Mardi Gras, we will have New Orleans-style music and greet you with beaded necklaces. In honor of Carnival, we will have games and fun stuff to do. New Orleans jazz is the music of the evening and it is a rousing good time. Perhaps most importantly, you will have the opportunity to save your eternal soul. Indulgences will be available for your purchase to wash away all your past sins and prepare you well for the season of Lent.

Finally, before the evening closes, we will remove our tongues from our cheeks and gather around a big bonfire, in pep rally style. There, we will burn the palms that we handed out last Palm Sunday. It will be the ashes from those palms that we will use to mark on your foreheads the following night on Ash Wednesday.

A blessed and rewarding Lent to all of you,

*Steve+*



## Services on Ash Wednesday

7 a.m.—Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes (in the Chancel)  
12 noon—Imposition of Ashes (in the Chancel)  
5:30 p.m.—Children & Family service: Imposition of Ashes (in the Sanctuary)  
7 p.m.—Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes (in the Sanctuary)

## It's a party on Shrove Tuesday!

*Feb. 12, 6 p.m., McBride Hall*

**T**raditionally, people went to confession on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The priest's act of absolving their sins was called shriving. Hence, Shrove Tuesday.

And because Lent was a season of fasting, Shrove Tuesday became Fat Tuesday... a time for eating all the fat and luxurious things one had to forgo during Lent. Pancakes, sausages, and eggs have become the traditional feast on Shrove Tuesday. And the GSP tradition is that the meal is prepared by the men of the parish.

Join us for what has become one of the most festive and fun events at GSP! And because they were such a hit at last year's party, we'll be selling *Indulgences* again. Be sure to get yours!

Please bring your signature dessert for everyone to enjoy, as well as any toppings you'd like for your pancakes. For example, berries, whipped cream, or chocolate chips!



## SHROVE TUESDAY

At the end of the evening there will be a short ceremony where the palms from last year's Palm Sunday service are burned to create the ashes used for the Ash Wednesday service.

We will have music and room to dance. Children's arts and crafts are also planned. So join us for an evening of indulgence! Come celebrate with an abundance of food, dessert, and fellowship!

If you are interested in helping prepare the meal, please contact KiKi Fenik by calling the church office at 327-6857.

We also need folks to volunteer for cleaning up after the party.

## Liturgical Discussion of the Month

by The Rev. Steve Keplinger



### THE DISMISSAL

I will readily admit that it is one of my personal pet peeves. Communion is over, a post-communion prayer is said, a blessing is done and then a Deacon or a priest pronounces the Dismissal. “Let us go forth into the world! Thanks be to God!” Except, except no one leaves. The Leader has just said, “Go! Get out of here! Go spread what you just heard to the rest of the world!” But no one listens. Everyone stays. They stay and they sing another hymn. They stay and they wait for a recessional. They stay and they wait for candles to go out or some other final movement.

That is the norm in most churches. It is so much the norm that last year when the Diocese had a conference on how to create good liturgy, the same thing happened in the final worship service of the day. A dismissal was pronounced and then everyone stayed in place while we sung another hymn. The hymn ended and there was no way for the altar party to get out of church. Finally, the Bishop was forced to just kind of saunter down the aisle while the rest of us stood there not knowing what to do.

At Grace St. Paul’s, you will always experience the dismissal occurring *after* the

recessional hymn and after the recessional. When it is pronounced, it is expected that you will leave. Postlude music occurs, and if you want to stay to hear that music, that is great. But you have been officially dispatched to the missionary district beyond our walls. In most of these liturgy articles, I present you with the theological rationale behind each of our actions in a service. But in the case of the dismissal, the placement of it is common sense. Good liturgy always make sense. If someone does something in a worship service for which they have no explanation, then they need to stop doing it. “We’ve always done it that way” is not an acceptable reasoning for a movement or an action in a worship service. Good worship not only always honors God and is beautiful, but it also must make sense. Telling someone to leave and then having everyone not leave is not only bad liturgy, it is bad manners.

That is why even at weddings at Grace St. Paul’s, people are dismissed after the recessional. The only exception occurs on the Sunday of our Annual Meeting. On that day, no one is dismissed after the service, because it is expected that all will stay for the meeting. The dismissal occurs after the meeting.

Let us go forth to love and serve our God... *now!*

### Try Morning Prayer, Tuesdays during Lent!

by Linda Hutson

Would you like another opportunity to pray in small community? Come and try Morning Prayer during Lent! On Tuesday mornings I will be offering Morning Prayer in the Chapel of Grace St. Paul’s at 7:30 am. Please join me starting on Tuesday, February 19, 2013!

The practice of setting apart certain times of the day for prayer can be traced back to early Jewish practice. In the time of Temple worship, morning and evening sacrifices were offered and daily services of psalms and prayers. By 2nd c. CE Christians had adapted the practice of marking the day liturgically

with morning and evening prayer. When Christianity was officially recognized by Constantine, Emperor of Rome, weekday services spread more widely and became more formal and took place in public worship spaces. A fuller monastic practice was developing at the same time, with a devotion to the reading of scriptures and the praying of the psalms. Some Eastern monks prayed the entire Psalter (150 psalms) daily! The monastic office consisted of 8 times of prayer, more or less every 3 hours. Of those 8, Lauds and Vespers were the two offices that developed into Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer and were most often prayed by the laity.

## Notes from the Choir Stalls

By Christina Jarvis,  
Director of Music



With Epiphany coming to a close, we must bid farewell to the lovely mason jars. That would be our textual tweak of “How Lovely are the Messengers.” The mason jars preach us the gospel of peas. We sang the version by Felix Mendelssohn for Annual Meeting Sunday, and we hope you enjoyed it.

The choir is in energy-saver mode at the moment, relatively speaking. We will have a lot to do as we move into Lent and Holy Week, so I’m breaking the habits of a lifetime by not trying to put some major, big-boned piece in there just before we have to do heavy lifting. There will be much zombie activity in February, though. The St. Zeno’s Zombie Choir is singing “Every time I feel the Spirit” for the 10:00 service on February 3, and then they will take part in a Border weekend experience from February 8–10. The Zombies will sing for a dinner across the border in Nogales, and then for the Sunday services at St. John’s in Bisbee and St. Stephen’s in Douglas. It will be a busy time for them and for me, as I will be going along to direct them.

That means I will be away from Grace St. Paul’s that Sunday, for the second time since the beginning of the year. I was still visiting my husband’s family in Scotland on Epiphany. Many thanks to Clyde Kunz, who directed the choir that day! On February 10, Winifred Williams will sing a solo from Handel’s Messiah and the choir will do the plainchant version of “Alleluia, song of gladness” (Urbs beata Jerusalem) from Hymnal 1980. It’s good for the choir to do hymns that the congregation will never sing. It keeps us familiar with the wide range of music available to us in the Episcopal hymnals.

The last Sunday in Epiphany means that it’s time to say goodbye to alleluias and say hello to pancakes. We are having our usual Shrove Tuesday festivities at 6:00 in McBride Hall. I’m thinking hard about which indulgences to purchase this year—so many sins to choose from. We will have a great jazz duo for the occasion, so we can eat a load of breakfast food, drink wine, and dance around the room until

we are ill. What better way to remind us that Lent starts the next day?

The choir will sing at the 7:00 p.m. service on Ash Wednesday. This year’s anthems are the Palestrina “Sicut cervus” (As longs the deer for cooling streams) and a piece by the 17th century composer Henry Loosemore called “Why art thou so heavy, O my soul?” Lent always feels like early music to me. Mind you, every season feels like early music to me; I have to restrain myself considerably, sometimes, to give you a balanced musical diet.

Luckily, we have a beautiful children’s choir to add garnish to the feast. The last Sunday in February, the St. Cecelia’s Choir will sing “Forty Days and Forty Nights” by Becki Slagle Mayo and Paul Adams. Joan Brundage and Jane Click do a wonderful job training the girls (there don’t seem to any boys at the moment) to be the future’s adult choir members. Music is a gift to be handed generation to generation.

We are grateful to all the singing generations, kids to elders. We are especially grateful to have Henry Dirdadian back in the choir after his recovery from heart surgery, and to have Walter Collins back after a long hiatus. Music heals, music provides community, music is a manifestation of the love that binds us together in one body. Keep singing, people!

Peace,

*Christina*

### GSP Benefit Piano Trio Concert by Alan Brundage Saturday, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m.

The Trent Piano Trio will perform a benefit concert for GSP. Come enjoy the best of Schubert, Beethoven, and Dvorak, played by Duke University’s Dr. Benjamin Ward, piano, St. Philip’s Nancy Monsman, cello, and GSP’s Alan Brundage, violin. They will scale the heights of Schubert’s B flat trio, Beethoven’s 3rd cello sonata, and Dvorak’s “Dumky” trio—and hopefully come back down!

The Great Omission Part 3:

# The Role of the Family in the Spiritual Life of their Children

by Rosalind Garcia

In Parts 1 and 2 of this seemingly never-ending article (I promise, this is it), I focused on the role of the Church in attracting young adults to their communities. This third part centers on the parent's role in developing their child's faith and comfort in the Church, because very obviously, young adults in the Church usually start out as children in a family.

David W. Anderson and Paul Hill address the question of children's faith formation in their wonderful book *Frogs without Legs Can't Hear*. In *Frogs*, Hill and Anderson challenge church leaders to shift the focus of faith formation from the congregation to a shared goal that involves a strengthened partnership between the congregation and the home. In other words, we as a community need to help families bring faith formation into their homes. Often parents feel unprepared or unqualified to lead the faith formation of their children. So the questions become: "How as a faith community do we support parents as they seek to offer deep, significant, formational experiences for their children? How can we help parents build a strong spiritual foundation for their children at home? And finally, why is it important to our community that we help parents with spiritual formation of their children?"

Anderson and Hill discuss their research around teens and faith formation. One simple question they asked of seventh through twelfth graders was: who or what has influenced your faith life? The following chart is from Anderson and Hill's research and the results may surprise some readers, because the word "church" (although pieces of the church community certainly are mentioned) doesn't come up until ninth on the list of influences, and parents come up numbers one and two on the list. "Worship" is not found on the list at all.

% respondents choosing as one of the top five

Influence	Female	Male
Mother	74%	81%
Father	50%	61%
Pastor	44%	57%
Grandparent	29%	30%
Youth Group	30%	30%
Christian Education	26%	26%
Bible	24%	25%
Friends	29%	22%
Church School Teacher	21%	26%
Church Camp	28%	20%
Youth Group Leader	16%	15%
Movie/Music Star	3%	4%
Revivals/Rallies	4%	3%

Clearly, according to Hill and Anderson's research, families are critical in influencing faith development. However, many parents feel ill equipped to provide religious education to their children, because they feel unsure of the underpinnings of their own theology.

One thing the Church can do is offer families programs and services that have some sort of "take home" component. In this context, family programs mean an experience that can be enjoyed by several generations and the "take home" component could be something as simple as conversation starters for the car ride home to materials for an ongoing project at home.

At GSP, we have developed these kinds of opportunities for families. For instance, we have done family Ash Wednesday services that included distribution of Lenten "brown bags" to take home. The brown bags contained symbols of Lent and cards with directions and prayers that were meant to be taken out, one a week, during Lent. As Lent progressed and items and prayers were removed from the bag, the family built a Lenten altar at home. The brown bag provided the necessary materials and information to have a stress free and ongoing conversation about Lent and Holy Week. We made it easy to provide faith formation at home. This is just one example of the kinds of family offerings that help parents bring the conversation home. This Lent, we will again invite parents and children to a family friendly Ash Wednesday service. Later in Lent

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**For more information about faith development in families and children, Rosalind recommends:**

*The Intentional Family: Simple Rituals to Strengthen Family Ties* by William J. Doherty

*Real Kids, Real Faith: Practices for Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives* by Karen Marie Yust

*Will Our Children Have Faith?* by John H. Westerhoff III

*Sharing Faith with Children* by Sara Covin Juengst

*The Anglican Family Prayer Book* by Anne E. Kitch

*The Blessing Cup: Prayer Rituals for Families and Groups* by Rock Travnikar, O.F.M.

*Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children* by Elizabeth F. Caldwell

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we will be doing a child-friendly Seder, led by Emily Joseph, a member of Congregation Or Cadash. This type of experience, shared together, allows families to then discuss and reflect at home.

As a Church, we can also encourage the development of family rituals around daily routine or rites of passage by modeling this kind of behavior at Church. For example, offering prayer before mealtime or marking the beginning of adolescence with a rite of passage ceremony near the thirteenth birthday as we do with periodic Rite 13 ceremonies at GSP. Simple family blessing ceremonies marking rites of passage are an easy and meaningful way to show children that their spiritual life continues outside Sunday mornings.

Research shows that children's faith development happens at home. However, families are busy and stressed and parents often feel poorly equipped to address their children's spiritual needs. Many parents have the sense that bringing their kids to church several Sundays a month will be sufficient to build a strong faith. As a community, we can offer family programs and child friendly services as well as model behavior that can take the conversation and our faith practices home. This is not just a recipe for assuring a strong Episcopal Church; it is our privilege as a Christian community and a fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant to help raise all of our community's children in the faith.

## Friends & Faith Across Borders

*A weekend-long youth experience, Feb. 8-10*

*by Rosalind Garcia*

**T**his is an opportunity for youth to learn more about border issues while meeting people and making friends with people on both sides of the border. We are likely to have youth from a number of Episcopal churches, Tanque Verde Lutheran Church, and Kino Border Teens from Nogales and Phoenix.

On the evening of Feb. 8, we will gather in the GSP parish hall to share a meal, worship together, and learn about life as a migrant living in the U.S. without documentation through interactive games and a film led by Juan Garcia, Professor of U.S. History, University of Arizona. The youth will camp overnight on the floor.

On Feb. 9, after morning prayer



and breakfast, the group will travel by vans to Nogales, Ariz., and meet at Kino Border Initiative offices in to hear about its work.

We will be hosted by Kino Teens and served lunch. Then the youth will cross the border at La Mariposa port of entry and walk to El Comodor, the KBI soup kitchen and to KBI Women and Children's Center. Returning to Arizona, the group will travel to Bisbee to spend the night.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, the youth will participate in services at St. John's, Bisbee and St. Stephen's, Douglas, eat lunch, and return home enriched by their experiences.



The 2nd Annual GSP Las Posadas on Dec. 22, 2012, was lots of fun! Over sixty angels, lantern-bearers, sheep, and parents processed through the GSP neighborhood asking for room at an inn. When we finally arrived back at GSP, we found there was room for us after all, and we feasted on warm chili, and other delicious treats.



## Kid-to-Kid Interview: Kayla Cordero

by Andrew Gooden

**Q**: How old are you?

**A**: I'm 15, and I'm in 9th grade.

**Q**: Do you have any pets?

**A**: I have a dog named Ralphy and a beta fish, Berry.

**Q**: What's your favorite subject in school?

**A**: I like to learn about math, but I hate to do all that homework.

**Q**: What's the worst thing about school?

**A**: Having to wake up so early. I'd like to just sleep in all day.

**Q**: Are you in a band or choir?

**A**: I'm in St. Zeno's Zombie Choir at church. At school I play the trombone in Marching Band and Concert Band. I'm also in the Intermediate Women's choir even though I'm only a freshman. Next I hope to make it into Advanced Women's where the dresses are better. We have to wear these royal blue ones, and they're really horrid.

**Q**: What is your favorite book, game, movie, band, or TV show?

**A**: I'd say *Hunger Games* is my favorite book, and *Divergence*. It's also post-apocalyptic but it ends up being about love a lot. I really like the board game *Masterpiece*, the video game *Portal*. I love the *The Muppet Movie* with all the candids with actors, and *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*. The bands I like best are the Beatles and Panic! at the Disco, two very different types of bands, maybe the contrast makes me like them so much. Best TV show: *Doctor Who*. I also like *The Office*.

**Q**: What's it like being involved in the Spirit Now services? I really liked when we planned the Avatar service.

**A**: I like it a lot because it's really fun to plan out the services, what the music is and what readings go with the service. I like how it's an



Andrew Gooden & Kayla Cordero

informal church service, and I don't want to say anything bad, but like the regular church service gets really long and I get bored half way through, but in Spirit Now there's all this singing and chants. There's also discussion, and you get to express your own opinion and hear other people's, and I really like that.

**Q**: I think we should do a service with a Doctor Who theme.

**A**: That would be so cool. We'd have to go back and watch, like every episode.

**Q**: What do you think about the church's solar panel project?

**A**: I think it's a really good idea. I love reusable energy. We learned about it in Social Studies last year. It's expensive at first, but doesn't take that long to pay it off. Solar is the best choice. Wind only works in certain places. Hydro can mess up nature. Making shade with panels is especially good here in Tucson.

**Q**: What's it like being in the Acolyte program?

**A**: It's really cool because I'm also on Altar Guild. When I'm in Altar Guild I get to refill all the candles with oil. Acolytes move the stuff around and hand it to the priests, but Altar Guild sets it all up.



### Troop 645 Scouts to Volunteer at Pantry

By Martha Whitaker

Three Girl Scouts from Troop 645—Rachel, Leah, and George—have decided to help out at Joseph's Pantry one Saturday every month.

Feb. 16 will be the first "Girl Scout Saturday" at Joseph's Pantry. The girls will help regular volunteers at the Pantry and are collecting food, socks, pet food, and hotel toiletries at the Girl Scout Council Office on Broadway in Tucson, and elsewhere.

To find out how you can help at Joseph's Pantry, contact Co-Chairs Brooke Bedrick and Andrew Gardner at the parish office.



Ernie and his wife, Elizabeth, with GSP Senior Warden Martha Whitaker.

## Ernie Galaz appointed to St. Andrew's, Nogales

by Eric K. Carr

Grace St. Paul's is proud to announce that The Rev. Ernie Galaz has been appointed as Clergy-in-Charge Under Special Circumstances to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Nogales, Ariz.

GSP was foundational in Ernie's re-introduction to church and his own spiritual journey. When I interviewed him for this article, he was visibly moved as he recounted the story. After leaving the Roman Catholic church, Ernie and his wife, Elizabeth, were in a season of spiritual dryness when Ernie's spiritual director referred him to Fr. Gordon McBride. Eventually, at the invitation of Terry and Donna Shreve, Ernie and Elizabeth came to GSP on Pentecost Sunday. It was a powerful experience that motivated them to join the church. After many years of service to the church (and in life in many aspects, especially as an educator), Ernie entered discernment for priesthood with GSP as his sponsoring parish.

Ernie's theological depth and experience were so apparent that Bishop Smith directed him to complete his formation through internship at St. Andrew's in Tucson with The Rev. Kate Bradsen, rather than follow a more typical process for ordination.

He and Kate worked together on myriad projects at St. Andrew's Tucson and share a passion for border ministries and migrant

issues. Ernie hopes to continue working with Kate and her partner Carol, and is grateful for the things he has learned while working alongside them. St. Andrew's is a hugely diverse community, and more than ninety percent of the people in the parish pledge. You can't go to mass at St. Andrew's without someone practically tackling you and dragging you to coffee hour, and that intensity of community stands as a great example for him.

Ernie was visibly moved again as he recounted some of the most profound lessons he learned there. "As I've learned new things and tried new things and taken new assignments, Kate has grounded me in the prayer book and the Gospel. Often her questions to me will be, 'Where is the good news in that? Or, 'What does the baptismal covenant say?' It's a very strong grounding in the Anglican sensibility and spirit through the prayer book, but also a very strong grounding in Jesus through the Gospel. 'Where's the good news in that' is probably going to echo through my head through the rest of my years in ministry."

St. Andrew's in Nogales lost their rector in August last year, and the congregation had the choice of going through a classic search process or having the bishop appoint someone to the post. They opted for the latter, and Bishop Smith asked Ernie if he would be interested. After Ernie visited the parish and met with the senior warden, he knew there was an immediate connection, and he prayerfully answered the call.

St. Andrew's Nogales is a progressive community that really serves as a parish to all of Santa Cruz County. Along with twice-monthly services at the community center in Sonoita, they host events for the whole Nogales community, have a bilingual non-denominational preschool, and run a very well-known clinic. I believe that it is a community and congregation where Ernie can truly thrive, and I know that there are many of us who are thrilled to see him embark on this new calling.

As Ernie said, "When the Bishop presented this to me, I thought, 'Uh oh, this is a call.' It may be scary, I might not like it at first, but I knew I had to do it, because God's never let me down."



## Highlights from GSP's 22nd Annual Meeting

by Lou Ann Beiging

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting took place on Jan. 27, 2013 in McBride Hall. A “standing room only” crowd began the meeting by singing *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*. **The Rev. Debbie Royals** offered an opening prayer which incorporated the names of parishioners who had died during the past year, as well as those who were newly baptized.

The minutes from the 2012 annual meeting were approved as printed.

(Please refer to the 2013 Annual Meeting Report for details of specific reports.)

**Senior Warden Martha Whitaker** announced changes in ministry leadership for the Altar Guild, Bridging Borders, Acolyte Coordinator, Liturgical Arts, and Joseph's Pantry. The outgoing leaders were thanked for their service. The Giving & Receiving team members were thanked for their work on the successful pledge campaign.

This year the annual meeting elections involved five open Vestry seats and five delegates to the Diocesan Convention in September. The outgoing Vestry members, **Chris LaBour, Peggy Scott, Pete Weiblen, Chris Ledyard, and Holly Shinn**, were thanked for their service. The eight candidates for these five vacancies were introduced. There were twelve nominations for the delegates to the convention. Ballots were marked and collected.

The chant, *Rise Up, Rejoicing*, was sung before **Tom Pitello** presented the Financial Report and 2013 Budget. The 2012 budget was a balanced one, due in part to two bequests received by GSP. The 2013 budget, with a total of \$611,150, requires \$30,000 in additional pledge revenue, expected in early 2013. The Rev. Debbie Royals' position is funded for six months only; additional revenue will be required for the remainder of the year. Fr. Steve outlined the cuts made to specific ministries and staff salaries in order to meet the Vestry's goal of a balanced budget without eliminating staff positions.

In clergy staff news, **The Rev. Rosanna Kazanjian** has joined GSP as a Priest Associate.

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New Vestry members  
Kitt Bret-Harte,  
Steve Mattix, Roger  
Pierce, Richard Rhoads,  
& Holly Shinn



## Annual Meeting

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The **Rev. Joe Fitzgerald** has returned as Priest Associate in January after a year at Christ the King. The Rev. Debbie Royals' new position as part-time Priest, is made possible through a grant from the Diocese of Arizona.



Mark Drew was re-elected as Junior Warden

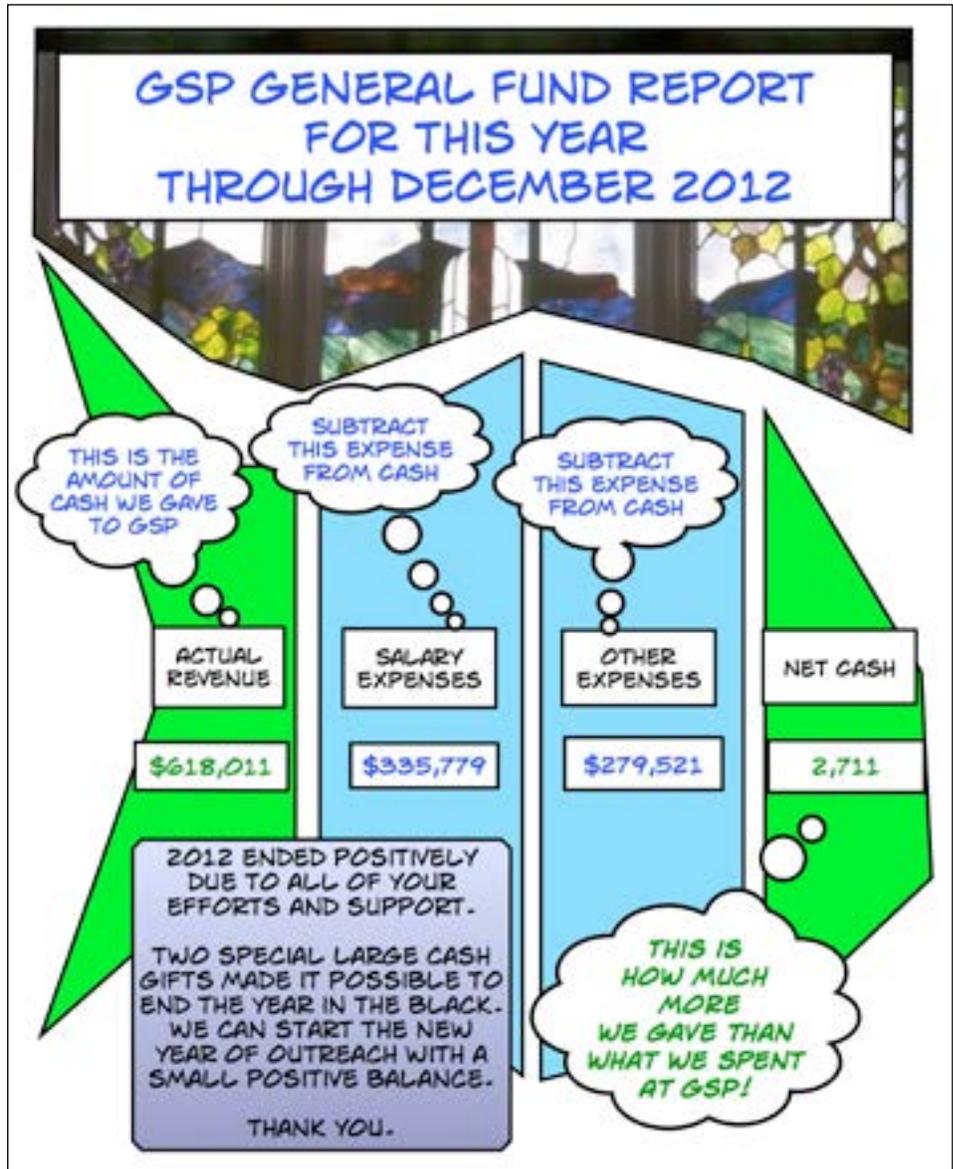
Additional revenue will be needed to maintain this position beyond six months.

Fr. Steve announced four recipients of the Third Annual Rector's Awards. **Peggy Scott, Jesse Thrall, and Kitt Cordero** were honored for their incredible service to GSP. A Lifetime Achievement Award was given to **Doree Ramey** for her numerous contributions to GSP, especially the Bread From the Pantry program.

Election results were announced. The five new Vestry members are **Kitt Bret-Harte, Steve Mattix, Roger Pierce, Richard Rhoads, and Holly Shinn.**

GSP delegates to the Diocesan Convention are **Chris Eastoe, Eric Carr, Sue Pierce, Wendy Pipentacos, and Miriam Huber.** The alternates will be **Spencer Hunter, Roger Pierce, Jean Smart, Chuck Hannan, and Minda Dettman.**

After the closing hymn, *We Are Marching in the Light of God*, the **Rev. Nancy Meister**, dismissed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

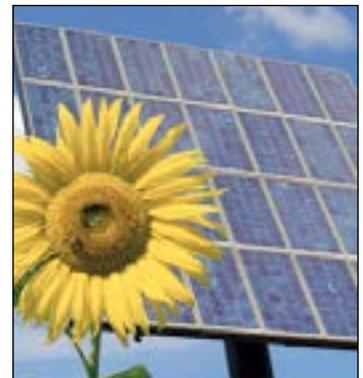


## Solar Energy Project

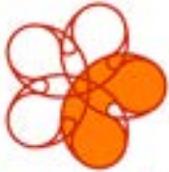
by Angel Wang

Here is a brief update on GSP's solar energy project now that 2012 has passed and we look forward to the exciting events to come in the new year 2013.

The solar project timeframe has shifted to late March-April, with completion within 30 days. Come summer, our solar electricity generation will be at its peak as the energetic photons from Brother Sun are transformed into streams of electrons busily powering our parish cooling and lighting.



A Personal Experience with Transplant Donation



National Kidney Foundation

**D**ear GSP Parishioners,  
My name is Dana Terry and recently I attended services at GSP during a visit with my parents, Jim and Virginia Zuelow. I saw the notice in the bulletin regarding James Alier Chol's need for a kidney donor, "Transplant Help Needed." I am writing to share my experience in the hope that it will help a donor to be found.

I am a kidney donor. Over eight and half years ago I donated a kidney to a stranger. There was never a doubt that it was the right thing to do. Perhaps some would call it divine intervention or some sort of calling. I just knew that I needed to do what I could.

Just under ten years ago, a co-worker and I were chatting about our weekend, our families, the challenges of parenting young adults! My co-worker—I will call her Sarah for the purposes of this story—shared that her son was very ill. He had been born with a congenital kidney defect and over his life had had multiple kidney transplants. His latest kidney had lasted more than 10 years, but was now failing and he was back on dialysis.

Sarah told me that she was so worried because her son was depressed and tired of feeling so sick and very discouraged. His doctor was not confident that another transplant could be successful, so Sarah's son—I will call him David—was told that he would not be placed on the list for a kidney donation. Imagine a person in his early 30s knowing that he would have to be on daily dialysis for the rest of his life! Imagine a mother, who loves her only son very much and wants all the best in life for him, who knows that he is suffering and that their only hope has been taken away?

So, I asked Sarah what it took to be tested to see if I was a match. Needless to say, she was stunned. She never expected that our conversation would result in my consideration of becoming a kidney donor. We were not friends outside of work, had never had a social lunch together, didn't know each well, nor had we worked together very long. I did not know anything about kidneys or transplantation. I did not know how the surgery was done. What I did know is that you can live with one kidney and that as a mother myself, if I were given an opportunity to save another mother's child, I would do all that I could do.

I went for the initial testing, which assesses

whether I could be a match for David. I don't think anyone thought I would be a match—the odds really should have been against it. The doctor thought it was such a long shot that when the results came back a match he didn't believe it. He required the test be done again!

It was a year before the transplant took place, and in that time our families got together to meet. Her family had many mixed emotions. While wanting very much to find a kidney for David, they also did not want to risk another life for one of their own. My family was also worried but understood that this was the only available option for David to get a new kidney and that I was fully committed. I took a two-week leave from work for the surgery and was back full-time at the end of the two weeks. The surgery was done via laparoscopy, so I only have a three-inch scar.

I am happy to report that eight-plus years after the transplant, my remaining kidney is doing just fine. I have no negative health issues related to the donation and I feel blessed every day that I had an opportunity to save a life. Perhaps David would have survived years on dialysis, but a new kidney gave a quality to his life that allowed for thoughts of the future, of marriage, of a career, of growing much older. This January marked David's 40th birthday!

According to the National Kidney Foundation, 18 people die every day in America while waiting for organ donation. This is a huge decision, but medical science has advanced such that there are few risks for a healthy donor and the benefit to the recipient is truly life changing. For most of us, life offers few opportunities to walk our talk, to be challenged on our rhetoric, or to undertake an act of true charity. This is one of those opportunities.

So, here is my promise. If you want to talk more about my experience, I am happy to chat with you by email or phone. If you decide to be a donor and want a friend and advocate on this journey, I will walk with you.

For more information on kidney donation, please visit: [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org). There are no out-of-pocket costs to donors at any point in the process and you do not have to be a blood relation or of the same race. The surgery takes 3-4 hours and the average hospital stay is three days. There is a lot of good info online for donors at [www.livingdonorsonline.org/kidney/kidney.htm](http://www.livingdonorsonline.org/kidney/kidney.htm).



Richard, Eric, Kitt, and Deborah (right to left) screened many films at the Sundance Film Festival for potential viewing at GSP or The Loft Cinemas, and got to speak with several stars, directors, and crews.

## From GSP to Sundance: Movie Nights get Serious

by Eric K. Carr

When we started the Lenten Film Series in 2011, it was a time of intense suffering for a lot of our congregation. In response to the grief so many people faced at that time, a group of us decided to focus on the themes of reconciliation and restoration in community. Part of our strategy was showing free movies every Friday during Lent. It was such a profound healing experience, we decided to extend the films into a monthly event, and the Film & Fellowship Festival was born.

Kitt Cordero stepped in to help, and she and I have been running it together ever since. Our monthly offerings started attracting people outside the GSP community through Meetup, Facebook, and other media, and friends started bringing friends. Somehow, word got to the Loft Cinemas that we were doing this, and they approached us about partnering with them for the Human Rights Watch and the Sundance Film Series. Kitt and I jumped at the chance.

Now we've shown several features co-sponsored by the Loft and the University of Arizona (and we were also represented in off-campus showings of Human Rights Watch films and Movies That Matter as well). At a number of our films last year, we had incredible

panel discussions led by community leaders, and even got to host a few filmmakers for the Arizona premiers of their films!

Perhaps most exciting of all, by the time you're reading this, Kitt, Richard Rhoads, and I will have represented GSP at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah, where we will be screening potential future offerings and making connections for the GSP community!

We have more big plans in the works with The Loft for the 2013 film season, we will also continue our monthly Film & Fellowship nights, and we're hosting another Lenten Film Festival. We are thrilled at how the ministry has grown and at the opportunities it has opened for Grace St. Paul's to be present in the larger community. It may not seem like movies are much of a ministry, but we've served everyone from hungry homeless people to bereaved widows looking for fellowship, and our discussions after the films have been emotionally and spiritually nurturing. Sometimes it even feels like a modern take on a Eucharist when we all join in a meal followed by a profound discussion centering around a shared spiritual experience. Plus, we've made a lot of great friends in our film-loving community, extending beyond church or the monthly viewings—and we've done it all with no budget and virtually no expense to GSP.

Look for us the third Friday of every month, and almost every Friday during Lent. If you're interested in taking part, look for me or Kitt at the 10 o'clock service, or follow us on Meetup.com (under GSP Community Events). We always have a potluck dinner and fresh popcorn starting at 6:30, followed by the film at 7, and a discussion afterward. All are welcome, but we often show films that might not be appropriate for kids, so check with one of us or the church office if you're concerned.

We hope you can join us for fun, film, fellowship, and food. Kitt and I are both so grateful to worship in a congregation that embraces creative outreaches and different forms of creating community. We are so excited about what 2013 will bring!



### GSP Lenten Film Festival 2013: *Healing in Body, Mind, Spirit, Earth, and Community*

- Feb. 15: *May I Be Frank*
- Feb. 22: *Amelie*
- March 1: Play Reading
- no movie
- March 8: *Under the Tuscan Sun*
- March 15: GSP fundraiser —no movie
- March 22: *Chocolat*
- March 29: Good Friday
- no movie



The Right Rev. Kirk Stevan Smith,  
Fifth Bishop of Arizona

## A Visit from the North

by *The Rev. Steve Keplinger*

Those of you who have been around Grace St. Paul's for a while might have noticed that we skipped something last year. In the Episcopal tradition, it is a right and a joyful thing, as we say, to welcome our Diocesan Bishop for an official visit each year. These visits are the times when individuals have the opportunity to be confirmed, received or reaffirm their baptismal vows. While everyone who receives communion here three times a year and is a pledger of record

are technical members of the church, the Bishop is the one, since the very earliest days of the church, who makes this official through the laying on of hands.

For many years, the Bishop's visit to Grace St. Paul's has been in the Fall. The problem with Fall is that it meant that we needed to do our preparation work for the Bishop's visit in the Summer. Those preparations would include our Inquirer's class for adults and confirmation class for youth. Summer is obviously not the best time of the year to have those classes.

So last year, we bit the bullet and skipped the Bishop's Fall visit so that we could change his visit to the Spring. Spring is obviously the most popular time for all churches to receive the Bishop, but now that we have waited, we should be able to keep this schedule for a long time.

This year, the Bishop's visit is scheduled for Sunday, April 14. Everyone in this congregation who has never been officially received into the church by the laying on of hands by a Bishop, is asked to prayerfully consider being received this April. In addition, this is the perfect opportunity for those who would like to reaffirm their commitment to this church to step forward.

To prepare all of you for that and to help you discern whether you would like to take this step, we will have our popular Episcopal 101 class beginning on Sunday, Feb. 10. This six-week, 90-minute class is taught by the Rector. It will span the wide breadth of Christian history, the Prayer Book, the liturgy, the Sacramental tradition, how we govern ourselves as a church, a comparison of Christian denominations, the present issues facing the Episcopal church, and a discussion of what it means to be Episcopalian in what may be a post-religious age.

This class is recommended for those of you who have come to this tradition for the first time as well as anyone who wants to learn more about their church. See the article on page 14 for the schedule.



## SPIRITUAL RENEWAL DAY

by *Roger Pierce*

March 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

A long-awaited Spiritual Renewal Day will be presented at the Redemptorist Renewal Center (Picture Rocks) on the topic Prayer Made Easy. I will lead this experiential time that will contain lots of quiet reflection time, an exercise in practical prayer, a wonderful lunch, and the beauty of the western Tucson foothills.

Cost is \$35 per person and registration is requested. Contact me for further information.



## Five Sins of Social Justice Advocacy

*An Adult Forum with Mark Osler*

**Sunday, Feb. 3, 9-9:50 a.m., Bloom Room**

Come hear special guest **Mark Osler** speak about social justice and civil discourse in a 9 a.m. Sunday Forum, “Five Sins of Social Justice Advocacy.”

Osler is a Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis. His work frequently strikes at the intersection of law and faith. Prof. Osler is the Director of the Association of Religiously Affiliated Law Schools and a regular contributor to the Huffington Post, CNN, Sojourners, and NPR.

As lead counsel, Prof. Osler won the case of *Spears v. United States* (2009) in the United States Supreme Court where the Court held that sentencing judges can categorically reject the 100:1 ratio between crack and powder cocaine in the federal sentencing guidelines.

Prof. Osler’s book *Jesus on Death Row* (Abingdon, 2009) challenges the death penalty based on the experience of Christ as a criminal defendant.

Don’t miss this special opportunity to hear Prof. Osler!

## Episcopal 101

*Inquiring Minds Want to Know*  
by **The Rev. Steve Keplinger**

February marks the return of our annual Inquirer’s class. Beginning Feb. 10, is a six-week class called *Episcopal 101*, specifically designed for those who are considering becoming official members of Grace St. Paul’s or are pondering being received into this faith tradition.

However, it is our hope that many more of you will decide to participate, because the class will cover material that many cradle Episcopalians do not even know. In reality, the class is for anyone who would like to learn more about the church, specifically the Episcopal Church and the Anglican tradition, in which we are a part. All of this will come at you from the slightly different slant of your Rector.

The first class will be on the history of the church from Jesus to the 18th century. (All of that in an hour and a half!) The second class will be a look at the church as it developed in America. Class three will be everything you always wanted to know about the *Book of Common Prayer* and our liturgy, but were afraid to ask. Class four will be a discussion of Sacramental theology, and what we mean

by Sacrament. Class five will be on Episcopal church polity, how we get things done and how we govern ourselves. This class is particularly important to us now as we consider American politics and also the fragile state of the Anglican Communion. The last class will be a comparison of the Episcopal tradition with other Christian denominations, a discussion of the issues facing the church today and a discussion of being Episcopalian in what may be a post-religious age.

We are going to cover a bunch in a short time, but we believe the classes will be informative for all and fun, whether you have a doctorate in Anglican studies, (as I know some of you do) or you think that Episcopalian is something that only appears on spelling tests.

Come join us every Sunday for six successive weeks in the Bloom Room. Classes will be 90 minutes long, and food will be provided. Classes will finish the week before Holy Week.

### CLASS SCHEDULE

- Sundays, 11:45 a.m., Bloom Room
- Feb. 10: Church History to the 18th century
- Feb. 17: Church History in America
- Feb. 24: The *Book of Common Prayer* and the Liturgy
- March 3: The Sacramental Tradition
- March 10: American Church Polity
- March 17: Comparison of Christian denominations, present-day conflict in T.E.C., and a discussion of being Episcopalian in a post-religious age.



## **Spirit Players: A Play Reading Experience**

**Fridays, Feb. 1 & March 1  
6:30 p.m., Bloom Room**

If you love the theatre, this is for you! Join us as a reader or an observer as we give voice to comedies, dramas, social commentaries, and more. Scripts are available for these unrehearsed readings on the first Friday of each month.

For more information contact Nanalee Raphael or Halsy Taylor, or the church office.

## **Film & Fellowship**

**Friday, Feb. 15  
6:30 p.m., Bloom Room**

You are cordially invited to a potluck meal and a great movie! Here you will find wonderful fellowship and lots of discussion about the movie theme for the evening.

The monthly event is led by Kitt Cordero and Eric Carr.

## **Social Justice and Civil Discourse**

**Sunday, Feb. 3  
9 a.m., Bloom Room.**

Special guest Mark Osler, Professor of Law at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, will speak about the intersection of law and faith. He is director of the Association of Religiously Affiliated Law Schools and a regular contributor to the Huffington Post, CNN, Sojourners, and NPR. Don't miss the special opportunity to discuss the very important topic of civil discourse in the current political climate.

Contact the Parish Office for further details.

## **Gifted by Otherness**

**Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 20 & 27  
7-9 p.m., Bloom Room**

Chris Eastoe, long time member of GSP and former Senior Warden, leads us through six weekly sessions in an experience of sharing our own stories, recognizing our spiritual gifts, interpreting spiritual writings within Progressive Theology, and affirming our roles as people of faith. This course is intended for gay and lesbian people but is open to all who are contending with spiritual issues relating to sexuality and who have a willingness to respect the many facts of human sexual orientation.

## **What Wonderous Love Is This?**

### **Developing a Lenten Spiritual Practice**

**Sunday, Feb. 10  
9 a.m., Bloom Room**

Is Lent just a time of doom and gloom, denial and abstinence? Drawing on the image of the labyrinth, this class will offer a different lens for creating a meaningful Lenten spiritual practice, drawing on the world of Edward Hays, Joan Chittister, Martin Smith and others.

Facilitator will be Catherine Penn Williams, longtime student of contemplative spirituality. She is currently a postulant for the priesthood in the Diocese of Arizona.

## **Episcopal 101**

**Sundays, Feb. 10, 17 & 24, March 3 & 10  
11:45 a.m., Bloom Room**

Fr. Steve Keplinger will lead us through historical perspectives and discussions of current topics and issues in the Episcopal Church in this five-week series. This is a wonderful way to learn about the Episcopal Church and to prepare yourself to become a member of this parish.

Call the Parish Office for more information. No registration is required.

## **The Trinity in the Christian Faith:**

### **Conversations with Dr. Robert Jonas**

**Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 16 & 17  
McBride Hall & Bloom Room**

We are pleased to welcome back to GSP Dr. Robert Jonas, noted author and Director of the Empty Bell Contemplative Center. Dr. Jonas, a biographer of Henri Nouwen, will share in two sessions about the meaning and place of the Trinity in the Christian Faith. The meeting Feb. 16 will begin at 9 a.m. in McBride Hall and last for approximately 3 hours, while the session on Sunday, Feb. 17, will be at 9 am in the Bloom Room. *Registration is requested.*

Contact Roger Pierce for further information.

## **Sacred Space for a Progressive Community**

**Sunday, Feb. 24  
9 a.m., Bloom Room**

Join Dr. Chuck Dickson for a discussion of sacred space and how that space impacts who we are and how we worship. Your thoughts and observations will be welcome as we look toward the future of GSP and how we can best use our own sacred space.

Contact Dr. Dickson for further details.

## **Writings & Ministry of Steven Charleston**

**Sundays, March 3, 10 & 17  
9 a.m., Bloom Room**

Steve Williams will lead a discussion of the writings and ministry of the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, Bishop of Alaska, and citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.



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### What's Happening in February 2013

#### WEEKLY SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

##### Sundays

- 8 a.m., Holy Communion
- 8 a.m., Coffee & Conversation
- 9:45 a.m., Child Care
- 10 a.m., Holy Communion
- 10 a.m., Sunday School
- 11:15 a.m., Coffee Hour
- 11:30 a.m., Youth Groups
- 12:30 p.m., Youth Ensemble Choir

##### Mondays

- 11:30 a.m., Spiritual Direction
- 4 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate
- 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

##### Tuesdays

- 6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Communion
- 7 p.m., Interfaith Meditation

##### Wednesdays

- 7 a.m., Holy Communion
- 10 a.m., Quilting Ministry
- 5 p.m., Spirit Dojo Karate

##### Thursdays

- 5:30 p.m., Spirit Now—An Interactive, Inclusive Communion Celebration

##### Saturdays

- 9 a.m., Altar Guild
- 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 p.m., *Spirit Players: A Play Reading Experience*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 4 p.m., Family Fun Night
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m., *Social Justice and Civil Discourse*
- 4<sup>th</sup> 12:30 p.m., Communication Group
- 7 p.m., Green Church Committee
- 5<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion Group
- 6<sup>th</sup> 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7 p.m., *Gifted by Otherness*
- 9<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m., Lector & Chalice Bearer Training
- 10<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., *Lenten Practices*
- 11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101*
- 11<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m., GSP Reading Group
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion Group
- 6 p.m., Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 13<sup>th</sup> **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- 12 noon, Imposition of Ashes
- 5:30 p.m., Children & Family Service, Imposition of Ashes

- 7 p.m., Holy Communion, Imposition of Ashes
- 7 p.m., *Gifted by Otherness*
- 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m., *Film & Fellowship*
- 16<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m., Family Fun Night
- 17<sup>th</sup> 11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101*
- 3 p.m., Musica Sonora
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion Group
- 6 p.m., Healing Touch Practice Session
- 20<sup>th</sup> 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 24<sup>th</sup> 11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101*
- 25<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m., GSP Reading Group
- 26<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion Group
- 6:30 p.m., Vestry Meeting

#### Looking Ahead to March

- 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 p.m., *Spirit Players: A Play Reading Experience*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 a.m., Learning Day
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 a.m., *Writings & Ministry of Steven Charleston*
- 11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101*
- 4<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m., Green Church Committee

- 5<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion Group
- 6<sup>th</sup> 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7 p.m., *Gifted by Otherness*
- 10<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., *Writings & Ministry of Steven Charleston*
- 11:45 a.m., *Episcopal 101*
- 11<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m., GSP Reading Group
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion Group
- 1 p.m., TiHAN Training
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m., *Gifted by Otherness*
- 17<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., *Writings & Ministry of Steven Charleston*
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m., Spiritual Book Discussion Group
- 20<sup>th</sup> 12 noon, Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7 p.m., *Gifted by Otherness*
- 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30 p.m., Equinox Service
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 1 p.m., TiHAN Training

