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Look What's Happening in February

Head's up: On Sunday, Feb. 1 we'll be celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or as it is affectionately known in many Episcopal parishes, **Candlemas**. In parishes so inclined, it used to be that the Christmas crèche stayed in the nave until after the Feast of Candlemas, the last "Incarnational" feast of the Epiphany season. Just as Christ was presented by his parents in the Temple, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the children in our lives. These may be our children, grandchildren, children who've touched us in a particular way (I sponsor a Ugandan child through an organization called "Compassion International"), or children we've mentored or influenced. Whatever the situation for you, there will be opportunity for you to hold these children in prayer as you "present" them to God through our act of corporate worship. It is another way of reflecting on the lives we've touched, as well as the future of the Faith we love.

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Ash Wednesday and Lent are just around the corner (Feb. 25).

Say what you will about New Year's Resolutions, Lent is the time for liturgical Christians to get serious about resolutions. One of mine is to finish Brian McLaren's book, *Everything Must Change*. He is saying all the things I've been thinking about, have been troubled about for years. For example, "...the versions of Christianity (many of us) have inherited are largely flattened, watered down, tamed...offering us a

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Hungry parish members dig into the potluck meal served on the labyrinth prior to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25. Read the report on the meeting on Page 13.

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ticket to heaven after earth, but not challenging us to face the issues that threaten life on earth.”

Because he believes that his book is a “first visit” to a new way of seeing the world and hearing the message of Jesus, he asks two very large questions that have been preoccupying his mind (and mine and probably many of yours) for years:

1. What are the biggest problems in the world?
2. What does Jesus have to say about these global problems?

Additional questions flow from these two, like, “*What would need to happen for followers of Jesus to become a greater force for good in relation to the world’s top problems? How can we make a positive difference?*”

I am happy that many at Grace St. Paul’s are already asking these questions and are committed to action.

Other great topics to reflect on during the

season of Lent are the eight **Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**, voted on by 191 countries in the United Nations and adopted by the Episcopal Church to focus on during this decade. There is a large poster about the MDGs in McBride Hall. Taking a fresh look at the MDGs and committing to support one of more of them is a powerful way to incarnate the spirit of Lent in our day-to-day lives.

If I were a candidate for rector of this parish I would be pleased to know that the conversation happening at Grace St. Paul’s was directed toward the larger issues facing our planet, and not “What will our new rector be like?”

Affectionately,

Fr. Harold+



Psst! Parish Summit, March 21. Pass it on!

Psst! ... OK, but what is a Parish Summit?

Good question! The Parish Summit is the primary opportunity for parishioners to provide the search committee with their hopes and dreams for GSP and the rector search. At the Summit meeting, attendees will engage in an interactive process using **Appreciative Inquiry** to share with each other their values and experiences of GSP. The search committee will use this information to develop our wishes and vision for the future of Grace St. Paul’s as a part of our parish profile.

This process will take place on the morning and early afternoon of Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in McBride Hall. Lunch will be served. Look for more details in the Sunday bulletin.

Our consultant for the search process is the **Rev. Canon Frank Clark** (photo). Bishop Smith assigned Canon Clark to assist the Search Committee during the search for a new rector for Grace St. Paul’s. The parish will meet Canon Clark at the Parish Summit on Saturday, March 21.

On April 30, 2008, the Reverend Canon

Frank Clark retired as Rector of All Saints of the Desert Church in Sun City, Arizona, where he had served since 1997. His retirement took place after 37 years of ordained ministry. He now serves as a part-time associate at All Saints’ Episcopal Church and Day School in Phoenix, and serves the Diocese of Arizona as a congregational consultant.



A native of Michigan, he has a degree in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University, and a Master of Divinity from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. Canon Clark’s continuing education is in the area of Appreciative Inquiry, in which he received a certificate in Clergy and Congregational Coaching from the Clergy Leadership Institute. Recently, he completed further training in the area of search consultation.

Briefly Deadline

The next deadline for *The Briefly* is Tuesday, Feb. 24, for the Easter issue.

Please send electronic articles to Martha P.L. Whitaker at: jartham@cox.net. Either MS Word or WordPerfect format is acceptable, or you may simply paste the article into the body of your e-mail.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may neatly hand write or type your article, and put it in Lynn Albright’s GSP mailbox no later than Monday, Feb. 23.

Please send graphics and photos directly to John Banks at jdbanks@gmail.com.

From the Senior Warden

“When I think back on 2007 I am just so relieved it’s over.”

I began my Annual Report for 2007 with those words. I never dreamed I would be tempted to begin my Annual Report for 2008 in the same way. And it’s not that 2008 was a bad year for us, it’s just been so tremendously challenging.

Upon the retirement of our rector, in 2008 Grace St. Paul’s embarked on the adventure of living in a liminal or threshold space, a period that is often characterized by ambiguity, openness, and indeterminacy.¹

One’s usual way of knowing oneself is often up for grabs during times like this. Old hierarchies may dissolve. The veil between the mundane and the divine can seem thin. In short, a liminal space can be an extremely disorienting place to be.

And the last year has been disorienting, for sure. Some days I feel like I have been plopped down in New Guinea. I don’t know the customs and I don’t speak the language. Around GSP that means that many of the familiar conventions, boundaries and leadership are changing, and the “hows” and “wherefores” of life together as we knew it are frustratingly unclear at times (i.e., the fundraising policy). We are experiencing our own significant cultural shift. This time reminds us that we cannot rely on old systems, old ways of thinking or doing (i.e., the color of the communion wine) to get us through the transition. We are, inevitably, facing real change. In our communal life, anxiety, confusion—even anger—are emotions that can spring, disconcertingly, to the surface. But this is to be expected. Thresholds are not always easy to cross, for individuals or groups, especially when you’re not sure what’s waiting for you on the other side.

It helps me to be reminded that our main work together over the next six months of 2009 is to continue to pray for, and discern as a community, those values we hold most dear at GSP. The question of who we are, what we value and what we aspire to be as a people of God is yet to be articulated clearly. This time of transition is designed to help us do just that—for the Parish

Profile and, more importantly, for our own clarity of vision. On March 21, the Search Committee and our Diocesan Search Consultant, the Rev. Canon Frank Clark, will facilitate a Parish Summit to assist us with that very task. It may well be the most important parish meeting of the entire year. I hope you will be there.

In the meantime, there are many hopeful signs of life at GSP:

- The Liturgical Arts Ministry flourished again during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany (ribbons and swoops and stars, oh my!), and will surprise us once more at Easter.

- On New Year’s Eve, 110 people gathered to end the year singing chants of peace by candlelight in the chancel.

- As we begin this year, our food ministries are financially healthier than they were a year ago, in spite of the severe economic crisis around us.

- In 2009 we will be served by a new vestry of competent and thoughtful men and women.

- We are being guided through this period by a capable and compassionate Interim Rector.

- GSP remains a parish of many vital ministries—both inreach and outreach—facilitated and coordinated by an amazing group of deeply committed lay volunteers.

We are in good shape. Really. Let’s help each other get through this disconcerting, disorienting “thin place” of transition by reminding each other of just that: we are going to be okay. Most of what we’re going through is textbook normal, especially the parts we dislike the most. It’s really going to be okay.

In the meantime, may we always remember that the Holy One surrounds us, Jesus walks beside us, and the power of the Holy Spirit guides us on this journey.

Peace,

Catherine Penn, Senior Warden

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¹<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liminality>

Transition News

Search Committee Report for 2008 Annual Meeting

Summer 2008

- The search process began in June after the retirement of our Rector, the Rev. Canon Gordon McBride.

- The vestry selected the search committee during June and announced the members as: Lynne Albright and Ernie Galaz, Co-Chairs, Chris Eastoe, Linda Hutson, Beth Lee,

Dick Miya, Catherine Penn, Tom Pitello, Terry Shreve, Roger Swett and Virginia Zulow.

- In August, the Rev. Canon Frank Clark was assigned to Grace St. Paul's to assist us in the search process.

Fall 2008

- The committee held its first organizational meeting Sept. 7 when Ernie Galaz led the group in an exercise about decision-making styles. The goal of the exercise was to help us communicate more effectively with each other.

- The search committee had its first meeting with Canon Clark on Sept. 14 when he discussed the process of dealing with our feelings of loss and change, describing the tasks of gathering information, and developing a parish profile. Canon Clark introduced us to a process called "appreciative inquiry" (AI) and suggested that we consider this as a way to gather information from the parish to include in our profile. Appreciative inquiry will help the search committee gather information from the parish, and develop an image of where we would like to go as a parish.

- The search committee was officially commissioned at services on Sept. 21.

- As the committee met throughout the fall, we continued to explore issues of transition.

- We also outlined the information that will be needed for the profile, and committee members are working on the following topics: parish and Tucson demographics; GSP ministries; parish history; and financial information. Following the Parish Summit, the section on "Our Vision for the Future" will be developed.

Winter 2009

- At a retreat Jan. 2-3, Canon Frank Clark led our group in an appreciative inquiry process. Using focused questions about our experiences, values, and hopes pertaining to Grace St Paul's, we dialogued in pairs, small groups and then in the full group, discovering commonalities in our responses and crafting a statement that fully enveloped our common values and dreams for our parish. Going through this inspiring experience energized and bonded our group.

- We began to develop a timeline for the next phases of the search. Using the AI process involves having small groups listen to one another's stories of their best experiences at Grace St Paul's, and sharing their hopes and aspirations for the future of our congregation. We anticipate it will be a very positive way of creating a vision of the parish for our next rector.

Timeline for Search Process 2009

Feb. 8: Search committee meeting

Feb. 22: Search committee meeting

Feb. 28: The vestry will experience the AI process at their retreat

March 21: Parish summit—all day meeting

April/May: Search committee completes the parish profile and sends to the bishop for approval

June 15: Publish GSP parish profile and advertise the position in advance of Triennial Convention, July 8-17

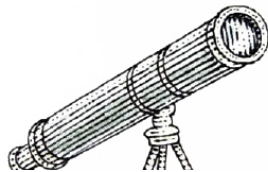
Late Summer: Close applications and send name to diocesan office for vetting.

Fall: Review applications, send out follow-up questionnaires, conduct interviews, narrow to three candidates, send three names to the vestry.

Three candidates visit Tucson, interviews with vestry, vestry makes selection.

Name sent to Bishop for final approval.

Dec. 31: Call issued to next rector by the end of 2009.



Children

By *Julie Stewart*

On Dec. 21, the fourth Sunday of Advent, the children sang beautifully. The song, titled "Come, Holy Jesus," was written and composed by Jane Click. Thank you to Jane Click and Steve Brookbanks for offering your talents to work with our children in music.

We performed "The Painless Pageant" on Christmas Eve at the beginning of the service. Thank you to A Time to Dance studio for lending us the sheep costumes. Thank you to all our kids who did such a wonderful job!

Our 2nd/3rd grade classroom is currently in need of two teachers. We have had wonderful volunteers taking turns as substitutes, but they are not able to cover every Sunday. If you feel called to teach, or help by being a substitute, please let me know.

A special thank you to our teachers for guiding the children on their spiritual paths, and to Mike Myers for prayer time every Sunday morning.

With God's peace,

Julie Stewart

Chairperson Children and Youth

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eYouth13 Activities & Plans

By *D.D. Hargadon*

& *Wendy Pipentacos*

On Nov. 25, a small group from eYouth13 assisted in meal preparation and serving at the Primavera Men's Shelter. The youth spent Sundays in December tracing and cutting out stars for the Advent Art Project. The Holiday House event for EMERGE Center Against Domestic Abuse was cancelled due to extremely last minute schedule changes by EMERGE staff. We'll try again next year.

The youth attended a showing of Jesus Christ Superstar at Centennial Hall on Jan. 4. The youth enjoyed it a great deal and the performance prompted them to ask some thoughtful questions. Thanks to Wendy Pipentacos and Julie Stewart for chaperoning.

Donations needed:

hygiene products for Café Poz

The eYouth13 are currently collecting hygiene donations for Café Poz, which is a program for people living with HIV sponsored by the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). The eYouth13 group meets every Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the St. Francis room. We will have two laundry baskets set up in the St. Francis room to collect the hygiene items, and we will be accepting donations until early March. We seek any and all hygiene products, but are especially in need of women's products (e.g. tampons, etc.). Other suggestions include toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes, combs, deodorant/antiperspirant, body lotion, hand lotion, nail clippers, emery boards. Please contact DD Hargadon or Wendy Pipentacos if you have any questions.

Cascarones for Easter— Donate egg shells!

This year as part of the Easter festivities we will have cascarones for the youth to crush. Cascarones are confetti-filled egg shells, often brightly colored. For our GSP cascarones, the eYouth13 group plans to fill them with bird seed, to minimize the mess. Why not recruit the birds to help clean up? Cascarones egg shells have a very small opening on one end and the inside is drained out. The empty shell is thoroughly washed and then dried. The clean shell is filled with confetti—or in our case bird seed—and sealed with tissue paper. The fun part is when someone breaks the egg over a friend's head (with their permission!), releasing the bird seed confetti.

In Mexico and the southwest U.S., cascarones are used to celebrate. Some people say that the confetti shower brings good luck and good fortune! Mostly, though, cascarones are big fun for kids and fun-loving adults! According to one source (www.latinworksco.com), it is believed that cascarones represent the resurrection of Jesus Christ; the breaking of the egg symbolizes how Christ had risen from the tomb, just like a newborn chick opens the shell.

Please donate egg shells! We need dozens of empty eggs for eYouth13 to make into cascarones. It will be a tremendous help if you would please donate your emptied and rinsed eggs (holes no bigger than a dime in one end) to the eYouth13 group. Bring your cleaned egg shells in a used egg carton and deliver them to DD Hargadon or Wendy Pipentacos or drop them off in the St. Francis room.

Liturgy & Music

Notes from the Choir Stalls



A very happy Remainder of Epiphany to you. I'm still high from the Inauguration—what an amazing and wonderful moment for our country, whatever your political persuasion! I had occasion to sing *God Bless America*, and realized I knew it better with different words: "I am an Anglican." Had to restrain myself from singing "not a Luth'ran, or a Presby, or a Baptist white with foam..." I am an Anglican, two steps from Rome..." Not exactly appropriate for the moment.

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the patronal feast of St. Paul, which represents half our name, but happily no longer half our congregation. We are now all full-strength Grace St. Paulites. The music will be (was?) our usual eclectic mix: a honking big Anglican offertory with an arrangement of *Pescador* from Wonder Love and Praise for communion. There followeth the Annual Meeting, in which we find Grace St. Paul's is still here and will be for the foreseeable future, and hallelujah! The organ is fixed.

We're celebrating Candlemas this year on Feb. 1, which I'm personally looking forward to because the music is cool—the congregation will sing the *Nunc dimittis* and the ancient *Phos hilaron*—and you will have the chance to present your children and leave them at the altar. Well, okay, you could probably get them back. Or we could have them write when they get work. The choir will have special anthems and it will be another glorious feast day. Bring your candles to be blessed, as well as your children.

For the rest of Epiphany, I'm hauling out some of my favorite pieces, including *Sicut cervus* by Palestrina and *As truly as God is our Father*, William Matthias's setting of a text by Julian of Norwich, which continues "...so just as truly is God our Mother."

Then every now and then again I start craving jonesing for the Armenian-chant-inspired works of Alan Hovhaness, so look for some of that coming up. Dr. Decker will be away on Feb. 8 for a special performance of one of her compositions, and Kristopher Lindquist will be subbing that Sunday. We are grateful to him for filling that role now that David Wachter is Music Director at St. Andrew's.

We are having another special service on the last Sunday in Epiphany, Feb. 22, a sort of Grace St. Paul's Meet Yourself, to thank the parish for its support of Border Ministries. We will all wear name tags stating where our forebears came from. Some of mine were already here when the rest of you showed up (my French Canadian father is also part Huron). The offertory will be *In All These You Welcomed Me* by former Tucsonan William Bradley Roberts, now Director of Music at the Episcopal church across from the White House. Not bad, eh?

Then after we've sung our final Alleluias before Lent, we turn to Ash Wednesday. I'm preparing myself for Lent already. Every year I traumatize myself by giving up sugar, so I've resolved to eat as much of it as I can before Feb. 25. Let's put the Gras back in Mardi! We haven't actually talked about what we're doing for Mardi Gras at church, but presumably it will be something decadent with musical accompaniment. Have any church ladies or gentlemen (let's be equal opportunity, here) been taking those pole dancing classes? No? Well, James won't want mud wrestling in McBride Hall, as he'd just have to clean it up. Something will come to us, although preferably not the Vice Squad. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for further details.

In the meantime, let's enjoy the coming of spring and rejuvenation all around us. After all, how can we keep from singing?

Peace,

Christina Jarvis
Director of Music

'Songs' Benefit Recital

By Alan Brundage

Please join Joan Brundage (mezzo-soprano) and Alan Brundage (bass) and friends in a benefit concert for Grace St. Paul's, "Songs for the Heart and Soul," on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Enjoy an eclectic selection of music by Bach (Cantata 82, *Ich Habe Genug*), Carter, Chausson, Brahms, Griffiths, Vaughan Williams, Barber, and that ever-popular composer, Broadway. Suggested donation at the door, \$10.

Ash Wednesday Services Feb. 25

Three Ash Wednesday services will be offered this year, each including imposition of ashes and a celebration of Holy Eucharist:

- 7 a.m. (spoken service)
- 12 noon (organ with hymns)
- 7 p.m. (choral service)



Invocation Delivered at the Opening Inaugural Event by the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C., January 18, 2009

O God of our many understandings, we pray that you will...

Bless us with tears—for a world in which over a billion people exist on less than a dollar a day, where young women from many lands are beaten and raped for wanting an education, and thousands die daily from malnutrition, malaria, and AIDS.

Bless us with anger—at discrimination, at home and abroad, against refugees and immigrants, women, people of color, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

Bless us with discomfort—at the easy, simplistic "answers" we've preferred to hear from our politicians, instead of the truth, about ourselves and the world, which we need to face if we are going to rise to the challenges of the future.

Bless us with patience—and the knowledge that none of what ails us will be "fixed" anytime soon, and the understanding that our new president is a human being, not a messiah.

Bless us with humility—open to understanding that our own needs must always be balanced with those of the world.

Bless us with freedom from mere tolerance - replacing it with a genuine respect and warm embrace of our differences, and an understanding that in our diversity, we are stronger.

Bless us with compassion and generosity—remembering that every religion's God judges us by the way we care for the most vulnerable in the human community, whether across town or across the world.

And God, we give you thanks for your child

Barack, as he assumes the office of President of the United States.

Give him wisdom beyond his years, and inspire him with Lincoln's reconciling leadership style, President Kennedy's ability to enlist our best efforts, and Dr. King's dream of a nation for *all* the people.

Give him a quiet heart, for our Ship of State needs a steady, calm captain in these times.

Give him stirring words, for we will need to be inspired and motivated to make the personal and common sacrifices necessary to facing the challenges ahead.

Make him color-blind, reminding him of his own words that under his leadership, there will be neither red nor blue states, but the United States.

Help him remember his own oppression as a minority, drawing on that experience of discrimination, that he might seek to change the lives of those who are still its victims.

Give him the strength to find family time and privacy, and help him remember that even though he is president, a father only gets one shot at his daughters' childhoods.

And please, God, keep him safe. We know we ask too much of our presidents, and we're asking *far* too much of this one. We know the risk he and his wife are taking for all of us, and we implore you, O good and great God, to keep him safe. Hold him in the palm of your hand—that he might do the work we have called him to do, that he might find joy in this impossible calling, and that in the end, he might lead us as a nation to a place of integrity, prosperity and peace.

Amen.

Note: While HBO did not broadcast Bishop Robinson's invocation, there is a video of the prayer on YouTube at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWWAnitUCw4>

Call for Lenten Meditations

It's hard to believe that Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25, this year) is almost here again. This year we will have a Lenten meditations booklet similar to those we had when the Reverend Kate Bradley was here. The theme for Lent 2009 is "Lenten Spirituality during Times of Change," a topic relevant to each of us. If you have a meditation you'd like to include, we invite you to submit it (not to exceed 200 words, please). It may be original or it may be a favorite poem or selection from another source. If your submission is not original, please include the author and title of poem, book, or other publication.

Please send your meditation as an e-mail attachment in either WordPerfect or Word format to the Reverend Nadine Martin (nadinemartin@comcast.net) not later than 12 noon on Wednesday, Feb. 4. You may also paste your submission into the body of your e-mail. If you have questions, please contact Reverend Martin either by e-mail or by phone (733-5640).

Old Fashioned Shrove Tuesday on Feb. 24

And the tradition continues! We will celebrate on the night before Lent begins with an Old Fashioned Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. Terry Shreve has agreed to coordinate the chefs and servers—and is in great need of volunteers. Please contact Terry at terry.shreve@gmail.com to sign up. As is our tradition, please bring a decadent dessert to share—the fatter and sweeter the better!

Our entertainment will be a program of songs by Tucson Desert Harmony.

The cost will be \$10 per person, children 12 and under are free. Reservations are requested by calling the church office at 327-6857. Adult beverages will also be available for a donation.

Social Justice & Outreach

Food Collection for Casa Misericordia

As part of GSP Meet Yourself, a celebration of migration (see Page 11 for more on this event), the Bridging Borders Group at GSP has decided to add a third food collection on Sunday, Feb. 22, for Casa Misericordia, a community center supported by Borderlinks. Other food drives during the year are for migrant packs for the Samaritans and No More Deaths groups that are active along the U.S.- Mexico border. This is not meant to replace the weekly donations of food for Joseph's pantry. The local need remains critical as the Community Food Bank has reduced from two to one the allocation per family each month.

Casa Misericordia Community Center in

Nogales, Sonora provides a nutritious noonday meal Monday-Wednesday for 100 of the neediest children in the Bella Vista community.

The nutrition program is part of a broader Food Security Program which teaches parents about nutrition and safe preparation of food. There is a model community garden at the Center as an example of how to grow one's own food.

We appreciate donations of the following food items on Feb. 22: powdered milk, rice, dried pinto beans, canned tuna or chicken, and oatmeal. Volunteers at Casa Misericordia are also needed to prepare the food. If interested, please contact Fernanda at fernanda@borderlinks.com.

Nancy Meister

Changes in Food Bank affect Joseph's Pantry

Beginning in January, the Community Food Bank (CFB) has dropped its monthly food allocation by 50 percent. People used to get food twice a month, but there has been a nearly 50 percent increase in the number of people seeking help from the CFB, which is why food allocation has been reduced to once a month.

Joseph's Pantry was providing food to the hungry for some years before we began our collaboration with the CFB. Along with providing "small bags" and "big boxes" from the CFB, we have continued to provide food to those families and individuals who do not qualify for the CFB.

The workers at Joseph's Pantry met to discuss the recent food allocation policy change. It was decided that we will provide a second bag of food to those who have already had their one CFB portion for a given month. We will review this over time, to see if we can sustain this effort.

In the meantime, there are several ways for parishioners to help. Your financial contributions are appreciated. We appreciate the offerings on Sundays, and weekdays, of canned goods, fresh fruit, socks, and your labor, if you are available. The CFB says that it can get \$9 worth of food

for each \$1 donated. If you are able to, the CFB website enables you to make a monthly donation of \$10 or more.

Steve Williams and Roger Swett are co-facilitating the current efforts of Joseph's Pantry and many of us are working there on weekdays.

Thanks to you all!

Gretchen Collins

Just Coffee News

At the beginning of this year Just Coffee made some changes. All proceeds from the coffee sales will be going to the designated account for Border Ministries. Coffee Hour will pay the wholesale price for the coffee they use.

During the winter months, coffee will be sold on the first and third Sundays after the 8 and 10 o'clock services. You may also choose to have a standing order and your coffee beans or ground coffee will be ready to pick up. We have had some problems getting orders delivered—so these dates may be revised from time to time.

If you are interested in selling coffee, please contact Richard Bates at 882-2682. All help is appreciated.

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Animals & Spirituality

By the Reverend Nadine Martin

“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”—Gandhi

Throughout the history of the Christian church, the treatment of animals has been checked, with many viewing animals as commodities that were created solely for our use and pleasure. On the other hand, others have viewed animals as being sentient beings that were created by God, thus, are not to be exploited. Unfortunately, the Bible doesn't provide black-and-white answers, and instead we have relied on interpretations that have differed widely over the years and that have all too frequently resulted in the inhumane treatment of animals.

Fortunately for us—and for our animal companions—the view of animal welfare has shifted, in large part because of support by members of the Anglican Church. In 1824, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was founded in London. In 1840 it was renamed the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and it inspired the creation of similar groups all over the world, including the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (the ASPCA) founded in 1866 in the United States. In the Episcopal Church, we have the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare (ENAW) that serves as the American counterpart of the UK-based Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals.

So how do we, as Episcopalians, respond today to matters relating to animals and spirituality? On a larger scale, we can support organizations whose missions are to monitor animal welfare issues. We can support laws that both protect farm animals from being housed under

inhumane conditions and impose stricter penalties on people who are convicted of animal cruelty, operating puppy mills, and holding sporting events in which animals are maimed or killed (for example, dog fighting).

On a local level, what can we do? As a parish, we're a member of ENAW and are, in fact, the only church in Arizona to be included as an “animal friendly congregation.” We adhere to ENAW's guidelines by holding the annual Blessing of the Animals service, supporting animal welfare ministries, and providing vegetarian options at community meals. We also recognize the importance of supporting our parishioners who cherish their animal companions. For many, an animal companion may be his or her primary “family member.” We provide pastoral care and prayers for those who are grieving the death or illness of an animal companion by encouraging them to submit to the Intercessory Prayer Team the names of their animal companions who are ill or who have died. But more work remains to be done, such as planning for the care of our animals should an emergency occur, or should we become unable to care for them. You'll be hearing more about this in future newsletters.

As a church dedicated to caring for God's creation, we are called to treat our planet and all of its inhabitants with respect and dignity. Our animal companions provide us with comfort when we're tired, sad, or ill; protection when we're alone; unconditional love when we might not be too lovable; and valuable life lessons that we might not learn otherwise. In return, we can provide a voice for them since they cannot speak for themselves. In future issues of *The Briefly*, we'll explore ways in which we can further expand our Animals & Spirituality ministry.

Campus Ministry Looks for Cooks

Eight or nine Sunday evenings a year, Grace St. Paul's parishioners provide the meal that follows the Episcopal Campus Ministry Sunday Eucharist service at the University of Arizona's Campus Christian Center. This is an important ministry and it is fun to meet the students. The typical evening meal, serving approximately fifteen, is simple and student-friendly. Get to know these great young people. It's a good one-time, simple project for a church group.

If you would like to help provide a Sunday meal for the students, the following dates are scheduled for Grace St. Paul's: Feb. 1 & 15.

Call or e-mail Miriam Huber for instructions and details: 326-5754 or miriam.huber@cox.net.

Congregational Development

What is Progressive Christianity?

To entice your interest in a GSP course on Progressive Christianity, Chuck Dickson (who, along with Lynda Canfield, is facilitating the course) has prepared the following information, reworked from Internet sources. See the full course listing in the Adult Education and Spiritual Formation section on Page 15.

God Bless Everyone
No Exceptions!

Progressive Christianity is a significant contemporary movement, primarily within Protestant Christianity, of people who more traditionalist Christians sometimes think are backsliding Christians without enough faith and too much “in the world.” Progressives willingly question tradition, accept human diversity (affirming gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people), and strongly emphasize social justice or care for the poor and the oppressed. Progressive Christians deeply believe in the centrality of Christ’s instruction to “love one another” (John 15:17). This belief leads to their focus on compassion, promoting justice and mercy, and working toward solving the societal problems of poverty, discrimination, and environmental issues.

Progressive Christianity is really not new. In one form or another it has been around for hundreds of years. In fact, a priority of justice and care for the down-trodden are recurrent themes in the Old Testament where Micah (6:8) says “to do justly, and to

love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God” and Amos (5:24) says “Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

This Hebrew prophetic tradition has been reflected in many Christian traditions of service and ministry, and specifically in the United States through Christian involvement in political trends such as the Progressive Movement (which tried to tame urban political machines, include more people directly in the political process, and convince government to play a role in solving social problems and establishing fairness in economic matters) and the Social Gospel Movement (which applied Christian ethics to poverty, inequality, liquor, crime, racial tensions, slums, bad hygiene, child labor, weak labor unions, poor schools, and the danger of war). While it is often on the liberal side of the spectrum, Progressive Christianity is not synonymous with political liberalism.

What we now call “Progressive Christianity” flows from the insights of many different theological streams, including Christian Liberalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Liberation Theology, Emerging Church discussions, the recovery of Celtic spirituality, and even the Counter-Culture and the New Age movement.

If you are interested in learning more about Progressive Christianity, please consider enrolling in “What is Progressive Christianity?” Read the full course listing in the Adult Education and Spiritual Formation section on Page 15.

Mark Your Calendars for the Diocesan Ministry Fair on March 7!

What: The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona’s

2009 Ministry Fair

Where: Washington High School, 2217 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix

When: Saturday, March 7 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Who Should Attend: Wardens, Vestry members, anyone with a lay ministry or a desire to develop a lay ministry in the areas below.

This annual event, sponsored by the Diocese, offers leadership tools and lay ministry formation through workshops in a whole range of subjects

relating to church life and ministry, including:

- the business and leadership of the church
- children and youth
- effective parish communications
- environmental and health-related ministries
- music ministry
- religious education
- social issues

Information about specific workshops is available in the February 2009 issue of Arizona Life or online at: http://s3.amazonaws.com/dfc_attachments/public/documents/479/AZLife_0209.pdf.

Grace St. Paul's Meet Yourself



Celebrate Our Cultural Diversity
Why did your family come to the United States? Most of us have to look a long way back to answer that question (and hopefully have someone who can help with the answer)! But the effort is worth it as we become more aware and sensitive to the powers that are defining our society today, including the gifts of individuals

who welcome the stranger into their midst.

We want to share those stories on Sunday, Feb. 22, celebrating with song, traditional dress, and fellowship.

Migration has been part of the human story from the beginning. Out of developments in Africa six million years ago, humankind spread north to China and Java, following rivers and the fertile soil needed to sustain them. Led by this search for better climate, safety, and abundant food supply, humans slowly covered the earth.

Our own Biblical tradition tells of Israel in search of a land overflowing with milk and honey. Of Ruth and Naomi returning to Judah after following family into a foreign land. Of Joseph's brothers looking for relief from drought and famine. Of Mary

and Joseph seeking safety from the power-seeking Herod.

Many times migration was the result of changing national borders which divided natural communities. People have migrated to obtain religious freedom, to escape want and privation, and to feel safe. They have traveled from all over the world to the promise of the United States, they have fled countries in Africa to escape genocide, they have fled South and Central America to avoid political persecution and starvation. In the Plains the Native Americans followed the buffalo. Migration motives are not always moral or pure: gold, adventure, and land grabs often drove the early U.S. settlers on their quests rather than basic human needs.

What can you do to share in the celebration? Wear an item of clothing or a costume which represents your ancestral background. Share a treat at the Fellowship Hour that reflects the culture from which your family came. Write up a 3-4 paragraph story telling your family's migration story. Let us know how you want to join in so that we can better plan the event.

Contact Denise (demulloy@gmail.com) or Paul (p-dtucson@cox.net) for Bridging Borders.

Easter Art Project—

Call for volunteers

Helpers are needed for the installation of the 2009 Easter Art Project, on Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

At the time of installation, materials will be ready to be transformed into a joyful expression of resurrection and an uplifting visual for the enhancement of our Easter worship. We expect execution and installation of the design

to take only about three hours on the Saturday before Easter Sunday.

Talent required: Use of scissors (all straight cuts), pins, hooks, tape and patience!

In the weeks prior to installation, we need a volunteer or two with sewing skills for three banners.

Please contact Nanalee Raphael or Eleanor Kohloss in person, or Eleanor at 327-9237 if you are available for sewing and/or installation.

Now Available at Rector's Bookshelf

The Twilight of the First Millennium: Light on the Dark Ages

Proceeds from book will benefit GSP & Southwestern Mission Research Center.

The Dark Ages. What were they? When were they? How relevant are they to the present? In a book written for the person who has had little, if any, introduction to the Dark Ages, these are some of the major questions addressed by Phoenician Elizabeth B. Lewis, Ph.D., in *The Twilight of the First Millennium: Light on the Dark Ages*.

The Dark Ages saw not only the birth of Europe, the emergence of Islam, and the founding of Russia but also the apogee of Irish Art, the Golden Age of Byzantium, and the Northumbrian and Carolingian Renaissances. In many ways it shaped the world in which we live today.

The author holds a doctorate in Medieval History with a specialty in Symbolism in Christian Art. She has had a career teaching Humanities at Arizona State University and has four award-winning books and numerous

articles to her credit.

The book considers wars and politics as well as the culture, art, architecture, music, literature and poetry that enriched these times. Moreover, it draws Byzantium fully into the picture, treating the ways in which people lived in cities such as Constantinople as well as in the countryside.

Our interim rector Rev. Harold Clinehens says, "It is an excellent, easily accessible volume on the early Middle Ages and the Church, a time in history when still, all the dots have not been connected. The author does a good job connecting them for us."

Dr. Lewis is donating all sales from the book (\$20, soft cover, colored illustrations) to charitable organizations. Grace St. Paul's will receive \$10 from the sale of each book, the other \$10 going to the Southwestern Mission Research Center, which helps to preserve missions in Northern Mexico and Southern Arizona such as San Xavier del Bac.

The book is available at the Rector's Bookshelf on Sundays or from Dianne Bret Harte, 327-1215.

GSP Policies & Bylaws

For your convenience, you can now find copies of these documents in a three ring binder on the Welcome Desk.

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

By Martha Whitaker

It's the time of year to stock up on those yummy Girl Scout Cookies! Daisy-Brownie Girl Scout Troop #645 will be selling your favorite cookies on Sunday, Feb. 22, between the 8 and 10 a.m. services, just outside McBride Hall.

Look for GSP members who are also Daisy Girl Scouts, Rachel Whitaker and George Balenger, in their blue Daisy uniforms.

Girl Scout cookies not your thing? You can still support the Girl Scouts by buying boxes of cookies to donate to Rachel and George's "Gift of Caring" program: all donated cookie boxes will be given to Joseph's pantry.

Advertise Your Program on a Bulletin Board?

By Lynne Albright

You may not realize that each bulletin board has a specific designation: Education, Social Justice, Newcomers etc. Look for new headings on bulletin boards, coming soon.

All bulletin boards are monitored by various volunteers and staff. If you have a program, special event or project that you would like to advertise on a Grace St. Paul's bulletin board you can put the announcement in the mailbox in the office labeled "Bulletin Boards" or leave it on the office desk with a note. We ask that you keep the announcements to an 8½x11-inch size. Thank you for your attention to this detail that can make our communication work better.

GSP Annual Meeting

The parish's 2009 Annual Meeting began shortly after noon in McBride Hall, following the 10 a.m. service and a sumptuous potluck lunch that was served on the labyrinth. We sang an opening chant and Fr. Harold Clinehens lead us in prayer, inviting us to remember those within the congregation who died in 2008. The minutes from 2008's meeting were accepted.

Catherine Penn was renamed as **Senior Warden**, and **Jeffrey Stewart** was re-elected for a third term as **Junior Warden** by acclamation.

Candidates for the Vestry were introduced: **Marilyn Abraham**, **Michael Allen** (absent), **Ann Bates**, and **Joan Cooney** for three-year terms; **Henry Dirtadian** for a two-year term; and **Tricia Galvin** and **Chris LaBour** to fill unexpired one-year terms. A motion was passed to elect all candidates to the Vestry by acclamation.

Catherine Penn opened the floor for nominations for delegates to Diocesan Convention on October 16-17, 2009. Nominated were: Chris Cole, Joe Fitzgerald, Gwennie Furr, Linda Hutson, Chris Ledyard, Pat Meyers, Nanalee Raphael, Margaret "Peggy" Scott, Richard Shumway and Sally Shumway. Those elected by paper ballot were: **Joe Fitzgerald**, **Gwennie Furr**, **Linda Hutson**, **Chris Ledyard**, and **Nanalee Raphael**. **Richard** and **Sally Shumway** will serve as alternates. Members of the youth group ably counted the ballots.

The Search Committee members gave a slide presentation on their activities to date, including plans for a **Parish Summit** meeting on March 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They provided information regarding **Appreciative Inquiry**, the process that will be utilized by Diocesan Search Consultant Canon Frank Clark at the Parish Summit to help parish members identify our hopes, dreams and strengths. A timeline for the search was discussed with a goal of issuing a call to a new rector by Dec. 31, 2009. A question and answer period followed their presentation and a sheet of FAQs was handed out to those present.

Bob Hutson, Treasurer, gave a financial report for the year ending 2008 and presented the budget for 2009. Using clear graphics, he: 1) provided a comparison between the operating budget for 2008 and 2009, 2) showed us where the money is spent, 3) identified the sources of GSP's income, 4) graphed our declining deficit over the last 10 years, 5) charted the progress of our Endowment Fund, the income from which specific parish needs are funded, and 6) gave us a comparison between percentages of the congregation and their pledged amounts in 2005 and 2009. Bob also gave a report on the status of the HVAC loan with a reminder that even after pledges come due in June 2009, we continue to have a shortfall of between \$60,000-94,000. Fundraising efforts to pay off the HVAC loan will begin again in

2009. Richard Shumway, Gwennie Furr and Kathy Creath were thanked for their contributions to the graphic presentation.

After the singing of a hymn, Catherine Penn announced that the Grace St. Paul's Cross Committee had made a decision to retire the awarding of the cross. Over the past few years, it has become increasingly difficult for the committee to identify a single individual who provides an exceptional ministry at GSP as we have become a parish of many, many exceptional individual ministries. Catherine noted that it was fitting that the last Grace St. Paul's Cross was given to **Gordon McBride** when he retired in June 2008.

Catherine then named specific individuals who have been of particular service to her (Senior Warden's Angels) in 2008, including: **Craig Garver**, **Jeffrey Stewart**, **Chris LaBour**, **Lynne Albright**, **Ernie Galaz**; our priest associates **Mary Delaney**, **Fred Masterman**, **Ann Sawyer** and **Rick Wilson**; **Bruce Anderson**, **Ann Bates**; the liturgical arts volunteers (**Beth Banks**, **John Banks**, **Marina Curtis**, **Pat Dickson**, **Terri Franks**, **Eleanor Kohloss**, **Chris LaBour**, **Fred Masterman**, **Denise Mulloy**, **Laura Pascoe**, **Lu Pipentacos**, **Wendy Pipentacos**, **Nanalee Raphael**, **Jeffrey Stewart**, **Julie Stewart**, **Steve Williams**, and **James White**, **Sexton**). Catherine also thanked **Martha Whitaker**, **John Banks** and **Denise Mulloy** for their service to parish communications through the their work on the *Briefly* and GSP website. **Diane Bret Harte** was acknowledged for her enormous contribution as Facilities Scheduler. Catherine also thanked **Terry Shreve** for supporting her with "spiritual muscle" this past year.

Also acknowledged were the unsung "angels" of the parish, particularly the conveners of the covenant groups, the volunteers who serve in our inreach and outreach ministries, and outgoing Vestry members **Rebecca Ballenger**, **Gwennie Furr**, **Dick Miya** and **Roger Swett**. Finally, Catherine thanked **Fr. Harold Clinehens** for his steady guidance and clarity of vision during our transition, and acknowledged the quiet but gracious ministry of hospitality that is practiced among us by **Beverley Clinehens**.

Jeffrey Stewart thanked members of the HVAC Committee who oversaw the installation of the HVAC system, and all those who helped with work on the Rectory in June. He presented Catherine Penn with a bouquet of irises in gratitude for her service as Senior Warden.

After brief announcements, **Chancellor Nick Nickerson** reported that the legal proceedings of the parish are in order. A motion was passed to approve the actions of the Vestry. Fr. Harold commissioned the Vestry, Officers and Delegates to Convention, after which we sang a closing chant and were adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Adult Spiritual Formation

This spring we offer many new opportunities for deepening your faith and spiritual growth. We have added a new component to Adult Education for newcomers, or those of us who are sort of new but still feel we haven't quite "connected." The following three classes will help you discern your spiritual journey and find membership at GSP: *The Long and Winding Road*; *Setting Our Hearts*; and *GSP Membership*. In addition, there is a wide variety of other classes ranging from a discussion of our economic times, to classes on spiritual direction, Bible study, dream work, and Progressive Christianity. The February and early March classes are listed here. For a complete list, see the bright green booklet that is everywhere around the parish (and downloadable from the parish website). We hope you take a class and bring a friend, neighbor or family member. Call us with your questions: Chris Ledyard, 321-4123, or Chris LaBour, 797-0328.

Where is God in All This?

Sundays, Feb. 1 & 8

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

As of this printing in early 2009, the economic news for the U.S. and the Global Community is grim. Millions have lost their homes, their retirement savings, have had their portfolios smashed, and millions are out of work. Projections for the near future are even more grim.

The economic crisis is also a crisis of faith and raises many questions: What should people of faith be thinking, saying and doing? What are the responsibilities of churches to their own parishioners, their local communities, and to the world? What does scripture say about the issues being raised? What does our theology say about money, possessions, wealth and power? Wherein lies our hope? Join us as we look at these questions, share responses, and gain strength for the journey ahead.

Facilitated by Fr. Harold Clinehens, Interim Rector of Grace St. Paul's and Catherine Penn, Grace St. Paul's Senior Warden and presenter of many spiritual formation classes.

Journeying with God:

Group Spiritual Direction

Sundays, Feb. 8 & 22, and continuing every 2nd and 4th Sunday thereafter (except Easter Sunday)

6:30 8 p.m., Bloom Education Center

This will be an open, on-going spiritual direction group to help support our spiritual lives as we live our ministries. It will focus on active, open, and non-judgmental listening that will not leave the room. Each session will include a short worship facilitated by one the members. Space will be allowed for members to share their spiritual autobiographies, explore their spiritual lives, do theological reflections and help support one another in our ministries at Grace St. Paul's and beyond.

Led by two of Grace St. Paul's Spiritual Directors, Kathy Creath and Linda Hutson. Kathy and Linda are graduates of the Hesychia School for Spiritual Direction and have facilitated a number of small groups at Grace St. Paul's and elsewhere.

Note: Spiritual Direction on an individual basis is available at Grace St. Paul's through Kathy, Pat Dickson, Linda Hutson, and May Ann Miya. To arrange for this pastoral ministry, contact the church office at 327-6857.

Bible Workbench Study Group

Wednesday evenings, Feb. 4-April 8

7-8:30 p.m., Gretchen Collins' home

or

Thursday afternoons, Feb. 5-April 9

1-3 p.m., St. Francis Room

Join a small group on either Thursday afternoons or Wednesday evenings for a study of the lessons for the coming Sunday, considering relevance to our society and our personal lives.

Co-facilitated by Gretchen Collins, a retired pediatrician, and Walter Collins, a retired school psychologist, who consider themselves contented Grace St. Paul's seasonal members and "snowbirds."

Adult Spiritual Formation

What is Spiritual Direction?

Sunday, Feb. 15

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

This discussion describes the tradition of spiritual direction, how to use it for your spiritual journey, and what to expect from a spiritual director. Spiritual direction is the practice of being with people as they attempt to deepen their relationship with the divine, or to learn and grow in their own personal spirituality. Spiritual direction develops a deeper relationship with the spiritual aspect of being human. It is not psychotherapy, counseling, or financial planning.

Facilitated by Linda Hutson, Mary Ann Miya, and Kathy Creath, Grace St. Paul's Spiritual Directors.

Group Sound Healing

Sundays, Feb. 22 (St. Francis Room), and March 15 (Bloom Education Center).

9-9:45 a.m., as listed above

The use of sound—including the coordination of breath with sound as a means to mindfulness that creates an open path for spiritual healing—has been in use for many centuries. This experiential class will discuss the use of such instruments, including Tibetan singing bowls and other sound tools. For the curious: the singing bowls may be useful for one's meditation and prayer practices.

Note: This class will again be offered on April 19, and May 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Facilitated by Donna Tetreault, a musician, sound healer, and member of Grace St. Paul's.

The Stone Reader—Movie Night!

Friday, Feb. 13

6-9 p.m., Bloom Education Center

The “Stone Reader” is a documentary about finding the author of the book, *The Stones of Summer*. The film deals with reading in general—why we read and how it affects us. The film also provides a great list of one-book authors and a reading list at the end. The class will view the film as a group, and then after reading the book, will meet to discuss it. Consideration is giving to the similarity to the Gospel writers and the authors of the Old Testament books.

Facilitated by Terry Shreve who, after viewing the film several times, states, “I read the book and was interested in forming a small group to discuss it.”

What is Progressive Christianity?

Sundays, March 1 & 8

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

Do you wonder what the term Progressive Christianity means? Where did it come from? How does the label progressive inform how our practice as Christians, our liturgy, our spiritual formation, our theology, evangelism and outreach? Is Progressive Christianity static or is it something that changes over time? Join us for some thoughtful discussion on these issues.

Some books on Progressive Christianity which you might consider looking at: James Adams, *So you think you're not religious? A thinking person's guide to the Church*; Jim Burklo, *Open Christianity: Home by another road*; John C. Cobb, *Progressive Christians Speak: A Different Voice on Faith and Politics*; and Paul Alan Laughlin, *Remedial Christianity: What every believer should know about the faith, but probably doesn't*.

Facilitated by Chuck Dickson and Lynda Canfield. Chuck Dickson has a Ph.D. in history and has taught for forty years, mainly on the college level, and Lynda Canfield, an EfM student, has prior work history in human services and engineering.

What's Happening at GSP in February

- 1st** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9-9:45 a.m., *Where is God in All This?*
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
- 2nd** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
7-9 p.m., *Setting Our Hearts*—advance registration required
- 4th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group
7 p.m., EfM evening group
- 5th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Mass for the Third Millennium
- 6th** 6 p.m., EfM Connections (EfM alumni gathering- tentative)
- 8th** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9-9:45 a.m., *Where is God in All This?*
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
6:30-8 p.m., *Journeying with God:* Group Spiritual Direction
- 9th** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
7-9 p.m., *Setting Our Hearts*—advance registration required
- 10th** 6:30 p.m., EfM Year 9 Group
- 11th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group
7 p.m., EfM evening group
- 12th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Mass for the Third Millennium
- 13th** 6-9 p.m., *The Stone Reader*—Movie Night!
- 15th** 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9-9:45 a.m., *What is Spiritual Direction?*
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
- 16th** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
7-9 p.m., *Setting Our Hearts*—advance registration required
- 18th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group

- 7 p.m., EfM evening group
- 19th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Mass for the Third Millennium; 3rd Thurs. potluck follows
6:30 p.m., Dharma Talks
- 22nd** **Food Ministries Sunday**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9-9:45 a.m., Group Sound Healing
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
6:30-8 p.m., *Journeying with God:* Group Spiritual Direction
- 23rd** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
7-9 p.m., *Setting Our Hearts*—advance registration required
- 24th** 6-8 p.m., **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner**
6:30 p.m., EfM Year 9 Group
- 25th** **Ash Wednesday**
7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group
12 p.m., Ash Wednesday Eucharist
5:30 p.m., Intergenerational Ash Wednesday Eucharist
7 p.m., EfM evening group
7:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday Choral Eucharist
- 26th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Mass for the Third Millennium

Looking ahead to March

- 1st** **First Sunday of Lent**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9-9:45 a.m., *What is Progressive Christianity?*
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
- 2nd** EFM Pilgrim's Circle
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
- 4th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group
7 p.m., EfM evening group
- 5th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Mass for the Third Millennium

- Millennium
- 8th** **Second Sunday of Lent**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9-9:45 a.m., *What is Progressive Christianity?*
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
6:30-8 p.m., *Journeying with God:* Group Spiritual Direction
- 9th** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
- 10th** EFM Year 9 Group
- 11th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group
7 p.m., EfM evening group
- 12th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Mass for the Third Millennium
- 15th** **Third Sunday of Lent**
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9-9:45 a.m., Group Sound Healing
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
- 16th** 10 a.m., EFM Pilgrim's Circle
7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
- 18th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group
7 p.m., EfM evening group
- 19th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
5:30 p.m., Mass for the Third Millennium; 3rd Thurs. potluck follows
- 21st** 9 a.m., **Parish Summit**
- 22nd** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**
Food Ministries Sunday
8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m., Sunday School
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
11:30 a.m., eYouth13
6:30-8 p.m., *Journeying with God:* Group Spiritual Direction
- 23rd** 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
- 24th** 6:30 p.m., EfM Year 9 Group
- 25th** 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
9 a.m., EfM morning group
7 p.m., EfM evening group
- 26th** 1-3 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

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