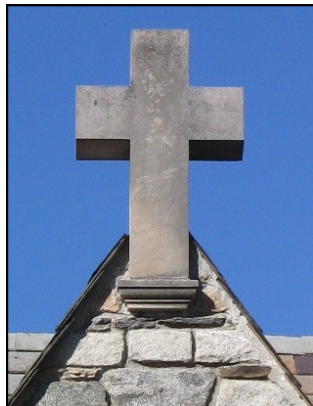


THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

March 2011

Saint Paul's Church 174 Whisconier Road, Brookfield, CT 06804 (203) 775-9587

“Therefore tell the people: This is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Return to me,’ declares the LORD Almighty, ‘and I will return to you’” (Zechariah 1:3).



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent will soon be upon us, and I write to you in order to express my joy and gratitude that we will once again be able to embark upon this inner journey together. For we need one another, particularly as we gather to hear the Word of God call us to return to the source of all hope, the living God made manifest in Jesus Christ. To return is to repent, to make a spiritual “u-turn,” a 180 degree re-orientation, where God’s Holy Spirit calls us to reconsider our priorities, our longings and our dreams. As the prophet proclaimed on behalf of the living God, as we return to God, God is faithful to receive us.

In a world too often associated with addition, characterized by accumulation, upward mobility and striving, the Gospel challenges us to a life of subtraction in the form of letting go of ourselves and our things so that we may experience true gain, by grace alone. Counterintuitive as it may be in a culture infatuated by getting ahead, our hearts know deep down that our truest needs are never met apart from God. St. Paul expressed this long ago: *“What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ”* (Philippians 3:8).

Starting with our Ash Wednesday services on March 9th, together we will enter Lent and address this longing within each of us for more of God, and less of ourselves. The following week, our Lenten series begins, where under the inspiring tutelage of the great Anglican theologian, N.T. Wright, we will explore our unique spiritual and historic heritage as Anglican Christians, with an eye to how we can live our faith in such a way that is winsome, dynamic and truly alive.

Last year we had a wonderfully consistent turnout for the Lenten series, and it is my hope and prayer that we will experience once again such a rich and full communal experience as the Body of Christ exploring our faith together. Please consider inviting a friend, even a non-Christian, as our series is designed in part to welcome newcomers to the faith once delivered, and promises to be an intriguing experience of reflecting on our *re-turn* to God, in whatever stage of the journey we may find ourselves.

I am praying for a holy Lent at St. Paul’s, as together we respond to God’s call and live into our mission of transforming lives through Jesus Christ. Devotedly in Christ,

(The Rev.) Joseph Shepley
Priest-In-Charge



Ash Wednesday is March 9th. Saint Paul's will have celebrations of the Ash Wednesday Liturgy,

including Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive the mark of ashes on the forehead as a sign of humility. We witness, by this act, to our continual need for God's grace and redemption.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Everyone is invited to Saint Paul's Annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, March 8th, from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. Come celebrate the final moments before Lent begins! A freewill offering will be accepted. Clergy will be available for confessions after the pancake supper.



**Deadline
For April Sword Submissions
is
March 16th**

**March Sacristan
Carol Gurski
Linda Pendergast
Joyce Sarver**

We prayed for a man with a leaky heart valve- he is home, doing much better and his wife credits his recovery to prayer.

Prayer Report

We prayed for a girl with a brain tumor who lost her sight. The Chemo was 80% effective and now she can see again!

We Prayed for a woman having a procedure that could have involved surgery....It was done without!




HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 Karen Ecsedy
Patricia Jennings
- 3 Bruce Betts
David Williams
- 6 Stephan Gerhard
Vito Barbieri
- 7 Julianne Allen
Larry Wanzer
Margaret Gruneberg
- 8 Alyssa Allen
James Beck
Spencer Mannion
- 10 Benjamin Chaleski
Deborah Werneburg
- 11 David Werneburg
- 12 Geoffrey Bauer
- 15 Joan Kirner

- 16 Kathi Brown
Marie Williams
- 17 Elaine Skewis
Laurie DoBosh
- 18 Kenneth Brown
Sandy Chaleski
- 19 Charles Connors
Rachel Melody
Richard Strum
- 21 Philip Barackman
Ralph Franklin
- 22 Landon Hofsess
- 23 Katherine Kahl
- 24 Barbara Kast
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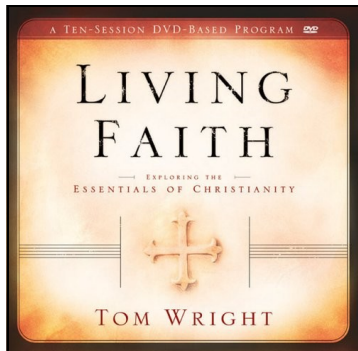
- 25 Joseph Mannion
Lynn Ecsedy
Mary Perry
Richard Smith
- 27 Kathleen Mckenna
- 29 Douglas Brown
- 30 Barbara Davidson
Kirsten Peterson
Robin Powell
- 31 Lauren Onorato

**Please pray
for each of the
parishioners
on their
birthday!**



Please call the Parish Office, 203-775-9587, with any additions or corrections to the above list.

Coming this Lent:
LIVING FAITH: EXPLORING THE ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIANITY



Beginning on March 16th, our Lenten series promises to be an exciting experience, as for five Wednesday evenings we will explore our faith following the teaching and direction of Anglican Bishop, N.T. Wright. With DVD presentations, Bishop Wright will lead us through a journey of what

it means to understand our faith in such a way that we can deepen and share it with others. Joining the Bishop are two other Christians, both of whom represent other Christian denominational perspectives. An essential course for all Christians, whether seasoned or new to the faith, our Lenten study is especially designed to help one appreciate the unique Anglican view of approaching Christianity.

The series will begin at 6:30pm with a soup supper, followed by the DVD presentation and discussion, and will conclude at approximately 8pm. Come join us, and bring a friend.

March 16th- The Story and Message of the Bible & The Hebrew Scriptures
 March 23- The World, Life and Ministry of Jesus & The Gospel Testimonies to Jesus
 March 30- Paul and the Outward Movement & A Brief History of Christianity
 April 6- Christian Doctrine and Beliefs & Other Religions and Beliefs
 April 13- Growing in and Sharing Christ & Living Christianity in the World

The same Lenten series will be offered on Thursday mornings from 10:00-11:30 am for those unable to come Wednesday evenings.

in concert
at the

Community Coffeehouse
7 Madison Ave., Danbury, CT

ANDREW OSENGA
(of *The Normals*, *Caedmon's Call* and the *Behold the Lamb Tour*)
Sat., March 12, 2011 at 7:30 PM
 Tix: www.RTStickets.com or (877) 261-7625
 Info: www.communitycoffeehouse.org or (203) 748-4972

For more information
use the following link;

<http://www.communitycoffeehouse.org>

The Diocese of Connecticut
Companions in Mission Committee presents

**Taking All of the Gospel
Into All of the World**

Saturday, March 19, 9 - 3:30

Christ Church Cathedral

45 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Worship... Witnesses... and Workshops!

Keynote Addresses by:



The Rev. David Copley,
Mission Personnel Officer, Episcopal Church Center
"Who is my Brother? Who is My Sister?"



Analee Kimer
Missionary in Western Tanganyika
"My Year in Kasulu"

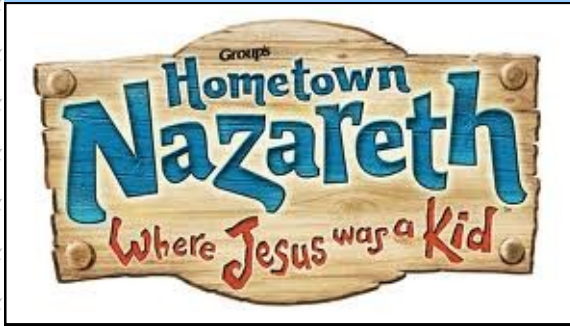
Preachen The Rt. Rev. Marcus Ibrahim, Diocese of Yola, Nigeria

Lunch included - Register at <https://www.ctepiscopal.org/Registration>
Or contact kateheichler@gmail.com; 203-415-1962

To Register Click on this link;

[5th Annual Diocesan Mission Conference](#)

VBS 2011



We have officially begun planning VBS '11 - Nazareth, Where Jesus Was a Kid. Please pray for VBS '11, as we are actively seeking volunteers. Interested individuals can contact us via e-mail:

Marie-marie3@aol.com

Jen-jenfalci@gmail.com

In The Beginning Was The Word

by Brian Werneburg, Ph.D.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.”

(John 1:1-2)

As we read the books of the Bible, we can identify Jesus and his truth in each book. John, who is most direct in revealing truths about Christ, begins his book by harkening back to Genesis (In the beginning...) in describing Jesus' relationship with the Father. John continues to explain in subsequent verses that “in the Word was life and that this life is the light of men.”

Throughout the book he gives clear description of our relationship with Jesus: our creator, teacher, friend and savior.

John makes bold truth claims that are encouraging words for the believer: our Father existed before the beginning of time; that all was created and sustained to date through His Son, the Word; and that the Word became flesh to restore our eternal relationship

with our Father. That fact that the Word became flesh is of utmost importance, because there is no other way past the barrier that separates the sinner from eternal life with the Father in Heaven. There would also have been no reason for God to continue the line of Adam and Eve after their disobedience in the garden, if it were not for the promise of the savior, Eve's offspring, who would crush the serpent's head. Thus, even those who are not followers of Christ have the Word to thank for their existence. The Word is indeed the light of men.

It is interesting to note that recent scientific discoveries are consistent with words being central to the propagation and maintenance of life. Consider the blue print of life, our own DNA, and the genetic code that is used to transcribe and translate genes into proteins that are essential for life to exist. These proteins include enzymes which lower the activation barriers of chemical reactions, so that life can exist.

Without these enzymes to lower activation barriers of chemical reactions needed to sustain life, the chemical reactions would occur at rates far too slow to support life, as we know it. The words that are transcribed via the genetic code, a biochemical language, are 3 letter words comprised of combinations of 4 characters (or DNA molecules) denoted by A, C, G and T. The genetic code is a language with clearly defined words and structure. Without this language, human life and all life on this planet could not exist.

In stating that the Word is life in his book, John is also claiming, indirectly, that Jesus is the author of our DNA and the genetic code. Who else could have devised such a method and written such a code to continue the line of Adam and Eve through present day? John's reference to Christ as the Word seems very appropriate, especially in our time. His words sustain the physical body and bring eternal life to the soul that accepts His truth.

Liturgically Speaking: Musings on the Calendar

By The Reverend William Loring

I have known since he was born that my younger son's birthday is April 24th. A few months ago I looked up and committed to memory that Easter this year falls on April 24th. Finally these two facts came together in my scholarly (and therefore absent minded) brain. I didn't remember this happening before, and wondered if it might happen again. Turning to the convenient table in the back of the Prayer Book (pages 882-883) I found that this the only time in the entire two hundred years covered by the table that Easter falls on this date.

By then the juices were stirring a bit, and I started reviewing the whole process, traditionally called the *computus*, by which the somewhat elusive date of Easter can be computed when such a table is not readily available. The basic rule is found with slight variants in most editions of the Book of Common Prayer and can be found on page 880 in our Book.

In short form it states that Easter is always the first Sunday after the full moon which occurs on or next after the Spring equinox.

The reference to "an ancient ecclesiastical computation" is somewhat confusing and actually refers more to the dates of the full moon than to the equinox. Because the Calendar year is not exactly the same as the solar year (that's why we have leap years) and even the

solar year varies slightly, the equinox will fall at different times each year, and the date when that time actually occurs will vary with the time zone. Thus the early church eventually decided that March 21st would always be considered as the equinox. A similar problem occurs with the full moon, but with additional complications. Like the equinox, the full moon is an event which occurs at a specific moment in time that can be calculated but is irregular. Ancient astronomers had observed, however, that these dates would recur (approximately) in a nineteen year cycle. The 'ecclesiastical computation' therefore simply took the dates of one such cycle and repeated that cycle indefinitely. Before this was generally adopted other cycles ranging from eight to eighty-two days, and with greater or lesser accuracy, had also been used.

Since this rule is now almost universally accepted some of you may wonder why the Eastern churches so often celebrate Easter later than we and other Western Churches do. The main reason is that the Easterners still use the Julian Calendar to calculate Easter, even though most of them now express it in the Gregorian Calendar. This means that the equinox and the (computed) dates of the full moons both fall

somewhat later than they do for us – often making their celebration a week later than ours and sometimes more than a month. This year, and last, however, they observe the same date that we do.

The Cathedral in Strasbourg has



an astrological clock (*i.e.* one which shows such information as phases of the moon and positions of the planets, in addition to the time) originally constructed in the 16th century and rebuilt in the 19th which includes a mechanical *computus* (added during that last rebuild) that at the beginning of each year churns out and displays the date of Easter for that year. The complexity of the calculation can be guessed at from the amount of clockwork incorporated into the device. Click on this link for a full description of the clock and more pictures, [here](#).

Fr. Bill+, Scholar in Residence

March Lay Schedule 2011

Lectors, Intercessors, and Lay readers, please remember to check in before the service in the Vesting Room. Thank You!

March 6, 2011

8:00 AM

Welcoming: Norma Schofield/Pat Brought

Acolytes: O'Hara Girls

Lector: Exodus 24:12-18 Pam Szen

Intercessor: Mike Kirner

Lay Reader: Patricia Jennings

Lay Reader: Susan Howell

10:30 AM

Welcoming: David & Connie Williams

Acolytes: Venus Okwuka

Lector: Exodus 24:12-18 Phil Hannah

Intercessor: Connie Williams

Lay Reader: Harlan Jessup

Lay Reader: Jim Castronova

March 20, 2011

8:00 AM

Welcoming: Mike Healey/Phil Barackman

Acolytes: Sarah Shepley

Lector: Genesis 12:1-4a Sharon Simon

Intercessor: Mary Perry

Lay Reader: Susan Howell

Lay Reader: Debbie Barackman

10:30 AM

Welcoming: Rich and Joyce Emmett

Acolytes: David Shepley

Lector: Genesis 12:1-4a Sandy Chaleski

Intercessor: Betty Gardner

Lay Reader: Ray Ferro

Lay Reader: Patricia Jennings

March 13, 2011

8:00 AM

Welcoming: Rich and Joyce Emmett

Acolytes: O'Hara Girls

Lector: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Mike Ecsedy

Intercessor: Ray Ferro

Lay Reader: Lois Hunt

Lay Reader: Don Winkley

10:30 AM

Welcoming: Denise McCormack/Doug Melody

Acolytes: Audrey Powell

Lector: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Rose Barrett

Intercessor: Linda Pendergast

Lay Reader: Jim Castronova

Lay Reader: Mike Chengeri

March 27, 2011

Healing Sunday

8:00 AM

Welcoming: Phil Barackman

Acolytes: O'Hara Girls

Lector: Exodus 17:1-7 Ingrid Pruss

Intercessor: Mike Kirner

Lay Reader: Debbie Barackman

Lay Reader: Lois Hunt

10:30 AM

Welcoming: Denise McCormack /Doug Melody

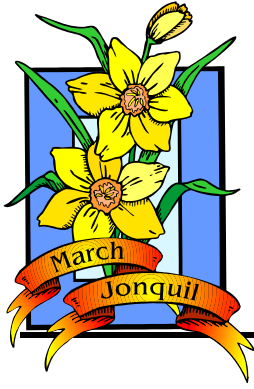
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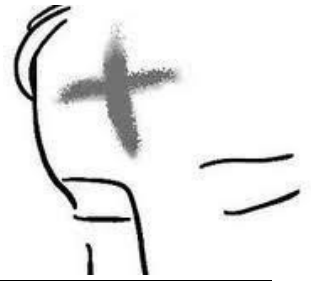
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March 2011



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<p>6 Last Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 AM Traditional Eucharist</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Christian Ed.</p> <p>9:15 AM High School/Y.A. Bible Study</p> <p>10:30 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 AM Contemporary Eucharist</p> <p>6:00 PM Junior High Youth</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior High Youth</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:30 PM Christian Caring</p> <p>7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training</p> <p>7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision</p>	<p>8 Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>9:15 AM Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 PM Pancake Supper *</p> <p>7:00 PM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Grief Group</p> <p><small>* Clergy available for confessions after pancake supper</small></p>	<p>9 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>10:00 AM Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes</p> <p>7:30 PM Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00 PM Dorothy Day Ministry</p> <p>7:30 PM Music Night</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 AM Vestry Retreat</p>
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Peace Under The Cross

By Tara Shepley



Peace, that all elusive quality that we are searching for, striving to grasp and to hold firmly in place, yet in an instant, it slips right between our fingers- in a moment, a word, a thought... and gone. One Sunday under the cross, I found peace in the most unexpected place in the most unlikely of circumstances. As I gazed above, there it was; on the face of Christ, our Lord and Savior, crucified and dead. The absolute calmness like a slumber, flashed familiar, and I gasped quietly in awe. This same serene surrender appeared on the face of my father lying there on a table made up to look like a bed, dead. The funeral director assured me that he did not die in pain or struggle for surely there would have been a

grimace on his face, muscles taught with strife and hands clenched. "I would know," he comforted, "I've been dealing with death a long time". I sighed and hoped it was true... Could life in Christ somehow cheat death's earthly sting? Amazingly, dad did appear to possess a slight smile and the calmness of one simply asleep, accepting the inevitable, relinquishing his soul. Joy! If this peace in Christ's darkest hour could be true, what comfort there is to be found! Surely, I marveled at the crucifix, this was a sculptor who possessed the deepest of faith and was no stranger to death. The truth is, Christ on the Cross is the source of our absolute peace- no more fight, no more struggle, no more angst...gone! The peace of

Christ is real and true, for Christ died satisfied! He accomplished everything his Father laid out for him to complete, including a peace that passes all understanding. "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are the 'Yes' in Christ." Even in His darkest hour, I find the answer to my longing as Christ's death leaves us with one more gift; "Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid." Ultimately, I have come to realize that peace is a gift we can hold on to only when we hold on to Him, and He supplies it in the most surprising of places!

STEP INTO AFRICA (WORLD VISION EXHIBIT)

We are planning a trip to Greenwich, CT on April 3 to visit the *World Vision Experience: AIDS* exhibit. This is a 2,500 square foot interactive exhibit that invites visitors to "step into Africa" by hearing, seeing and walking through an African village to personally experience

the lives of children affected by AIDS. The stirring audio tour and captivating photography will transport you into the life of an African child and give you a new perspective on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time. . . AIDS. The exhibit is self-guided and takes approximately 20-30

minutes. This event is hosted by Christ Church Greenwich (Episcopal). **We will leave from St. Paul's at 12:30 pm on April 3, Sunday.** If you wish to join us on this trip, please put your name and contact information on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church **by March 27.**



Bishop's Fund for Children

On Sunday, March 6th, each child will receive a Lenten Mite Box. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the goal is to begin collecting coins to fill the box for at risk children here in Connecticut. We are hoping that the children of St. Paul's will begin to better understand the Christian responsibility that we have to care for people in need. The boxes are to be returned to church on Mother's Day, May 8th, and placed in the cross at the altar during communion. The Bishop's Fund for Children has three components: (1) to hold up in prayer children at risk in Connecticut, (2) to become involved as volunteers in local communities working on behalf of children at risk, and (3) to contribute financially to the Bishop's Fund which in turn materially supports organizations and agencies in Connecticut that provide direct services to children at risk. We ask that you support your child in raising money and praying for all of the children in Connecticut during this season of Lent. Thank you for supporting such a noble cause.

First Holy Communion

We are looking forward to a new series of First Holy Communion classes coming in March and April. Sign-ups have begun on the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing. Please feel free to add your children's names if they are in second grade or above and if they are available to attend the following classes. Classes will be held on Sundays, between the services from 9:45-10:15am and will be facilitated by Father Shepley. The class will begin on March 13th and will continue on three Sundays, March 20th, April 3rd and April 10th. This four class series will prepare children to receive their First Holy Communion on May 1st. If you are interested or have any questions, please see Father Shepley.



Christian Caring Committee

Did you know . . .

. . . that Saint Paul's Christian Caring Committee has been in existence for many years?

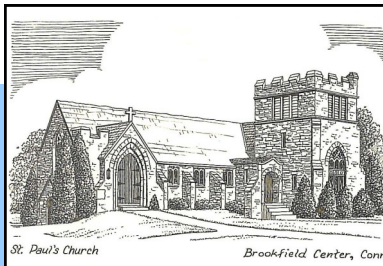
. . . that this ministry provides parishioners, who have personal needs, the ability to be connected to the appropriate source of assistance?

. . . that the Christian Caring Committee provides assistance with meals, home and telephone visitations, rides for appointments and a greeting card ministry?

. . . that you can become involved with this ministry of caring for your Christian

friends by contacting Gail Winkley, Coordinator, at 203-775-3343 or gailwinkley@yahoo.com or the Parish Office?

"Increase our sharing and use of personal involvement to nurture people of faith."



St. Paul's Church
Vestry Meeting
Abridged Minutes
February 9, 2010

OPENING:

Fr. Shepley opened the meeting with prayer at 7:34 pm. The meeting was led by Warden Phil Hannah. Jim Castronova led a devotional about being led by the spirit and the spirit moving at St. Paul's. Phil Hannah spoke about the House

of Prayer and healings. Phil welcomed the new members of the vestry: Bonnie Wanzer, Jim Castronova, Brian Werneburg and Joe Bernardo. Minutes from December 13th and January 19th (no quorum meeting) were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(Submitted by Ken Kumerle):

Ken Kumerle was out of town and submitted his written report. He reported that we were \$1,975 in the black for January.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

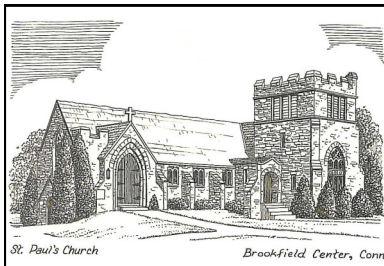
Christian Caring/Healing
(Deborah Delaventura/Helen

Carli): Barbara Davidson is stepping down as Christian Caring Coordinator. At the February Meeting Fr. Shepley presented her with a bible and thanked her for her years of service. Father Shepley also spoke about the new Chaplaincy Ministry. Gail Winkley has agreed to be the new Christian Caring Coordinator. Carol Gurski will continue mailing cards, Joan Boehm will handle coordination of rides and Linda Pendergast will continue on as Pastoral Care Coordinator.

Property (Mike Chengeri):

Hantsch Electric has replaced the lights along the front walk again. A carbon monoxide detector has been installed in the Guild Room. The fire extinguisher and exit signs have been mounted in the Parish Hall. The pilot light in the fireplace has been repaired and adjusted (this costs us money each time we make a service call to Mitchell Oil). Everyone who uses the fireplace needs to be reminded that the flu IS NOT to be opened or are the logs to be re-arranged at anytime. A contractor has agreed (V&V Cabinetry) to design and submit a quote to replace the front door(s) molding with a composite material once the weather breaks. The available space in the parking

lots has been expanded by relocating snow piles with a sub-contract front end loader. Please take a moment to pass on gratitude to Doug Melody for his tireless efforts through this long winter. Tim Williams has been getting more involved with the property committee. Mike brought up exploring options for improving the heat/ac in the church school wing (and possibly parish hall). General discussion followed focusing on types of systems, costs and how it would all fit into our overall plan of operating.



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February 9, 2010

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE REPORT:

Father Joe welcomed and thanked the new vestry members for being willing to serve. There will be a Lenten Soup/Supper Series on Wednesday nights starting on March 16th that will explore the essentials of Christianity, “a

kind of mini-Alpha” program. He will repeat the program on Thursday mornings at 10 am for those unable to make it the night before. Patrick O’Connors and Lindsay Sweeting of the music ministry have offered to assist with the Youth Groups by provide music and devotions starting in March. He attended the Christian

Caring Committee and is looking forward to working with Gail Winkley as the new coordinator. He spoke with the healing ministry about the “Father’s Blessing.” Fr. Shepley asked that vestry members and other parishioners get names and info of the newcomers and pass it on to him for follow up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Phil explained the importance of vestry members giving their bios to Beth Miller for the Sword of the Spirit.

NEW BUSINESS:

Phil Hannah read an e-mail from Patrick O’Connors re: new mikes for the choir to replace the ones that are currently being borrowed and the need for replacement monitors for the musicians. After discussion it was decided

that more information was needed and that Patrick or Chris Barrett should present the options to the vestry at a future meeting.

The vestry retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, March 12 from 10 am to noon.

Because of Fr. Shepley’s trip to Israel from March 26 to April 3rd, Canon Erik Larsen will supply and preach on April 3rd.

The next two vestry meetings will be held on Monday, March 14th and Monday, April 11th.

CLOSING:

Being no further business, the meeting ended at 8:35 pm with prayer led by Fr. Shepley.

Respectfully submitted,
 David Szen, Clerk of the Vestry

Sunday Worship

8:00 A.M.—*Traditional Eucharist*

9:15 A.M.—*Adult Christian Education*

9:15 A.M.—*High School/Young Adult Bible Study*

10:30 A.M.—*Contemporary Eucharist / Nursery and Sunday School*

Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

Wednesday, 10:00 A.M., Sanctuary