



THE GRAPEVINE

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 2010

The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a central doctrine of the Christian faith which affirms that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day. Without the Resurrection, Christian preaching and belief are meaningless. Paul says to the Corinthians, "...and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain," (1 Cor 15:14). Jesus was one of hundreds of Jewish men who were crucified by the Romans in Palestine during the occupation. The difference is that Jesus was the only one who was raised from the dead, and hundreds of his followers were witnesses to His Resurrection.

Resurrection is the point at which God's intention for Jesus becomes clear. Throughout The New Testament, we read the testimony of Jesus as the Son of God. Matthew and Mark tell us that after Jesus' baptism the voice of God from heaven said; "*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*" The very first proclamation Mark's Gospel states: "*The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*"

Luke tells us that even the devil acknowledges Jesus as the Son of God when he challenges our Lord to change the stones into bread. John, in his Gospel, testifies that John the Baptist acknowledges Jesus, not only as the Son of God but also as the Son of God with power to take away the sin of the world. In the first chapter of the letter to the Romans, Paul asserts that Jesus "*was declared to be Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead...*" (Rom 1:4).

The Resurrection of Jesus proves to those who believe that Jesus has power over all creation, even over death itself. A power of a leader is shown in his or her ability and willingness to apply that power and authority to influence its own will to have compassion for, and if possible, to alleviate another's misfortune. Jesus could have used His power and authority to cheat death and escape the pain and suffering He went through, thus letting us to fend by ourselves, but instead He used His power to control himself and take upon himself the punishment we deserve setting us free from sin and death.

Easter is the day we remember and celebrate. We remember that by the power of His love for us, we can say with the Apostle Paul: "*...we have been saved by grace through faith, not of our doing it is a gift of God.*" Beloved of God... this Easter season enjoy the fruit of His Resurrection. The first fruit of them that sleep... because that fruit... is... you!

The Lord is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

Vicente+

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Our Staff:

Rector: Rev. Vicente C. Santiago
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Treasurer: Larry Shaffer
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Sexton: Nikki Forsythe

The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Pam Hysong
Junior Warden: Pam Mayer

2010

Pam Mayer
John Rogers
Pam Hysong
Richard Burkert

2011

Amy Whitlow
Larry Shaffer
Dolly Lopresti
Kitty Batrus

2012

Greg Lilly
Todd Wagner
Lucie Whittle
Lorraine Zitnay

*Please remember
St. Mark's Church in your will.*

The Preacher's Wife



Social Justice: Uniting the Diocese and St. Mark's: A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out!

Last Sunday, I attended a meeting of the Social Justice Committee at Calvary Episcopal Church. At the meeting there was a presentation from Habitat for Humanity.

Did you know?

400,000 homes new homes have been built for needy families by Habitat since they were founded in the seventies

95 million people in the US alone have housing problems

The average hourly income rate in Pittsburgh is \$8.50

The average apartment rent is \$875.00 per month

This means that the average worker must work 90 hours a week to keep an apartment over his or her head.
Many are single moms.

Habitat's mission is to eliminate poverty housing and to provide affordable shelter for families based on need

Habitat was founded in the greater Pittsburgh area in 1986

Since that time 66 houses have been built

Habitat provides no profit and no interest loans for qualified families

In order to repay families work along side of volunteers to build and renovate homes

Criterion to qualify is: need, a willingness to partner, 360 hours of 'sweat equity' or 'community service'

The Habitat motto is: ***"A Hand Up! Not a Hand Out."***

Our Diocese has decided to partner with Habitat with Humanity in order to sponsor and build a house together. Our bishop is encouraging us all to unite as a diocese and to covenant with each other and with Habitat and support this endeavor.

The Cambria County Chapter of Habitat is an all-volunteer organization. Supporting our Bishop and our Diocese, Vicente+, Lucie Whittle, Amy Whitlow, George Zitnay and myself are soon meeting with the Habitat for Humanity Board right here in Cambria County.

St. Mark's is blessed to be one of the churches that continues to have strong Pastoral Care and Outreach ministries. As we discover what God has in store for us both in our Diocese, and here at St. Mark's in our partnership with Habitat, we ask for both your prayers and support in this endeavor.

In this Resurrection Time, if you feel that you are interested in helping our Church by financially supporting our efforts, or if you feel that God is calling you to volunteer in the renovation of a home right here in Johnstown, please contact one of us and help to give a Johnstown family ***'A Hand Up! Not a Hand Out.'***

Easter Blessings! Gwen

Vestry

In the Protestant Episcopal Church: The Vestry is a committee elected by the congregation to work with the churchwardens in managing the temporal affairs of the church. The vestry shall be agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the Parish to its Clergy.

Basic Duties and responsibilities of vestry members

- Approve the Parish report for the year ending December 31 preceding in the form authorized by the Executive Council of the Church to be submitted not later than May 1 of the following year. (Canon I. 6. 1)

- Hold, manage or administer real property of the Parish; maintains accurate financial records for the parish, maintain accurate insurance for property and contents of real state holdings of the parish assure that the parish property is maintained in a safe and good working condition.

NOTE: All real and personal property held by or for the benefit of any Parish, Mission or Congregation is held in trust for this Church and the Diocese thereof in which such Parish, Mission or Congregation is located. The existence of this trust, however, shall in no way limit the power and authority of the Parish, Mission or Congregation otherwise existing over such property so long as the particular Parish, Mission or Congregation remains a part of, and subject to, this Church and its Constitution and Canons. (Canon I.7.4)

- Provide, when required, a letter of support for a candidate to the ordained ministry containing at least the signature of two-third of its members and the member of the clergy.

- Maintain communication with the diocesan Bishop in the absence of clergy presence.

On Senior and Junior Wardens

There are some traditional models for the sharing of responsibilities between a senior and junior warden. One is for the senior warden to serve as the "rector's warden," with the junior warden being the "people's warden" -- a division that goes back to the earliest days of the Anglican church to cover situations when a congregation and a rector could not agree on the candidates for warden, so the rector appointed one and the congregation the other. Another tradition has the junior warden overseeing buildings and grounds, while the senior warden takes on other aspects of parish life.

Strictly following any model, however, may pose unnecessary limits on the development of a healthy leadership team. For example, if the senior warden is a real estate developer it may make more sense for the senior, rather than the junior, warden to oversee buildings and grounds. In the case of a "rector's" and a "people's" warden, strict adherence to those roles can lead to friction on the leadership team when there are difficulties between a rector and a congregation. A

better approach is for responsibilities to be divided based on the individual gifts that the senior and junior warden each bring to their ministries, and for both to keep the interests of the parish firmly in mind when dealing with issues that arise.

Volume 1 of the Vestry Resource Guide, published by the Cornerstone Project of the Episcopal Church Foundation, contains sample job descriptions for senior and junior warden, treasurer, and secretary/clerk of the vestry. Those for the wardens are reproduced here by permission (the Vestry Resource Guide is available from Forward Movement Publications, 800/543-1813, www.forwardmovement.org). In practice, roles and responsibilities vary depending on the size and financial health of a congregation, and these job descriptions should not be considered cast in concrete. However, they are a good starting point for a conversation among the rector and the senior and junior wardens on expectations, roles and responsibilities.

ECW

Thank You

Everyone who helped us with another successful Lenten Lunch fund raising event!!! The satisfied smiles of our happy customers and the gratifying sweat of our volunteers let us all know that we were doing God's work.

There were Cooks, Bakers and Salad makers
Ladies waiting on Tables, some making Labels
Some poured coffee by the Liters, while some were Greeters
The Men did the Dishes to the ladies' Wishes
Oh! my dear, can't wait for another year!

Julie Follansbee

Rwandan Orphan:

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the third Sunday of each month (April 18th) for our Rwandan orphan, Chantal. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Chantal.

Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (April 25th) for our Pastoral Care. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.

FINANCE MEETING

TUESDAY April 13th

5:00 pm

VESTRY MEETING

SUNDAY April 18th

After the 10:00 am Service

American Cancer Society's Annual Sunday of Hope

Held on March 21, 2010

The Daffodils on the Altar were given in honor of the following individuals



In Loving Memory of John & Haverilda Hinchliffe

By Blanche Brant

In Loving Memory of the Departed Members of the Follansbee & Gregg Family

By Julie, Jay, and Jack Follansbee

In Loving Memory of Departed Loved Ones

By Liz and Don Hysong

In Loving Memory of my aunt, Jane Larison

By Pam Hysong

In Loving Memory of Andrew Conn, Pat Shaffer, Pat Cisar

By Greg and Cathy Lilly

In Thanksgiving for Pam Mayer and In Loving Memory of Robert (Moon) & Barbara Mulligan

By Ivan & Andrea Mulligan and Family

In Loving Memory of Pat & Mark Thompson

By Dan, Connie, Lida, and Dan Thompson

In Loving Memory of Nancy & Ruth Roudebush, Carolyn Daganhardt, and Jiji Volz

By Amy, Penn, Penn, and Sam Whitlow

In Loving Memory of My Mom, Ann Shockley

By Katherine Williamson & Family

In Loving Memory of Leonard Aldino, John & Mary Zitnay,

Barbara Zitnay Estock, John & Josephine Zitnay

By George & Lorraine Zitnay

ACOLYTE PROCESSIONAL TORCHES

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Acolyte Processional Torch Fund Drive.

Two Processional Torches have been donated

In Loving Memory of Herb Larison

By Rosemary Larison & Linda Eash

Don & Liz Hysong

Pam Hysong

Members of the Supper Club

One Processional Torch has been donated

By

Dr. & Mrs. William H. Marchl

Mrs. Connie Bokros

Dan, Connie, Dan, & Lida Thompson

One Processional Torch has been donated

By

Blanche Brant

Joy Brehm

Jay, Julie & Jack Follansbee

Jack & Carroll Green

Steve, Maggie, & Meredith Herman

Greg & Cathy Lilly

Todd & Luci Wagner



“I am in love”



FROM TIME TO TIME I read of those who have given up on the Episcopal Church. I hear of those who can take no more. There is a part of me that understands what they are saying and on occasion empathizes with them, but I have a problem. I am in love! I am in love with the Episcopal Church. ☪

I love this Church's determination to balance Scripture, tradition, and reason. I love her majestic worship, the mystery of her sacraments, and the emphasis on God's love and forgiveness. I love her courage to stand up to the forces of bigotry and to fight for the equality of all people. I love her sensitivity to the poor, the sick, and the needy. I love her great hymns that have outlived the catchy jingles and campfire songs of every generation. I love to see the clergy all dressed in their finery. ☪

I am still moved by the singing of the Venite, the Benedicite, and the Magnificat. Morning Prayer, the Great Litany, and Evensong are pressed into my soul. I like seeing the altar prepared for communion, the brass polished, the flowers lovingly arranged, and the smell of incense on occasion. The familiar prayers of the Prayer Book bring me comfort and are a welcome part of my life. Each Christmas Eve I pray that it will not be the last time I light a candle, kneel in the darkness, and sing Silent Night. ☪

Oh, I do get angry with this Church of ours. I often wonder if those in authority have lost touch with reality. I have come to fear the religion section of the newspaper lest there be another article on my beloved Church that puts us in the most unfavorable light. I pray hardest when the Bishops gather and pray harder still when the General Convention meets. I fear which special interest group shall prevail, and I wonder just how many more storms this old ship can endure before she does, in fact, fragment. ☪

I do not like all that she does. I do not agree with all who attempt to speak for her. There are many times I feel very much out of step with the rest of the band, and on occasion I resist the newest set of marching orders. But leave her? Leave the Episcopal Church? Leave the Church of my conversion, confirmation, ordination? No, as far afield as she may go on occasion, I could not leave her. I love this wonderful Church. I want to spend the rest of my life in her bosom, die in her arms, and have the faithful remember me in their prayers. No, I shall never leave her. It's love, honest to God love, and I can't walk away from that. ☪

—The Rev. Dennis R. Maynard
Rector of Christ Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist with distribution of Palms

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist, with distribution of palms and procession

Holy Wednesday

12:00 Noon

Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

6:00 PM

Seder

Foot washing and Celebration of the
Last Supper of our Lord

Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

12:00 Noon

The Seven Last Words
Of Christ

Easter Sunday

7:30 AM

The Day of Resurrection

Holy Eucharist—Celebration

10:00 AM.

Holy Eucharist—Choral Celebration (begins at 9:30 AM)



Happy April Anniversary!

Cathy & Greg Lilly
26 April 1975

Connie & Dan Thompson
26 April 1986



HAPPY APRIL
Birthday



NAME	DATE	NAME	DATE
Barb Pulliam	2	Larry Shaffer	14
Cindy Leap	4	Kevin Boyden	18
John Rogers	6	Ashley Rudnik	18
Susan Campbell	7	Gloria Coulson	22
Camryn Jayne Lorence	9	Angela Herbein	22
Lauren & Laney Kelly	10	Nikki Forsythe	25
Jack Herbein	13	Laurie Davis Janisko	27

A Christian Seder
Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010
6:00 pm
covered dish (meat provided)
followed by foot washing service and stripping of the altar

Following our tradition at St. Mark's, we will gather to participate in a Christian version of a Passover Seder on Maundy Thursday. We will begin with an abbreviated version of a Seder meal, which includes remembrances of God's liberation of his people from slavery under Pharaoh. Just as Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper at the conclusion of the Passover meal, we will continue with the Eucharist, which we will share with each other around the table. Our Seder will be followed by a "pot-luck covered dish". Roast beef will be provided. At the conclusion of our meal, we will enter the sanctuary where we will participate in a foot-washing service and the somber stripping of the altar.

Sign-up sheets will be in the parish hall. As we will be sitting around a common table, it is helpful to know how many places to set. So please sign up. If you have any questions please contact Annis Rogers, 539 – 2295 or shaman@atlanticbb.net.



2010

EASTER FLOWERS
Honorarium/Memorial
LISTING REQUEST FORM

Listing deadline is Sunday, March 28th
Payment deadline is April 1st. Cost is
\$10.00 for every two names or \$25.00 for five
or more names.

Please drop this in the collection plate for the ushers to forward to the Parish Office. Or you may mail it to the Parish Office. Please see Doris Horner with any questions or call Joanne in the office at 535-6797.

Please carefully P-R-I-N-T the following information:

Donor
Name(s): _____

(Please specify "in honor of" or "in memory of".)

In honor _____ in memory _____

Payment Enclosed: ____ Yes No ____

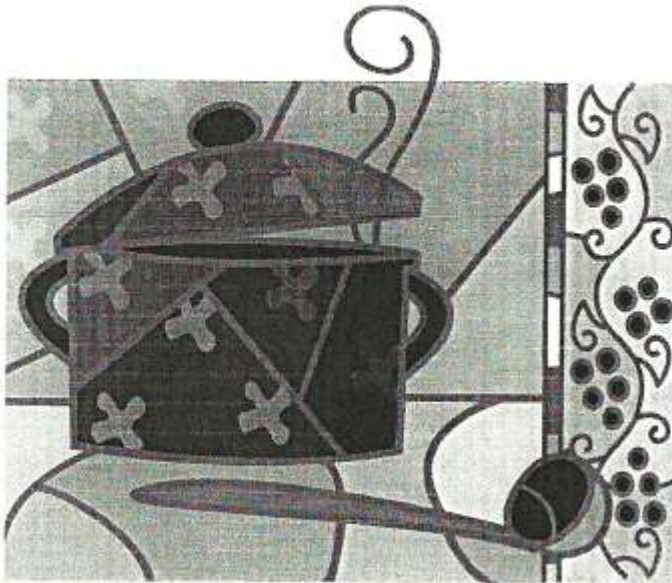
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Soup & Study

*Most Wednesdays at the home of John & Annis Rogers
or at McCullough House
6 – 8 pm*

Join us for an evening of delicious homemade soup (or other light fare) and lively discussion. Check the weekly bulletin for the next book selection and location.

Contact Annis Rogers 539 – 2295
shaman@atlanticbb.net



Episcopal Church Women's Ingathering

When Sat, May 15, 10am – 2pm

Where Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
([map](#))


Description The Women of Calvary will host the Episcopal Church Women's Ingathering for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Saturday, May 15. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a meeting, speaker Jane Banning, a Eucharist conducted by Bishop Price, and then a luncheon.



April

April 4, 2010	Time	Lay Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Guild	Ushers	Coffee Hour
Easter	7:30	J. Green		Herbeins	Women	
	10:00	T. Wagner (L) B. Horner (P) (Ch) L. Loncella (Ch)	All Available Acolytes	All Available	Whitlow Lilly Buchan	Easter Cookies
April 11, 2010						
	7:30	P. Mayer		Herbeins		
	10:00	C. Greig (L) D. Horner (P) (Ch) G. Zitnay (Ch)	Penn Whitlow Sam Whitlow Jack Follansbee	Carol Adams Pam Mayer	Whittle Faint Wagner Greig	Open
April 18, 2010						
	7:30	L. Loncella		Herbeins		
	10:00	Children (L) P. Hysong (P) (Ch) A. Rogers (Ch)	Sierra Buchan Trevor Buchan Meredith Herman	Julie Follansbee	Burkert Zitnay Follansbee	Open
April 25, 2010						
	7:30	J. Green		Herbeins		
	10:00	B. Howarth (L) A. Whitlow (P) (Ch) J. Rogers (Ch)	Daniel Wolfe Lida Thompson Rachelmae Pulliam	Doris Horner Amy Whitlow	Whitlow Lilly Buchan	Open



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:00 pm Seder	2 Noon Good Friday Service 	
4 EASTER SUNDAY 7:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Choral 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	5 7:15 pm Boy Scouts	6	7 Noon Eucharist 6:00 pm Supp & Study	8	9	10
11 7:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist	12 7:15 pm Boy Scouts	13 5:00 pm Finance	14 Noon Eucharist 6:00 pm Supp & Study	15	16	17
18 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Vestry Meeting	19 7:15 pm Boy Scouts	20	21 Noon Eucharist 6:00 pm Supp & Study	22	23	24
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