

# The SPIRIT of GRACE

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## Regular Events...

### Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30
- Acolyte Practice 9
- Sunday School 9:15
- La Santa Misa 12
- Estudio Biblico 1:30

### Monday

- Quilting, 1
- Narcotics Anonymous 7

### Tuesday

- Men @ St Luke's 10
- Coro en Espanol 5
- Tapping Toodle-Oos 5:30
- Centering Prayer 7
- *Watch your bulletins for weekly softball schedule, beginning April 19...*

### Wednesday

- Choir Practice 5:30
- Holy Eucharist 6
- Dinner, Youth Groups & Bible Study, 6:30

### Thursday

- Move Exercise Class 9:30
- Holy Eucharist @ St Luke's 2
- Friends Anonymous 4
- Book Club 6:30

### Friday

- Holy Eucharist 10

### Saturday

- Altar Guild 9
- *Holy Eucharist 5 beginning on April 30*
- Estudio Biblico 7

## From the Rectory: The Rev. Steven C. Wilson

Do you ever think that your life has a sound-track? Have you ever found yourself exhausted at the end of the day, and yet not been sure what you'd done to get so tired? Are you listening for the Still Small Voice of God but suspicious that He isn't speaking at a decibel loud enough to hear?

Then Lent is designed for you!

Our lives are all too often (this comes as no surprise, I'm sure) too busy, too hectic, too loud, too overbooked, too "background noised" to find the peace that the world cannot give. But the story of Easter is fundamentally one of quiet—Mary Magdalene comes to the Garden in the still of the early dawn moments and finds the tomb is empty, the stone rolled away. She is there in the quiet, with only a few birds chirping away - no orchestra, no earthquake, no hustle and bustle. She finds the Risen Christ in the solitude and silence of the hour. And we too ought to seek Him in those silent moments.

The problem is that the world doesn't leave us any time for quiet, any room for solitude.

It's not going to happen—*unless we make it happen*. This Lent, in the remaining days, take time to carve out space for God's voice.

Join us on **Sat, April 2**, from 10 to 2 for a "quiet day" at Church: a tutorial in labyrinth walking, centering prayer and the rosary, with lunch.

Join us **every Tuesday** at 7 pm in Spencer Hall for a half hour of silent, meditative prayer focused on a passage of Scripture: centering prayer, the revival of the "cloud of unknowing" prayers of the Middle Ages.

Walk the Way of the Cross **every Friday in April** at 7 pm, and at noon on April 1 and 15, as we recreate the biblical passage of Christ's lonely walk to His Crucifixion.

Join our Hispanic congregation in their retreat on the week-end of **April 8-10**—perhaps not understanding every word might give you a better insight into the confusion with which our newest neighbors and fellow Episcopalians labor every day.

*Be still and know that He is God.* With your friends and family here, come to the Garden and find that the Tomb is empty.

**COFFEE HOSTS**  
**Barbara Mountjoy**  
**Bonnie Jones**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lola-Grace Chapman, Emily Pence
- 2 Judy Kester, Fr. Jose Palma, Donya Ross
- 3 Michael Conrace, Craig Diggs, Lon Orr
- 5 Nelson Smith
- 6 Tricia Charleston, Libby Wilson
- 7 Eli Stiles
- 8 Savannah Campbell
- 9 Michael Grigsby
- 10 March Christy
- 11 Ashlyn Erdman, Gabriel Wilson
- 12 Julie Anderson, Cecilie Washburn
- 13 Bruce Harwell, Katie Pence
- 14 Susan Barfield, Sam Platt, Evan Sexton
- 15 Haley Kester
- 17 Catherine Hamilton
- 18 Gabriel Speck
- 19 Debbie Jones, Lora Phelps, Zashius Grigsby
- 20 Kathleen Flanigan, Addie Daniel
- 21 Tristan Lynch, Kathy Martin
- 22 Mary Lou Yarbrough
- 23 James Grisby, Tammy Stark,
- 24 Steven Erwin, Rodney Taylor, Bailey Stiles
- 25 John Bowman
- 26 Jinny Hopp
- 27 George Platt
- 28 Cliff Kester, Larry Ross
- 29 Pat Brown
- 30 Quincy Charleston, Ruby Hoofman, Kristian Pivaral, Libby Hauser

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 Tyler & Rebecca Hertzberg Beck
- 9 Rodney & Amy Young
- 10 Phillip & Patty Byrd
- 17 Gary & Carolyn Cole
- 23 Dean & Michele Sexton, Steve & Kelly Heidlage
- 25 Allen & Edith Walters

## VESTRY UPDATE

*At the March 15 Vestry meeting, the following was discussed:*

The rector discussed the recent perpetual trust committee meeting. At that meeting, our total endowment (including the scholarship fund) was at \$914,000, having recouped the losses of 2008-2009. Lora Phelps was approved by the Vestry for a second term on the perpetual trust committee. Bill Lee's chairmanship of the trust committee was approved. Julie Anderson, Nancy Dymott and Mark Sponaugle were re-approved as the scholarship review committee.

The vestry meeting for April will be April 12.

The Good Friday offering is designated for the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt, Jordan.

The Easter offering is designated for the ministerial alliance's home project (\$250), our Hispanic ministry and ERD's relief efforts in Japan and Haiti (1/3 each).

Deacon Galen: It was a privilege to serve as the Presiding Bishop's chaplain at the consecration. Several individuals were held up as examples of servant ministry: Barbara McPheeters, Gary Cole, Jacqui Johnson & Peggy Ralston, who are leading prayers at 8 am service; Loren Erwin, who crafted a new banner stand; Larry Ross, Wayne Ytell, Michael Goolsby & Bonnie Jones, our home Eucharistic visitors.

Father Palma: The retreat will be April 9 & 10 here. Stations of the Cross (bilingual) will be every Friday in April at 7 pm.

Junior Warden: The choir stained glass windows are in process. The carpet is nearly finished. There was much discussion about the need to rekey the building. Carolyn Phelps, Mike Robertson & Sandy Swingle will look into bids and report back next month.

Treasurer: February was a very good month, leaving us with only a small overall deficit for the year to date.

Stewardship Report: Mike Thompson, John Schaffer, Bonnie Jones & Gary Cole attended the diocesan workshop. While it was largely geared to capital and endowment campaigns, it did have some ideas worth borrowing about pledge and operating stewardship.

*The next meeting will be 5:30 on Tuesday, April 12*

**Parish Prayer List**

(*Nursing Home & Shut Ins*) Patricia Rouse, Helen Rogers, Jean Berry, Amanda McClanahan, Mary Helen Dunaway, Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Solomonson, Carolene Kelly, Gerri Green, Juanita Pence, Evelyn Jackson, Michelle Short, Lois Raschke, Tom Adams, Jim Brown, Jerry Chrisman, Bill Hansford, Jean Page, Robert Duvall

(*Immediate Needs*) Sherrie Stinnett, K.L. Roske, Marsha Delaney, Steve Friede, Carolyn Ford, Fr. Dennis Smart, Keith (Pistol) Baugh, Dakota Bayless, Nevin Yankie, Alan Brigrance, Fr. Chuck Weise, Lee Christy, Mike Evans, Cathy Spencer, Stan Knoderer, Tristan Goodwin, Ann Hale, Gene Anderson, Molly Swingle

(*Military service*) Adam Hertzberg, Doug Snodgrass, Randy Ayers, Dane Bell, Brandon Collins, Michael Craig, Jake Douglas, Michael Franco, Cameron Graham, Danny Hughes, Rich Jones, Joey Olson, Garrick Palermo, Grant Short, Allan Vaughan, Devon Walker, Toby Walters, Gary Welch, Josh Wilson, Jeffrey, Vince Kaercher, Monty McBroom, Cody Graham, Dawn Spiller

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

St. Augustine's Church & St. Mary's Church, Kansas City, St. Mark's Church Kimberling City, Trinity Church, Lebanon

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**

Muhabura, Mukono, Namirembe, Nebbi (*Uganda*) Multan (*Pakistan*) Mumbai, Nagpur, Nasik (*North India*) Mumias, Nakuru, Nambale, Nairobi (*Kenya*) Mundri (*Sudan*) Muyinga (*Burundi*) Myitkyina (*Myanmar*) Namibia, Natal (*South Africa*) Nandyal (*South India*) New Providence, Nassau, Bahamas (*West Indies*) Rupert's Land (*Canada*) Navajoland, Nebraska, Nevada (*USA*) Ndokwa, New Busa (*Nigeria*) Nelson (*New Zealand*)

**DIRECTORY CHANGES**

Irvin Rodriguez,  
Sydney Clark Merritt,  
Quentin & Brandy McDonald,  
Tammy Stark,  
Hans & Ana Caroline Osorio,  
Joaquin Ochoa,  
Nick Barlow, Cameron & Emily Hakala,

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Chris Wilkowski of this parish and Wendy Cope, on their engagement

**The BANNES of MARRIAGE**

Dr. Matthew Anderson of this parish and Dr. Alison Mobley, to be wed June 25, 2011 in South Carolina. This is the third and final time of asking.

**The FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

L Paul Carr, departed this life March 6, buried from the Church March 10  
Nate Loveall, departed this life March 14  
Ernest Ford, uncle of Jeanne Slates, departed this life March 15, buried from the Church March 26  
Nate Loveall, departed this life March 15  
Fern Boatwright, departed this life March 16  
Eleanor Smoak, departed this life March 17  
Jackie Cato, departed this life March 18, buried from the Church March 26  
Ann Fritsch, departed this life March 18, buried from the Church March 25  
Rich Calhoon, father of Jennifer Mansfield, departed this life March 20

**WELCOME HOME, ERIC!**

Eric Leek returned this past month from active duty in Afghanistan. Give thanks for his safe return, and when you see him, or any recent veteran, thank them for their service.

## From the DEACONS' DESK

The Rev. Galen Snodgrass

### Can a stressful childhood make you a sick adult?

The title in the March 21<sup>st</sup> edition of The New Yorker Magazine caught my attention, so I turned to the article for a quick glance and there in the third sentence were the words, “strep throat, asthma, scabies, and a weight problem.” (Those words are important to hospital chaplains since most health issues are associated with heart, diabetes, and breathing illnesses.) Reporter at large Paul Tough’s article goes something like this: Monisha Sullivan, a teen-age mother in the poorest and most violent neighborhood in San Francisco, came to a local clinic two years ago. Dr. Nadine Burke prescribed the usual remedies—penicillin, ProAir, and permethrin for the physical illnesses. But Burke noticed the teen’s problem appeared to transcend mere physical symptoms. She was depressed and listless, staring at the floor of the examination room and responding to questions in sullen monosyllables. She hated school, didn’t like her foster mother, and seemed not to care one way or the other about her two-month-old daughter, Sarai. Burke gently interrogated Sullivan about her childhood; as you would suspect her mother was addicted to cocaine, abandoning Monisha at birth, father and brother whom she lived with did some drugs, but were involved in gang violence. Soon she began nine rounds in foster care. Dr. Burke had seen many similar cases, but this case made her take a second look. She began to look beyond the treating of physical ailments and disease into a holistic approach. That was two years ago.

Now, every Monday afternoon at one o’clock the staff of Bayview clinic—doctors, therapists, social workers—(sorry no chaplain) meet in the therapy room for ‘multidisciplinary rounds.’ They discuss various patients’ scores on an established test called Felitti-Anda ACE. It looks at everything from health issues to social environment; the higher the score the greater the risk factor. Staff understands that changing the health of the older patients is difficult; but for the younger ones there is time to have a positive outcome. Staff members are committed to treating the patient and family to the best of their ability in their area of expertise.

So where is the Church in this article? Well it isn’t printed, so I can’t say if it is or if it isn’t. But as your deacon, my role is to make the Church aware of the needs of the poor and disenfranchised. So let me share a few thoughts.

Let’s not place undue stress on our children. That means not being a “Tiger Mom or Dad” to one who abuses any type of drugs including alcohol. Let’s watch our habits; please get 7-8 hours of sleep, good food, and ignore unnecessary drama on television. (I wish my parents would turn off 24-hour news. We never had it as a kid, why now?) Monitor what your kids are doing with loving parental authority.

Come regularly to church to be a part of Church—The Body of Christ. Proverbs 22:6, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Matthew 19: 14-15, Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” And He laid his hands on them and went away. John 13:34-35, “A new commandment I give to you that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” Since we are all children of God, our numerical years don’t matter. If Edith Pemberton comes to church every week; then so am I. She is an icon for me; therefore I must be an icon for others.

Next, I know that Carthage isn’t San Francisco, but there are poor here as well. Our door must remain open to anyone seeking a relationship with the living God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. If there’s additional concern, then we must guide them to a “multidisciplinary team” for proper professional help. Many sit in our pews. To close this Lenten article let me quote Dr. Burke, “Look, the methodology isn’t the answer for a hundred percent of everyone’s social problems.” She says, “It’s not that if we poured all of our money into treating ACEs the jails would empty out and we would no longer have any kids in special ed. But this is a huge, huge issue, and as a society, I don’t think we’ve even come close to grasping its significance.”

## April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Season: Lent (through April 23) Color: Purple (at Grace Church white on Maundy Thurs, April 25)	Season: Easter (April 23rd after sunset through April 30) Color: White				1 <i>Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest</i> Noon Stations 7 Stations	2 <i>James Lloyd Breck, Priest</i>
3 <b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:15 Survey on Religion & Community	4 <i>Martin Luther King</i>	5 7 pm Centering Prayer	6	7 <i>Tikhon, Patriarch</i> 6:30 pm Book Club	8 <i>William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest</i> Noon: Encore Lunch 7 Stations	9 <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martyr</i>
10 <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> 9:15 Hospital chaplaincy & advance directives Devotees 3:00 ERD Sunday 4 p.m. Acolyte Practice for Easter Vigil	11 <i>George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop</i>	12 Vestry 5:30 pm 7 pm Centering Prayer	13	14 6:30 pm Book Club	15 Noon Stations 6:30 Movie "Molokai" 7 pm Stations	16
17 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:15 Survey results revealed! 10:30 incense	18 <b>Monday in Holy Week</b> 6 pm	19 <b>Tuesday in Holy Week</b> 10-12:30 Cooking 6 pm 7 pm Centering Prayer <i>First softball game tonight!</i>	20 <b>Wednesday in Holy Week</b> 2:30-6 Cooking 6 pm Seder Meal	21 <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 11-2 Cooking 6 Proper Svc 7 Foot Washing 8:30 Spanish Svc 10 Prayer Vigil begins	22 <b>Good Friday</b> 6 am Prayer Vigil ends 7, Noon, 6 11-2 Cooking 8:30 Spanish Svc <b>Good Friday is a FAST DAY</b>	23 <b>Holy Saturday</b> 9:30-4:30 Cooking Easter Vigil 7:30 pm
24 <b>Easter Day</b> 9:15 Flowering of Cross 10:30 incense Noon Egg Hunt	25 <b>Monday in Easter Week</b>	26 <b>Tuesday in Easter Week</b> 7 pm Centering Prayer	27 <b>Wednesday in Easter Week</b> 2 pm St Luke's visits Bible Garden Folding Party at 3	28 <b>Thursday in Easter Week</b>	29 <b>Friday in Easter Week</b>	30 <b>Saturday in Easter Week</b> 5 pm Holy Eucharist  <i>Tomorrow: 10:30 Acolyte Appreciation day</i>

## SPEAKING OF HEALTH: NURSE BARBARA MOUNTJOY

I thought I would discuss the “Common Cold” this month. Although the majority of colds occur in winter, we will see a fair amount each spring. It is called the “common cold” for good reason. There are over *one billion* colds in the United States each year. Colds are the most common reason children miss school and parents miss work. Colds are caused by over 200 viruses. When a new virus is introduced in a school, day-care or work place, it usually spreads like wildfire through the entire population. The first symptom of a cold is usually a runny nose which is teeming with cold viruses. So sneezing, nose-blowing and nose-wiping quickly spread the virus. You can catch a cold by inhaling the virus if you’re sitting close to someone who sneezes, or by touching your nose, eyes or mouth after touching something contaminated by the virus. People are most contagious for the first 2 or 3 days of a cold, and usually by day 7 are usually not contagious at all. We are all familiar with the symptoms of a cold, as I said before: runny nose and sneezing. At first the nasal discharge is watery, but as the virus progresses, it becomes thick and colored yellow or green. This is a normal part of the cold and is not a reason for antibiotics. Adults and older children generally have a low fever or no fever. But younger children may run a fever around 100 -102 F. Depending on the type of virus causing the symptoms, the virus might also cause cough, headache, decreased appetite, muscle aches, postnasal drip and sore throat. Still, if it is indeed a cold, the main symptoms will be in the nose. Antibiotics should not be used to treat a common cold. They will not help and they might make the situation worse, due to the side effects of the antibiotics. However, getting plenty of rest and drinking lots of fluids will work wonders - plus, the passing of time. A cold will last 7 to 10 days, the first 3 or 4 being the most uncomfortable. Over-the-counter cold remedies may help ease your symptoms. These products won’t actually shorten the length of a cold, but can they help you feel better. If your symptoms last 10 to 14, days it may be a sinus infection and you should see your doctor. There are new anti-viral drugs that may make your runny nose completely clear up a day sooner than usual, but it is unclear whether the benefits of these drugs outweigh the risks. Chicken soup has been used for treating the common cold at since the 12<sup>th</sup> century; it may really help. The heat, the fluid and the salt may help you fight the infection. The best method to prevent colds is hand washing! Yes, that’s right. A quick hand washing guide is wet hands, apply soap and scrub vigorously (try humming the entire “Happy Birthday” song) for 20-25 seconds and dry thoroughly. Sleep well, eat healthy, and exercise – all these things boost your immune systems.

Liz Foster and I have been selected to attend a one week class to become instructors for the course, “Mental Health – First Aide.” We will be driving back and forth to Springfield. We felt very honored because each of us was awarded a scholarship for the entire course - \$1850.00 each!!

Also I wanted to share the news that I will become a Lay Worker in the Worker Sisters/Worker Brothers of the Holy Spirit during retreat of this order near the end of April. I have worked and studied for 2 years. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier of work to become a Worker Sister, like Margie Tucker, aka Sr. Margie Veronica. I welcome your prayers as I accept this position.

Did you know...A University of Wisconsin-Harvard study found that “frequency of attendance to religious services mattered more than anything besides health in determining how satisfied people were with their lives.” (*American Sociological Review*). The more often people went to services, the happier they reported being.

# EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: APRIL 2011

## *Sunday, April 3* **8 am**

Reader: Kelly Roske  
 Prayers of People: Jackie Johnson  
 Chalice: Larry Ross  
 Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell  
 Server: Richard Roske  
 Sacristan: Ann Carter  
 Home Comm: Wayne/Jeff-Lon Orr  
**10:30 am**  
 OT: Bonnie Jones  
 NT: Brad Cameron  
 Chalice: Margie Tucker  
 Subdeacon: Brad Cameron  
 Acolyte Mentor: Brad Cameron  
 Servers: Quincy Charleston, *Capt*  
           Jay Simmons  
 Cross: Tom Simmons  
 Torches: Emma Charleston  
           Layla Pettie  
 Sacristan: Ann Carter  
 Ushers: Jim Grimes  
           Steve Erwin  
 AV: Elisa White

## *Sunday, April 10* **8 am**

Reader: Glenda Erwin  
 Prayers of People: Wayne Ytell  
 Chalice: Larry Ross  
 Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell  
 Server: Kirby Newport  
 Sacristan: Jacqui Johnson  
 Home Comm: Wayne/Jeff-Lon Orr  
**10:30 am**  
 OT: Mark Sponaugle  
 NT: Margie Tucker  
 Chalice: Rayella Lindsay  
 Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones  
 Acolyte Mentor: Michele Sexton  
 Servers: Carlie Wakefield *Capt*  
           Julio Ovalle  
 Crosses: Matt Goolsby  
 Torches: Ashleigh Wilson  
           Sarah Wilson  
 Sacristan: Beth Simmons  
 Ushers: Larry Hartman/Dale Hopp  
 AV: Jim & Colby Wakefield  
 Home Comm: Galen/Margie-G.Cordel

## *Palm Sunday, April 17* **8 am**

Reader: Ruth Smith  
 Passion Readers  
 • Narrator: Jeff Bell  
 • Jesus: Wayne Ytell  
 • Peter/High Priest: Kirby Newport  
 • Pilate: Galen Snodgrass  
 • Witnesses: Ruth Smith/Galen Snodgrass  
 • Servant/Bystander: Gary Cole  
 • Mrs. Pilate: Peggy Ralston  
 • Judas: Steve Wilson  
 Prayers People: Peggy Ralston  
 Chalice: Wayne Ytell  
 Subdeacon: Kirby Newport  
 Server: Brad Cameron  
 Sacristan: Pam White

### **10:30 am (Incense)**

OT: Julie Anderson  
 NT: Tom Flanigan  
 Passion Readers  
 • Narrator: Debbie Jones  
 • Jesus: Scott Stone  
 • Judas: Brad Cameron  
 • Disciples: Fr. Steve, Jeff, Galen  
 • Witnesses: Glenda Erwin/Julie Anderson  
 • Peter: Jerry Sample  
 • High Priest: Tom Flanigan  
 • Pilate: Mark Sponaugle  
 • Servant/Mrs. Pilate: Margie Tucker  
 Chalice: George Platt  
 Subdeacon: Bonnie Jones  
 Acolyte Mentor: Elisa White  
 Servers: Madeline Marsden *Capt*  
           Ellen Stiles Salchow  
 Thurifer: Jay Simmons  
 Boat: Tom Simmons  
 Crosses: Will Mansfield  
 Torches: Katie & Taylor Mansfield  
 Sacristan: Marcia McGuire  
 Ushers: Larry McGuire  
           Dale Hopp  
 AV: Mike Robertson

## *Maundy Thursday April 21* **6 pm**

Acolytes: Nancy Dymott, Michele Sexton, Brad Cameron, Scott Stone  
 Ushers: Jeff Dymott/Dick Ralston  
 OT: Julie Anderson  
 NT: Scott Stone  
 Chalice: Margie Tucker  
 Sacristans: Jacqui Johnson  
           Dana Cameron

## *Good Friday, April 22*

Offering today designated: Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, Jordan

### **Also 7 am & Noon**

#### **6 pm**

OT: Tom Flanigan  
 NT: Kelly Roske  
**Passion Readers:**  
 • Narrator: Bonnie Jones  
 • Jesus: Michael Goolsby  
 • Women: Julie Anderson  
 • Peter: Marty Griffin  
 • Priest: Scott Stone  
 • Pilate: George Platt  
 • Police/Slave/Soldier: Wayne Ytell  
 Chalice: Bonnie Jones  
 Sacristan: Marcia McGuire  
 Ushers: Mike Goolsby  
           Frank Lane

## **ACOLYTE APPRECIATION DATE**

Acolytes & families should join us at 10:30 on Sunday, May 1, for a special celebration of their ministry!

**Great Vigil of Easter April 23**

Offering tonight designated: Ministerial Alliance housing project, ERD relief to Haiti & Japan, Hispanic Ministry

**7 pm (Incense)**

Genesis 1: Glenda Erwin  
Genesis 7: Bonnie Jones  
Genesis 22: Bill Lee  
Exodus 14: Debbie Jones  
Isaiah 55: George Platt  
Proverbs 8: Julie Anderson  
Ezekiel 36: Kelly Roske  
Ezekiel 27: Scott Stone  
Zephaniah 3: Jimmie Grimes  
Romans: Margie Tucker  
Thurifer: Quincy Charleston  
Boat: Emma Charleston  
Crosses: Will Mansfield, Matt Goolsby  
Torches: Katie & Taylor Mansfield, Ashleigh & Sarah Wilson  
Servers: Julio Ovalle, Carlie Wakefield  
Sacristan: Jacqui Johnson  
Ushers: Loren Erwin/Chris Wilkowski

**Practice for this service:  
Sunday, April 10, at 4 pm.  
PLEASE  
BE THERE!**

**WEDNESDAYS, 6 pm**

Sacristan: Barbara Mountjoy

**April 6:** Reader: Julie Anderson  
Chalice: Ron Ferguson

**April 13:** Reader/Chalice: Scott Stone

**April 20:** Reader/Chalice: Bonnie Jones

Question: Gabriel Wilson

**April 27:** Reader/Chalice: Bonnie Jones

**SATURDAYS**

**Saturday night services begin again  
on April 30, 5 pm**

Chalice: Scott Stone  
Sacristan: Marcia McGuire

***Easter, April 24***

Offering today designated: See last night's entry for the list

**8 am (Music)**

Reader: Wayne Ytell  
Prayers People Wayne Ytell  
Chalice: Larry Ross  
Subdeacon: Wayne Ytell  
Server: Nancy Dymott  
Sacristan: Marsha McGuire

**10:30 am (Incense)**

OT: Michael Goolsby  
NT: Jack Slates  
Chalice: George Platt  
Subdeacon: Michael Goolsby  
Acolyte Mentor: Elaine Wurst  
Thurifer: Kirby Newport  
Servers: Cecilie Washburn *Capt*  
Julio Ovalle  
Flowered Cross: Oliver Sprenkle  
Cross: Oliver Sprinkle, Sydney Harlan  
Torches: Alex & Ana Wilkowski  
Sacristan: Beth Simmons  
Ushers: Chuck Erwin  
Jim Wakefield  
AV: Scott Mansfield

**STEWARDSHIP**

“Follow Me,” Jesus simply but powerfully commanded the Apostles—and they did, albeit sometimes without knowing, sometimes without understanding. That call is made to all of us today—and we do, striving to live our lives as He did, as the only perfect steward. We are called to model that good stewardship—in our church, our community, and a needy world. We are called on to receive God’s gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in justice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

God generously grants us so many gifts—talents, time, treasure. And we know that here, at Grace Church, parishioners frequently, generously, lovingly give of their talents and time and treasure. We acknowledge those efforts and are grateful to you. As your stewardship committee, we want to foster that culture of generosity, involving parishioners in the decision-making and responsibility of providing for our church, today and in the future. Our plans are to: 1) place articles in the monthly newsletters and announcements in the weekly bulletins, 2) conduct open forums in May so parishioners can voice their ideas for maintaining and growing Grace Church. The discipleship of stewardship is ongoing; it does not stop nor does it rest. Henri Nouwen said, “Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gift to be received and shared.” How will you return God’s blessings? How will you use your gifts for the good of the church? Let us join together as good stewards in a spirit of generosity as we follow Jesus.



*Blooming in your Bible garden: Tazetta narcissus, quite possibly the “rose of Sharon” and ancestor of our garden jonquils, grows wild throughout the Holy Land. Quite small and sweet-smelling, they are a feature of the November-February bloom season there.*

# SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

## BOOK CLUB

Join us for Lenten Bible Study on the book And The Angels Were Silent by Max Lucado. We will meet from 6:30 pm to 8 pm on Thursday evenings beginning Thursday, March 10. The book is available from the parish bookstore.

## STATIONS of the CROSS: April 1, 8, 15

Every Fri in April at 7 pm (bilingual) and also at noon on April 1 & 15 (English only). Join us in the Church for this traditional recreation of Christ's final walk to Calvary, based on readings from Holy Scripture and the traditions of the Jerusalem community.

## LENTEN QUIET DAY: Postponed to May 7

There will be a Lenten Quiet Day, with Holy Communion, prayer time in the Centering Prayer tradition, and Labyrinth walk (weather permitting) on Saturday May 7. 10-12, lunch included. RSVP to the office.

## PRAYER VIGIL: April 21-22

Come and watch with Christ in the darkness of Maundy Thurs night, from 10 pm to 6 am Good Friday. The Church will remain open and partially lit for you to join with Christians around the world keeping vigil that night. Your prayers light the darkness! Sign up sheet, by half-hour increments, is in the Parish House.

## CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesdays, 7 pm. All are welcome to join in seeking the Lord's "still small voice," for about 30 minutes...Join us on April 2 to learn more about this way of listening for God's voice.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- We collect pop tops from cans at the Church and deliver them to Ronald McDonald House in Joplin. Box in the garden hall.
- Your outdated cell phone (with charger if at all possible) can be donated to the Church for delivery to Lafayette House in Joplin. They use them as 911 pagers for families that have suffered physical abuse.
- Stewardship is the use of time, talent and treasure—all three!—for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God and the reconciliation of the world through Christ. Bring your gifts to God and watch them blossom. And no, not all of your stewardship is to "the Church." While we are certainly one of the ways God is at work in the world, we're not the only one!

*Please pray about the following possible ministries in the coming year:*

- Work with our youth, especially high school and the very youngest kids (see Fr. Steve)
- Volunteering at St. Luke's on Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday (see Fr. Steve)
- Cooking for an Encore lunch one Friday (see Nurse Barbara)
- Bringing a non-driver to Church regularly on Sunday or Friday (see Fr. Steve)

## PARISH LIFE

### SCHOLARSHIPS (by April 15)

Dear Grace Church members: Are you in your third or fourth year of college? If so, you are eligible for a scholarship. Pick up the form in the office today! Deadline for application is APRIL 15!

### ENCORE CLUB: April 8

Friday, Noon: **RSVP** \$5 per person

Cook: Barbara Mountjoy  
& Allen Stinebrook

Presenter: Elizabeth Flanigan sings

### EASTER LILIES

Copies of last year's Easter Lily list are on the table in the Parish House for your changes. Please initial after your review. \$10 per lily. Deadline is Sun, April 17.

### COOKING SCHEDULE

We will be cooking each day of Holy Week, beginning with the **Seder Meal** Tues April 19, 10-12:30 and Wed April 20, 2:30-6 pm.

**Agape Meal** cooking Thurs. April 21, 11-2 pm Phyllo items; Fri April 22, 11-2 pm meatballs, grape leaves & eggs. Sat. April 23, 9:30-4:30 pm cooking salads and meats.

*You are invited to join in the fellowship!*

### **FLOWERING of the CROSS:**

#### April 24

One of our oldest parish customs is to carry the huge cross, decked with flowers, into the 10:30 service. Bring blooms from your yard and help prepare the cross Easter morning—a gift from your yard to your Lord.

### SOFTBALL

Our Tuesday night team begins games on April 19. Watch your bulletins for times.

### EXERCISE OPTIONS

Every Thursday at 9:30 am in the basement of Spencer Hall, join us for a low impact, just-get-moving exercise class. No Jane Fonda, Zumba or Richard Simmons! From 10:00-11:00 have book discussion, study or fellowship. Get your New Year started right—body, mind and spirit. Also Thursdays, at 5:30 pm join us for the Tapping Toodle-Oos, our tap dancing ministry. Tap is a great form of exercise, encouraging flexibility as well as burning calories and warming up your metabolism. You don't even need tap shoes! See Nurse Barbara for details.

### ST LUKE'S GARDEN TOUR

The residents of St. Luke's will tour our biblical garden at 2 pm on Wed, April 27. If you'd like to join them, please come along to sniff your way through the blossoms of the Scripture.

### **MOVIE NIGHT:**

#### APRIL 15

Come at 6 with your snack and friend to have a social hour. "Molokai" is the story of Father Damien, the Roman Catholic priest who dedicated his life to the lepers of Hawaii, and eventually himself died of the disease (we commemorate his life and ministry on April 15, which makes this very appropriate!) This 1999 film from Australia was not widely shown in the US but won a number of awards including best music of the year in a number of international film competitions. Perhaps a little something Hawaiian might be in order for snacks—but please, no poi or SPAM.

### THANK YOU

Richard Foshay and the Carr family wish to express our thanks and appreciation for all the visits, cards, calls, flowers, food and prayers during Paul's illness and passing.

## EDUCATION

### ADULT FORUMS

April 3: The Rev John Christianson: A survey on parish attitudes

April 10: The Rev Galen Snodgrass: Hospital ministry & advance directives

April 17: The Rev. John Christianson: Survey results revealed!

April 24: No Adult Ed today!

### WED NIGHT

As the number of children in our parish has grown, we've added a new Wed night class, for kids 3-5 and not yet in Kindergarten. Amanda Erwin & Tracy Wilkowski lead this group, first room on the right upstairs in Spencer Hall.

### SEDER MEAL: No Youth Groups

No Wed night activities on April 20—the Seder Meal, a reenactment of the Passover liturgy which is the root of our Communion service, will occupy the entire evening. See you at 6 pm—and come hungry.

### EASTER MORNING: No Sun School

There is NO Christian education, for adults or kids, on Easter morning, Sunday, April 24, due to the many and varied events.

### ANGLICAN COVENANT

*The final draft of the proposed Anglican Covenant was released in mid-December 2009 for formal consideration for adoption by constituent Provinces of the Anglican Communion...we strongly urge every congregation in this Church to engage in discussion of the proposed Covenant at some time in the coming two years. The Presiding Bishop & President of the House of Deputies, Sept 8, 2010.*

That time has arrived! Join others from your diocese at Christ Church, Springfield at 10 am on Sat, April 2, or St. Mary Magdalene, KC, at 10 am on Sat, April 9, to discuss the content of the Covenant proposal and share your insights.

## STEWARDSHIP

### GIFT POLICY

At our wonderful “heritage gift” seminar held on March 12, Don Gass discussed the importance of gift policies in helping parishes avoid uncomfortable bequests. For instance, sometimes real estate is a bigger headache than it's worth—a former lead mine, an old gas station with broken gas containers, or a building which is not up to code isn't a blessing, but a burden. Did you know your congregation has a stated gift policy? If you would like to leave something in the nature of “real property” to the Church—a work of art, a piano, a collection of jewelry, a house, a car, 7000 shares of original Walmart stock—the policy is that you should check with the rector, wardens or treasurer **BEFORE** writing this into your will, or dropping it off. Some items are extremely useful, or easily sold. Others, sadly, are of more sentimental than economic value, and might better be left to family or friends who share the memory.

### DAUGHTERS of the KING

*New this month: an update on our ministries*

Did you know that the Daughters of the King, a national devotional society for women, has a chapter at Grace Church? Daughters pledge to pray regularly for the Church, its ministry and its clergy, and to be helpful under the direction of the Rector. At Grace Church, the Daughters meet occasionally, and their members are invited to regular sessions of the diocesan organization. Their ministry is to oversee meals for the family at funerals. And they receive a very cool neck cross from the national organization! If you'd like to be a member of the Daughters of the King, speak to Carolyn Phelps about joining. And if you'd consider helping them in their ministry of hospitality to the bereaved without joining, speak to her or the Rector about getting on the “sign up” list.

# OUTREACH

## KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Would you like to sign up to be a part of the Prayer Vigil for the May 11-15 KAIROS prison ministry? Check out [3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil](http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil), or see the Rector! Agape, or letters of support and prayer to those taking part, can also be something one can commit to—see the rules on the website.

## COMMUNITY HOUSING

The ministerial alliance is sponsoring a “rebuild” of a house owned by an elderly woman here in town. Tentatively, construction should be completed by April 16, with plumbing, concrete, framing, roofing, siding, electrical, sheetrock, painting, trimwork, landscaping and meals all needed. Contact Jim Barnes, the project manager, at [betty019@centurytel.net](mailto:betty019@centurytel.net), or through the Nazarene Church at 358-4265, to learn more. *Offering on Easter goes, in part, to this ministry.*

## JAPANESE BLOSSOMS

Our Wednesday night PBJ class (grades 4-6) would greatly appreciate any donations of small pots (plastic is fine) or bedding plant trays, for our First Annual Plant Sale, coming this Spring!

We are raising funds to send to ERD specifically for the people of Japan following the earthquake and tsunami by growing annuals to beautify your garden, which should be available by late April. *Offering on Easter goes, in part, to this work.*

## AL-ANON & NA

Do you know someone with a drug problem? Narcotics Anonymous meets at Grace Church in the basement of Spencer Hall each Monday at 7 pm. Al-Anon is a meeting for those whose lives have been affected by a problem drinker. All meetings are open and confidential.

## NEARLY NEW

Many of our outreach projects are funded by the sale of gently used clothing at the Nearly New Shop. Speak to Cindy Chilton or Carolyn Cole about donations (you can receive money back on consignment or make a tax-deductible contribution) or to volunteer for a 3-hour shift once a month.

## RELAY for LIFE

Inaugural SCRABBLE Tournament Sat. April 9th, 10:30 am, for more information call Jim Brown, 237-8528. Show your support for the Carthage Tigers and help the American Cancer Society. Buy a wristband for \$1, all proceeds benefit the Carthage Relay For Life. May 7, 2nd Annual Tea Party “Pinkalicious” at the Lighthouse.

Our Relay for Life team is getting set for the June walk to fight cancer! See Ann or Kevin Curtis to get involved on our parish team!

## ERD

Our Easter offering is designated in thirds this year, with 2/3 going to ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development) for earthquake relief in both Japan and Haiti. If you would like to contribute to these causes, you may do so Easter day, or earlier. Just mark your check or envelope “Grace Church—ERD: Japan.” Episcopal Relief and Development has one of the highest rankings for transparency and low administrative costs of any charity in the country (5th in the nation, according to the Charity Navigator website) so you can rest assured your gift is going to those you intend to receive it.

On Sunday, April 10, we will observe ERD Sunday. This is an annual opportunity for you to consider your stewardship of the Anglican Churches worldwide and their ministry. Information on giving to ERD, whether that day or on Easter, will be available. And you can ask Deacon Jeff, our parish ERD contact, questions!

## **El Peregrino Ruso**

Continuación.

—¿Qué clase de enseñanza es la que buscas y qué es lo que quieres comprender mejor?

—Mirad, Padre, hace alrededor de un año, estando en un oficio, oí este mandamiento del Apóstol: Orad sin cesar. Esto me admiró sobremanera y no puedo comprender cómo es posible cumplir tal cosa ni cuáles son los medios de conseguirlo; un gran deseo y una gran curiosidad se despertaron en mí: ni de día ni de noche se han apartado estas palabras de mi espíritu.

El sabio hizo la señal de la cruz y tomó la palabra:

—Da gracias a Dios, hermano muy amado, por haberte Él revelado esa invencible atracción que existe en ti hacia la oración interior continua. Reconoce en eso el llamamiento de Dios y tranquilízate pensando que así ha sido debidamente probado el acuerdo de tu voluntad con la palabra divina; te ha sido dado comprender que no es ni la sabiduría de este mundo ni un vano deseo de conocimiento lo que conduce a la luz celestial —la continua oración interior—, sino al contrario, la pobreza de espíritu y la experiencia activa en la simplicidad del corazón.

Por eso no es de maravillar que no hayas oído ninguna cosa profunda acerca del acto de orar y que nada hayas podido aprender acerca del modo de llegar a esta perpetua actividad. En verdad, se predica mucho acerca de la oración y sobre esta materia existen no pocas obras recientes, pero todos los juicios de sus autores están fundados en la especulación intelectual, en los conceptos de la razón natural, y no en la experiencia que resulta de la acción; hablan más de lo que a la oración es accesorio que de la esencia de la oración. El uno explica muy bien por qué hay que orar; el otro trata de los efectos bienhechores de la oración; un tercero, de las condiciones necesarias para orar bien, es decir, del celo, de la atención, del fervor del corazón, de la pureza de la mente, de la humildad, del arrepentimiento que hay que tener para ponerse a orar. Pero qué es la oración y cómo se aprende a orar, cosas tan esenciales y fundamentales en la oración, muy poco lo tratan los predicadores de nuestro tiempo; porque son más difíciles que todas sus explicaciones y exigen no un saber escolar, sino un conocimiento místico. Y lo que es más triste aún, esta elemental y vana sabiduría conduce a medir a Dios con una medida humana. Muchos cometen un gran error al pensar que los medios preparatorios y las buenas acciones engendran la oración, cuando la verdad es que la oración es la fuente de las obras y de las virtudes.

## READINGS in APRIL

### HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday, April 17:** 8 & 10:30 am (10:30 *incense*), Noon (Spanish)

**Holy Monday, April 18:** 6 pm Holy Eucharist

**Holy Tuesday, April 19:** 6 pm Tenebrae & Holy Eucharist

**Holy Wednesday, April 20:** 6 pm Seder Meal (Parish House) with Holy Eucharist

**Maundy Thursday, April 21:** 2 pm St. Luke's, 6 pm Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m. Foot-washing & Litany of the Saints, 8:30 p.m. Spanish Eucharist, 10-6 a.m.

**Good Friday, April 22:** 7 am, Noon, 6 pm (*Family service*), 8:30 pm (*Spanish Offering today to Holy Land Institute for the Deaf, Jordan*)

**Holy Saturday, April 23:** The Great Vigil of Easter 7 pm (*incense*), Agape Feast 8:30 pm *Offering today to Ministerial Alliance, Haiti, Japan & Hispanic Ministry*

**Easter Day, April 24:** 8 am (*music*), Flowering of the Cross 9:15, 10:30 am (*incense*), Easter Egg Hunt noon, 12:30 Spanish *Offering today to Ministerial Alliance, Haiti, Japan & Hispanic Ministry*

**Fri, April 1:** Jeremiah 11:1-8, 14-20, Romans 6:1-11, John 8:33-47

**Sat, April 2:** Jer 13:1-11, Romans 6:12-23, John 8:47-59

**Sun, April 3, FOURTH LENT:** I Samuel 16:1-13, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

**Mon, April 4-Sat, April 9,** Jer 16:10-21, 17:19-18:11, 22:13-23, 23:1-15, Romans 7:1-9:18, John 6:1-6:71

**Sun, April 10, FIFTH LENT:** Ezekiel 37:1-4, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

**Mon, April 11-Sat, April 16:** Jer 24:1- 25:17, 25:30-26:16, 29:1,4-13, 31:27-34, Romans 9:19-11:36, John 9:19-John 11:44

**Sun, April 17, PALM SUN:** Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

**Mon, April 18:** Isaiah 42:1-9, Hebrews 9:11-15, John 12:1-11

**Tues, April 19:** Isaiah 49:1-7, I Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:20-36

**Wed, April 20:** Isaiah 50:4-9, Hebrews 12:13, John 13:21-32

**Thurs, April 21, MAUNDY THURS:** Exodus 12:1-14, I Corinthians 11:23-26, John 13:1-17, 31-35

**Fri, April 22, GOOD FRI:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 4:17-16, 5:7-9, John 18:1-19:42

**Sat, April 23, HOLY SAT:** Job 14:1-14, I Peter 4:18-, Matthew 27:57-66

**Sun, April 24, EASTER:** Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20-18

**Mon, April 25, EASTER MON:** Acts 2:14, 22-32, Matthew 28:9-15

**Tues, April 26, EASTER TUES:** Acts 2:36-42, John 20:11-18

**Wed, April 27, EASTER WED:** Acts 3:1-10, Luke 24:13-35

**Thurs, April 28, EASTER THURS:** Acts 3:11-25, Luke 24:36-48

**Fri, April 29, EASTER FRI:** Acts 4:1-12, John 21:1-14

**Sat, April 30, EASTER SAT:** Acts 4:13-21, Mark 16:9-15, 20