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Epiphany/Lent

March 2011

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Lent has come late this year. As a matter of fact, most of us will not experience Lent and Easter coming this late again in our lifetime. And yet, as late as it is, Lent always seems to come too soon. We are never quite ready for the introspection, the self denial, and the spiritual discipline of the Lenten season. However, ready or not, here it comes.

This year, our observance will be a little different than it has been in the past few years. To begin with, our final celebration before Lent begins is going to renew something that many of us remember from growing up in the church. Instead of the Mardi Gras Celebration we have had the past few years, we are once again going to have a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8 at 6:30 p.m.. Unlike other suppers we have had, this celebration will be absolutely free. It will not be a fund raising event. The whole purpose is to bring together our entire church family for fellowship. I will be the cook, and the host will be the Junior Warden, Craig Hart. At the end of the evening we will gather outside (weather permitting) for the burning of the palms for our Ash Wednesday service. I hope everyone will come and invite their family and friends for food, fun, and fellowship before we transition into Lent.

On Thursday evenings during Lent we will have pot-luck dinners at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Lenten program on "Conversations Heard from the Cross" led by Fr. Hollis. The theme of the Lenten program will be carried over into our worship on Palm Sunday morning. Consider making this Lenten program a part of your discipline this year. The discussions should be lively and the food and fellowship is always good.

In the early church, Lent was a time of learning and of instruction, a time of preparation of those to be confirmed. Fr. Hollis and I were discussing this and decided that this Lent might be a good time for us to look, as a church family, at the various forms of the Holy Eucharist that are available to us in the Book of Common Prayer. The first Sunday of Lent we will use Holy Eucharist Rite I, Prayer I, with the Great Litany, as has been our tradition. However, on each of the following Lenten Sundays we will use a different form of the Holy Eucharist with a short time of instruction on the primary differences and why they are different. In addition. We will also use the different forms for the Prayers of the People each week. Our discipline will be to learn the breadth of what is available in our prayer book. I would ask that you pay very close attention to the different forms of the Eucharist each week. Notice how the emphasis is a little different in each form; make note of how each form speaks to you differently. Then, give us some feedback. We would love to hear how your worship experience was different with each form.

I am considering a practice of meeting at the church for daily Morning Prayer during Lent as I did several years ago. If there are others who would enjoy meeting at 7:00 a.m. to read Morning Prayer, please let me know. Those of us who worshipped together then found it to be meaningful. If that is not to be your Lenten discipline, however, that is fine. But I strongly encourage you to find what does work for you and spend some time in prayer and reflection this Lent. It can deepen your Lenten experience and make for an even more festive and joyous Easter. *Tom+*

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Cedarcroft

Vestry

CLASS OF 2011

Justin Dowding
Sarah Knowles
Louis Willett

Class of 2012

Douglas Knowles
Jonathan Pearce
Julia Van De Wille

CLASS OF 2013

Melvina Coleman
Lee Smith
Deborah Tupper

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Craig Hart
Junior Warden
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Margaret Elseroad
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The Rev. Thomas B. Carter
Rector
The Rev. Anthony Hollis
Priest Associate
Wallington Hankerson, Jr.
Director of Music
Patricia Schwarzman
Administrative Assistant

Birthdays



The daffodil is
March's
Birth Flower:
"Friendship &
Domestic Happiness"

- 1 Catherine Bishop
- 2 Helen Whiteman
- 3 Jasmine Edwards
- 4 Betty Hall
- 6 Erin Gittings
- 10 Doug Knowles, Sr.
- 12 Doug Vaughan
- 15 Laura Elseroad
- 16 Betty Hoatson
- 16 Diana Jones
- 17 Judy Jones
- 19 Phillip Tupper
- 20 Amy Heffernan
- 20 Jessica Knowles
- 22 Patrick Carter
- 23 Basil Howard
- 23 Julie Daniel
- 23 Linda Hollis
- 24 Jo Ann Brooks
- 27 Patrick Heffernan
- 28 Kealy Evan Carter
- 29 Clemente Laoyan
- 30 Ted Jones

Anniversaries

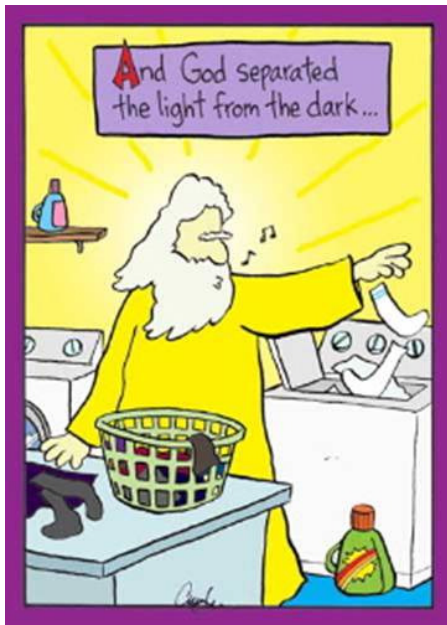
- 2 Steve & Amanda Cunningham
- 12 Chuck & Betsy Dunn
- 19 Patrick & Sally Carter
- 23 Frank & Betty Russell
- 30 Dick & Ginny North



CALENDAR

March

- March 1 & 2-Tuesday & Wednesday-**
2:30-9 p.m.-Lifetouch portrait sessions
- March 8-Tuesday-Shrove Tuesday Pancake**
Supper-6:30 p.m.
- March 9-Ash Wednesday-**
10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- March 17-Thursday-Lenten Program &**
Potluck-6:30 p.m.
- March 18-Friday-Feedmore Fridays-5:30-**
7:30 p.m.
- March 21-Monday-Outreach Committee**
Meeting, 7 p.m.
- March 22-Tuesday-Peace Service-St. John's**
Church-7:30 p.m.
- March 24-Thursday-Lenten Program & Pot-**
luck-6:30 p.m.
- March 26-Saturday-Sandwich Saturdays-9-**
9:45 a.m.
- March 26-Saturday-WORLD, Inc. Fund-**
raiser-6-9 p.m. Church of the Nativity
- March 31-Thursday-Lenten Program & Pot-**
luck-6:30 p.m.



Far Side by Gary Larson
Submitted by Amy Norwood

2011 Nativity Directory By Lifetouch

Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial family album! There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after photography. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. Watch for weekend sign-ups or visit our website to schedule your own appointment. We look forward to seeing you!

To make our directory a success we need volunteers. Patty is coordinating volunteers for our new directory. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, or serving as a host or hostess during our actual photography sessions, contact Patty at the office on 410-433-4812.

To sign yourself up for a photography session, visit Nativity's website: <http://www.nativitycedarcroft.org> and go to the Lifetouch link. There you will find the website for Lifetouch: <http://www.appointment-plus.com/lifetouch> On the first tab, "Portrait Sessions" you will find a calendar and times for the portrait sessions taking place on March 2nd and 3rd. Select a date and time and follow the instructions. If you need help, just call the office and Patty will reserve a spot for you while on the phone. Remember, early sign-ups will get the first choice of times!

We need **YOU** to make this a success!

Building Peace from the Ground Up



Good News from the Holy Land!

Come meet Phoebe Griswold, President, The American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

Learn how the American Friends are helping the Diocese, through its schools, hospitals, clinics, and job training programs, strengthen individuals, families, and communities so they can be viable partners for peace now and in the future.

Learn how U.S. individuals and congregations in many denominations are building bridges to these communities and institutions.

Meet members of churches in the D.C. metro area that are involved. Enjoy food, drink, and fellowship at the reception.*

Sponsors: St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Capitol Hill Faith Forum

When: Sunday, March 6, 3:00-4:30 pm

Where: St. Mark's Church, corner of 3rd & A Streets, SE, Washington, DC (near the Capitol South and Union Station Metro stops; on-street parking)

Cost: None

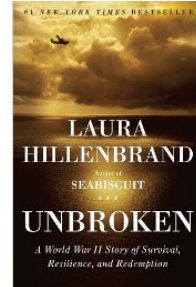
RSVP: By Monday, February 28, to middleeastworkinggroup@gmail.com

* All are welcomed to stay for St. Mark's "Contemplative Eucharist" at 5:00 pm. Lasting no more than an hour, this quiet, meditative service is a wonderful way to prepare for the week to come.

Nativity Book Club

By J. Catherine Bishop

The next meeting of the Nativity Book Club will be at 2:30 Sunday, March 13 in the Upstairs Room of the Parish House. The book will be *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand. The author is also the author of *SeaBiscuit*, another true and happier story than this one.



Louis Zamperini, after a somewhat rebellious childhood, settles down, goes out for track, and wins many local races. He was a strong contender in the 1936 Olympics, and was considered a possible gold winner in the 1940 Olympics. Because of Second World War, the Olympic were cancelled for the year. After the United States entered the war in 1941, he became a member of the Army Air Force and served as a bombardier on a B24. The main body of the book covers his service in the Air Force, his time on the raft in the Pacific Ocean, and as a Japanese prisoner of war. Mr. Zamperini is still living and in his nineties. He has provided some of the photos of his family and the time as a runner and in the Air Force. As if this writing, I have read only the first section of the book covering his service as a bombardier, but I am enjoying the excellent writing style of the author.

Sarah Knowles will lead the discussion, and Pat Brain will provide refreshments. The book is available as a hardback at local libraries and is also available for anyone who has a Kindle. Please join us on the 13th.



My biggest fear is going to heaven and seeing God wearing a wristband that says, "I don't know. What would you do?"

The Hannah More School Foundation is pleased to announce the creation of a new scholarship



The Rev. Frederick J. Hanna Scholarship

Rev. Hanna has been a loyal and devoted supporter of Hannah More School for many years. As rector of All Saint's Episcopal Church in Reisterstown during the 1970s, Rev. Hanna was a member of the Hannah More Task Force. The Task Force was instrumental in persuading Baltimore County to purchase the former Hannah More Academy property after it merged with St. Timothy's School. With others, Rev. Hanna recognized the need for day and residential treatment services for adolescents with emotional disabilities who were being sent out of state for services. Through the efforts of the Task Force and other supporters, Baltimore County purchased the former Episcopal girls' school, thus preserving three historic buildings. Hannah More School became the first tenant on the property, and Rev. Hanna became a founding board member.

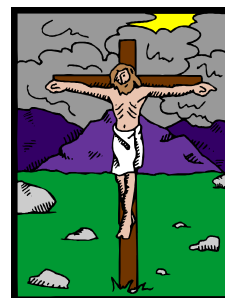
After he left All Saint's Church, Rev. Hanna remained a staunch supporter of the school and a vocal advocate for school programs. He was a member of the Capital Campaign team that successfully raised \$4 million to add the Decker Career Technology Education Program and other additions in 1998. We are grateful to Rev. Hanna for his tireless efforts on behalf of our students over the years.

The Rev. Frederick J. Hanna Scholarship is awarded annually to a Hannah More School student who has achieved high standards of academic achievement, worked collaboratively with his or her peers, shown an interest in the well-being of others both inside and outside the school, and demonstrates financial need.

For more information or to contribute to The Rev. Frederick J. Hanna Scholarship, please contact the Hannah More School Development office, (410) 526-5000, ext. 631.

**OVERHEARD:
CONVERSATIONS
by the CROSS**

Lenten Program
Fr. Tony Hollis



Beginning March
17th and ending on April
17th-Palm Sunday, Fr.

Hollis will present our Thursday Lenten Program preceded by a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m.

Do you suppose it is possible that various people who were involved in our Lord's Passion ever had the opportunity to talk with one another about it?...perhaps even *right then...*while the events were happening? Can you imagine what they might have said?...people like:

- Malchus**, whose ear was cut off and healed at Gethsemane, and **Mark**, who ran from the Garden naked;
- Barabbas**, the criminal released when Jesus was condemned; and Calaphas, the high priest who led the cries for his release;
- Pontius Pilate** and **Procula**, his wife;
- Simon of Cyrene**, who carried our Lord's cross, and the **Centurion** who compelled him to;
- The Two Thieves** who were crucified with Christ;
- Mary**, our Lord's grieving mother, and **John**, the "beloved disciple" who took her into his home.

With piercing insight and dramatic reality, these Lenten services invite us to eavesdrop on the concerns and conflicts of people whose lives were touched—and changed—by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ—just as

Many years ago a tandem mausoleum crypt at Parkwood Cemetery was donated to the Church. We can't use it. Will sell below market rate. If interested, call Fr. Carter.

BACK TO THE 70'S IN LENT 2011

Let's Get It On!

Do you remember these songs -

Everything's all right

I don't know how to love him

I only want to say

Jesus Christ Superstar

from the 1970's blockbuster Musical?



Sam Dowding will lead discussions using the lyrics of selected songs from the Jesus Christ Superstar musical to jointly explore, highlight, expand and share our understanding of the Gospel narratives describing Jesus Christ's life

Join the series of 6 Lenten Adult Forums on the theme of Jesus Christ Superstar!

**Sunday March 13 through to Sunday April 17,
9:00 to 10:00 in the
J. Catherine Bishop LIBRARY**

*Women Organized
Resources
for Liberia's Development, Inc.*

**FUNDRAISER FOR
ORPHANAGE
IN LIBERIA**



**DANCE YOUR WAY TO EXERCISE WITH
MAMA KAY
Saturday, March 26, 2010
6 – 9 p.m.**

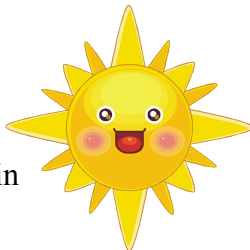
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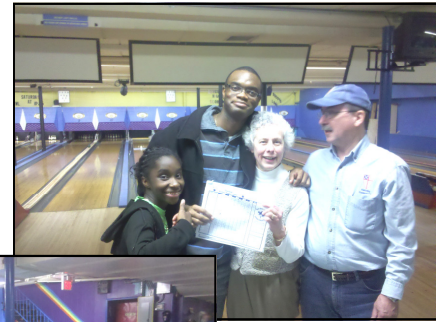
DONATION: \$15.00

A warm welcome to our
newest member,
Jane Parker, from the
Church of the Ascension in
Orlando, Fla.



Nativity Bowling Night

Nativity
held a
bowling
night at
Stoneleigh
Lanes



Saturday,
February 19th
attended by
approximately
15 people.

According to
Doug Knowles, “some found the pins and
some found the gullies, but a good time was
had by all!”

Justin Dowding was one of the participants,
so everyone wished him well during the time
that he will have to spend outside the States
because of his expiring student visa. Mem-
bers of Nativity gave him a farewell recep-
tion after the February 20th 10:30 service.
He plans on going back to Guyana, his birth-
place, and then go on to Kingston, Jamaica
and live with his brother until he finds em-
ployment there. He will keep his email ad-
dress: gdowning@gmail.net. God-speed,
Justin! We will miss you and hope that you
return soon.

Mary Beth and Lou Willett wish to ex-
press their sincere appreciation to the
members of Nativity who offered their
support and prayers during Lou's recent
medical bout. During such times it is nor-
mal to feel somewhat isolated but with the
love of a Church family that feeling
quickly evaporates and is replaced
with strength. May God Bless.



The mission of the Church of the Nativity is to faithfully love and serve Jesus Christ by embracing all people through worship, outreach, and fellowship in His name.



**Remember
our
Nativity
members
who are
home-
bound or
in health
care
facilities :**

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The Chimes
Georgie Berberich

Edenwald
Josephine Disney

Genesis Health Care Center
Betty Hall

Fairhaven
The Rev. Fred Hanna

Manor Care Charles Street
Mae Hofmann

The Maples at Towson
Thelma Crispell

Stella Maris
Peggy Tice

Active Day at Parkville
Stephanie Yateman

Shut-ins at Home
Charles Clayton
Lovejoy Clayton

Nancy Curry
Betsy Dunn

Chuck Dunn
Mary Gardner

Ted Jones
Rachel Marshall
Helen Whiteman
Isabel Wilner

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