

St Pauls Cathedral

GOOD NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2007

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PASSING FROM LABOR TO LOVE

SHROVE TUESDAY

February 20th

Pancake Supper!

6:00 PM

Fun! Food! Fabulous!

For the whole family!



Draping of the Cross!

After Pancake Supper

In the Courtyard



ASH WEDNESDAY!

February 21st

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

7:30 AM Rite I

12:00 PM Rite II

7:30 PM Rite II



*Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.*

Passing from Labor to Love

From the Way of the Cross to the Power of the Spirit

- *Sunday, Feb 4, Forum Dean Back*
Passing From Labor to Love
Program introduction for Ash Wednesday through Pentecost.
Parlor Confirmation Class
- *Sunday, Feb 11*
Forum Introduction to Lenten Programs Group One
Jim Jarvis – *Down the River with Huck and Jim*
Bill & Meredith Cunningham–*Care of the Environment Book Study*
Erin Taylor Weathers, *Religious Symbolism through Personal Art*
Parlor Confirmation Class
- *Sunday, Feb 18*
Forum Introduction to Lenten Programs Group Two
Cristina McQuiston – *Walking the Labyrinth*
Canon Susan Joplin – *Ignatian Meditation*
Steve Parker – *Why Do Evening Prayer?*
Parlor – *Confirmation Class*
- *Tuesday, Feb 20*
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Draping of the Cross
- *Wednesday, Feb 21*
Ash Wednesday Services:
Ash Wednesday 7:30 am, Noon, & 7:30 pm
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
- *Sunday, Feb 25*
Sunday Lent 1 The Great Litany
Forum Dean Back *The Way of the Cross to the Power of the Spirit*
Class in Library Jim Jarvis - *Down the River with Huck and Jim*
Parlor Confirmation Class
- *Weekdays in Lent*
12:10 Chapel Eucharists
Rite 2 Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays;
Rite 1 Fridays
- *Wednesday, Feb 28*
Wednesday's Lenten Programs
 - 12:00 Meditative Music in Chapel
 - 12:10 Dean Back – Meditation *Awakening Divine Love*
 - 12:30 *Table Talk* – Bring your sandwich or eat our yogurt
 - 5:30 pm Steve Parker – *Evening Prayer in St. Nicholas Chapel*
 - 6:00 pm – Dinner in Dean Willey
 - 6:45 pm – Children's program begins in Undercroft
 - 6:45–7:00 pm Dean Back – *Awakening Divine Love*
 - 7 pm – Group Discussion on *Awakening Divine Love*
 - 7 pm – Bill & Meredith Cunningham–*Caring for the Environment* book study
 - 7 pm – Erin Taylor Weathers – *Religious Symbolism through Personal Art*

Cathedral @ 5

February 4: The Vast Expanse of Interstellar Space,
The Fantasy Works of C.S. Lewis, & Holy Eucharist, Prayer C



If you enjoy the classic children's stories in the Chronicles of Narnia, please join Canon Luke Back as the Cathedral @ 5 explores the space trilogy of C.S. Lewis each first-Sunday of the month. These services will incorporate important biblical themes such as sacrifice, power and grace as they are reflected in the fantasy writing of Lewis. There is great music and discussion offered at each service as we reenter this world with an English tea reception following the service. The books are available in the Cathedral Bookstore.

Expand your faith and your understanding as we blast off from St. Nicholas Chapel.

February 11: *Taizé*

February 25: *Taizé*

February 18: EvenMoreSong

This month The Cathedral Choir and Canon Musician H. Scott Raab bring to you another magnificent Evensong.

St. Catherine's Guild

St. Catherine's Guild plans to meet in the Garden Galley at **Noon** on **Tuesday, February 13th**. All are invited, and Jeannie Haas will serve as hostess with Canon Joplin presenting the program.

Music

EvenMoreSong with the Cathedral Choir

Sunday, February 18th, at 5:00 PM

St. Paul's continues our wonderful series of Evensong services on the third Sunday of each month. Please invite a guest and join the Cathedral Choir and Canon Back for this quietly reflective service. This is a great way to introduce friends and newcomers to St. Paul's Cathedral.

This month The Cathedral Choir and Canon Musician H. Scott Raab present.

Brightmusic: Beethoven by Moonlight

Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 7:30 PM

The fantastic Brightmusic Chamber Ensemble will perform great works by Beethoven and Shostakovich. The program is scheduled to include:

- Beethoven—*Piano Sonata in C sharp minor, Op. 27, no. 2 "Moonlight"*
- Beethoven—*A Major Sonata (Op. 69) for cello and piano*
- Shostakovich—*Sonata for viola and piano*

Health Team

Lifeline Screening

February 9, 2007

St. Paul's will be hosting the Lifeline screening again on Friday, February 9, 2007. The screening will be to check for peripheral vascular, abdominal aorta and carotid circulation as well as bone density. You can sign up for as many screenings as you want. For more information check the Parish Nurse Bulletin Board by the front office. The space is limited, so call to make an appointment today. For more information call 1-800-772-8260.

Youth

Senior High Conference

February 23–25, 2006, Grace Episcopal Church in Ponca City

All senior high youth grades 9-12 are invited to attend Senior High Conference at Grace Episcopal Church, Ponca City. Registration forms are available in the undercroft, or you may register on-line by emailing: episcopal youth@hotmail.com.

Questions? Contact Nic Garrison at ngarrison@stpaulsokc.org

St. Crispin's Summer Camp

Brochures are available at the reception desk. St. Crispin's is the Diocesan camp and conference center between Seminole and Wewoka that offers a wonderful summer experience for our youth. Running from Sunday afternoon through Saturday morning during June and July, age-specific weeks are geared to those who have finished 3rd grade through high school. If your child has never been, ask an older youth about it!

Youth Educators

Sex Abuse Prevention Training

February 10th, Saturday, 9:00 AM (Third Time's the Charm)

After being postponed twice due to inclement weather, St. Paul's Cathedral plans to host the Diocesan Sex Abuse Prevention Training on Saturday, February 10th, from 9:00 to noon, with registration and light refreshments at 8:30 AM in the Garden Gallery.

This training is required of all employees working with our young people within six months of employ, and strongly recommended for those who volunteer with youth, such as church school teachers and missionaries to Watonga or Mexico. Please call or e-mail Karen Jarvis at kjarvis@stpaulsokc.org to sign-up.

Caregiver Position Open

St. Paul's Cathedral Nursery is seeking an additional Sunday morning caregiver. The hours are 8:45–12:15 each week, and additional evening hours may be available during Advent, Lent and for other special occasions. The hourly pay is competitive; and the benefits include fantastic co-workers and wonderful children in a pleasant space. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please call Sherilyn Herndon or Karen Jarvis asap.

Children Choir Director Sought

A Children's Choir Director is being sought for our Easter Youth Choir, with rehearsals to run Wednesday evenings from February 28 to March 28. This choir will sing at the 9:00 service Easter Sunday, April 8. This is a paid position, and referrals are welcome!

Annual Meeting Election Results

The Results of the elections held on January 28th at the Annual Meeting are as follows:



Vestry

Dian Everett
Hank Bowen
Patti Morgan
Sherry Sullivan

Delegates

Robert Dennis
John Koons
Gary Derrick
Larry Joplin
Karen Jarvis
Laurie Jones
John Dunn
Norma Taggart
Jim Hampton

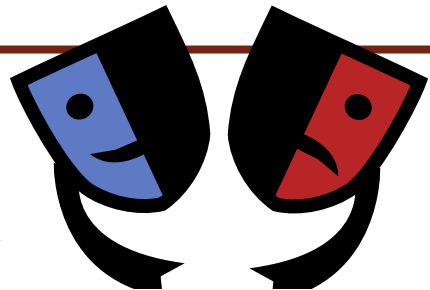


Alternates

Mary Lu Jarvis
Lillian Benefee
Sam Paschal
Carol Howard

St. Genesius Guild

St. Genesius is the patron saint of all things theatre and the Guild reads and performs plays from Medieval pageants to English classics and contemporary Broadway plays to melodrama. John Koons, facilitator, has called a meeting on Sunday, February 11 at the 10:10 time in the Garden Gallery to discuss our Lenten and Easter programs. All Genesians are invited even if you have not yet participated.



Memorials & Contributions

COLUMBARIUM FUND

In memory of: *Robert Erwin*
Donor: Mr. Duane P. Erwin

In memory of: *Natalie Drewnicky*
Donor: Ms. Jan Bradford

Mrs. Jane Faulkner Coalson
Mr. & Mrs. David Coleson
Mr. Frank Dennis
Ms. Mary E. Greear
Ms. Kathleen J.M. Haynes
Drs. Noel & Anne Jacobs
Mr. & Mrs. William E. Johns
Mr. Peter Pierce III
Ms. Emily Alexander Shurley
Ms. Carol S. Soule
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Ms. Virginia R. Winneberger
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Mrs. Sue Almond
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Mr. John W. Turman
Mr. & Mrs. David A. Cline
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Ms. Evelyn E. Ramming
Mr. & Mrs. Gary White

DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of: *Earline Pearson*
Donor: Mr. Claude Arnold
Ms. Nan Axcell
Ms. Marilyn Epp
Ms. Laura Smysor

HEALTH TEAM

In memory of: *Glenns Clifford*
Donor: Ms. Marilyn Robertson

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of: *Janeal Foster*
Donor: Mrs. Melba Rhinehart
Mrs. Lelia Sapper

MOBILE MEALS

In memory of: *Shirley Bross*
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones
In memory of: *Harriet Koons*
Donor: Dr. & Mrs. James N. Jarvis
In memory of: *Tom Taggart*
Donor: Dr. & Mrs. James N. Jarvis

MUSIC SOCIETY

In memory of: *Ann Tilghman*
Donor: M. Patricia Lester
In memory of: *Natalie Drewnicky*
Donor: Dr. & Mrs. James N. Jarvis
Ms. Edith Schneeberger
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Stover

RESTORATION FUND

In memory of: *Shirley Bross*
Donor: Mr. Donald E. Weaver

ST. GEORGE'S GUILD

In memory of: *Shirley Bross*
Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. Hung
Mr. & Mrs. Michael H. Bross
Mrs. Marilyn J. Hale
Ms. Patricia L. Piper
Dr. & Mrs. Donald Resler
Mrs. Jeanne H. Collins
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Goodrich
Ms. Nancy Jones
Mr. & Mrs. William Akright

Mr. & Mrs. James C. Collins
Mrs. Betty Creekmore
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Ms. Patricia Lester
Mr. & Mrs. Jack D. Morris
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Reed
Dr. Kathleen R. Soch
Ms. Joanna R. Sullivant
Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Zimmerman
Ms. Lisa Chronister
Ms. Judith A. Egnew

In memory of: *Natalie Drewnicky*
Donor: Ms. Sally Alworth
Ms. Edith A. Schneeberger

In memory of: *T.N. Law, Jr.*
Donor: Ms. Patricia Lester

VESTMENT FUND

In memory of: *Glenns Clifford*
Donor: Ms. Karen Billings
Mr. Linda Clark
Dr. John A. Dunn
Dr. Gail Garloch
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Gilbert
Ms. Joan L. Johnson
Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Thompson
Ms. Carol A. Howard

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF OKLAHOMA

The Right Reverend Robert M. Moody

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Very Reverend George H. Back, Dean
The Reverend Canon Susan Colley Joplin
The Reverend Canon Carol M. Hampton
The Reverend Canon Nathaniel Luke Back
The Reverend Canon Margôt L. Nesbitt

CATHEDRAL STAFF

H. Scott Raab, Canon Musician
David Ponstein, Facilities Coordinator
Michael Vogt, Information Coordinator
Marilyn Robertson, Parish Nurse
Anne Kueteman, Cathedral Ministries Coordinator
Karen Jarvis, Christian Education Coordinator
Ann Bonsteel, Bookkeeper
Nic Garrison, Youth Leader
Tommy Shoemake, Sexton
Eric Ashong, Assistant Sexton
Gail Dyer, Kitchen Staff

CATHEDRAL OFFICERS

Stephen Parker, Senior Warden
Tom Steiner, Junior Warden
Rick Hill, Treasurer
Rachel Pringle, Clerk

VESTRY

2007

Laurie Jones
Karl Rysted
Carol Howard
James Collins

2009

Hank Bowen
Dian Everett
Patti Morgan
Sheryl Sullivan

2008

Robert Dennis
Kimberly Suiters
John Koons
Fran Derrick

Birthdays



February 1

Joe Johnson
Heath Morgan
Charlotte Shoemake
Stephen West

February 2

Sanger Clark
Sheridan Harris

February 3

Marie Azzinaro
Chloe Gentry
Sophia Sapper

February 4

Bob Bright
Kimberly Suiters

February 5

Sharon Ellington
Sandy Faught
Sophia Greenley

February 6

Dave Lewis

February 7

Phaizaun Dinh
Tyler Hagan
Billy Hightower
Philip Ochs
Barbara Patterson

February 8

Abby Hess
Gaye Sherman

February 9

Brad Ezell
Nic Garrison
Jane Hutchison
Diane Stephens

February 10

Mary Lu Jarvis
Ashley Ozan

February 11

Genger Gibson

February 12

Kelsie Bishop
Judy Todd

February 13

Kira Chelberg
Margôt Nesbitt
David Ponstein
Kathleen Wallace

February 14

Chester Ashong
Tina Ashong
Ravyn Blake

February 15

Helen Harris
Paul Haley

February 16

Nathan Clark
Gerry McAllister
Tom Steiner

February 17

Carolyn Gresham-Fiegel
Mark Nagle

February 18

Cale Richards

February 19

Angus Levonitis
Robert Malmstrom

February 20

Patrick Pearson

February 21

Cokie Anderson
Mia Pons
Emmi Roush
Clay Towles

February 22

Lynn Eagin
Millie Hightower

February 23

Jackson Eldridge
Priscilla Malmstrom

February 24

Sarah Beard
Nathan Johns
Andrea Rhodes

February 25

Katie Armistead

February 26

Kayson Howard
Sara Roush

February 27

Patricia Brandon
Becky McNeese
Anthony Pons

*If you have a birthday in February and your birthday is **not** listed, please let us know! (235-3436)*

LIVE. LOCAL. BREAD-BREAKING.

Vestry Meeting Review: By Kimberly Suiters

Three and a Half Hours:

The time in which Laurie Jones could run the New York Marathon; and the time it took the Vestry to hammer out the budget. The Vestry passed a painfully disciplined budget.

Great December

Pledges brought in a whopping \$99,534.50 (\$47,000 more than we expected). Non-pledged income amounted to an impressive \$34,565.78 (\$24,000 higher than what we'd anticipated.) The Christmas offering was \$11,201.02 ... (\$2,201.02 over projections). Thanks to December pledges and Christmas offerings, the 2006 deficit was cut by 44%.

Challenges of 2007

The management committee had feared a deficit for 2007 as much \$140,045.66. Thanks to RTF income shrinking our debt by almost half and a generous offer of \$75,000 contingent upon Vestry trimming expenses or raising the money to cover the difference, we have a bright but still challenging 2007 ahead. The vestry passed – unanimously –not to borrow any funds on our bank credit line. Employees of St. Paul's received a 2% increase in salaries (they are still operating short-handed with one position not filled).

The Entire Vestry Reviewed the Budget, Line by Line,

Looking for places to cut back. In the end, Vestry voted to make \$17,100 in reductions, ending with a deficit of \$48,000 for 2007. Details of the budget are in your Annual Report available in the narthex and the reception desk. We are committed to reducing our deficit to zero for 2007.

Special Gifts

Gifts donated in December included: The funding of a new audio-visual system for Dean Willey Hall; a bequest to St. George's Guild of \$25,000; a grant to Bright Music of \$25,000.

Vestry said goodbye

To members who have fulfilled three year terms: Mary Lu Jarvis & Al McAffrey.

BACK TALK

Dear Friends,

Where is the true cross to be found? There are numerous stories about searches for pieces of the historic cross. Many splinters have appeared over the centuries with various claims to authenticity.

People often wear crosses to identify them as Christians. Some people, like the singer Madonna, seem to dress in crosses primarily for decoration, or even as a mockery. As tools of offense, false crosses may be 'true pieces' of the executioner's cross.

All four Gospels are preoccupied with presenting the passion narrative of Jesus. The 'Way of the Cross' takes up more words, more New Testament real estate, than anything else. The early church placed the cross at the center of every year. The rest of the calendar is adjusted to fit the lunar dating of Holy Week.

Chronological time moves from birth to death; liturgical time moves us from ashes to fire, from being dead through sin into being alive in the Holy Spirit. Ash Wednesday and the forty days of Lent help us to bring the cross into the center our soul. Following the 'Way of Cross' unites our personal crosses with our Lord's cross.

On Easter we see the risen Christ breathe Holy Spirit upon disciples. The fearful body of sinners and deserters becomes the faithful Body of Christ. Mortal breath, united with God's spirit, remits sins for the reconciliation and peace of the world. It is not by the ideas of the mind, but the faithfulness to the Body of Christ, that such power becomes manifest in the world and the Church is born into the flesh of members.

Historically the cross has often been used to decorate our own ego-centered ideas, prejudices, crusades, economic interests and political agendas. Every spring, like this Lent, we are given another opportunity for humility and penitence. We are invited to come in touch with the 'true cross' by offering our own sin, pain and suffering to be cleansed, transformed and recreated by the gracious power of God.

No one comes to the Father by false advertising, by claiming Christ's name, or presuming himself to be a 'Christian' by some belief ideas in his head. Are you ready for a real spiritual journey to the true cross? Are you ready to embody the Body of Christ through the way of the cross, the truth of the cost and the life of breathing Holy Spirit? Say 'yes' with your whole body and the cross you wear will become the outward sign of the inward Christ-truth you share.

Faithfully,

Gene H. Back

