



FEBRUARY 2008  
GOODNEWSLETTER

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# Shrove Tuesday

February 5<sup>th</sup>

**Pancake Supper!**

**5:30 PM**

*Fun! Food! Fabulous!*

*For the whole family!*



***Draping of the Cross!***

***After Pancake Supper***

***In the Courtyard***



# Ash Wednesday

February 6<sup>th</sup>

***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.*

# Lenten Wednesday Evenings

5:30 PM **Evening Prayer in the Cathedral**

6:00 PM **Lenten Supper in Dean Willey Hall**

6:45 PM **Children's Choir**

**Introduction to the Enneagram**

*What God Has Made Me, What I Can Become*

Learn about your personality type and the implications for your own spiritual journey. Richard Hicks, presenter and leader

**Book Study – Gilead by Marilynne Robinson**

Come and explore this Pulitzer prize winning author and novel. Dian Everett, Heather Leonard, Norma Taggart and Heather Everett will be group leaders.

**Confirmation**

Confirmation Class & Christian Formation will meet in the Cathedral to learn about the Sacraments, architecture and music of the church.

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# FORMATION LENTEN SUNDAY MORNINGS

## Healthy Heart News

*February 3, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Parlor*  
February is women's heart disease awareness month. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in America. Become more aware of your heart and risk factors for heart disease. Be more proactive and participate in the blood pressure screening on February 3, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Parlor. Come learn more about your heart health.

## Forum – Lenten Programs at St. Paul's

*February 3, 10:10 AM, Dean Willey Hall*  
Come to this presentation that will introduce Lenten offerings for St. Paul's. Lent is a time to get in touch with where God is calling us to be. This Forum will help to guide you in knowing more about the offerings that will be presented to help you to have a holy Lent.

## Forum – My Lenten Journey

*February 10, 10:10 AM, Dean Willey Hall*  
This first Sunday of Lent, become more firmly planted in the most penitential of all the Church Seasons.

## The Master and Margarita

*Sunday mornings at 10:10 AM*  
*February 10 – March 9 in St. George's Guild area of the Dean Back Building*  
Join Dr. Jim Jarvis for a lively discussion on the Mikhail Bulgakov novel, *The Master and Margarita*. Here is what the Chicago Tribune says about the book:

"The Master and Margarita has at last been translated accurately and completely....the book is by turns hilarious, mysterious, contemplative and poignant.....a great work."

## Forum – Downtown OKC

*Sunday, February 17, 10:10 AM*  
*in Dean Willey Hall*

Join Miles Tolbert for this exciting presentation on what is currently developing in downtown Oklahoma City

## Forum – Latino Cultural Awareness Day

*Sunday, February 24, 10:10 AM*  
*Dean Willey Hall*

Come to the Forum at 10:10 AM in Dean Willey Hall and listen to a lively presentation by Claudia San Pedro and Cristina McQuiston on the various religious and cultural traditions of Cuba, Mexico and others. A special treat of home-made tamales will be served following the presentation.

This is also the day we will send off our Mexico missionaries with a blessing at the 9 a.m. service. We will take donations for the mission of feeding the hungry and caring for the poor during all services that day.

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# FELLOWSHIP

## **Young Adult Fellowship**

*Young Adult Fellowship*, formerly known as *Friday Fellowship*, has undergone a makeover in 2008. YAF will host events for singles, young professionals, and parents of young children. All are welcome to participate!

YAF events vary by month to include social get-togethers, volunteer opportunities, family-friendly events, as well as service projects for the Church. If you have event suggestions or ideas for YAF events or volunteer projects, please contact Kiley Raper (601-5304) or Luke Back.

You may also contact Kiley Raper to be added to the YAF e-mail list. This is the surest way you'll be the first to know what is going on with YAF!

## **Upcoming Events** **Sweets for the Sweet**

*February 23*

Bring your sweetheart and a sweet. A night of indulgence hosted by the Suiters at their home. Watch the Sunday Announcements and your e-mail box for details.

## **Zoo Day and Picnic**

*March 15*

YAF hosts a day at the zoo! YAF will host a picnic lunch for the congregation. This event is open to all. YAF needs volunteers for the cook-out, so please contact Kiley Raper to sign-up.

## **Theater Guild of St. Genesis Readers' Theater**

*Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 PM*  
*at the Reslers' Home, 2204 NW 56 St.*

The Readers' Theater group will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM from February to April, and there will be snacks only. Contact Karen Resler at 842-4691 for more information.

## **Desert Mothers** **A Lenten Gathering for the Women of Province VII**

*March 7–9 at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Oklahoma City*

All are invited to attend this special workshop on the "Spiritual Practices of the Women of the Wilderness" to be conducted by the Rev. Mary C. Earle, March 7–9, at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel by the OKC Airport. The program begins with dinner Friday night and concludes Sunday morning. Registration is \$50.00 for the program and meals only, and \$100.00 if lodging is included. Brochures are available in the reception area; the registration deadline is February 20. Further information about the presenter is available at [www.marycearle.org](http://www.marycearle.org).

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# YOUTH

## **Lent/Easter Youth Choir**

*Starting February 13 at 6:00 PM*

All youth, ages 3 through teen, are invited to join the Youth Choir that will sing at the 9:00 service on Easter morning. We will rehearse with Miss Mary Reynolds on Wednesday evenings beginning February 13 and ending on March 12. Dinner will be served in Dean Willey Hall at 6:00 PM, and there will be a Lenten Program offering for the parents while the youth sing. Or, parents are always welcome to the choir rehearsals in the Undercroft. Teens are especially encouraged to sing with us!

## **Bringing Christ Home Building Faith-Focused Families**

**Who:** The Diocesan Department of Christian Formation is pleased to host The Rev. David Klutterman from the Diocese of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

**What:** Day long workshop designed to encourage both faith formation in the home and congregational intergenerational activities

**When:** 10:00 AM–4:00 PM, Saturday, March 1

**Where:** St. Paul's Cathedral

**How:** Contact Vycke McEwen at [vycke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vycke@sbcglobal.net) or 580-919-9202, or Karen Jarvis at [kjarvis@stpaul-sokc.org](mailto:kjarvis@stpaul-sokc.org). Our Christian Education program will pay for all registrants from St. Paul's, including lunch!

## **Senior High Conference**

**Who:** Senior High School students from all over the Diocese and their friends

**What:** *One Bread, One Body*, sponsored by Episcopal Youth Work

**When:** 7:30 PM, Friday, February 29 through morning service, Sunday, March 2

**Where:** Grace Episcopal Church, Ponca City

**How:** Registration forms are adjacent to the reception desk and in the undercroft

**Cost:** \$35.00 by 2/15 and \$45.00 after 2/15. Early bird discount!

# MUSIC

## **Evensong — Cathedral Choir and Organist H. Scott Raab**

*Sunday, February 17 at 5:00 PM*

Canon Raab previews a brief organ concert which will also be performed the next week at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral, Albuquerque.

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# BIRTHDAYS



## February 1

Byron Church  
Joe Johnson  
Heath Morgan  
Charlotte Shoemake

## February 2

Sanger Clark  
Sheridan Harris

## February 3

Marie Azzinaro  
Susan Conyers  
Chloe Gentry  
Sophia Sapper

## February 4

Bob Bright  
Kimberly Suiters

## February 5

Sharon Ellington  
Sandy Faught  
Sophia Greenley

## February 7

Phaizaun Dinh  
Glenda Edwards  
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

Philip Glazener  
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

Paul Haley  
Helen Harris

## February 16

Nathan Clark  
Gerry McAllister  
Tom Steiner

## February 17

Carolyn Gresham-Fiegel  
Mark Nagle  
Cheryl Spence

## February 18

Cale Richards

## February 19

Robert Malmstrom

## February 20

Patrick Pearson

## February 21

Cokie Anderson  
Mia Pons  
Emmi Roush  
Clay Towles

## February 22

Millie Hightower  
Rick Reding

## February 23

Jackson Eldridge  
Priscilla Malmstrom  
Linda Reed

## February 24

Sarah Beard  
Nathan Johns  
Jennifer Jones  
Andrea Rhodes

## February 25

Katie Armistead

## February 26

Kayson Howard  
Sara Roush

## February 27

Patricia Brandon  
Becky McNeese  
Todd Murray  
Anthony Pons

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

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# MEMORIALS & CONTRIBUTIONS

## COLUMBARIUM

In memory: *Carl Hocker*

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. James R. Hocker

## ENDOWMENT

In memory: *Jim Gibbens*

Donor: Ms. Carol S. Soule

## MEMORIAL

In memory: *Charles Nesbitt*

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Kent Eldridge

In memory: *Jim Gibbens*

Donor: Mr. Frank Dennis  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Derrick

In memory: *William Egolf*

Donors: Mrs. Dan D. Stuart  
Mrs. John M. Rowntree

## ST. GEORGE'S GUILD

In memory: *Matt Murphy*

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Kent Eldridge

## OAKERHATER GUILD

In memory: *Robert Kott*

Donor: Mr. & Mrs. Kent Eldridge



# OUTREACH

## Share a Bit of Oklahoma with Mexico

*February 1–4*

St. Paul's will be collecting clothes for all ages and small toys (that do not require batteries) to be taken to be shared with our neighbors in Mexico. The collection dates are Friday, Feb. 1 thru noon on Monday, Feb. 4. We will then be shipping the boxes to Mexico. Remember we are to clothe the naked and share joy with the children as we have been blessed.

## Souper Bowl

*Sunday, February 3, all Services*

Supporting St. George's Guild's Outreach to the needy. Your generous offerings to this ministry are greatly appreciated.

Catch the Spirit! Share your caring spirit with thousands of others across the world on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3. Every dollar helps people in need feel the power of God's love. That's something to cheer about!

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## **Live. Local. Bread-breaking. A Vestry Review by James Collins**

This is James Collins; Kimberly Suiters is on assignment.

Every vestry meeting opens with a prayer; Hank Bowen offered the prayer this evening.

This was the last meeting for the class of 2007—Laurie Jones, Carol Howard, Karl Rysted, and James Collins. Their three years of service was recognized with smiles and applause.

In other news, Hank Bowen has accepted the position of head usher after the retirement of Bob Vanek.

### **The Budget**

The main news of the evening was the church's budget. Our Stewardship campaign has been very successful. \$790,000 has been pledged to date, which represents more than a 5% increase over this time last year.

In January '07, the Cathedral had a deficit of over \$120,000. This was reduced by 3/4 by the end of 2007. This was accomplished by a combination of the vestry's budget-cutting, and the community's generosity.

The vestry worked at length on our 2008 budget. It was clear that Rick Hill, the treasurer, and the Finance Committee had done their due diligence in creating as realistic a budget as possible. The vestry carefully reviewed the budget, and recommended it for the Annual Meeting.

### **Thanks, Charles & Sara!**

We recently recognized the fine culinary contributions of Charles and Sara Foster, on Sunday, Jan. 13. With their retirement, a number of options are being discussed for

future receptions and dinners. Volunteer chefs are always welcome!

### **Columbarium update**

Three committees (construction, art, and marketing) are working together to complete the Columbarium project. There is a rough design in place, which is being refined. Meanwhile, the art committee has considered a variety of artistic expressions and artists.

### **Mission Work**

The Christmas Celebration at Santa Maria was a tender time, especially in light of Oklahoma's immigration law, which had been recently passed. Choirs from the two communities combined for the first time. The service was followed by a feast and gift-giving.

The Mexico Mission Trip will be Feb 28 – Mar 3. Items will be collected soon, so watch the bulletin for a list of what's needed.

Christmas in Watonga was on the 12th day of Christmas (January 5). Three magi (Kent & Jackson Eldridge, and Blue Clark) handed out gifts. Thanks to our community's generosity, there was plenty to go around. The day included the celebration of a new ministry, that of Rev. Jim Kee-Rees as the new Indian Missioner.

### **Confirmation Class**

About 38–40 people are enrolled in this year's confirmation class. There were about 28 in last year's class, of whom about 25 are still attending services. This year, a picture directory of the confirmation class has been created; look for copies on the bulletin board in the Education Building.

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# BACK TALK

Dear Friends,

Are you prepared to enter into 'waste-time' with God? Lent begins early in February with Jesus entering into the wasteland, the desert. He will allow himself to be accessed by the tempter, the tester, the diabolical antagonist. For contemporary humanity it is not the wasteland, but the 'waste-time' that antagonizes us.

Many people come to church looking for something 'meaningful'. Many discover that they have entered 'waste-time', seeming to be doing 'meaningless' labors. Many a spiritual seeker gives up after a brief experience of time spent without meaning, growth, knowledge, consolation and inspiration.

The pilgrim soul must humbly accept the necessity of waste-time, time where there are no distractions or illusions of self-significance. One of the first indications that one has entered waste time is boredom. Boredom is the struggle of a bare self in a barren context.

The pilgrim soul abides for long periods in a desolate situation, often feeling like nothing worthwhile is happening. God is supposed to be here with me, but God is silent and invisible. 'Boor-ring!' Wasted time! I'm interested in the elections, the economy, the playoffs, and the latest great gadget from Apple. God seems interested in at-risk babies, hungry bodies, foreigners, MDG's and making sunrises always different. One of us is going to need to make some adjustments if this relationship is going anywhere.

If God and I share the same reality, and I am bored, one of us is very dull. Do you have any suspicion about which one that might be? Lent is about making the tough adjustments that previous generations called 'penitence'. It is about realizing that what is interesting and important to me, is not necessarily what is interesting and important to God.

Entering fully into Lent, I might discover that desolation is not 'out-there', but is my own spiritual condition. For the Giver of 'forever', wasted time is no big deal. The only time the soul will regret is any time spent absent from the infinitely fascinating One.

Faithfully yours,

*Gene H. Back*

