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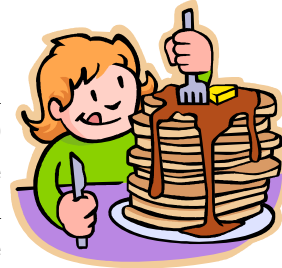
HOLY COMFORTER NEWSLETTER

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 16th
At 6 PM



The Annual Choir Pancake Supper will be held Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 PM in McMaster Hall. The choir will be serving pancakes, sausage, bacon and all the trimmings for a delicious time together! Tickets will be \$5 for adults, \$2 for children ages 10 and under.



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Service Hours

Sunday Holy Eucharist :

Rite I: 7:30 AM

Rite II: 10:00 AM

Weekday Holy Eucharist & Unction:

Tuesday: 10:00 AM

Evening Prayer:

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Office Hours

M-F 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Food Pantry Hours

M, W, F 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Crisis Information

For Pastoral Care, call the following in the order listed until you make contact:

Church Office

334-281-1337

The Rev. Drake Whitelaw

334-263-9196 (H)

334-300-3039 (Cell; use only for emergency)

Nelya McKenzie

334-284-5078 (H)

334-315-1261 (C)

334-244-3558 (W)

Doubting Thomas The Rev. Thomas Joyner

There's a wonderful book by the Episcopal priest Robert Farrar Capon called *The Supper of the Lamb* (I highly recommend it for your Lenten study). Basically, it's a spiritual meditation of roasting a lamb, complete with thoughts about everything related to the spirituality of food and life. For people like me who enjoy eating it's a wonderful book and for folks whose every waking thought doesn't center on food there's much to offer for reflection on life.

I was thinking of this book as we wind down the Epiphany season and head towards another Lent. There's a lot of food opportunities surrounding these last weeks and Lent. We have our renewed Wednesday night Eucharist and supper. This is a great time to worship God in a little more relaxed way, enjoy a simple meal, chat with friends and reconnect with the idea of community. In the increasingly 'me' centered world the concept of community and 'we' is what we have to offer...and do best. I hope you'll join us on Wednesdays as you are able.

But we also have the ECW spaghetti supper on Valentine's Day. These community gatherings, so lovingly prepared, really show the best of our community, help the mission that we do, and reinforce the idea of the love of God for us that we in turn model in love of neighbor. Like Babette's Feast, we celebrate God and community in the fellowship and joy of a festal meal.

But Capon reminds us of the important of the ferial (a weekday when no feast is celebrated on the Church calendar) meal too. There is a joy and goodness in simplicity. As we dine on pancakes (thank you Choir) we know that Lent often brings out the insights that simplicity and discipline offer. These can lead us to greater things, both in our personal and corporate, spiritual lives.

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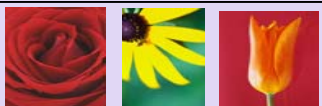
Please Pray For:

Parishioners:

Melissa Carlton
Robyn Craig
Sam Craig
Ruth Hyde
J.D. Johnson
Bette Overholser
Wayne Peterson
Marietta Sexton
Howard Stripling
Barbara Zdanis

Friends/ Others:

Walter Alvarenga
John Dunwoody
Edie Gilger
Roger Phelan
Martha Dell Stancik



Open Flower Dates

February 14
April 11, 18, 25
May 23
June 13, 20, 27
July 4, 25
August 8, 15, 22, 29
September 19
October 17, 24, 31
November 14, 21, 28
December 12

Weekly Schedule: February 7-13, 2010

Sunday, February 7

Discretionary Funds/ Hunger Sunday

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Choir
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
5:00 PM Youth

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 9

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
NO Bible Study
11:00 AM St. Anne's
6:00 PM Book Group

Wednesday, February 10

11:00 AM St. Mary's
3:00 PM Coffice
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist
6:30 PM Supper
7:00 PM Choir
7:00 PM Inquirer's Class

February 11-13

Diocesan Convention

Weekly Schedule: February 14-20, 2010

Sunday, February 14

Baptism/ Alleluias Buried

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Choir
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:15 AM Coffee Hour
5:30 PM Spaghetti Supper

*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 16

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
11:00 AM Bible Study
NO Book Group
6:00 PM Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday, February 17

12:00 Noon Imposition of Ashes
3:00 PM Coffice
6:00 PM Imposition of Ashes
6:30 PM Supper
7:00 PM Choir

Friday, February 19

10:00 AM Spirituality Group



February Worm Schedule

Feb. 7: The Beatitudes: Story
Feb. 14: The Beatitudes: Music
Feb. 21: Jeremiah: Art
Feb. 28: Jeremiah: Drama



Youth February Schedule

All times are 5-7pm at the church unless otherwise noted

Feb. 7: Super games and supper (Meet at Carol Kendrick's)
Feb. 14: help with ECW Valentine's spaghetti supper
Feb. 21: outreach visit to Cara Vita
Feb. 28: Progressive supper with St. John's and Ascension youth group. Details TBA.

Instructed Eucharist—Wednesday, Feb. 24

All are invited to an instructed Eucharist on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6pm in the Chapel. It is the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle. As a part of the confirmation program for our young people we will have an instructed Eucharist designed for all who would like to learn more about the theology and ritual we are so familiar with in our liturgy. Our youth confirmands and their parents will have their last session before the Bishop's visit on Feb. 28.

Library Sunday School Class

The Library Sunday School class resumed its study of world religions last Sunday with an introductory DVD on Islam. This Sunday (February 7 at 9:00 in the Library) the class will host some members of the Tanveer/Haque family, who are Muslim friends of Priscilla Duncan. Everyone is welcome to join us for this interesting presentation and discussion, part of our ongoing journey to learn about and better understand the beliefs and practices of other faiths.

Lenten Luncheon
Wednesday, February 24th
At St. John's Episcopal

The menu will be chicken salad and croissants for \$7/plate. The luncheon will be hosted by Holy Comforter and St. Anne's will be in charge. We are asking all church women to please bring pick-up ready sweets such as: cookies, brownies, lemon bars, sand tarts, etc. Please take your items to St. John's kitchen on Tuesday, February 23rd and give them to Mike.

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, 5 Epiphany

Sunday, February 7
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Daily Office:
Year Two, 5 Epiphany

Tues., February 9:
Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33
Psalm 78:1-39
Hebrews 13:17-25
John 7:53-8:11

Wed., February 10:
Genesis 27:1-29
Psalm 81, 82
Romans 12:1-8
John 8:12-20

Lectionary Readings:
Year C, Last Epiphany

Sunday, February 14:
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36

Daily Office:
Year Two, 2 Epiphany

Tuesday, February 16:
Prov. 30:1-4, 24-33
Psalm 26, 28
Phil. 3:1-11
John 18:28-38

Ash Wed., February 17:
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 103:8-14
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21



Diocese of Alabama
Cycle of Prayer

Sunday, February 7

- Trinity Church, Demopolis
- St. John's Deaf Church, Birmingham
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- For the convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama
- The Diocesan Commission on Ministry
- For our diaconal ministry through Community Youth Programs (Tuscaloosa) and St. Andrew's Reads (Birmingham)

Sunday, February 14

- St. Alban's, Gainesville
- St. Alban's, Birmingham
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché; our missionaries to Namibia, Jeremy and Penny Lucas
- For the work and witness of all missionaries in the Episcopal Church
- Department of Christian Formation
- For all youth ministers and EYC advisors

St. Anne's Guild

St. Anne's Guild will meet Tuesday, February 9th at 11:00 am in the Library and McMaster Hall. The hosts for the luncheon will be Ann Speaks and Bette Bryan. Douglass Porter will be the speaker.

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild will have their Wednesday, February 10th meeting as a "lunch out" affair at Studio South on the east side of town. We will meet in the church parking lot, at 11:00 and caravan to Studio South from there, arriving by 11:30 for lunch and shopping. Studio South is located at 755 Ohio Ferro Road, Mt. Meigs. If you live out that way or know where it is, we'll meet you there. However, please call and let me know you are coming as we need a headcount for the luncheon. Call Betty Smith at 272-4323 for reservations and whether you will carpool from the church. See you on the 10th.

Dear Holy Comforter Family,

Thank you for the beautiful reception you gave following my Dad's funeral. He loved to attend church gatherings and meet new people; so, it is especially appropriate that my church family gathered to support his family. My sister, brother and mother were all touched by your kindness and generosity. Thank you, also, for the many prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy. I'm truly blessed to be surrounded by such loving people.

Sincerely,
Ami Simpson

News from the preschool

I am so excited to get the chance to let the parishioners know what is happening in the preschool. January means registration for us. Right now we are registering for next fall. Remember members of any of the Episcopal parishes in town do not pay a registration fee. We will be registering for our summer program in February. School enrollment is at 62 this month. We have room to grow! Don't forget to tell your friends about our preschool. While you are doing your spring cleaning please keep us in mind before you toss out any outside toys or CD players. I look forward to sharing the day school news with you. Jenny

Doubting Thomas (continued from pg 1)

Our children will begin to study the prophet Jeremiah on Sunday mornings. They will learn most about his persistence and devotion to God. They'll hear his challenging words and oracles of hope. What Jeremiah reminds us, that the bounty of the good earth reminds us, is that God is with us. And we all need that reminder from time to time.

Our youth group will continue their good work of fellowship and growth. Our hope is to return to pay another visit to friends and make new ones at Cara Vita. And we will join the youth groups from Ascension and St. John's in a progressive supper, another reminder that our common life depends upon one another's toil.

So in these last days of Epiphany I offer to you a prayer from Robert Capon's book and may it nourish you as well.

O Lord, refresh our sensibilities. Give us this day our daily taste. Restore to us soups that spoons will not sink in, and sauces which are never the same twice. Raise up among us stews with more gravy than we have bread to blot it with, and casseroles what put starch and substance in our limp modernity. Take away our fear of fat, and make us glad of the oil which ran upon Aaron's beard. Give us pasta with a hundred fillings, and rice in a thousand variations. Above all, give us grace to live as true folk—to fast till we come to a refreshed sense of what we have and then to dine gratefully on all that comes to hand. Amen.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES
FEBRUARY 17TH
NOON & 6:00 PM**

S t a f f

- Rector:**
The Rev. Drake Whitelaw
- Curate:**
The Rev. Thomas Joyner
- Administrative Assistant:**
Diane Harbin
- Secretary/Receptionist:**
Eleshia Lusane
- Choir Master/ Organist:**
Joel Gregory
- Day School Director:**
Jenny Miller
- Sexton:**
Samuel Bates
- Housekeeper:**
Mary Jane Flowers
- Nursery Worker:**
Pat Lewis

V e s t r y

- Senior Warden:**
Terri Via
- Junior Warden:**
Elva Goldman
- Treasurer:**
Susanne Trest
- Clerk:**
Michael Paul
- Members:**
Leanne Barber
Dennis Gibson
Bil Hitchcock
Rose Lollar
Nelya McKenzie
Billy McLemore
Ann Montgomery
Rand Neeley
Zola Powers
Kevin Trest

Becki Alkire is celebrating her 85th! Open House Party—Saturday, February 6th 3-5 PM

Becki's family is hosting a party for her and everyone at Holy Comforter is invited! The party will be hosted in the home of BB & Roger Burnett—8712 Carillion Place, Montgomery, AL...located in Deer Creek. If you need directions, you can call BB and Roger at 270-9598. You may also call Kay Alkire Brummal for more info at 313-1725. Dress is casual. ***No gifts, but the family has a request!*** Their goal is 85 birthday cards for 85 years. They ask everyone to please send a card to her...and note that ***her birthday is actually on February 4th***...for the timing of the card. Here is Becki's address:

Becki Alkire
4401 Narrow Lane Road, Apartment 116
Montgomery, AL 36116

**ECW's Spaghetti Supper**

- * February 14 (Valentine's Day) in McMaster Hall
- * From 5:30 pm-6:00 pm socializing with a glass of wine (BYOB), tea, or drinks from the machine.
- * Supper follows with salad, spaghetti, bread and dessert served by the Holy Comforter Youth.
- * Acknowledgement to Drake as she leave for her sabbatical
- * Reservations taken until February 12, after services or by email to Frances Steele (rfsteele2003@yahoo.com)
- * 12 years old and up \$10; 6-11 years \$5; under 6 years free.

AFTER ALL OF THE ABOVE—COME AND ENJOY!

Please bring the food that you prepare for the spaghetti supper, Sunday morning, February 14th. Those helping with the supper should arrive at the church by 4:00 pm, February 14th.

**UPCOMING EVENTS—Mark your calendars!****FEBRUARY**

February 5-7		Vestry Retreat
February 11-13		Diocesan Convention
February 14	5:30 PM	ECW Spaghetti Dinner
February 16	6:00 PM	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
February 17	Noon & 6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
February 28	10 AM Service—One service only!	Bishop's Visit/ Confirmation

MARCH

March 21	7:30 AM & 10:00 AM	Renewal Event/ Dr. Alan W. Jones
March 28	10 AM Service—One Service only!	Palm Sunday
March 29-31	6:00 PM Daily	Holy Eucharist

APRIL

April 1	6:00 PM	Maundy Thursday
April 2	Noon	Good Friday @ Westminster Presbyterian
	6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
April 3	6:00 PM	Easter Vigil
April 4	9:00 AM	Easter Service
	10:00 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
	11:00 AM	Easter Service
April 5		OFFICE CLOSED
April 8-11		Family Promise
April 11	7:30 AM & 10:00 AM	Renewal Event/ Dierdre Good
April 23-25		Parish Retreat—Camp McDowell