

March 2010

## **From Pastor Heather Hill**

### **Lenten Soup Suppers**

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Lent as we gather for Soup Suppers and a program. This year we will be praying through the Book of Common Prayer. We will look at all of the wonderful resources available in that dusty book in the pews. Together we will walk through the beautiful prayers and liturgies that enhance our worship and shape us as Episcopalians. Our evening will end with a short Compline service from the Book of Common Prayer. Mark your calendars to join us for these fun and meaningful evenings on March 10 and 17.

6:00 PM Soup Supper

6:45 PM Praying through the Book of Common Prayer

7:45 PM Compline service from the Book of Common Prayer

### **Fellowship/Social Team**

Do you love to throw gatherings and parties? The first meeting of a group to plan fellowship and social activities at All Saints will be **Monday, March 15 at 7 PM**. Everyone is invited to be a part of this fun group!

### **Journeying Together Home Communion**

During Lent I want to focus on really getting to know everyone who is a part of All Saints and to help you to get to know me. With that in mind I would like to invite you to join me for a time of sharing our faith journeys in small groups followed by a short communion service. These gatherings are purposely limited to 10 people and are scheduled on various days and times so everyone can attend one. Please sign-up on the bulletin board to join me for one of these special times or call the office and Bonnie can add your name to the list.

Tuesday, March 9 7 PM

Thursday, March 11 7PM

Sunday, March 14 2 PM

Tuesday, March 23 11 AM

Thursday, March 25 7PM

## **Treasurer's Report**

January pledge offerings were \$9,150 and total receipts for the month were \$11,800. Both less than budgeted. Pledge offerings and total receipts of \$11,500 and \$14,100 respectively. Disbursements for the month were \$15,300 versus budgeted disbursements of \$15,100. The deficit for the month was \$3,500 compared to the budgeted deficit of \$1,000.

2010 will be an extremely challenging year for our parish family and each of us needs to be diligent in keeping our pledges current and up-to-date. Thank you for your understanding and support, and may God bless you.

Ray Heitland, Treasurer

## **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd During the Season of Lent**

**"Lord Jesus come, Good Shepherd come, the bread is on the table, lead me to you.**

**Lord Jesus come, Good Shepherd come, the wine is on the table, lead me to you."**

Have you heard the Good Shepherd children singing "Lord Jesus Come" as they process into church immediately following the 10:30 worship service? We are celebrating **The Children's Eucharist**. The Children's Eucharist has become a very special celebration. The children prepare the cruets and carry them up to the Altar along with the bread and all of their holy vessels and altar linens to prepare the Lord's Table. We are gathered around the Lord's Table just as the disciples were at the Last Supper. The older children read one of Jesus' parables that we have studied and this year we have added their prayer list and a reading of Psalm 23. All are welcome to remain and watch and listen as the children celebrate, worship and experience being up close and personal with Jesus. Our Children's Eucharist lasts approximately 15 minutes.

**Our Good Shepherd Atriums will commence at the usual time of 9:45 each Sunday and the children will remain in the Atriums during the entire 10:30 worship service** as we have much to learn and discuss during this Holy

Season of Lent. as we continue our study of The Parables, The Eucharist, The Last Supper, The Passion of Jesus and the Celebration of Easter and Baptism.

Remember to please keep **Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**, open on your calendar as we once again hold **The Way of the Cross for Children**. We will serve healthy snacks and refreshments immediately following the 10:30 Eucharist in the south room and shortly after we will begin our walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection through the Celebration of Light. This is a hands on experience for our children. You are all welcome to walk with us, look and see.

**The Children's Eucharist** and **The Way of the Cross for Children** are two opportunities to show our Good Shepherd children your support as they come to know the love of Jesus that they will carry with them through their entire lives.

Peace and Blessings!!! Sandy Kynerd, Jan Fritzsche, Lisa Czerny, Debbie Talbott-Miller

### **Altar Guild**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Ahhh, one of my favorite Easter hymns. I love that it evokes warm feelings and a mental image of flowers, sun and a beautiful Easter morning. I love that after a long reflective Lent we get to be joyful again and give glory to God through upbeat songs and a sanctuary no longer barren of decoration but filled with colorful festival hangings and the beautiful plants of spring. The Altar Guild loves the yearly opportunity it has to purchase Easter Lilies, tulips, hyacinth etc.; and with your help, we can make the church a glorious place to praise God and simultaneously memorialize those that have gone on to new life after death. The sign-up sheet is in the hallway and the offering envelopes are in the pews. The opportunity will be yours until Palm Sunday. See you and the lilies in church on Easter.

### **Dinners with Leslie**

Leslie is planning on some comfort food this month, which includes; Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Veggies OR Chicken Paprikash & Dumplings with Roll & Butter and Pudding for dessert. The soup of the month is Chicken.

Dinners are \$6.00 each with the soup being \$3.00 per pint. Orders are due by Mar 14<sup>th</sup> and pick up is March 21<sup>st</sup> in between services. Please put your order forms and money in the envelope located in the Narthax.

### **Worship Committee – A Reflection on Good Friday**

~Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then "CRUCIFY!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry. ~

This darkest, solemn day when it seemed all hope was lost, actually all hope was found. On the day when Christ our savior felt alone and abandoned, he took on himself all brokenness from all time and left wholeness in its place. Through the darkest hours of Jesus' passion and death new life has come and the light of the world for only a moment flickered. When Jesus suffered on the wood of the cross he gathered all creation and all time unto himself. He saw our moments of despair, our darkest times, our "Good Fridays" in our lives. He carried all of that, all the sin, all the tears and pain on himself he did all of this for you and me. Good Friday is the heart or the climax of the story of salvation if you miss this part of the story you miss a huge part of the story. It is a day of sorrow for what he experienced but he freely did it for us, and Jesus is with us in our darkest hour shouldn't we be there with him in his. All that is asked of us is to watch and pray; watch how our savior suffered and died for us, pray with us at the foot of the cross. As we watch and pray our way through holy week and especially this day the cross points at us and reminds us that it was not only Pontius pilate, herod, caiaphas, the crowd who crucified you Jesus we are just as guilty. We have washed our own hands when we could have stood behind someone innocent and choose not to. We at some time in our lives have taken part in juicy gossip or cruel conversations not physical brutality like the roman soldiers, but at the same level. We have been dishonest like the leaders of his day and we have been fickle and quick to change our minds like the crowd from palm branches and hosannas to fists and crucify. We have stood by while others are being hurt physically or slandered or discounted and done nothing. It was not just the people of Jesus' day that jeered him, beat him, and crucified him we took part in that also and if we don't truly see our human nature at the foot of the cross we have missed the point. Join us Good Friday at

7:00pm here at All Saints as we reflect on the unconditional love and mercy of Jesus that was poured out for us on the cross. You and I were gathered in his embrace on the cross even as he embraces us now in this very moment. Come share with us in the reserved sacrament and silence of Good Friday, come and adore the cross with us. Good Friday is a day of sorrow but also a day of Joy because the cross wasn't the last word the cross was needed to bring wholeness and life to us all. Join us this Holy Week for the Sacred Triduum "the three days" watch and pray with us through the last supper, the garden, betrayal, his trial, his passion and death and resurrection.

~My song is Love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die? He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none that longed for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend! Why what hath my Lord done? What makes his rage and spite? He made the lame to run; he gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease and against him rise. ~ (The 1982 Hymnal "My Song is Love Unknown")

-Bobby Sedlak

## A Reflection on The Easter Miracle

The first followers of Jesus thought that with the crucifixion, all was lost- all hope gone. Their sorrow must have consumed them with a terrible darkness of the soul. My journey in faith has never been easy. Like the first followers of Christ I have stood or knelt at the tomb doubting, wondering, filled with overwhelming darkness, feeling forsaken. After great sorrow some spark within will then lead me back to God's love.

Thus, it is with the Easter Vigil, we too must acknowledge our darkness, and feeling alone so we may understand what we are about to experience; the love of this most Holy Night. The night our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life.

As we enter the darkened church to meditate and reflect, we too are keeping watch at the tomb. The Pascal candle is carried into the church and the Light of Christ breaks our darkness. We receive its light and experience the total power of that light as it grows. It illuminates our souls. We exult in the resurrection of Jesus, the victory of our God over darkness (sin and death). Renewing our baptismal vows, we rejoice in God's love and mercy. God's covenant with us has again been renewed; we are present at the awakening of the Easter Miracle. Jesus has come to us again and 'All will be well'.

May this holiest time be an inspiration to you and fill you with His Power and Love. – Joy Harvey

## COFFEE HOUR UPDATE

I want to thank everyone at All Saints for your recent contributions and signups for coffee hour. We now have some monies and are once again in the black. Remember to make your weekly or monthly contributions so we are not in this position again. Thanks again and keep up the good work!

Coffee Hour Chair – Wendy Ott

## March Highlights

Sun. Mar 7	Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am Coffee Hour	Sun. Mar 21	H. Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 Prayer Shawl Minst. 12pm 2 Cents a Meal Collection Dinners Pick Up after Serv.
Wed. Mar 10	Holy Eucharist & Prayers 10am Bible Study 10:30am Soup Supper & Program 6pm	Tue. Mar 22	Worship Cmte. 7pm
Thu. Mar 11	Choir Rehearsal 7pm Parma City School Levy Mtg. 7pm	Wed. Mar 24	H. Eucharist & Prayers 10am Bible Study 10:30am
Sun. Mar 14	Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30am Healing Prayers Coffee Hour	Wed. Mar 24	Soup Supper & Women of the Passion 7pm
Mon. Mar 15	Social Cmt. Mtg. 7pm	Sun. Mar 28	Palm Sunday Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am Monthly Breakfast
Tue. Mar 16	Vestry Mtg. 7pm	Mar 31	Passover Seder 7pm
Wed. Mar 17	Holy Eucharist & Prayers 10am Wed. Bible Study 10:30am Soup Supper & Program 6pm	Thur. Apr 1	Maundy Thursday 7pm
Thu. Mar 18	Choir Rehearsal 7pm	Fri. Apr 2	Good Friday 12pm & 7pm
		Sat. Apr 3	Easter Vigil 7pm
		Sun. Apr 4	Easter 8:30 & 1030am

## Birthdays and Anniversaries for March

Mar 1 Shirley Morris	Mar 11 Marlene Wanyerka	Mar 20 Don Day
Mar 5 Jim Hance	Mar 12 Jordan Wasil	Mar 23 George Baxter
Mar 5 Nicholas Capone	Mar 12 Louis Cohen	Mar 31 Nellie Jean Wendell
Mar 8 Lane Pilcher	Mar 13 Piece Capone	Mar 31 Ginny Pontremoli
Mar 10 Shelly Schwartz	Mar 14 Logan Quaint	
Mar 11 Rich Sarian	Mar 16 Cathy Bathgate	