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**Ascension & Holy Trinity,
Episcopal Church**
334 Burns Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215

March
2009



CONNECTIONS



MARCH

Worship Schedule

On Sunday Holy Eucharist is celebrated at

8am & 10:00am in the Church

9:00am Nursery care in the lower level Nursery.

On Wednesdays Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 10am
(in the Memorial Chapel of Ascension & Holy Trinity)

On the 4th Tuesday in the Month
Holy Eucharist 4pm in the Chapel at Evergreen.

Contact the church:

(513) 821-5341 or e-mail: aht@eos.net

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News from the Pews

March Birthdays

1. Marjorie Walmsley
3. Amy Peck,
Nicholas Wantsala,
Jensen Wakefield,
Karen Kent,
Savanah Kellner
6. Jarod Fey
7. Karl Miller, Sudy Graham
8. George Huber
10. Julie Stegman
12. Chris Rumke, Joan Irvine
13. Kathy Kessler,
Sudie Stewart, Angela Ely
14. Debbie Rumke,
Helen Patch, Geneva Boss
16. Nan Reitz
17. Pat Orloff,
Margaret Barnes
19. Carol Isphording,
Amelia Irvine
24. George Criddle,
George Brandon Criddle
26. Julia Madison
29. Justin Morrison



Anniversaries

4. Bartley & Nan Reitz
8. Rich & Carol Gómez
17. Ron & Betty Bence
18. Charles & Mary Boenning
21. George & Jeannette Thiemann

Births:

Wakefield - February 3rd 2009—Ella Marie to Julie & Dave.

Horrigan - February 8 2009—Rose Charlotte to Ryan & Katherine
Granddaughter to Brandon & Judith Cordes
Great Granddaughter to Marjorie Walmsley.

From the Registers:

Baptisms:

Isadora Madeline Strainic
February 11th 09—Daughter of
Jennifer and Joseph Strainic.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Family of Janice Accountius, LC Ben Adams, Lizzie Ahmad, John Alen, David Allardyce, Tom Barlage, Bill Bassitt & Family, Jane Bernard, Elizabeth Bethels, Beverly & Don, Mike Bigelow, Paul Boenning, Kay Bond, Mary Bowes, Philip Brandewie, Buffy, Dennis & Beth Carroll and family, Laura Chace, Sal & Terri Cirnigliaro, Nancy Clauter; David, Mary Catherine Dykhouse, Lowell Fifer, Joseph Flannery, Ruth & Harry Flewelling, Rose Friendly, Rev. Debbie Gamble, Matthew Gillingham, Joel & Shirley Godbery, Morrie Green, The Hart Family, Katie Hall, Ken Hammell, Tim & Carol Harrigan, James Jackson, Murray Jansen, Jonathan, Vicki & Dan Jahns, Larie & Family, Lorna Jordan, Liz King-Hager, Laura Kling, Ruth Machle, Peck Merchant, Omie McCloud, Michael, Max Miller, Dana Mohr, Judy Morand, Stan Neumann, Sandi Osner, Peggy, Peter Poggiali & Family, Jill Rauch, Joe & Jen Reisenberg, Terry Sadler, Sally Slocum, Mary Ann Searls & Family, Sarah Thompson, Janice Timko, Clayton Warman, Jeff Zimmerman

If you have placed a name on the prayer list, please contact the office with an update on how that person is progressing; Still needs to be on the list? Condition Changed?

ASCENSION AND HOLY TRINITY HOST DEANERY LENTEN SERIES

The first four Tuesday evening in March we will host the Deanery Lenten Programs.

6:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 PM One Hour Program – Four Different Offerings By the Clergy.

Members of our Parish will be hosting by setting up tables, drinks, and cleaning up:

March 3 – ECW

March 10 – Altar Guild

March 17 – Choir

March 24 – Vestry

We need at least four people here from each group. I hope that you will support these evening since we are the hosts.

Thanks so much. Lovepat



Dearly Beloved,

Lent is a time set aside by the church to spend reflecting on our lives. It begins with the ritual of ashes.... Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. As a protestant for many years I had nothing to do with Ash Wednesday; it was too Catholic for me. Now it is one of most important days in the life of church to me. It reminds me of my body as a vessel moving through time. I was created by God and given the freedom to make the decisions of how to use my time. That time will end. How I use that time is up to me. Do I really need another TV, car, dress, necklace, or new sofa? Who do I care about? What do I care about and why? Is that where I spend my time? Or do I just talk about it?

These are fearful days. Everything seems to be coming apart. Lent is designed to secure the center; your center in God.

Come to Church. Begin this Lent.

Lovepat

CALLING ALL OFFICE ANGELS...

Sarah will be on vacation March 15th through March 29th. If you would like to volunteer to sit in the office, answer the phone and greet visitors, please contact Sarah (821-5341) to choose a day Monday through Friday 9am—1pm. Thank you.



DISABILITY ACCESS AT A&HT

The ADA Task Force has narrowed the technical choices for a wheelchair lift for the 3 steps up from the church hallway, thanks to outstanding research and presentation work by Terry Kessler. Dick Bernard has joined the Task Force and is contributing valuable insights.

Firm designs and cost estimates for a wheelchair lift have been requested from three competing suppliers. The cost of a lift fully operable from a wheelchair is likely to be around \$20,000. The Task Force expects to make a recommendation to the Vestry in the next few weeks. We will then share the recommendation with church members.

Proceeding with this project is dependent upon securing funds from sources outside the church budget. Contributions and pledges totaling \$12,000 have been received to date. Contributions are very welcome and should be designated "Disability Access Fund". Ideas about potential outside funding sources or about fundraising activities are also welcome.

Address ideas and questions to
any of the ADA Task Force members:
Dick Bernard, Tom Bond, Jim Boude, John Fitzwater,
Noel Horne, Chuck Kellner, Terry Kessler,
Michael Meranda.



THE WINTER OF OUR LIVES:

QUESTIONS, SHARING, AND DECISIONS:

Why do we die, Moving out of our homes, wills, dying and death.

9am Sunday Morning Adult Education in the Assembly Room.

MARCH 1—When do I leave my home? ~ Senior Solutions, Director-Peggy Slade-Sowder, Episcopal Retirement Communities

MARCH 15—Evergreen Retirement Community ~ Sharon Cranston.



PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATE - SUNDAY, APRIL 19 - PARISH HEALTH FAIR

All are invited to enjoy healthy snacks and to try out hands on demonstrations of curious things! We will have displays of interest to all ages. Come and see after the 10.00am service. More information in the next issue of Connections!!

CPR/AED CLASS - TUESDAY, APRIL 14 - 6-9PM.

The Wyoming Life Squad will be holding another class to be held at the Emergency Services building on Grove Avenue. Cost is \$30 and prior registration is necessary. Minimum age for participation is 12 and teenagers are encouraged to attend. Some financial assistance is available from Parish Health Ministry funds. Please contact Angela Horne via email at Anghorne@aol.com to register before April 4.

NOTE: There is an AED located in the main hallway above the chair lift in case of emergency in our building. To date about 25 members of our congregation are qualified to administer CPR and to use an AED. Won't YOU consider becoming qualified to save a life?

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING - APRIL 19 - AFTER BOTH SERVICES

This month's screening will be held in conjunction with the Parish Health Fair and will take place in the Parish Hall. As usual screenings will be confidential, non-invasive, quick, 100% good for you and possibly life saving.



CARD MINISTRY

Each month, under the direction of clergy, Betsy Cooper sends cards to people who need a message of support or cheer from their parish family. The cost is underwritten by ECW. If you or someone you know needs such a note, please contact Rev Pat, Rev Top or the church office.

MARCH 22—Funeral Directors; what they will provide and cost. ~ David Danner, Schaefer- Busby Funeral Home, 24 W. 9th. Street, Cincinnati. I have known David for over nine years. He is one of the most caring and honest funeral directors I have ever met. Come and ask him all your questions.

MARCH 29—What about your funeral? ~ Nancy McCue
What to do with funeral arrangements with the church before and at the time of death. **Take a look at the insert in this edition of *Connections* in preparation for this class.**

OUTREACH OUTLOOK.

A meeting on February 15 discussed mission trip possibilities for summer 2009 and concluded we will pursue these four options:

- A one-week Vacation Bible School at La Redencion Church in Barahona, Dominican Republic, in partnership with All Saints, Hilton Head Island. Timing is expected to be late June and the cost will be about \$1,500 per person. Emily Stegman, Julie Stegman and Maria Lang who participated in last year's DR mission trip are eager to repeat the experience. Emily will lead the A&HT contingent. This trip opportunity is open to anyone in the A&HT family of high school age and above. "Scholarship" funds to contribute to the costs will be developed.

Anyone interested, please contact Noel Horne at 729-2173.

- A group trip to the Ichthus Festival near Lexington, Kentucky, June 10-13. This long-established festival, a mix of educational, discussion, social and Christian rock music experiences is a favorite of the Stegman family. Participation will be open to all. We have not yet developed a program for this option, but expect to publish details in April Connections. Meanwhile the Ichthus website: <http://www.ichthusfestival.org/> will provide information or you may talk with Cindy, Jim or Julie.
- A group trip to the Kenyon Conference, Gambier, Ohio. Details of the 2009 program are awaited. Huxley and Ariel Miller can relate their outstanding experiences at this conference in previous years.
- A group trip to Paul Clever's huge organic vegetable garden at Athens, Ohio, with accommodation at a 19th century farmhouse. Again we have not yet developed a program or picked dates for this trip--look for an outline in April Connections.

We believe there is a mission trip possibility open to all in the church family. Stay tuned for details and for sign-up instructions.

Noel Horne,
Outreach Mission Group Chair

BECAUSE WE CARE ~ COMMUNITY DINNERS

THE NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER IS
MARCH 10TH AT ST. SIMONS, LINCOLN HEIGHTS.

3pm ~ Meet in the A&HT Kitchen to help cook.

5:45pm ~ Meet at St Simons to help serve.

Come for some or all of the time

~ cookies always needed!

All welcome, check bulletin board for sign up.

Sheryl Felner

VALLEY INTERFAITH FOOD AND CLOTHING CENTER

We have had quite a few clients come into the Center lately requesting Crock pots, electric skillets, hot plates, etc. Upon further investigation, we found this to be true because many of our clients are without major appliances to cook with. This is such a sad situation and hard to comprehend, but if you come across any of these types of small cooking appliances and could donate them, I know our clients would really appreciate it.

Donations of any kind are always appreciated, however this month, we are in need of the following food items:

Canned meats (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.)

Canned fruit

Cans of spaghetti-O's, ravioli, etc.

We are taking part in the Feinstein \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger campaign. For any donation that comes in from March 1st - April 30th, the Feinstein Foundation will divide \$1 million among hunger fighting agencies nationwide. The more donations that come in to Valley Interfaith, the more money we will receive from them. You can get more information at www.feinsteinfoundation.org.

Thank you so much for your effort in helping us fulfill our mission. You are truly amazing.

Many Blessings, Barbara Campbell

Director of Development, Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center

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Anita and Michael Dohn, Missionaries in Health Ministries

February 2009 E-letter [No. 55]

Web-site: <http://dohnfamily.org> E-mail: DohnFamily@sams-usa.org

Anita and Michael Dohn are physicians serving as South American Missionary Society missionaries with La Iglesia Episcopal Dominicana at the diocesan Clínica Esperanza y Caridad. They live along the southern coast in San Pedro de Macorís in the Dominican Republic. For more information, visit their website.

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BENEFITS FOR THE CHURCH

I was stumped. I was nonplussed. I didn't know what to say.

I was completing a form last week to get a grant to provide medical care for HIV patients. The last question on the form asked: "In what ways does this project benefit the Church?" Benefit the Church? Well, it doesn't benefit the Church; the project is to help the AIDS patients. But I had to write something in the answer box on the form.

The story came to mind of the physicist who was testifying before a Senate sub-committee to get funding for a superconducting super collider. One Senator wanted to know what a superconducting super collider would do to enhance national defense. The physicist explained that it would not do anything to help national defense. In fact, it was pure science and had absolutely no practical applications. The Senator kept returning to the same theme. Finally the physicist replied, "Senator, a superconducting super collider would be one of those things that gives us a country worth defending." It would be one of those things that expresses the American character and makes America ... well ... America.

It has been argued that we are the Church only in so far as we individually and corporately live into our Baptismal vows and into the lives to which the Lord has called us. The AIDS treatment project benefits the Church by being one small part of what makes the Church the Church.

I wrote the paragraph above in the box on the form. I don't think that answer will make or break the grant ... or at least I hope not. It did seem to me like an honest answer to the question.

It was an odd week. I spent most of another day with a different grant application trying to prove that the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic was actually a religious charitable organization. Obviously it is, but not quite so easy to demonstrate as it might sound.

Keep praying, *Michael*



EASTER FLOWERS

To contribute to the Easter Flower Fund, send your check, made payable to Ascension & Holy Trinity Altar Guild, along with this form, to the church office at 334 Burns, Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45215-4320.

Suggested donation is \$25.00 and the deadline for receipt of this form is Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009

PLEASE PRINT!



Given by: _____

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In Memory of: _____

(Please Print)

In Thanksgiving for: _____

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