

# Christ Episcopal Church

OF SHAKER HEIGHTS

Weekly eNews & Notices—March 10, 2011  
Lent

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*"...a community of faith  
called to seek and serve  
Christ in all persons at the  
crossroads: The Body of*

## Worship and Liturgical Participants

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS SUNDAY**  
Turn your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed  
on Saturday so you are not late for church.

### Special prayer requests this week:

- For Mary Alice Groppe, mother of Carl, who is ill.

### Holy Water available during Lent.

In the earliest Christian times, water was used for expiatory and purificatory purposes, to a way analogous to its employment under the Jewish Law. For Anglicans, holy water is sanctified in the Baptism Rite. The use of holy water within High Church Anglicanism or Anglo-Catholicism can adhere closely to the Roman Catholic practice except that Anglicans do not believe sanctified water wards off evil. In many Anglican/Episcopal churches Baptismal water is used for the asperges. Stoups (small basins on walls) with sanctified water are sometimes found near the doors of Anglican/Episcopal churches for the faithful to use in making the sign of the cross upon entering the church.

For the season of Lent there will be a basin of holy water in the Baptismal font at the church entrance for those who may want to engage in this form of piety.

*Christ offering infinite respect and radical hospitality to ALL people."*



## Parish Leadership 2011

Greg King ('12)  
Senior Warden

Lynn Winkelman ('13)  
Junior Warden

Christina Forward, Clerk

Mark Biggerman ('13)

Patricia Burgess ('12)

Charlie Buss ('12)

Nancy Cooke ('14)

Rose Anne Grasty ('14)

David Gray ('13)

Mary Jo Groppe ('13)

Jennifer Lanz ('12)

Michael Miller ('14)

Christina Rouse ('14)

Austin Walton  
(youth member)

**Bach's Birthday Bash.** Mark your calendars for Monday, March 21, 7:00 pm, when organ students from CIM will perform the entire Orgelbuchlein ("Little Organ Book") of Johann Sebastian Bach. There will even be birthday cake for Johann's 326th birthday. See Justin Miller if you would like more details.

### Two Congregations, One Building.

- Please remember that half of our administrative office space is now being used by Unity Church. It is very important for program leaders and others to call ahead and arrange for both time and space for us to provide administrative support. With half the space, fewer activities can be conducted simultaneously. As we enter Lent and begin preparations for Easter, advance scheduling of office support is critical. Thanks for your help in this area.
- We also now have a need for more handicapped parking spaces. Please reserve the five parking spaces against the Helen Rd. property for those who cannot walk from the north lot or the medical center lot. Signs designating these as handicapped spaces will be installed after the spring thaw.

**Scripture readings for this Sunday, Lent I:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11, and Psalm 32.

### 30 Hour Famine is a Big Success!

Thank you to the many members of Christ Church who supported the youth group as they fasted and raised money for the 30 Hour Famine. We had a lofty fundraising goal of \$3,600 this year--twice what we raised in 2010--but the group far exceeded expectations. The 10 youth group members and their 5 friends raised over \$5,500, shattering our previous record of \$2,600. Many thanks to them for collecting funds from family, friends, neighbors, teachers and classmates.

After digging out from the storm, we spent Friday evening at the church playing games, moving Unity's boxes and furniture into storage spaces, and worshipping. On Saturday, we went to Shaker Gardens, where we spent several hours cleaning various public areas of the facility. In addition, the Rev. Peter Faass held a service of Holy Eucharist for us later that afternoon. (Thank you, Rev. Peter!)

Additional thanks go to Leslie Swaim Fox, our Director of Christian Formation, our youth group leaders, Brad Forward, Jenn Lanz, Mischelle Lohr and Katie Ong-Landini, as well as Michael Landini (who assisted us during our India Slum simulation game) for all of their hard work to make this event such a success. We look forward to next year's event!

## Host A Home Eucharist



Christ Church is offering an opportunity for you to host a home Eucharist at your residence. The earliest Christians always worshipped in people's homes before the era of church-centered worship.

As part of the gathered communities worship in those days an agape meal, or love feast, was prepared and shared as part of the eucharistic celebration.

We invite you to have and experience a home eucharist at your house this year. You may invite fellow Christ Church friends, neighbors, friends, co-workers or whomever you feel would enjoy worshipping God and being with good people.

Many people will be intrigued by the idea of gathering with Christians outside of the normal church building.

Your meal could be simple, (pizza and salad, a barbeque) or more elaborate, although we are not looking for a gourmet experience! Soups, salads, good breads, casseroles and an easy desert would be perfect.

You could even bake your own bread for the eucharist – we have some good honey wheat recipes for eucharistic bread that we can share. Some of you may even make your own wine to share for the celebration.

A program of some simple Bible study could be a part of the evening or a discussion on a current event and how our faith informs us about it. Or, no program is needed at all but just the opportunity to engage in good fellowship and conversation.

A sign up sheet with available dates is located on the table in the Great Hall. Please confer with the rector about a time and a program if you desire it. If there is a date that you would like to host that is not listed on the sign up sheet, please consult with the rector—other options are available.

## Countering Pharaoh's Production-Consumption Society Today

*featuring noted Biblical scholar Walter Brueggemann*

## A Lenten Adult Study Program—begins Next Week!

in conjunction with St. Paul's Church, Cleveland Heights

Five (5) Wednesdays in Lent: March 16–April 13; 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Christ Church joins with St. Paul's to offer this wonderful Lenten series of suppers, a DVD-based program for progressive Christians with Walter Brueggemann, some lively discussion, excellent worship and fellowship.

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| March 16 | "The Way Out" at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights.          |
| March 23 | "The Decalogue" at Christ Church, Shaker Heights         |
| March 30 | "Countering Caesar" at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights     |
| April 6  | "An Act of Imagination" at Christ Church, Shaker Heights |

April 13 "On Not Doing God Any Favors" at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights

A sign up sheet for this Lenten program is located on the table in the Great Hall.

### **Lent Online: 40 Days Living the Jesus Creed**

What do you get when you combine a Lenten daily study program with Facebook? Lent Online!

Join your rector, the Rev. Peter Faass for a forty day journey through Lent using the book *40 Days Living the Jesus Creed* by Scott McKnight.

The Jesus Creed is Jesus' distillation of the law into the command to Love God and to Love others.

There will be no scheduled classes for this program. You can be at home, in your office, at Starbucks, wherever!

Each day of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, the rector will post a reflection on Christ Church's Facebook page – under the Discussion tab - based on the daily readings in the book. You are invited to then reflect and respond to that posting with your thoughts, ideas and questions. Your fellow Lent Online colleagues will do the same thereby creating an online dialogue.

This will be our parish's inaugural attempt at a virtual class.

There is no need to sign up for this program. Rather you just need to show up online! You will need to join Facebook to access the Christ Episcopal Church, Shaker Heights page which is pretty easy. After that it is as easy as 1-2-3 to read the daily posting and to post comments yourself.

You will need to buy the text, *40 Days Living the Jesus Creed*. It is available at Amazon.com. Please click on the following link to order the book.

[http://www.amazon.com/40-Days-Living-Jesus-Creed/dp/1557255776/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1297371839&sr=1-2](http://www.amazon.com/40-Days-Living-Jesus-Creed/dp/1557255776/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1297371839&sr=1-2)

Join us for this new way of doing adult study. Try it, you'll like it.

### **Adult Forums for 2011**

*The forums are held in the Library beginning at 9:15 am.*

*Some programs have advance reading materials.*

*You may pick these up on the Sunday preceding the program.*

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| March 13 | Guidance for Older Adults and Caregivers--health care and housing, Staff from Benjamin Rose Institute. |
| 20       | Guidance for Older Adults and Caregivers--legal and financial led by John Shelley.                     |
| 27       | Episcopal Religious Orders led by the Rev. Peter Faass and Hilary Mason-King.                          |
| April 3: | A Church Building for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century, Brad Gellert, URS Corp.                            |
| 10:      | Mission Opportunities, Mark Robinson, Diocesan Canon for Mission                                       |

### **Save the Dates--Episcopal Church Women Annual Meeting.**

Friday, evening, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. All women—young and old, including teenagers are encouraged to attend!! Special programs for younger children (bring your mother!!) Friday dinner at the home of Bishop & Mrs. Hollingsworth. Saturday meeting and programs at the Hilton, Beachwood. Contact: Nancy Sherwin 216-321-5016.

### **Hospitality Ministry has a new sign up form for 2011.**

Please consider providing snacks for fellowship time following Sunday services. Use this link to sign up on line: [CEC Coffee Hour](#) If you need suggestions on types of food and quantities, see Marion Dingus. A signup sheet is also available in the Great Hall.



**Altar Flower Donations.** We have several weeks in the coming month available for sign up. The cost is \$75 per week and can be split between two donors. Flowers can be given in memory or honor of a loved one. Please contact Don Jackson, Parish Administrator to arrange a date and to provide commemoration information. A new chart is posted next to the office door.

## **Other Parish Announcements**

**Weekly Deadline Reminders:** eNews submissions and **Sunday bulletin** announcements are due by 12 noon on Tuesdays. Thanks for adhering to these times. It does help the office work flow.

**Recycling Reminders:** At Christ Church we recycle:

- **UPDATED MESSAGE** Plastic, glass, and aluminum **ONLY** go in the large blue receptacle in the Great Hall, near the south hall door (please put food waste in the other containers in that room).
- Non-alkaline household **BATTERIES**—look for the container under the desk in the Great Hall. Alkaline batteries are not hazardous and may be disposed with other trash. Non-alkaline batteries will be accepted for recycling.
- **PAPER** only in the Abitibi bins outside (no food, no plastic, no cardboard). Bring any other paper products from home and we receive a fee by the pound for all paper in the bins.
- **PAPER only in the small blue baskets** around the church. These are emptied into the Abitibi bins outside so the same content rules above apply to these containers.
- **INKJET & TONER CARTRIDGES:** bring your computer printer cartridges and deposit them in the box under the desk in the Great Hall.

No need to bring the packaging, we only send the cartridges back. We receive a fee for each cartridge recycled. Thanks to Lynn Winkelman and her business, Sol Ink & Toner, for this benefit.

**Persons who wish to pay their pledges using stock** will now do this through an account with the Diocese of Ohio. Members or their brokers may contact the Parish Administrator for complete information.

## Liturgical Participants

### Sunday, March 13, 2011—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

Liturgical Assistants at 8:00 am: Carol Franklin & Charles Griffith

Liturgical Assistants at 10:30 am:

Crucifers: Josh Dingus

Torchbearers: Skylar Biggerman & Ben Schelling

Lectors: Mark Swaim-Fox & Patricia Burgess

Sub-Deacon: Nat Cooke

Chalice Bearers: John Shelley & Marge Stewart

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: n/a

Usher Team Leaders: Ed & Martha Towns

Vestry Counting Teams: Charlie Buss & Mary Jo Groppe

### Sunday, March 20, 2011

Liturgical Assistants at 8:00 am: Valerie Schmedlen & Mattie Jackson

Liturgical Assistants at 10:30 am:

Crucifers: Jackson Musick

Torchbearers: Kaela Ruffin & Clayton Musick

Lectors: Charlie Buss & Hilary Mason-King

Sub-Deacon: Graham Lanz

Chalice Bearers: Marion Dingus & Laura Borgione

Lay Eucharistic Visitor: Bob Elliott

Usher Team Leaders: Linda Graves & Jim Kucera

Vestry Counting Teams: Greg King & Lynn Winkelman

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