



InSpire

Newsletter

March 2010

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Church Office Hours

Mon. & Tues. 8 am-12 pm
Wed., Thurs. Fri. 8 am-4 pm
Mother Mimi Sat. 8 am-12 pm
March Events

Wednesday, March 3
6 pm Lent Study and Soup and Sandwich

Friday, March 5
12:05 pm Holy Communion

Saturday, March 6
Office Closed

Sunday, March 7
3 Lent
8:00 am Holy Communion
No Church School

9 am Breakfast
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Donation Sunday ODFK

Monday, March 8
11:15 am Service Day ODFK

Wednesday, March 10
12:00 pm Amy Golding Luncheon
6 pm Lent Study and Soup and Sandwich

From the Rector

A wise man once said that the good old days were good because they were gone. That's the sentiment most of us have as we look back over the past winter. It's been a fairly tough season and we can only look forward to the promise of warmer weather, budding trees and flowers, and leaving behind one of the most snow filled winters in many years.

During this Lenten season, let us remember that the Lord is with us as we struggle with the winter weather as well as with the personal trials of our lives. This is the purpose of Lent, to recognize the presence of God wherever we are in our spiritual journey.

This year our journey has been shared through the Lenten Meditation Booklet that consisted in group participation by so many in this congregation. It was surprising how difficult this task was for many of us. It points to the reality of busy lives with little time to read, mark and inwardly digest the scripture lesson of the Daily Office. I hope that each of us will carve out some time in our schedules to sit with our readings and prepare for Easter through Lenten Mediations. May we pray that we see God moving mightily in our lives as his Easter people.

As we prepare for Easter during Lent, let us think about the new way of life that the Lord gives us. Let us rejoice in the eternal hope that God is "about to do a new thing" in our lives. The future holds the promise of something new, and that should excite us.

By the end of March we will be into Holy Week and well into Spring (the first day of Spring is March 20th). Spring brings about the rebirth of nature and the expectation of a new beginning of life. Each year about this time, the dogwoods begin to blossom. Their petals shine forth for a few short weeks and then they quickly fall with the blowing wind. The birds begin to appear. Frogs, crickets, and all the other noisemakers begin their symphony anew. Sometime during this month, we will perceive the joy of a new beginning and embrace the spring season.

It is good to offer praise to God as we pray. The God of salvation loves the world. As we develop our relationship with the Lord, we should strive to nurture our love for our Divine Creator. As we approach Easter, let us prepare for the coming of God's new thing by rekindling our relationship with the Lord. Perhaps we may perceive the joy of something new about to burst forth in our lives.

Blessing,
Mimi +

Thursday, March 11

6:15 pm Vestry
6:30 pm St. Fursey Dinner in Undercroft

Friday, March 12

12:05 Holy Communion
1 pm Staff Meeting

Sunday, March 14

**Daylight Saving Begins
4 Lent**

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 17

6 pm Lent Study and Soup and Sandwich

Thursday, March 18

1:30 pm Standing Committee
Mother Mimi in KC

Friday, March 19

12:05 pm Holy Communion

Saturday, March 20

First Day of Spring

Sunday, March 21

5 Lent

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, March 24

6 pm Lent Study and Soup and Sandwich

Thursday, March 25

6-8 pm Autism Support Group, Undercroft

Friday, March 26

9 am Altar Guild Palm Crosses
12:05 pm Holy Communion
1 pm Staff Meeting

Sunday, March 28

3 Epiphany

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Church School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

The Brotherhood of St.

Fursey will have their next dinner at 6:30 p.m.,

Thursday, March 11, in the undercroft. If you will

attend please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board across from the church office. All men of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

Next Sunday, March 7, is **Breakfast Sunday**. If you would like to help. Please speak to Sue Means.

Mother Mimi is conducting a **Lenten Study** which began on Wednesday, March 24, and continues through Wednesday, March 24. The Study will begin with Soup and Sandwich at 6:00 p.m. followed by study. The subject being discussed is "forgiveness."

The newsletter and schedules and readings are **now being produced online** as an experiment to see if we can save some money on printing and the cost of mailing these items to people every month. If you receive this issue and have an email address that is not on record with the church you are asked to please furnish this to us at christchurchsj@sbcglobal.net to continue to receive the newsletter. If you do not have email and would like to continue receiving a copy please drop us a note at Christ Episcopal Church, 207 North 7th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri 64501, and let us know where you would like your copy sent

The Amy Golding Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 10, at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a luncheon. Gladys Freeman will furnish chili and everyone else is asked to bring pot luck. If there is a weather issue on this day please call Gladys Freeman 279-8063, or Muriel Bahr 279-5908, to make sure the meeting will take place. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

The Altar Guild will gather on Friday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m. to make Palm Crosses for our Passion Palm Sunday Service. All members of the Guild are asked to bring a pair of scissors with them.

Everyone remember that Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14. Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday as the time changes early Sunday morning.

Mother Mimi will be out of the office on Thursday, March 11, for a Standing Committee Meeting in Kansas City. If you need anything while she is away please contact the church office or Senior Warden Allene Wright.

The Service Schedule for Holy Week will be: Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m., Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Foot Washing and Eucharist with the Night Watch to Follow; Good Friday, April 2, 12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross (no Eucharist); Holy Saturday, Holy Saturday Service at 8:00 a.m. (15 minute service); Easter Day: April 4, 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, 9:00 a.m. Breakfast, 10:00 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist (with incense), Easter Egg Hunt to follow the 10:00 a.m. service.

Wednesday, March 31, in Holy Week, Mother Mimi will once again host our traditional Seder Meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. There will be a sign up sheet for attendance along with dishes you may choose to prepare for the meal. These will be on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the production of a Meditational Booklet for Lent. Mother Mimi offered the congregation an opportunity to express themselves by doing a meditation on scripture. Each person was asked to pick a day during Lent and use the readings from the Daily Office to reflect what they interpret from the scripture readings in a personal view. The booklets are available and can be found on the table across from the Chapel of the Seasons.

Garage Sale: Want to help the people of Haiti, but don't have the cash? How about donating to our garage sale. We haven't set a date yet, but it will probably be held in April (after Easter) and will benefit Episcopal Relief and Development's efforts in Haiti. Start collecting your donations now & we will keep you posted on the sale date and donation drop-off location. Contact Cathy Caldwell with any questions

And a Good Time was had by all. Yes, once again, The men of the Brotherhood of St. Fursey furnished a fantastic meal for the congregation on Shrove Tuesday. Thanks go to chief chef Jim Vega and the many who



Chef Jim, Susan, Ben and Bill
Tim and Angel

assisted him to create a meal to send us into the season of Lent with a little extra nutrition for this fasting season. Also, thanks to our Sexton, Kathy Kapp, for the table set up and decorations. They helped to make this a festive occasion for everyone.



Mother Mimi, Boomer, Alyce, Jim
and Roxanne enjoy the food

I have great news! We have received \$2,812.57 in cash donations and 10,342 food items in response to InterServ's 2010 SOUPer Bowl food drive. 21 churches and synagogues promoted this event. This is a great response, and we are grateful to everyone who gave so generously to help make this possible. We offer our deep thanks to you for doing such a fantastic job of supporting InterServ's efforts to feed hungry people in the St. Joseph community. Your donations (cash for food and food items) given in March and April can have an even bigger impact due to this year's Feinstein \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger. This is a challenge issued by Alan Feinstein in hopes that it will spur increased giving to food pantries across the nation. The more we collect from March 1, 2010 until April 30th, 2010, the greater the share of this million dollars we will receive. We would appreciate very much your participation in this challenge. Food items that are most needed right now are: rice, beans, tuna, tuna helper, oatmeal, cereal, instant potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, spam, juice, and ramen noodles. If you would like to give a financial gift, we will use it to purchase food from our community food bank at a very low cost. We ask that checks be made payable to InterServ Food Pantry and marked for "Feinstein Challenge" in the memo.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: P. Gordon Robaska 1, Amanda Paden 4, Abigail Caldwell 10, Louise Wilcox 11, Catherine Kerford 12, Alan Kapp 15, Catherine Kessberger 15, Emily Walling 15, Matthew Robaska 19, Joyce Edwards 21, Clark Hampton 25, Deborah Fite 27, Nancy Hampton 28, Kelly Siewert 29, Julia Robaska 30, Mary Carper 31, Krystin King 31.

"O God, our times are in your hand; Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

Prayers will be offered for those sick or recovering from an illness, especially: Winston, Claudia, Jeannie, Ruby, Mike, Gordon, Louise, Harold, Chanelle, Janie, Ethan, Lincoln and Chrissy. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Carroll Hicks who died recently, May the peace of God be with all during this time of loss.

Memorial and Thanksgiving Flowers

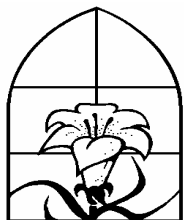
There are no flowers at the Altar during the Season of Lent. The next opportunity for flower donations will be on Easter Sunday, April 4.

If you would like to donate altar flowers or a cascade in Thanksgiving or Remembrance please contact one of our Flower Ministry coordinators, **Kay Temps (233-8179)** or **Ginny McLaughlin (901-0254)** or sign up on the flower schedule posted by the bulletin board and fill out one of the attached donation forms.

Easter Lily Order Form

Deadline for Orders is March 28

If you would like to donate a **Lily (\$17.00)** in Thanksgiving or Remembrance for our Easter Service on Sunday, April 4, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office. You may also make orders by contacting our Flower Ministry Coordinators **Kay Temps (233-8179)** or **Ginny McLaughlin (901-0254)**.



LILIES

Name: _____

Number of Lilies: __ X \$17.00

Amt. Enclosed: _____

Given in Remembrance:

Given in Thanksgiving:
