

The Briefly

Notes from Your Interim Rector

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"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent ..." — BCP, 1979

Although it seems like just yesterday we were at the manger with the wise men, today we're preparing to begin a holy Lenten season. I don't know about you, but this time of year I find I'm ready for Lent. I'm ready to slow down and find ways to be more mindful, more grounded. Lent gives me a chance to back away from the frenzy for a moment and find a gentle, safe place to rest my soul. I think most of us have moved away from the severely penitential type of Lent we may have known in our youth, but I think there's something to be said for taking time to look clearly at the darkness in our world and in our own souls. It keeps us honest.

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This year, we have some interesting things planned to offer a chance for a little soul rest, for reconnecting with each other as a parish family, and for looking into the darkness together as we make our way to the other side. We actually begin our Lenten work on the Sunday before Lent (Feb. 14), when our GSP children will take away our hallelujahs and bury them until they rise again on Easter Sunday. On Ash Wednesday we begin Lent in earnest with four (yes, four!) services to include the Imposition of Ashes. Our third service will be a special children's service, by and for children, that includes an experiential lesson about this holy season; we will include the Imposition of Ashes, but not a Eucharist at this service. In adult education, Chuck Dickson will lead us into an exploration of one of the most ancient forms of worship known to us, the penitential Great Litany. And each Sunday we will take some time to share a soup lunch together in the parish hall after the 10 a.m. service. Holy week will include a Maundy Thursday potluck culminating in the solemn stripping of the altar and watch before the cross. And on Good Friday we will add a very different Stations of the Cross service on the labyrinth.

So instead of giving up something this year (wine? chocolate? texting?), or taking on something else (extra charity work?), why not look at all you do now and switch — try something different for Lent? I've so

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Bill Martin congratulates Nancy Meister on her ordination to the diaconate in Phoenix on Saturday, Jan. 22.

From the Senior Warden

Now you are the body of Christ and individual members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.—1 Corinthians 12:27-28

The end of 2009 marked 18 full months of transition between permanent rectors for Grace St. Paul's. Even though it feels at times like we are standing still, this transition period has also been a time of great change as we continue to grow as members of the Body of Christ, living out our mission to call "people to change the world" and engaging in a process to articulate who we are and what we seek for the future of our parish. In this process I believe we are learning a great deal about the gifts and talents among us!

In 2009, we were blessed with the pastoral and administrative leadership of two different interim rectors, the Rev. Harold O. Clinehens, Jr. and the Rev. Deborah Heathcock. We are grateful for the gift of their presence among us, for the individual and unique ministries they offered, and for the ways those ministries have provided us with a reflection of who we are as a community of faith.

This past year was also notable for the following highlights:

- A Parish Summit was held on March 21, hosted by members of the Search Committee, where members of the congregation gathered to share their stories about GSP, to reflect on who we are at our best, and to begin creating a vision of our future.
- Harriet Claiborne accepted a call to GSP as part-time Director of Children's Ministries. Harriet's gentle presence, her strong faith and her passion for children have served to add new and creative energy to our children's program.
- We said goodbye to Fr. Harold and Beverley Clinehens in mid-May as they left to serve the congregation of St. John the Baptist in Lodi, Calif. The vestry and the people of GSP worked together over the summer

months to keep the parish running smoothly until we welcomed the Rev. Deborah Heathcock as interim rector in mid-August.

- We began a second fundraising campaign to pay off the debt for the HVAC loan and, in the process, discovered that raising money can be both creative and fun, involving the talents of many in our congregation.
- GSP hosted J. Philip Newell for a very successful Advent retreat on Celtic Christian Spirituality that was attended by over 100 people.
- Our many inreach and outreach ministries continued to grow and flourish under the direction of gifted leaders and the work of many dedicated volunteers, serving both the parish and the community beyond GSP.

This list is not, in any way, exhaustive and just barely offers a glimpse of the enormous commitment of time and energy made on behalf of this congregation's mission by its members over the past year.

I encourage us to look forward to 2010 with hopeful hearts. We are not standing still. This coming year we will call a new rector to help us discern and guide us toward the fulfillment of a new vision of who God is calling us to be as a community of faith and the Body of Christ in Tucson, Arizona. In that process, I expect that we will be challenged by important stewardship decisions about the care of our aging facility and staffing for growth. It will be a time to clarify our vision, our commitments and grow together!

As we make these steps, I hope we will discover and live to the fullest the spiritual gifts with which we have been blessed, honoring those gifts in one another and finding ways to encourage their expression. Some of us will be healers, some of us will be teachers, some of us will be prophets, some of us will be leaders, and some of us will discover new callings, new and unexpected joys—the possibilities are limited only by our ability to recognize those gifts and use them. I pray that, with God's help, we will do just that.

Faithfully yours,
Catherine Penn Williams
Senior Warden

Briefly Deadline

The next deadline for *The Briefly* is Tuesday, Feb. 23, for the next issue, which will include the months of March and April.

Please send electronic articles to Martha P.L. Whitaker at: jartham@cox.net. Either MS Word or WordPerfect format is acceptable, or you may simply paste the article into the body of your email.

If you do not have access to a computer, please call the parish office and ask if there is a volunteer who can help you type it into an electronic file. *Please note that: Lynn Albright is no longer working in the office to receive articles on Mondays prior to the deadline.*

Please send graphics and photos directly to John Banks at jdbanks@gmail.com.

It's Here! Check Out the Parish Profile! By Lynne Albright

In early January, the Search Committee sent the completed Parish Profile to Bishop Smith, and the Bishop gave us his approval to publish it on our website and to post the Rector position on the Church Deployment Office's list of available positions.

You can view the Profile on the GSP website, gsptucson.org, or stop by the church office to see one of the copies there. It looks so beautiful thanks to John Banks!

Hopefully the Profile will catch the eye of priests looking for a position and the content will speak to potential candidates who are seeking a church like GSP.

If you know of someone who might be interested in the position you can speak to Lynne Albright or Ernie Galaz, Co-Chairs of the Search Committee. Even better—direct them to page

21 in the Parish Profile which lists the instructions for sending applications to the Diocesan Office:

The Rev. Canon Timothy Dombek
Canon to the Ordinary
Diocese of Arizona
114 West Roosevelt
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Canon Dombek's email address is: timothy@azdiocese.org

The Search Committee will begin interviewing candidates as soon as applicants are vetted by Canon Dombek. The committee anticipates sending the names of three final candidates to be interviewed by the Vestry in early May.

Thanks to all of you for your support, patience and prayers!

Participate in the transition process during Lent!

There will be a soup, salad and bread lunch following the 10 o'clock service on the five Sundays of Lent that precede Palm Sunday, beginning Feb. 21.

The Search Committee will lead dialogues on topics such as Worship, Spiritual Formation, Outreach, Stewardship and Our Vision for GSP.

Look for more information about these sessions in the Sunday Bulletins. GSP's EfM groups will provide the meals. Small donations will be appreciated.

Report from the 2010 Annual Meeting

Grace St. Paul's 2010 Annual Meeting was called to order at 12:15pm, following a sumptuous potluck lunch provided by parishioners. The meeting was opened with participants singing Christ Above Me and a prayer offered by the Rev. Deborah Heathcock, the Interim Rector. Deborah then announced that Catherine Penn Williams would continue to serve a fourth year as Senior Warden. Catherine reminded the gathering that while the Senior Warden normally serves no more than three one-year terms, the by-laws of GSP provide for the sitting Senior Warden to continue during a transition period until the newly called permanent Rector has been in place for 90 days.

A motion to approve the minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting was passed. Tom Pitello, chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the slate of candidates for election to the Vestry: Linda Hutson (Junior Warden); Pete Weiblen, Margaret Scott, Donna Olson Shreve, Chris LaBour (3 year terms); and Tricia Galvin (unexpired 1 year term). A motion to elect the slate of candidates by acclamation was passed. Catherine acknowledged the contributions of retiring Vestry members Cathy Wolfson (3 years), Tom Pitello (3 years) and Aimee Graves (8 months). Catherine presented Jeffrey Stewart (Junior Warden, 3 years) and Bob Hutson (Treasurer, 5

years) with an Anglican rosary for their enormous service to GSP. Both received a standing ovation from the congregation. Catherine also announced that non-voting officers of the Vestry would be elected at the first Vestry meeting in February: Richard Shumway (Treasurer), Kathy Creath (Clerk) and Ralph "Nick" Nickerson (Chancellor).

Juden Thomas made a presentation requesting donations for UNICEF to help the children of Haiti and offered a serving of homemade payasam, an Indian rice pudding (delicious!), for each \$10 donation.

The following people were nominated to serve as delegates to Diocesan Convention on Oct. 15-16, 2010: Pat Meyers, Beth Miksa, Chris Ledyard, Karen McVean, Terry Shreve, Kay Bigglestone, Marilyn Abraham, Allison Towner, Michael Allen and Steve Williams. The congregation cast their ballots for five delegates and two alternates. The eYouth13 graciously volunteered to count the ballots. Those elected as delegates were: Terry Shreve, Beth Miksa, Kay Bigglestone, Chris Ledyard and Steve Williams; Allison Towner and Marilyn Abraham will serve as alternates.

Bob Hutson presented the financial report for 2009 from a PowerPoint presentation created by Richard Shumway, Kathy Creath and Catherine Williams. Highlights of the report included:

- most of the income came from pledges and

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Liturgy & Music

Notes from the Choir Stalls

by *Christina Jarvis,*
Director of Music



The season of Epiphany is about divinity revealed. There is the divinity of Jesus, of course, but also the divinity manifested in each of us (and I'm not talking divine dress, darling). Each church season has a focus—for example, anticipation in Advent and introspection in Lent. Perhaps Epiphany can be the season of perceiving. God is revealed to us when we look closely enough, in even the most appalling things. It's hard to find God in the Haitian earthquake, unless you look at the effort of dusty and bleeding hands to pull a fellow human from the rubble, or the groundswell of love and concern from around the world. I don't believe earthquakes are God's will. There is no giant scorecard in the sky that says if you do "this", you will be preserved from "that". Thank heavens, because otherwise we'd either be in a world of hurt or the most boring people in town.

Epiphany music reflects the lectionary, or that's the plan. Jesus is revealed through his works, and we marvel and try to emulate. Not to diss anyone who believes they are saved by grace alone, but good works are always appropriate. We will not celebrate Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple) this year as such. However, on Feb. 7 we will sing a setting of the Song of Simeon (*Nunc dimittis*) by choir member Winifred Williams, who trained in music composition.

As Epiphany yields to Lent, the tone changes from looking outward to looking inward. Lent is a struggle. Do I take the easy route, which is to schedule those ash-dripping penitential anthems that are at my fingertips, or seek different ways to see Lent? As always, I choose a bit of both. For Ash Wednesday, we're doing the Herbert Howells "Like as a hart desireth the waterbrooks." Hey, if you can't drip ashes on Ash Wednesday, when else can you do it? The communion anthem will be a rich offering from Lift Every Voice and Sing II: "In God we trust."

For a different Lenten perspective, I'm pulling in anthems from the Iona community. We can't call it contemporary—this collection is at least twenty years old—but it's more contemporary than, say, the Howells. It's important to make the journey of Lent in another pair of boots, as it were. Music from other faith traditions and cultures serves to illuminate our own.

We've added a new alto, Joyce Henderson, who was left off the roster printed in my annual report because she hadn't joined yet when I submitted it. We are grateful for her service and greet her with high-fives.

The choir is maintaining

equilibrium. We'll see where we are after Easter. Lent and Holy Week can be exhausting for the choir. No, let me rephrase that, *is* exhausting for the choir. Pamela and I are paid to be tired, but a volunteer choir willing to go through all that is golden. It's sort of the good work emulating that of Jesus. In our chaotic, overscheduled and over-stimulated society, taking the time to be with Jesus every step of the way through Lent and Holy Week is tough.

Prayer, fasting, alms, sin, sixteenth century anthems about prayer, fasting, alms, and sin... it's our history, but wallowing in it is not our future. I had a joke in there about how it works for me, but actually it doesn't. It took me years to break the 24/7 Lenten habits of thinking, and none of us needs to go back there again. Mind you, sometimes sin is tempting (otherwise it wouldn't be sin). The sin I'm contemplating at the moment is Spike-icide, if he keeps, shall we say, marking his territory randomly around the house. But there are other ways to observe Lent than feline-murder, and we shall explore them. May the remaining season of Epiphany reveal that of God in the world around you and may your Lent be a rewarding journey.

Peace,

Christina Jarvis
Director of Music

Never forget that
anticipation is an
important part of life...
without excitement you
have nothing.

Liturgy & Music

Liturgical Art Project for Easter

By Nanalee Raphael & Eleanor Kohloss

The newly formed Liturgical Art Ministry will have its first meeting on Saturday, Jan. 30, at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be planning the art for Easter (which is April 4). Please come to this meeting if you would like to participate.

This year we hope to include Holy Week as part of the art installation. We anticipate one display for that week, installed on Saturday, March 27, the day before Palm Sunday. That installation would be taken down on Saturday, April 3, and replaced with the celebratory Easter installation.

Just as last year, the Easter art will remain up until Pentecost.

We would like to form a core group that will be responsible for liturgical art planning, creating, installing, and removing. Newcomers are most welcome!

For more information about this ministry, please contact Eleanor Kohloss at eleko@comcast.net or Nanalee Raphael at 520-440-9601 or nler12@yahoo.com.

Call for Entries: Expect a Miracle!

By Liz Durham

Let's try a "mail art" project, in preparation for Easter. The theme for the project will be: *Expect A Miracle*. Using drawings, markers, collage, stamps, photographs, or whatever you wish, make a Mail Art postcard on one of the 5x8-inch blank cards which will be available after Sunday services in McBride Hall, beginning Feb 7. Affix postage, and send to:

"Mail Art Project"

Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church

2331 E. Adams St.

Tucson, AZ 85719

Deadline to receive the postcards is March 28. This project is for all ages. There will be no jury, and no returns, but everyone who sends in a card will get a reply documenting their participation. All entries will be part of a display in McBride Hall in time for Easter, and will be part of a virtual gallery on our website and Facebook page.

Please see Liz Durham in McBride Hall after the 10 a.m. service for more information and to see examples of other "mail art." You can also e-mail Liz at emjod@yahoo.com.

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often began a ministry that delights and feeds me only to wake up one day, tired and maybe a little burned out, and yet unable to give it up. After all, everyone's depending on me. Or I find that I want to try something new but simply can't fit one more thing into my schedule. I think this is true for many of us. So this year, instead of giving up something for Lent, why not SWITCH something for Lent? There are so many possibilities at GSP and we will be offering many, many opportunities to try out something new during this Lenten season. You might just fall in love with a brand new ministry and someone else might just fall in love with one of your old ones!

Meanwhile, reach for a truly holy Lent this year. Make space in your life to peek inside yourself and see if you can find Christ's holy spark there. Make space in your days to get reacquainted with your brothers and sisters at GSP too. You might just catch a holy spark in them. And

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17

7 a.m. — Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

12 noon — Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

4:30 p.m. — Children's Program with Imposition of Ashes

7 p.m. — Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

consider the possibility that Christ is calling you to something new, something outrageous!

Have a very holy and blessed Lent!



Children & Youth

Christmas comes so quickly upon us after Thanksgiving, it seems, that I look to this period of time, between Christmas and Lent, as a time of holy transition: a moment to remember the “Yes!” in Mary’s heart as she accepted the gift of being chosen by God to be the Savior’s mother. ...A moment to feel the wonderment of the shepherds as they found the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. ...A moment to adore the child, Jesus, as the Magi did after following his star for so long. It is only then that I am ready to ponder Jesus, all grown up, teaching and healing and always pointing to God. We know He will become the Good Shepherd, the True Vine, the Living Water, the Light of the world. But He will also suffer and die and rise again in order to reconcile us to God, our Creator. The inherent beauty of our denomination is that we are called to be with Jesus as his life unfolds, and we do that within the context of liturgy. Liturgy brings the Bible to life, and gives us a place to enter history with the great I AM.

And how do we give this gift of faith and love to our children? We affirm the children when we invite one to serve at the altar every week. And this last Advent, when the children sang a beautiful hymn that they had practiced for a long time with Jane Click and Steve Brookbanks, you welcomed our presentation. On Christmas Eve, you smiled at the shepherds and sheep on their way to find the newborn babe and the multitude of angels that crowded around the lowly manger. You have hand-made materials for our first atrium in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and you have come to our classrooms and talked to our older ones about your faith – not always an easy thing to do. You have given us whatever we need, financially and spiritually, to do God’s work. I find Grace St. Paul’s to be a welcoming place, where children and grownups can stretch and grow and love and learn. I think Jesus feels that too, and that is why I see Him every Sunday.

Blessings in this new year,
Harriet Claiborne

Children’s Choir News

Special choir pins will be handed out in May to all children who attend choir practice after Sunday worship during February-May. Attendance at weekly choir time will be taken! The pins will honor all of you who have worked

so hard to learn the music that we’ve sung during our church services. We are now working on a new piece to learn for a service in the next few months, so I hope to see all of you for choir practice on Sunday!

—*Jane Click, Director*

Congregational Development

The Congregational Development Covenant Group is pleased to announce the following updates to their ministry:

Bruce Anderson has agreed to coordinate an Advertising Committee to keep the Tucson community informed of what’s happening at GSP.

Bill Skov has stepped up to take us to a new level in Planned Giving. You will be hearing more from Bill and his committee about how

your estate planning can ensure a healthy future for Grace St. Paul’s.

Also, the Recruitment and Retention Committee is now known as the Welcoming Newcomers Committee. These folks, coordinated by Lil Donovan, Colleen Filippone and Lynda Canfield, staff the Welcome Table at coffee hour each Sunday.

Social Justice & Outreach

Immigration Academy

By Paul Gohdes

The immigration quandary has been around for some time. Almost everyone agrees the immigration system in our country is broken and that a comprehensive look at it is required.

Please join members of Grace St. Paul's and the Diocese of Arizona's Migration and Immigration Program Group in a two-hour exploration of the issues at our Immigration Academy. Come

to learn, to discuss the issues, and map out a strategy for the future.

It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon, and will be preceded at 9:30 a.m. by LeCave donuts and coffee!

For questions, contact Paul Gohdes (825-6724 or email: p-dtucson@cox.net).

Border Sunday with Father Glenn Jenks

By Paul Gohdes

Father Glenn B. Jenks, a former assistant rector at Grace Episcopal Church who served under Father Weeks, returns to highlight a Sunday dedicated to the children of Casa Misericordia. He has long worked in Hispanic ministries and practiced law, in addition to working in several parishes in the Arizona Diocese.

The children at the Casa are part of a Christian humanitarian mission in Nogales, Sonora, to support the parents who have no one to look

after their children as they try to work and maintain a minimal living standard (often less than \$50/week!). Bridging Borders has been asked to help with food items to include rice, dry pinto beans, oatmeal, and dry milk. Look for a complete list in the bulletin.

Father Jenks will give the sermon at both services and host of forum at 9 a.m. in the Bloom Room. Please join us!

Questions? Call Paul Gohdes at 825-6724.

TIHAN at GSP News

By Aimee Graves

The Youth of Grace St. Paul's brightened the holidays for six people affected by HIV/AIDS by "adopting" them and purchasing gifts in value of \$25 to \$50 for each adult and child and then delivering the gifts in time for TIHAN's 8th Family Day Holiday Celebration. Family Day festivities are designed for parents with children under the age of 18. Families living with HIV/AIDS are given the opportunity to "shop" for one another from among the gifts donated by faith communities. People can create holiday cards, crafts, and visit with Santa.

Please congratulate Priscilla Sprague on assuming the TIHAN Liaison position that heads

up Grace Saint Paul's ministry to people living with HIV/AIDS! Priscilla has represented GSP at events sponsored by both TIHAN and PRIDE. Since the mid-1990s, this position has been filled at GSP by Priscilla Walker, Peter Sincox and myself. Please take a moment to thank Priscilla personally for committing to steward this ministry on Grace St. Paul's behalf in its second decade of compassionately reaching out to people affected by HIV/AIDS.

I look forward to volunteering next to you all, under Priscilla's direction, to continue the ministry of TIHAN at GSP in 2010!

TIHAN, Senior Citizens, & the New GSP Liaison

By Priscilla Sprague

Greetings! I am the new liaison that heads up Grace St. Paul's TIHAN ministry. TIHAN is Tucson's HIV/AIDS Network. I am glad to be sharing my 20+ years of experience working as an HIV/AIDS volunteer, board member, educator, counselor, tester, grants writer, prison inmate advocate, community prevention committee coordinator, and county health department program developer. I believe that, as a parish associated with TIHAN, GSP needs to have clear, accurate, and current information about HIV and its prevention and treatment, and we should continue to welcome persons with HIV/AIDS into our church family.

At a recent education committee meeting at

TIHAN, one of the agenda items concerned the increase in the percentage of newly HIV-infected older persons. I am alarmed by this information and the local impact.

As GSP's TIHAN liaison, I am more than willing to collect resource people to teach, answer questions, dispel myths, etc. for whatever venue is of assistance to our congregation. For now, I am available to answer your individual questions. I will work with the GSP Adult Spiritual Formation Committee to schedule a formal class later this year. Please contact me by leaving a message with the church office (327-6857), or speaking with me at church on Sundays. I very much look forward to assisting in our process!

Adult Spiritual Formation

Grace St. Paul's Adult Education and Spiritual Formation classes for February and March are based on our spring theme of Sacred Places. Browse through the listings, and find the classes that feed your spiritual journey!

Bible Workbench Study Group

Monday afternoons, Feb. 8-March 29

1-3 p.m., St. Francis Room

Join a small group for a study of the lessons for the coming Sunday, considering relevance to our society and our personal lives.

Co-facilitated by Gretchen and Walter Collins.

The Development of the Great Litany

Sunday, Feb. 7

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

As Lent begins, we turn to worship that is more penitential and focus on petitionary prayers – specifically as it relates to the Great Litany. In this class we will focus on the Litany's invocations, deprecations, obscurations and suffrages.

Facilitated by Chuck Dickson.

Immigration Academy

Saturday, Feb. 13

9:30 a.m.-Noon

The immigration quandary has been around for some time. Almost everyone agrees the immigration system in our country is broken and that a comprehensive look at it is required. Please join members of Grace St. Paul's and the Diocese of Arizona's Migration and Immigration Program Group in a two-hour exploration of the issues. Come to learn, to discuss the issues, and map out a strategy for the future. LeCave donuts and coffee start at 9:30 a.m., and the discussion begins at 10 a.m.!

For questions, contact Paul Gohdes (825-6724 or email: p-dtucson@cox.net).

Give-and-Take on Immigration Issues

Sunday, Feb. 14

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

We honor Bridging Borders Sunday with the Rev. Glenn Jenks who will lead a discussion followed with a question/answer session, on border and immigration issues as they relate to the Episcopal Church.

Facilitated by Rev. Glenn Jenks.

Revisit the Visits of Borg, Crossan and Spong to GSP

Sundays, Feb. 21 & 28

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

View and discuss film clips of presentations by Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan and Bishop John Shelby Spong when each visited GSP in previous years. How do their concepts of Progressive Christianity match or differ from yours? This class may evolve into a continuing Monday evening group if an interest continues after these classes.

Facilitated by Steve Williams.

The Tyranny of Dead Ideas: Letting Go of the Old Ways of Thinking to Unleash a New Prosperity

Sunday, March 7

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

We will cover key ideas and concepts based on the implications of Matt Miller's socio-political study, and apply it to our faith. Discussion will include a look at entering into "true prosperity" regardless of economic conditions, the societal consequences of years of "debt-fueled consumption," and how we may progress to Miller's concept of "destined ideas."

Facilitated by Lynda Canfield.

Sacred Spaces, Sacred Places: Forming Community on the Lenten Journey

Sunday, March 14

9-9:45 a.m., Bloom Education Center

The creation of community is a challenging endeavor, and where a community gathers figures strongly in the creative process. Sacred places around the world, such as Stonehenge, Iona, and the Holy Land, can forge a powerful unity amongst those who assemble in them. However, not all can travel to sacred spots such as these. In this class we will examine how the places of our lives may become sacred, where the Presence of Christ, the true bond of Christian Community, may be revealed and experienced. We will also consider the Celtic approach to space, place, and the sacred.

Facilitated by The Rev. Fred Masterman.

Community of Hope Update By Kay Bigglestone

Thirteen parishioners completed the training and retreat for Community of Hope (COH) earlier this month. Each has committed to undertake a four-month internship, volunteering twenty hours each month in a variety of ministries.

The thirteen are Marilyn Abraham, Lynne Albright, Manya Ashley, Kay Bigglestone, Patricia Dickson, Chuck Hannan, Linda Hutson, Beth Miksa, Anagrace Misenhimer, Ann Schlumberger, Sally Shumway, Priscilla Sprague, and Heather Williams. All recited their commitment and received a blessing from The Rev. Deborah Heathcock during the 10 a.m. service on Jan. 17.

While they are visiting lonely or ill parishioners and serving in many outreach capacities as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) and with Joseph's Pantry, Bread for the Pantry, and as supportive visitors with friends and relatives not in the parish, they will meet monthly in two Circles of Care to deepen their training and resolve problem areas in their work.

The first Circle of Care is based on the northwest side. Its first meeting will be at the home of Ann Schlumberger on Friday morning, Feb. 5 from 10:30 to noon. Subsequent meetings are set

for March 12 and April 9 at other homes.

The second Circle of Care is based on the central and eastside area. The first meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 7, in whatever Undercroft room is available at GSP from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. During Lent, this group will meet on Saturday morning, March 10, at the church, but after Easter it will resume Sunday meetings, beginning on April 11.

The sponsoring agency, Community of Hope, provided training materials for a series of instructional sessions last fall. Many parishioners participated as trainers, including Joe Fitzgerald, The Rev. Rick Wilson, Suzanne Nystrom, Linda Hutson, Nadine Martin, Lynn Marie Hunter, Sally Shumway, Lynne Albright and Virginia Zuelow. Subsequent training sessions may begin next fall for newcomers to join the group.

Jesse Thrall taped most of the sessions, and CDs of the sessions may be borrowed for individual use by contacting Lynne Albright.

The leadership team for COH includes Lynne Albright, Pat Dickson, and Kay Bigglestone. If you would like a regular visitor or know of someone who would, please contact the Rev. Deborah Heathcock or one of the team leaders.

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plate; pledges were down about \$8,000 as might be expected in this economic climate;

- most of our operating budget goes to salaries/benefits, Diocesan Assessment and maintenance of the buildings and grounds;
- for the first time in memory, GSP is in the black—by \$20,000!
- a shortfall of \$35,000 is expected for 2010 due to increased expenses for the rector search; monies to cover the shortfall will come from the Emergency Reserve Fund (ERF) unless income from other sources increases;
- ERF balance is now at \$232,000; the Endowment Fund continues to grow and is nearly where it was at end of 2007; and
- projected shortfall for HVAC loan is now \$56,000; Tom Pitello will continue to spearhead fundraising for this.

A motion to accept the Financial Report as presented was passed.

After singing a hymn, O God, Our Help in Ages Past, the congregation heard a report from Lynne Albright and Ernie Galaz, co-chairs of the Search Committee. They announced that

the Parish Profile has been approved by Bishop Smith and is now available to read online at GSP's website. The job opening for rector at GSP is also now listed with the Church Deployment Office for prospective applicants to see. Copies of the Parish Profile are available to view in the church office as well. Kudos to John Banks for doing such a fine job of completing the graphic layout for the Profile. The Search Committee will begin interviewing candidates as soon as they receive applications that have been vetted by the Bishop's staff. The Search Committee hopes to give the Vestry the names of three final candidates to interview in early May. The Bishop has told Catherine that he expects we will have many good candidates to choose from.

Ernie announced that there will be parish lunches at 11:30am on the five Sundays in Lent preceding Palm Sunday; at the lunches, parishioners will engage in a series of dialogues on topics of Worship, Spiritual Formation, Outreach, Stewardship and Our Vision. These dialogues will serve as new steppingstones on our journey

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Parish Life

An afternoon of musical excellence and frivolity

By Tricia Galvin

Join us for an afternoon of music performed by Armen Dirtadian and the On-Broadway Singers at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7. They will be presenting a varied selection including jazz, standards, and show tunes. For those of you familiar with Armen through his performances



at the Gaslight Theatre, you know that a good time will be had by all!

Armen Dirtadian has been performing and entertaining professionally for more than 30 years. A veteran of musical theatre, Armen has played leading roles in numerous shows, notably, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He has had the honor of playing this role seven times in various

cities including Tucson, Phoenix, Nashville, Tenn., and Austin, Texas. Other roles include: Julian Marsh, *42nd Street*; The Pirate King, *Pirates of Penzance*; Captain Hook, *Peter Pan*; Charlie Anderson, *Shennandoah*; Ben Rumson, *Paint Your Wagon*; as well as many others. He has also performed at The Gaslight Theatre and is celebrating his 27th season there in 2010.

Armen is also known for singing jazz standards, and his mentor was Tucson's great jazz pianist, Mickey Greco.

On Broadway got its start in the early 1990s when several of Tucson's most accomplished vocalists joined forces to perform their favorite tunes. On Broadway has a unique mix of talented individuals who are comfortable performing many genres of music. The group's jazz and standards vocal arrangements are influenced by such greats as Manhattan Transfer, Andrew Sisters, Mills Brothers, 5th Dimension, and others. The vocalists collectively hold a broad base of musical knowledge, education and experience, drawing from professional Broadway musical touring companies, local and national vocal jazz ensembles, cabaret shows, musical theatre shows, opera, classical choral groups, doo-wop quartets and much more. The instrumentalists that accompany On Broadway vary, depending on the genre of music performed. All are consummate professionals that are well known to Tucson's music scene.

A wine, cheese and chocolate reception will be held in McBride Hall following the performance. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. This is a fundraiser to pay down the loan on the new HVAC for the church. So, if you can't make it to the performance, feel free to buy a ticket to the reception! Advance tickets are being sold in McBride Hall after church services on Sunday.

A special thanks to Henry and Rosie Dirtadian for arranging this for us!

Annual Meeting Report

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of change. As an initial step in these dialogues, parishioners at the Annual Meeting generated questions to be used as prompts for the dialogues during Lent.

Catherine announced that there have been many changes in leadership among GSP's ministries (see attached insert page). She encouraged old-timers and newcomers alike to consider choosing a ministry that matches their gifts and interests. Beth Miksa gave a short presentation on the duties of a Verger. Catherine announced the creation of a new Liturgical Arts Ministry that will be co-chaired by Eleanor Kohloss and

Nanalee Raphael. Eleanor Kohloss made a short presentation on the proposed mural for the stairwell to the Undercroft on the south side of the church building.

Deborah Heathcock gave verbal appreciations to GSP's fine staff. Jeffrey Stewart thanked those who have helped him do his job as Junior Warden over the last three years. Catherine Williams thanked a number of lay people who have gone above and beyond to help keep the parish and its ministries running smoothly.

Chancellor Nick Nickerson announced that there will be a glitch for the 2009 audit due to

Shrove Tuesday is Coming....!

Rumor has it that a secret committee is planning a real blow-out dinner for Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Plans are yet to be revealed, but you won't want to miss it! So, mark your calendar for a fun evening of delicious food and delightful fellowship.

Look for more information to come in your Sunday bulletin and weekly email notices!

Class on Great Litany prepares us for Lent

By *Chuck Dickson*

There will be a class on the Great Litany at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, in anticipation of our using that service on the First Sunday in Lent.

A litany consists of various petitions said or sung by the leader with fixed responses by the congregation. Some people do not appreciate such intercessions and so commonly use the word for a long and tedious recital, such as in the expression "the patient recited a litany of complaints."

The Great Litany, found in the American *Book of Common Prayer* beginning on page 148, is substantially the same service as the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer during the English Reformation and is thus the oldest liturgical service in the English vernacular. It was the only officially sanctioned service in English to be finished within Henry VIII's lifetime. That monarch had noticed that people were not responding to religious processions as he thought they should, and so he decreed in June of 1544 that there were to be "set for the certayne godly prayers and suffrages in our natyve Englyshe tongue." He thought that such prayers would be useful during England's war with France and Scotland in that year.

Cranmer quickly published in the same year what turned out to be the first installment

of the *Book of Common Prayer*, first authorized in 1549 during the next king's reign. Part of its full title is "a letanie with suffrages to be said or song in the tyme of the said processions."

The Litany is a superb example of Cranmer's mind at work. He derived it essentially from the medieval Sarum litany as well as from a theologically revised German litany issued by Martin Luther in 1529. Cranmer also consulted the Greek Orthodox Litany.

Cranmer's Litany is often considered to be the finest form of prayer in our language and is the most comprehensive of all the prayers of the *Book of Common Prayer*, embracing what we used to call "all sorts and conditions of men."

Our current version of the Litany retains much of Cranmer's traditional language. It includes an "invocation" of the Trinity; a series of "deprecations" that seek deliverance from evil, spiritual harm, and natural calamities; a series of "obsecrations" that plead the power of Christ's incarnation, life, death, and resurrection for deliverance; prayers of general intercession; the *Agnus Dei*; the *Kyrie*; the Lord's Prayer; a versicle and response based on Psalm 33:22; a concluding collect; the grace; and a final supplication.

The 9 a.m. class on the first Sunday in February (Feb. 7) will be led by Chuck Dickson, who has forty years of experience teaching mainly on the college level.

missing invoices for work on the rectory but that, otherwise, everything else is legally and financially in good shape. A motion to approve the actions of the Vestry in full was passed by the membership.

Our meeting ended with a rousing version of We Dance in the Morning and was adjourned at 2:35pm.

—*Catherine Williams*

(from *Kathy Creath's excellent notes!*)

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**What's Happening at GSP
 in February**

1st 10 a.m., EfM6
 1 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
3rd 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
 6 p.m., Global Chant
 6:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
4th 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6th 5 p.m., Mass for the 3rd Millenium (M3M)
7th 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Child Care
 9 a.m., *The Development of the Great Litany*
 10 a.m., Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 11:30 a.m., eYouth13@gsp
 3 p.m., Armen Dirdadian and the On Broadway Singers (HVAC Fundraiser!)
8th 1 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
10th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
 6 p.m., Global Chant
 6:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
11th 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
13th 9:30 a.m., Anamcara Circle
 9:30 a.m., Immigration Academy
 5 p.m., Mass for the 3rd Millenium (M3M)
14th Bridging Borders Sunday
 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Child Care
 9 a.m., *Give-and-take on Immigration Issues*
 10 a.m., Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 11:30 a.m., eYouth13@gsp
 11:30 a.m., Youth confirmation class
15th 10 a.m., EfM6
 1 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic

17th Ash Wednesday (see services list, Page 5)
 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
 6 p.m., Global Chant
 6:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
18th 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
20th 5 p.m., Mass for the 3rd Millenium (M3M) & potluck
21st First Sunday in Lent
 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Child Care
 9 a.m., *Revisit the Visits of Borg, Crossan & Spong to GSP*
 10 a.m., Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 11:30 a.m., eYouth13@gsp
 11:30 a.m., Youth confirmation class
22nd 1 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
24th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
 6 p.m., Global Chant
 6:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
25th 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
27th 5 p.m., Mass for the 3rd Millenium (M3M)
28th Food Ministries Sunday/Second Sunday in Lent
 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Child Care
 9 a.m., *Revisit the Visits of Borg, Crossan & Spong to GSP*
 10 a.m., Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 11:30 a.m., eYouth13@gsp

Looking ahead to March

1st 10 a.m., EfM6
 1 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
3rd 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
 6 p.m., Global Chant
 6:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)

4th 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
6th 5 p.m., Mass for the 3rd Millenium (M3M)
7th Third Sunday in Lent
 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Child Care
 9 a.m., *The Tyranny of Dead Ideas*
 10 a.m., Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 11:30 a.m., eYouth13@gsp
8th 1 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
10th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
 6 p.m., Global Chant
 6:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
11th 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
13th 5 p.m., Mass for the 3rd Millenium (M3M)
14th Fourth Sunday in Lent
 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Child Care
 9 a.m., *Sacred Spaces, Sacred Places*
 10 a.m., Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 11:30 a.m., eYouth13@gsp
 11:30 a.m., Youth confirmation class
15th 10 a.m., EfM6
 1 p.m., Bible Workbench Study Group
 7:30 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
17th 7 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
 6 p.m., Global Chant
 6:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EfM)
18th 3 p.m., Healing Touch Clinic
20th 9:30 a.m., Anamcara Circle
 5 p.m., Mass for the 3rd Millenium (M3M) & potluck
21st Fifth Sunday in Lent
 8 a.m., Holy Eucharist
 9 a.m., Child Care
 9 a.m., *Tribute to Bishop Romero*
 10 a.m., Sunday School (Preschool-5th grade)
 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist