



The Epistle



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APRIL 2015

What's Happening?

Holy Week

Evening Prayer and Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, Apr 1 at 6 pm. Footwashing, Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar is at 6 pm on Maundy Thursday. There will be a joint Good Friday service among Holy Spirit, St. Alban's & St. Paul's at 7:00 pm on Apr 3. The service will be held at St. Paul's with homilies by each rector. Holy Saturday Liturgy is at 10:00 am on Apr 4.

Great Vigil of Easter, Sat Apr 4

The East Vigil will be held at 9 pm.

Easter Sunday, Apr 5

The Sunday of the Resurrection will be celebrated with a sunrise service in the courtyard at 6:45 am and with Festive Eucharist at 8 & 10:30 am. A buffet style Easter brunch will be served from 9:00 – noon in the parish hall. An Easter egg hunt will follow the 10:30 service.

Episcopal Visit, Apr 19

Bishop Doyle will be here at 4:00 pm for a Confirmation & Reception Service. At 5:30 he will present the Dream Church of the Future. We will also have a supper reception in honor of the Bishop's visit.

St Mark the Evangelist, Apr 25

A feast service will be held at 6:00 pm. Incense will be used at this service.

Safeguarding Gods People, Apr 26

The first Safeguarding Gods People class will be held on Sunday, Apr 26 after the 10:30 service.

Coming next month

Ascension Day, May 14

Holy Eucharist will be held at 6:00 pm. Incense will be used at this service.

Safeguarding Gods People, May 17

Safeguarding Gods People will be held on Sunday, May 17 after the 10:30 service.

Parish Picnic, May 24

The parish picnic will be held on the campus of Holy Spirit Church. Plans are underway for activities for you and old alike. Stay tuned!

From the Rector's Desk

by the Rev'd Jason Ingalls

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

As we enter April, we celebrate with joy the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Liturgically, we mark the Resurrection by re-introducing the "Alleluia" to our worship service, starting at the Great Vigil. Because of Christ's Resurrection, we have hope for this life and the next. God reminds us in Christ's Resurrection that he cares for every part of our life, the physical and earthly parts as well as the spiritual and heavenly ones. He loves us as we are for who we are as siblings of Christ and his own beloved children. For this we say, Alleluia!



In the life of our parish, we are seeing signs of Christ's resurrected life showing through, each of which deserves its own alleluia. They all fall within our 2015 theme of "Renewing the Spirit."

- Between the Easter Vigil and the upcoming Bishop's Visit, we will welcome three new members of the Body of Christ through Holy Baptism. Alleluia!
- At the Bishop's Visit, at least eight will be welcomed into full membership through Confirmation or Reception. Alleluia!
- On a regular Sunday morning, we are welcoming more and more visitors and regular attenders. For the month of February, our attendance was way up. We welcomed 4% more people in February than our five-year average and 36% more people than the same month last year. God is blessing our faithfulness with more people to share our Easter joy. Alleluia!
- A few weeks ago, we welcomed Liz Haddad as our youth minister. She's already doing amazing things with the youth group. Alleluia!
- In the coming weeks, more key volunteer (or "unpaid staff") roles will be filled in important areas like communications and community life. Alleluia!
- The pews are halfway through their refurbishment, and new flooring and carpeting are on their way to the Nave. On top of that, you voted for three important projects that will benefit the church in its renewal and refreshment: a commercial stove for the kitchen, a new entry walkway, and shades for the doors in the Nave. It feels like a fresh wind is blowing through the parish. Alleluia!

We have so much for which to be thankful. Thanks be to God for the great gift of new life he has given us in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God for the amazing growth we are seeing in our church, physically and spiritually. Thanks be to God for each of you, who are working to become and share God's good news with each other, our neighborhood, Waco, and the world. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next.

Altar Guild

Norma Thronburg, Directress (876-3303)

The dark symbols of Lent—the Crown of Thorns which mocked the proclaimed Kingdom, the Nails which pierced Jesus' extremities, the soldiers' Whip which was an instrument of punishment, the Parchment (INRI, a Latin abbreviation for "Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum" (Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews) inscribed on the Cross, the silver Coins as payment given for Judas' betrayal of Jesus, and the Palms to remind us of our self-centered expectations—give way to the joy of Eastertide after sundown on the Saturday prior to Easter or Resurrection Sunday.

Eastertide, like Christmas, is more than a day; it is a period of time. Often called the Great Fifty Days, Eastertide begins at sundown with the Easter Vigil on the evening before the sunrise on Easter Sunday. The Paschal candle is lighted from a newly kindled fire (BCP 285) and a Deacon or Priest bearing the Candle leads the procession to the Chancel, pausing three times and either singing or saying, "The light of Christ" to which the people respond, "Thanks be to God." The Easter Vigil is thought to have evolved into the modern observance of Easter sunrise service.

The Nave will be filled with the sweet fragrance of lilies. The Alleluias return and we will sing songs from the Hymnal, pages 174 to 213. The paraments are festive white which symbolizes purity, holiness and virtue as well as respect and reverence. It is the color used for high Holy Days and festival days of the church year as well as for baptism, marriage, dedications, funerals, and in our tradition, for the ordination of ministers. For the Easter season white represents the hope of resurrection as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death. The white banner hangs on the East wall adorned with butterfly, regal crown and a gold cross—symbols of our risen Lord and King. Flowers once again grace the retable. The Paschal or Christ candle is positioned near the intercessor's prie dieu where it remains until Pentecost.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed.



PARISH LIFE

Karen O'Bric (399-9974) & Joyce Stokes (732-0205)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Include Brunch in your Easter plans! Plan to enjoy breakfast in the Parish Hall on Easter Sunday. Served buffet style, with choices for every appetite, dining service will be open from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Join us!

A supper reception honoring the Episcopal visit of Bishop Andy Doyle will be held in the Parish Hall following the 4:00 pm special service on April 19th. Plans include a Town Hall meeting with the Bishop in attendance. This is an important moment for Holy Spirit Church, and we hope to see all of you there.

SAVE THE DATE! The Parish Picnic will be held on the campus of Holy Spirit Church on May 24th. Plans are underway for activities for young and old alike. Look for more information in future issues of New and Notable!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR APRIL

- ❖ APR 4, THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:2
Second Lesson: Exodus 14:10-15:1
Third Lesson: Zephaniah 3:12-20
Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10
 - ❖ APR 5, EASTER
Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24
First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel: John 20:1-18
 - ❖ APR 12, SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalm: 133
First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35
Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1-2:2
Gospel: John 20:19-31
 - ❖ APR 19, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalm: 4
First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19
Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7
Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48
 - ❖ APR 25, ST MARK THE EVANGELIST*
Psalm: 2
First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10
Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16
Gospel: Mark 1:1-15
 - ❖ APR 26, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Psalm: 23
First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12
Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24
Gospel: John 10:11-18
- *Incense will be used at this service*



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Easton Allen (772-2026)

Men of the church – join us for breakfast every Thursday at 7:00 am. We eat, we visit, we sing, we have a bible reading, and then we circle up and pray! Join us!!

Keep up with the calendar and weekly happenings at WWW.HOLYSPIRITWACO.COM



Mary Gresham (772-3424) or Joyce Stokes (732-0205)

Following is the coffee host list for April and May.

- April: 12-Lisa & Mark Long, 19-Pat Sorrells & Beverly Fallon, 26-Jan & Dave Attaway.
- May: 3-Gerry & Bill Milnor, 10-Joyce Stokes & Mary Gresham, 17-Nettie & Ed Starnes, 24-Church Picnic, 31-Candace Morton & Carolyn Obier.

Please keep it simple. The coffee hosts are only responsible for coffee, water, and some type of snack. If you are unable to host, please contact Mary Gresham.

HOLY HOOKERS

Judy Bauer (772-7111)

Anyone who wants to learn to knit or crochet, or already knows how and would like a group to do it with, please join us Friday's in the Parish Hall from 10:30-noon. We meet at Woodway Central Presbyterian Church the second Friday of the month. We are making scarves for the homeless and elderly that we feed on Christmas Day.

Just a Reminder...

If you are undergoing a medical procedure and would like Fr. Jason to pray with you beforehand, please contact the office with the details.

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who either housed the JBU choir members or donated money for hotel rooms. If you missed it, it was a great performance. The choir members were very appreciative of our great Holy Spirit hospitality!

Beverly Fallon (715-1028)

Easter Sunday is fast approaching and while our real celebration is the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; our children look forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and finding all those colorful eggs! If you would like to donate candy filled eggs for the children we are collecting those in the Narthex. If you would like to help us hide the eggs out on the lawn on Easter morning, we welcome you. It will be a very busy, fun day and we look forward to celebrating with your family!

Our Little Saints are practicing to sing for the congregation on Easter morning, and we encourage all children to join in and raise their sweet angelic voices in celebration to God! Our thanks to Judy Bauer for leading our Little Saints most every Sunday morning in song!

We are so proud of all of our Little Saints, but want to make special mention of two of our faithful little girls, Audrie and Hailie Gilmore, who will be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. Audrie and Hailie are Carolyn Obier's granddaughters and they are such a delight to teach and talk with each Sunday morning.

We join with our church in welcoming Liz Haddad, our new Youth Minister, and look forward to the fresh new ideas she will bring to our programs. A new door has opened and we are excited to see what is inside!

However, another door is closing and with much sadness we will once again say goodbye to dear friends, Elizabeth and Bob Roberts, as they will be leaving our church on May 17. This is a big loss to the Children's Ministry as Elizabeth is very engaging and has formed strong friendships and bonds with our children. We will greatly miss both she and Bob in our church family.

This is a new opportunity for to welcome new volunteers into the teaching role in our Children's Ministry. Please consider working with us and our Little Saints, the future of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. I would love to talk with anyone who has questions or a tug at your heart to work with the children of Holy Spirit.

ECW SPEAKER

Parishioners and friends are invited to hear Dr. Gray at ECW's gathering on Saturday, April 18, at 11:00 am. For the past eight years Dr. Van Gray in Baylor's Hankamer School of Business, has been significantly involved in the development and refinement of a collaborative Private Christian Education Advancement Model. It is based on field work conducted in the central east African countries of Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi and Zambia as well as Honduras. Visuals will accompany his presentation followed by a brief period for questions. If you plan to attend, ECW would appreciate having an idea for adequate seating in the Parish Hall and for food. Please advise Shari Pauley, the Parish Administrator (772-1982) by noon on Friday, April 17 if possible.



Pastoral Care



Susi Canuteson (753-8347)

ABUNDANT LIVING CONFERENCE

Sue Wolfe and I just returned from this conference held at Camp Allen and what a fantastic conference it was! Many thanks to our sponsor, Lil Fadal, for providing this great opportunity. We were kept busy for three days, covering nine different topics. As Sue so aptly put it – “we learned how to grow old”. We covered how to deal with our own children when we reach senior adulthood – anyone past age 80. Dr. James Goodwin, Vice President and Chief Research Officer, Geriatric Medicine at UTMB, Galveston, classified us in eight stages, from infancy to senior adulthood. We learned differences between Eastern and Western cultures and how elders are treated. Eastern cultures seem to do a better job, being taught reverence for seniors from an early age. We learned we all have transitional moments back to previous stages when dealing with elderly seniors. Further, to be careful not to patronize when speaking and caring for our seniors. One important thing to know is to allow each person to make their own decisions, as long as they are mentally competent. The next topic was our spirituality as a caregiver. Rev. Glenice Robinson-Como, Canon Pastor at Christ Church Cathedral, stated Jesus was the earliest example of caregiving, citing John 19:26, 27. We learned that no matter what act of kindness we extend, it is never wasted. She spoke of the challenges, traits and stresses of caregiving. Most significantly, she stressed the importance of self-care. Other sessions included the issues of being a sibling, an only child, and long-standing friendships. One of my favorite sessions was a reading by Rev. Barbara Crafton from her book, “The Courage to Grow Old”. She is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director and author of many books and currently interim rector at St. Luke’s Episcopal in Metuchen, N.J. I would encourage everyone to read this very enlightening book. Another session was praying in color, which released our artistic abilities and was quite peaceful. This was a new way to pray and just hang out with God while he spoke to us through this artistic avenue. Jamie Martin-Currie, MEd with Bets Anderson, DRPH, RN, led this. We saw a slide show presented by Rev. Henry Strobel, PhD relating his journeys to Tibet and China. Dr. Strobel is Biochemistry Professor at the University of Texas Medical School, Houston, as well as a priest at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church. Night prayers were sung each night and led by Br. Michael Gallagher, OSB, Holy Cross Monastery, Beaumont. Dr. Carmel Dyer presented the last session. She has the titles of Professor of Medicine, in Geriatric and Palliative Medicine Division, Chief of Staff for LBJ Hospital as well as Executive Director of UT Health Consortium on Aging. We learned about many different avenues of aging and the challenges we all face, including hospitalizations, meds, and interactions of prescription drugs. We discussed the current healthcare system, the challenges of it for seniors and how we can improve it. One thing that really stuck with me was that we are all spiritual beings having a human experience and that God’s energy flows through us. We are a conduit of His love and He wants us all to have an abundant living experience. I believe Sue and I both have learned a great deal, but particularly, and perhaps most importantly, how to exercise more compassion, to love more deeply and carry these valuable lessons forward. We will now be able to apply this information to our congregation and community through our parish committees.

Daughters of the King 
PRAYER & SERVICE FOR HIS SAKE
Lorain Brown (361-813-3976)

The Daughters of the King had their Quiet Day on March 28 from 8:00- 2:30, led by Fr. Jason Ingalls.

Several members made the trip to Tyler for the Spring Assembly the last weekend in February. The Fall Assembly will be at Camp Allen September 11 & 12.

On April 11 the DOK will have their garage sale at Holy Spirit Church starting at 8:00. Set up will be Friday April 10 at 4:30. Contact Karen Reynolds for more information. Proceeds from the garage sale will go towards Operation Christmas Child.

Items being collected for Operation Christmas Child for the month of April will be clothing items. A basket is in the Narthex to collect any such items.

The New Daughters class is almost through with their training. June 7 is the scheduled installation date. No meeting is planned for the month of April.

 *Episcopal Church Women*
Sue Wolfe (848-8188)

The March Books & Bingo event is now history! It will go down in the books as a fun day that provided everyone with lots of laughter and great prizes! Plus, the fact that it took place during Spring Break and the absence of several sick regulars, didn't prevent five tables of boisterous ladies hosting six guests from having a whopping good time. The game of Bingo, the sale of books, and the Silent Auction enriched ECW's coffer by over \$400! A big THANK YOU to all the ladies who staged, executed, and fed the attendees for this annual event. Suzanne Acevedo gave a delightful devotional about “stuff!” It was an appropriate and humorous way to suggest that ECW ladies should clean out “stuff” from their closets and drawers to enhance the DOK garage sale. The Executive Committee agreed that books and “stuff” left over from the fun-packed day would be given to the Daughters of the King for their April garage sale that benefits the Christmas shoebox project for overseas children. *(continued on pg 5)*

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On April 18, the third Saturday (as opposed to the usual second Saturday), the ECW will hold its regular gathering in the Parish Hall at 10:30 am followed by guest speaker, Dr. Van Gray. Dr. Gray is currently Professor of Management, Director of Planning and Accreditation, and Associate Director for the Center for Nonprofit Leadership at Baylor's Hankamer School of Business. He will have a "show and tell" program relating his many trips to the central east African countries of Kenya, Rwanda, Malawi and Zambia. Don't miss the separate article in this newsletter giving more details of Dr. Gray's profile and trips. The entire parish is invited to participate. Bring your friend(s) and learn more about Africa and the awesome work Baylor is doing in this field.

Mark your calendars for these next two upcoming ECW events.

May 9 – Meredith Stephens, Vice President of Business Development for MPS Studios based in Dallas, will share some of her experiences working with many Hollywood elites, including Susan Sarandon, Shirley McLaine, and Matthew McConaughey. She and her husband, Marc, Vice President of Operations for MPS, are a team in their professional life.. They have homes in both Austin and Dallas and travel extensively to and from Los Angeles and New Orleans for movie making and commercials. Meredith, known fondly to her family as Mimi, is the youngest daughter of her proud mom, Susi Canuteson. Watch next month's newsletter for more detailed information about Meredith's amazing profession in the film production industry. Guests are welcomed to attend.

June 13 – This is an away-from-church trip to Wolfe the Florist for a hands-on flower design workshop followed by lunch at The Elite Cafe. There is a charge of \$20 for the fresh flowers and choice of vases to be used in the workshop and taken home at the end of the session. There is no fee for those who wish only to observe. This event is also open to any parishioner who might like to participate. More details for gathering at Wolfe the Florist will be announced next month.



Family Life Ministry

Carol Stukenbroeker (299-7287)

As I hope everyone realizes by now, Family Life Ministry encourages and plans intergenerational programs for the congregation. Another way of saying that is Family Life Ministry plans gatherings that are open to all parishioners of all ages... "to break down stereotypes and barriers that stand between generations and give new meaning to "faith family." (Grace Communication Int'l).

I have a new co-chair – Nancy Williams! Nancy has great ideas and her artistic flair will make every event a little nicer.

Maureen Bilbrey and Brandon Payne are now committee members. I have worked with Maureen on many projects, and she gives 110%. I am just getting to know Brandon, but am impressed by his happy demeanor and willingness to give things a try. Remember no one serves a lifetime term ☺! I want to extend a warm thanks to the newcomers to Family Life Ministry!

After the wonderful response to the Valentine's Dinner, we knew more members were a necessity. Besides, Fr. Jason has encouraged everyone to have a team around them.

We have four events a year which are well planned and fun. If you would be interested in joining our team, please let me or the church office know.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Nancy Banks, Chair (772-7539)

Have you ever wondered what those little blue boxes are that you see in the church narthex or parish hall? They're the collection boxes for the Episcopal Church's United Thank Offering. It's an easy way to give financial support bit by bit as we go through our daily lives in thankfulness for the blessings and challenges in our lives. UTO monies are used to support missions and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church.



Stewardship

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

It started with an act of kindness.

In 1964, Jean Vanier invited two men with developmental disabilities to share a house near Paris. It was a life-changing move for the Canadian philosopher that would, over time, radically improve the lives of many others.

Vanier had been a spiritual seeker most of his life, but the major turning point came a year earlier when he visited people with disabilities who were living in psychiatric hospitals and other institutions. One of them reportedly asked him, "Will you be my friend?"

Though the two men, Raphael Simi and Philippe Seux, had been institutionalized and essentially shunned by the world, Vanier reached out in recognition of their shared humanity. That first leap would serve as the spark for L'Arche International, today a global network of residential communities in which people with and without disabilities share their lives.

This year, in honor of Vanier's five decades of advocacy for people with disabilities, he is being named the 2015 recipient of the Templeton Prize, given annually to a person who "has made an exceptional contribution to affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works."

It started with an act of kindness... "Yes, I will be your friend."

Thank you for all the acts of kindness you perform, for our church, for our neighborhood, for our world.

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Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

- April 1- Carolyn Obier
- 2- Roger Banks
- 2- Rosanne Fuller
- 2- Shawn Leverington
- 3- Beverly Fallon
- 5- Joyce Stokes
- 9- Fr. Tom Rardin
- 10- Pam Pryor
- 10- Hannah Spain
- 10- Maggie Spain
- 11- Lisa Long
- 14- Rayanne Schaffer
- 15- Antonia Columbus
- 15- Bill Dyer
- 15- Jennifer Leverington
- 20- Jeanne Sadler
- 20- Easton Allen
- 20- Susan Hill
- 21- Judy Bauer
- 22- Linda Clemmer
- 23- Robin Dyer
- 23- Courtney Harmon
- 25- Lilian Driver
- 25- Bradley Vroman
- 30- Kimberly Lane

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- April 6- Brenda & Lee Wachtendorf
- 12- John & Lisa Moon
- 13- Courtney & Mac Harmon
- 26- Jo & Buddy Himes

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Please call the parish office so we can correct our records.

Parish Leadership

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THE REV. JASON INGALLS
- SENIOR WARDEN
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- JUNIOR WARDEN
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- TREASURER
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- VESTRY CLERK
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- CHOIRMASTER
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- WEBMASTER
ELLEN FILGO
- ACOLYTE WARDEN
SARAH VROMAN
- ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION
CHRISTIAN VAN GORDER
- ALTAR GUILD
NORMA THRONBURG
- BEREAVEMENT
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- BIBLE STUDY
JOYCE STOKES
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