

The Bells are Ringing

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



Monday in Holy Week at St. Paul's
Morganton Clergy

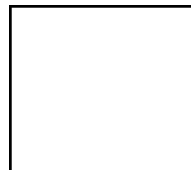
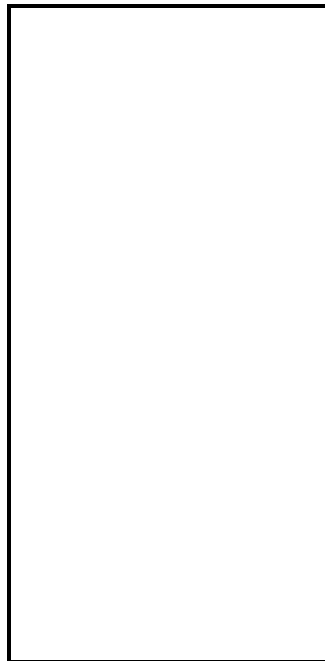


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Our Mission

Seeking and serving Christ in all people and in
the whole creation through: WORSHIP,
LOVE, JUSTICE, & RECONCILIATION



From the Rector's desk



Christ has risen, the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!

Our Lenten observance is ended. Eastertide is here! New life abounds at St. Paul's, Lake James. Let us all gather in celebration during these 50 days of the Easter season. Let us grow deeper in our walk with the risen Christ and with each other.

“Gerard Manley Hopkins has a wonderful poem *The Wreck of the Deutschland*, where he uses the phrase “Let him Easter in us.” In this phrase, he uses the noun Easter as a verb. Hopkins writes, “Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us.”

Fr. Joseph Pagano writes, “It is a splendid phrase. It is a beautiful prayer really, “Let him Easter in us.” In fact, I think this is a great way to look at the real truth, the transforming reality of Easter. Let Easter get into us. Let Easter come and live where we live. Let Easter permeate our souls. Let him Easter in us, and be a dayspring to the dimness of us. Isn't that really what we all desire most? Not Easter as a noun, about a long-ago event. But, rather, Easter as a verb, as something that transforms our present lives, as something that gives us new life now, as something that gives us hope and meaning and courage. Isn't that what every human heart longs for? Let him Easter in us!”

Faithfully yours, in Jesus Christ,

Father Jim +

Who Are We?—

I was born in Maine and moved to Long Island, NY when I was 5 years old. My husband was born in Brooklyn, NY. We met while working in a department store when I was 16 and he was 21. My mother's advice, "Stay away from him he's too old"! We didn't date until I was 18 and somehow he wasn't too old for me anymore. Two years later we were married.

He worked in management for McDonald's Corporation and the TV and Appliance business where he still works. We have three children and a daughter-in-law. I worked part-time until our youngest graduated and then as a Clinical Trial Manager primarily for GSK studies investigating new HIV drugs.

We stumbled upon Lake James while visiting North Carolina for the first time and it was love at first sight. We purchased a lot, went back to N.Y., and told everyone we are moving in 5 years. They said, "Yeah,

we believe you" but they didn't. As the economy changed so did our plans. Instead of building, we purchased a home in 2008 and as planned put our NY home up for sale in May 2009. Someone was watching over us because we had an offer in just 3 days. We arrived in NC permanently 5 years and 4 months after our initial visit. Our only regret is not doing it sooner.

Only one thing will bring us back to NY for a visit and that's the exciting arrival of our first grandchild at the end of August. *Who are we?*

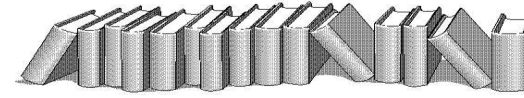
Happy Tuesday—

Submitted by Rose Raines

Happy Tuesday, an outreach to area seniors, meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Fitzgerald Hall at 11:30 a.m.. April we will have our own Mildred Richards and Fr. Jim Rains humor, etc. and ? Come and join a fun event.



Who Were We?—
The couple featured in March's newsletter was Barbara & Jerry Janssen



From the Library—

Submitted by Diane Byerly

Mildred Richard has donated to our library, the book, "A Matter of Abuse", written by Rev. John H. Helgeson. John is a Presbyterian minister, currently living in Michigan and is the brother of Diane Byerly.

The story line goes like this: "Removed from her home by the agency responsible for abuse cases, Angela Gunnarsen won't be able to physically hurt her daughter Melissa anymore; the child is safe. But now things are harder for working father, Andrew, who is forced to care for his children alone. He hires a new, deeply religious babysitter who soon discovers that one of the agency's social workers has her own evil agenda for Melissa; she pushes Melissa and her sister to tell their father what's going on. Brought in front of a district judge, the agency must respond to the allegations and deal with legal ac-

tion now brought by Andrew, on behalf of his children. But when events do not work out for the best, it is Melissa who takes action to end the evil reign once and for all. Riveting and moving, "A Matter of Abuse" is told from the point of view of each of a number of characters, all of whom reveal a new element to the story's evolving plotline."

ECW—

Submitted Lynn Hoffman

The ECW received a thank you note from OMS for the \$150 donation made in honor of our missionaries, Harold and Mary Brown. The funds will go to Haiti Relief. The Browns were in another part of Haiti when the earthquake hit.

Linda Neff and the ECW plan to make Chrismons for our Christmas Tree this year. Linda will hold a seminar on making the Chrismons - date pending. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, please let Linda or Lynn Hoffman know.

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ECW continued-

Upcoming dates:

Present - Sign up sheets for Easter Lilies available in the Parish Hall.

April 2 - Decorating and cleaning of brass for Easter Sunday.
Easter Egg Hunt for children.

May 2 - Miles of Pennies fund drive ends. Please bring your pennies (or donations) in. A plastic container is in the narthex for these funds.

May - UTO Spring Ingathering. The boxes will be available after Easter.

FATZ Cafe donated Styrofoam bowls and wrapped plastic flatware to the Church. When you are in there, thank them for the donation!

ALL CHURCH WOMEN ARE MEMBERS OF ECW. PLEASE COME TO THE MEETINGS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

New Vestry Clerk—

We welcome as our new clerk of the vestry, Vicky Fantry.

WHY DID THE CROWD CHOOSE BARABBAS?

Pontius Pilate tried to avoid trouble at Jesus' trial. He was not sympathetic, but being a politician wanted to offend the fewest number. He must have known Jesus' popularity. To save face he offered a choice of Jesus or a recently-arrested brigand. The name "Barabbas" (bar abba) means "son of the father" and was commonly used for illegitimate children. There is an irony in that Jesus is the true Son of the ultimate Father. Brigands were more than simple thieves. They were often considered folk heroes, sort of like Robin Hood or Bonnie and Clyde. Brigands attacked the rich, which made them popular with the poor.

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Pilate's ploy to free Jesus failed because of Barabbas' popularity and the pressure of the religious and political leaders. Jesus' arrest had been done secretly, before many of his followers had time to gather. Barabbas apparently did have time to marshal his friends and won the day.

THEY HAVE TAKEN JESUS OUT OF THE TOMB

Grave robbery has been a practice since ancient times. Sometimes the robbers were only interested in looting items buried with the dead. Later they might steal bodies for medical research. In the time of Jesus, Romans believed that the nails used to crucify a man could be "lucky" keepsakes.

Mary of Magdala may have thought that thieves had taken the body of Christ. She pleads with Peter and John to inspect the sepulchre and search for the body. Later she returns and meets the risen Jesus. She will know that his body was not taken. It was transformed and glorified.

A LITTLE YEAST

In bible times, people made their own yeast (leaven or "sour dough") for bread. Since it took several days to grow the yeast plant, they always saved a starter batch. This "seed" hastened the process. After a wet winter the yeast might go bad— develop mold spores. Middle East women made a rule of throwing out the old yeast in the Spring to prevent this decay. The custom was eventually connected with Passover, when unleavened (yeastless) bread was baked until the new yeast could be grown.

Paul suggests that Christians should periodically throw out old ways of thinking. Thus we can view the message of the Resurrection from a renewed point of view.

Vestry Highlights—

March 3rd, 6:30 pm Meeting

Those attending included: Fr. Jim Rains, Mac Hoffman, Betty Fowler, Art Truckfield, Jerel Hoffman, Kay Rose, and Tippy Doak. **Absent:** Jerry Haynie.

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with Evening Prayers and led Bible Study: *Ephesians 1:15-23*. *Key verses: v. 22, 23*, “And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”

Rector’s Report—

The completed Annual Parochial Report was accepted and signed as approved by the vestry. . Each member present was given a copy. The Rector, with input from Mac and Jerel, reported on the Small Church Conference all three attended at Trinity Church, Asheville on Feb. 20th.

Fr. Jim presented and reviewed “The Principles of Our Ministry” document that articulated some key core principles that has informed his ministry. It was noted by several members of the vestry that, in many ways, it could be

applicable to St. Paul’s ministry.

Fr. Jim talked about his membership on the Congregational Development Committee of the Diocese, of which the Rev. Shawn Griffith is chair, along with the Rev. Dr. Jeff Batkin. The Committee met Feb. 25th at the diocesan center.

Fr. Jim further reported about his experiences at the annual Lenten Retreat for Clergy at the Valle Crucis Episcopal Conference Center.

Treasurers Report –

Mac presented the Treasurer’s Report in Jerry’s absence. It was noted that year to date, income exceeded expenses by \$1,058.10. However, unrestricted contributions were below budget by \$692.34.

Senior Warden’s Report –

Senior Warden Mac Hoffman announced that the Rev. Dr. Jeff Batkin, with the approval of the rector, had accepted an invitation to supply for Fr. Jim on Sunday April 25th, when Fr. Jim will be away at the CREDO Conference in New Orleans. Fr. Batkin, who served as St. Paul’s vacancy consultant during the interim period, wishes to meet briefly with the vestry following the Holy Eucharist.

Junior Warden’s Report —

Jerel indicated that there was no activity to report this month.

Committee Information—

Education Committee: Kay Rose spoke of a newly recruited Sunday School teacher. There was a discussion about children 10 and over, to remain in the Church Service. Further discussion followed regarding the need to train acolytes

Financial Committee: Tippy Doak, as Finance chairman, reported that she had met with Jerry Haynie to be briefed on the treasurer’s duties and go over the financials after two months activity..

Worship Committee: Betty Fowler advised the vestry that the organist was working with the choir on music for Easter. She also indicated that she would find a basket to replace the box that is used to collect food for the Christian Ministries since the added effort by the Outreach Committee has increased the amount of food received each month.

Outreach/Congregational Care: Art Trunkfield, chair of the Outreach committee, reported on the recent meeting of his committee. He also emailed a copy of the Action plan that they developed. A discussion followed regarded membership. It was recognized that people who attend St. Paul’s need to be reminded to transfer their membership in their previous church to St. Paul’s.

ECW Liaison:

It was reported that the E.C.W. was not thrilled about having another yard sale, noting that the last time it was done a few years ago, all the work fell on the shoulders of just a few women. They were assured that they didn’t have to do it. No final plans for this activity were made as a result of the discussion. The E.C.W. will organize the Easter covered dish Brunch.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

Note: (Details of the meeting can be found in the Vestry minutes posted on the bulletin board in Fitzgerald Hall)

In Celebration

April's Birthdays

"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." (BCP p.830)

- 10 Kermit Brittain
- 12 Jodie Michie
- 18 Earl Bailey
- 21 Roger McKinney
- 27 Sharon Rains

April's Anniversaries

"Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh." BCP p. 829)

- 1 Jarrod & Kathryn Bailey
- 6 Peg & Kermit Brittain
- 7 Susie & Rick Pindell
- 14 Robert & Terri Piercy
- 21 Bill & Rose Raines

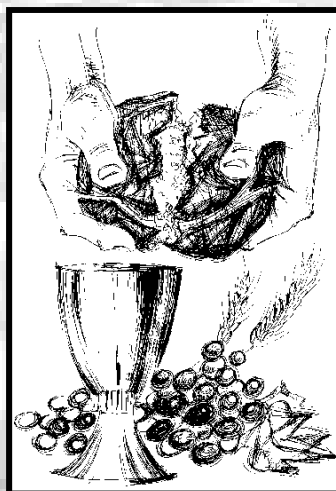
Prayer Corner

"O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit and relieve thy sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Amen. (BCP p.458)

For Parishioners: Pat LaFevers, Rose Raines, Mildred Richard, Edna Scott, Eunice Barrier, Red Creswell, Fr. John Fitzgerald, the Neff family, Art Trunkfield, Pat LaFevers

For Others: Joy Valmassoi's mother; Pat LaFevers' sister Elsie Lowman; for Fr. Al Zadig's son, Andrew Zadig

Donations for Haiti or Chili Relief: Episcopal relief and Development, P.O. box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058 or by phone: 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5128



LAY READERS, CHALICE BEARERS & GREETERS FOR APRIL

APRIL	4 Easter	11	18	25	
<i>Lector</i>	Bob Bauer	Tippy Doak	Bob Byerly	Kermit Brittain Bob Byerly	
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Kermit Brittain	Mike Fowler	Diane Byerly	Bob Bauer	
<i>Greeters</i>	Mac & Lynn Hoffman	Mike & Betty Fowler	Kay Rose	Susan & Carrol Epley	

If you are unable to be a Lay Reader or Chalice Bearer, or Greeter on your scheduled Sunday, please switch with someone on the list.

April 2010 Readings for Sunday Eucharist

Greeter Responsibilities:

- Be in the narthex by 8:45 am and remain there until after the first hymn.
- Greet people as they come in and give them a bulletin.
- Welcome visitors and have them sign the register.
- Keep doors to the sanctuary closed so that people who have already entered are not disturbed



April 04, Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:14-29
Colossians 3:1-4
Luke 24:1-10

April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-19a
Psalm 33
Revelation 5:6-14
John 21:1-14

April 11, Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12a,17-22,25-29
Psalm 111
Revelation 1:[1-8] 9-19
John 20:19-31

April 25, 2010 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:15-16,26-33(34-39)
Psalm 100
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Around the Diocese

Visit the diocese's website:
www.diocesewnc.org

**Eucharist and Healing Service -
April 6th – 7 p.m.**
Grace Church, Asheville (871 Merrimon
Avenue) Fr. Jim has led this monthly
service for the past 4 years as part of the
OSL team. All are welcome.

**Tuesday Healing
Service - 7 p.m.**
Weekly healing service at
Grace Church, Asheville.



**Mountain Chapter of the
Order of St. Luke
Thursday, April 8th – 6:30 pm**
Praying for Physical Healing is the topic
at the **Order of St. Luke** meeting on
Thursday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. at Grace
church, Asheville. Dr. Jerrill McEntire will
lead the program. We will watch a video
documentary about the medical effects
that prayer can have on persons with
rheumatoid arthritis. We will pray for

physical healing for all who wish it. All
are welcome. Last month, Fr. Jim pre-
sented a teaching about deepening one's
relationship with the Holy Spirit, attended
by several members of St. Paul's.

**April 27 - Fresh Start Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 2 p.m., Bishop Henry Center**

**May 11 – Fresh Start meeting, Bishop
Henry Center, 9:30 a.m.**

**May 27 – Clergy Ember Day, Trinity,
Asheville, 10 a.m.**

Saturday Offering—

A Morning with the Mystics with Chelsea Wakefield Saturday, May 1, 2010

As part of the Sacred Art of Spiritual
Companioning Program, a two year pro-
gram for people called to the work of
spiritual companioning/direction, the Sat-
urday offering are open to the public.

Time: 9:30 to noon

**Place: The Cathedral of All Souls, 9
Swan St. Asheville, NC 28803.**

Reservation are not necessary.

Chelsea Wakefield is a therapist,
coach, educator, musician, and pre-
senter. She is on the faculty of the Ha-
den Institute and teaches at the annual
Dream Conference sponsored by Ha-
den at Kanuga Conferences. Chelsea
offers weekend experiences called *Lu-
minous Woman*". She lives in Brevard.

Upcoming Ministry & Missions Conference June 5th

Have you marked that date in your
calendar yet? You don't want to miss
all the excellent speakers we will have
at the Ministry & Mission Conference
that day. This week I'm highlighting
The Rev. Elizabeth Canham who will
do a workshop on Spirituality and
Reconciliation. Rev. Canham lives in
Black Mountain and is always a
delightful and fascinating speaker.

Dr. Jay Walsh will do a workshop
called: *Healthcare in America: Do We
As the Church Have a Role to Play?*
Registration and the complete list of

workshops will be out right after
Easter. Do join us at our annual M&M
Conference held at First Baptist Church in
Asheville.

Valle Crucis Conference Center

www.highsouth.com/vallecrusis/

***The people who hanged
Christ never, to do them
justice, accused him of
being a bore – on the con-
trary: they thought him too
dynamic to be safe...so
they did away with God in
the name of peace and
quietness.***

~ Dorothy Sayers ~

— Save your Campbell's Soup Labels. —

The Red Collection Box is in the Parish Hall on the table. **Thanks you!!**

Upcoming Dates

April 2010

- 1 Maundy Thursday 7 pm
- 2 Good Friday
(Grace church noon)
- 3 Easter Egg Hunt
- 4 Easter Sunday
covered dish brunch
- 7 Vestry Meeting
- 12 ECW Meeting
- 13 Happy Tuesday
- 19-26 CREDO (Fr. Jim attending)
- 25 Rev. Jeff Batkin- guest preacher

May

- 5 Vestry Meeting
- 10 ECW Meeting
- 11 Happy Tuesday
- 23 Pentecost Sunday
- 30 Trinity Sunday

June

- 2 Vestry Meeting
- 7 ECW Meeting
- 8 Happy Tuesday
- 27 Homecoming 9 am- followed by
covered dish brunch

Leadership

Jesus Christ, Head of the Body, the Church
The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor, Bishop of WNC
The Rev. H. James Rains, Rector(828) 645-1383
The Rev. John Fitzgerald, Rector Emeritus

Vestry Members

Mac Hoffman, Senior Warden	584-2961
Jerel Hoffman, Junior Warden	584-0192
Jerry Haynie Treasurer	584-0104
Betty Fowler (Worship)	584-4692
Art Trunkfield (Outreach)	584-0615
Tippy Doak (Finance)	584-3431
Kay Rose (Education)	584-0115
Vicky Fantry, Clerk	584-1820

Debbie Scott	Organist, Choir Director
Lynn Hoffman	ECW President
Rose Raines	Happy Tuesday Outreach

Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist, Rite II	9:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour	10:00 a.m.

EASTERTIDE IS MORE THAN EASTER SUNDAY

It is the defining event of Christianity, and so the Church has always observed it for longer than the Day itself.



The Passion took place at the Jewish Passover, and 50 days after Passover the Jews celebrated a Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, which marked the time of the wheat harvest. (Why 50? Pentecost is Greek for 50th day, or seven weeks: that is, seven times the period of each phase of the moon and also seven times the period of Creation).

At Pentecost after the Resurrection the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the people, so the Christian Pentecost also marks the end of one church season and the beginning of the next. For seven weeks, then, we mark our church services as special festival days: the liturgical color is white or gold; we stand for the Great Thanksgiving; we keep the Paschal candle lit, we close services with a special alleluia.

Collects are mostly those written in very early times (in the current *Book of Common Prayer* the more important the day the more likely that ancient elements will be used). Scripture readings are from the New Testament only, saying what happened after the Resurrection. The Thursday in the sixth week of Easter marks Ascension Day, when Jesus was lifted up into heaven.

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