Saint David's Episcopal Church

THE *Wild* ONION

MARCH, 2007

HOW'S YOUR LENT GOING?

I was visiting with a parishioner out in the parking lot last week (the week of Ash Wednesday) when her energetic eight-year-old son began to talk about what he planned to do for Lent. The child was uncharacteristically anxious to talk about "churchy stuff," and he proudly proclaimed that he was giving up Nintendo for Lent. No small feat for this kid. But he told his mother and me, with great pride, that he was willing to give up gaming for four days for Jesus. I hightailed it back in the building once the impact of his numerical confusion had crushed him and given him a vision of a very long six weeks to come.

Like many of us, I grew up in a home where we "gave things up" for Lent. I remember the calculations my brother and sister and I would make regarding our chosen Lenten practice…hoping that my father would somehow believe that giving up cutting the grass was some kind of sacrificial act. The only connection I could make with Easter was that a home without sweets for forty days would then mysteriously be filled with the miracle of chocolate on Easter morning. I learned a little about sacrifice…a lot about penance…and almost nothing about the great feast of the resurrection.

The early Christian community created Lent as a season for the intense preparation of adult converts who would be baptized on Holy Saturday; the penitential qualities of Lent came later. Many of us look forward to Lent as a time to slow down our manic pace, to have a few less meetings, to devote more time to prayer, to silence, to living more simply; to reflect on the meaning of our own baptisms and to prepare to renew our baptismal vows at Easter; and certainly to give up some of the material things and habits which distract us from living a healthy and happy life. There's nothing magical about forty days. Forty is a traditionally holy number (think days and nights of rain…years of wandering in the desert with Moses…the days of Jesus' retreat in the wilderness), and we often say that we need forty days to prepare ourselves for the joy of the Easter celebration. There's nothing holy about giving something up merely as a matter of will-power. But there is grace and holiness if we give things up to free our time, our resources, our energies to do God's work here and now.

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Amazing things can happen in forty days…every eight-year-old knows that there's a big difference between 4 and 40 days. I like to think of Lent as a time for getting a little traction in our journey toward a deeper life in God. The rhythm of our liturgical year is a gift to us…an opportunity to try something new for just long enough to show us a different way to live: maybe a Christian take on New Year's resolutions. With the hope that if we try on new habits or behaviors…or new commitments to action and compassion, we might find that we have picked up enough traction to make a life-long transformation. And to have something glorious to celebrate on Easter Day.

E.S.G.

IN OUR PRAYERS

We give thanks for the births of ***Ava Addison Gotterer*** and ***Ella Flaherty Gotterer***, twin daughters born to Erin and Matthew Gotterer on February 18, 2007. Proud grandparents are Shelley and Gerry Gotterer. *"Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace…"*

We also give thanks for the baptism of ***Sara Hayward Niedringhaus***, infant daughter of Sara (Johnson) and George Niedringhaus on February 18, 2007. *"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism…"*

The following persons are being prayed for in our liturgies each week: ***Jim McCormack, Griff Ross, Gabby Ross, Gracie Ross, Ben Chilton, Katie Allen, Bette Dietrich, Johnny Rook, Cas Schwartz and family, Jackie Hill, Paula Howry, Jane Zibelin*** and ***Mike Ellis***. *"Minister to them, O Lord, of your healing gifts…"*

MID-WEEK SERVICE DURING LENT

Wednesdays
Holy Eucharist (in the chapel) – 12:00 noon
followed by simple soup luncheon in Sanders Hall

UPCOMING WORK DAYS IN MARCH

Saturday, March 24 and Saturday, March 31
Clean-up, paint-up, fix-up – 8:30 a.m.
inside and outside work to be done

ONION RINGS

by Norman Gillis

Thunder and **Emily Jones** have purchased and moved into their first house! It's located in scenic East Nashville at 1207 Kirkland Avenue, Nashville, TN 37216.

Joe and **Betty Lentz** have been visiting 7 of their 10 grandboys from Christmas Day through January 22! Of special note is that their weeist one was baptized by his Lutheran grandfather in Albany, New York, on New Year's Eve morning with his six Northeastern cousins in attendance, along with Betty and Joe, and two uncles, **Parish** and **Paul**, and aunts, **Kate** and **Nicole**. **The Rev. Vern Victorson**'s homily was personally directed to his first grandchild, which made it all the sweeter. Betty has a copy of it if anyone is interested! They then babysat with their New York clan (Paul's) for four days while the parents went to Florida. They live in Manhattan, and Betty and Joe were reminded why city livin' is not for the faint of heart! They love the kids, not the city. They report that retirement is totally awesome!

Greg McNair and his tennis team came in *third in the nation* in the USTA finals last December in San Juan, Puerto Rico! Very exciting! **Caroline** has been accepted at Sewanee (Mom and Dad's *alma mater*) and will be going there in the fall. **Hunter** is finishing up his freshman year at Nashville State.

Remember to "SPRING FORWARD"
Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 11, 2007.

EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF STEWARDSHIP

by Annette Pilcher

Many of us believe that stewardship is about money. That is a chapter in the story, but not the whole book. Stewardship is about how we manage our gifts, prioritize our lives, provide for ourselves and for those for whom we are responsible, and incorporate those that are less fortunate into our daily ministries. It is about being prudent, taking leaps of faith, planning, and the choices we make.

In no particular order, here are some items to think about as you expand the stewardship vision:

1. If you are able, give at least one pint of blood to the American Red Cross every year.
2. Clean a closet: donate items in good condition, recycle as much as you can and toss the rest.
3. At the appropriate time, sign a pledge card.
4. Pay your pledge.
5. Commit to increasing your pledge every year.
6. If your house is empty during the day, turn the thermostat down to 66 degrees in winter and up to 80 degrees in summer.
7. Combine short-term automobile trips.
8. If you are able, give 3 hours a month to a non-profit organization outside of the church.
9. Spay or neuter your pets.
10. Make a list of your needs and wants. Distinguish between what you really need and what you would like to have.
11. Keep your will current. Make a will if you do not currently have one. After taking care of your family, give bequests to your favorite charities including the church and educational institutions.
12. Make sure a power of attorney and a medical directive are in place and that the persons responsible for implementing these documents have copies in their possession.
13. Make your home as weather-tight as possible.
14. Recycle newspapers, cans, plastic and cardboard.
15. Plan your funeral.
16. Control your debt.
17. When purchasing an automobile, consider fuel economy.
18. Consider the environmental impact as you make decisions.

The list is endless. The most important thing is to pay attention. You will be amazed at what you, with God's help, can accomplish.

EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC
are given to the glory of God by

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in honor

of_____

in memory

of_____

in thanksgiving

for_____

Check one: I wish my donation to be applied to _____ Flowers _____ Music

Please return this form to the parish office by Sunday, April 1, 2007, with a check in any amount payable to St. David's, noted "for Easter flowers/music."

THE MUSIC PLAYHOUSE

Beginning last fall a group called The Music Playhouse has been meeting two days a week at St. David's. The program offers high-quality, high-energy music classes for children ages birth to five to enjoy with a parent or caregiver. Spring Classes will meet at St. David's on Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., beginning March 19, and running 10 weeks through March 24. Visit www.themusicplayhouse.com for more information.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Flo Jenkins Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1982 to provide assistance to students from St. David's who wish to attend college to study music. Any active communicant of the parish planning to attend an accredited college, university, or music institute may apply. Awards are based on merit, need, and recommendations of persons in the music field. Applications may be made to the rector in writing by April 15, 2007.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Please contact the church office before making a gift of stock. We can give you the correct contact information to make the donation go smoothly. Thank you. Steve Cook.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

by Judy Grace

Elisabeth von Trapp Benefit Concert: Tickets are still available for the concert featuring Elisabeth von Trapp. The concert is Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m., at St. George's. The Daughters of the King chapters, including St. David's, will host a reception following the concert. You will be able to meet Elisabeth and she is donating 10% of the sales of her CD's to the Uganda Project. Please support this endeavor while enjoying some of the most beautiful music you will ever hear! Tickets are $15.00 each; see Judy Grace or Susan Huggins.

Uganda: Our contact Catherine Piwang has received more boxes from our diocese and is overwhelmed by the generosity of the Diocese of Tennessee. Proceeds from the von Trapp concert will enable us to send the remainder of the boxes. To date we have sent 27 and have another 45 to go. There are new brochures (yellow) with information about ChildReach Africa, the organization through which we are working. There are ways that individuals and parishes can help with the education of these children, many of whom were abducted to be soldiers and sex slaves for the rebel army.

Honduras: Our scholarship children are doing well, according to the Rev. Francisco Pena, our friend in San Pedro Sula. Father Pena is being transferred to another church the end of this month (this is done regularly in Latin America), but he will continue to be our hands in Honduras with the children of Delicias, La Davis, Banderas, and Villanueva. Check the m/o bulletin board (please wait a week!) to see photos of the wall St. David's built around the school in Banderas and the playground set we helped to build along with Trinity Church, Clarksville.

Mexico: In Las Canas, outside of San Miguel de Allende, we are helping to provide the salary for the head teacher at the elementary school there. We have also built a library, have stocked it with books, and have purchased school supplies.

Hispanic Lunch Program: We have served as many as 55 clients during the cold months this winter. Always needed are dried beans, plain tortilla chips, cans of cream soups, jars of salsa (spicy), and cans of refried beans. Socks and underwear, used or new, are always appreciated.

ROOM IN THE INN

A letter from the Campus for Human Development to participating congregations:

As the Room in the Inn season comes to a close at the end of March, we offer thanksgiving for the volunteers who have given hundreds of hours of their time to offer meals, shelter, and acceptance to the people of Nashville who are homeless. Your efforts are changing lives for the better.

Sadly, the tragedy of homelessness goes on all year long. At the downtown Campus the work does not stop on March 31. We provide showers in the morning, opportunities to attend adult education classes, and help on the journey of leaving homelessness.

The Campus also serves a special Thursday luncheon for the guests. The food is provided by congregations, families, and volunteer groups. It is a chance for volunteers to break bread and have fellowship with the participants. Currently there are several open dates for any group wishing to provide a Thursday lunch. We serve approximately 170 people, and the time commitment is about two hours.

There are also other ways of lending a hand, including teaching a class or answering the phone. If you are interested in learning more about how to get involved at Room In The Inn's downtown campus, please call Martina at 252-9791. If you want more information about the Thursday lunch program and open dates, please contact Brad at 604-3109.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 2	Alison Cook and Larry Forte
March 8	Dot and Grady Williams

A WORD ON HOLY BAPTISM

The *Book of Common Prayer* designates days in the liturgical year as being especially appropriate for the celebration of Holy Baptism. These are: **the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord** (the First Sunday after the Epiphany), **Easter Eve** (the Saturday before Easter Day), **the Day of Pentecost**, and **the Sunday after All Saints' Day**. While Episcopalians are noted for making exceptions, we would like as much as possible to observe this custom of reserving the celebration of Holy Baptism for these special days.

The next opportunity for Holy Baptism at St. David's will be Easter Eve, April 7, 2007. Anyone desiring to be baptized or to have a child baptized should contact the parish office.

CAMP GAILOR-MAXON

Applications for Camp Gailor-Maxon are available in the parish office. Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis and applications must be mailed no later than April 1, 2007. Sessions are available for young people entering grades 4-12.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Paul Hovious, Tony Howland
March 5	Andy McLauren
March 6	G'anne Harmon
March 7	Mary Leigh Rayhab
March 9	Betty Ferrelli, Rachael Howland,
March 12	James Donets
March 13	Michelle Green, Joe Hendrick
March 14	Nealya Ballantine, Sue Strayhorn
March 16	Donald Cornelius
March 19	Lauren Heusinkveld, Andrea Herlong
March 21	Jaci Kitch
March 24	Kathy Carlson
March 25	Dodie Nemcik, Selmon Whitaker
March 31	Diane Ruth, Jane Napier

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March 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30 am **EFM**	*2*	*3* 11:00 am **PEO Luncheon**
4 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am **Breakfast** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **Adult Choir** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*5* 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*6* 6:30 pm **DOK**	*7* **Hispanic Lunch Program** Noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Soup Lunch** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*8* 9:30 am **EFM**	*9*	*10* 6:00 pm **Room in the Inn**
11 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am **Breakfast** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **Adult Choir** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*12* 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*13* 6:30 pm **Vestry Dinner** 7:00 pm **Vestry Meeting**	*14* **Hispanic Lunch Program** Noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Soup Lunch** 5:30 pm **Prayer Shawl** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*15* 9:30 am **EFM**	*16*	*17* 7:00 pm **Bridge Club**
18 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am **Breakfast** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **Adult Choir** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*19* 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*20*	*21* **Hispanic Lunch Program** Noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Soup Lunch** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*22* 9:30 am **EFM**	*23*	*24* 8:30 am **Parish Workday**
25 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist** 8:45 am **Breakfast** 9:15 am **Children's Worship** 9:30 am **Adult Choir** 9:30 am **CF classes** 10:30 am **Choral Eucharist** 4:45 pm **Children's Choir**	*26* 10:30 am **Bible Study**	*27*	*28* **Hispanic Lunch Program** Noon **Holy Eucharist** 12:30 pm **Lenten Soup Lunch** 7:15 pm **Adult Choir**	*29* 9:30 am **EFM**	*30*	*31* 8:30 am **Parish Workday**

	March 4 Lent II	March 11 Lent III	March 18 Lent IV	March 25 Lent V	April 1 Palm Sunday
ACOLYTES - 10:30 a.m.					
Crucifer	R. HOWLAND	H. FOX	K. GREEN	A. MARTIN	M. GREEN
Torchbearer	T. SWIFT	L. LECHLEITER	R. GREEN	L. RAYHAB	T. SWIFT
Torchbearer	D. RAINEY	T. SWIFT	J. DUKE	M. MOORE	D. RAINEY
USHERS - 10:30 a.m.	J. BROWN	D. MURPHY	J. RAYHAB	D. DUKE	J. GREEN
	S. HOWELL	M. SWEENEY	G. WILLIAMS	J. HENDRICK	R. LEATHERS
FLOWER GUILD	H. GASPARD	D. WILLIAMS	M. BROWN	M. ELLISTON	K. DOUGAN
(Saturday)	M. L. RAYHAB	M. HINTON	J. ERWIN	C. AVERY	E. ROBERT
ALTAR GUILD	M. ELLISTON	W. WATTS	L. GUSTAVE	M. ADAMS	M. ELLISTON
(Saturday)	L. NEWSOM	M. HINTON	D. ROGERS	D. RAYHAB	L. NEWSOM
	J. LEATHERS	S. MOORE	L. McLEVAIN	M. L. PIERCE	J. LEATHERS
	M. L. RAYHAB	C. HINTON		H. SULLIVAN	M. L. RAYHAB
BREAKFAST CHEFS	D. ROGERS, S. SHAW, R. SINGLEY	L. CHRISTIANSEN, J. HAMILTON	HOWLANDS	K. CARLSON/ M. L. PIERCE	tba
COUNTERS - 10:30 a.m.	W. WATTS	J. LENTZ	S. COOK	D. WILKINSON	W. WATTS
	D. AXFORD	B. LENTZ	S. JORDAN	A. PILCHER	D. AXFORD
LECTORS					
8:00 a.m.	J. FERRELLI	C. FARRAR	K. CARLSON	M. L. PIERCE	C. FARRAR
10:30 a.m.	T. JONES	L. HOVIOUS	K. AGEE	B. BOWEN	S. COOK
L.E.M.'S - 10:30 a.m.	S. GRAY	K. LECHLEITER	D. ROGERS	K. LECHLEITER	J. RAYHAB
	J. HAMILTON*	A. HERLONG*	S. GISH*	B. LENTZ*	V. BALLANCE*
GODLY PLAY 1	K. NAPIER, W. McFALLS	S. SPECTOR, T. ROBERTSON-LESTER	L. CHILTON, H. GASPARD	J. SANDERS, C. AVERY	KIRPATRICKS, T. ROBERTSON-LESTER
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